

Clinton Would Support Gay Marriage Ban, Gay Rights Leaders Not Surprised

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MR) - Just two days after the Supreme Court ruling striking down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, Gay and Lesbian activists learned how quickly the pendulum can swing. President Clinton, an ally on many Gay issues, stunned them by announcing he would sign legislation pending in Congress to outlaw same-sex marriages.

The measure, co-sponsored by the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Bob Dole, would deny federal recognition of same-sex marriages. No state yet permits same-sex marriages.

This decision wasn't reached overnight. Quietly, the word went out from the White House weeks ago; we can't be with you on this one. Clinton's decision to support a same-sex marriage ban wasn't a surprise to Gay rights leaders inside the Beltway.

"They've known for weeks that the president would say he'll sign the bill if it ever reaches him," Clinton aide George Stephanopolous said in an interview. After the announcement, the Human Rights Campaign had withdrawn their invitation for Stephanopolous to speak at their annual fund raiser in San Francisco, as an act of protest.

Clinton supporters had been warily watching Bob Dole. Once Dole signed on to the measure, Clinton aides passed the word to Rep. Barney Frank, D-MA, and leaders of the Human Rights Campaign that the president would have to follow suit.

The president noted that he has long opposed same-sex marriage, but there was something else at work. In the argot of politics, Clinton was blunting a wedge issue.

Dole this past week had attacked Clinton on three hotbed issues, character, abortion, and same-sex marriages. The Republicans thought they had a sure winner in the Gay-marriage issue. A "tolerant" Democrat, they surmised, wouldn't support a pre-emptive strike on the right that not a single state has yet granted.

But the plan hasn't worked so far. Dole's attacks have had no effect in the various polls, where he trails Clinton from anywhere from 15 to 20 percentage points in the opinion surveys.

But the White House is not taking any chances, especially after Clinton was "pillared" for attempting to allow Gays and Lesbians to openly serve in the Armed Forces.

Clinton also knew he could say no to same-sex marriage. Gays and Lesbians have given the President millions of dollars for his re-election campaign; but the movement's leaders understand the

numbers; according to a poll done for Newsweek magazine, current issue, only 33 percent of the country approves of the idea of same-sex marriage.

Clinton aides also maintained that the GOP was merely trying to lure the White House into defending the politically indefensible. And they made the classic argument; if you think we're so bad, imagine how much better you'd like President Dole.

The strategy seemed to have paid off. Gay-rights groups were disappointed, bitter but relatively calm.

"We have to keep our focus on the main goal, and that is to re-elect Bill Clinton," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign in an interview.

The move though infuriated David Mixner, longtime Clinton friend and Gay activist. "It's reprehensible and cowardly. But I won't b.s. you. It was politically smart," Mixner said in an interview.

[This article is a compilation from television news reports, articles, and the current issue of Newsweek magazine.]

'Defense of Marriage Act' Unconstitutional Intrusion, HRC Says

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Legislation to give the federal government power over marriage for the first time in U.S. history is an unconstitutional intrusion into state sovereignty, Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign testified.

"In the entire history of this nation, for over 200 years, never has the federal government intervened in the state regulation of marriage. Never," Birch had told the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. "So what is really going on here? I am afraid this legislation will be viewed as a mean-spirited, cynical election-year ploy... Surely the Congress has much better things to do, like attend to the business of the nation."

Birch explained how the bill, H.R. 3396, unconstitutionally infringes on states' rights.

"The definition and administration of marriage has in all previous times in our history been left to the states," Birch said. "The proposed legislation is not only a bad idea, it is an unprecedented intrusion into state sovereignty and is unconstitutional."

Birch had pointed out that Congress is not empowered to limit the "full

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Gay Comedy Comes To Tucson Thursday, May 30



GEORGIA RAGSDALE



SCOTT KENNEDY

TUCSON - The biggest Gay and Lesbian comedy event ever continues it's world tour with a stop in Tucson; May 30, at the Tucson Convention Center's Leo Rich Theatre. GAYLAPALOOZA stars; Scott Kennedy, Kevin Maye, Bob Smith and Georgia Ragsdale.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye are the co-stars of "The Gay Comedy Jam," which has sold-out 150 shows and toured over 200 cities. Scott and Kevin have appeared on HBO's "Comedy Channel" and A&E's "An Evening at the Improv."

