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Supreme Court Hears Case Against Gay Teachers

by Urvashi Vaid

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - In a crowded courtroom full of anxious observers, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on January 14, in a crucial First Amendment case, the outcome of which will profoundly affect both future Gay rights legislation and the free speech rights of public employees.

At issue in *Oklahoma City Board of Education v. National Gay Task Force (NGTF)* is the constitutionality of an Oklahoma law authorizing the dismissal, suspension or denial of employment to any teacher, student teacher or teacher's aide who speaks out in favor of "public or private homosexual activities or conduct."

Enacted in early 1978, on the heels of Anita Bryant's Save Our Children from Homosexuality Crusade, the Oklahoma law is almost identical to the Briggs' Initiative, a California referendum which voters overwhelmingly defeated in late 1978 after a massive grassroots educational effort by Gay and Lesbian activists. Bryant, a former Miss Oklahoma, urged the law be passed in a speech to the Oklahoma Senate in which she appealed to them to help stop "the flaunting of homosexuality."

The law, Oklahoma Statute Title 70, Section 60-103.15, allows the firing of a teacher for public Gay sex

or "public homosexual conduct." In the pivotal provision of the law, public homosexual conduct is defined to mean "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activity in a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school employees."

Under the law, a non-Gay person can commit public homosexual conduct. As written, the law applies even if the speech at issue takes place off school grounds, during or outside classroom hours, in public or in private, and even outside the hearing of a child or school employee.

There is no exclusive provision in the law requiring that a queer nexus be established between the pro-Gay speech and a teacher's ability to teach. Instead, the Board considers four vague "factors" in making a determination of a teacher's fitness: "the likelihood that the activity or conduct may adversely affect students or school employees; the proximity in time or place between the conduct to the [employee's] official duties; any extenuating or aggravating circumstances; and whether the conduct ... is, of a repeated or continuing nature which tends to encourage or

dispose school children towards similar conduct."

NGTF Executive Director Ginny Apuzzo recalled that her organization brought the lawsuit after two teachers originally intended to sue withdrew their names - a dramatic example of the "chilling effect" repressive legislation can have.

The case was decided at the district court level on NGTF's motion for summary judgment upon the stipulation (the agreement) by both parties that there was no genuine issue as to any material fact. Summary judgment is a procedural shortcut that allows a court to decide a case as a matter of law, simply on the pleadings and without the taking of any evidence.

The district court upheld the statute in an unpublished opinion in 1982. NGTF attorney William Rogers of Oklahoma appealed the case to the Tenth Circuit Court and won a partial but important reversal. Noting Oklahoma's sodomy statute, which punishes the "detestable and abominable crime against nature" with a ten-year prison term, the circuit court upheld the law with respect to its ban on public homosexual activity by teachers.

The court also upheld language in the law prohibiting the "soliciting or imposing" of public or private homosexual activity, but found the anti-advocacy provision to be too broad under the First Amendment and deleted from the statute the clause banning the "advocating ... promoting or encouraging" of public or private homosexual activities.

At the oral arguments, the Board of Education attorney, Arrow, argued that in fact the law only barred advocacy that urged students to commit homosexual acts. When Justice William Brennan asked if the law could be used against teachers who said, "I wish they'd leave these homosexuals alone," Arrow answered no, and argued that as a matter of judicial interpretation, the state court would find such a broad statement to be protected.

Arrow raised four main arguments in support of the law. First he argued that the state has a legitimate right to promote student respect for the law and to prevent corruption of student morality. Second he argued that teachers are strong role models for children, and the state has an interest in assuring that its teachers will be models who will promote "normal ... social integration."

Third, he argued that free speech rights of public employees differ from those of private citizens, and that the state can properly regulate "the manner in which public school teachers advocate the crime of homosexuality." And finally, he argued that despite separate laws that allow the firing of a teacher for immorality or moral turpitude, the anti-advocacy position fills a big gap in state law that would otherwise preclude dismissal of unfit teachers.

Laurence Tribe, a noted constitutional scholar from Harvard University, argued the case for NGTF, assisted by Kathleen Sullivan. Tribe raised three major arguments: that the law was an unconstitutional attempt by the state to regulate speech based on its content; that the law had an enormous chilling effect on Oklahoma teachers; and that the law did not serve any "legitimate state interest in preventing the incitement of criminal activity or disruption of the education of children in the public school."

The justices seemed quite engaged by the arguments and had more questions for Tribe than Arrow, a fact that knowledgeable court wags say means nothing. Chief Justice Warren Burger, with typical insight, noted that the state could certainly proscribe

teachers' advocacy of drug dealing or murder.

Tribe countered that under the First Amendment the state cannot punish the advocacy of reform of criminal law, nor regulate the content of expression with which it disagrees. When Tribe noted that the First Amendment upholds the right of citizens to speak out in favor of even the violent overthrow of the government, Burger responded, "If you advocate the violent overthrow of the government in this country or any other, you get shot."

Justice William Rehnquist observed that the law had not been applied in any teacher's dismissal and asked what was the harm in the law. Tribe pointed out the law's chilling effect on speech as a continuing harm endured by the teachers NGTF represents.

