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Gay Rights Targeted By Vatican

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The Vatican is urging U.S. Roman Catholic leaders to fight legislation that would make it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals in adoption proceedings or in hiring coaches, teachers or military personnel.

In a letter to the nation's bishops, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reaffirmed its stand that homosexuality is an objective disorder. It said discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, even if the church is exempted from such laws, is an issue of protecting the common good.

"The church has the responsibility to promote the public morality of the entire civil society on the basis of fundamental moral values," the Vatican said in a letter sent two weeks ago to leaders of the 55 million-member U.S. church.

Gay activists responded angrily to the Vatican letter. "The fact that a church with a history of social responsibility would use Gay and Lesbian people as the point where civil rights end is an outrage," said Perri Jude Radecic, deputy director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington.

The Vatican congregation, which had issued guidelines in 1986 on the pastoral care of homosexuals, said its recent recommendations were prompted by a flurry of proposed homosexual rights laws in the United States.

In several cities and states, debates have been continuing over how far to extend homosexual rights. Ballot measures are pending in several states. Among other recent examples:

** The Utah Legislature this year left out crimes against homosexuals from a hate-crimes bill after some lawmakers said it would legitimize homosexual relationships.

** In 1991, California Governor Pete Wilson vetoed a bill that would have outlawed job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

** A Vermont law went into effect July 1 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, finances and housing.

** Private groups such as the Boy Scouts of America have been challenged for banning Gay leaders.

U.S. Bishops generally have been less stringent than the Vatican in opposing homosexuality. In a 1990 document on sexuality, the bishops voted to reduce to a footnote the Vatican's 1986 declaration that homosexuality is an objective disorder, and they added a line that it isn't sinful.

Polls also suggest a divided attitude in Catholic Church pews. In a recent Gallup poll, 48 percent rejected homosexual relationships as morally unacceptable; 46 percent found them acceptable.

"I am not sure that this document is going to be helpful," said Lisa Sowle Cahill, a Catholic moral theologian at Boston College. U.S. Catholic bishops seem to be trying to find ways to enhance their ministry to homosexuals, while the

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Jello Wrestling Brings In Over $4,000 For Shanti

TUCSON - The Sixth Annual Reno Memorial Jello Wrestling benefit for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson was held last Sunday evening at Club 2520. A full house of avid wrestling fans witnessed a full evening of grappling in the multi-colored Jello - 350 gallons of it!

In addition to the many 'wrestlers' who got pledges for wrestling, Club 2520 provided four hunky male strippers who were bid for to wrestle by members of the audience. It was all in fun and it was fun for everyone. Everyone who got near the 'ring' were liable to get thrown in it seems. Hostess Candy Plastique was in more than she was out.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and to 2520 for the excellent facilities that helped make this event the big success that it was. As soon as all the pledges have been accounted for, a full accounting will be forthcoming from Shanti.

Gay Prejudice Against Gays Discussion at OP Meeting

TUCSON - Prejudice against people, whether based on gender, race, age, economics or behavior, stems from fear and can only be resolved when fear is confronted, a panel concluded last week at the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association's meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson.

The panelists, Jim Toevs, Pat Hughes, Brian Bateman and Colette Barajas, are conducting monthly workshops on prejudice reduction at the Shanti offices. the next workshops are at 10:30 a.m., July 25 and August 22.

Each panelist briefly reviewed their life experiences that left them with prejudices they are working on to overcome.

"It is common for any group to turn oppression against it by the majority inward toward itself," Toevs said. "We all are infected with internalized homophobia as well as fears of differences among us."

"It's important to remember when you're dealing with another person that you're also dealing with that person's old emotional baggage," Toevs said, "and you might remind them too much of a pain they have lived with."

"Prejudice is being down on what I'm not up on," Hughes said, 'so I want to work today on sharing with younger people what I went through in overcoming my prejudices, on educating them so that they can overcome their prejudices."

Before coming out as a Gay man, Bateman said, he first had to "come out" as a human being. That happened, he said, "when I came to understand that any criticism or judgement I have of anyone of any race or gender or sexuality or certain behaviors or mannerisms ultimately comes back to me.

"I have to go inside myself to see what my feelings say about me," Bateman said, and that kind of self-examination can be a liberating gift.

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HIV-Negative AIDS Cases May Indicate New Strain

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - At least 11 cases of people who developed AIDS without testing positive for the virus may indicate that a new undetectable strain has emerged. An announcement was made at the International AIDS Conference now being held in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Newsweek magazine reported the same in its July 27 issue.

Six of the HIV-negative patients are American and their cases are under study by the national Centers for Disease Control the magazine said. It didn't specify where the other patients are from.

Newsweek cited a recently published abstract by CDC epidemiologist Thomas Spira for its information on the American patients. The magazine didn't say where the abstract was published.

Newsweek reported that three of the six Americans received blood transfusions - two of them after blood banks started screening for HIV. Of the remaining three, one has used intravenous drugs and one is a health care worker.

All six of the American patients have full-blown AIDS, but none of them test positive for either HIV-1 or HIV-2, the two viruses known to cause AIDS, the magazine said.

All have signature conditions that are found almost exclusively among AIDS sufferers, such as Kaposi's Sarcoma and the loss of vital CD4 white blood cells.

Protecting the blood supply with another screening test would be the most immediate concern if scientists were able to link what appears to be a new strain of AIDS with the virus.

"We don't have indications that this is a widespread problem," said Dr.

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UPDATE

Tucson Gay Community Calendar Returns

TUCSON - The Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community Calendar has been announced for 1993 with an expected publication around Thanksgiving. The Community Calendar premiered late last year and consisted of a standard 12 month format and featured personal messages and local Gay events printed on special or significant days. Personal messages were sold for several months prior to publication.

For 1993 this unique concept has been expanded in several ways. The new calendar will include: a Gay, Lesbian, and bisexual Community Resource Directory listing local services and organizations, notices of meetings and other important events for local groups, discount coupons for products or services from Gay-owned or Gay-supporting local businesses. Businesses, clubs, or organizations may also support the Calendar through paid advertisements (Various sizes) or by becoming a monthly sponsor. Monthly sponsorship will include a full-size, facing page photograph and group or business name opposite the month sponsored.

According to Geoffrey Wilcox, Community Calendar chairperson, "Our main goal is to really expand the Community Calendar so that it encompasses all aspects of our community and represents the many diverse Gay people, organizations, and events here in Tucson." In addition to businesses, place personal messages on dates of their choice. Acknowledging the significance of February 14th to many people, the Calendar will include a "month of Valentine's Days," Wilcox said.

Information on rates, sponsorship, and deadlines can be obtained by calling Geoffrey Wilcox (881-7501), or Dennis Russell (743-3303). The Gay and Lesbian Community Calendar is produced by the Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson, as a community service.

"New Republic" Runs Full Page Pro-Gay and Lesbian Ad

WASHINGTON - The influential, award winning magazine, "The New Republic", ran a full page pro-Gay and Lesbian ad in its July 13th issue. The ad, prepared by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political organization, urges readers to join the work of the Campaign Fund by fighting anti-Lesbian and Gay bigotry.

Directly countering the anti-Gay rhetoric of Vice President Dan Quayle, the ad is headlined: "Tolerance is a traditional value." "We wanted to make sure that the readers of a widely read journal of political opinion know that Lesbian and Gay Americans are not going to remain silent in the face of attacks from Dan Quayle, Lou Sheldon and others on the far right," noted Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Campaign Fund.

