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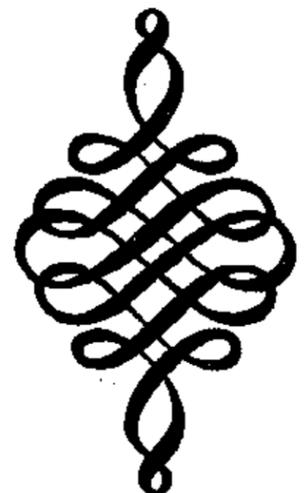
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UPDATE

Calif. Doctor Not Charged in Homicide of AIDS Patient

REDDING, CA (AP) - A doctor who helped a dying AIDS victim kill himself with morphine won't be prosecuted even though the man's death was ruled a homicide.

There would have been no way to win a conviction of Dr. John Coe, Shasta County District Attorney Denis Sheehy said.

"He was moved by compassion," he said. "He is not trying to campaign or act like a Jack Kevorkian."

Thomas Clifford Snell died January 11 of an overdose of morphine. He was unable to move, couldn't swallow and was blind in one eye when the morphine was administered, Sheehy said.

The county coroner's office ruled April 19 after an autopsy that Snell's death was a homicide because a "human agent" was involved.

The coroner's office said Coe acknowledged telling Snell how he could commit suicide.

A confidential informer told the coroner's office that Coe provided Snell's girlfriend, Dee Smith, with a prescription for morphine.

Redding police Lt. Steve Davidson said Smith is not under investigation.

Sheehy said the case will be referred to California's medical licensing board.

TGSA Meeting June 6th

TUCSON - The next meeting for the Tucson Gay Softball Association will take place, Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m. at Hours. All registered members of the league are requested to attend the meeting. The meeting will be an informational and organization meeting.

If you have not already registered at the bar's you can do so at the meeting. TGSA will be collecting the \$20.00 player fees and completion of the necessary forms. The TGSA Board also is inviting the bar's owners to attend the meeting.

Marge Schott At It Again

CINCINNATI, OH - Perennially un-p.e. Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott has managed to offend again.

During a speech in which she expressed distaste for the grooming habits of some baseball players, she announced that "only fruits wear earrings."

Local Gay groups were riled. Schott then told a newspaper reporter that she "was raised to believe that men wearing earrings, are fruity. I guess things have changed since then."

She later apologized for her remarks and claimed she did not mean to say anything "insensitive."

[This is a reprint of an article from Time Magazine.]



Gay Nineties Productions to have Open Production Meeting June 2

TUCSON - Gay Nineties Productions, producers of "The G Word", Tucson's new live Gay talk and entertainment show which begins airing on July, on Channel 64, will be conducting an open production meeting to show tapes of previously produced video insert materials, tell a little about the production and its goals, sign on newcomers who would like to get involved with the program, explain to Gay community organizations how the weekly show can be used to run public service announcements of events and activities, as well as to answer questions and allow for community input and feedback into the production of this program.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday June 2nd, in the Conference Room at Tucson Community Cable Corporation, 124 East Broadway in Tucson.

For more information call 882-2075.

One in Ten Names New Artistic Director

TUCSON - One In Ten Theatre Company announced that Kim Lure will be it's new Artistic Director. Lure's appointment marks a new chapter in the theatre's history as the first woman to head the organization.

Tucson audiences know Ms. Lure from her numerous appearances with Tucson Art Theatre, The Women of Bloodst, as well as last season's smash hit "A Late Snow". Directing is also one of her passions as was evident in the critical and popular success, "Hannah Free". Currently she and Rhonda Hallquist are co-directing One In Ten's sixth season opener, "Hopeful Romantic", which begins it's run on June 22nd.

Lure's appointment completes a series of staff changes that One In Ten has undertaken recently. William L. Ladd once Assistant Managing Director, was recently promoted to Managing Director while the Technical Director position is now being headed by Glenn A. Stockellburg.

One In Ten relies heavily on volunteers and theatre lovers to provide Tucson audiences with quality theatre that they've come to expect. As the theatre prepares for it's sixth exciting season, gratitude and thanks must go out to those who helped it emerge from a store-front troupe to Arizona's premier Gay and Lesbian theatre company. For information, please call 770-9279.

Doctor to Examine Killer Gacy's Brain

CHICAGO, IL - The brain of serial killer John Wayne Gacy will be examined for abnormalities by a doctor.

The University of Chicago Medical Center said that the results will be given to an unidentified researcher who requested the examination.

But the university said it is unlikely the brain autopsy will find any "anatomical abnormalities that will shed light on the subject's behavior."

Gacy, who was convicted of killing 33 men and boys and burying most of the bodies in the crawl space under his house, was executed by injection last Tuesday.

The research has the approval of Gacy's family, the university said.

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

Gov. Fife, in a recent poll conducted by the Arizona Republic and KSAZ-TV in Phoenix, is the best known candidate for governor, but has the highest unfavorable ratings among the five contenders.

Nine out of ten Arizonans recognize Symington. His Republican challenger, Barbara Barrett was only recognized by 23 percent of Arizonans surveyed, despite a major media campaign after Barrett's announcement, to get her name out to the voters.

On the Democratic side, former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard is known by 81 percent of voters. The most recent Phoenix Mayor, Paul Johnson is known by 61 percent of the state's voters, and fellow Democrat Eddie Basha is recognized by 66% of those surveyed.

When it comes to the favorable rating, Johnson tops all contenders with a 73% favorable rating, followed by Goddard at 65 percent; Basha at 63 percent and Symington at 62 percent.

Gov. Fife gets the highest unfavorable response with 31% of those surveyed. Basha follows with 21%; Goddard 19%; Johnson 18%.

The Arizona Republic/Channel 10 poll was conducted May 12-15, and was based on interviews with 813 registered voters statewide. It has a margin error of 3 percentage points.

District 13 news to report: It's official! Rep. Andy "S.B. 1314" Nichols (D-District 13) has announced his intentions to run for another term. Nichols announced his intentions at the weekly meeting of the Democrats of Greater Tucson (DDT). Nichols campaign slogan for the '94 race is "A New Vision for Arizona." (Unfortunately Nichols vision is blurred when it comes to Gay/Lesbian/HIV/AIDS issues.)

Well, there is a Republican opponent to Cunningham and "S.B. 1314". Well, he's running as a Republican, but he is the leader of the southern Arizona chapter of the Christian Coalition, Pat Robertson's right wing terrorist group. The person's name is Shane Wiktors. To Log Cabin Republicans remember the name, this person is not worth it!