Justice Thurgood Marshall noted that the legislature is allowed to take into account that teachers are role models for students, to which Tribe countered, "If teachers had the strong and penultimate power as role models, one would expect there to be no Gay people."

The scope of the arguments was unnerving, because it dramatically showed how foreign the reality of Gay life is to members of the court. The Chief Justice lumped Gay people in the same breath as heroin dealers and murderers; Justice Rehnquist spoke about how no actual harm has been done by the statute. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked why the state doesn't have the right to have its way. As Apuzzo observed, "It was horrifying to listen to that stuff."

Apuzzo identified another lesson the argument holds for the Gay and Lesbian community: "Gay people and Gay issues don't have judicial access, because judicial access presupposes the right of the person to be there. What Gay people have to do each time we're in court is to plead for the right to be there."

McBride Will Ruled Valid

ERIE COUNTY, PA - On January 4, Judge B. Dwyer of Erie County, Pennsylvania ruled that the will of John D. McBride was properly executed. McBride, a native of Erie, Pa., died in Mexico on May 20, 1983. (Observer, Issue 2). This decision is an important statement to the Lesbian and Gay community about our control over our property and money. In his will, McBride left assets in excess of \$100,000 to be used to further Gay civil rights. McBride was survived by two nieces. One resides in Shattuck, Oklahoma, and one lives in Wilmington, North Carolina. The two nieces filed a petition with the Court challenging the will on the following grounds:

1. That Mr. McBride, at the time of the execution of his will and at the time of his death, was domiciled in Mexico, and that, under the applicable laws of Mexico, his will was not properly executed; and

2. that on the date of January 5, 1981, when Mr. McBride signed his will, his mental and physical condition was greatly impaired and that he was not of sound mind and was incapable of disposing of his estate.

But Judge Dwyer, in a victory for Gay people everywhere ruled that, "there may be many people who would disagree with the propriety of such distribution, but, since a testator has a right to dispose of his property in any manner that is not illegal or against public policy, such disposition must be allowed."

"It is the opinion of this Court that decedent's obvious intentions were that his property located in Erie County, Penn., be disposed of under the probated will. Since the probated will

International Mr. Leather Contest May 26



Ron Moore, International Mr. Leather 1984, is seen here atop his new motorcycle, moments after being selected from among the world's hottest

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CHICAGO, IL - The world leather community readys itself for the Seventh Annual "International Mr. Leather" Contest and Show scheduled for May 26 in Chicago. Sponsored each year by the Gold Coast leather bar, the contest traditionally brings over 1,000 leathermen together. Drummer Magazine has called the event "the Academy Awards of Leatherdom".

Organizers expect an overflow crowd in Chicago this year as two other national events are scheduled to occur simultaneously with the Contest over the Memorial Day Weekend. The Gay Athletic Association will host the National Gay Volleyball Tournaments and the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs features a major meeting and dinner.

"International Mr. Leather 1985 will feature four nights of special events, parties and the most dazzling display of masculinity ever offered. over \$5,000 in prizes are awarded to the winners, with a grand prize which includes a new motorcycle. Registration is free to winners of local

"Leather" contests and \$100 for those entrants sponsored by a Levi/Leather business or organization. Spectators may purchase Weekend packages (\$50 each) which includes admission to all parties, reseated seating at the Contest, an official contest poster and t-shirt designed by Etienne, discounts at Chicago's leading leather shops, bars and businesses, and much more!

Both entry forms and Weekend Package reservations are available by mail from International Mr. Leather, Inc., 5025 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640. Spectators are encouraged to reserve their weekend packages prior to May 15, to insure reserved seating will be available.

Chicago invites you to be on hand as the world's finest leathermen compete for the title of International Mr. Leather 1985. Arizonans will be especially interested in this year's contest as their entrant Jay Cunningham of Tucson will participate in the contest. Be there and cheer Jay on to win the title of International Mr. Leatherman 1985.

B R I E F S

MACROBIOTICS, ACUPUNCTURE
SUGGESTED AS AIDS TREATMENT

NEW YORK, NY - Macrobiotics and acupuncture are now among the therapies being investigated to help prevent or relieve AIDS symptoms.

At a recent forum held here, Michio Kushi, an author and leading advocate of macrobiotics, said the blood purifying and balancing effects of macrobiotic eating could help prevent the worsening of, and sometimes reverse AIDS symptoms; and prevent malignancies and infections which AIDS patients are highly susceptible. Dr. Martha Cottrell and Dr. Ronald Hoffman, New York physicians, spoke about encouraging results they are witnessing with patients who are incorporating macrobiotics in their lives. The results are part of a research project on macrobiotics and AIDS begun about nine months ago in collaboration with Boston University Medical School. However, they emphasized that it is too early to make definitive statements.

At New York City's Lincoln Hospital, Dr. Michael Smith says he has used acupuncture on more than 30 patients with AIDS. As reported in Sacramento's Gay monthly, *Patlar*, Dr. Smith says that, in one patient, symptoms (night sweats and extreme fatigue) disappeared. In another, the spread of Kaposi's sarcoma appears to have been arrested. Dr. Smith is applying to the New York state AIDS Institute for a grant to thoroughly evaluate acupuncture as a treatment for AIDS.

