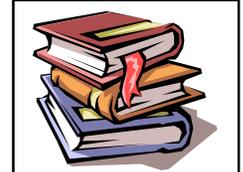
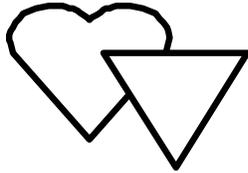




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PFLAG HARTFORD and TRUE COLORS WILL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS to GLBTI students, or allies, at 7:00 p.m. on June 21st prior to our regular meeting.

THANK-YOU to everyone who helped out at the True Colors Conference on March 24 & 25. Special thanks to Rose & Larry for setting up and taking down our PFLAG resource table, along with other tasks. Thank-you also to our dedicated table volunteers: Jeanne L., Gary G., Jean & Bob C., John B., Steve B. and Larry P. Thanks also to Donna S. for shopping for the prizes for our bean bag toss, which was a huge success with the young attendees.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE YET? (www.PFLAGHartford.org.) While we are continuing to add more information and links to other sites, you can already find a wealth of information about our PFLAG Hartford support group and the issues we all care about.

PFLAG is a welcoming place for parents and friends of lesbians & gays, but we are much more than that. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people are also encouraged to attend our meetings. GLBTI people come with or without their family members, and parents and friends come with or without their GLBTI loved ones. PFLAG is for YOU!

PFLAG HARTFORD MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS: Third Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Congregational Church House, 10 Woodland Street (Just North of Farmington Ave.), Hartford. For more information, please call Marie & Bob Calvin at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John Glezen at (860) 633-5111.

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**UPCOMING PFLAG HARTFORD
BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13
Hosted by Gary G**

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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and their families and friends through:

Support, to cope with an adverse society

Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public

Advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

SOME TIPS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

I am willing to mail items to those who request them via e-mail. Please leave a message, your telephone number and mailing address, along with your request. If you don't have an updated bibliography, please ask for one at our next monthly meeting. You can reach me at librarian@pflaghartford.org.



UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS

RAINBOW ROOM (a program of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**)—a welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning “LGBTQ” teens and young adults (up to 21 years old). Sundays, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective building). For more information please visit our website at www.hglhc.org or contact us at sensae@aol.com or call 860/278-4163.

CONNECTICUT SOFFA SUPPORT MEETINGS, *for Significant Others, Friends and Family of Transgendered, Transsexual and Gender Variant people* (these meetings are specifically for Significant Others, Friends and Family – Trans people who are SOFFAs are welcome.) If you are interested in attending, contact Kristal at uu2kristal@yahoo.com (860) 573-6917 or Kasha at kho@afsc.org. Call (860) 523-1534 for more information.

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NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL PFLAG & TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES CONFERENCE 10/28-10/29, DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Mark your calendars - we want PFLAG Hartford to have a good representation.

Following is a letter and reply that appeared in the “Ask Amy” column:

INSULT TO GAYS MERITS APOLOGY

The Hartford Courant, Monday, February 20, 2006

DEAR AMY:

My husband and I have lived in our quiet suburban Denver neighborhood for six years. About two years ago, two young gay men moved in across the street. They've taken the ugliest, most run-down property in the neighborhood and remodeled and transformed it into the pride of the street. When it snows, they shovel out my car and are friendly, yet they mostly keep to themselves.

Last month I went out to retrieve my newspaper and watched them kiss each other goodbye and embrace as they each left for work. I was appalled that they would do something like that in plain view. I was so disturbed that I spoke to my pastor. He encouraged me to draft a letter telling them how much we appreciate their help but asking them to refrain from that behavior in our neighborhood. I did so and asked a few of our neighbors to sign it. Since I delivered it, I've not been able to get them to even engage me in conversation. How would you suggest we open communications with them and explain to them that we value their contributions to the neighborhood but will not tolerate watching unnatural and disturbing behavior? – WONDERING

* * *

DEAR WONDERING:

You're lucky that these gentlemen merely choose to ignore you. Your neighbors could respond to your hospitality by hosting weekly outdoor “gay pride” barbecues and inviting all of their friends to enjoy life on their quiet suburban street. I can hold out hope that they will choose to do this, but I'm spiteful in that way. Your neighbors sound much more kind.

