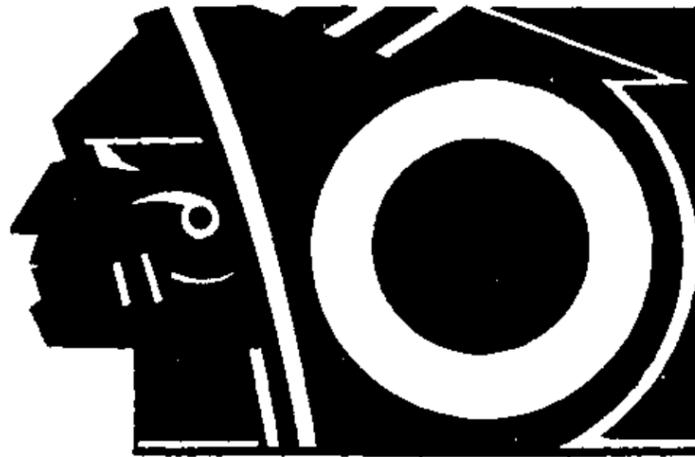


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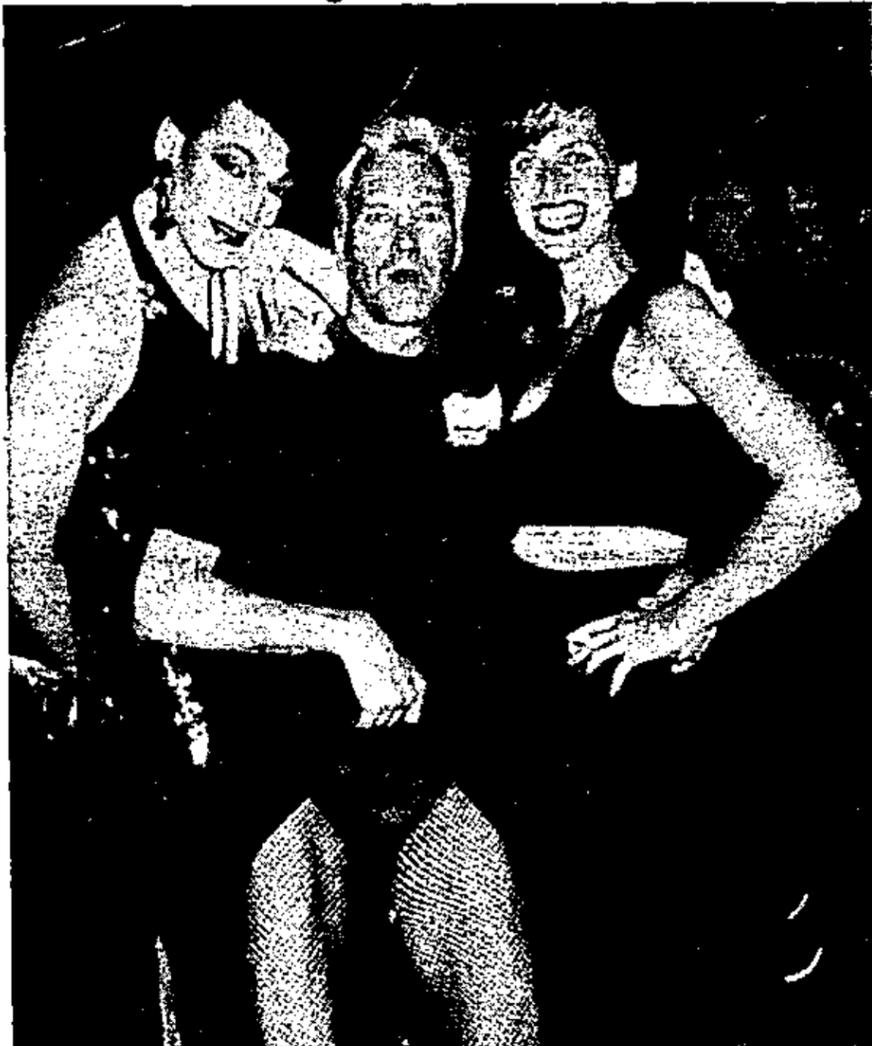
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Jello Wrestling Extravagnza Nets Big Bucks For Shanti



Shown above from left to right, hostess for the Jello Wrestling was Miss Aviva Diamond, Mr. Craig Snow, Executive Director of the Tucson AIDS Project, just before getting into the ring to wrestle Anne Maley, Executive Director of the Shanti Foundation/Tucson. See related story on page 2.



Executive Directors, of P.A.C.T. Jerome Beillard (l) and Enrique Gomez (r) of El Proyecto just after completing their wrestling match, and from those smiles, they enjoyed it.



Again we see Craig Snow and Anne Maley getting final instructions from the evening's referee David Zinke. There are more photos of this event on the center spread of this issue.

Things Remain Almost At Dead Center For Gays In The Military

WASHINGTON (AP) - Retreating on a politically explosive issue, President Clinton announced an "honorable compromise" allowing Gays to serve in the military but only if they refrain from all homosexual activity.

Gay service members who revealed their sexual orientation would be tossed out unless they could prove they did not engage in homosexual acts or have a propensity to do so.

Clinton said his policy "is not a perfect solution."

Stopping far short of his onetime pledge to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military, Clinton was bitterly criticized by Gay leaders who said homosexuals would be forced to remain in hiding.

"We elected a leader and got a barometer," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political group.

For many in Congress, however, Clinton's policy was too lenient toward homosexuals. Sam Nunn, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has promised to offer legislation that would lock into law the current ban on homosexuals in the military.

Clinton said he hoped Nunn would drop the idea. The senator said he would reserve judgement until Senate hearings with testimony from Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Under the new rules, Gays would be subject to dismissal for all forms of homosexual activity, from holding hands to sexual acts. On the other hand, they would not be discharged for simply going to a Gay bar, reading homosexual publications or marching in a Gay rights parade.

Rep. Ronald V. Dellums, D-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and a leading congressional liberal, said: "A first step has occurred today, but a complete reversal of the ban is still long overdue."

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., a conservative Democrat with misgivings about lifting the ban, said that under the president's plan, it "appears that the old policy continues. It keeps military homosexuals in the closet."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., one

of two openly Gay members of Congress, said he was disappointed and that the plan "falls short of where I thought we would be. This does not meet the minimum."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., called Clinton's decision "a disappointingly small step, but at least it is a step in the right direction."