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WITH PHONE LINE ON FEB. 14

TUCSON - On February 14, at 9:00 p.m., the phone lines will be open and "Arizona Gay", a weekly forum about being Gay in a straight society, will be cablecast live from the Tucson Community Cable Corporation's studios over Cox Cable's Channel 37. Guests will be available to discuss all aspects of Gay and Lesbian perspectives and problems. Callers will be invited to ask questions or offer comments on the show and the programs it has presented thus far.

"I really have no idea what to expect," says the show's producer, James Farias. "It's an experiment and we want to get some feedback from our viewers. Perhaps the anonymity of a telephone line will encourage people to contact us who would otherwise have not written or come on the show. I just hope we get some callers."

Telephone calls will be taken from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. only at 297-1207. All requests for information about the show should be addressed to Arizona Gay, Box 1, 855 East River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Bar Talk

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS is getting a new paint job. The new grey color makes the room appear much larger and at the same time giving the room a new "glow" that it never had before. When completed along with accent colors and new matching carpeting, the old Rendezvous will take on a new, warm look that the regulars at this favorite food and beverage stop are already ecstatic over.....The "R" Production of "All That Jazz" at THE FINELINE was a real show stopper last weekend. Stand out performances by John Adams as Miss Sassafrass and Michael's "Money, Money, Money" were whopping successes. The Sunday Matinee was played to a full house also, so watch for more Sunday matinees in the HFR at The Fineline.... Since they began the big \$500 cash grab on Sunday evenings, TRAMPS has given a total of \$1,888. Last Sunday's winner "grabbed" an even \$100. If you haven't tried this easy money grab, stop by at 11:00 p.m. and see if one of your tickets is drawn which gets you qualified for the big "Grab". Also at TRAMPS the new patio will begin to take shape within two weeks. It will include a regulation volleyball court.... COLETTE'S WEST proudly displaying their new Pima County Health Department "A" permit. Out of a possible 100 point rating, COLETTE'S scored a perfect 100. The cleanest place in town!!!! Steve is now bartending at the BACK POCKET, at least he was "learning the ropes" when we saw him last Saturday. He will join the regular B/P staff of Jim, Louie and Scott.... Since joining the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, Ron Templeton of the GRADUATE seems to be spending more time at Charlie's in Phoenix and Denver. Not to fret though, Jason, Roger and Tom are handling things very well by Ron's absence.... Isidro and James at the Congress are wondering what to do about the standing-room-only crowds that they have been getting. The answer is more room, and they know it and will be doing something about it in the very near future. Watch for something very special in the way of a Valentine's Day Party here.

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meets all the requirements of 20 Pa. C.S.A. 2504.1, this Court will hold that the execution of same under Pennsylvania law is valid."

It was the wish of Mr. McBride that Dr. Raymond Lemieux be the residuary beneficiary for the estate, and in conjunction with the publisher of the Advocate, David Goodstein, he will determine how the money will be distributed.

According to James Marsh, attorney for the trustee, McBride's nieces have the right to appeal Judge Dwyer's decision to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania within 30 days.

Mr. McBride's wish was that the bulk of his estate be used "in the furthering of civil rights of American homosexuals and to aid and assist those homosexuals who have been the victims of legal duress and also in furthering in the courts and in the United States Congress abolition of restrictions of any kind or nature against the civil rights of homosexuals."

AND SHE'S NOT SURE ABOUT EDGAR!

HOLLYWOOD, CA - Comedienne Joan Rivers received an unexpected serenade from the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles while promoting her book "The Life and Hard Times Of Heidi Abramowitz". Scheduled to dedicate a special Walk of Fame star to the fictional character with a notorious sexual history at the Travel Lodge on Sunset Boulevard, Rivers was posing in front of the unofficial memorial four-poster bed in the motel's parking lot when, from the second story balcony directly above her, the Gay Men's Chorus appeared singing a variation of the Hallelujah Chorus.

Recovering from the surprise, Rivers quipped, "These guys and my husband Edgar, are the only men I know who haven't slept with Heidi."

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NO LESBIAN BLOOD
by Sue Hyde
SANTA ANA, CA (OCH) - A blood drive to collect donations from Lesbians was cancelled by a Red Cross official here because he feared the consequences of publicity identifying the drive's sponsor as the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County.

Dr. Benjamin Spindler told OCH that publicity which announced a "Gay and Lesbian blood drive" would damage the reputation of the Orange County Red Cross and cause the public to question whether Spindler could adequately protect the blood supply from contamination by HTLV-III, the virus suspected of causing AIDS. Spindler is director of the Orange County Red Cross blood services.

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Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

We need your help and support. Numerous problem areas facing Lesbians and Gays in Tucson have been brought to my attention. Everyone wants something done as soon as possible to fix all these problems.

The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee would be more than willing to take care of these problems but we don't have enough people willing to volunteer their time and energy.

Believe it or not, there are AIDS victims in Tucson. We need to develop an AIDS organization to help these people to be able to take care of themselves as much as possible. Currently there is no place for AIDS victims to go when they can no longer take care of themselves and/or become terminal. No local institution that offers care for the terminally ill will accept an AIDS patient when they get to this point. We must combat this problem plus, in the meantime, develop our own system to provide for these people.