"The New Republic" was awarded the prestigious National Magazine Award for General Excellence earlier this year. It is edited by openly Gay journalist Andrew Sullivan. Copies of the ad are available from the Campaign Fund by writing to Communications Department, HRCF, 1012 14th Street, NW, Suite 607, Washington, D.C., 20005.

'Zero Positive' at Cabaret Theatre Thru August 2

TUCSON - Performances of Dazart Theatre Company's production of the Harry Kondoleon play, "Zero Positive" will continue in the Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art through Aug. 2.

"Zero Positive" is full of wit and dark, sharp-edged comedy. The play is set in contemporary Manhattan. Himmer, a Gay man once married, is home to deal with his father Jacob Blank, a poet, who lives in a world of kiddy toys and electric trains. Jacob is mourning the death of his ex-wife, Himmer's mother, who he hasn't seen in 20 years. Enter Himmer's friend, Samantha, a young woman with a penchant for married men, and news of hers and Himmer's HIV tests.

Himmer must also deal with Prentice, who may also be infected but insists the tests "don't mean anything," and Patrick, an actor too involved in self promotion to be of much help to anyone. Kondoleon insists that this is not an AIDS play, but rather an "absurdist farce" tackling with loony abandon, the serious issue of facing life under a death sentence.

"Zero Positive" plays Wednesday through Sundays through Aug. 2 at 8:00 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Aug. 2. There is a special benefit performance for Amity Community Center Tuesday July 28 at 8 p.m. Call 791-3591 for information and reservations.

The management of Club 2520 would like to thank everyone who attended the Reno Memorial Jello Wrestling Benefit last Sunday and who helped make it such a success.

Thanks to all the wrestlers, the male strippers, the Shanti crew who helped put it all together and to our staff who helped make it run smoothly.

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AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - JULY 1, 1992

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		JUNE	MAY	APR.		JUNE	MAY	APR.		JUNE	MAY	APR.	
APACHE	61,591	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
COCHISE	97,624	12	12	13	7	6	6	6	0	47	46	46	2
COCONINO	96,591	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	0	20	19	19	0
GILA	40,216	5	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0
GRAHAM	26,554	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	5	0
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	0
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1350	1323	1284	780	265	269	273	27	2194	2175	2133	52
MOHAVE	93,497	17	17	17	9	1	1	1	0	26	26	25	1
NAVAJO	77,658	6	6	6	4	1	1	1	0	5	4	4	1
PIMA	666,880	346	326	322	175	58	61	62	8	554	541	538	12
PINAL	116,379	15	14	14	12	3	3	3	0	26	26	26	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	6	6	4	3	1	1	1	0	4	3	4	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	20	19	19	12	0	0	0	0	31	30	29	2
YUMA	106,895	23	22	22	12	3	3	3	1	61	58	58	1
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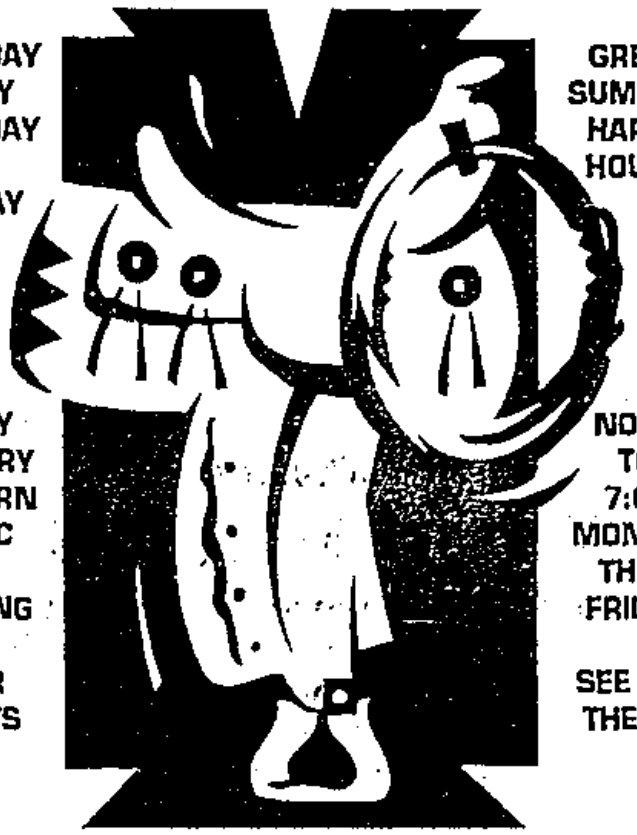

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Drawing the Line

A friend recently asked, "Could you have sex with a nazi or a staunch apartheid supporter?" As a Jew, I could never have sex with a nazi, and as a human, I could never have sex with someone who supported apartheid. That's simple.

but is it? Nazis and pro-apartheid people are easy to dismiss because they are so clearly despicable. there are no gray areas around their level of hatred: they are wrong, hateful, abominable, evil. But what about the less extreme levels of prejudice? Could I have sex with someone who told racist jokes or anti-Semitic jokes or sexist jokes or homophobic jokes? I already have. Even worse, I've told some of those jokes myself.

But, hey, we're none of us perfect. We all have our glitches, our moments of political incorrectness. Show me a human who's never had a bigoted thought, and I'll show you a human who died at birth.

So where do we draw the line? On one end of the continuum, there are nice imperfect humans; on the other end, the scum of the earth. How do we decide whom to stay friends with, work with, even love, and whom to censure, avoid, and even hate?

Is it a matter of how much we deal with them? Is it okay for me to enjoy various male sports teams, knowing that they're filled with sexist men, some of whom are probably rapists? After all, I'm not dating the guys. And I don't want to give up the relaxation and joy that watching sports can bring. But isn't it hypocritical to ignore the fact that I'm supporting violent men?

Or perhaps I should give less slack to strangers and more to friends. Up to a point, that makes sense. but a couple of years ago, I jettisoned an old buddy when it became clear that nothing mattered to him as much as money, not love, not pride, not friendship, not morals. i could accept that in a baseball player, but not in someone who mattered to me.

An important criterion is how much control people have over their lives. When I complained to a friend that women are still saying that it was Desiree Washington's fault that Mike Tyson raped her, my friend said yes, but those women are brainwashed by society? And who can be sure that those women, with no brainwashing, wouldn't find Washington more guilty than Tyson?

These are all difficult questions, and there are more of them. Many politicians brag about their ability to fiercely debate a colleague at work yet eat an amiable dinner with him after hours. Yet doesn't this supposedly "gentlemanly" talent allow certain congressman to vote against Gay rights by day and dance at Gay parties by night?

Perhaps the way to draw the line is to weigh what benefits one gets from a relationship. If the friendship is more fulfilling than the disagreements are upsetting, then it's a worthwhile friendship, right? But isn't that the same logic that has led thousands (millions?) of people to avert their heads when the nice man next door beats the nice woman next door?