Well, it's 36 days until filing deadline for nominating petitions for the State House and State Senate. Guess what! The District 13 Democrats still don't have a candidate! Oh kids, time is running out!

In the cheesy news department, a headquarters opening party will take place today. (Oooh!) The Paul Johnson for Governor campaign will have their Grand Opening party today, starting at 4 p.m. going until 7 p.m.. The headquarters is located at 3955 East Speedway, Suite 104.

There was another recall election held today in South Tucson. You know South Tucson, the smallest city holding the most elections. (Can't we just get along!)

Well, the Mayor, Shirley Villegas, and Council Members John Garcia; Alfonsa McKenna; Felix Robles, and Pete Tadeo were the subject of a recall attempt due to a city budget crisis. Well, the people went to the polls in the 1 square mile city and re-elected them by a 2 to 1 margin.

Like I have mentioned earlier, the deadline for filing nomination petitions for various offices is June 30, and so the hunt is one for signatures. So, don't be surprised if you are asked to sign a petition for a candidate seeking office. Don't be afraid of them, they are just trying to get their candidate on the primary election ballot. If you are approached, ask the petition circulator where that candidate stands on your primary issues, then if satisfied sign the petition. It takes signatures for democracy to work.

Now, in my babbling, convoluted way, last week I came out in support of Sen. Stan Furman for Secretary of State. Briefly, I'll show you why his two primary opponents do not merit support from the Gay and Lesbian community.

Furman has two Democratic opponents, Sen. Peter Rios and Judy Leiby, a former DeCuncini aide. Leiby is considered to be a conservative and frankly has not made a ripple in the race, she does not have much of a statewide organization.

Sen. Peter Rios is the primary opponent. Rios, the former President of the State Senate, is no friend to the community. He has voted against the archaic laws repealers every time it has come up in the legislature. He has vote against hate crime and hate crime statistics bills. This year, for the first time he vote for the archaic laws repealer bill when it came up before the Senate Judiciary Committee. But Rios, stated in an interview said he would oppose the bill when it reaches the full senate for consideration.

Rios is no friend to the community. Furman is, and we can count on Stan Furman, and we should help him get elected to the second highest post in Arizona, Secretary of State.

In the "rotten apple" department, last week it was reported that the Tucson Education Association had endorsed Terry Goddard in the Democratic primary for Governor.

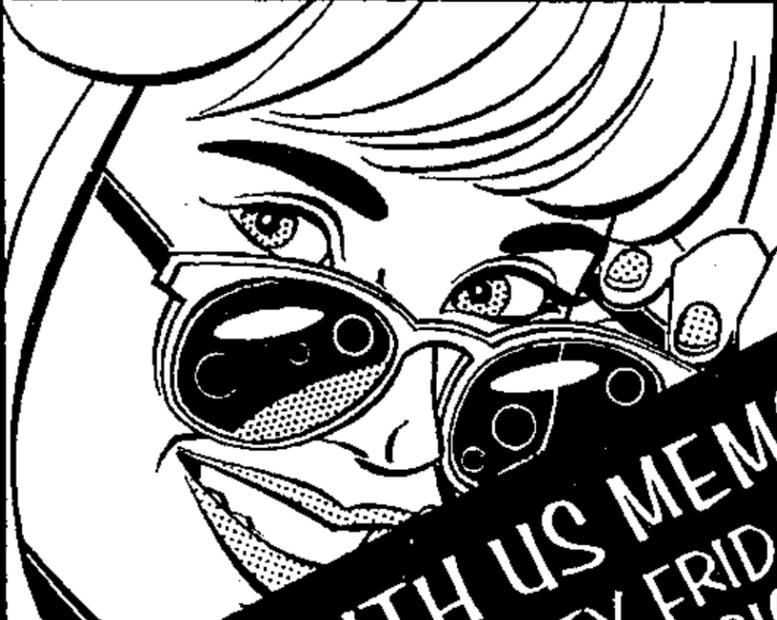
This is interesting, bordering on suspicious, because: 1) Arizona Education Association by laws state that a local chapter should not endorse a candidate in a contested primary election. 2) For a group to do endorsements of candidates, they would normally send out a question-

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**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION
AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - THROUGH MAY 1, 1994**

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		APR.	MAR.	FEB.		APR.	MAR.	FEB.		APR.	MAR.	FEB.	
APACHE	51,591	7	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0
COCHISE	97,524	23	23	27	14	6	6	6	0	40	40	40	2
COCONINO	95,531	17	17	17	12	0	0	0	0	19	18	17	0
GILA	40,215	9	9	8	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
GRAHAM	25,554	7	7	7	4	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
GREENLEE	9,009	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,944	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	5	5	7	1
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2419	2357	2329	1494	528	503	490	54	1730	1772	1779	90
MOHAVE	33,497	42	40	39	22	5	5	5	1	25	25	25	3
HAVAJO	77,558	12	12	12	8	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	1
PIMA	555,990	728	704	598	428	90	89	86	11	525	530	531	45
PINAL	115,379	35	35	35	24	5	5	5	0	32	33	33	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,575	9	9	8	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	35	35	35	22	5	5	4	0	31	31	31	3
YUMA	105,895	40	40	39	23	8	8	7	1	55	54	55	2
UNKNOW		5	5	4	3	0	0	0	0	112	112	117	0
	3,555,223	3491	3324	3251	2055	652	625	608	68	2552**	2535**	2551**	148

** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1993, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 1,938 PERSONS HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION.



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Director Ben Carlson said 243 cities in 45 countries had programs and an estimated 100,000 participated.

Gregory Adams, of the National Minority AIDS Council said, "We want to empower people to believe this epidemic will end."

"In the very beginning... an AIDS diagnosis was a death sentence. People were only living six months. Now the life span is much longer," said Adams, HIV-positive since 1987.

At least 10,000 participated in services in San Francisco and 30,000 people in the ninth AIDS Walk New York, raised more than \$5 million.



AIDS Becomes Top Killer of Men In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - AIDS overtook heart disease in 1992 as the leading cause of death among men in San Francisco.

AIDS had been the No. 1 cause of death among men ages 25 to 44 for several years, but 1992 was the first time it was the leading killer among all men, claiming more lives than either accidents or any other disease, the city said.

"These findings indicate the magnitude of the AIDS impact on our population," said Sandra Hernandez, director of the health department.

In 1992, the latest year for which figures are available, 1,195 San Francisco men died of AIDS and 1,094 died of heart related disease. In 1991, heart related disease killed 1,189 men and AIDS killed 1,152.