This task will require a lot of work by a lot of people. We need your help after all, any of us could be the next AIDS victim.

Another problem is that there is no protection for Lesbians and Gays in employment outside the city limits. TLGPC has decided to propose a non-discrimination ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors. This will take much work and also people to testify in front of the County Supervisors to convince them why such protection is needed. Believe me, there will be people there to testify against us. We need your help.

I continually receive reports about "Queer Bashing". Some people are willing to report to the police while others are not. The police are doing their job. We need to do ours. We need to plan a self-defense and safety workshop. This takes time. Will you help?

It is also time to start planning for Pride Week '85. One week full of events will be scheduled. This is the biggest and most time-consuming yearly event for TLGPC. We need your help and ideas.

We must be willing to fight against those who oppress us. Unfortunately our legal rights do not come automatically. If you are willing

to join the struggle come to the next TLGPC meeting scheduled for next Monday February 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pinelline.

By the way, in the proposed 1985 Federal Budget, President Reagan has decided to cut 10 percent from AIDS research. After all, Gay lives are not nearly as important as weapons.

Jack Stockslager - Co-Chairperson

STUDENT SERVICES FOR LESBIANS/GAYS AND FRIENDS FILES SUIT AGAINST TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK, TX - Student Services for Lesbians/Gays and Friends (SSL/GF) has filed action in federal court against Texas Tech University following Tech's denial of registration for the group as a student organization on campus.

SSL/GF president, Robert Reed Obenour, a senior architecture/civil engineering student, indicated the group's "disappointment at the administration's stand against allowing us the rights afforded other students at our university. We are extremely concerned that Texas Tech has chosen to address the issue by stating we would serve no educational purpose for the school, by bringing into the picture the desire to protect the student body from unspecified health dangers, and especially by attempting to reinforce its actions on a law that was declared unconstitutional over two years ago (Texas Penal Code dealing with sodomy).

"All persons, including Tech students, must deal with such a diversity of people, and that requires understanding and information. Our group is well qualified to provide that insight and education about the Lesbian and Gay community. We wish to dispel myths and misconceptions; we are not criminals. We are merely a minority because of our inherent sexual and affectional orientation."

The suit was filed through attorneys for Texas Human Rights Foundation at the request of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (LLDEF), which is involved in legal cases across the nation, countering discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians.

Unique Dignity Conference

Patrick X. Nidorf, visionary founder of Dignity in 1968, and Fr. Larry Tozzeo, OEM, of San Francisco, (seated) were principal speakers at Past Presidents Council Vision Conference for Dignity at Plummer Park, West Hollywood. Some 50 representatives of area chapters participated. 2nd row: Jim Highland, Kevin Steen, Robert Pelletier, Joseph Kilian, Mel Haas, Timothy Crotty and Al Kalian, of P/P Council of Dignity/Los Angeles.

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA - Less than a year ago 8 of the 10 Past Presidents of DIGNITY/Los Angeles, the founding chapter of the International Gay & Lesbian Catholic Lay Ministry organization, met to form a Council to not only assess their terms of office but the organizations past and future. Their year's preparation resulted in a January 12th Conference in Plummer Park, West Hollywood with some fifty representatives of Dignity's chapters present.

The Conference, entitled "Creating a Vision for Dignity", featured Patrick X. "PAX" Nidorf, former Augustinian priest, of San Diego and Fr. Larry Tozzeo, OEM, of San Francisco. PAX church's love will change is rather insignificant. We know that God's love will never stop."

This was Mr. Nidorf's first Dignity presentation since the early 70s. He views Dignity as an enormous support function for Gay and Lesbian Catholics and a tremendous resource for the larger Gay communities. He cautioned not to expect fundamental change in hierarchical attitude but to individually respond to God's love to each human being, with or without "official support" or favored crumbs of tolerance. "Whether or not the church's love will change is rather insignificant. We know that God's love will never stop."

Dignity's next Convention takes place in New York City in August 1985. Locally, the organization's Tucson chapter meets regularly. Please call 745-1812 for further information.

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By

LORETTA VON OYSTERSHUCKER

Well, I am back, yes, Loretta has returned. If you remember a few months back, I suddenly disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle after flying off from prison with the warden. For while there I thought I was history, but sometimes it pays to be a rotten person and even the Bermuda Triangle didn't want me.

After being forced back to the surface of the ocean, I was rescued by a wonderful sailor. The nightmare wasn't over yet though, and I was extradited back to Arizona and returned to Florence. Remember, I was sent to prison for imitating a journalist where I immediately started an affair with the warden. As it turned out, the warden's wife was so glad to be rid of him that she went to the prison commissioner (whom she was having an affair with) and had all charges dropped and I am a free woman again. Now your nightmare has started again!

Yes, now you will be in the news if I find out what you've done, and I usually do. For instance did you know that Ron L. was having an affair with Bill S. Only when Ron stays over he can't sleep in the bed, but I know that Bill would let Brian M. sleep in the bed.... Did you know that David and Rusty have been known to romp and play in Denny and Loyd's hot tub as several others have. Now Rusty also likes to romp and play in the front yard with Dustin. I also hear that Rusty goes off with a certain "Would-Be-Restaurant" Hell Rusty, you could always bring Stacy De Haviland back!!

