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Gay Games IV Set For Wien Stadium

NEW YORK, NY - The thousands of athletes who participate in Gay Games IV will come from around the world, but they will come together for the first time at Wien Stadium, which has been chosen as the site for Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, June 18th. Kile Ozier, Producer of Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the Games, calls the 15,000 seat stadium at Columbia University's Field, "the perfect size for our Opening Ceremonies concept."

That concept will put the spotlight on the athletes who will have just arrived in New York City to seek their "personal best" in the sporting events that begin the following day. True to tradition, all the athletes will parade into the stadium with their local or national team members, for what Ozier promises will be an unforgettable experience. "You're going to see a ceremony that, I think, exceeds your expectations," he says.

Best known as producer of the memorable 1992 AIDS Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C., Ozier sees his new assignment as a personal challenge. "The Lesbian and Gay community has been the center of the creative community for thousands of years, and I would like to see us produce, to our peak capacity,a truly awesome ceremony for ourselves, because we always do it for everyone else."

To that end, Ozier has enlisted the help of a team of award winning choreographers and composers to create a "very special" lighting of the flame and original music for the ceremony's fanfare and athlete procession. While hoping to keep much of the ceremony a surprise, he says the event will include a performance by a thousand voice Lesbian and Gay choir and a video tribute to Gay Games founder Dr. Tom Waddell.

Lillian Negron, a member of the Gay Games IV Board of Directors and a physique competitor at Gay Games III, agrees that the Opening Ceremony can be emotional, and unforgettable, experience. Four years ago in Vancouver, she remembers "It was the greatest feeling walking into this huge stadium with your team, and people standing and cheering and doing the 'wave." All this energy from all over the world! It was just a wonderful, positive experience. And now, this year, the theme is Unity."

Ozier acknowledges the theme of inclusion and sees his mandate as taking the Games from their grass-roots origin to the next level, so that as they leave the American continent for Amsterdam in 1998, "they are truly Olympian, as was Tom's original view, very clearly different from, yet on a par with, if not exceeding, any other athletic event of this nature in the world."

Lofty goals notwithstanding, Ozier also recognizes the importance of keeping the ceremony running like clockwork. "The athletes will not be wanting three hours outside of the stadium to go in," he vows. "The ceremonies begin at 7:00 p.m., and by 7:15 the procession will start!"

The staff is also coordinating transportation plans with New York City transit officials, with extra subway runs being added from *midtown* and special buses scheduled to take participants to Wien Stadium from Unity Center at Pier 90.

'Angels In America' Wins '94 Tony For Best Play

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - 'Angels in America: Perestroika," the second half of Tony Kushner's epic drama about the politics and anguish of AIDS, won the 1994 Tony Award for best play.

It was the first time in Tony history that a playwright has taken the top drama prize two years in a row.

Said Kushner, "Twenty five years ago on June 27...was the Stonewall uprising, which marks the official beginning of the Gay and Lesbian liberation movement. I'd like to dedicate this award to my Gay and Lesbian brothers the world over who are fighting for both a cure and for citizenship.

Diana Rigg, the vengeful character of "Medea," was named best actress in a play, and Stephen Spinella, the AIDS afflicted hero of "Angels in America: Perestroika," won best actor.

"I shall carry this home, not only this, but the wonderful memories of American audiences and playing on Broadway," Rigg said as she accepted her award.

"It's been an incredible year," said a subdued Spinella who then named four actor friends who had died during the year.

For Spinella, it was his second consecutive Tony win. He picked up the featured actor prize last year for playing the same character in "Millennium Ap-

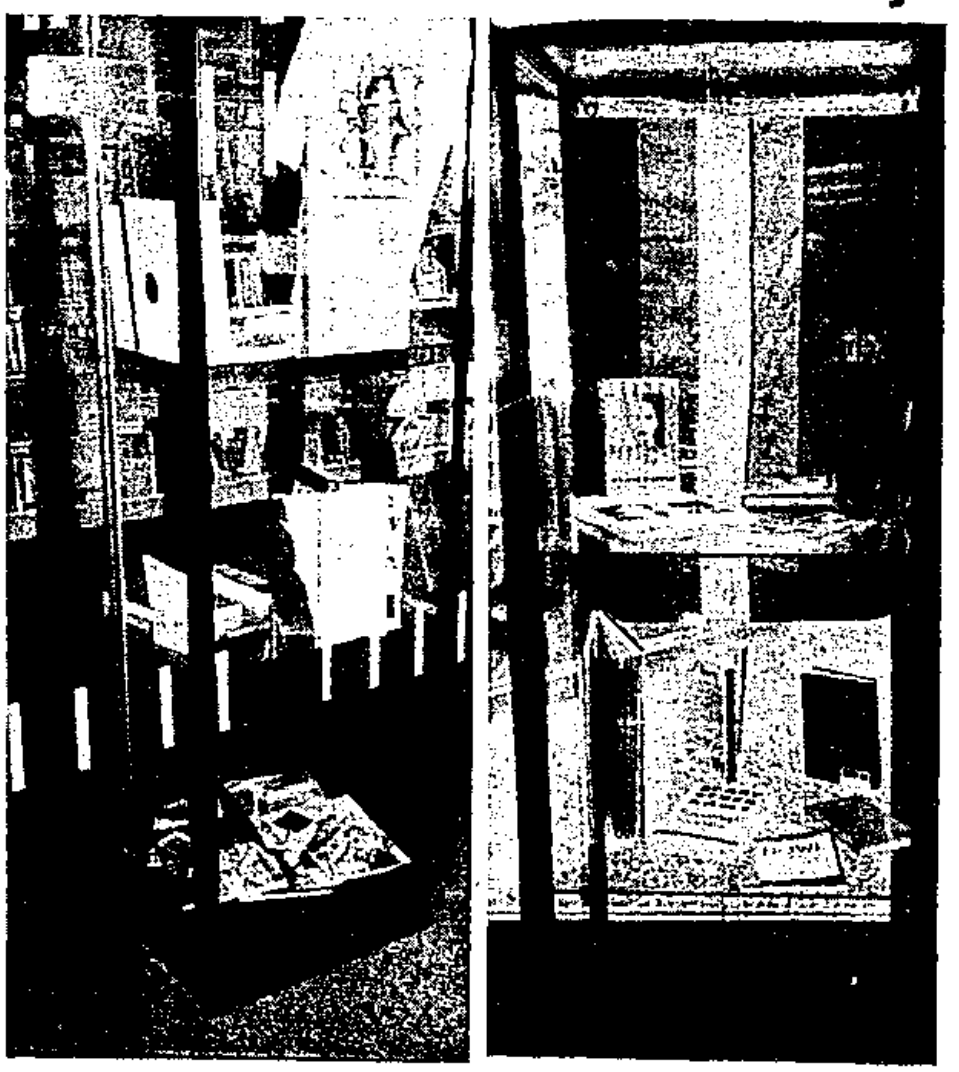
4th Annual Political Forum Set For Sunday, June 19

TUCSON - On Sunday, June 19, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance and the Lambda Democratic Caucus will be hosting the fourth annual "Political Forum". The Forum will take place at the Fourth Avenue Social Club, 424 North Fourth Avenue, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All three Democratic candidates for Governor, Paul Johnson, Terry Goddard and Eddie Basha will be in attendance at this historic meeting. Also in attendance will be; Judy Leiby, candidate for Secretary of State; Gary Auerbach, candidate for Congress (CD 5); Elaine Richardson, State Representative District 11 among others.

Please join TLGA and the Lambda Democrats, the event is free and you have the opportunity to meet the next Governor of Arizona; and show the support of the Gay and Lesbian Community by coming out to meet the pro-human rights candidates.

Lesbian/Gay History Month At Tucson Main Public Library



TUCSON - In recognition of Gay and Lesbian History Month, The City of Tucson Main Library has an extensive display of Gay and Lesbian literature in the main lobby.

Please show your support by stopping by and viewing this excellent display and leave your written comments at the information desk with the librarian.

The main library is located at 101 N. Stone in downtown Tucson.

Observer extends best wishes and good luck to all members of Team Arizona for their participation of Gay Games IV

UPDATE

71 Senators Vow Not To Show Bias Vs. Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Seventy one of the 100 U.S. senators have told a Gay rights group that they do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation when they hire people to work for them.

A majority of the senators in both parties, 24 Republicans and 47 Democrats, confirmed this policy to the Human Rights Campaign Fund,a political action committee that lobbies for Gay rights.

"Lesbian and Gay Americans experience job discrimination every day and no federal law protects them," fund director Tim McFeeley said in a statement. "We are encouraged that these senators have voluntary decided to set an example of fairness in their offices."

Ontario Gays Will Sue For Benefits

TORONTO (AP) - Gay rights groups will take their fight for workplace benefits into the courts after losing their battle in the Ontario Legislature.

A bill that would have given homosexuals spousal benefits and other rights enjoyed by heterosexual couples was defeated 68-59.

"One of the things we're going to be doing is setting up a legal defense fund so that we can send as many cases as possible through the court system," said Tom Warner, a spokesman for the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario.

Two Lesbian mothers in Toronto who want the right to adopt each other's child have already said they will go to court, as well two men from British Columbia who have lived together for 46 years and want spousal benefits under the Old Age Security Act.

Vermont Okays Health Benefits For Unmarried Pairs

MONTPELIER, VT (AP) - Vermont has agreed to provide health care benefits to the unmarried partners of state workers.

Both heterosexual and homosexual partners will be eligible for the same health and dental benefits now offered to spouses, said state Personnel Commissioner Thomas Torti.

Some clips and towns, as well as private companies, have adopted similar policies. But Torti said Vermont is the first state to offer coverage for unmarried partners.

"It's charting some new waters, and we think it's the right direction," said Thomas Whitney, executive director of the 6,500 member Vermont State Employees Union.

To qualify for benefits, state employees must sign an affidavit that they have had "an exclusive and enduring relationship" with their partner for at least six months before the 30 day benefit enrollment period. The benefits should be available by August, Torti said.