The leading cause of death for women in 1991 and 1992 was heart disease.

AIDS accounted for 15 percent of all San Francisco deaths in 1992 and 14 percent of all deaths in 1991.





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and original art work become the sole property of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. All other entries will be destroyed unless other arrangements are made by the artist. Any returned entries will be at the artist's expense. The winner of the poster contest will receive \$100. For more information contact the AGRA Phoenix office at 265-0618 or Clyde Mitter at 234-2547.

There will be an AGRA Tucson Chapter Board Meeting on June 5, 1994. Please contact the AGRA office for meeting time and location. Don't forget the June 19 AGRA Tucson Chapter Meeting at IBT's. Board Meeting at 3 p.m. with General Membership Meeting at 5 p.m. If you have any questions please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

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AGRA also announces the 1995 Road Runner Regional Rodeo poster contest. The winning poster design will be used for the 1995 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. The contest is open to anyone. Rodeo Association Membership is not required. All entries must be 17" x 22" with a 1/2" border. The only lettering allowed is 1995 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. Enough room must be left on the poster for location, dates, phone numbers, logos, etc. Posters may be black and white or in color, but if in color, it must be original art work or original photograph. Place your name, address and phone number on the upper left back of your design.

All entries must be registered by 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 1994. They may be brought to the Membership Meeting on this day at Charlie's in Phoenix, or mailed to AGRA Poster Contest, c/o Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013. The winning design

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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Hello to the homo waiters and waitresses who labor in one of the top ten most stressful professions! Have you ever noticed how, during the times of Full Moon, every bitchy queen and butch truck driver seem to come to eat, and make your life more enjoyable?! And this is just the heteros! Lord help us when the real things show up!

I've also observed that when I was a child and our maid used to bring glasses with lemons in them, we'd dip our fingers in and clean our little pinkies. Today, folks are drinking this stuff!

Channel Change: So! You want to be successful. Yeah, I know. Success is something different to every individual. To the love lorn, success probably is simply finding a life mate who loves you madly and is monogamous. To the so-called "conservative" Republican or Democrat, it might be financial security. To the greedy, it would be filthy riches. To the environmentalist, it might be breaths of pure air while you sit holding your lovers hand on a log cabin porch surrounded by trees and flowers. To all of us homos, it's probably all of the above!

Our brother Ralph Waldo must have pondered this from his Pond also and wrote the following:

"To laugh often and love much. To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children. To earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty. To find the best in others. To give one's self. To leave the world a little better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition. To have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation. To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

Question Of The Day: Have we as a Gay & Lesbian community, matured enough over the past 25/30 years, to now be beyond being "separatists"? Or, are there still groups of Gay men out there who don't want anything to do with their Lesbian sisters? Are there still Lesbians in our community who would believe a world without their Gay brothers would be complete? If we believe that Divided We Stand is the way to go; we just might find out that United We Fall and equal rights will not be a part of our future. It's only the children who fight with one another require "parental" guidance and supervision lest they destroy one another. Children's rights are always thus limited as a result of sibling rivalry.

So, brothers and sisters, what do we separate ourselves from one another for? Top spots on little totem poles in a minority group?! We are fighting, yes, our agenda, for Equal Rights. Equal Rights with those in the 9/10 majority; legal equal rights!

At this point in time, it would seem there are many good folks in the straight community who are scared spitless that we will attain those rights. Why are they scared? Do we have an agenda which they should fear? We certainly don't have a "doctrine" telling any of us who to be robots, like some I know. So why are good folks afraid? If you have some answers, let me hear from you. Why would straights be afraid of us? Afraid we will achieve our objective of Equal Rights.

Channel Change: Where do you spend your money? Your hard earned money! In the early days of Gay rights we all did a "thing" in marking the dollars as "Gay dollars" so the straight community might become aware of how our spending affected their incomes.

It was another small step for us as individuals but it was a big step for our community at large. It's my opinion today that small steps of this nature may need to be taken again and again since we do not have any solidly organized national community or any so-called agenda. We also need to come with ideas in which the closeted could participate and help themselves, yet maybe even still stay in their closets if they're not ready yet to make an exit. This group of our community, you know, is the largest percentage of our community.

A Light Bulb It: As a result of phone calls to the Publisher of my book these past months, I came up with this

thought: Since the callers were complaining they couldn't find the book in their Public Library, and were told their Library couldn't afford to buy because of budget cut-backs; well, I asked if she might give a 5% discount to anyone who might want to donate a book to their Public Library. She said "sure" since it would make more Gay authored books available to the general public. Therefore, if you'd like to make this tax deductible

donation, my publisher will cover the UPS shipping cost. She'll also put a "donated by" in the book if you wish. The cost would be \$19.95. Check or money order is OK to Ponderosa, P.O. Box 3097, Reno NV 89505. Be sure to note what your request is and the street address of the Library.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

Dahmer's Sins 'Washed Away

MADISON, WI (AP) - Jeffrey Dahmer was baptized in a prison whirlpool, after telling a minister he wanted his sins to be washed away.

Dahmer, confessed to the dismemberment killings of 17 young men and boys and is serving 16 consecutive life terms.

The Rev. Roy Ratcliff, minister of the Madison Church of Christ, said he was asked to baptize Dahmer by a woman who sent religious material to the serial killer after seeing him on a television interview.

Ratcliff said he and Dahmer, accompanied by a chaplain and two guards, went to the infirmary at the state's Columbia Correctional Institution at Portage.

Dahmer was baptized by immersion in the whirlpool, Ratcliff said.

He said he met April 20 with Dahmer, who told him he wanted his "sins washed away."

Dahmer "was able to convince me this was not just a gag," Ratcliff said. "I was convinced that he wanted God in his life."



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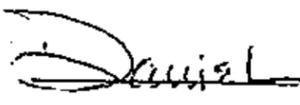
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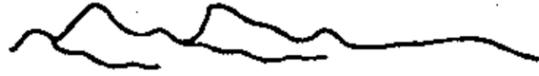


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I am glad to report that (for the time being at least) I'm no longer unemployed. On May 3, I began a long-term temporary assignment at a large Tucson company. It seems to be a pretty good place to work; I'm certainly glad to have some money coming in. Of course, with every change of assignment, I face the same old coming-out issues. What do I tell them? How much do I reveal? What will happen if I come out?

On my first day I was introduced to the woman to whom I would be reporting. She seemed cordial enough, if businesslike. I got settled in my cubicle and she started giving me work to do. That same day, three other women in the department whispered to me that Ruth (not her name) was impossible to work for, a real bitch, and that I'd better be careful.