The fractious debate has been one of the most painful chapters in Clinton's presidency, throwing his administration off stride and undercutting him politically. It also highlighted the deep strains in his relations with the military.

Clinton said that if the ban had been lifted, Congress would have overturned the order. On the other hand, he said that current restrictions are being considered by federal courts "in ways that may not be to the liking of those who oppose any change."

Clinton said his plan strikes "a sensible balance" between the rights of the individual and the needs of the military to remain strong.

"It is not a perfect solution," said Clinton, flanked by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who led the opposition to a more liberal policy.

"It is not identical with some of my own goals," Clinton said. "And it certainly will not please everyone, perhaps not anyone, and clearly not those who hold the most adamant opinions on either side of the issue."

Clinton said the Joint Chiefs "moved a very long way" from opposing any relaxation of the ban.

Key elements of Clinton's policy:

*Military recruits will not be asked or required to reveal their sexual orientation.

*As before, homosexual conduct will be grounds for removal from the military.

*Homosexual conduct is defined as "a homosexual act, a statement by the service member that demonstrates a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts, or a homosexual marriage or attempted marriage."

*Military commanders will not initiate inquiries or investigations "solely"

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UPDATE

Jello Wrestling Raises \$6,000 For Shanti

TUCSON - It was the annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling Benefit for Shanti last Sunday, July 18 at Club 2520. A packed house were in attendance rooting on their favorite 'wrestlers' as they muck and mired in the gooey cold multi-flavored gelatin mess. It was great fun and the proceeds to Shanti were approaching \$6,000 at presstime with some outstanding pledges still to come in. Last year's event netted just over \$4,000. Congratulations to the wrestlers who went out and got pledges for their individual matches, to the Shanti volunteers who worked hard and long setting up and taking down the decorations, the many individuals and businesses who donated gifts for door prizes and auction items and all who attended, donated and purchased raffle tickets. It was an unusually enjoyable evening that will be long remembered. Congratulations to all.

Poll: Most Hawaiians Against Same-Sex Marriages

HONOLULU, HI. - Most Hawaii residents responding to a recent survey say they don't favor the legalization of same sex marriages in the state by a two to one ratio.

The poll found 61 percent of the 419 people surveyed were against same sex marriages being legal, with 30 percent favoring them and 6 percent undecided.

Women were more supportive than men, with 50 percent of the woman opposed, compared to 72 percent of the men. Thirty seven percent of the women favored legalization, with 13 percent unsure, compared to 22 percent for the men and 6 percent undecided.

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The state Supreme Court has overturned a Circuit Court decision outlawing such marriages, and appeals are expected to keep the matter from being resolved for up to two years.

The poll was taken for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, and has a margin of error of 5 percentage points.

DeConcini Reacts to Clinton's Plan on Gays in Military

WASHINGTON - Arizona's senior Senator, Dennis DeConcini, reacted in a press statement, to Clinton's announcement on his policy regarding Gays and Lesbians serving in the military.

"I am sorry that the President, along with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did not see fit to completely abolish the ban on homosexuals who have chosen to serve their country in the Armed Forces. It has never been proven that the presence of homosexuals poses any threat to the success of the military mission, so I do not understand the reason for keeping the ban in place. However, I realize that the President tried to rectify the situation in the best terms possible, and I will support him."

"Any time an individual or agency actively separates one group of people from another, it gives rise to questions about civil liberties protected, as are those of all other members of our society."

Sen. Sam Nunn's Bill Will Codify Gay Ban

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman, Sen. Sam Nunn, (D-GA), is preparing a bill that would write into law the current ban on service by homosexuals.

Legislators on both sides of the issue said that Nunn, a leading opponent of the ban, would win wide support for his bill.

"Sam Nunn sent a very strong signal indicating that he basically is going to let Congress decide and he's the leader on this issue," Rep. Dan Coats, (R-IN), who opposes allowing Gays and Lesbians to serve, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Nunn's bill, ready for subcommittee action tomorrow, follows the interim policy Clinton was forced to accept in January in saying recruits would not be questioned about their sexual orientation.

... But if codifies the current policy that homosexual acts, statements or marriage are grounds for discharge.

Paniccia Unhappy With Compromise

WASHINGTON - A former staff sergeant at Davis Monthan Air Force Base was hoping the White House would save him from an extended court battle over his serving in the military.

Tom Paniccia, had been counting on President Clinton to unconditionally lift the ban on Gays in the military, which would have led to the reinstatement of the former Air Force sergeant.

Instead, the president adopted a "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" that falls short of calling the ban unconstitutional.

The policy allows homosexuals to serve in the military, provided they do not aggressively display or engage in activities that publicize their sexual orientation.

"I'm still forced to be in the closet. I'm still forced to live a lie," Paniccia said in a interview from Washington, D.C., where he has been lobbying against the ban.

"I am not allowed to breathe, I am not allowed to be."

Paniccia, booted from his post for disclosing his homosexuality during a July 23 interview on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," filed suit in federal court in November, seeking reinstatement and a declaration that the military's ban on homosexuals is unconstitutional.

Paniccia's case is one of six lawsuits pending nationwide that involve Gay soldiers' civil rights. The suit alleges that the Air Force regulation upon which he was discharged violates the equal protection guarantee of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



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David Mixner Addresses Compromise Military Plan At MCC Conference

PHOENIX - President Clinton's campaign advisor David Mixner, gave a public response yesterday, July 20, to the president's actions regarding Gays and Lesbians serving in the military. Mixner responded in a speech to the International Conference of Metropolitan Community Churches. The conference is taking place in Phoenix this week. Always a compelling speaker, here is the text of Mixner's speech.

Today I stand before you in great pain. It is the pain of a community betrayed. It is the pain of the knowledge that once again we have seen our dreams and our hopes for freedom sacrificed upon the altar of political expediency.

As a community, this pain is not new to us. We have experienced it before, both from friend and foe. But this time the pain is especially harsh. Because the betrayal has come from a friend who painted a vision for us. A vision that we would be included. From a friend who said we could trust him to be our champion and our friend, who assured us that we had a partner that would be dependable, courageous and trustworthy. It was the President's own words and his vision that inspired us to work harder than ever for his election. It was he who looked us in the eye and said, "trust him"; that he understood our struggle and that he would be the vehicle to our freedom. Quite simply, the President of the United States has failed to keep his promise.