It is unclear how many people may seek benefits for their partners. Torti predicted the expanded coverage would cost the state $50,000 to $75,000.

Navy Bans Discrimination Against Civilians For Sexual Orientation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Navy Secretary John Dalton has banned discrimination against service civilian employees based on sexual orientation.

The directive applies to the service's 252,000 civilian employees, and is in line with regulations issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a spokesman said.

The Navy is the first of the armed services to issue such a statement, but others are expected to follow suit.

IN MEMORIAM

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Sweden Will Allow Gays To Marry

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - Sweden followed Denmark and Norway and passed a bill allowing homosexuals to marry, a measure one supporter said was a "contribution to love."

After lengthy debate the Riksdag, or parliament, voted 171-141 to accept the Registered Partnership Law.

Elisabeth Perasson of the small Leftist Party, a supporter of marriage between homosexuals, said the law "protects a personal relation. It is a small but important contribution to love."

The vote makes Scandinavia a leader in Gay rights. In 1989, Denmark became the first country in the world to allow marriages between members of the same sex. Norway adopted similar legislation last year.

Sweden's partnership law gives Gay couples the same inheritance, tax and other benefits and obligations as married heterosexuals. But it does not allow homosexuals to adopt or have children through artificial insemination.

Angels

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proaches," the first half of the epic "Angels in America."

Kushner, the playwright, recently conducted an exclusive interview with Liza Minelli for Out magazine. The interview, entitled, "Exclusive - Liza Minelli wins Tony (Kushner)" is a bold and daring interview touching on people's rights, her tireless AIDS activism, Peter Allen, and her mother, Judy Garland. Liza gives Angels in America playwright and two time Tony winner a glimpse behind the rumors, and opens up about her extraordinary life. "There's a shared, common pain that we all have," she says, "That I find is a good thing to sing about."

[Note: Liza and Tony caused a near riot at NYC's Stonewall Place when they met to be photographed for the story in Out magazine. Which is ironic, since Judy Garland's funeral may have played a role in the original Stonewall Riot!]

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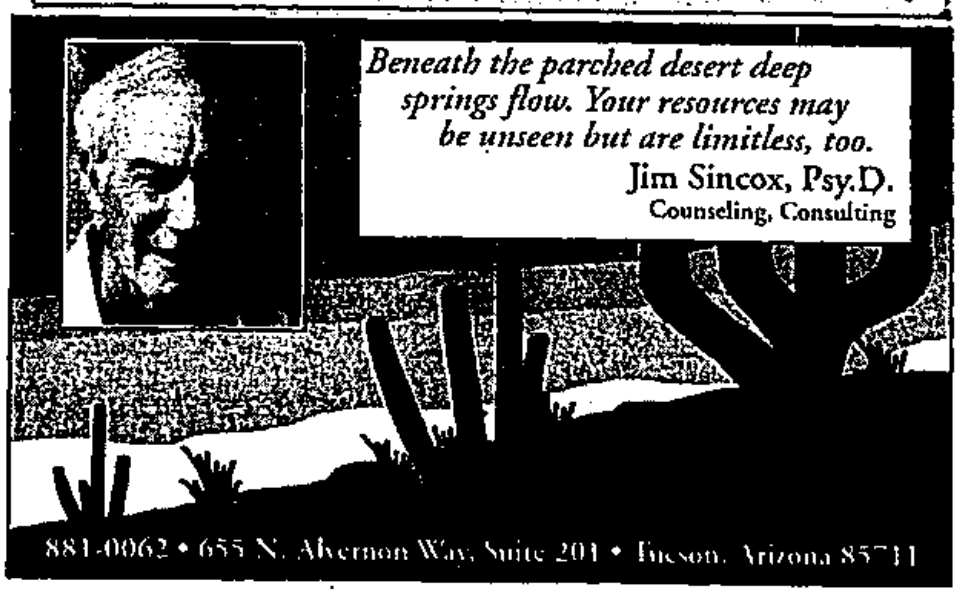

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Tucson Gay Softball League Games Begin June June 26

TUCSON - The Tucson Gay Softball Association (TGSA) is moving rapidly forward with the formation of six teams already and the possibility of more to come!

Pictured above are the current officers of TGSA. LtoR: Pete Renaud, League Administrator; Andy Weber, Activities Coordinator; Gil Leon, Activities Coordinator; Emmett Higgin, Assistant Commissioner; Dan Senglaub, Commissioner; John Heidish, League Treasurer and Helen Caviglia, Secretary.

The teams will begin play Sunday, June 26 at Oury Field, located t I10 and St. Marys Road. They will play there each Sunday (except holiday weekends) from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. League play will consist of nine weeks with a double elimination tournament the end of the season.

TGSA is also petitioning the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance for membership. Being accepted in NAGAAA will enable Tucson to send two teams to the Gay World Softball Series in 1995 where they would be competing against nearly 150 teams.

Tucson is planning to hold a national tournament in Tucson in the future, according to Dan Senglaub. "Any interested person, male or female, who would like to join TGSA still has time to do so prior to June 25," said Senglaub. For more information call 622-4503.

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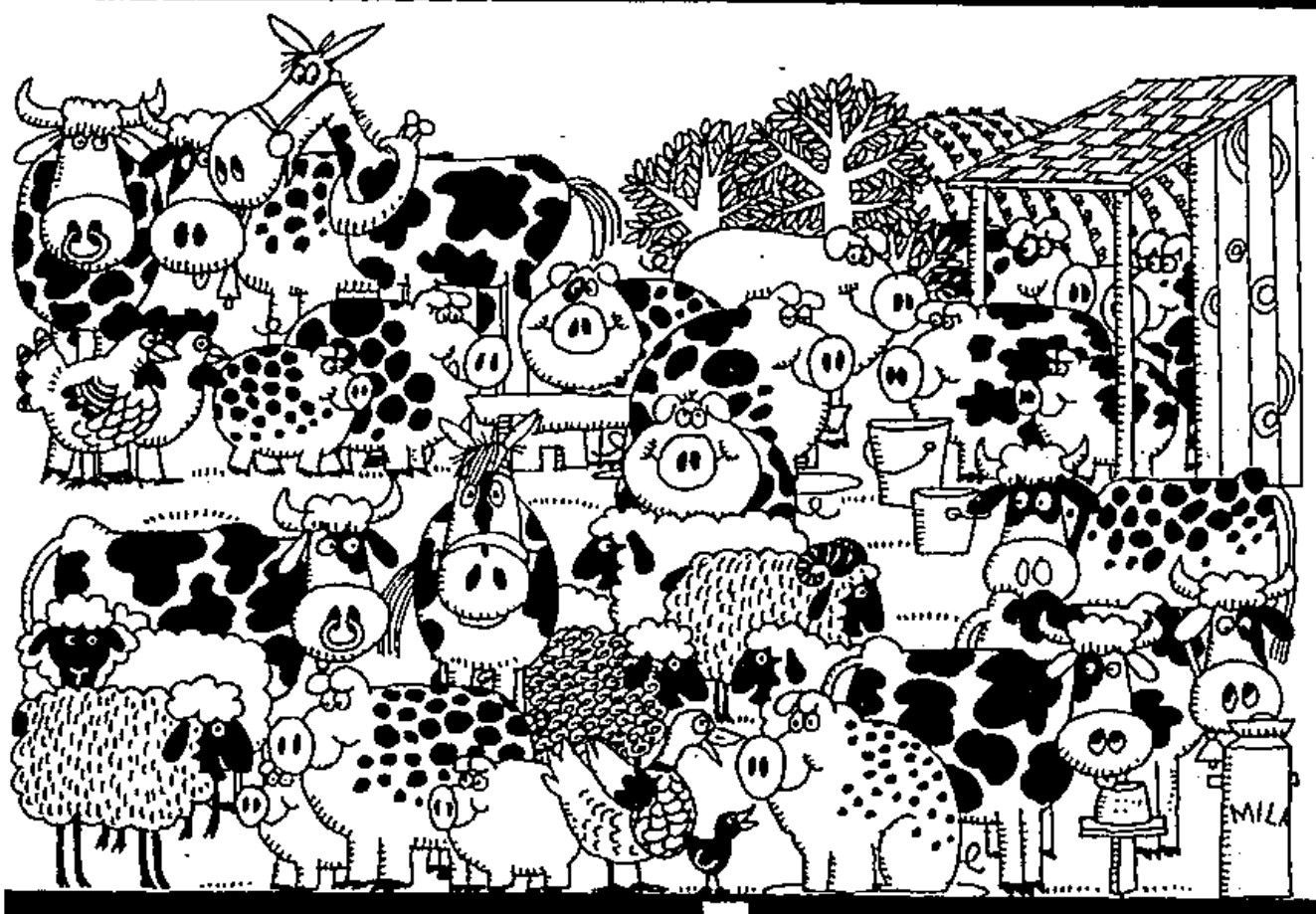

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Tickets Still Available For Desert Voices Concert

TUCSON - Sell out performances earlier this year kept many of you from hearing the holiday and spring concerts of Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian chorus.

So for their Pride Week concert this weekend, Desert Voices will perform on both Friday and Saturday nights (June 17 & 18), to give everyone an opportunity to see this fantastic show.

"Salute to Sondheim," the season finale for Desert Voices, will feature a grand variety of music and lyrics from the pen of Stephen Sondheim, although some of the lyrics have been rewritten by chorus members to reflect their personal message of Gay pride.

Both performances are a benefit for Tucson's Shanti Foundation. Curtain time is 8 p.m. at Pima College Center for the Arts on the west campus.

A few tickets for Saturday night remain at press time; the added performance on Friday night will probably have tickets available at the door. To be sure of a seat, however, advance purchase of tickets for Friday's show is recommended as well.

A final week of rehearsals and preparation began Monday night after the chorus returned from a trip to Phoenix to perform in "A Testament of Freedom" with the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale and TLC, the women's chorus in Phoenix. In it's first out of town appearance, Desert Voices sang to a very enthusiastic crowd last Saturday evening in the Scottsdale Center for the Arts.