Getting back to Dustin. I saw he and Peter S. emerge from the men's room at Rita's after being in there for a long, long time. I also saw, yes I

actually saw that they both had a cream late planning a wedding shower for colored sticky matter all over both Michael and Louie. Yes, this should be

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Learning From Our Past: NAZI GERMANY

by Mark Kasel

Hitler's "historic mission of destiny" began in 1919 at the end of World War I. Germany had been defeated and conquered. Everywhere there was gross poverty and rampant inflation, but above all there was what Germans call their "delirium of despair". For many young people the fever of the delirium broke and became a sexual revolution, which for homosexuals gave rise to the world's first organized Gay Liberation (or as it was called then, the Homosexual Emancipation Movement) and Women's Liberation movements. There were as many homosexual publications and bars as there are in New York City today. And there was talk about the feasibility of forming a national homosexual political party. Germany was widely seen as "the most homosexual nation on earth." A situation not dissimilar to our own situation today.

Germany's capital, Berlin, was the notorious fleshpot of Europe. "Pure sleaze" would not be an exaggeration in describing a city that "was the best of worlds and the worst of worlds, where cultural life was the most creative in Germany's history, where creativity in all fields of human endeavor was simply astounding," according to Frank Rector author of "The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals."

But this beautiful mushrooming of the human spirit did little to advance either political freedom or democratic institutions. What it did was advance the political career of Adolf Hitler. In his attempt to control the present, Hitler utilized the dictums of the past. He made political hay denouncing the "pleasure-lust and sexual obsession" of the period. The fons of moral turpitude were the Weimar Republic and the Jews. The Jews were deliberately engineering moral decay because, exclaimed Hitler, they were the enemy of volkisch values and morals. Similar hysteria about homosexuals did not lag far behind. Of course, Hitler brought down all three of his "enemies of the State."

There were homosexuals working at advancing political freedom. One was Adolf Brand, an activist for penal reform, particularly reform of Paragraph 175, the law criminalizing

homosexuals and homosexual acts. Magnus Hirschfeld launched the first homosexual emancipation organization, the Scientific Humanitarian Committee. Hirschfeld was a Jew, transvestite and effeminate homosexual - everything Hitler ever hated in one person. The first Nazi book-burning consisted of holdings from Hirschfeld's Institute of Sexual Science and consequently, materials from the origins of Gay Liberation.



Gay prisoners push and pull a road-impaction roller through the Dachau concentration camp in WW II. Roller detail was assigned to Pink Triangles as a form of added punishment because it was one of the worst, most exhausting tasks in camp. (National Archives Photo)

Controlling the present meant that homosexuals were figuratively going up in smoke. Controlling the near future would mean homosexuals literally going up in smoke. Whatever homosexuals were struggling to diminish or eliminate became a vehicle to be used against them in their diminishment or elimination. The fight against Paragraph 175 led to "protective custody" arrests (internment) and one

boot burning led to much more overt and systematic homophobia.

Controlling the past had also been a failure for the general German populace and did not bode well for controlling the future. Said one historian: "Freedom, Justice, tolerance and decency have never struck deep roots in the German political tradition. In that sense, Germany has not been a normal, civilized country,

they had true tolerance for sexual diversity or not, they were accommodating in the prevalent homophobia of the time, because the real world, particularly when times are bad, has a way of imposing its own realities upon those who have no vested interest in living in a world of delusion.

Along came Hitler who knew that, conversely, dark times can also brew a vested interest in delusion. He exploited the irrational side of human nature, both in himself and others, with shrewd calculation; then his followers themselves completed the conversion.

One such follower was a powerful, violent, corrupt and flamboyant homosexual named Ernst Rohm. He became Chief of Staff of the SA, Hitler's Storm Troopers. The SA was largely responsible for carrying Hitler to power. Rohm wanted to press on with a Second Revolution throughout Germany; Hitler was intent on rearmament and subjugation. That was Rohm's conversion and his downfall. Once Hitler had secured total power for himself he ordered the execution of Rohm and all of his homosexual leadership, in a Blood Purge aka Operation Hummingbird aka Night of the Long Knives. Hitler's exploitation of homosexuality as a pretext for the Purge led him to abandon all pretense of Justice after June 30. On June 30, the SS was the winner and Dachau its everlasting monument.

Do not look to Dachau for any memorials to the homosexual genocide that followed the Purge. There are none. We know that at least half a million homosexual lives were sacrificed in the guise of a macabre contribution to Fascist statecraft. Their lives were sacrificed to a system they were willing to build, but one in which they were not suitable to live. Many of the homosexual Storm Troopers had the same qualities as the homosexuals who resisted police harassment at the Stonewall Inn. They were flaming faggots, they were fighters, they were proud and they would not tolerate any interference

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TV SHOW SEEKS GAY PARENTS AND PARENTS OF GAYS

TUCSON - James Farias, producer of the nation's first regularly scheduled talk show about homosexual and Lesbian issues, "Arizona Gay", on Cox Cable Channel 37, is seeking gay fathers and Lesbian mothers as well as parents and friends of gays and lesbians to take part in panel discussions on television. In its first season of ten shows, "Arizona Gay" covered such issues as "Coming Out", "Gays and Religion", "Lesbians - Women Who Love Women", and "Gay Resources". The program also offered coverage of such events as the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee's panel on Gays and Law Enforcement (with representatives from the Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Sheriff's Department) and the Mr. Tucson and Mr. Arizona Leatherman contests.