This new policy is really no change from current policy and in many ways is worse. If our Commander-In-Chief had to live under this policy, he would never be able to acknowledge the existence of Ms. Clinton or Chelsea, he could have no photographs of them; he

couldn't go out in public with them and he would have to lie twenty four hours a day about the ones he loves the most. Mr. President you can't live a lie and neither will we!

This policy will create a military filled with a network of informers. If someone is jealous at the promotion of a Lesbian or Gay person, all they need to say is that they just heard us say Gay and we will immediately be put under investigation and dismissed from the service of our country. Let no one in this nation mistake our resolve, this policy is totally and completely unacceptable.

Let us not be fooled by rhetoric from the White House that merely gift wraps a horrendous policy of prejudice and hatred. They throw up their hands and claim that they had no choice. Despite having such powerful allies as Barry Goldwater, Congressional Medal of Honor winner Senator Robert Kerry, Senator Kennedy and Mrs. Martin Luther King, the President of the United States claims he was simply powerless in front of his own Joint Chiefs of Staff. That he had no options. That, he, as President, did everything in his power to protect our brothers and sisters in the military. This is just not true.

As we regroup and plan our future struggle to find our freedom, it is important to know exactly what happened and not to let the White House spin doctors cover the truth. Because generations of us have always known that the truth indeed sets us free. The President, by his own admission, said that until recently he has only spent a couple of hours on this issue. He reassured our leaders in late April, at a White House meeting, that all

was well and, confidentially, he was sure that he would have General Powell on our side. We were constantly told by high level White House staffers not to rock the boat, that all would be taken care of, and that the President would not let us down. We have recently learned from our friends within the White House, that while details of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy were being worked out between the White House and the Pentagon, we were purposely misled in an effort to keep us quiet. We were told that the policy had not been settled and that it was open to major change. The White House political operations determined that we, as a community, had nowhere else to go and that even our anger would work in favor of the President by showing the country that he could stand up to the queers. We have yet to be taken seriously.

The White House officials have acted if they were the victim of this issue and that they just had to get it behind them so that they could get on with the real business of the country. Well, let us be real clear: Mr. President the freedom of millions of Americans from the tyranny of decades of oppression, persecution and witchhunts is the real business of America. And we promise you, that we won't go away and we won't be shunted back to being viewed as a fringe sideshow on the American political scene.

Mr. President, you were called to greatness and instead you sacrificed the freedom of millions for your own political expediency. You are not the first President to be asked to rise to the moral high-ground of freedom and answer a call to a greater good. President Truman, when faced with a similar choice, racially integrated the Armed Forces of the United

States and saw all of the Southern delegates walk out of his 1948 Democratic Convention. He rose to the moral high-ground of civil rights and he still won. President Kennedy, when faced with the aspirations of the African-American community in the early 1960's, saw the traditional Democratic South breaking up, but he, too, rose to the moral highground. He answered freedom's call and the Party still won.

Mr. President you surrendered to your own subordinates without mobilizing a nation, without visiting Congress, without giving freedom a chance and without articulating to the American people the need to bring us all together. You went on television yesterday to declare defeat, not to call us to battle!

But you have made one mistake. This community is not a disposable commodity that can be recycled for the next election. We are here to stay and your betrayal has only made us stronger. In your weakness and fear of the military, we have found new strength. We now know that, without a doubt, it is our struggle to win or lose. It will be our strength that wins our freedom. Unlike you, we will not be deterred. We are not afraid. We are moving forward.

In these difficult times we must not lose sight of our progress and victories along this journey. The Lesbian and Gay community can be proud of the fight we have waged:

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BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Rich G.

Hello, one and all! The middle of summer is really beating down on us. These last few days seemed unusually dry. I have been thinking of more ways to cool off. The pool is always a good choice.

Another good choice is going to the river. The tubing trip took place last Sunday at the Salt River. I read that the dam was going to be opened a bit so the water level would be higher. We're fortunate to live so close to such a relaxing site.

After I manage to "survive" the day's heat, the night is a great relief. The majority of Arizonans enjoy sitting out on the patio or going out to clubs and bars for a cool drink. I was in Phoenix and went to a few new places.

The nightlife up there is different than in Tucson. I managed to find a quiet spot or two in the places I went. From this vantage point, I got to see the crowd as they moved around. I thought it was a leather bar but I saw a few Bears in there. They looked quite relaxed and I went around to introduce myself. It looks like I have found a favorite den of theirs. When I take another trip to Phoenix, I will go to this place again.

By now, everyone in the club should have received their draft copy of the proposed By-Laws. Please look them over before the next Business meeting on July 29th. The August General meeting is on August 5th.

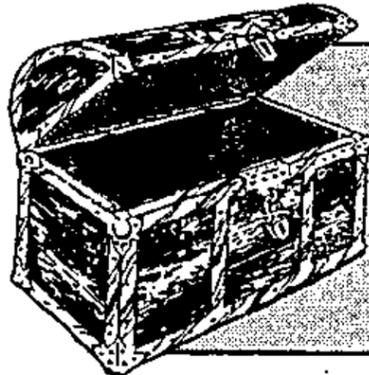
I hope to see ya all at the Bears Night Out on the 24th. Until then, "Stay cool, Polar Bears". Hugz, Rich (790-94-19)

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I must admit, for someone who is going to write a column for a weekly newspaper, they should be out in the field, gathering all the latest gossip, or whatever. This reporter, (HA!) just has not been out there so what little I have to say this time, well you judge.

First off, and this I do know for sure, this Saturday is time for TALL's beer bust at the Graduate. With Kenny back from his trip to the coast, maybe he will be bringing some new recipes he picked up over there. Of course, I'm sure the trip was not one for looking at different cook books. Anyhow, check the ad in this issue to find out just what their meal will be.

The pool tournament at the Graduate sure has picked up lately. Two weeks ago there were 12 people in it and last week 14. And yes Larry was back last week.

Don't forget Partners Salt River tubing trip the last weekend of this month. Yes, the run applications stated that run fees have to be in by July 17, their beer bust day, but if you want to go on this always fun trip, I'm sure Partners will not refuse your entry or run fee of \$6.69.

And speaking a runs, applications for TKO's annual City of Rocks run are now on the bulletin board at the Graduate. The fee for this one is \$15. This run, Aug. 20-22, has grown from a simple little get together of two different clubs just for the fun of it, and now has become one of the best kick back and relax type runs during the summer. The run site is located just North of Deming, N.M. and is about a 5 hour drive from Tucson. Each year either TKO or HDS (Hijos Del

Sol), is the host club and sets the theme for the weekend.