Now back home, the 50 chorus members are rehearsing music, memorizing words, practicing dance steps, and putting the final touches on costumes that will make this Salute to Sondheim an unforgettable evening of campy, quality entertainment.

From the hauntingly beautiful "Sunday" (from Sunday in the Park With George) to their personalized renditions of well known favorites from West Side Story, you'll be treated to a talented, Gay affirming, hilarious, and even "instructive" evening of high energy music. A record number of soloists and small ensembles, along with Pastiche and the full Chorus, present their own special form of a Sondheim Salute to Tucson.

Desert Voices urges all brothers and sisters, "come out" to Pima College Center for the Arts and join Desert Voices, Singing Out Proud this year, for it's final show of this highly successful season.

Tickets are available at Antigone's on 4th Avenue, Tucson Trunk at River and Craycroft, and at the Pima Community College West Campus box office.

For further information, call 791-9662.

Civil Rights Chief May Endorse Making Gay Assaults A Federal Crime

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Justice Department may ask Congress to make assaults on Gay men and Lesbians a federal crime, Deval Patrick, head of the civil rights division, said.

Congress could act against violence against homosexuals by inserting new language into the nation's hate crimes law, Patrick said during an appearance on TV.

"We have right now a hate crimes act, which reaches violence against individuals based on race and based on religion," he said. "It may be, for example, that an amendment to that act is appropriate and timely, particularly in light of the rise in Gay bashing."

Some groups already are lobbying Congress to make such a change, he said.

The department also is looking at ways to address segregation inside integrated schools, he said.

While commenting on the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark ruling against school segregation, Patrick said discrimination may play a part in disciplining students or putting children on different "tracks" according to their ability.

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For instance, there's a well heeled businessman in my home town who thinks he is an out of the closet Gay. Folks who view him on the Gay bar social level in various stages of inebriation also think he's out of the closet. After all, he's there with his "friend". Yet, when he attends social business meetings, does he take his "friend" with? Nope. He secures a "date" with a female friend. And if questioned as to who that man is who lives at his beautiful home? Well, you guessed it. His gardener, who else! A good friend to take good care of the estate. This is out of the closet!!?? Could this Gay man be blackmailed? You bet he could. He's scared poopless the community at large will find out he's a homo. He's scared he'd be ruined financially and he's lived his life to make that money. Yeah, he's an easy target. But, I do know what he's going through because I've been there. By choice I was there; just like he is. I wonder if this is why they used to call us "pansies"? No guts! Granted; no one ever said it would be easy, did they? The Times don't change in our favor if we don't choose to change them, do they now?

Channel change: Are you a surviving mate in a relationship where you lover died from AIDS complications. I am. It's been four years now and five Christmas's since he passed away December 10, 1989. Ever since that day, every Holiday Season, usually around December 7th, it starts for me, paranoia!!! I guess it started when Doc said the words "Patrick has AIDS. He wants me to test you immediately." That was December 1988. I was negative. After Patrick passed away December 1989, I was tested again. Still negative. When December 1990 rolled around I had developed a dry skin problem; dandruff for days! I was having horrible nightmares. I requested, rather demanded, a test again. Still negative. December 1991 arrived rapidly and I was absolutely exhausted and couldn't seem to get enough sleep. Work has never made me this tired before. I told myself. So, once again: "Hello, Doc?" Still negative.

Doc was waiting for me though when December 1992 rolled around. Question number one: I suppose you will want another HIV test now that you've become a sexually active member of Society this past year, yes?...he somewhat snidely suavely suggested. How rude! But he continued: You certainly haven't become a drug addict, have you? Are you having dry skin problems again? Oh, I'll bet I know. You've been going through Nightmare Alley, haven't you?

So, I held my tongue and thought about it. I chose to allow myself to be intimidated and decided maybe I really didn't need a test because I really hadn't had any sexual encounter, I wasn't drugging, no new dry-skin problem. I was having horrible nightmares though...but nightmares don't give me AIDS. I really hate to learn life's lessons the hard way, don't you?

Although I had grown over the year; I learned when December 1993 arrived that I still must have more to learn. All the same crazy thoughts of the past four Christmas's flooding my daily thoughts over and over again. This time however I began to search for why I attract this paranoia. Am I that frightened of the HIV virus? I had to admit that yes, damn it, I am very frightened by that damn virus who has the ability to show me it could take my life mate from me. It left me helpless to do anything but hold him in my arms when he passed over. Sure, I was frightened even though I'd never really thought much about it before.

Of course Madame Fear can alone trigger paranoia, but, what if Mr. Guilt had also allowed me to place some sentence upon myself? Guilt also is a trigger of paranoia. I couldn't think of any sins I might be guilty of...well anyway, I'm getting another HIV test. Hey! Don't knock me! I'm stronger than I thought I was; found that out. I'm coping in my own way. I'm productive and I've chosen to make my time count for the sake of my man who died in my arms, and for the sake of those who have gone on ahead; whom we miss so much it sometimes drives us cross eyed. So! I'd rather be safe than sorry.

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As I See It.... by Clark

U.S. Equal Employment Act Closer To Introduction

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Representatives Gerry Studds and Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and a number of their colleagues plan to introduce in the United States Senate and House of Representatives legislation which would outlaw employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has been working with our coalition partners for some time to develop viable federal anti-discrimination legislation. HRCF is pushing for employment legislation in Congress because of recent favorable indicators.

Polling done by professional pollsters and focus groups, indicate that Americans believe that people should not be fired or discriminated against for being Gay. A recent Newsweek poll reported that "74% of all Americans favor protecting Gays from job discrimination." Also, an HRCF survey showed that of those responding, 71 Senators and 235 Representatives have indicated that sexual orientation is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or termination of an employee in their Congressional office. Finally, several federal agencies have issued policies prohibiting job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

HRCF is spearheading the effort to arrange hearings on this bill and advancing it through Congress.

HRCF urges people to communicate with Members of Congress the reality of job discrimination against Lesbians, Gay men, and Bisexuals, and the importance of eliminating it through federal legislation. Also, to urge members of Congress to support passage of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act.

You can contact your representatives and senators by calling: U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, 881-3588; U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, 624-9986; U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, 670-6831, and U.S. Sen. John McCain, 670-6334.

Gay Marriage Comic Offends Some Catholics

KANSAS CITY, MO (AP) - "Doonesbury" has offended some Catholic's with a cartoon series suggesting the church once sanctioned same sex marriages.

At least two newspapers refused to publish this week's strips by Garry Trudeau, said Alan McDermott, the managing editor of Kansas City based Universal Press Syndicate, which distributes "Doonesbury."

This week's series showed Mark, a Gay character, telling a Christian fundamentalist that the Roman Catholic Church once sanctioned Gay marriages. The strip mentions a book being published this month by a religious scholar at Yale University, John Boswell, who discovered what he believes to be Catholic liturgies for a same sex ceremony.

"We've heard from a couple of dozen irate readers who wonder why Garry Trudeau exists to make their lives unhappy," McDermott said.

The (Bloomington, Ill.) Pantagraph and the Journal-Star of Peoria, Ill. refused to run the strips.

The Pantagraph instead ran a note saying Trudeau "has gone beyond his traditional satire into material we consider religiously offensive for a family newspaper."

The Journal-Star said the strip "would be grossly offensive to large numbers of our readers."

Both newspapers offered to send copies of the strip to readers who request them.

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'The G Word' TV Show Interview

'G Word' Host Gary Clark

TUCSON - Gary Clark and Tony DeNinno, Host and Producer of Tucson's new Live Gay program, "The G Word", will appear on "Jai's Show" with Jai Burns to promote, discuss and answer call in questions, about the new program, from viewers. In addition, special preview clips will be shown to give Tucson's Gay viewing audience a taste of what they, as well as, the Straight community will be receiving in the way of Gay programming from Gay Nineties Productions.

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Before Destruction

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." So says the Book of Proverbs. If you keep track of such things, you will know that pride is supposed to be the worst of the Seven Deadly Sins. Though I long ago stopped scoring myself against list of sins, I have reservations about the idea of Gay Pride. Webster gives three definitions of the word pride that illustrate my inner conflict over this issue: "An overhigh opinion of oneself; haughtiness, arrogance;" "dignity and self respect;" and "satisfaction in something done, owned, etc."

This week we are expected to express our pride in being queer. The Mayor and City Council have once again passed a resolution declaring Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Tucson. While the city government (albeit at some political risk) throws us a bone, the weird "stealth" campaign on Frank Meliti goes on. As queers across the country are preparing to go to New York for the twenty fifth anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, petition passers in several states gather sheaves of hatred aimed at the Gay rights movement. Across the US, Lesbian and Gay citizens will take part in Gay Pride celebrations large and small. Others will miss the parties, staying at home with their children, hiding in the closet, or quietly taking care of loved ones dying of AIDS.

All through June there will be parties, speeches, concerts, and parades. The media will pull the usual cheap trick of showing the most outrageously dresses (or undressed) revelers, shocking viewers out of their stupor and elevating the ratings. Amid all this hoopla, I ask the same question I asked last year: why should we be proud of being queer?

Sexual orientation isn't an accomplishment or a choice; it just is. Being queer isn't better or worse than being straight, any more than grey eyes are better or worse than green ones. If queers are randomly distributed throughout the population, we must therefore be present in every segment of society. We have every good and bad trait that straight people have: there are Gay rights activists who are straight and homophobic persecutors who are queer. Like the US military, I draw a distinction between status and conduct: the state of being queer is in itself no basis for pride. Taking pride in inherited qualities leads to concepts like the Aryan Master Race.

There are Lesbian and Gay people who think they are superior to straights simply because they're queer. Aside from being elitist, as if same sex loving were some kind of restricted bourgeois country club, this attitude certainly exemplifies the first definition of pride cited above: "An overhigh opinion of oneself; haughtiness, arrogance." These folks seem to think that they've hit the jackpot in the genetic lottery. This kind of pride is understandable as a result of oppression, but it will almost certainly provoke derision or worse from the ninety percent of the population who happen to be straight. This is the pride that "goeth before destruction."