When I looked into Ruth's eyes for the first time, I saw that she was a Lesbian. She seemed to recognize me as family, but she said nothing. We got down to work, and for three weeks have worked very well together. My temp agency tells me that they (meaning Ruth) think I'm great.

After a few days at the company, I noticed a car in the parking lot. On its rear bumper are three stickers: a rainbow flag decal, a One In Ten Repertory Theatre sticker, and a bumper sticker proclaiming that "Women Are Great Leaders — You're Following One." Of course I wondered who drove that car, but I couldn't figure out (short of hiding and watching) how to find out whose car it was. I decided to lay low for the time being and see what I could see.

After a week, I walked out of the building with Ruth one evening. As I walked toward my car, I surreptitiously watched Ruth to see where she went. She got into an unremarkable auto with no bumper stickers and drove away. I was stumped; the mystery remained. Who was the other out-on-the-street queer in the office?

After two weeks, my curiosity overcame my reticence. One morning last week I parked a couple of spaces away from the car with the stickers. Before I got out of the car, I grabbed a little note pad and a pen and wrote this note:

"Hi!
I'm the other person here with a rainbow flag bumper sticker on my car. I'm just curious to find out who you are. If you want to meet me, give me a call at extension XXXX.

Frank"

I stuck the note under the windshield wiper of the mysterious car and went to work. The short, sleazy, hot security guard watched me; I was afraid he would take the note and my curiosity would never be satisfied. As the day went on, I forgot about it.

Hours later, Ruth came by my cubicle to pass along some information and ask me a couple of questions. While she was standing there (of course), my phone rang. I answered it, and a woman's voice said, "Frank? This is Annie. You left a note on my car."

Since my boss was standing there, I couldn't very well talk to Annie (another pseudonym) right then. She sensed my discomfort and suggested that I come by her desk and we could go for a little walk and have a chat. I agreed.

Annie turned out to be middle-

At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Annie's Story

aged, tiny, and grey-haired. As we walked out the door, she asked if I were out to the people in my department. I told her that since I am a temp, and a new one at that, I was not volunteering any information. She told me that she had worked at the company for many years, but had come out with a bang only a couple of years ago.

With no more encouragement from me than my listening presence, Annie's story came flooding out. She had been married for almost twenty years and was the mother of teenaged children. She had always felt that something was wrong, that her interior reality and her external life didn't match. She didn't tell me what caused her to realize her sexual discrepancy, but when she did, she wasted no time.

She came out to her husband and her children, asked for a divorce, and went through the offices of her employer telling everyone she knew that she was a Lesbian. Her husband and children now

refuse to have anything to do with her, though she supports them all.

She doesn't have a lover or a girlfriend, but she is satisfied with the life she has made for herself. She moves hopefully through her circle of Lesbian friends and acquaintances, works hard at her job, and is at last at peace with herself.

After I had heard her story (and warned her that since I'm a writer, anything she said to me was fair game), I told her that I was glad to meet her, and to find out that I'm not the only queer at the company. She smiled and said, "There are lots of us here. At least, lots of Lesbians. If anyone here looks like a Lesbian, she is."

I told her that my boss had set my Gaydar off the instant I met her. Annie asked who I worked for. When I said Ruth's name, she smiled slyly and said, "You didn't hear it from me. She is even living with someone now, but you didn't

hear it from me."

It turns out that Ruth is a friend of Annie's. Annie told me that she would mention the note I wrote and placed on her car to Ruth and we would see what happened.

Annie apologized, but said she had taken a long lunch that day and really had to get back to work. We parted and I went back to my desk.

Annie was bursting to tell her story to anyone who would listen; Ruth still hasn't said anything. Though Annie outed her to me, I am not about to disturb her privacy with winks and grins. I no longer wonder, however, why Ruth and I get along so well despite the warnings from the other women in the department.

We really are everywhere. As Annie's story shows, coming out can be painful. It can cost you a great deal, fiscally and emotionally. But as Annie herself proclaims, "it's worth it!"

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FRIDAY, MAY 27

GRADUATE - This weekend is Tucson Knight Owls' annual Spring Fling. Tonight will be registration for those attending this fun-filled weekend that will include many clubs from around the southwest. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. The run fee for the complete weekend is only \$40 and there will be one day applications also. You don't have to be a club member to join the group in partying, playing games and generally having a great time. Check at the Grad for more details.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

GRADUATE - In honor of their annual Memorial Day Weekend Madness, the Grad will open at 9 a.m. today! TALL monthly Beer Bust and Dinner from 2 to 6 p.m. here along with the popular Saturday Pool Tournament. Spring Fingers will be around and about too.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

IBT'S - Benefit BBQ and Beer Bust on the patio with all proceeds going to TLGA and the Pride Picnic in October. Show your support. It goes from 3 to 6 p.m. Then at 9:30 p.m., there is a Wet Shirt Contest with \$50 going for first place and \$25 for second place. Come on down and join in the fun, show your shorts and you may be a winner.

MONDAY, MAY 30 - MEMORIAL DAY

GRADUATE - Memorial Day Weekend Madness winds up here with a bang! The bar will open at 10 a.m. and there will be a special Memorial Day Show featuring Aviva Diamond, Minciva, Miss Carousel "Electra Blue". Following the show TKO will present their Spring Fling Awards and then Kenny will serve a complimentary buffet. Party safe dudes!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4

"How To Deal With Personality Differences in Gay & Lesbian Relationships" will be the topic of a workshop presented by Bill Harrison. The workshop for Lesbians and Gay men is based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, River and Swan. The fee is \$50 per person or \$95 per couple. All materials and refreshment breaks are included. Advance registration is strongly recommended to assure your place. The workshop is sponsored by the Reconciling Congregation Program, St. Francis United Methodist Church. To register call 577-3481.

Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club hike to the Chiricahua Mountains and Fly Peak. Meet promptly at 6 a.m. to carpool 115 miles to the starting point. The total hike will be 8-10 miles with a 1,200 ft. elevation gain. If you choose not to drive, please be prepared to pay \$4 to the carpool driver. Bring plenty of water, enough food to last for a day of rigorous hiking and clothes appropriate for all possible weather conditions. To obtain directions to the carpool meeting location, please call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by the # sign or write Les McAllen, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

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THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 16-18

In celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, the annual Art Attack will take place these three days. It is a judged artshow featuring fine art, photography, sculpture, painting, etc. Deadline for submissions is June 5th. The location of the art show will be announced. Sponsored by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) and there will be cash prizes awarded to winners.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club hike to the Mt. Lemmon Wilderness of Rocks. Meet promptly at 7 a.m. to carpool 34 miles to the starting point. The total hike will be 11 miles with a 1,500 ft. elevation gain. If you choose not to drive, please be prepared to pay \$3 to the carpool driver. Bring plenty of water, enough food to last for a day of rigorous hiking, and clothes appropriate for all possible weather conditions. To obtain directions to the carpool meeting location please call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by the # sign or write Les McAllen, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

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GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scraps \$1.25 til 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. Beefe B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.