The Gay Comedy Jam was the most successful all Gay, multi-act stand-up comedy show to ever tour the U.S. and Canada.

Scott Kennedy has been seen on An Evening at the Improv and toured with super star Garth Brooks. Kevin Maye has announced his HIV positive status and has incorporated OUT/POSITIVE material into his act breaking new ground and proving people are not just dying from AIDS, but living with it.

Bob Smith made history in 1995 as the first openly Gay comic to ever

appear on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and have his own HBO half hour special. Georgia Ragsdale is one of the funniest Lesbian comics working today. She is co-starring with Margot Kidder in the soon to be released feature film, "Never Met Picasso." She has also appeared on "Women Aloud".

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'Don't Ask' Policy Results In Twice The Discharges

by Wendy Johnson

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The first full year President Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy allowing Gays and Lesbian to serve in the military has resulted in twice the servicemembers being discharged for "admitting" their homosexuality before the policy went into effect.

The Clinton policy was implemented after much controversy in February 1994.

In 1992, under the old policy, there were 315 Gay related discharges, 198 of those "admissions" from the Armed Services of those initiated because the servicemembers made statements acknowledging their homosexuality.

In 1995, the first year "Don't Ask" was in effect, the number of these "admission" related discharges jumped to 402 of the 485 Gay related discharges made by the Armed Services.

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Arizona Human Rights Fund Banquet June 15

PHOENIX - The Arizona Human Rights is honoring the outstanding corporate and individual advocates who have persistently worked to ensure human rights and equality for all people at their annual banquet.

The banquet will take place, Saturday, June 15 at the Arizona Biltmore. A cocktail party will begin the evening from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. The dinner, awards and entertainment will run from 7:30 to 10 P.M.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund is proud to honor this year's award recipients:

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Beauty Magazine Offers Lesbian Viewpoint

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFC) - An excerpt from Lindsay Van Gelder and Pamela Robin Brandt's forthcoming book, "The Girls Next Door: Into the Heart of Lesbian America" (Simon & Schuster), appears in the latest issue of Allure, a very mainstream women's magazine that focuses on beauty.

The subject of the piece, "Some Lesbians are glamour babes. Other's aren't. So what is a Lesbian 'supposed' to look like?" - seems pretty provocative for the magazine. It's probably not by accident that the excerpt isn't mentioned in the cover lines, which refer to such stories as "Flawless Makeup," "Beauty Rx" and the "New Suntan."

Van Gelder and Brandt, Lesbians who refer to themselves in the first person, contrast "high maintenance femininity, with its Sisyphean plucking, shaving, coloring, creaming, curling, straightening, nipping, tucking and starving," with that of "real natural, unadorned, unreconstructed females...the ones who get dissed for not looking 'feminine.'"

Many Lesbians are less concerned than straight women about stereotypical weight goals, and less bothered by graying hair and wrinkles. (Ironically Gay men seem more concerned.) "We're sure that there must be Lesbians who don't find older women sexy," write the authors, "but we haven't met them."

"Lesbians really are very sexy," says cartoonist Alison Bechdel. "They take responsibility for themselves in a way straight women don't seem to, and I think that's a very compelling thing to see in a woman."

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Desert Voices Adds Second Performance Due To Demand

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The concert will feature an original work commissioned from Mr. Tim Smith, entitled El Niño Mudo. Other works to be featured on this concert will include songs from around the world of revolutionary strife, as we the people struggle for freedom and equality.

The Desert Voices concert is one of the first activities features in the nation's "Pride Week". A week focusing in the pride of being proud Gay and Lesbian individuals, a week of standing up and being counted as a community, as we struggle for the freedom and equality within our own city, state and country.

Due to the popular demand of this concert, Desert Voices has sold out the Saturday evening performance however, tickets are still available for the Sunday, June 16 concert at 2 P.M.

Ticket prices for this even are: \$12.50 for Box Seats, \$10 for General and \$7 for Senior and Student. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Antigone's, Tucson Trunk, and the Pima College West Campus Box Office.

Arson Confirmed In Alabama Gay Bar Blaze

by Sean Robert Michaels

TUSCALOOSA, AL - It was just over a week since Nikki Clayborne was crowned the first Miss Rumor's that someone broke into this Tuscaloosa night spot with arson on their mind.