In a perfect world, Gay and Lesbian people would be raised tro have the second kind of pride: "dignity and self respect." In this world, however, queers are bombarded with messages of self-loathing and societal rejection from every side. In some places, coming out means admitting to an offense punishable by death at the hands of the state. In many other places, self-appointed executioners administer brutally violent "justice" to anyone they know (or perceive) to be queer. In the face of such oppression, dignity and self respect can be hard to come by.

The third definition of pride is the hardest to attain; it must be earned. "Satisfaction in something done" cannot be attained until we do something. We are proud of the Stonewall Rebellion because those queens did something: they said "No!" to police (and hence state) oppression of queers. They risked their reputations, their safety, their freedom, and their lives to stand up for their rights.

Twenty five years later, taking action to end our continued oppression (and the backlash from the Christian crazies) will give us dignity and self respect. It will give us satisfaction in something we have done. It will bring about our inclusion as equals in society. We must be visible and vocal, we must come out: we must do something.

It is good for us to celebrate our dignity, our self respect, and our satisfaction in what we have done. Drawing strength from one another will prepare us for the struggles ahead, leading to true Lesbian and Gay Freedom celebrations. But if we become self-congratulatory and complacent, we develop an exaggerated opinion of our selves and become arrogant. That false pride will certainly go before the destruction of everything we've worked to attain.

Let's go to the parties, the meetings, the concerts and celebrations, to draw from our history and the example of other's deeds. Then let's take that pride in our history and use it to fuel our own actions to bring about the end of oppression. That will be something to be proud of.

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

At the weekly political gab and rubber chicken fest, known as the weekly meeting of the Democrat's of Greater Tucson (lovingly referred to as DDT). State Senator Peter Goudinoff (District 11) announced his bid for a second term.

Goudinoff in his speech, stated that the Christian Right is a detriment to America. (Yeah!) So far, there are no announced opponents in the race. The District covers western Pima County, Ajo, Three Points and western Casa Grande.

The Pima County Assessor's Office had been at peace for a couple of months. Not now! Chief Deputy Assessor, Tom "Lavishly Loyal" Naifeh stated in an interview that Assessor Alan Lang fired him last week.

Naifeh stated Lang canned him because he didn't have the proper certification to perform tax appraisals. Naifeh had been embroiled in a controversy with the State Revenue Department over the fact that Naifeh was not certified by the state. Naifeh added that Lang had to let him go, "because of the actions taken by the State Department of Revenue, which had rejected the certification Naifeh said he had obtained, which was better than the state certification."

Naifeh accepts his termination, but blames the State and calls their actions "political, and an attempt to besmirch his reputation and the reputation of Pima County."

(Gee, I guess the re-evaluation of all properties raising property taxes, alleged actions by the Assessor (employees, the gun, the harassment lawsuits, etc.), his appearance on a national tabloid television show and in the National Enquirer can't count as besmirching a rep!)

Candidate announcements to cover: In the race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Steven Yokobosky has announced his intentions to run for the Republican nomination. Yokobosky has served as superintendent of the Nadaburg School District since 1985. He joins state Rep. Lisa Graham and Gabe Rueben in the Republican contest.

Robert Molina, a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe is challenging U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor in the Democratic primary.

Molina criticized Pastor for failing to produce for his constituents and for his support of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Pastor plans to seek re-election and the winner in the Democratic primary will face Republican Robert MacDonald of Tucson in the general election. CD-2 has a Democratic advantage in registration over Republicans by a 2 to 1 margin.

Well, its 15 days until filing deadline and guess who still does not have a candidate to run for State Senate!? Yes, the District 13 Democrats still don't have someone to run against the incumbent Republican State Senator, Patti Noland. (Time is running out kids!)

The Tucson Mayor and City Council voted, by a unanimous vote, this past Monday to amend the City Anti-Discrimination Ordinance to include persons with HIV/AIDS. This proposal was sponsored by Vice Mayor Bruce Wheeler (D).

When reached for comment, Wheeler stated that even though the proposal duplicates state and federal law, the action taken by the Mayor and Council was to increase public awareness about HIV/AIDS.

Recently, the Arizona Daily Star ran two questionable "political stories" on the front page of the Metro-Region Section and the Front Section.

One story was about persons who have run for various political office numerous times. The press refers to them as "perennial candidates", a media label that is good as an albatross around the neck.

The second story, on the front page, dealt with the fact that some candidates were unsure of the signature requirements for their respective races and they were unsure of where to gather the signatures. (If they don't know how many signatures they need to qualify for the ballot they should not be running for political office!)

Why does the Arizona Daily Star waste valuable space in their newspapers on such political drivel and not do stories focusing on races for the offices as Justice of the Peace, Constable, County Treasurer, School Superintendent for Pima County for example. Doesn't the public have the right to know something about potential elected officials since they pay their taxes.

When asked about why they don't give any coverage to the "lower echelon" races, the Star states they don't have the reporters to cover the races. I thought newspapers are supposed to inform the reader, serve the interest of the reader and the public who may not subscribe to but purchase the paper. Guess Not!

Lastly, Tucson Mayor "Olde" George Miller read the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Proclamation during the Mayor & Council Meeting this past Monday. If you're keeping score on Miller reading the proclamation, he's 1 for 2, a .500 batting average. Miller did not read the proclamation last year. Guess someone reminded him of his campaign promise at the 1991 Pride Picnic that he would read the proclamation at the picnic.

And so it goes!

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Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

The "liberal media elite" (get used to it, someone let Dan Quayle off the golf course) ain't what it's maligned to be. Is it just me or shouldn't the television industry be an outspoken ally of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual equality? Shouldn't they be a voice for equality, period? After viewing the debris of this past season I'm beginning to think the creative forces behind Hollywood are the least creative and most spineless bunch in America. Examples:

"Northern Exposure" throws a Wedding. Granted, the image of a monogamous, run of the mill, everyday people Gay couple is of itself extraordinary, but to cop out on the kiss? C'mon, people, grow up. The guys were getting married (Dan R. McManus and Doug Ballard)! This is taking HOMOginization a tad too far, really. I don't want to see two guys kissing merely for the sake of titillation (I can rent movies for that), I want to see TV homos treated the same as TV hets. There is a double standard at work in tinseltown and it must come to an end. Event without the "kiss" some CBS affiliates pre-empted the show. How can you censor a show with a quirky reputation and still quirkier fans? Stupid, stupid, stupid. How can TV expect this to change if they don't make a stand? Even Maurice got his act together in time.

"Melrose Place" almost showed a kiss between two men on its recent season finale. A moment of true affection between Matt and what's his face (my apologies) was instead slowed down on film, dark music underneath as Billy! gets to see the kiss take place! Now don't get me wrong, Billy (as played by Andrew Shue) isn't a bigot and he seemed to take the kiss in stride, but why did the moment become Billy's at all? Was this the excuse to not show MATT (Doug Savant) finally doing something Gay besides getting beat up?

As long as expressions of affection that are considered normal or even expected for hets are treated as "pornographic" for same sex couples then this culture will not be able to "grow up". "Melrose Place" is brought to you by FOX, the same people that deliver Al Bundy and his "hooter" fetish. What about "Herman's Head"? On this program there is an overweight character dedicated solely to the exploration of lust. FOX is in the dog house on this one. But they aren't the only ones:

ABC broke veins over Roseanne getting kissed by a Lesbian in a Lesbian bar (horrors!!) but will show extramarital breeder nudity on "NYPD Blue".

PBS has pulled all funding for a sequel to "Tales of the City", killing the project unless more money comes forward.

"Hard Copy" did an "expose" on the men of Melrose...sexy hunks you want to get to know...that kinda crap. Guess what? Straight Doug Savant (see above) who plays Gay Matt Fielding was the only male actor not featured. Maybe if he changed his name to Michael Jackson and was accused of molesting children he would get a little publicity.

[Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome. Kenny Jacobs, c/o The Observer, POB 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703 or E-mail at kwjenny@aol.com. The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and probably don't represent the views and opinions of anyone else, and the author likes it that way.]

Art Attack

JUNE 15 - JUNE 19

4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Ave.

$200 Cash Prize for "Best Of Show"

Local artists wishing to enter this judged art show should call 321-0985 prior to June 15.

An official 1994 pride week event sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

Maverick Nobel Prize-Winning Scientist Challenges AIDS Establishment

NEW YORK, NY - Kary Mullis, winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his invention of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) which rapidly multiplies DNA segments, confronts the AIDS establishment about their longheld theory that HIV is the sole cause of AIDS, according to the July 1994 issue of SPIN magazine.

Mullis adamantly disagrees with that thesis and believes that AIDS is caused by prolonged exposure to an overwhelming number of distinct organisms which individually may be harmless. "PCR facilitates the ability to see certain people are infected with HIV and some of these people came down with symptoms of AIDS. But that doesn't begin to even answer the question 'Does HIV cause it'", Mullis told SPIN in 1992.

The following are quotes from the new interview with this remarkable scientist:

"The so called mystery of that damn virus has been generated by the $2 billion a year they spend on it. You take any other virus, and you spend $2 billion, and you can make up some great mysteries about it too," says Mullis.

"I was just driving and thinking about ideas and suddenly I saw it," Mullis recalls of the moment he conceived of his ground breaking invention. "I saw the polymerase chain reaction as clear as if it were up on a blackboard in my head, so I pulled over and started scribbling."

"We're dealing with a bunch of witch doctors. The whole medical profession except the people that patch you up when you get a broken leg or you have a plumbing problem, is really f**ked," says Mullis.

Commenting on the hostility with which his ideas are met Mullis says, "People don't want to hear from somebody like me who's not a member of their society. They say to me, 'you don't know s**t about this Mullis.'"

Since 1987, SPIN has been the only consumer magazine in the country featuring a column on AIDS every month.

Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

AGRA State Meetings were held this past Sunday at Venture-N. Despite the 100 degree plus temperature, membership turnout was good. Thanks to Jim and the entire staff at Venture-N for their hospitality during meetings. A special thanks to Bert, he slaved over the grill cooking those delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.