STONEWALL - Opens at 4 pm with pool tournament. T-Dance begins at 4; Disco dancing 8 to close.

VENTURE-N - Opens 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

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EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Uniform Nite, drink specials to those in uniform.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

STONEWALL - Opens at 8pm for dancing. Enjoy midnight specials.
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VENTURE-N - Opens 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Opens 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all site. 1D required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

CLUB CONGRESS - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring cage dancers.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Bowler's Nite, drink specials to bowlers all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL - Opens at 8pm. Salon Nite. Corona and Margarita specials.
VENTURE-N - Opens 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chicks Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "awardly asked" men.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Opens 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Country Nite, drink specials to those in western attire.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - with a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

STONEWALL - Opens 8pm. Male Erotic Dancers 10pm, Midnight specials
VENTURE-N - Opens 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Opens 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Rods d'Quevra 6pm
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Louiey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL - Opens 8pm. Karaoke hosted by Crash at 8pm.
VENTURE-N - Opens 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

EAGLE - Opens at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and canned beer well 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colada Dancing 8-1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Louiey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begins at 10pm

STONEWALL - Opens at 8pm. Salsa and Dance Music.
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Rev. Sharon West

Our Memorial Garden now has many varieties of magnificent rose bushes in bloom. We have again received several orders for rose bushes to serve as permanent remembrances of loved ones with the Lord. Is there someone special from your life you would like to remember? If so, you might consider our lovely Memorial Rose Garden, also.

Got any plans for this Saturday night? How about a break from the usual crowded watering holes? We have something better than bottled happiness; we have the untarnished joy of recreation with our brothers and sisters and yelling out Bingo!, and claiming our prizes. We laugh a lot, we fellowship and socialize; we snack and sip soft drinks in the coolness of our Fellowship Hall. This Saturday night we'll be playing with excitement. Will you be with us at 6 p.m., May 28th for Bingo?

Come and join us at MCC June 4th at 1 p.m., and let down the hair of you artistic creative nature, there is fun and sharing guaranteed. We'll be creating exciting banners to display in the June

25th March for Jesus. Just bring yourself and use our materials. No experience needed. Tuck a few of your best chuckles in your pockets to share as we all tap our creative depths. If you'd like some ideas to get you going, just talk to Pastor Nita, who is bringing as many ideas as arts and crafts supplies!

ANGELS: Fact or fiction? Just seems everyone has a conviction about the reality of angels in today's world. Christians believe the Holy Bible is the inerrant word of God, and many scriptures contained in seven separate New Testament Books, plus the Book of Psalms, are most emphatic that angels are indeed divine beings very active in believers' daily lives, in such ways as: bearing witness to believers; delivering them; giving them divine messages; guiding; protecting; and, serving believers. Pretty positive and impressive, huh? "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Heb. 1:14 NIV)

Thought for the week: One reason for doing the right thing today is tomorrow.

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Pain! We have all experienced it in different forms in our lives. There is physical pain which we try to eliminate with various pain killers, resulting in a multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical business in this country. There is also emotional pain, as well as mental pain, which we often deny or try to mask with such things as alcohol.

The problem with all these remedies is that they treat only the superficial, outward symptoms. They do nothing to go deep to the root of the problem and cure it at its base. This may work for a simple stress headache or some other temporary pain, but it does not do much for problems that are deep rooted and perhaps badly infected. In these cases it is necessary to have the cause diagnosed by the proper professional, followed by the proper treatment, which may be a strong antibiotic or even surgery. These conditions do not get better by themselves, or go away, and can in some cases become life threatening.

There is another pain we are all subject to. It is called sin. It is in our nature to deny it, and when we have to confront it, we take an aspirin and hope it will go away. But sin is not like a simple stress headache that will go away by itself, or with a couple of aspirin. Sin is more like a cancer that requires the most aggressive and serious treatment. If ignored, it will kill. It is not something we can self treat. The only way to cure the pain and

dangerous effects of sin is to go to the one and only specialist.

Jesus Christ is that one and only sin specialist, and the good news is that the cure is free! The Word of God invites us, "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." (Isaiah 55:1). Jesus declares himself to be the bread of life, and the one who comes to him will never be hungry or thirsty again. He casts out every cell of sin in our spirits if we come to him and ask him to heal us. We just have to admit to him that we are unable to help ourselves, and acknowledge that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross long ago, is the cure for our helplessness and our sin. It's just that simple.

There is a theory about cancer which says that we are all born with cancer cells, and that it only takes some trigger mechanism to start it raging through our bodies. I don't know if that is true, but I can assure you that we are all born with sin in our nature. Sin is basically rebellion against God, a refusal to live in his ways, and to acknowledge him as our salvation. God's word tells us that all, you and I, have fallen short of the glory of God, of his expectations of us. But God loved us all enough to provide a way out of our mess, to bring us from darkness to light, from death to life. Jesus died in our place and shed his blood as the saving element, the cure for our emotional, mental, and spiritual needs.

Whatever pain you are suffering now, or trying to hide behind drugs, alcohol, or some self destructive lifestyle, I have good news. None of these things will ever bring you more than temporary relief. You will still die in sin and spend all of eternity separated from God in the place established for the outlaws, the rebels who deny God. But instant forgiveness, life, peace, and happiness are all waiting for you. Just realize your need of God and ask him for forgiveness, and his sin cure will be applied to your life once for all!

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Same Sex Couples Drop Appeal

TUCSON - Four same sex couples who sued to force Pima County to issue marriage licenses to them have decided not to appeal a judge's decision upholding the county's right to deny the licenses.

But a lawyer in the case said the couples likely will file a new suit later, again challenging the county.

The couples announced their decision not to appeal Superior Court Judge Bernardo Velasco's ruling at a press conference.

The high profile case had been called the "Love and Justice" lawsuit in some circles.

Paul Gattone, one of four lawyers representing the couples in the suit filed last August against Superior Court Clerk James Corbett, said the decision not to appeal the ruling now "is a strategy call."