Over the years I've witnessed a Chinese Junk sitting in the middle of the rocks that all in attendance were served cocktails from the deck, a covered wagon one year, crystal, Queen Ann chairs, a pink clothing apparel 14' long, people on their hands and knees pushing a little truck with a whistle drink swivel stick, and I could go on and on, but my point is, you never know just what to expect. If you doubt my word, you should go along on the Saturday afternoon ICE run into Deming.

In the complete weekend, over 75% of the time spent is free time. During these, meals are served by either club, but the liquid refreshments, well they just never seem to run out. As this weekend draws closer, I'll mention more details concerning supplies that you should bring along if you plan on going. As stated before, the main idea of this run is KICK BACK AND RELAX, AND ABOVE ALL - HAVE FUN.



TBBS: Three weeks and counting. The following sounds like a old 78 record - scratched. I've mentioned it time and time again but still, one more time will not hurt.

Overheard the other day at the Graduate, when ordering a drink. "A small pitcher, my sunglasses and regular glasses." Guess who said that one? Hint - look back over previous issue's of the Observer. I guess we should take up a collection and buy this individual a couple Granny specs cords, just maybe the old Virgin will not forget them.

Time to get this to Bob for yet another week. Be kind to those around you, if not, someday it will come back to haunt you. And, if someone does offend you, in one way or the other, try to forgive because a happy-loving and caring heart is better than a sad one. And don't try to say you have never made a mistake and haven't made a fool of yourself with someone.

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k. d. lang Wows Vanity Fair



NEW YORK, NY - As just about everyone in the western world knows by now, k.d. lang graces the cover of the August 'Vanity Fair'. Author Leslie Bennetts was quite taken by lang; she also commented extensively on lang's performance costumes, noting that one makes her look like "a wonky teenage boy in drag after having wandered into Loretta Lynn's closet".

lang tells Bennetts that she pretty much always knew she was a Lesbian. "When I was five, I remember playing Batman and Robin," lang told Bennetts. "There was this one point in the play where we were going home to our spouses. I was playing with two little boys, and they said they were going home to their wives. I said I was going home to my wife, too. They said, "you can't have a wife!" I said, "Yes I can." I remember that really clearly. My earliest memories are of being attracted to women."

lang is very close to her mother - her father abandoned the family when she was 12 - and came out to her when she was 17, when she revealed problems she

was having with a girlfriend.

"I didn't want to live a life of dishonesty with my mother," lang says. "I wanted her to understand me. And I had known this for years and years and years."

lang, despite being pretty much boycotted by country radio because she didn't fit the mold - "The higher the hair, the closer to God," she told Bennetts - has gotten "annoyed by speculation about her sexuality and the pressure to make a public proclamation"

"I think it's important for people to come out, because it's broadening the acceptability walls. But I always thought I was out," k.d. told Bennetts. "I presented myself as myself. I didn't try to dispel Lesbian rumors. . . I didn't take boyfriends to the Grammys. I didn't do anything to cover it up; I just lived my life. There was a part of me that really didn't think it was important to make an announcement. But to the Gay community, saying 'I'm a Lesbian' is dispelling any doubt."

MOW Co-Chairs Condemn 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The newly released policy on Lesbians and Gays in the military falls short of Clinton's campaign promise and contradicts assurances the President offered to Lesbian and Gay representatives at the historic Oval Office meeting on April 16, 1993.

"When we met with the President, he told us that Gen. Powell was malleable on this issue. President Clinton said that he would be true to his campaign pledge. He asked us to soften our criticisms until the policy was set. The policy is set and it reads 'Don't Honor, Don't Respect'. President Clinton's failure to lift the ban mocks the gravestone of Alan Schindler, a Gay man beaten to death by Navy shipmates. Clinton's cowardice perpetuates bigotry against Lesbian and Gay Americans who are willing to die for their country. Our community has been betrayed by Clinton and his accomplice Rep. Barney Frank." said Bill Hileman, March on Washington National Co-Chair.

asking people to deny or hide their religious beliefs," said March Co-Chair Nadine Smith who also participated in the Oval Office meeting. "We can't fight anti-Gay discrimination and violence by asking Lesbian and Gay soldiers to deny who they are. This is a recipe for blackmail and extortion for soldiers constantly in fear of violating guidelines put in place to appease bigots.

Smith and Hileman also argue that the policy does nothing to address the dozens of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals who have come out publicly to expose the lie that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service."



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Colorado Supreme Court Refuses To Lift Injunction Blocking Anti-Gay Amendment

DENVER (AP) - The state Supreme Court refused to resurrect the state's anti-Gay rights amendment, saying the measure that triggered a nationwide boycott targeting Colorado probably violated the U.S. Constitution.

An actual ruling on the amendment's constitutionality will come when a civil lawsuit goes to trial in October.

Meanwhile, the state Supreme Court said in a 6-1 decision that it found no reason to lift a trial judge's injunction preventing Amendment 2 from taking effect.

The court said the initiative "to a reasonable probability" violates the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, which forbids states from denying any person within their jurisdictions the equal protection of the laws.

Amendment 2, approved by 53 percent of Colorado's voters, would ban state and local laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. It would

strike down Gay rights ordinances on the books in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

The court acknowledged that Amendment 2 was passed by a majority, but said: "One's right to life, liberty and property, and other fundamental rights may not be submitted to vote; they depend on the outcome of no elections."

The decision was hailed by civil rights advocates, while Amendment 2 supporters said they remained optimistic the measure would ultimately would become law.

The lawsuit challenging the amendment is to be heard by Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless, who issued the injunction. It was filed by nine individuals and the three cities that had Gay rights ordinances.

The author of Amendment 2, Will Perkins, of Colorado for Family Values, said that if the amendment is voided at the trial, "we'll have to wait and see when it gets to the U.S. Supreme Court."

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We are born this way. Each of us here in this room bears the scars of our oppression. Each of us vividly remember the pain of coming and acknowledging to the world that we are Lesbian and Gay. Each of us know that our Lesbian and Gay youth are killing themselves because they believe no hope and have no dreams. Each of us knows someone in the United States Armed Forces, who has been forced to resign in shame while only wanting to serve their country. Each of us knows the fear of walking the streets in our own neighborhoods and the fear of nightriders who bring baseball bats to bash us. MCC members in this room have had to rebuild eighteen firebombed MCC churches. But out of those ashes you built a future for all of us.