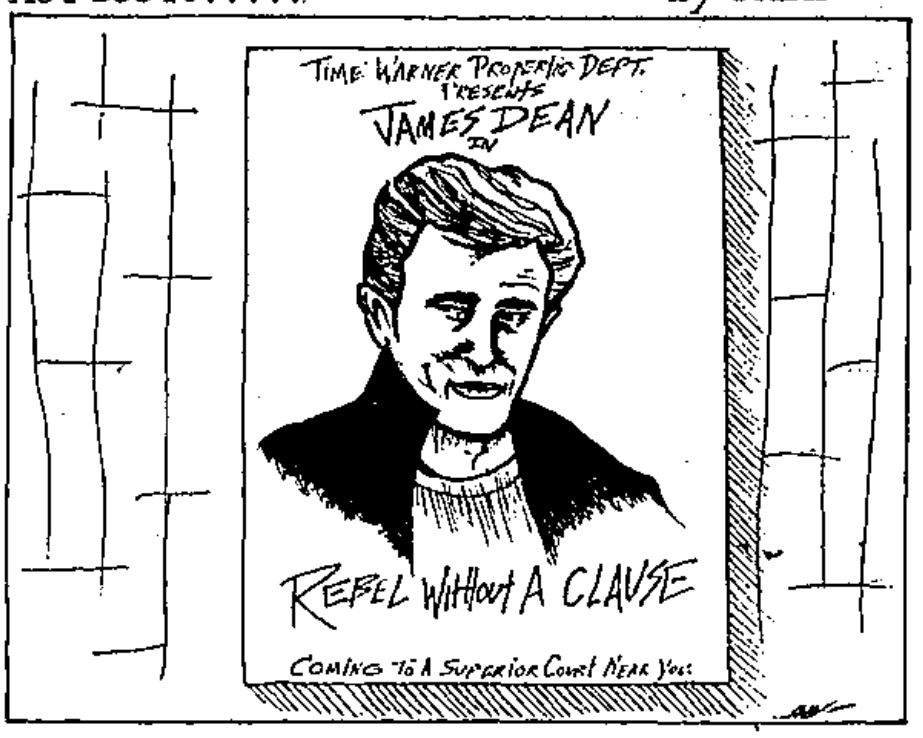
It might be simplest just to erect an emotional wall to keep out people whose beliefs are anathema to you. This is the logic that leads to separatism. But doesn't that logic also eliminate friends whose differences are only of interpretation? What if, years later, it turns out they were right and you were wrong?

People magazine recently reported the moving story of Ku Klux Klansman Larry Trapp and Cantor Michael Weisser. Their first interaction was when Weisser moved into a new neighborhood and Trapp called with this disgusting message: "You're going to be sorry you moved in, Jewboy." Weisser tracked Trapp down and left messages on his phone machine for months, saying, "you're going to have to answer to God for all this hatred one day." But when Trapp finally answered the phone, Weisser offered to pick up groceries for him (Trapp lost his legs to diabetes years ago). the lonely Trapp was astonished and touched by Weisser's offer and later called him to talk. Weisser and trap eventually became friends, and Trapp's hatred dropped from him like a huge boulder he had carried for too many years. Trapp now lives with the Weissers and is studying Judaism!

We are not all Michael Weissers, filled with endless love and compassion. Nor are our enemies all Larry Trapps, more affected by fear and loneliness than hate. It is not always possible or reasonable to befriend our enemies. But, when trying to decide where to draw the line, it's nice to know that such a solution is possible.

As I See It.....

by Clark



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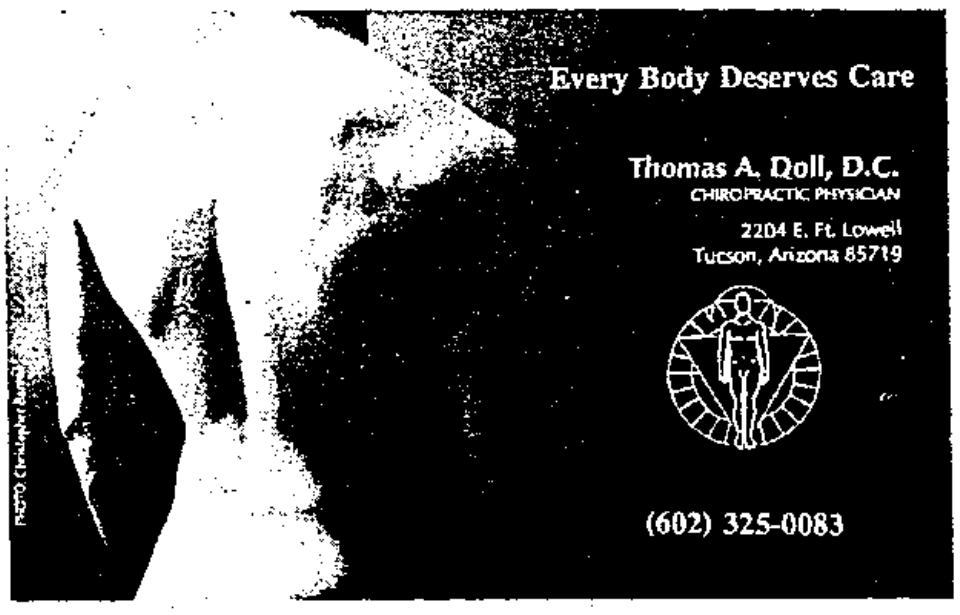

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THINK Positive PROJECT

by Sean Thomas

COMMUNITY OPINION LEADER INTERVIEW

Chris Brown

As part of an ongoing series of interviews of local community leaders on various subjects dealing with safer sex practices, this week I interviewed Mr. Chris Brown. We covered various aspects of safer sex practices from his point of view and the results you will find both informative and entertaining.

The first question I asked him was:

Q. How do you define safer sex?

A. Technically, no exchange of bodily fluids, but in plain english it means no cum, no juice, and no blood. One of the most important things to remember is that creativity is the key to safer sex. The list of safer sex options are endless. Communication is vital with a sex partner, but don't overlook the effectiveness of non-verbal communication. You can say a lot without saying a word.

Q. When is the right time to talk about safer sex?

A. With each person, it will be different. i don't believe there is one perfect time for everyone. I don't believe in bondage on the first date. Non-verbal communication can often work very well without the pressures of actually having to say it or discuss it.

Q. Should HIV+ people practice safer sex?

A. All people should practice safer sex regardless of their status. Sex is a two way street. Everyone is responsible for their own actions.

Q. What do you look for to get out of a sexual encounter?

A. Three hours of sweaty lust!

Q. What satisfies you the most?

A. Three hours of sweaty lust!

Q. What are three sexual no no's for you in bed.

A. 1. Dishonesty, in general.
2. Unprotected anal intercourse.
3. Hershey spots on your drawers.

Q. What is your opinion of group sex?

A. I am a firm believer that it should always involve a lot of people.

Q. Can you have safe group sex?

A. Of course, but quantity is not the issue. The same behaviors that you keep with one will also keep you safe with dozens.

As you can see, dealing with various sexual approaches to safer sex do not necessarily have to be dry and boring with an overly serious attitude. Safer sex should be nothing more than a excuse for being creative in your sexual encounters for mutual protection and out of mutual respect.

Chris Brown has always demonstrated a deep sense of caring, creativity and understanding when it comes (no pun intended) to the subject.

For more in depth information concerning various aspects of safer sex practices, please contact one of our local agencies: the Arizona AIDS Hotline, or the National AIDS Hotline. they will be more than happy to answer any and all of your questions.

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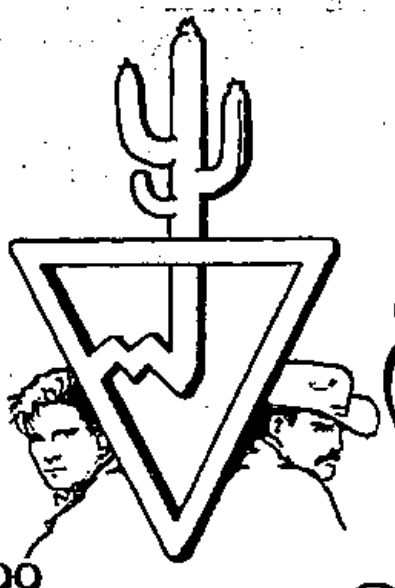

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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

As you know, Kathi Mayer, Debra Broner and myself attended the 41st Democratic National Convention, which took place in New York City this past week. It was a week I personally shall not forget, with plenty of memorable moments. Here are just some of the highlights of the trip.