The front entrance of the bar was forced open and fire set to the establishment, a blaze that destroyed the bar and left only the memories of a night spot that had yet to celebrate it's first anniversary.

According to fire officials, the perpetrator(s), after entering the establishment, poured a liquid accelerant from the bar area to the front entrance to set the fire.

According to co-owner Jeff Jacobs, nobody was in the building at the time of the fire since the bar is closed from Sunday to Tuesday.

Jacobs said the bar hadn't received any threats since the establishment had opened. "You can't rule out the hate crime factor," Jacobs added. "But I just don't think it was the motive."

The owners are optimistic about the future of the bar. "Don't count us out yet," Jacob said. "We are already looking at another building to move into and hope to be moving soon. Sooner than people might think."

[Sean Robert Michaels is a reporter for the Alabama Forum, from which this article is reprinted, and has been re-edited.]



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Gay Rights Battle Lines Are Drawn After Supreme Court Decision

by Claude Lewis

PHILADELPHIA, PA - In its quest for equal rights in housing, employment and public accommodations, the Gay suddenly has momentum on its side. And that momentum has been supplied by the most unlikely of sources: the conservative U.S. Supreme Court.

The High Court, in a 6-3 ruling, struck down an amendment to the Colorado constitution that nullified existing civil rights protections for homosexuals. "A state cannot deem a class of persons a strange to its laws," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy, in the majority opinion.

Rita Addessa, executive director of the Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Task Force, says that the court's decision is "significant because it says the tyranny of the majority cannot any longer punish any group or class of people based on hatred."

And she predicted that the Gay community would now struggle even harder to broaden its rights. The major battle, both in Congress and in the courts, is likely to be over the legalization of same-sex marriage.

The battle imagery is not misplaced. Justice Antonin Scalia, in his dissent, said the court had placed itself squarely in the middle of a "cultural war."

He said it's a battle that the states, not the courts, should settle. But the court may next be asked to rule in another controversial matter, a Hawaii case that permits same-sex marriages. Usually, a law in one state is accorded "full faith and credit" in other states, according to the U.S. Constitution. As a

result, other states could be compelled to recognize same-sex marriages performed in Hawaii, and that has excited fear in some quarters.

"No one state should be allowed to inflict its bizarre social experimentation upon unwilling participants," said Deborah Whyman, a Republican state representative from Michigan.

Recently, a bill was introduced in Congress defining marriage in federal law as the "legal union between one man and one woman." It would permit states to ignore same-sex marriages.

Opponents of the legislation accused the GOP of introducing the legislation in a cynical attempt to win votes in the fall election.

It's hard to say whether that strategy will bear fruit. Recent polls are ambiguous.

They indicate that more Americans than ever in our history believe that the rights of Gays are being violated.

However, they also indicate that while millions of Americans may deplore anti-Gay discrimination, this doesn't translate into widespread support of Gay causes.

Much of the opposition to civil rights for Gays is based on fear that has been effectively exploited by the Christian right. For example, opponents of Gay rights warn parents that school materials treating Gays as normal human beings improperly and prematurely expose children to an alternative lifestyle. They say same-sex marriage undermines the family.

And they play on widespread fear over the spread of AIDS, a plague in the Gay community.