We have no choice but to continue the fight, and fight we will. Far from allowing you to put us on the back burner while you deal with "real issues," we will go right to the hearts and minds of this nation from now until our freedom. You have decided not to deal with this issue by choice. But we are determined to take this issue directly to the people. We will fill the streets, we will arouse the campuses, we will fill the courts and, we will vote in 1996. Mr. President, you will have to deal with this issue.

We will not pass on this pain to the next generation of Lesbians and Gays. We will not leave this decade with our freedom. We will not be passive Lesbians and Gays and we will not be silent Lesbians and Gays. We will be fighting Lesbians and Gays and most of all, Mr. President, we will be free Lesbians and Gays.

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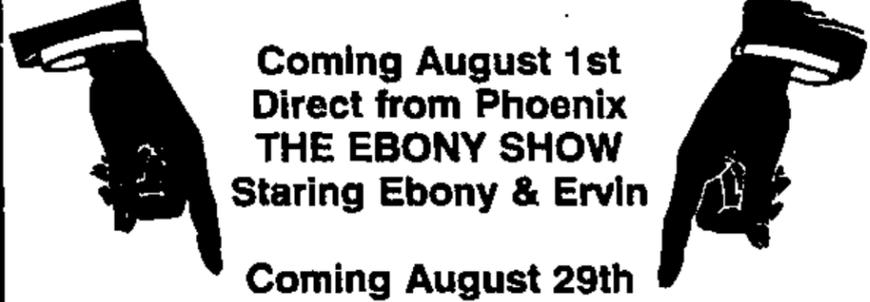


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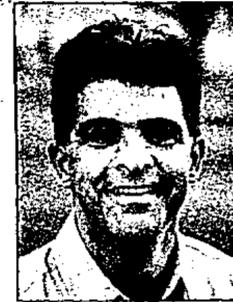
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The Numbers Game

Forty years after Kinsey told us that ten percent of America was Gay, this year we were told that new research shows that queers are between one and three percent of the populace. What a convenient coincidence.

Last year a candidate for president actually sought us out, called us by our names (which he seems to have forgotten), and made us promises based on our support. We turned out *en masse* and helped to vote him into office.

Our numbers seemed to be enough to make a significant difference last November. No wonder it has become necessary for the right wing to convince Mr. and Ms. America that we are really just a few loudmouth agitators. By April, the government had convinced itself that more than a million people on the Mall in Washington was really only 300,000.

At about the same time, the media announced that Big Science had determined that Kinsey's figures were wrong. They said the ten percent estimate that had been accepted since the 1950s is now seen as wildly inaccurate. They cite a recent University of Chicago study (at least partly funded with politically motivated government money, no doubt) which arrived at the same estimate as the National Park Service, surprise! Three out of ten people at the March On Washington were counted as being there; now the study has announced that three out of ten in our population are officially counted as queer.

I tend to view any and all statistics with disbelief. My Steven is a scientist; he insists that bad science is ignored.

He is confident that biased or inaccurate research cannot get away with foisting bad statistics off on the public. At the same time, Steven says that statistics, taken out of context, can be manipulated to say whatever you like. In this, the age of the soundbite, we cannot expect to be given sufficient context to know what research has actually demonstrated.

Kinsey's ten percent was the number of American males in his study who had had sex with another man to the point of orgasm at least once. Nothing I have seen, read, or heard about the new study has given me sufficient context to know just what the one-to-three percent figure really represents. If three percent of Americans now identify themselves as Lesbian or Gay, that could be great news. It would mean that one-third of Kinsey's ten percent is already out of the closet.

See how the numbers can be spun around? Yet without doing our own research into the literature, we will probably never know just what the University of Chicago concluded. The spin doctors on both sides will manipulate numbers out of context to portray one viewpoint or another. Don't believe any of what you hear about those statistics.

I remain convinced that ten percent is about right if not a bit short, but I can't prove it. I base my judgement on the percentage of queers among all the people I have ever known; this isn't just wishful thinking. We really are everywhere. If we all came out, this controversy would be over.

The part of this that really pisses me off is the assumption that it's somehow

okay to trample on the rights of "only" 7.5 million people instead of 25 million. If *one* queer in this country is denied the protection of the Constitution, the rights and freedoms of every American, not just queer Americans, are damaged. One Gay-bashing wounds every last American, not just the person whose blood is shed.

The numbers are irrelevant. I'll say that again: the numbers are irrelevant. The numbers game is a stratagem to distract our attention while our rights are being siphoned away.

Our country proudly tells the world that all Americans have inalienable rights, including (but not limited to!) life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Remember those? Yet the same country wants us to be quiet and docile, and to let our enemies go on denying our existence as they simultaneously attack our civil rights. All means all. Our rights are inalienable; they can never be taken from us. Never! I would die first.

Speaking of dying: it's still okay for us to die for our country, as long as the grieving spouse is of the opposite sex (or conveniently invisible). Queers in the military have just been offered a neat, clean, very well-organized closet to stuff their lives into. The man we voted for has just said, "Okay, we won't ask you if you're queer. Your part of the deal is to hide your emotions, the people you love, your spouse, and the basis of your personality. If you feel you have to tell us about your life, however, be prepared to answer

to the code of conduct."

Guess what, boys and girls? This is the same deal we've been offered by Roman Catholic Church: be queer, just don't talk about it and don't you dare have sex.

Frankly, Mr. President, I have to give you the same answer I gave Pope John Paul II: Kiss my ass. No deal. How dare you? If heterosexuality were seen as deviance, would you hide Hillary? Would you keep Chelsea a secret? (We have kids, too.) You continue to reason from the assumption that being queer is worth less than being straight, that it is wrong or somehow second-best. This is the basic assumption we will no longer accept. Your first premise is what is flawed, not our lives. We have nothing, nothing to be ashamed of.

We are tired of hiding so that you can be more comfortable. We will not deny ourselves full human lives any longer. Perhaps more to the point, we will no longer allow ourselves to be defined by narrow-minded generals, preachers, or politicians.

There may be 2.5 million of us, there may be 30 million of us. What difference does it make? We are American citizens with the right to participate fully in the promise this country makes to all its people. Our families did not come to this place for their children to be told, "Not you people." We love our country and are willing to die for it. We just aren't willing to do it a day, a look, a lie, or a word at a time.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

As you read this article, this week, the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is being held in Phoenix. MCC/Tucson is represented with both of our Pastors and our Lay Delegates. If either of our Pastors are needed, call the church at 292-9151 and leave a message on the machine. Our Deacons will be able to contact them in an emergency and will get back to you.

canceled so that our congregation can attend the Worship Service in Phoenix. There will be car pooling at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, with departures at 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special Worship Service with Rev. Elder Troy Perry bringing the message. The UFMCC will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary and it will be the largest attended service in the history of the church.