He added, "We're not giving up. We will be back next year."

Gattone explained that the lawyers and couples made the decision after consulting with parties in a Hawaii case that is similar to the Pima County case. In that case, several same sex couples are suing to obtain marriage licenses.

In the Hawaii case, the state Supreme Court ruled that the state must come up with a compelling reason to deny marriages of same sex couples. The case

is back in trial court, and a ruling is expected by the end of 1994.

"We still do not agree with Judge Velasco's decision, but we are not going to appeal even though we believe that we're correct," said Gattone.

"We feel good about (a favorable ruling from) the state Supreme Court, but we're not so sure about our chances with the Court of Appeals."

Velasco ruled last month that the issue of same sex marriages was not for the court to decide, but was a legislative matter.

The local suit challenged the constitutionality of an Arizona statute that Corbett said keeps him from giving a marriage license to same sex couples.

Lawyers representing those who are suing in Hawaii have expressed concern about a high court decision on the "Love and Justice" lawsuit that might hurt the Hawaii case, Gattone said.

The Tucson couples may have to sue again to continue the fight.

Next year, "it could be the same people filing a lawsuit" - Stephen Baker, Jerry Callender, John Duran, Kathy Greaves, Eileen Jutras, Aileen McMurrer, Antonio Muniz and Beth Petrucci - and "maybe more" couples, Gattone said.

Gays Now Make Up Bulk of Hate Crime Victims in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Last year's 783 hate crimes was a record, but for the first time Gay men were the most common victim and offenses motivated by race and religion declined.

For the first time since 1980, when the County Commission on Human Relations began keeping track of hate crimes, male homosexuals replaced blacks as the biggest victim group, said Gerald Alcantar, president of the commission.

The number of Lesbian victims more than doubled from the previous year, from 13 to 30.

"We're not surprised, but we're alarmed," said Liza Culick of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center. "There's been an increased visibility. We're out there demonstrating, fighting for our rights. That...fosters hatred."

While hate crimes have risen each year since 1985, the percentage of increase has slowed. The county recorded a 22 percent rise in hate crimes in 1991, a 10 percent rise in 1992 and 6.4 percent last year.

The total number of hate crimes in 1993 was 783, according to the report.

Representatives of some groups targeted said penalties for those convicted of hate crimes are too light to be a deterrent.

"All too often we hear of police showing up to a home where there's racist graffiti on the wall and the family is told, 'Oh, it's only kids,'" said Kathy Imahara, a civil rights staff attorney with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "That family is not going to report such an incident again."

The report shows that there has been a steady escalation in violence, with assaults now accounting for 43.2 percent of all hate crimes.

Racial hate crimes decreased to 417 from a record 434 in 1992, and attacks because of religion dropped for the second consecutive year from 133 to 119.

Offenses on the basis of sexual orientation soared to a record 241, compared with 161 incidents in 1992.

Gay men were targets of 211 attacks, while blacks were victimized 179 times.

The commission said Jews continue to be the main target of religious intolerance, with 114 incidents documented against them. Blacks were still the primary focus of race bigots, with 179 incidents recorded.

The offenses ranged from beatings to cross burnings to graffiti swastikas. The commission said more hate crimes were occurring in public places.

The commission report was compiled from hate crime data provided by nine law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County, including the Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles Police Department and six other city police departments.

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I can not believe it, here it is Monday and I still have not purchased everything I was to for TKO's Spring Fling Run this coming weekend. Yes, I've had the time, but some of those last minute items, I've been waiting on a sale or two. Do not fret, by Thursday evening, all will have been purchased and ready to go.

My first little item for this week, is to wish Tiger, over at the Congress bar, a Happy Birthday. Saturday will be his big day so for all of you that over the years that know him, stop by and wish him a Happy Birthday.

This weekend will also be special for another of Tucson's long time residents, Ben. As of today, Wednesday, Ben will have approximately 16 hours of work remaining until he retires. And from talking with him, he has even gotten rid of 90% of his dresses, but not the earrings. Congratulations to you Ben and we all hope your retirement is fun and you have plenty of time to do some of that frolicking you've always wanted to do.

And speaking of Ben, I feel sorry for him. Would you believe that this past Saturday, during Partners beer bust, Ben had his butt chewed out by Stan. Yes, Stan! It was all due to, can you believe this, earrings. Stan told Ben, "Why didn't you get some danglies? I guess I'm just going to have to go out and buy my own." (And Stan is the President of that other leather club.)

We all receive tons of junk mail, and a week never goes by that something doesn't arrive addressed to Occupant or Resident. Well, Mother Johnny was in town a few days back and he had come up with a use for all that mail. He cuts off the Occupant or Resident and passes them out to anyone asking for his mailing address.

Well, one final mention of this year's Spring Fling XIV, and that is registration will be this Friday evening, at the Graduate, at 7 PM. The run fee for the complete weekend is only \$40, and their will be one day applications also available for anyone wishing to join in on the fun for just one of those busy and fun filled days. More information will be available at the registration table or from one of the TKO members.

I'm not sure why I do it, but here goes again - me getting myself in trouble. Hank - Stonewall/Eagle, why not have an Old Folks day at the bar. Bartenders for the day could be Tiger, Ben and Bucky, and I'll be bar back. No - there will be no Geritol drinks served.

I guess that will be it for this week. I'm sure I just may have a few of those juicy Tid Bits from this weekend run to pass on to you next week. So until then, have a safe a loving week. When parting this weekend, have a designated driver.

Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

Hi, guys. Well, there's no time for chit chat this week. So let's get down to business and tell you what the Bears are doing next month.

Thursday, May 26 - The Last Thursday of every month is the Bear Business Meeting. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Venture-N. All Bear members should be in attendance since we are looking into having our meetings moved to another place. (Don't worry - the Bear Bust will still be at Venture-N).

(Also, don't forget that TKO's Spring Fling begins on Friday May 27.)

Thursday, June 2 - The First Thursday of Every Month is the Bear General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Venture-N. This is, of course, always followed by the Bear Beer Bust where one of our boys will be serving 50 cent drafts out on the patio. Bear Bust is at 9 p.m., and everyone's invited.

Saturday, June 11 - The Second Saturday of Every Month is Movie Night. This time, it's at Troy and Bob's house. Bring your favorite movie and some munchies. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

Wednesday, June 15 - The Third Wednesday of every month is Restaurant Night. The Bears will gather at Venture between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. At 7, we will pick a local eatery (not too expensive), and we'll promptly invade. Welcome to everyone.