AGRA Grand Ole Opry will be taking place this coming Friday and Saturday, June 17 & 18, at Charlie's in Phoenix. Not only will there be lots of fun and entertainment, it will also be the kick-off for the 1995 Mr/Ms/Miss AGRA Contest. As of press time, there was only one contestant in the running for Mr. AGRA and one contestant for Miss AGRA. There is still time for anyone interested in joining the competition. If interested, please call and leave a message for Phil Looby, Dance and Entertainment Director-Phoenix at 265-0618. You can also contact Rodney Shanks (aka Gilda Fatale), our current Miss AGRA and Dance and Entertainment Director-Tucson, at 323-0805.

As mention in last week's column, AGRA was formed in 1984, yet Gay rodeo dates back much further than this. In 1975, a gentleman in the city of Reno, Nevada, by the name of Phil Ragsdale, chose the Muscular Dystrophy Association as his cause and proposed a Gay rodeo as means to raise the necessary funds. Despite complications imposed by livestock providers upon learning the event would be patronized by the Lesbian and Gay community, a site was secured and the National Reno Gay Rodeo was born on October 2, 1976.

From 1977 to 1980, with the addition of the Mr/Ms/Miss National Reno Gay Rodeo Competition, the rodeo continued to prosper and gain in popularity. With this increase of interest and following in Gay rodeo, other Gay rodeo associations were soon to be formed.

Read about the four founding state associations that were instrumental in the founding of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) in next weeks column.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Four Year Anniversary Party for AGRA-Tucson Chapter. The gala will take place on Sunday, July 17, at Hours. The evening will be filled with entertainment, dancing, games, and plenty of fun for everyone. Anyone interested in volunteering some time or services for this event, please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

IBT's will host the AGRA Tucson Chapter Meeting on Sunday, June 19. Board Meeting at 3 pm. General Membership Meeting following at 5 pm. There will be a beer bust both during and after the meetings.

Anyone interested in becoming an AGRA member, please feel free to attend our meeting this coming Sunday at IBT's, or call the AGRA Hotline.

Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

If you've been reading this article regularly (and if not, you'd better start), you know that on Bear Movie Nights I'm not allowed to bring any of my "eclectic" movies. Now, I'll be the first to admit that my taste in films is a bit bizarre, but I thought for sure I was playing to everyone's tastes when I brought "Daddy and the Muscle Academy", a documentary about artist Tom of Finland. Apparently, even that was too weird and nobody wanted to deal with the subtitles (Tom was speaking Finnish, of course!). I thought that all those shots of gorgeous men clad in leather and uniforms would make up for it, but I was mistaken. Oh, well. We wound up watching "Addams Family Values" (which was hysterical) and "The Fugitive" (coincidentally, another film that I brought thank you). I do have one complaint about "The Fugitive's" Harrison Ford: When he had a beard, he looked like a gorgeous, well respected doctor; after he shaved it off and dyed his hair, he looked like Lenny from Steinbeck's "Of Mice And Men". Harrison, grow the beard back!! OK, I'm done.

And now we move on to this month's events:

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 - Restaurant Night. Come to Venture-N at 6:30-7 pm. At 7, we'll choose a restaurant to go to. If you're late, ask one of the bartenders where the Bears went. Join us.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 17-19 - The Bears of the Old Pueblo and the Desert Bears from Phoenix are going for a Camping Trip on Mt. Lemmon. Our destination is an area called Bear Window (Directions: Go past Ranger Station; turn right on Mt. Bigelow, then turn left; follow the Bear signs. Bring the essentials plus suntan lotion, we're taking the Desert Bears on a day trip to Reddington Pass. All those interested can attend.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - We're going Tubing on Salt River. The carpool will meet at Venture-N at 8 am. Bring your sunscreen again and a cooler of something to drink. Tube rental is $7.50. We'll see you there.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - Bear Business Meeting at 7:30 pm at Venture-N's patio.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Sorry, guys. I don't have a Hunting Ground this week. I need some suggestions urgently. In the meantime, allow me to recommend any porno film directed by Joe Gage. That'll get your juices flowing.

Until next week, Happy Lesbian and Gay Pride Week!!

For more details and further info, call Brad at 882-4149 before 10 p.m.

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VENTURE-N - Pride Event: Leather Pride Night here from 9:00 p.m. to Close. Daddy & Daddy's Boy contest, hot leather models, special leather entertainment, surprise awards including Pegasus Leather Gift Certificates all event. Plus some fundraising for the Pride Picnic. A great night for the leather crowd and their admirers. Y'all come!

FRIDAY, JUNE 17
HOURS - Pride Event: Party 'Til The Cows Come Home!. 7:00 p.m. till the barn doors close... country dance music, raffles, prizes, best cow outfit and coloring contest. Join in the fun with Pride. Sponsor @ cow proceeds go to TLGA for your picnic.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
GRADUATE - Partners' Monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Plus the regular Cash Pool Tourney with pot match begins at 2 also.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
IBT'S - Regular T-Dance 4 to 8 dwith benefit BBQ and Beer Bust on the Patio - proceeds going to A.G.R.A.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
IBT'S - All new Glamazon Show - The Next Generation! Hosted by Miss Gay Tucson Blaze Dante'and starring Helena Bubbles, Adrienne Alexander and Live vocals by Joe Navan. Showtime 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 1
HOURS - Start out the July 4th Weekend here with Ms. Teresa Housley singing at 8:30 p.m. Party!!!

MONDAY, JULY 4
HOURS - July 4th Bar-B-Que begins at 2:00 p.m. and much more. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, JULY 17
HOURS - AGRA 3rd Anniversary party. Details to come.

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WEDNESDAY THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 15-18
In celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, the annual Art Attack will take place these four days. It is a judged art show featuring fine art, photography, sculpture, painting, etc. The art show will take place at the 4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Avenue and is sponsored by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA). Wednesday, June 15, the show will open with a no-host bar and artist reception at 7:00 p.m. There will be a cash prize awarded to Best of Show and ribbons for other winners.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 17 & 18
Desert Voices, Arizona's premier Gay and Lesbian Chorus, will perform a two-night run of its final concert for the season at the Center for the Arts, Pima Community College West Campus. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. for what will be a highly entertaining, ambitious and musically intriguing evening of choral, solo and ensemble performing. Tickets are $10; $5 for students, and are available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk or at the Pima College West Box Office. For more information call Desert Voices at 791-9662.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Rainbow Families, formerly the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The group meets at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills, at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Mary at 690-1634 for more information.

Wingspan announces its second annual Open House 6 to 10 p.m. at 422 N. 4th Ave. Meet the volunteers and Board members that help keep Wingspan humming and see how Wingspan has grown in the last year. Plus, it's Downtown Saturday Night, so there is plenty of reasons to come downtown. Call 624-1779 for more info.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Share your social and political suggestions, questions and concerns. Meet candidates from statewide political races at your 'Political Forum' from 4 to 6 p.m. at the 4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Ave. This is a free, no host bar, food provided event. Sponsored by Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus and the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) and is a part of the Pride Week events locally. Meet and question Arizona's primary Democratic Pro-Human Rights Candidates including gubernatorial candidate Terry Goddard among others.

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
One-In-Ten Theatre and Repertory Company, Tucson's premiere Gay and Lesbian theatre group will open it's 6th season tonight with the play "Hopeful Romantic". For more information, 770-9279. The play runs thru July 9.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
It's Gay and Lesbian Pride Day in Flagstaff, Arizona. For those of you who might wonder what a Pride celebration in the month of June would feel like in cool temperatures, here is your chance. The celebration will take place from noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Fort Cuthill Fairgrounds in the Sheriff's Posse Ramada. Tickets are $7.00 at the gate but you can get them in advance for $5.00 in Tucson by calling Deb Broner at Pride Productions, 579-7000.

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EAGLE - Opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnappe 75¢

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $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. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

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

VENTURE-N - Open 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.

monday
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Mount Madcaw "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

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 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnappe 75¢ 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. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

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

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm for dancing. Enjoy midnight specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. $2.50 pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8-10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnappe 75¢

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well, 9 pm to 11pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.

STONEWALL - The Paloma Revue Show at 9:30 plus Midnight specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all nite. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Perrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged 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 75¢ Schnappe 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ 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 - Open at 8pm. Salsa Nite. Corona and Margarita specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly naked" men.

thursday
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ 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 75¢ Schnappe 75¢

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 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

STONEWALL - Open 8pm. Male Erotic Dancers 10pm, Midnight specials

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 longnecks and 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 - Open 3pm. 99¢ 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 Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnappe 75¢

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 Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL - Opens 8pm. Karaoke hosted by Crash at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 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 - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and canned beer until 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnappe 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $5 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. 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 Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm. Salsa and Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 5pm.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Rev. Sharon West

We are proud to announce the appointment of four new members to the Board of Directors. They bring with them many years' of collective experience. We now have a full complement of Mountain Movers on the Board. Let's get started!

Saturday, June 18th, (Yes, in 3 days!) You are cordially invited to share in the fun, food, and fellowship of Bingo Night! This event is always a popular recreation. There will be fun, prizes, and joy galore. See you Saturday night, 6 p.m.

MCC is the place to be Sunday, June 19th, 10:45 a.m. for a memorable Father's Day celebration, and worship of our heavenly Father/Creator. Join us in remembering the extra special people in our lives who occupy the place we reserve in our heart of hearts for our Dads/Fathers.

Memorize this date: "June 25th!" It's that incredible global event that you and I can participate in for the biggest Christian high ever, just singing, marching, carrying banners and a myriad of methods to express our love and devotion to the son of God, Jesus Christ. The 1994 March for Jesus may exceed 10,000 strong, and by the grace of God, I will be participating. Call Pastor Nita at the church for car pooling information, if you want to join MCC in the March. Let's get excited for Jesus!