In your original petition to these men, you basically stated that while you value them when they are raising the standard on your street and shoveling your driveway, you loathe them for being who they are.

The only way to open communications with your neighbors would be to start by apologizing to them for engaging your other neighbors in your campaign. Because you don't sound likely to apologize, you are just going to have to tolerate being ignored.



COMMITMENT TO FAMILY NEVER FLAGS

by Rick Telander – Sun-Times Columnist

January 25, 2006

The most powerful man in a sport has a gay son. OK, maybe you want to argue whether NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has more societal and financial and cultural power than NBA commissioner David Stern or ESPN boss George Bodenheimer. But you can't argue that Tags' only son, Andrew, is a homosexual and out and -- here's the main thing -- loved and respected, even honored, by his brilliant, no-nonsense lawyer dad.

Tagliabue... was honored along with his wife, Chan, four months ago by the New York chapter of PFLAG -- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. What had the 64-year-old commissioner, who presides over an organization where hugely muscled men routinely stand over battered foes and scream in primal triumph, done to merit such an award? Among other things, he had been openly supportive of his 37-year-old son, Andrew, and Andrew's live-in partner from Australia, Mark Jones. Andrew Tagliabue is Paul and Chan's only son...

Andrew is tall, like his onetime Georgetown University rebounding-champ dad, and according to those who know him, smart as a whip. A graduate of Amherst College, Andrew is a head-hunter associate with the New York-based global executive search firm Russell Reynolds Associates.

The Tagliabues, all three generations of them, including Andrew's partner Jones, regularly meet for summer vacations at the family house in Maine, and you can bet that's not the kind of family gathering that would have looked "appropriate" in a photo op back in, say, hmm ... well, not long ago. But now we have Ang Lee's dramatic gay cowboy movie, "Brokeback Mountain," being declared by USA Today as the front-runner for this year's Best Picture Oscar. And we have the wildly popular gay-themed TV show, "Will and Grace," and, we have "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," and -- guess what? -- we have the PFLAG ceremony at which the Tagliabues were honored hosted by Kyan Douglas of "Queer Eye."

A visible campaign "What Paul and his wife did was they gave us a substantial five-figure gift for our 'Stay Close' campaign," says New York PFLAG vice president Suzanne Ramos, herself the mother of a gay son. "In that print campaign we have straight celebrities such as Ben Affleck and Cyndi Lauper, who have gay family members, posing with their relatives and letting people know it's OK." The campaign, kicked off last spring, was funded in large part by Viacom, which gave PFLAG \$300,000 worth of space in New York subway and bus stations and on the interior walls of some vehicles...

"Paul and Chan and Drew have been members of PFLAG for at least five, six years," says Ramos. "Our organization itself has been around for over 30 years. It's primarily a heterosexual organization, and it's about keeping families together. Finding out a family member is gay can still be a very stressful, confusing event, even in these times. 'Stay Close' says that the family relationship is too precious to lose."

There is a black-and-white photo, from back in 1972, showing a mom named Jeanne Manford marching with her son, Mortie, in New York's Gay Pride Parade, and she is holding a small hand-lettered sign that reads, "PARENTS OF GAYS UNITE IN SUPPORT FOR OUR CHILDREN." Mortie had been beaten at a gay rights protest two months earlier, and the police had done nothing. An angered Jeanne became the godmother for a movement...

Times are a-changing. Indeed, President Bush was asked Monday at an audience-attended interview session in Manhattan, Kan., if he had seen "Brokeback Mountain," with its semi-graphic tent scene wherein stars Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal get it on, gay-style. "I'd be glad to talk about ranching, but I haven't seen the movie," Bush said. "I've heard about it." And so has a nation, one that is finding out that gays and lesbians are everywhere, maybe even in your own family.