June 17-19 - Breakout your sleeping bags, gentlemen. The Bears are going camping! We're going up Mt. Lemmon and we're being joined by the Desert Bears of Phoenix. We're looking for a spot that's a little more secluded than General Hitchcock. If anybody has any suggestions, let us know.

Sunday, June 26 - Salt River Tubing. Watch this space for more details.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Albertson's Supermarket at Campbell Plaza. Our dear friend Ralph swears by 'em.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

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POLITICS

by Mark Kerr

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naire or conduct candidate interviews. 3) But in the endorsement process of T.E.A., this was not the case, the Eddie Basha, Education Candidate, campaign did not receive a request for a candidate interview or was sent a questionnaire, as Rick DeGraw, the statewide director said in an interview with this reporter. It was the same case with the Paul Johnson campaign. Laura Penny, the southern Arizona Director stated that "...there was no calls, no interview, no questionnaire what so ever." 4) The TEA amended their by-laws this year so that they could make the endorsements. And 5) Eddie Basha has a 16 page, detailed proposals on education for the State; Johnson has a detailed proposal. But where is Goddard's education proposal.

[Next week, a conflict of interest with the Tucson Education Association!]

Frank Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition, the proponents of a Colorado style amendment proposal for the Arizona constitution is now being referred to as the "stealth campaign."

Why? Well, Meliti says he has allegedly gathered 196,000 signatures to place the measure on the November general election ballot. But, questions have arisen:

How has he gathered the signatures since no petitions have been seen, especially in Tucson, according to Shane Wiktors (remember the name!) of the Christian Coalition of southern Arizona!

What support does he have since groups like the Christian Coalition, and the Concerned Women of America, the Arizona Republican Party have distanced themselves from him?

How is his "crusade" being financed since the Rev. Lou Sheldon, and the Traditional Values Coalition of America, his "supposed" chief backers, are not contributing financially to Meliti's proposed amendment.

Meliti has stated he made not "file the signatures because the timing may not be right for pushing an anti-Gay constitutional change in Arizona." Arizona law states that initiative petitions must be filed even if they do not get the required signatures. [Gee Frank, are you trying to get "special rights" on this? I thought you were against "special rights"!]

Lastly, in the ponder a while, but don't file department. What newly elected official had sacked a subordinate because that unfortunate person broke a sacred commandment, "Thou shalt not piss off an elected official's spouse." What "martini-zing" person made be forced to run for office and actually take a position on an issue for the first time. What "anointed" Senatorial wannabee is going through campaign staffs faster than melting butter. What "academic" state legislator said, "after seventeen years in office I will be forced into taking a leadership position."

And so it goes!

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DEAR FRIENDS & COMMUNITY:

As most of you know, on Sunday, May 15th, IBT's hosted a surprise party for Rick Norman and Scott Hawkins. They were presented with a plaque in appreciation of all the years of work they have performed in the Gay and Lesbian community. They were honored with testimonials by just a few of their many friends.

The "program" was superbly hosted by John Haase and was expertly put together by Mr. Rhet Gable. Both did an outstanding job and we give them our heartfelt thanks!

We also wish to thank Little Davey Shafer for his "spotting," and the delicious food prepared by David & Kevin.

And of course, great big thank you's to the "festies", Jim, Michael, Candace, Gary, Nancy; and special thanks to Mr. Dani Reid, and Mr. Phil Clark for their performances. And last but not least to Natalie and Beth for allowing us to "use" them for the occasion.

And also, let us not forget Uncle Bob, Pete and the staff of IBT's for making the occasion memorable.

Now two people deserved this party more than Rick & Scott and we greatly appreciate their work and dedication to our family and friends. Congratulations, and we are looking forward to your next project and endeavors.

Sincerely, Frank & Dave
IBT's

P.S. - Thank you Steve, we finally got Ricky in the chair, and, believe it or not, we witnessed Scott pushing him around.



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Double Mischief
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Revolution by Teeny Tiny Steps

Since those wonderful pissed-off people at Stonewall fought back, the world has changed! There are dozens of Gay and Lesbian elected officials and Gay rights laws. The relationship of two men is treated as the epitome of love in Four Weddings and a Funeral. Daily papers include Lesbians and Gay men in stories on politics, families, and social trends. Northern Exposure features a Gay wedding. Gigantic bookstore chains include Gay and Lesbian books. Maybe your parents even hugged your lover the last time they visited.

Of course, this list could be countered with the TV shows and movies that insult us, the newspapers that attack us, the bookstores that ignore us, the states that consider us criminals, and the parents who can't remember our lover's name even though we've been together ten years.

But it's Gay Pride time, so let's bask in our successes, and they are our successes. It's an odd revolution we fight, with no guns and minimal violence, with no Berlin wall to topple or legal apartheid to overthrow, and with few recognized leaders and no commander in chief, and with few recognized leaders and no commander in chief. Instead, we have a revolution of teeny-tiny steps.

Did you enjoy the Roseanne "kiss" episode? Congratulations! You made that show possible by coming out to your kid sister.

Do you feel safer in a world with at least some Gay rights laws? Congratulations. You made those laws by voting and writing letters and picketing.

President Clinton publicly re-

leased a letter in which he came out against anti-Gay ballot initiatives. Congratulations. You helped him dare to be pro-Gay by being open with your boss.

You've probably heard that extended saying, "For want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horse was lost; for want of a horse, the rider was lost; for want of a rider, the message was lost; for want of a message, the war was lost, and all because of a nail." Our Lesbian and Gay and Bisexual and transgendered revolution is the reverse of that: "Because we come out, a consciousness is raised; because a consciousness is raised, a story is told; because a story is told, a message is sent; because a message is sent, a law is passed; because a law is passed, a life is saved, and all because we came out."

In our revolution of teeny-tiny steps, we celebrate large battles like the Stonewall rebellion of 1969, but let's not forget the years before Stonewall when being openly Gay could quickly end your job and even your life, yet a handful of people peacefully picketed the White House, others started organizations like the Daughters of Bilitis, and hundreds of courageous queers strutted past glowering cops to go to Lesbian and Gay dances.

From then to now, our revolution has been fought by millions of self-appointed foot soldiers. How many people wrote letters and picketed and made noise

before politicians started listening?

How many people called TV stations to demand better depiction of Gays before Roseanne Arnold could even think to have a Lesbian episode? How many of us came out to relatives before popular opinion started to agree that maybe we are human? Millions and every action was indispensable.