"The Size of Heaven": Take a verse from the Book of Revelation as the basis of computation. The text is in Chapter 21:16b: "He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length and as wide and high as it is long." This represents a space of 469,783,088,-000,000,000,000 cubic feet. Then divide this by 4,096, the number of cubical feet in a room sixteen feet square, and this process gives 30,321,843,750,000,000 rooms of the size indicated. Then upon the hypothesis that the world now contains, always has contained, and will always contain 999,000,000 inhabitants, and that a generation lasts for thirty three and one third years, which gives a total number of inhabitants every century of 2,297,000,000, assume that the world will stand 1,000 centuries or 100,000 years, which would give a total of 2,970,000,-000,000 inhabitants for this period of time. We then reach the conclusion that if 100 worlds of the name size and duration, and containing the same number of inhabitants, the would be more than 100 rooms of the size indicated for each person! "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you." (John 14:1,2 NIV)

Thought for the week: Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It's that time of year again. Time to celebrate Fathers' Day. Unlike Mothers' Day, it doesn't bring up all those sentimental feelings of closeness, affections, togetherness. Many women (translate many Lesbians) I know hate the holiday, as well as some men (translate Gays) because they have no fond memories of their fathers. Many people in our community instead harbor feelings of alienation, distrust, anger, abandonment. I understand that, for I have dealt with some of these same feelings, and it was rather late in my life before I began to explore them, understand them, and finally experience the relief of forgiveness.

As a result of these childhood abuses, whatever form they took, many people in our community hate the male character in any form. Although men sometimes express these feelings, my personal experience has been that women tend to express this rejection of men to a greater degree. That is so sad. You see, I has to reach a certain maturity in my own father. I finally realized he did the best he could, but that he was carrying around a lot of baggage of his own which he never dealt with.

In spite of all the buried feelings, all the rejections by our fathers, all the hurts and pain we might live with because of our childhood experiences, when we cannot reach out to our own fathers, there is a Father we can trust, we can reach out to. Unfortunately, we so often transfer all our negative feelings about our own Father to the one true perfect Father who really does love us and accepts us just as we are, our Heavenly Father. It is so hard to see God as a loving Father when our only experience with a father has been of abuse and neglect. I think we all would like to have a father who loved us for who we are, didn't neglect and abuse us but we've given up. I have good news for you today. Don't give up!! We have a perfect Father who will take us in his arms, hold us gently and firmly, express nothing but perfect love for us, and eventually wipe away every tear.

God has loved each one of us, individually, from the beginning of time. He has even shown his love by giving the ultimate sacrifice to prove it. God allowed his only son, Jesus, to be offered up in our place to pay the full price for all our transgressions against him, so that we can have a perfect, complete relationship with him, and in the process, we get a bonus. We acquire for ourselves life in its richest form, love that will never end but will last forever in his presence. We get to bask in that love, that intimacy, that security, that no earthly father can ever provide. No matter how deep and good our earthly father's love is, at some time it will fail us. But God's love never fails. God's intention is not to punish us or to make our lives miserable but to unselfishly give and give and give.

No matter how much God gives, how much he loves, it doesn't have any effect unless we are willing to accept it. Here is another sign of how much our Heavenly Father love us. He has made it so easy, so simple. All we have to do is recognize him for who he is, open our hearts to him and receive him into our hearts and lives. In doing so, we ask him to forgive us all our sins, accept the sacrifice of his son Jesus for us, and it's done. You can do that, can't you? We just have to remove our prejudices, pain, stubbornness, and when we don't seem to have the strength or will to do it, if we ask, our Heavenly Father will help us do that, too.

Someone here at Cornerstone Fellowship would like to share with you more in depth about this perfect, loving,

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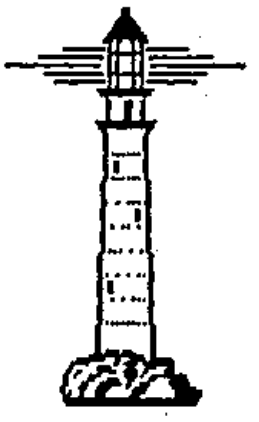

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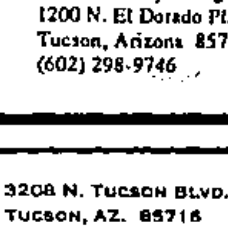
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WHAT'S UP DOC???

The first thing for this week is to pass on some bad news. For all of those who were going to join TKO & the Stonewall/Eagle up at Rose Canyon for their camp out - it has been cancelled. It will be looked at again for a later date, hopefully after everyone's work, holiday, or whatever schedule has been checked.

But, for all of those that have been asking me about TKO's annual City of Rocks trip, again I mention to you, it is not until Aug. 19-21 but, I can tell you, the run fee for this year has been set at $15 a person. Applications and maps will be available, lets say when I get around to making them up - so hang in there.

Well, my TBBS's will be getting a boost again, Ray has returned from his vacation. I know, he is also one that I've caught or written on many occasions but when you figure, being around him, or some of the other regulars more often, it stands to reason they get written up as often.

Upon his return, Ray gave me a call to tell me about his vacation. The first thing was his golfing trip one day. Now before any of you think he is a golfer, even after 18 holes, let me just say that his day on the golf course was similar to an advertisement on TV. You've seen the one with Jim Click and Holmes Tuttle, Tuttle saying he has a good tan and Click responding, "Riding around in a golf cart does not count."

He was also mentioning that a ground squirrel gave him a very dirty look one day, just as he was watering the ground behind a rock.

Another one I've been catching monthly is Ben C. Now you take Ben C., hell, someone take him, anyone. You know him, the partner of the dangly ear ring dual that works Partners beer bust. In his retardment (I mean retirement) he is having, or I should say trying to have, a Butch attack. Gone is the old fashion tank of a car - the LTD.

He is now cruising around town in a LTD Ford Pick up. He even told me he has tried and his black cowboy hat is wearable while driving. Can you see it, a ????? Arizona Cowboy driving down the streets, wearing a black hat with sparkling, dangling ear rings. Tom Mix would roll over in his grave if he witnessed it.

Also, Ben, just what the hell were you going to do with that film you rented at the book store?

Hell, Annie, who now wishes to be called the heiress, should start using the name Annie Oakleaf, when riding with Ben.

Also, and this time I just may end up wishing I had not mentioned this or whatever because when writing my column, I never know who else may or may not be writing. STAN - you have caught me two different times and I've seen you write them down. Now, where is all the action behind the talk, lets read them.

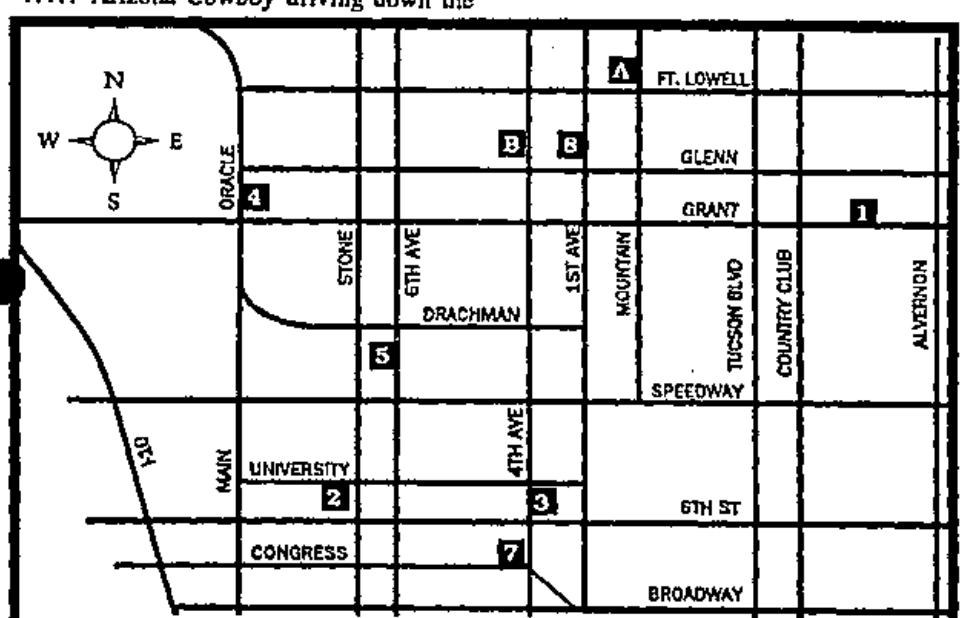
I hear there is a new service being offered over at the Venture-N, FREE SHOWERS. Of course, talking to Jim, he says he does charge for sleeping at the bar, but the showers will not cost you. If you need to know if these showers are worth it, ask Nurse Jay. I guess you could say this is one of those services that falls under the category of above and beyond ????????????.

And this one is written to Neil - (and everyone else that says I never write about myself), last Friday night at the Graduate, those pitchers of Bud stole my sun glasses.

I guess that will be it for yet another hot week in the Old Pueblo. Get those cut offs out, slither up close to that special person, and make WHOOPIE!

SEEEEEEEE! Just when I thought it was safe, and on the same day I open my big mouth and mention it. The following is added, with duress, to my column from Stan.

Doc was talking to a couple of people with a very meaniful discussion - all of a sudden the couple stopped him for a moment and had a passionate embrace & kiss. When they finished, he was at a loss for words and couldn't remember what he was talking about.