On Saturday night, Sunday morning, the members of the Arizona Delegation left Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport on the flight bound for Newark. Newark you ask? The State Party got a discount rate on Continental Airlines, which the "hub" is located at the Newark Airport, which is 30 minutes or so away from New York City. We arrived in Newark approximately for 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, and got on our bus for the Roosevelt Hotel, named after the Republican president. Flying on a non-union airline and staying at a hotel named after a Republican president while attending the Democratic Convention, you figure that one out!

We arrive at the hotel at about 8:00 a.m. and we then proceeded to check in. Two hours later we were all checked in and we started our respective "tours". Yours truly had his luggage lost at the hotel, (yes at the hotel!), and then, after breakfast, I went to look for my luggage. I went to the room I had been assigned to and found to my horror, that it was a smoking room, and my luggage was not there. On the paperwork I had filled out, I had requested, very strongly, a non smoking room. So I went down to the front desk, got the manager and demanded a change in the room. Norma Coile, a reporter of the Tucson Citizen went with me, smelling a potential story. I could see the headlines, "Delegate strangles hotel manager." I must have scared the manager because he gave me a much bigger room for the same price. So I finally was checked in to the hotel at 12 noon after locating my luggage.

That afternoon, there were several functions for the Lesbian and Gay caucus members to attend. The first event was the initial Lesbian and Gay Caucus meeting, which was held at the Ramada Hotel on 7th Avenue. The first meeting was an organizational meeting. It was thrilling to see most of the 106 delegates attending the meeting. Unfortunately, the room could hold about 60 people, so with the high humidity in New York, the room was a sweat box. With the meeting over with at 3:30, the caucus members went to their respective hotels, (to change into some fresh clothes), and get ready for the NGLTF and HRCF function at the B. Smith Restaurant. Some big (political) names were to attend. Just to name a few were New York Mayor David Dinkins; Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messenger; Congressman Ted Weiss; Manhattan Council Member Tom Duane. It was a wonderful event.

There was another event scheduled later for the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, but it was passed over for a boat cruise on the Hudson River. Merrill Lynch sponsored the cruise for the delegation. We went on a liner down the river, we had good food, good music, and good sights, the skyline and the Statue of Liberty.

Monday morning came quick, since we had all been up till 3 or 4 in the morning. At 8:00 a.m. we had our Arizona Delegation meeting. The meeting did not foreshadow what was to happen during the convention that night, the meeting was dull. After the meeting, it was time for a quick breakfast and then over to the Caucus meeting, which I was late to. Almost every event I was late to, and these people do not operate on G.S.T.

After the meeting, I strolled down 7th Avenue to Madison Square Garden for the first session of the convention. I got to M.S.G. at 3:00 p.m., 2 hours early, (see one thing I was early to!), to take it in, the pageantry, pomp and circumstance. It was in line going through the security checkpoints, I saw my first celebrity at the convention, Larry King of CNN. When I finally reached the entry way to the floor and when I saw the big Democratic National Convention Sign, a lump went into my throat. The rest of the delegation got there by 4:30 p.m. The last delegate to arrive was Michelle Graye, a Brown delegate. As soon as she sat down with the rest of the Arizona delegates, she proceeded to blow bubbles with the stick and the container of soap she had purchased from a toy store. The media went ape over this, 5 newspaper cameramen ran over the Arizona delegates to get to her to take pictures of this "photo op". It showed how desperate the press were for a story! The gavel was dropped at five o'clock, and the demonstration by the delegates committed to Jerry Brown began their demonstration to get their candidate the chance to speak before the convention. Their demonstrations were spontaneous, and the story of the night. The various media outlets focused on the Arizona

POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

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Brown delegates. Let me tell you, it was fun to be in the eye of a political storm. The speech highlight was the one given by Governor Anne Richards of Texas. The speech lowlight was delivered by Senator Bill Bradley from New Jersey. A man known for his intelligence, but also known for his lack of charisma. The Brown demonstrations continued through the first session.

On Tuesday, the Arizona members of the caucus participated in the AIDS march, which went from Columbus Circle to Times Square. This march was the story of the day for the media. It was a thrill to have participated in it. But the highlight of Tuesday were the convention speeches by San Francisco Board of Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, Clinton's Environmental Policy Advisor, Tom Holtovy and Mrs. Paul Michael Glaser. It was the first time openly Gay people and a P.W.A. spoke before the convention. It was the most moving moment of the convention. Especially when Mrs. Glaser spoke, there was not a dry eye in the house. The Arizona delegation, (Don Slutes and Joe Della Rocca from Phoenix, and Kathi Mayer, Debra Broner and myself), had AIDS signs and had a mini-demonstration, which the media focused on us. Those speeches showed that party we existed and we had a part of the Democratic "family". The ratification of the platform was the focus of the Tuesday convention. Paul Tsongas had four minority planks to be debated. One of which was to be a roll call vote, so that the multi-million dollar computer system the DNC purchased could be used, once. The Tsongas planks went down to defeat. On the roll call vote, I abstained because I felt, and still feel that the platform should have some views of all the candidates, but be made up of most of the nominees views, because we must come out of this convention a united party, ready to defeat Bush. By Tuesday, the press had dubbed us as the "unpredictable delegation."

That night, I received a phone call from my parents, who were very upset at the coverage I had gotten in the Tucson media outlets. We then, in turn had a major argument, which led to me to be rejected by my parents. I had considered myself an openly Gay politician. I thought this with because of the interview that I had done in the Arizona Daily Star in November 1989, after the defeat of the homophobic Councilmen Roy Laos. I was interviewed to find out what the Lesbian and Gay community did to help to defeat Roy. I had came out to my parents in 1987. I have been open in the Party since 1988. It was a shock to me, to hear what my parents said. I thought I had their support and we had a good relationship. I was wrong in that assumption. After the call, I was in turmoil, and did not recover for a couple of days, to the chagrin of other caucus members. I had not realized it was my family who had come out and that I had broken the proverbial "umbilical cord" of control by my parents. I feel very positive about the coverage and I feel positive about the fact that I have control over my life. The relationship between my parents and myself is very strained at this moment, but it will be repaired and much better than before in time.

Wednesday night, the nomination of a Presidential candidate was the highlight. Former California Governor Jerry Brown was nominated by two teenage school girls and then Jerry was given 15 minutes to speak. The Brown delegates were pleased and had a spontaneous demonstration. Governor Mario Cuomo nominated Bill Clinton. Governor Cuomo gave one of the best speeches of the convention, and the Clinton delegates held a long and loud demonstration for our candidate. The roll call of the states then started. I was put in charge of getting our elected officials near the microphone for the television shot of the announcement of our vote. What a mess! All you could see were Janet Napolitano, our Delegation Chair, and Senator Chuck Blanchard. You could not see Congressman Ed Pastor or Senator Dennis DeConcini. We voted as follows: Clinton 23 votes, Tsongas 14 votes, Brown 12 votes. The vote showed we were not united yet, but we had one more day. The vote from Ohio put Governor Clinton over the top. We then had a 45 minute demonstration, the Governor Clinton came to the floor, from Macy's were he was watching the vote, and said a few words.