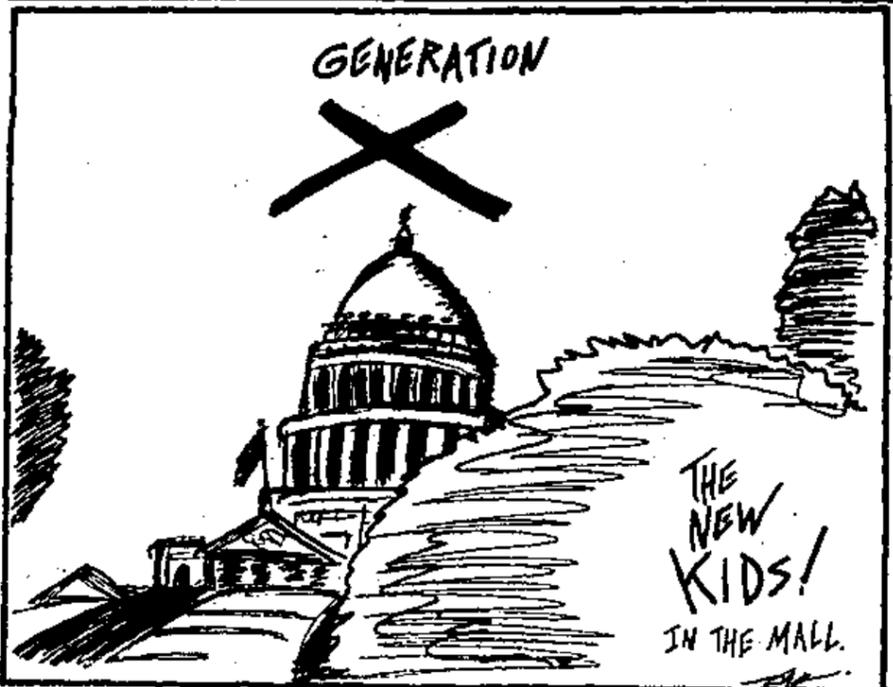
Gays are convinced that their struggle is comparable to that of blacks in the 50's and 60's, that they have all the duties of citizenship, but few of the rights.

"Just as miscegenation laws were designed to maintain and protect white superiority, anti-Gay laws are designed to maintain privilege for heterosexuals," Addessa says. "The court's decision is very encouraging, and gives us the strength to come forward to seek our full emancipation."

[Claude Lewis is a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer. His column appears in the Arizona Daily Star, from which it's reprinted.]



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by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Que tal? Saludandoles de nuevo; y todavía cansado de las vacaciones que disfruté en compañía de grandes amigos y camaradas de Granados, Sonora donde se pudo apreciar el gran cariño que le tienen los Granadenses a su pueblo, ya que en esta ocasión nos tocó celebrar con esa gente la V CARAVANA DEL RECUERDO, que cada año sale mejor y con la participación de más gente, de todo el estado de Sonora así como residentes de Arizona, California y de Baja California y otros lugares. También cabe recalcar las finas atenciones que siempre han caracterizado a las familias Granadenses, familias Provencio, Barceló, Durazo, etc. Gracias a todos y cada uno de esos buenos amigos que afortunadamente tenemos en ese inolvidable pueblo en la reviera del Rio Bavispe. Les anticipamos la invitación para el próximo año que es cuando se festeja al santo patrono, San Isidro Labrador, los días siguientes al 15 de mayo, ya les haremos llegar específicamente la fechas... La exposición fotográfica del Sr. Octavio Barceló fue lo que recalco y reafirmo el arte y cultura que existe en esos pueblos sonorenses, el Maestro Barceló estará presentando su material fotográfico próximamente en esta ciudad de Tucson, así como en la capital Sonorense en fechas que daremos a conocer oportunamente. Felicidades Octavio!!!

Una de las más agradables noticias que hemos recibido por parte del NOTICOCEF es que: "Durante la 8a. Reunión Pública del Consejo Directivo, celebrada en Ciudad Juárez el pasado 30 de abril, se aprobó por unanimidad el Proyecto de Sistemas de Agua Potable, Drenaje Sanitario y Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales de la ciudad de Naco, Sonora. Este proyecto que tiene un valor de \$653,000 dólares dará una solución integral al sistema actual de agua, drenaje y a los problemas de tratamiento de agua residuales." El proyecto de Naco es el séptimo proyecto de infraestructura ambiental certificado por el Consejo Directivo de COCEF.

Con la participación del Ing. Gustavo Rosiles, Director de Preservación de Residuos Sólidos y Preservación del Medio Ambiente de SEDESOL, se revisaron proyectos de rellenos sanitarios en Agua Prieta y Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, así como de otras ciudades fronterizas. Durante el recorrido, tanto COCEF como SEDESOL se comprometieron a brindar apoyo a estas comunidades en el desarrollo de sus propuestas de proyectos para obtener la certificación de COCEF.

Un reporte que nos llega del Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), se menciona que de acuerdo a unas encuestas hechas en diferentes centros de detención y cárceles, al menos 5,279 presos adultos con SIDA han sido encarcelados en los Estados Unidos en 1994, lo que se traduce como 5.2 casos de SIDA por cada 1,000 presos adultos. Para finales de 1994 cerca de 4,588 presos adultos murieron de SIDA en las cárceles de los Estados Unidos. El CDC hace notar el interés para que agencias encargadas de programas de prevención al VIH tomen participación directa a esa población y hagan ver a los administradores de esos centros de la necesidad de llevar dichos programas preventivos a los centros de readaptación tanto para jóvenes como para adultos.