With the help of a grant from the Tucson Community Cable Corporation, Farias will produce at least 12 more shows this winter and spring including discussions of AIDS, Transvestites and Transsexuals; Job Discrimination Against Gays; Gay and Lesbian Parenthood; and Relationships of Gays and Lesbians with "Straight" Family and Friends.

The "weekly forum about being Gay in a straight society" also includes a Calendar of Events listing various groups and events that might be of interest to the Gay community. Response to the show has been very positive, according to Farias, and he has received many letters from national organizations expressing their support and encouragement.

The show is aired only on Cox Cable Channel 37 as part of local public access television administered by the Tucson Community Cable Corporation. It is seen Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.; Fridays at 11:00 a.m.; Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

For the benefit of those who do not have Cox Cable, the show will also be shown on large screen television in the BFR at the Fineline/Tucson on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in appearing on the show is encouraged to contact the producer at 297-1207 or write: Arizona Gay, Box 1, 855 E. River Rd., Tucson, information about the group or to set up an appointment for a screening interview, telephone 884-0476.

TUCSON COUNSELING GROUP FOR FEMALE PARTNERS OF GAY MEN BEGINS MARCH 4

TUCSON - Dr. S. Mac Smith will conduct an eight-week counseling group for straight women who are partners of bisexual and/or gay men. Women participants may be married to the gay partner, may be anticipating marriage or have been otherwise involved in a long-term and/or committed couple relationship. In addition, the group may also be helpful to women who believe that some marital/couple conflict may be attributed to their partner's sexual orientation. (The group will not help determine whether the male partner is gay or not, but will help a woman who is unsure to recognize her own feelings, to determine how her own behavior is affected by those feelings and to discuss what she may be able to do to deal with her feelings in a manner that is least disruptive to the relationship.

Although the group experience will offer opportunities for support and education it is primarily designed for women who would benefit from an opportunity to explore personal feelings, attitudes and behaviors, and who are receptive to making personal changes.

The group will operate on the premise that each female partner's situation is highly individual and unique. Thus, the purpose of the group will be to aid each participant in exploring her own situation and feelings and to assist her in finding her own direction.

During the eight weeks, participants will have an opportunity to explore and examine personal values, beliefs, feelings and coping strategies. Participants will be asked to make a commitment to respect confidentiality of all information discussed within the group.

The number in the group will be limited to eight, each of whom will make a commitment to attend all eight group sessions. A screening interview is required. There is no fee for the interview but no one will be accepted into the group who has not completed the screening interview.

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Club**Events**

by Doc

Seeing snow on the ground at my house this week brought fond memories back from the days that TKO had their snowman building contest at Rita's. What that has to do with this column I have no idea, so without further daydreaming, on with the Club News:

TKO, Saturday, announced that this year's Closet Ball will be held on March 16 in the BPR at the Fineline, starting at 9:00 p.m. Entertainment this year will be provided by Lady Cassandra and Pooh Bear. Applications and rules will be in all the bars by the last week of February and appear in this paper March 7 and 14. As of this writing, four contestants have notified TKO of their intentions of entering this year's Closet Ball. One of this year's contestants will be Colette of Colette's West. Could this year see another Closet Ball King crowned?

Also from Saturday's meeting came word that everything for the Mini-Tacky Ball, February 17, at the Graduate, is in high gear. If you want a night to remember, stop in for this one and take part in the fun. Finally, TKO voted to take part in the Memorial Day Run in Tucson. Going with them will be TALL, SOS and SCLC, all co-sponsors. Tammy M. also stated that the T-Squares might (and probably will) join all of us on this big campout weekend at the Catalina State Park. More on this event will appear in this column as the plans are finalized. This run will be open to all in Tucson also, so if you are interested, contact one of the club members.

From TALL this week I have only the following to report. Their meeting Sunday was cancelled due to illness and work. My question to TALL is - are TJ and Lee the only two that can run a meeting???

On to the SOS meeting and news. I finally have the low down on their Country Hoe Down. This event will be held March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Tramps. Food will be served consisting of Bar-B-Q Turkey, Mexican corn bread, call Carl at 792-1586.



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NOTICES

GAY OR LESBIAN???
AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM???

Call A.A. 624-4183, 24-Hour Hotline, for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings.

TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) Gay men's clinic. Located at 101 W. Irvington is open from 8 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5.00 donation is requested. TALHA is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at MCC, 360 S. Stone. Call Galen, 883-1328.

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLGPC) meets every second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fineline. Everyone welcome.

THE ARIZONA LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE, your organization aimed at furthering human rights, education and networking with other national and local organizations, invites you to participate. Come and attend our meetings and input your ideas. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings: Every Monday. Membership: \$10 per year. Contact: Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard (7 p.m. - 11 p.m.) 234-2752 or write P.O. Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281.