On Thursday, the partying of the previous days finally took its toll on me and other delegates. After the delegate meeting, Denise Lefkowitz, a Tsongas delegate, and myself went to get some breakfast. We took it back to my suite and then ate and fell asleep. Our days in New York averaged about 20 hours. I unfortuantely slept through the Thursday Gay/Lesbian Caucus meeting. Damn! The Thursday convention session had the Vice Presidential nomination as the key. The week before, Governor Clinton had named Tennessee Senator Albert Gore as his running mate. But, at the convention, a second name had arisen, former Massachusetts Governor Endicott Peabody of Massachusetts had gotten 300 of the delegates to sign his nominating petition, thus he was eligible to be nominated. He gave his own nominating speech. The Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski, nominated Senator Gore. Congressman John Lewis of Georgia seconded the nomination. The roll call then proceeded. Alabama then yielded to Tennessee, who then called for a vote of acclamation for Gore, which passed. Then the two best acceptance speeches, in a long time, were given by Clinton and Gore. The convention ended with the singing of a song entitled "A Circle Of Friends".

On Friday, we left an almost united delegation, (95%), ready to take on George Bush. We finally got into the Phoenix Airport at 3:15 a.m. after a 5 hour delay in our flight from Newark.

Until next time, politics as usual.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SUNDAY, JULY 26

RUMORZ - Brunch followed by Male Strippers for dessert sounds kind of kinky but it's really quite pleasant. Brunch from noon to 3 and then the Las Vegas Playboys from 4 to 6. The brunch is good but the boys are even better.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

CLUB 2520 - Now on a national tour promoting her new album, French-Canadian recording star Mitsou will be appearing here in her only Tucson appearance, beginning at 9:30 p.m. singing songs from her latest album and some of the older hits including "Dis-Moi, Dis Moi" that made her an international star. Advance tickets are $3.50 per person and well worth it. Tickets at the door will be $5.00. Everyone wishing to see this great new performer must have a ticket. Get yours now.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

CLUB 2520 - A benefit show honoring Lee Thompson, aka Margo Leigh from 6 to 10 p.m. Performing will be Andrea Dare, Raven, Anne English, John Barnes, Tiffany and Lucinda Holliday. There will be several community members who will be roasting Lee and a lot of other good things. All proceeds go to the Thompson Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Y'all come.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

CLUB 2520 -It's Candy Plastique's birthday and she wants a show to celebrate - So you got one Candy and it starts at 8 p.m. We'll givwe you a list of the performers and other info when she gets it to us. Thank you very much.

FRIDAY JULY 31

JBT'S - The long awaited opening is at hand. Watch for more information. From all reports the remodeling and painting and sound and and and will be a real surprise. Come on down!

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NOW THRU AUGUST 1

"Zero Positive", a production of the Danart Theatre, will play at the Cabaret Theatre at the Temple of Music and Art Wednesday thru Sundays at 8 p.m. 2 p.m. matinee Aug. 2. Tickets $8. Info and reservations 791-3591.

NOW THRU AUGUST 8

Cactus Gallery presenting watercolors by Jerry Livingston, Ceramics by David Reavis and Oils by Colleen Hench. Showing 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 621 N. 4th Ave.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Auditions for their September production "Untold Decades is being held at 7:00 p.m. by One In Ten Repertory Company. The auditions will be held at the Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. Prepared monologues are not required. For more information call 446-2445.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Jamie Anderson will appear live on "Queer Music" on KXCI from 7 to 8 p.m. KXCI 91.3 FM! She'll be interviewed and play a few songs live. Tune in.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

The Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House will celebrate their 6th anniversary with a dance featuring Jeannie as DJ. The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Coffee and tea is provided. Bring your own beer, wine, munchies and favorite game. No hard liquor please. $2 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Happy anniversary!

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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. Tea Dance 3 to 8. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 pm to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. $1.25 Bloody Marys Noon to 6:00 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 3 pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover, $1. 9 pm to 1 am

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks $1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing, $1.50 White Well.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close

RUMORZ - Open noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners by Paul Barner from 7-9. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, $3. Men's Nite - Anyone in bare chest, boxer or Jockey shorts or swimsuit 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50¢ Draft from 8:00 pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, $3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VI/DI Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8, $3. 50¢ Schnapps 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Open Noon. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Jeff VI/DJ 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Cash Pool Tournament 3 p.m. $3 entry fee. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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Among the highlights in the premiere edition: new 1992 colors and patterns, new cuts for the less than perfect body, tan-through swimwear, swimwear of the 50s that are making a comeback, the latest rage in belted suits, and the scoop on those naughty "banned in Florida" thongs.

The men's swimwear business has been off for several years, and many retailers are predicting that this year's new designs will increase sales by 20%. In this tough economy, consumers are spending their money wisely and will look to "Swimsuit '92" to help them make the purchase, the promoters hope.

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There were all kinds of people on the river that day, young, middle aged, old, shapely, out of shape, tall, short, Gay and straight. Not everyone I saw used inner tubes on their journey down the river. One man was in a yellow kayak, and several people had inflatable rafts. There were different kinds of activities occurring as we floated down the river. One man brought his dog, who didn't look too happy trying to balance on his inner tube! Some people went swimming out from their inner tubes and then swam back to them to rest. Almost everyone brought goodies to eat and drink, and at least in our group, we shared with each other. Some groups had music, some a little too loud for my taste! And one group had a flag of some sort attached to their raft.

One of the things that worried me a little about the trip was the rapids on the river, and I didn't know how powerful they were, so I tried to prepare for the worst. The first rapids occurred after we had been on the river, just enough to wet my appetite for more. What a disappointment to discover that the first rapids were the worst.

While the rest of the trip was enjoyable, the end of the trip was not; because everyone had to pull their tubes on the sand, and we all ended up getting sand all over our clothes! And after being in the nice cold river so long, the 100+ degree temperature felt even hotter.

Many people view life like that trip down the Salt River, all kinds of people are going, but different people go in different ways. Some people just float along by themselves and some go in groups. Some people work hard to get to their destination, while others just "go with the flow." Even though there are different ways to travel on the journey, everyone arrives at the same place in the end. While this picture may appeal to you, it is not an accurate concept according to Scripture. Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:13, 14: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Are you on the broad road or the narrow one? If you are not sure, what better time than today to make sure you are not just floating down the river of life, expecting to arrive at Heaven someday with everyone else? Choose Jesus, who is the narrow gate, and experience the excitement of knowing that not only is your destination sure, but also that you have someone traveling with you who will be with you through all the rapids of life!

Come and worship with us at Cornerstone Fellowship on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions how to begin this marvelous journey, ask us; we'd love the opportunity to share our joy with you.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

The writing of a weekly column for The Observer about a specific church can sometimes be a most difficult task. As the title of this column infers, this column should bring news of MCC/Tucson to the reading public. However, there are some weeks with very little news to bring to the public. This creates a difficult situation, and brings up the question, "How can I write news of MCC/Tucson when there is little or no news of any consequence for the reading public?". This column must then create an interest so that the reader will continue to know that there is something happening at all times. This column is not and never will be a continuation of our religious services, for this experience the reader will have to come to our church.

As you have, no doubt, realized by now, there is no news about which to write this week that is of any real interest to the general public. There is, however, much going on which will be of interest in the very near future. So, I will close this column with the following tidbit that Rev. Perry found.