Nuestras sinceras felicitaciones a Edgar Rivera quién estará desempeñando

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Nuestro compañero Ernie Pérez coordinador de Salud es Poder necesita voluntarios para el comité planificador sobre el gran evento de Miss Gay Hispanidad '96 que se llevará a cabo el 15 de septiembre en el lugar para los hispanos por supuesto Stonewall, en esa ocasión se trabajará en coordinación binacional con el grupo ACCSIDA, A.C. (Acción Comunitaria Contra el SIDA, asociación civil) así que tendremos algunos visitantes de Sonora y de otros estados de México, así como de California y Texas, por favor comunicarse con el Sr. Pérez a los números que usted ya sabe (322-6226) sobre todo especial invitación a personas que tengan conocimientos sobre coreografía, maquillaje, peinados, etc., ya que se espera que sea el mejor evento del '96.

Una mala noticia es que Lucero tubo que regresar a su ciudad natal por razones familiares, pero el mejor grupo latino travesti de Arizona Extasis continuará sus presentaciones estelares el primer martes de cada mes en el lugar de siempre Stonewall con nueva y entretenida variedad cada presentación, así es que este 4 de junio por allá los esperamos.

Por hoy es todo y esperamos sus sugerencias y comentarios. Hasta la próxima semana, D.M.

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How Newly Approved Home Testing Kit For AIDS Works

by Kim Painter

NEW YORK, NY - After years of debate, the home HIV testing kit is about to hit the market, with the blessing of the Food and Drug Administration.

Residents of Texas and Florida will be able to buy the kits in June; they could be available nationwide by early 1997.

Here are some questions consumers may have about Confide, the kit from Johnson & Johnson's Direct Access Diagnostics.

Q: What's in this kit?

A: For \$40, you'll get a counseling pamphlet on HIV, written by for Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, and the materials you need to obtain and mail a small blood sample. This is not like a home pregnancy test kit: You won't get what you need to perform the actual test or see the results at home.

Q: How do I get the blood sample?

A: You prick your finger with a lancet provided in the kit and then apply three drops to a card.

Q: What do I do then?

A: You put the card in a special, pre-addressed, leak proof package and drop it in the mail, seven days later, you can make a toll free call to get your results, using a 14 digit I.D. number.

Q: Who gives me the results?

A: If you're negative, as most people taking an HIV test are, you'll hear a recording telling you so and advising you on how to stay negative. For example callers might hear that condoms used correctly, can prevent HIV transmission. You'll be told how to reach a counselor for more information.

If you're positive, a counselor will come on the line immediately. Critics says this feature is a flaw. People will know their results as soon as they get either a recording or a live voice and "we think a lot of people are going to disconnect at that moment," says Jim Graham, director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

Q: Are the counselors well-trained?

A: The company says that the majority have master's degrees in fields ranging from social work to health education and that all have undergone extensive training. Company officials would not say how many counselors they've hired or how many daily calls they expect them to handle, only the callers can stay on the line as long as they like and may call back for up to two years.

Q: What kind of help will the counselors offer?

A: In addition to explaining the results, they'll refer HIV-positive callers to doctors, counselors and other services in their area, using the same nationwide list used by the federal government's AIDS hot line. That list has not always been kept up to date in the past, critics says, but the company is promising to review it every six to eight months.

Q: How accurate is it?

A: The test is "well over 99% accurate," and just as good as the one you'd get at a clinic or doctor's office, says Dr. Gary Noble, vice president for medical affairs at Direct Access. A study submitted to the FDA confirmed that.

Q: How will people in Texas and Florida get the kit?

A: In Texas, the kits will be sold in drug stores, college health centers and clinics. The kits won't be displayed on the drugstore shelves. Instead, customers will rip a coupon from a display and hand it to the pharmacist, who will hand over the kit in a discreet manner. The idea is to let people buy the kits in the most confidential way. Plus, people in Texas and Florida will be able to order kits by mail through a toll-free number, requiring giving an address and a credit card number.

Q: Why won't the kits be more widely available at first?