Quiet advocacy Tagliabue, though proud of his son, is not now choosing to speak openly about gay matters, not on company time, anyway. His spokesman, Greg Aiello, says, "I think what Paul is doing is setting an example in his private life." Aiello is quick to mention that Tags was in favor of gay former NFL player Esera Tuaolo speaking to the league workers last fall at the NFL office in New York, and that the league's official diversity statement reads: "We represent and respect a wide range of human differences, personal experiences, and cultural backgrounds for the benefit of the organization and our employees as individuals."

Andrew Tagliabue, who speaks fluent Japanese and has been described as "brilliant," is cut, obviously, from the same mental and physical cloth as his dad, a former honor roll student, Rhodes Scholar finalist and editor of the New York University Law Review. Andrew just walks a slightly different path.

You have to admit it's an amazing and, yes, wonderful thing when he and his dad -- despite the potholes and stares -- can walk arm-in-arm.

BUS RIDE FOR EQUALITY

Hartford

by John C., PFLAG

Now traveling throughout the United States, the Souforce Equality Ride is taking 32 young adults on a 7-week bus tour from New York to Los Angeles to confront 19 religious schools and military academies that ban the enrollment of GLBT students. These bans devalue the lives of GLBT persons and close the door on academic freedom.

Like the Freedom Rides of the 1950s and 60s, the Equality Ride is a student-led effort that takes young adults into epicenters of intolerance and oppression to make a better tomorrow. The Equality Riders draw inspiration from those Freedom Riders over 40 years ago in the American South. PFLAG/Hartford has agreed to make a financial contribution to this effort in the name of Equality Rider Jarrett Lucas. You can find out more about the individual Equality Riders and their trip by going to the website www.equalityride.com.

On April 19, I will fly to Chicago to join the Equality Ride students during their April 20-21 visit at Wheaton College. I am a non-gay ally of the movement toward equality for gay individuals.

My first two years of college were spent as a student at Wheaton College [1968-70]. It embarrasses me that Wheaton College presently has used its website to "protect" Wheaton students from the impending visit from the Equality Ride bus. Wheaton should welcome the Equality Riders and not be defensive. William Sloane Coffin said these words of wisdom, "If, without defensiveness, we can face and discuss rather than avoid and deny controversial issues, good results are all but inevitable."

Wheaton clings to past evangelical Protestant tradition and its own form of creed. I observed Wheaton's behavior as it recently sent a valued professor packing because of his conversion to Catholicism. Wheaton's president wrote about how the Bible alone is the final authority at Wheaton and not some combination of the Bible and papal pronouncements. This is obviously not true; otherwise, Wheaton would only require faculty to promise to follow the Bible. Instead, Wheaton has created its own mandatory interpretation of the Bible that it requires faculty to assent to - a human creed under the name of "covenant."

There is no unanimity among Christians about full equality for gay persons. There is no unanimity among evangelical Protestants on this point. You wouldn't know that from the powers-that-be at Wheaton. I commend to you the 2005 book by David Myers [Hope College] and Letha Scanzoni titled: "What God Has Joined Together? A Christian Case for Gay Marriage."

When I arrived at Wheaton in 1968, there was a compulsory 2-year obligation to participate in ROTC. In my opinion, this was a linkage to the industrial-military complex that President Eisenhower warned against. I led a threatened boycott during the spring of 1969 regarding required ROTC participation. I was told that this was a time-honored part of Wheaton and that I should not have come to Wheaton if I did not want to participate in ROTC. Our resistance continued and the mandatory participation was modified to include only the freshmen.

Another long-standing Wheaton tradition changed after I left the campus. The mascot name for Wheaton sports had long been "Crusaders." Wheaton eventually realized the inappropriateness of this mascot name and changed to the Wheaton "Thunder." In short, it is possible for Wheaton to change. It has happened in the past.