"You may have noticed the increased number of notices for you to notice. Unfortunately, we've noticed that some of our notices have not been noticed. In fact, we've noticed that you response to the notices have been noticeably unnoticeable. This notice is to remind you to notice the notices and respond to the notice because we do not want the notices to go unnoticed. - NOTICE COMMITTEE FOR NOTICING NOTICES."

It should be stated at this point, that the Pastoral Staff and the Congregation at MCC/Tucson do take our religion very seriously. But, there is a time and place for humor in the church. The God we worship is a joyful God, full of compassion who wants us to enjoy our worship and our lives.

Thought for the week: 'Every professional was at one time an amateur.

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When It's Frisking Time Again In Bosnia-Herzegovina

The Associated Press

One of our sharp-eyed readers sent this photo to us. In the war ravaged Bosnia-Herzegovina, security runs high. But this citizen of Sarajevo appears to be enjoying the 'frisking' he is getting from a member of the security forces.

What's Up Doc ?????

Get the #15, or stronger sun screen out. Find those old tennis shoes, long sleeve shirt and old hat. It is time for Partners Panda run. That is correct, it is this Saturday. if you plan on going on this trip, the meeting for everyone is at Ben & Annie's house at 7:30 A.M. Yes, that is a little early for you for a Saturday, but it is worth it! The reason for meeting at Ben's is to try to have as many people per car possible due to the limited parking available at the run site. If you have any questions, contact him or Annie.

Another Tucson run is approaching is the "First Ladies Run", which will be held August 22 and 23. This annual run is the result of workings by all the local clubs 'First Ladies', the better halves of each club Presidents, (in most cases). When it comes to TALL, well they do not have a better half, so their Run Captain, Stan, is filling in this position. (And you people laughed, when I was sworn in as TKO's First Lady!)

And speaking of Stan and myself as First Ladies, we both have the unique position or office in our respective clubs as the Run Captain in Stan's case, and Activities Captain in my case. So, this means that not only are the two of us helping in the planning and execution of the First Ladies Run, we are also involved in the planning and staging of this years Arizona Brotherhood Run, this run held over the Thanksgiving Day holidays. You talk about double trouble, everyone that attends both of these runs are in trouble, in a mild sense, just because Stan and I are involved in both.

Going on this years First Ladies Run, each local club will be staging a game for your pleasures during this run. I presently know of two of the games, but haven't been able to find out about the other two. I guess, if you want to know what Partners and DL's planning, you must be on the run!

I guess that will be it for this week. Everyone going on the Partners' Panda Run make sure that you have a good sun screen that also will not come off in the water. The sun off that water will burn you fast, just ask previous tubbers. Also, for your own pleasure, a good water tight container for cigarettes, (if you partake in that vice).

This weeks column is dedicated to the memory of Ed Cole, former TKO member, who has moved on to that great bar in the heaven, joining Roger and many more. In tradition as previous, when Ed was with us, he is now the designated driver for everyone at the "Cloud Watering Hole", so if you happen to see a cloud spinning out of control across the sky, you know Ed is at the controls.

Of course, if you see a cloud streaking across the sky, stopping every few seconds, you then know Roger is at the controls, stopping at each mile post for either Rum or Schnapps.

Everyone will miss both and their memories will live in our hearts forever.

Mitsou In Exclusive Tucson Show

TUCSON - Music lovers will have the chance to see one of the hottest acts in the business on Sunday, July 25. French-Canadian singing star Mitsou will be appearing at Club 2520 promoting her album. She is currently on a nationwide tour and this will be her only Tucson appearance.

Mitsou's self-titled Hollywood Record debut features lyrics in both English and French. Contributing songs were such established songwriters as the team of Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly (Madonna, Cyndi Lauper), and Ivan Doroschuk from Men Without Hats.

The sensual video for "Dis-Moi, Dis-Moi", a Canadian Top 40 hit, prompted international media attention upon its release late last year. The black-and-white clip featured Mitsou singing sans wardrobe in a men's locker room shower and contained scenes with male and female nudity. The video was so steamy that it ended up the subject of the "Inside Story" segment on Entertainment Tonight and on A Current Affair, who interviewed Mitsou in her bubble bath. Banned at Much Music (Canada's MTV equivalent), Mitsou defended the clip in a forum on the network titled, "Madonna and Mitsou: A Question of Taste".

Hailing from Montreal, Quebec, her country's fusion of two cultures - American and French - helped sculpt the artist. "I'm always going to be different - maybe more exotic." "I do what I want, whenever I want," taunts the 21-year-old Mitsou.

Undaunted by the attention that sometimes surrounds her sexy, fun-loving image, Mitsou is excited about introducing her music to a new American audience with her U.S. debut release, "Mitsou". And so what if a little controversy happens to pop up along her way. "What I most want to give people is energy, joie de vivre. People need that. I want people to have fun, because sometimes life can be very dull.

Advance tickets for the one-night only performance are $3.50 and are on sale at the bar now. Tickets will be available at the door for $5.00 the evening of the performance. No one will be admitted without a ticket.

Judge Rules Prisoner Gave Gay Cop AIDS

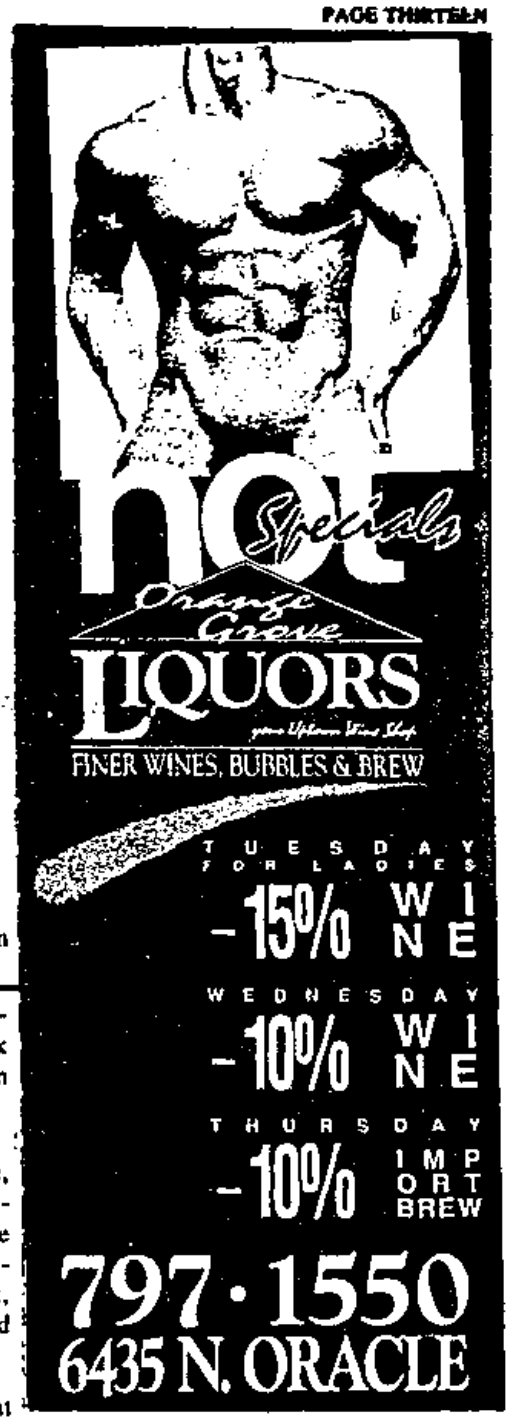
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)-A Gay police officer has won a legal battle to prove he got AIDS from being bitten by an infected suspect.