A: The company wants to see how many calls it gets and how much staff it needs to handle them before offering nationwide service.

[Kim Painter is a reporter for USA Today, from which this article is reprinted.]





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BY DAVID BRIANCO

When did American Gays, Lesbians and others first start calling themselves "Queer"?

The term "queer" has been used by at least one segment of the Gay and lesbian community for more than eighty years. The word's exact origin is unclear, although it may have developed from the Old English "cwer," meaning "crooked, not straight" or the British slang "quare" meaning unusual. Some say the word originally referred to 18th-century counterfeit money, which explains the phrase "queer as a three-dollar bill."

There is plenty of historical evidence that as early as the 1910's, a subset of American men who we might call Gay preferred to call themselves queer. Historian George Chauncey, in his book "Gay New York", explains the overlapping and ever-shifting lexicology of men who had sex with other men in the early 20th century in the nation's largest city.

Men who adopted a feminine style in mannerisms and sexual behavior called themselves "fairies." "Trade" were conventionally masculine men who pursued effeminate men for sexual encounters. And "queer" was used by men, of both the middle and working classes, who categorized themselves as different because of their affection for members of the same sex, regardless of their masculinity or effeminacy.

By the 1930's and 1940's, though, all these terms began to be eclipsed by "Gay," which was particularly preferred by younger and middle-class men. As Gay became more popular, many men began to reject "queer" as a term heard much more often by belligerent or condescending heterosexuals than self-reverentially by Gays themselves - although some prominent figures such as Christopher Isherwood and Gore Vidal continued to prefer the term to "Gay."

By the late 1980's, though, queer was making a comeback, particularly among younger activists. And in 1990, the group most responsible for cementing it as a primary term used by a subset of the Gay and lesbian movement appeared: Queer Nation.

Queer Nation was founded in New York City in the spring of 1990 by activists who wanted to use ACT-UP style tactics on issues other than AIDS. Their first major public splash came in June 1990, when they distributed an incendiary pamphlet entitled "Queers Read This," which was best known for its mantra "I hate straights." The pamphlet, soon faxed and xeroxed across the country, struck a chord with many - especially young Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals - who didn't feel the traditional Gay-rights movement spoke for them.

Queer Nation soon became known for its irreverent strategies, from pasting "Queers Bash Back" stickers in public places to invading nightclubs and shopping malls not identified as Gay or Lesbian for "Queer Nights Out."

Central to Queer Nation's public persona was its members' determined advocacy of the word queer as opposed to "Gay and Lesbian" or "homosexual." Queer, they said, was inclusive of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered people, and (sometimes) supportive heterosex-

uals. Unlike Gay, they argued, queer recognized that their difference didn't always make them happy. Many were unaware of the word's history, and felt they were reclaiming a pejorative term and using it in a positive sense for the first time.

This "new" use of the word queer brought sharp criticism from other segments of the Gay and Lesbian community. Some worried that the word would only play into the hands of the Gay and Lesbian movement's enemies. Others felt the term simply evoked too many painful memories to be used to name something they wanted to feel proud of.

Most because of internal divisions and organizational exhaustion, Queer Nation largely ran out of steam by 1992. While the group is no longer the visible force it once was, the term queer appears to be here to stay. Students and professors debate Queer Theory in the universities, computer users discuss topics of the day on "queernet.com," and thousands of Americans use the term to refer to themselves - either interchangeably with Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual, or as a primary identity.

Was Eleanor Roosevelt a Lesbian?

She certainly wouldn't have used that term to refer to herself. Nonetheless, we do have ample historical records to confidently state that Roosevelt has at a passionate romantic involvement with at least one woman - Lorena Hickok.

Hickok was a reporter for the Associated Press assigned to cover Roosevelt when her husband was elected president in 1932. The two became close very quickly. While much of the correspondence between them was later burned by Hickok's family, many letters remain, including an oft-cited one in which Hickok writes of how she remembers "the feeling of that soft spot just north-east of the corner of your mouth against my lips."

In addition, many of Roosevelt's friends, particularly in the years following the First World War, were involved in romantic relationships with other women. Many of these women were involved in women's organizations that fought for world peace and social justice.