I will commend to Wheaton students several books during my visit. The first is Parker Palmer's small book titled "Let Your Life Speak." Palmer writes: "One dwells with God by being faithful to one's nature. One crosses God by trying to be something one is not." Much of the information at Wheaton's website and in its traditions dealing with gay issues evidences pre-1970's language of "choice, lifestyle and behavior." Wheaton ought to come up to speed and enter the modern world--and learn about sexual orientation. I reviewed the footnotes to a lengthy paper placed on Wheaton's website by one of the college provosts. The paper and footnotes evidence a small circle dialogue going on between authors at Midwestern evangelical publishing houses such as Inter-Varsity Press and Eerdmans. The theology and science at Wheaton's website reminds me of 19th century Protestant writings - even down to a tendency toward male supremacy.

Also to be commended to Wheaton students is the small collection of essays by William Sloane Coffin entitled "The Heart Is a Little to the Left: Essays on Public Morality." Coffin clearly points out that there are no Biblical literalists. Those claiming the title of "literalists" are really *selective* literalists.

Coffin goes on to argue in another essay that homophobia is the last "respectable prejudice." Wheaton has supplied another example of this respectable prejudice by placing papers on its website under the guise of applied ethics that are poor examples of theology and science in their attack on gay individuals and their sexual orientation. I will encourage

Wheaton students to read Walter Wink's "Homosexuality and Christian Faith" and the more recent book by Evan Wolfson "Why Marriage Matters."

The motto of Wheaton College is "For Christ and His Kingdom." As to its gay students, Wheaton is acting to "constrict" the Kingdom of God. It is time for Wheaton to grow up and take a new, positive step forward. Wheaton should be leading Protestant evangelical schools to an understanding of our gay brothers and sisters as our important equals. I hope my visit next week will help to hasten that process.

SOCIAL ACTIVIST WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN DIES

April 13, 2006

Excerpts from an article by David Funkhouser

Hartford Courant staff writer

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, whose activism in the causes of peace and social justice led some to call him the conscience of a nation, died quietly Wednesday at his home in rural Strafford, Vt. He was 81.

As the chaplain at Yale University in the 1960s and '70s, Coffin earned a national reputation marching for civil rights in the South and encouraging young men to turn in their draft cards to protest the Vietnam War. His moral authority and skill as a preacher influenced a generation of scholars and activists.

He earned a degree from the Yale Divinity School and was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1956, and two years later was named Yale's chaplain, a post he held until 1975.

Coffin led groups of students to the South on summer "Freedom Rides" to work for racial equality and civil rights. He was a regular speaker at the massive anti-war demonstrations of the day.

Coffin was known as a formidable speaker, in particular for "Coffinisms" - ways of turning phrases, such as: "He who stands for nothing falls for anything" and, "It's not because you have value that you are loved, but because you are loved that you have value."

Coffin became senior minister at the prominent Riverside Church in New York City in 1977 and took on the causes of gay rights and nuclear disarmament.



A MESSAGE FROM PFLAG'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JODY M. HUCKABY

"As I said at the Kenosha County listening session, gay and lesbian couples should be able to marry and have access to the same rights, privileges and benefits that straight couples currently enjoy... Denying people this basic American right is the kind of discrimination that has no place in our laws, especially in a progressive state like Wisconsin. The time has come to end this discrimination and the politics of divisiveness that has become part of this issue."

This week, we joyfully applaud a national elected official for speaking clearly and directly to the issue of marriage equality. **U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI)** took a powerful stand against his state's proposed constitutional ban on same sex marriage and against any **Federal Marriage Amendment**. He sees these proposed bans for what they are: discrimination. He didn't attempt to dance around the issue. He stepped up and said what we know many leaders know in their hearts to be true, but have not been willing to say. The good senator from Wisconsin has the courage to help eliminate discrimination against GLBT people in his state and for the nation — but we need many more of our elected officials to summon the courage to do the same.