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR MARRIED GAYS**THE WEEKLY OBSERVER NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON**

cole slaw and baked beans - all for \$3.50 a plate. Entertainment will be provided by a dance group, with lessons and practice. Let's all join them for this one, it sounds like fun also.

TBBS: TKO for years and now TALL have had their own IP (Indian Princess). Now SOS has their own PI (Private Indian) - Hopi.... Jesse of SCLC found a new way to have a bowling ball return on the alley between his legs. I'll let him explain that one to you. Until next week... bye, bye.

GREAT OUTDOORS FEBRUARY CUTTINGS

TUCSON - Great Outdoors holds their General Meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Great Outdoors members, their guests and any interested non-members are always welcome. The monthly Core Meeting is conducted immediately after the General Meeting, same location, usually about 9:00 p.m. Members interested in participating in administrative and planning aspects of the club are encouraged to attend.

The general meeting will be this Thursday, Feb. 7. The following two weekend, Feb. 9 & 10 and Feb. 16 & 17 Great Outdoors will hold Wilderness Training courses. Call Gary at 623-0781 if you are interested in attending these courses.

On February 16 and 17 the group writing, four contestants have notified TKO of their intentions of entering this year's Closet Ball. One of this year's contestants will be Colette of Colette's West. Could this year see another Closet Ball King crowned?

On the weekend of February 23 & 24 there will be a Snowcamp, at the Whitetail Recreation Area in the Santa Catalina Mountains. This is a repeat of a highly successful activity of last year. This trip should attract even more campers since it is a carcamp rather than a backpack. The hike from the parking lot to the campsite is only about two blocks.

The location is about twenty miles up the Catalina Highway at 7500 feet elevation. The snow all around should make for an interesting change from the usual carcamp as we know it in this part of Arizona. CO has been to this area several times before and the group has always had a good time. The view of Tucson from the campsite is stupendous. Warm gear will be essential for this weekend, being everything you anticipate needing for the two days as driving to either Tucson or Summerhaven is a hassle with weekend ski traffic.

Whitetail is an undeveloped site. That means bring your own water and Charmin. Carl will have a warm-up meeting at his house the Tuesday before the trip to arrange rides and equipment loans or shares. Don't let lack of gear stop you from camping, since anything you may need is available as a loan or rental. For more information call Carl at 792-1586.

TUCSON - The Support Group for married Gay or bisexual men in relationships with women continues to meet every Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m. at the Center for Human Development offices at 198 South Tucson Boulevard. The men currently participating range in age from the early 20s to the 50s, and represent a wide variety of business and professional careers. New members are invited - the only eligibility requirements are that the man be either Gay or bisexual, and be either currently involved in a relationship with a woman (e.g., marriage), or planning marriage, or recently separated/divorced.

The purpose of the group is to provide an opportunity for Gay/bisexual men to share feelings and experiences with other men in similar circumstances; to form a network of sharing, supporting friends, and to establish an honest, open forum within which to examine the stresses and conflicts inherent in the situation. The group espouses to particular biases toward methods of managing the stresses and problems. Instead, the support group encourages each man to explore and identify his own individual needs - and the needs of his spouse or companion - in determining whether to sustain and enrich the marital relationship or to move toward a dissolution of the marital relationship.

Interested men may call Dr. Dan Overbeck, at the Center for Human Development (602) 884-0476, or write to the Center, 198 South Tucson Boulevard, Tucson 85716-5517 for further information and details.

During this miserable weather that we are now experiencing, there is a warm and sunny atmosphere at MCC which our family is enjoying. We invite everyone to come and share this with us. We have functions planned that we think you will enjoy.

This coming Sunday, February 10, is World Church Extension. We will have Rev. Bern David, from Mogotes, delivering his sermon to MCC Tucson. Rev. Bern will be bringing several of his congregation to share this Sunday with us here in Tucson. We invite you to share this special service.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19 (Fat Tuesday) from 5 to 7 p.m., the Deacons of MCC/Tucson will have their Second Annual Pancake Supper. The menu will consist of sausage, pancakes with butter and syrup - also your choice of tea, coffee or soft drinks. The price will be \$2.50 with all proceeds going to the Deacon's Benevolent Fund. Last year was a great success, those Deacons do know how to flip those pancakes. So, you that love sausage and pancakes, come on down to the big "cook-up" for food, fun and fellowship.

Regular Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dave Gunton has office hours from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. The church telephone is 622-4536, if anyone would like to call for an appointment for consultation with Pastor Dave.

Thought for the week: God's promise to never send a deluge again is the rainbow, let's all pray for a rainbow.

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TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited 792-3772

SOURCES UNLIMITED. The Lesbian and Gay community has much to offer us. There is much more beyond the bar scene. Clubs, organizations, events and more. Wouldn't you like to spend your money in the community? I do, so I keep in touch and so can you. Let me help you do this at absolutely No Charge!!! 888-7445 in Tucson.

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MEN AND WOMEN

Interested in Aerobic Classes at the Fineline? For information call Mickey Flowers 889-3291 in Tucson. 30

SOURCES UNLIMITED. Are you a Lesbian or Gay organization or club? Perhaps you're a business in the community? Here is your chance to promote yourself by letting the community know who you are. Women's and Men's resources too. No Charge! 888-7445 Tucson.