This coming Sunday, July 25th, there will be no Morning Worship Service at MCC-Tucson. This service has been

Thought for the week: Life is a great surprise. I don't see why death can't be an even greater one.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What a mess! Boxes everywhere I look! Every time I want to find something I have to look in half a dozen boxes before I come to the right one! In fact, even though it has been over a week since we have moved, there are still two special books that I have been unable to locate.

your lives. An interesting idea about stress is that it isn't just the events most of us consider "bad" that are stress producing; certainly being able to afford to purchase a home with a pool is not a bad situation.

They were supposedly placed in one of the last boxes packed, along with other things that would make that box one of the first to be unpacked. But where did they get to? And how am I ever going to get everything unpacked? It's very difficult to get too enthused about unpacking and putting things away after working at my job for eight hours every day. Adding my lunch hour and the travel time to and from work, I am away from home almost ten hours every day. Of course, my new swimming pool also contributes to my lack of desire to work at unpacking!

However, any major change in a person's life will bring it some degree of stress. Some of you may have begun a new relationship, or a new job, or completed your schooling. Maybe you bought that new car or truck you have wanted for a long time, or new computer, or some other new toy. Or maybe some of you are going through the stress of ending a long term relationship, perhaps one you thought would last the rest of your life. Possibly you or your lover has lost your job, or you are facing the prospect of moving to a less desirable dwelling because your income is not as good as it once was. And some of you may be facing the stress that results from poor health. Whatever the cause of your stress, you must still face it and deal with it.

Right now I think it is safe to say that my stress level is rather high! According to something I recently read, a little stress is good for people, but I feel that my stress level is way beyond good stress!

How do you combat stress? Although the ways to handle stress are varied as stress inducing events, I would like to share with you the best way I know to alleviate it: I call upon the peace which God has promised me! Just before Jesus was betrayed, he told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27 NIV) If Jesus could promise peace to his disciples when he knew he was facing a very painful death, certainly he can give me peace in the midst of my stress, no matter what the cause!

How about you? Fortunately for you, most of you probably have not moved recently, so you don't have the stress associated with that event. But, if I could take a poll of everyone who reads this, I would probably discover that the majority of you are experiencing something which is producing some stress in

This peace is promised to all those Jesus calls his disciples. If you are not yet a disciple of Jesus, what better time than today to accept him? Receiving him as your savior will guarantee you eternal life, but it will also give you the opportunity to have his peace right now, no matter what kind of stress you may be facing.

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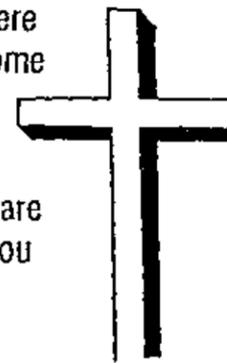
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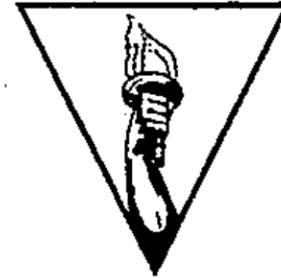
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

IBT'S - These Glamazons are back with an all new show featuring your hostess, Madame X (Miss Gay Tucson) with Gilda Fatala, Lucinda Holliday, Mr. Dani Reid and a spotlight guest. 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

IBT'S - Be a part of "Liquid Flesh" - a unique dance experience. 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust and dinner here from 2 to 6 p.m. Kenny has promised BLT's and potato salad to be served from 2 to 6 also for a mere pittance with monies going to the TALL treasury. Always a fun time with these dudes. Try 'em. You'll be glad you did.

IBT'S - Go-Go Dancers are here again beginning at 10 p.m. along with the big dance party with David Z your DJ.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

IBT'S - The regular Sunday Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust on the patio here will benefit PFLAG this time. Always a great time and each Sunday a different worthy organization gets the proceeds to carry on their business. Come on by and meet some of the parents of Gay and Lesbian children and find out what they're doing to make your lives easier. Then at 9:30 it's time to sign up for the Wet Jockey Shorts Contest also held on the patio. There's a \$75 first prize for the winner. Be there or be square!

RUMORZ - A big benefit show here to help Miss Christina De Alexis in her quest for the Miss Gay America title. The show will begin at 9:30 sharp and will star Misti Malooe and an all new cast. The evening will be hosted by Richard.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

HOURS A benefit for PFLAG with 50/50 raffles, drink specials, an auction along with the live vocals of Ma Teresa Housley, Lori Lee and others. It all begins at 8:00 p.m.

It's been a year since Dave and Frank took over IBT's and they're ready to celebrate and hope you will too. Watch for further details of this milestone in these two great guys lives, and be here!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

IBT'S First anniversary action continues the weekend celebration. Watch for details and mark your calendars.

RUMORZ - Direct from Phoenix Miss Ebony will be performing here with a former Tucsonan, Ervin. Watch for it.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

CLUB 2520 - AGRA Board of Directors Meeting at 2:00 p.m. and General Membership Meeting at 5:00 p.m. are slated for today.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB 2520 - "As We See It" a benefit "Roast" of Observer cartoonist Gary Clark in a benefit hosted by Beth and Natalie. Watch for more details on this fun and urgent benefit.

IBT'S - The regular Sunday BBQ Cook-out and Beer Bust will run from 3 to 6 p.m. and all proceeds will go to Shanti. Join the gang for a fun afternoon on the patio.

RUMORZ - "Dreamland" is coming!



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Continuing from Pride Week '93, **Art Attack IV** runs until July 17 at Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. A juried exhibition of local Lesbian and Gay artists featuring photography, sculpture and paintings of all mixed media. Noon until 6:00 p.m. daily. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Sundays. Closed Wednesdays.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

"Two Latinas, One Latino, One Jew", a night of poetry, performance and healing with Linda Coronado, Enrique Gomez, Robert Kaplan, Carolina Pasqueira and special guest Zelima Xdochiquetzal. 7:30 p.m. at the Sixth Congress Gallery, 145 E. Congress in conjunction with their show **Chicano/Latino Art: Images in the Age of AIDS; Arte Latino/Chicano: Imagenes en el Siglo del SIDA.** Reading co-sponsored by Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 for more information. No charge.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Postponed from last week, the **Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA)** will hold its first meeting since the Pride Week activities. A brief critique will be held. Interested persons are welcome to attend at Club 2520 at 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

Partner's Panda Run. Tubing down the Salt River for fun, relaxation and camaraderie. Run Fee \$6.69 which includes free beer and a picnic after the trip down the Salt River. Contact Partners at 297-1909 for a Run Application and details.