Thomas Cady said he had to overcome the presumption that he was infected with the AIDS virus, or HIV, during sex.

The ruling last week by Administrative Law Judge Stewart Judson means Cady is entitled to $50,547 in disabilities pay and AIDS medical treatment. It also opens the door to his claim for permanent retirement pay of $25,000 a year.

Cady said he was infected during a 1984 arrest when murder suspect Lyle Julius bit him on both hands. The officer tested positive for the AIDS virus in 1988 and was found to have the disease two years later.

The judge pointed out that Cady's lover had tested negative for the virus.



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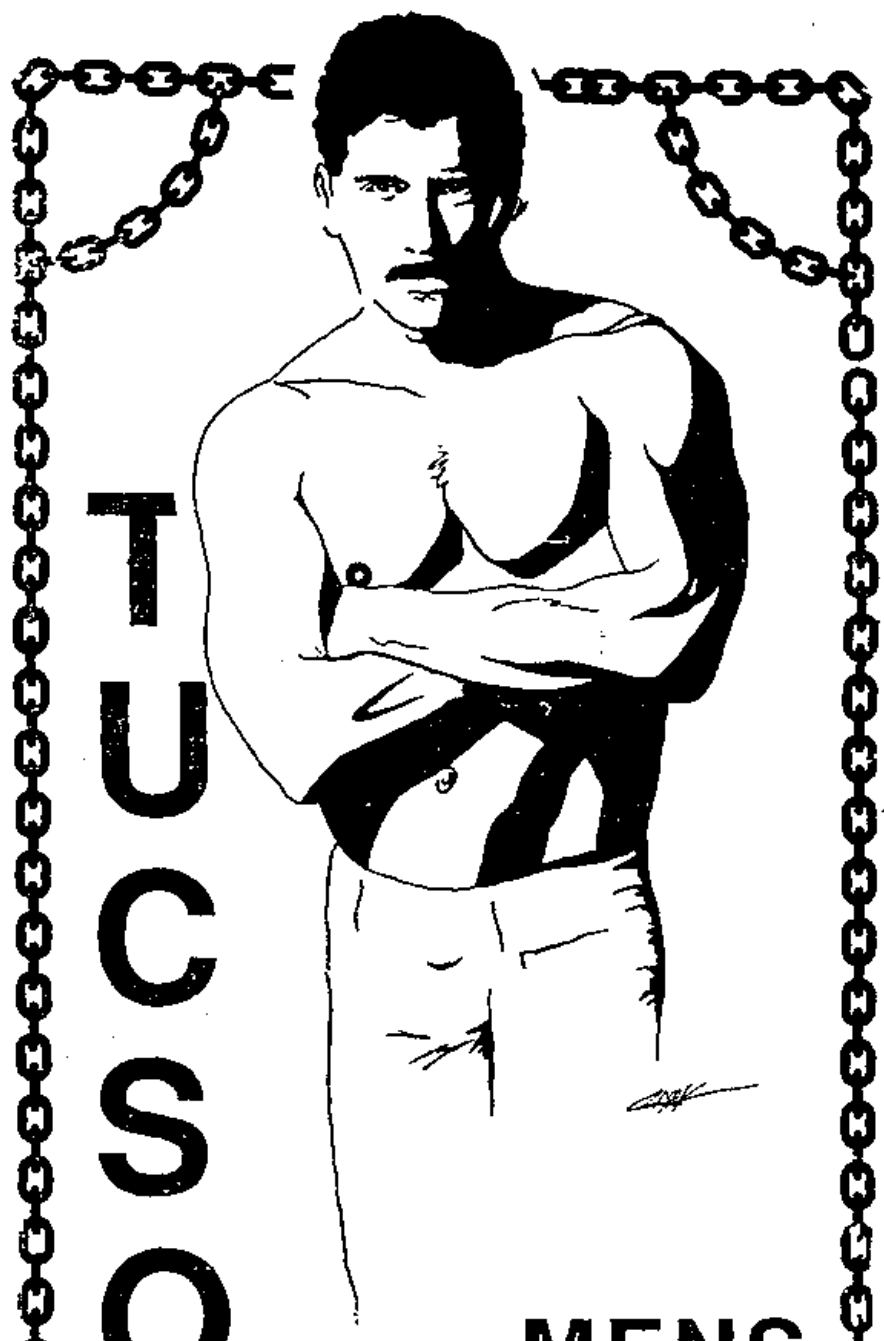

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BOOK REVIEW

Flamboyance and Fortitude

The Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader, by Joan Nestle. Alyson Publications 1992.

For more than a hundred years, the butch-femme couple has been the private and public face of Lesbianism in America, yet we still understand little about this form of Lesbian erotic identity. Everyone has taken a turn at denigrating the butch femme couple, from the sexologist at the turn of the century who spoke about the predatory female masculine invert, to the early homophile activists of the fifties who pleaded with these "obvious" women to tone down their style of self presentation, to the Lesbian feminists of the seventies who cried "traitor" into the faces of the few butch-femme couples. Yet this form of expression has persisted.

A butch of the 1930s Mary Jane Butler, 'running buddy' of Mabel Hampton. (Photo Credit: Mabel Hampton Collection, Lesbian Herstory Archives).

In small towns and big cities, butch-femme couples created lives of minor miracles. Copying with daily ostracism, they took care of each other, and as the years passed, they spilled out of their homes into the bars and clubs that would heralded the politicized lesbian world of the seventies.

At the crux of the modern discussion about butch-femme identity is the question of its autonomy: does the longevity of butch-femme self expression reflect the pernicious strength of heterosexual gender polarization, or is it, as I would argue,a Lesbian-specific way of deconstructing gender that radically reclaims women's erotic energy? Are femmes and butches dupes of heterosexuality, or are they gender pioneers with a knack for alchemy?

Many of the women who speak in The Persistent Desire believe in the originality of their choices. Others report on what they have seen. What moved me the most as I read the submissions was the inherent eroticism of this subject. Never have I been so wooed, so played with, so enticed as I have been by the butch women who wrote to me. Even the discussions around editing the pieces were filled with erotic play; this playfulness became even more precious after reading what many of these women had to say about their struggle with gender rigidity and bigotry.

Some modern Lesbian philosophers, such as Marilyn Frye, have lamented the lack of Lesbian sexual language and the paucity of Lesbian sexual codes and rituals. I have always been struck by the historical quality of this yearning, since Lesbian life in America from at least the thirties through the sixties was organized around a highly developed sense of sexual ceremony and dialogue. Indeed, because of the surrounding oppression, ritual and code were often all we had to make public erotic connections. Dress, stance, gestures, even jewelry and hairstyles had to carry the weight of sexual communications. The pinky ring flashing in a subway car, the DA haircut combed more severely in front of a mirror always made me catch my breath, symbolizing as they did a butch woman announcing her erotic competence. The butch contributors to the anthology bring this world alive again while having the courage to show the wounds behind the stance.

Femme correspondents connected with me in a different way. Many were grateful for my past work and for the opportunity to announce their identities in their own voices. their statements reflected one bitter irony: if, in the straight world, butches bear the brunt of the physical and verbal abuse for their difference, in the Lesbian-feminist world, femmes have had to endure a deeper attack on their sense of self-worth. Leather and denim, flannels and vests, butch women could easily adapt these prevailing signs of feminist gender resistance into superficial passports to acceptance, but the femme woman, in her lace and silk, high heels and lipstick, had no place to hide. Many learned to pass as a "dyke" in public while in their homes and in their beds, they flew their flags of color and sensuality.