Do these friendships and her relationship with Hickok "qualify" Roosevelt as a Lesbian? Some historians have angrily said no - insisting on proof of sexual intercourse with another woman before any woman can be called a Lesbian. Even without this standard (which is never applied before labeling someone as heterosexual) we should certainly be careful not to casually label as Lesbian someone who not only married a man and had children but also carried on a long-term romantic relationship with a younger man, her bodyguard Earl Miller.

With evidence of her erotic involvement with both men and women, it is tempting to simply categorize Roosevelt as "Bisexual." But since none of these labels were ever embraced by Roosevelt, it may be safest to avoid labels altogether - and point to Eleanor Roosevelt as a clear example of the fact that many of those whom history has traditionally assumed were "straight" had enormously complex romantic and sexual lives.

It's 1996, a Presidential election year. Gee go figure! Gay and Lesbian activists learned how quickly the pendulum can swing against them. [See accompanying story.]

Just after the Supreme Court ruling striking down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, President Clinton, stunned G/L activists by announcing he would sign legislation pending in Congress to outlaw same-sex marriages.

"They've known for weeks that the president would say he'll sign the bill if it ever reaches him," Clinton aide George Stephanopolous said.

Really, then why hasn't there reports of this stand in the press, straight or Gay. Can we say politics, an election year, and a quick right-wing election year makeover?

The White House is not taking any chances, especially after Clinton was crucified for attempting to allow out Gays and Lesbians to serve in the military. White House aides are maintaining that the GOP was merely trying to lure the White House into defending the politically indefensible.

The aides are stating to the community, "If you think this is bad, how about President Dole?" How about President Ralph Nader?

The move though infuriated David Mixer, longtime Clinton friend and Gay activist. "It's reprehensible and cowardly. But I won't b.s. you. It was politically smart," Mixer said in an interview.

True, so true! We're the hot issue of this campaign and frankly, as I wrote last week, the only friends we have

POLITICS
1996
By MARK R. KERR

Alistair Cooke
Being Attacked By A Duck

in government are those ladies and gentlemen in those adorable robes, the judicial branch. ...

Speaking of the judicial branch, the U.S. Supreme Court. Four out of the six Supreme Court justices who voted to strike down Colorado's Amendment 2 were Republican appointees.

Here's the vote, Justices John Paul Stevens (Ford); Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy (Reagan); David Souter (Bush).

So when can we expect Bob Dole, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee and election loser to call for the impeachment of the justices? ...

The unconstitutional federal legislation, (H.R. 3396, S.1740 for those playing the home game), which would ban or recognizing same-sex marriages did not move in Congress. As reported [Observer 618], the House version of the bill had been given the fast track okay, and is before the House Judiciary Committee.

Speaking of H.R. 3396, the sponsor of the measure is Georgia Republican Congressman, Robert Barr, a Newt protege. Barr has stated that he wants to defend the traditional values of the ceremony between a man and a woman. Sorta interesting such baloney comes from a person whose been married three times. Barr must be defending the those traditional

values of the Nevada quickie marriage and divorce. Three cheers for America! ...

Pity the poor breeders, yes the oppressed straight majority! Case in point: George Will in his column; emotions ranging from A to B; commenting on the Supreme Court decision striking down Colorado's Amendment 2:

"In 1992 a majority of Coloradans became provoked by the aggressive and successful campaigns of homosexuals and bisexuals for state and local laws protecting them from discrimination"

Three cities only in Colorado had passed anti-discrimination ordinances, not the state. What state laws were passed? None!

The Arizona Daily Star entitled the column, "Prejudices". So true, Will, a conservative white male is definitely is. ...

The head of the fascist brown shirts, the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed in his new upcoming book urges the religions right to refrain from using "harsh language" and "spiritual arrogance" to attack Gay people and others with whom the movement disagrees.

"Calling Gays perverts or announcing that AIDS is 'God's judgement' on the Gay community is not consistent with our Christian call to mercy," Reed

states in his book, Active Faith.

Right, this coming from the man whose actions had spearheaded nationwide Gay bashing and attacks on all fronts! Obviously the book is a work of fiction, nothing factual, or truthful here! What a crock! ...

Locally, a candidate, Rick Gonzales, a Democrat who is running for Pima County attorney held an event this past week at The Biz! A candidate courting the Gay and Lesbian community during an election year! Gasp!

Gonzales said that Gays and Lesbians should consider his candidacy because if elected, his directive for the office will be "discrimination is discrimination." All cases will get equal treatment. Gonzales stated he supported of the concept of same-sex marriages.