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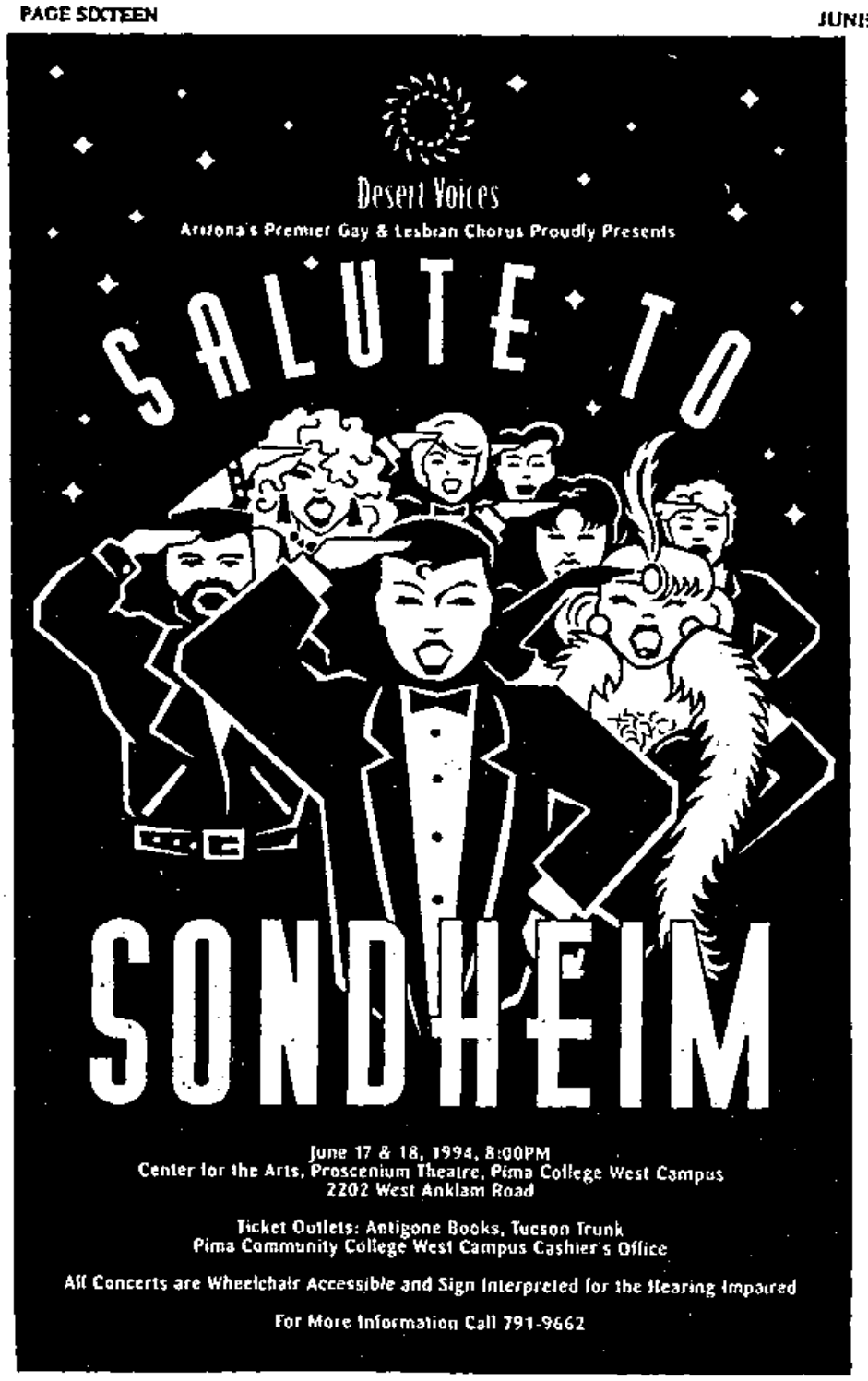

New Idaho Poll Shows Solid Opposition To Anti-Gay Initiative

BOISE, ID - A poll, recently released, conducted by KIVI-TV, and KIDO radio, showed that opponents of the proposed anti-Gay initiative hold a solid majority.

The statewide poll showed nearly half of those surveyed opposed the Idaho Citizens Alliance initiative that would prohibit state laws or local ordinances making it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals.

Supporters of the proposed initiative had claimed their poll, conducted last year, showed overwhelming support for the initiative, the new poll found barely a third of the respondents backed the proposition.

The Idaho Citizens Alliance are still trying to collect the 32,061 signatures of registered voters that must be submitted to the state by July 8 to put their proposals on the general election ballot.

The poll was conducted by Greg Smith and Associates of Boise. it has a margin of error of plus minus four percentage points.

Washington 'Bigot Busters' Opposing Anti-Gay Rights Initiative

SEATTLE, WA - Supporters of two anti-Gay rights initiatives are running into opposition from the "Bigot Busters" coalition as they try to collect signatures to get the measures on November's general election ballot.

"It's kinda sad," said Phillip Irvin, who was surrounded by opponents of Initiative 608 and Initiative 610 recently when he tried to collect signatures at the downtown Westlake Mall.

"They won't even let us talk to the people. It's like trying to fight the Gay Klux Klan."

Irvin said many petitions gatherers "are avoiding public places because of the harassment."

Bigot Busters was formed by three groups that oppose the initiatives, Hands Off Washington, Queer Nation, and the Stonewall Committee for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"The reason we're out there is they're being dishonest to potential signers and to their own signature gatherers," said Deb Adams, one of the coalition organizers.

Initiative supporters contend the disruption effort interferes with free speech.

"By signing, it doesn't necessarily mean you agree with the issue, but you want to let people have the opportunity to vote on it," said Vic Santie, who also ran into the Bigot Busters at the mall.

NGLTF Designates June 28 As Health Care Reform Call In Day

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will sponsor "Health Care Reform Call In Day" on Tuesday, June 28, the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. As many health reform bills work their way through various Congressional committees in June, the one day lobby action is intended to focus federal legislators' attention on the demand for health care that is affordable, comprehensive and cannot be taken away.

"It is crucial that Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual constituents weigh in with their Representatives and Senators during this time of federal debate and compromise," said Marj Plumb, NGLTF Health Policy Director. "Our community desperately needs health care reform for the same reasons as most Americans. But we also face specific obstacles in the current system, such as high levels of uninsured individuals, lack of coverage for our families, and anti-Gay prejudice."

NGLTF is asking individuals to contact their legislators on Tuesday, June 28, and deliver a simple, straightforward message: "We want affordable, comprehensive health care that cannot and will not be taken away." Criteria that Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual constituents should advocate in health care reform plans include: universal coverage, comprehensive benefits, no restrictions for pre-existing conditions, language barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, and permanence.

Constituents are encouraged to call their legislators through the Capitol Switchboard, (202) 224-3121. Activists can also call the NGLTF Health Care Reform Hot Line at (202) 332-6483 ext. 3410 for updates on health reform bills.

"As thousands of people gather in New York City to participate in the June 26 Stonewall 25 march and related events, NGLTF will encourage Stonewall 25 participants to take the energy and enthusiasm home and contact their legislators on June 28," Plumb said.

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New Policy Is Business As Usual For Military

by Michelle M. Benecke and C. Dixon Osbourn

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The new department of Defense directives on homosexuality should be called "Hide and Seek," because contrary to the Pentagon's spin, the new regulations offer no real improvement for Gay service members. Under the new regulations:

"Witch hunts" are not prohibited;

Commanders may seize and read personal diaries, letters, and computer files to search for evidence of homosexuality;

Clergy, doctors, and psychiatrists may reveal confidential conversations regarding a service member's sexual orientation leading to the service member's investigation or discharge;

The military will ask questions about sexual orientation during security clearance investigations and may, with a waiver from the Pentagon, discharge personnel based on such information;

Service members can be thrown in jail for engaging in the same adult, consensual acts as heterosexuals; holding hands, hugging, kissing and sex, even if they occur off base and in the privacy of one's home;

Non-verbal statements such as a rainbow flag bumper sticker, a pink triangle button, or even an innocent glance may constitute credible evidence to start an investigation against a suspected Gay service member,

Service members cannot object to the admission of any evidence against them if obtained through coercion, threats, or harassment.

This is the reality of the new policy. It's breadth, its scope, and its vagueness have the potential to ensnare many more people, both straight and Gay, than under the old policy. How has this come to pass?

First, contrary to common sense understanding, the new policy has redefined homosexual conduct to include statements regarding sexual orientation in addition to physical acts. That means that the military can still process someone for discharge if they state "I am Gay." It also means that the military may initiate an investigation if a third party has witnessed activity, such as someone going to a Gay bar or reading Out magazine, that leads them to believe that by such activity the service member made the non-verbal statement "I am Gay."

Second, the new policy has redefined "homosexual acts," which are grounds for discharge and possible criminal prosecution leading to imprisonment, more broadly than under the old policy in two respects. One, the new policy expressly encompasses non-sexual activity between persons of the same gender such as touching, placing your hand on someone's shoulder, hugging, holding hands and kissing. Two, homosexual acts also include all physical activity that a "reasonable person" may conclude is homosexual. The policy does not define whether a reasonable person is Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), who orchestrated the one sided Senate hearings on the ban last Spring, or former Sen. Barry Goldwater, retired general and former Republican chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who wrote an eloquent editorial in the Washington Post last Spring in support of lifting the ban. In today's military, the reasonable person is more likely to be Sam Nunn.

Third, the new regulations do not prohibit witch hunts. They give commanders broad discretion to launch investigations, quaintly called "inquiries." This means that good commanders may have a little more wiggle room to look the other way if allegations of homosexuality arise. Prejudiced commanders, however, have ample room to start investigations on the flimsiest of evidence. Further, criminal investigative agencies may launch investigations without command approval if "such an investigation is an appropriate use of resources," thus eviscerating any attempt to reign in the wide discretion of investigative agents that has historically resulted in witch hunts and other abuses.

Fourth, the regulations do not proscribe any of the improper investigative tactics that are commonly used against suspected Gay service members. Thus, the new policy does not forbid: investigating women for being Lesbian in retaliation for reporting sexual harassment or assault, or rebuffing male sexual advances; making false promises to service members in exchange for incriminating information about others; investigating service members because of friendships or associations with suspected or known Gay people; and coercing service members to confess to engaging in homosexual acts, or to name others who may have done so, by threatening loss of child custody or visitation rights, publication of derogatory information in hometown newspapers, outing to family members, or unfavorable job transfers.

Fifth, according to Secretary of Defense William Perry in his Senate confirmation hearings, service members have no right to object to any information gathered about them using abusive investigative tactics. Perry stated, "nothing in the Guidelines provides a member with any basis for challenging the validity of any proceeding or the use of any evidence...in any proceeding." In addition, Perry stated that discharge board members may ask military personnel questions about their sexual activities. If a service member refused to respond to such intrusive questioning, board members may, according to Secretary Perry, construe their silence against them as an admission of guilt.