The femme voice is underrepresented in historical records, though markings of her presence abound. Often, she is the security behind the butch display. Lady Una Troubridge's words to Radclyffe Hall, while spoken by a white, upper-class, Christian woman, capture some of the enduring aspects of femme power: "I told her to write what was in her heart, that so far as any effect upon myself was concerned, I was sick to death with ambiguities.." Yet to others, the femme woman has been the most ambiguous figure in Lesbian history; she is often described as the non-Lesbian Lesbian, the duped wife of the passing woman. because I am a femme myself, I know the complexity of our identity; I also know how important it is for all women to hear our voices. The femme puts together her own special ingredients for what it is to be a "woman," an identity with which she can live and love.

Both butch women and femme women raise difficult issues that we as a community often avoid or deny. Many butch women write about their battle with gender, their feelings of discrepancy from their womanly appearance. These are not the voices of Havelock Ellis, Sigmund Freud, or Karen Horney; these are our own women expressing their need to create another category of women's gender to explain their view of their bodies and their way of loving, their search for erotic dignity and pleasure. Here, butch women claim their "cocks" and their cunts.

The femme contributors challenge us with discussions of their womanness,

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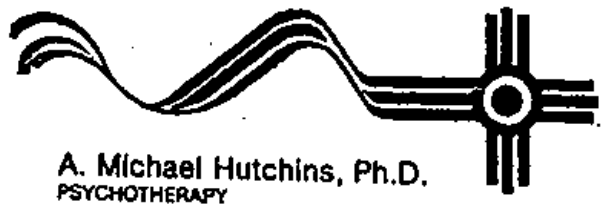

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some rejecting traditional femininity while celebrating their femme flamboyance. In addition, their narratives often show a different relation to sexuality, to their experience of lust and vulnerability. Some powerfully express their desire to be the slut, the whore, for their women, in practice and in self image. Some femmes, both historically and in the present, use the word wife to define themselves, exemplifying Jewelle Gomez's assertion that a "femme often inhabits a stereotypic place in a nonstereotypic way." The femme wife, like the stone butch, became a movement anathema in the seventies and eighties, and because these women were exiled so completely, we lost a chance to understand how complex gender subversion and erotic need are. Now, these women can stand before us again.

I wanted to do this book because, as a Lesbian, I never want to hear again in my lifetime the defensive disclaimers I grew up with: not all Lesbians are truck drivers; not all Lesbians dress like men; not all Lesbians play at being husband and wife. I am tired of the cruelty of these disavowals.

And I wanted to edit this book because I am a femme woman, tired of devaluation by myself and others, tired of past and present attacks on the integrity of our desire. I understand the possibility for surface confusions, but we deserve more careful thinking and feeling. As feminists, we continue to fight back with a femme proclamation of independence. I subtitled this anthology "A Femme Butch Reader" to herald this new voice in identity politics and break the traditional rhythms of the phrase and image. Femmes are the Lavender Lace Menace within our community. For my femme sisters, the queerest of the queer, as one contributor says, this book is only the beginning.

The sex wars and the raging debates that followed showed us what we as a movement had left undone, unexplored. We thought we had put gender in its place in the early 1970's by taking a political stance, but we were only postponing the Lesbian-specific discussion we needed for a larger cause, changing women's history. But a women's history that has no place for femme-butch women will find itself impoverished. The stone butch and the femme wife are as much acts of the imagination as they are of the flesh. Contrary to what they seem, they are refusals to accept imposed boundaries. The Persistent Desire is not meant to convince any woman that femme-butch is the right way to love; neither is it an apology or an explanation of our desires. The women who speak in these pages have been aching to tell how it was, how it is when the want is too large to stay in its place. They offer you their stories in the hope that some pains will never come again, and that some joys will never be extinguished.

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HIV Negative

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Harold Jaffe, acting director of HIV-AIDS at the CDC. "But we're taking the evidence seriously ... If a new agent were identified, developing a blood test would be crucial.

Newsweek said a new virus isn't the only possible explanation for the HIV-negative AIDS cases. Experts are trying to determine whether AIDS may also be caused by other germs or conditions that result in suppression of the immune system.

Vatican

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Vatican's primary agenda is upholding heterosexual marriage "as the epitome of human sexual expression," she said.

The Vatican letter deplores "violent malice" against homosexuals in speech or action, and says homosexual have some rights to work and housing.

But the document also states the rights are not absolute, and that sexual orientation should not be compared to race, sex or age as legitimate concerns for legal protection against discrimination.

"Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil; and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder," the Vatican said.

The document specifically says sexual orientation may be taken into account "in the consignment of children to adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or coaches and in military recruiting."

In urging the bishops to oppose Gay rights legislation in its beginning stages, the Vatican further raised the specter of affirmative action programs or hiring quotas for homosexuals as next steps after more basic legal protections are won.

Gay Prejudice

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"As human beings, we're all a very rich mixture of masculine and feminine characteristics," Bateman said, and the more one recognizes those characteristics, the better they will know themselves.

While the bars she operated were still open, Barajas said, "I always had a safe place for women like me to be." Now that her second bar has closed, she said, she is not comfortable looking for a similar safe place.

"You see, I put all of you in boxes to keep me safe," she said, and that's why the prejudice reduction workshops have been especially beneficial to her.

"I take a risk telling you about my shallow, egotistical, self-centered prejudices," Barajas said, "but I don't want to be that person anymore. I want relationships with men and women that fulfill me, not just those I can take from.

"To get that, I have to share just who I am with you and let go of things that keep me away from you."

The controversy surrounding the declaration of a men's (only) night at Club 2520 last winter was brought up in audience discussion.

Even though the bar owners acted out of economic considerations, it was agreed, it was interpreted by Lesbians in the community as a hurtful exclusion.

"It's important to identify groups within the community in our own ways, as well as interacting with one another," Zippy Gross offered.

"But if you want your own space, you have to be willing to support it, to spend your money there. Otherwise, it just won't work," Mary Higgins counseled.

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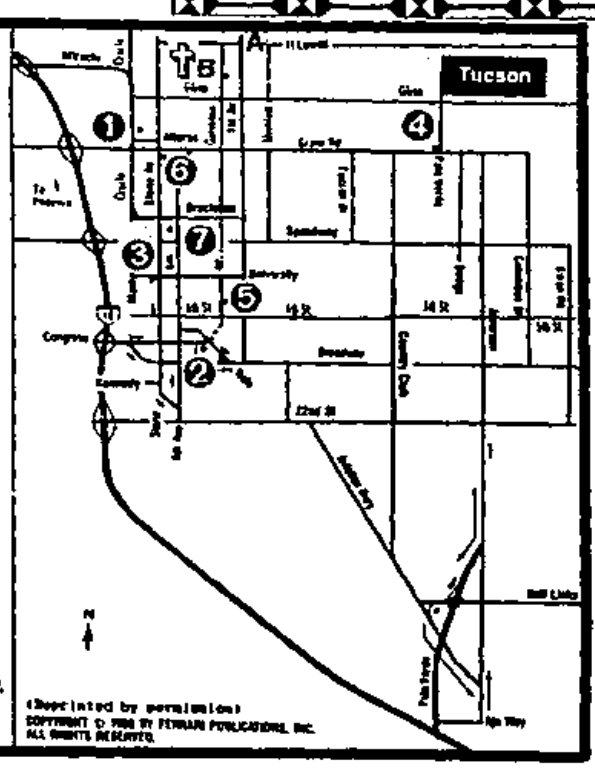

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