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PERSONALS

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GMM, 43, health conscious vegetarian seeks non-smoking, sincere male 30-50 for friendship, possible permanent relationship. Into classical music, backpacking, canoeing, fitness, quiet evenings at home. Am stable, sharing, understanding, sexual. Expect same. Box 55185, Tucson, AZ 85705-5185

AM DRIVING TO MIAMI, FLORIDA February 15/16. Would like rider to share 1/2 expenses. Call Ron 882-7265 in Tucson.

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SPORTS REPORT

TEAM STANDING
COMMUNITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
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SUPER TRAMPS	5.5	6.5	.458	4.5
BACK POCKET	5	7	.417	5
NIGHT BLOOMING SERIOUS	5	7	.417	5
H.O.T.	4	8	.333	6
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GLITTER TRAMPS I	3	9	.250	7
FINELINE BAWLERS	1	7	.125	7

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NOTICE:
THE COMMUNITY MIXED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE BEGINS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 1:00 P.M. ON THE COURT BEHIND JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET. TEAM SIGNUPS AND PRACTICE. FOUR ON THE COURT, SIX MAXIMUM ON THE ROSTER.

QUIP OF THE WEEK: "THAT I'M NOT A PROPHET, LEAVES ME AT A LOSS".

TEAM STANDINGS
GRADUATE BOWLING LEAGUE
JANUARY 30, 1985

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. LITTLE BUCK & THE WHEATS	7	1	3418
2. BUTCHETTES	6	2	3493
3. COOD & THE CHANELLS	6	2	3420
4. NO NAMES	6	2	3420
5. TOOTH FAIRIES	5	3	3426
6. SNOW QUEENS	5	3	3308
7. BAD BOYS	4	4	3385
8. LOOSE LIPS	4	4	3317
9. BLANCHE'S BOMBERS	3.5	4	3617
10. HOT CROSS BUNS	3	5	3421
11. WHITE SAILOR	3	5	3347
12. ALLEY COOPS!	2	6	3308
13. THE THREE GRACES	1.5	6	3337
14. FAIRLANES	1	7	3145

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Dear Friend,

If you like a good party and you support a good cause, then the hottest and most important date on your calendar is Saturday, February 25, 1985. The ARIZONA AIDS FUND-TRUST has rented Hachod's for that night for SWEAT & MUSCLE '85, it's annual fundraising party.

With music by DJ Stewart Barkai, and light by Jon Ford, both from LA's PROBE, this year's party promises to be even bigger and hotter than ever. Add to the heat an appearance by Ron Moore, Mister International Leather '85. Launching off at 10:00 p.m., SWEAT & MUSCLE '85 will fly all night long on the masterful Barkai journey of hot, scintillating music.

SWEAT & MUSCLE '85 is also for our friends who can't party and who need our help. We need to raise in excess of \$10,000 to get through the coming months. As the number of AIDS patients in our community steadily rises, the ARIZONA AIDS FUND-TRUST is extending more and more support to our brothers and sisters. The ARIZONA AIDS FUND-TRUST is the only vigilant, caring group within the state of Arizona dealing with AIDS. Our outreach needs to increase in the coming year.

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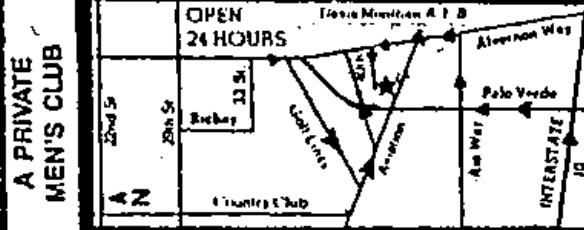
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - VOLLEYBALL BEGINS SPRING LEAGUE. Sign up now or at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

HIMMEL PARK LIBRARY - "Women's Journal Workshop" for Gay women begins. Free. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. 10 weeks. For registration information call Susan North - 685-2345.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Valentine's Day Party in the planning stage. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SANTA RITA HOTEL - 'BLACK AND WHITE BALL' sponsored by the Sun Country Leather Club. \$15 per person includes dinner, entertainment and dancing. Fundraiser for Arizona AIDS victims.

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11. All you can drink \$2. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. .35 a glass of draft.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night \$1.00 - "Dynasty" on big screen TV in B.R.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Linda Fizdale.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night .90 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. "ARIZONA GAY" television show on TV at 7:30 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.00.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00. Drawing for Lottery Tickets begins at 8:00 p.m. Could win big money!
RITA'S - "Party Nite" - Well Shots and Domestic Beer \$1.00, Well Drinks \$1.25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 8:00 p.m. Special Bar-B-Que Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.

TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust 3 to 7 p.m. \$3.00 All the draft you can drink, \$300 cash "Grab Bag" drawing begins at 11 p.m.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers.
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.00 Margaritas 9:00 to Midnight.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shot Nite - Well shots .75.
COLETTE'S WEST - .75 Domestic Beer. Pool Tournament from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on alternate Tuesdays.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Michelob Classic Draft \$1.00.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
TRAMPS - 'THONTHON NIGHT' check for special schedule each week. "Rock 'n Roll" Night too!

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