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CALENDAR

Sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salsol Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookout for community organizations 3-6.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

Monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moon Madras "Buckets". 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.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays 9 to 1.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

Tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monsieur Beer Nite" 25oz cans of Foster's \$2.75 8 to 1. 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 \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnappes 75¢ 7 to close
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7, also country/western night with Tom Macz. Free lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Bad and Bad Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 pm to closing.
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wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance lessons with Paul 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8
CLUB KONGRESS - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.
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.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 9 to closing, 75¢ Schnappes & domestic beer \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.
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. Hectaton or Curran \$1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Electronic local news \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
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. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.
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by Frank E.G. Gallego

Tucson's Satellite Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association celebrated its Second Anniversary with a wonderful party held at Hours this past Sunday.

All the planning and hard work involved in preparing this gala event were gratified by the super showing of the personae, both members and non-members.

Special thanks are extended to Lee Normark and Glenda "Eddy" Edwards for so graciously hosting us. The following is a listing of everyone who helped make our birthday festivities a smashing success: Bob "Rober" Janssen, Bill Darnell, Bill Conn, Stoney Burke, Larry, Lyle Marks, R.T. Stacked, Christopher, Ron Shaw, Randy McLean, Fred Molina, Bill N., Mark Rodriguez, T.J. Westberg, Armando Cardenas, Stuart Meinke and Hank Stone. And a special thanks to Mike Mitty. Mike, I could not have pulled it off without your help.

Our next Board of Directors Meeting and General Membership meeting are slated for Sunday, August 15th, at Club 2520.

A week later, August 22nd, we will kick off our First Annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast, to be held at Rumorz, from noon to 3 p.m. We will be featuring the culinary talents of Tucson's own "Bucky's Omelet Bar." Persons wishing to volunteer can call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805, or 327-3738. We need cash-

iers, waiters, bussers, maitre d's, clean up crew, food preparers.

AGRA urges everyone to support and attend the "As We See It" Community Roast of Gary Clark to benefit the MPS Society. The roast will take place on Sunday, August 22nd, at 5 p.m., at Club 2520. This brutal and fatal disease (mucopolysaccharidosis) has attacked innocent children that need our help in support, love, understanding, and most importantly, funding for research toward a cure. Please help Natalie and Beth in attending this fun evening to roast, baste, cook and stir-fry one of our community's members.

Woody (Beth's son) is a charmer, witty and full of life. All of us, together, can help by first purchasing a ticket for this benefit. Next, buy a ticket for a friend, and tell everyone you know that donations to the MPS Society are greatly needed and appreciated. Please dig into your hearts and pockets and help these wonderful children who live with strife.

Welcome to Beto Castañeda, Tucson's newest AGRA member.

On behalf of Shanti and everyone involved, thank you Tucson for your support through contributions, donations, participation, and attendance at this past Sunday's, hysterically funny, Jello Wrestling. (The Lime Jello tasted the best!)

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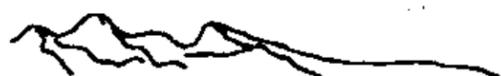
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Researchers Find Gay-Linked Gene Pattern

WASHINGTON (AP) - Researchers have identified a gene pattern linked to male homosexuality, adding powerful new evidence to the scientific theory that the tendency to be gay can be inherited.

The finding does not prove homosexuality in males is genetically compelled, but it does show that the sexual orientation is powerfully influenced by inherited genes, said Dean Hamer, principal author of the study appearing today in the journal Science.

"This is the strongest to date that there is an important genetic component to sexual orientation," Hamer said in an interview.

The finding was made by studying the X chromosome in 40 pairs of homosexual brothers. Thirty three pairs of brothers shared the same pattern variation in the tip of one arm of the chromosome, a region that may have 100 or more individual genes.

Hamer said his lab at the National Cancer Institute is now trying to identify the specific gene shared by the gay brothers.

A similar study searching for a genetic basis for homosexuality in females is now under way, he said.

The study is at least the fourth in recent years to identify possible biological explanation for sexual orientation; and it strengthens the argument in the gay community that homosexuality is not a matter of choice.

Members of the gay community said the new study could help to change the perception of homosexuality.

"It may help people look at this as a genetic issue, that it is natural and it involves no sort of choice at all," said George Neighbors Jr., of PFLAG, in Washington.

But he said the finding could also pose a threat to homosexuals.

Neighbors said some gays fear that if a biological basis for homosexuality is found, there may be some people who view it as an opportunity to medically change sexual orientation.

Military

Continued from page one to determine a member's sexual orientation. However, commanders are empowered to order investigations if there is "credible information" that a member of the armed forces had engaged in homosexual conduct.

"This is an end to the witch hunts that spend millions of dollars to ferret out individuals who have served their country well," the president said.