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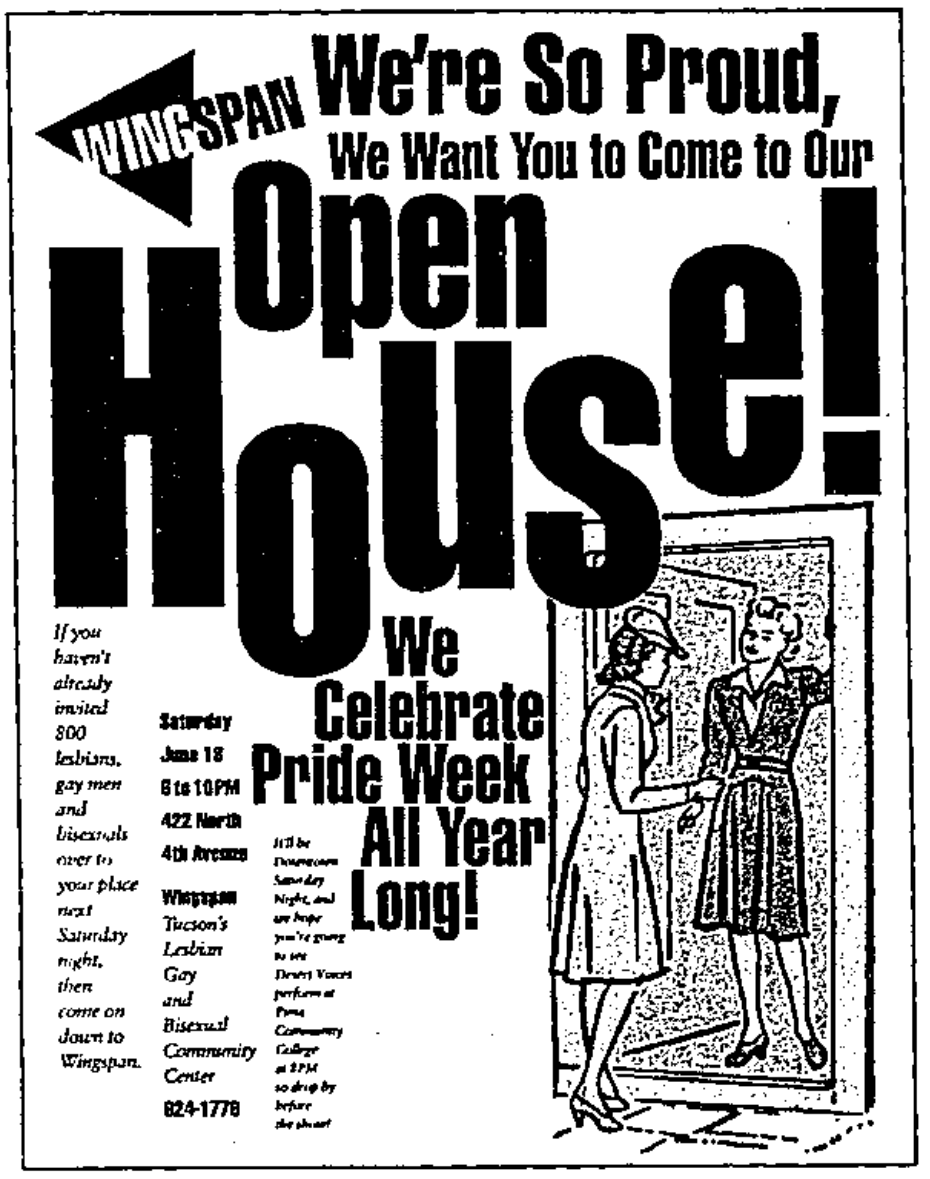

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Civilians and military personnel alike need to know that the new regulations are not an improvement and are, in fact, potentially worse than the old regulations. The policy is worse because the military has traditionally treated conduct more harshly than status, and the Pentagon now equates statements (which should be considered as status) with conduct. The policy is worse because the Pentagon has also broadened the definition of homosexual acts to include anything that a so called reasonable person believes to be a homosexual act, thus putting military members at risk of discharge for even platonic touching. Those who are already suspected of being Gay especially risk having anything they do perceived as a homosexual act under this vague and extremely subjective standard.

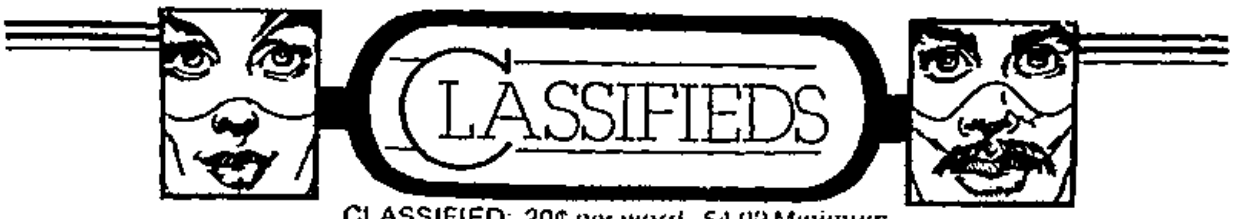
Today, military men and women are more vulnerable than ever. The debate of the last year stirred up a hornet's nest and focused unprecedented scrutiny on their private lives. Everyone from privates to general officers has speculated about who in their unit might be Gay. With the reaffirmation of the ban, the president and Congress opened the door wide for prejudiced commanders to crack down on suspected Gays in their ranks. In fact, the military's effective rate of discharge for last year (actual discharges plus those temporarily blocked by the Meinhold order) actually increased from 708 in 1992 to 773 in 1993.

What should service members and their civilian friends do if they know someone who is harmed by the new Gay ban or who wants to come out and leave the military? Tell them to say nothing and sign nothing. Until they speak with a civilian lawyer or military counselor. The Military Law Task Force in San Diego has provided much assistance for over 20 years. Service Members Legal Defense Network in D.C. has provided much assistance for over 20 years. Service Members Legal Defense Network in D.C. has developed a nationwide network of attorneys that may also be able to assist.

It is vitally important for service members to seek legal assistance prior to or at the earliest stages of investigation if they are to save their military careers or build the best record and defense for potential challenge in federal courts. It is just as important for those who want to come out to seek legal help before telling their commanders. Early legal assistance can reduce the likelihood of retaliation, such as bad discharge characterizations, possible criminal charges leading to imprisonment, harassment, and physical violence.

The Pentagon and Congress have deceived Americans into believing that the new policy on homosexuality is an improvement. Those who continue to be hounded by military investigative agencies, those who brilliant careers are cut short by a policy that disregards an individual's ability to perform well, those who are thrown in jail for up to 15 years because someone has trumped up retaliatory charges against them, call all tell you that the policy is no improvement. It is simply business as usual.

[Michelle M. Benecke is an Army veteran and an executive director of Service Members Legal Defense Network. C. Dixon Osbourn is the other executive director of the Network.]



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Lesbian Avengers In National Mobilization For Civil Rights

NEW YORK, NY - The Christian Right is targeting eight states in 1994 for legalized discrimination against Lesbians, transgenders, transsexuals, Bisexuals, and Gay men. In response to these aggressive legal attacks, the Lesbian Avengers Civil Rights Organizing Project (LACROP) is raising money, making contacts, and offering their support and resources to local activists fighting homophobia across racial, cultural, gender, and class lines. To accomplish their agenda of Lesbian survival, visibility, and mobilization, the Lesbian Avengers will compile and distribute a visionary manifesto and handbook, Out Against the Right, at Stonewall 25 and Gay Pride marches around the country. Out Against the Right, at Stonewall 25 and Gay pride marches around the country. Out Against the Right will be a grassroots organizing resource for civil rights activists across the United States.

LACROP grew out of work done against the repeal of a local ordinance in Lewiston, Maine in the fall of 1993. The project has now expanded in response to both the proliferation of Colorado style ballot initiatives and the absence of an out, aggressive and powerful national Lesbian and Gay movement for visibility and empowerment.

Project organizers assisted local Lesbians and Gay men for six weeks in the fight against the repeal of Lewiston's civil rights ordinance. Out, activist led campaigning based in the Lesbian and Gay community had clearly more success electorally than the "no discrimination" strategy used by the mainstream organizers. The ward local activists and the Lesbian Avengers focused on had twice as many votes in favor of civil rights protection as the other wards.

LACROP will send on site organizers, where invited, to different states this July to assist local, out, innovative projects. Contacts have been made in all respective states and a national network is being created to counter the sophisticated organizing of the Christian Right. Martha Dugan of Ohio says, "The mainstream campaign last fall in Cincinnati was really closed off and very narrow, but the smaller groups made mistakes as well. A lot of people felt excluded and felt like they would hurt the main campaign if they put out their own message. The disaster of losing has pushed some of us to look for a more creative approach, and the people who do that are going to need support from sympathetic people across the country."

For further information contact: The Lesbian Avengers, 208 W. 13th, New York, NY 1001. Phone (212) 967-7711 Ext. 3204.

Gay Penpal Program For Teens Still Vital

BOSTON, MA - After eleven years in operation, Alyson Publication's Gay and Lesbian Letter Exchange Program is more active than ever. Started in 1983 as an outgrowth of the book One Teenager in Ten, the Alyson Letter Exchange Program has helped many thousands of struggling young Gay people by enabling them to write to each other.

In a recent letter to the Advocate, A. Duques from Jackson Heights, New York wrote, "I had only two positive influences while growing up: a copy of Bronski Beat's LP The Age of Consent and, most important, Alyson Publications' confidential pen-pal service for Gay teens. Sometimes I feel as if this service literally saved my life."

Ann Heron, editor of One Teenager in Ten, recently solicited stories from a new generation of Gay and Lesbian youth for her new anthology, Two Teenagers in Twenty. This collection will greatly ease the way for teenagers just now coming out, and the adults who seek to support them. She writes in her introduction "The sense of isolation and despair in the stories I received in 1993 was in fact even stronger than a decade ago." This makes the Letter Exchange Program more important than ever.

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