Jayne came out in a class she teaches, making a student's self acceptance process much easier. Liz came out at work, paving the way for others to be open. Holly worked hard to understand her Lesbian sister, and now she's ready to be a supportive mom should one of her kids be Gay. Dennis didn't allow an anti-Gay joke to be told and sent the message that hatred is not acceptable. The Grand Canyon was carved into the earth by millions of individual drops of water. We are those individual drops, carving out freedom in a rocky world.

On TV, Melissa Etheridge complained to Arsenio Hall that most talk show hosts don't use the "L" word. Arsenio said, "You mean I should say Lesbian?" Melissa answered, "Yes, say Lesbian!" And they sat on national TV, gleefully repeating, "Lesbian, Lesbian, Lesbian."

Our revolution lacks Nathan Hale's "My only regret is that I have but one life to give for my country" and Pat-

rick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death." Instead, we have Melissa Etheridge and Arsenio Hall saying, "Lesbian, Lesbian, Lesbian."

What a great revolution!

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POZ Magazine Criticizes African/American Leaders' Response to AIDS

NEW YORK, NY - The second issue of POZ, the new national magazine for people affected by AIDS and HIV, includes criticism of the African American community's and its leadership's response to the epidemic by dancer/choreographer Bill T. Jones and by Phill Wilson, director of public policy for AIDS Project Los Angeles.

According to the outspoken and controversial Jones, "The black community is the most virulently homophobic, and it bothers me deeply...I want to be loved by my folks, but I've spent a good part of my adult life being disappointed," he later adds, "AIDS is something the black community is going to have to come to grips with. It's only a matter of time before they'll be forced to do so. Most black leaders are failing with their Gay children."

In the profile by reporter Larry Kaplan, Jones also targets black intellectuals: "Young black intellectuals are going to have to find a way to sit around those Sunday tables in those church groups and have the courage to say, 'You can't condone ignorance because it is killing us.' No one can do it but black people. The clergy must take a leadership role in doing

this, or they will have sinned."

Phill Wilson, a black activist with the Los Angeles AIDS organization tells David Blanton, "...even now when you look at AIDS prevention campaigns in African American communities, you'll see that their priorities are not Gay men and that often the agencies involved are hostile place for Gays. In fact, when you look at the rates of HIV infection among black women, much of that goes back to the failure to educate black Bisexual men." Wilson later adds, "...a lot of African Americans...are starting to realize that the virus won't be ignored."

Also in the June/July issue of POZ, which is on news stands now, Duna Minkowitz updates her interview in the first issue of POZ with Bob Hattoy, the only openly HIV positive official in the Clinton Administration. Minkowitz reports that Hattoy's criticism of Clinton AIDS czar Kris Gebbie induced Gebbie's chief of staff, Andrew Barter, to fax the magazine interview to White House officials. Congressional staffs and reporters in an effort to derail Hattoy's appointment to the Presidential Commission on AIDS. Says Hattoy, "If anyone on Kris Gebbie's staff has been spending time trying to 'get me personally,' that would be a real waste of their time. They should spend their time fighting AIDS, not fighting me."

The first issue of POZ, a new bimonthly national magazine for people affected by AIDS and HIV, was published in March 1994. Sean Strub is publisher and executive editor. Richard Perez-Feria is editor in chief.

LA School District Holds Prom for Gays

LOS ANGELES, CA - On Friday night, Paul Rivera a slim 16 year old from Diamond Bar High School in Walnut Valley, California, put on his tuxedo, clipped on his bow tie and went to the junior-senior prom.

But Rivera did not attend the prom in his hometown or drive to other proms nearby. To do so would have risked more of the slurs, threats and violence he says he endures every day at school.

Instead, he and his date, Christopher Challett, a junior from nearby Little-rock, traveled 40 miles west to Los Angeles where they joined 100 other couples at a prom for homosexuals called Live to Tell.

Although similar dances have been held in cities like Boston and Detroit, this was the first prom sponsored by a school district, national Gay rights groups said.

"I was told I would get my butt kicked or bashed if I took my date to my school prom," said Rivera, whose foster father drove them and Rivera's 15 year old brother, Steven, to the event. "I am used to being harassed. But I didn't want to subject my date to it."

He didn't have to.

After passing through a small group of protestors outside the Hilton Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, the three youths found themselves in a well furnished ballroom with a parquet dance floor, several dozen banquet tables and hundreds of pink and white balloons. A disk jockey spun hip-hop tunes and house

music, a younger generation's rock 'n' roll.

And no one batted an eye when Rivera dragged Fernando Rodriguez, a friend from Los Angeles, onto the dance floor.

An old high school friend then spotted Challett and was surprised to find out he is Gay. "I always thought Chris was interesting," said William Walker, who said he had run away from home more than a year ago because of abuse and now lives in Los Angeles. "But I wasn't 'out' then."

School administrators agreed to sponsor the prom after students promised to pay for it through private donations.



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Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Closing out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 793-6055 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets at 8 pm 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

YOUNG AND GAY

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education program. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 472 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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TEN PERCENT meets every Wednesday on the UofA campus in the Student Union room 281 at 6 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual members of the community are invited.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS! Arizona Nude Dudes or ANDES/Tucson for short, is a Gay men's nudist group. We hold local activities each month and have connections to Gay men's nudist groups across the country. For further information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044. For faster reply please include phone number.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brwos Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECT, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS in Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85743. 770-1314.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Incorporated? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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JOIN US! PLIGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLIGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

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REDWOOD CITY, CA (AP) - A fired Delta Air Lines sales manager was awarded \$275,000 by a jury that ruled Delta invaded his privacy by putting him on a list of employees suspected of being infected with the AIDS virus.

The Superior Court jury also ruled that Joseph A. Sullivan was wrongfully fired. But it was unable to reach a verdict on his claim that Delta discriminated against him because he had the AIDS virus.

The jury awarded Sullivan compensatory damages for emotional distress. It denied him punitive damages, saying he didn't prove Delta acted maliciously.

Delta lawyer Gilmore Diekmann said the airline has not decided whether to appeal.

"Perhaps there was some sympathy for the plaintiff's situation and a desire

to give him something," he said.

Sullivan was fired in 1991 after 13 years with Delta. He said he had told his supervisor 11 months earlier that he had the AIDS virus. He took two leaves of absence to undergo alcohol rehabilitation in the year before he was fired.

Delta said he was fired for excessive absences, personal problems and an inability to perform his job. Sullivan's lawyers said his absences were caused in part by AIDS and his participation in the rehab program.

Sullivan's lawyers said he had been put on a list of employees suspected of being infected with the AIDS virus. The list detailed their known medical problems, appearance and attendance records.

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