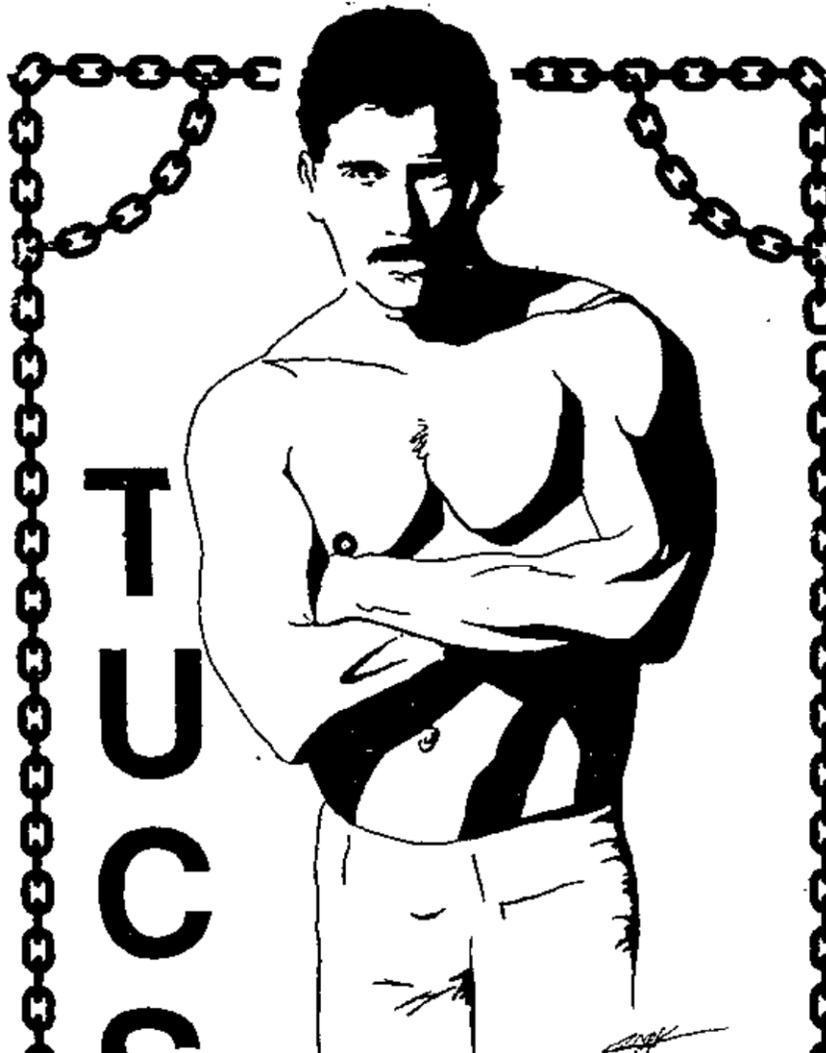
Clinton said gays would have "a limited right" to express their orientation.

However, such a disclosure would create "a rebuttable presumption" that the serviceman or woman was engaging in homosexual acts or has a propensity to do so, which are grounds for discharge. To stay in the military, a homosexual then would have to present evidence that he or she did not engage in homosexual acts and did not intend to.

In the other studies of biological bases for homosexuality, Simon LaVay, then of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, found in 1991 that a specific brain structure was smaller in homosexual males than in heterosexual males.

Studies in 1991 and earlier this year at the Boston University School of Medicine of separated identical twins found a commonality of sexual orientation that suggested a genetic origin of homosexuality in both men and women.

"We knew there was a genetic influence somewhere, but we didn't know where," said Dr. Richard C. Pillard, co-author of the twins studies and a professor of psychiatry at Boston University. "Now Hamer has come along and found an area on the X chromosome where he thinks there is an actual gene."



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POLITICS '93 *by Mark Kerr*

A Short Commentary

As you know and read through this edition of the paper, columnists, letters to the editor, and features are commenting on Clinton's policy on homosexuals serving in the military. Here are a few words from this reporter.

President Clinton, announced his plan, this past Monday, regarding Gays and Lesbians in the military. In his announcement he called his plan of "Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue," an "honorable compromise" and a "major step." The president also stated that the policy "is not a perfect solution" and "it's not identical with some of my own goals."

What President Clinton did was "compromise", it was not a major compromise. What President Clinton did was "take a step", not a major step. I agree that this is definitely not a perfect solution to the issue.

Well, a "possible" solution could have the president signing an executive order on January 29, and Congress would have voted to overturn the order on January 30, and voted to codify (write into law) the 50 year old ban. The president would then be off the hook, when it comes to the ban, (Hey! he did what he could have done). The media would have eaten it up for a short period of time, and the issue would fade in the minds of the public (voters), and then we would face an uphill battle to overturn the ban, which would now be a law.

When it comes to Congress, Rep. Barney Frank was right. He stated several weeks back that he offered his compromise because "we don't have the votes in Congress." For an example I cite this, an article that appear in an edition of the Observer a couple of weeks ago, which dealt with the House of Representatives voting on a matter of concern to the Lesbian and Gay community. The article was about how the House of Representatives voted to ban funding for the District of Columbia to implement their Domestic Partners Ordinance. The vote was 253-167, 95 Democrats voted with Republicans in support of this homophobic amendment. A simple non-controversial measure that would not have affected members of the House. Also, another example of the "Open minded House", the House of Representatives, recently voted for (to keep) the Hyde Amendment, which bars federally funded abortions, the vote was 278-153. This amendment has been in effect for 16 years.

Plain and simple when it comes to Congress, representatives and senators protect the "status quo", big business, PAC's, Lobbyists, and anything that can be categorized as "the American Way." They believe they are the supreme body in the government, and I cite remarks from our favorite "homophobe" to back this up, Sen Sam Nunn (D-GA), he was recently quoted as saying, "Congress will decide the policy about Gays in the military, not

the president." Most members when asked by the media about this agreed. (Frightening thought!)

When it comes to rights, civil, human, right to privacy, etc., the present Congress is not receptive. When it comes to Gay and Lesbian rights, we are facing people, approximately 275 House members, a two thirds majority, and a big majority in the Senate, who don't think we are equal, or deserve civil rights, or any rights for that matter. Those who think an executive order ending the ban could have been upheld are politically naive. It would have been overturned, the ban would become law, and we would have a bigger fight on our hands.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff are definitely not a body of individuals who are liberal in their ideology, open minded and willing to compromise, (just ask women and racial minorities). To say their views are conservative, old fashioned bordering on neanderthal is an understatement.

So Clinton had a Congress, who frankly don't like Gays and Lesbians or uppity presidents, the Joint Chiefs and the branches of the military who don't like this "draft dodger", to try to get a deal made on the issue.

He got a policy written, with the grumbling support of the military, some support from Congress, lukewarm at best. And he pissed off (big time) a core group of supporters who raise \$3 million dollars for his campaign, and feel betrayed by his action (or lack of action), and rightfully so.

Clinton did get some good done with the compromise. First it was the repeal of the policy of "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." This is now history. Second, recruits will not be asked about their sexual preference when they apply. It is a step, a small step.

But more was needed, this policy definitely falls short. We are not allowed to live a life if we want to join the military. If we wish to serve our country, we have to take a vow of celibacy, and become robotic to "be all we can be."

This is not the end of this issue. We will get our ultimate victory, not through the executive, or the legislative branches of government, it will be through the judicial branch.

The courts will decide this issue, as it decided about a woman's right to choose, segregation, bussing, just to name a few issues. We will get our civil rights, we will serve openly in the military, we will get this through the courts. The answer to the situation.

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