Another success in moving marriage equality forward also came from the Midwest this week when the **Minnesota Senate Judiciary Committee** killed a proposed anti-marriage equality amendment despite claims from its supporters that "traditional" marriage is under assault. Some leaders used doomsday hyperbole to create fear among their constituents and to bolster their blatantly discriminatory positions. "The right order of our society is in grave danger," said the Rev. Joseph Johnson, assistant chancellor of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul. "Humanity would cease to exist without this order."

Thankfully, in the debate before the vote, opponents of the measure emphasized that the state constitution is not the place to deny rights to citizens. We couldn't agree more. No constitution – state or federal – is the place for a codification of discrimination and the denial of rights to anyone.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: GENDER IDENTITY BILL PASSES JUDICIARY 28-8

Yesterday afternoon, [3/28/06] the Judiciary Committee voted 28-8 in support of HB 5597: An Act Concerning Discrimination. This bill will add gender identity and expression to our state's non-discrimination statutes and include the transgender community as a protected class.

It was a tense day as our opponents attempted to simplify the issue and mischaracterize the bill's intent; however, we must thank the committee chairs, Senator McDonald (D-27) and Representative Lawlor (D-99), for continually

bringing the discussion back to the issues of fairness and discrimination. Also, Representative Hovey (R-112) and Senator Meyer (D-12) gave compelling statements in support of the bill.

...

This bill will now move to other committees for approval, and we will keep you updated as to its progress.

Sincerely, Anne Stanback, Executive Director, Love Makes a Family

MORE FROM PFLAG'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JODY M. HUCKABY

"I believe society's interests are met by defining marriage as between a man and a woman. That's what I believe."

--- President George W. Bush

This is how President Bush responded to a reporter earlier this week when asked his opinion on marriage equality. The reporter framed the question around the fact that, in the absence of marriage, children with two moms or two dads don't have the same protections, rights and benefits as children being raised by heterosexual couples.

But the President failed to answer the question. He must know that it would sound much more callous to say that it's ok to hurt the children—that he's willing to turn a blind eye to the real problems that children of GLBT parents face every day – or to admit that he has not bothered to even seriously consider the research that shows GLBT people make fine parents. We see this time and time again with politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, religious leaders, and community leaders who sidestep the real issues and resort to ill-informed platitudes. Discrimination in any form is still discrimination. Discrimination hurts adults and it hurts children. And discrimination against our GLBT loved ones hurts all of our families.

We at PFLAG must challenge those who refuse to answer the tough questions about GLBT discrimination. We must tell our personal stories and help people understand why inequality is wrong. We must remind people in leadership positions that our country was founded on the very principle that all people are created as equals and that when we refuse to stand up for equality, we violate the very spirit of what it means to be an American. Yes, simply put, it's just not "American" to be a passive bystander in the face of discrimination.

LANDMARK CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT DECISIONS *September 2005 San Jose Peninsula PFLAG Newsletter*

In late August, the California State Supreme Court issued landmark opinions in three cases involving the legal status of children born to same-sex parents. In all three cases, the Court held that when a couple deliberately brings a child into the world through the use of assisted reproduction, both partners are legal parents, regardless of their gender or marital status. California is the first state whose Supreme Court has made such a determination, and its holding in these three cases will certainly impact future rulings in other states.

In simple terms, what the California State Supreme Court did is declare that children born to same-sex couples must be treated like all other children. These children must have a legally protected relationship with both parents. The court made it clear that all children should have the same legal protections with respect to their parents, even if the children have two Moms or two Dads. This is what equality is all about, and as the parents, family members and allies of our GLBT loved ones, this is an important victory for all of our families.

(Following is an update on the activities of a former PFLAG Hartford member. We are proud of Nila's accomplishments.)

FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE: PFLAG'S FAMILIES OF COLOR NETWORK *PFLAG Pole 2006*

Being an ally to the GLBT community is one thing, but being a person of color and discovering the double or triple minority status of your loved one (such as being gay and African-American or a lesbian and Arab-American) is a whole different reality that can change your approach to life completely.

Nila Marrone saw the importance of reaching out to families of color when her niece came out and her family was confronted with the issue of having a gay daughter. Seeing the unique challenges GLBT Latinos face, she reached out to a young man from Spain whose family has disowned him. She helped bring him to the United States to complete his education. Marrone also joined PFLAG to find ways to help her family work through their new relationship issues.

"The experience made me aware of how important it was to join an organization like PFLAG to provide support and education to families dealing with GLBT children," said Marrone.

After joining PFLAG, however, she realized that more had to be done to reach out to families of color, especially

Latino families for whom culture, religion and language can pose challenges to the healing process not always addressed in more mainstream resources.

“Joining support groups has not been part of Latino culture,” Marrone explains. “It is challenging persuading [Latino families] to speak about topics considered sensitive in front of strangers.”

In response, Marrone took the lead and started a Latino group as part of **PFLAG Hartford** (CT), and when she moved to New York, started the NYC Latino PFLAG. “Most Latinos attend meetings once or twice only, but some request additional support by phone.”...and are provided printed information in English and Spanish.”

While there are steep challenges in reaching out to families of color, Marrone believes it is worth it when the effort pays off. Currently, Marrone volunteers at NYC Latino PFLAG, ...now an independent group. She is also forming a Latino group as part of PFLAG Westchester, NY, and reaching out to Latino families across the U.S. (including in Puerto Rico) as well as collaborating with parent and family groups similar to PFLAG in Spain and Latin America.



FINDING STRENGTH IN ANGER AND ACTION

February/March 2006 Greater Providence PFLAG, by Karen Izzo

Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance – Elizabeth Kubler-Ross’s five stages of grief. They say that parents often experience these stages upon learning their child is gay. Personally, I find little truth in that conjecture—where exactly is “grief” itself in those stages? In the days after learning one of my sons is gay, my world became a surreal one in which frequent, uncontrolled sobbing hit without warning. I have gay friends and had lovingly counseled gay students, but could neither articulate nor understand the deep pain I felt when confronted with the knowledge that my son will love a man and not a woman.

The abiding grief was joined by overwhelming fear and, looking back, was probably the catalyst for much of my anguish. Most of us raise our children knowing that, while life might not always be fair, the world is not out to get them. That social contract evaporates when a child is gay. Suddenly we no longer worry merely about grades or sibling rivalries – those concerns fade quickly against the new specter of society’s hate. Now, every time our gay children walk out the door, we wonder whether they will become a target of bigotry and ignorance.

And then we get angry. At least, that’s what I’ve done. I spent a month steeped in grief and fear, and then abandoned the anguish and forced the fear to a faint background noise. But the anger has stayed with me and I’m not letting it go. I shouldn’t change him even if I could. He’s an award-winning writer, his younger brother’s best friend, and his little sister’s champion. He has that unique passion, quick wit, and empathetic nature that so many kids develop when they suffer at the hands of their peers. He is a good man who happens to be gay, and the world is a better place by virtue of his presence in it.

No, my anger isn’t about what nature has bestowed on my son. Rather, the emotion is focused on those who have never met Jack and yet strive to change him, “cure” him, exorcise the demons they claim he has. Or worse, they want to hurt him. There is where my fury enters, stage left. It’s a primal rage that initially left me impotent to change anything. But I found PFLAG and my anger gradually became a catalyst for action. Channeling the emotion, rather than wading in it, helps me insist on a transformed world in which someday two men or two women in love will marry without fanfare and take their places as equal symbols of “traditional family values.” Those of us with GLBT children know they are as full of value as anyone else. There is great therapy in helping the world see that. Gandhi tells us that anger controlled can be transmitted into a power that can move the world. ...keep your anger... Let’s move the world...

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