He plans to prioritize cases, and that his goal, if elected, is to focus on ending juvenile crime, gangs and violence in Pima County.

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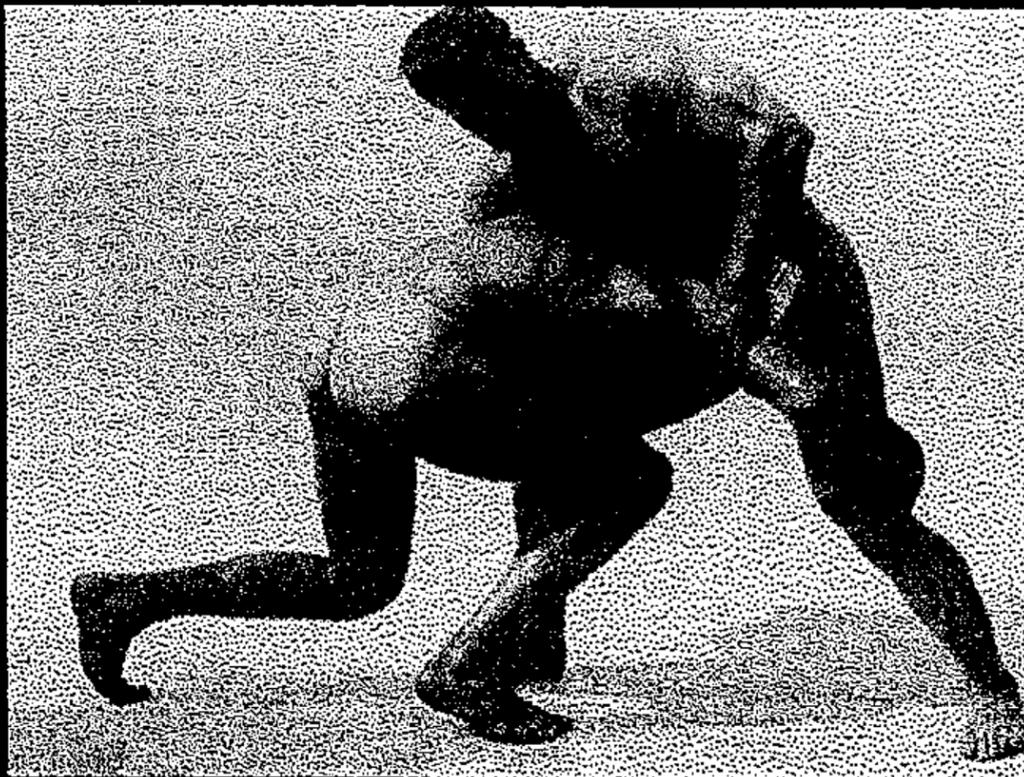
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by J.D. Wrangler

As the new AGRA year starts, our new Board of Directors began an exciting year of change. With this changing of the guard, thus comes a change of the pen.

I would like to thank Cindy for the opportunity to write this article for the next year. Boy she's in for a surprise! Also, congratulations and thank you to Pat Terry for accepting her appointment as Treasurer for this next year.

Things are already starting to happen, an impromptu meeting was held to discuss getting non-profit status, and I'm happy to stay, it's starting to happen. The process to get this status is underway. This will be a new focus on our ability to provide assistance to other agencies and groups who, like AGRA, work so hard to help fund community non-profit service organizations and to fight the spread of HIV.

Once we receive non-profit status, our external contribution will surely increase due to the tax benefit it will produce for our supporters. Terry and Darrin are working very hard on this, if you're interested in helping out, let a director know, they'll get you in touch with Terry. Special thanks to Terry and Darrin for their efforts, its people like you who make AGRA a great organization.

Increasing membership will also help boost AGRA's impact in this community. If each member signed up just one member a year, imagine what our strength would be in two years. The amount of support, both monetarily and emotionally, AGRA could provide to this community would be astonishing. Lets make a commitment to ourselves, our friends and our organization. Alone we accomplish little, together we can do great things.

I have been asked by several people, "What's the big deal about AGRA? Isn't just a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls having a good time? My answer to this is, "It's a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls having a good time, but our fun serves a purpose. It gives us the opportunity to raise money for the fight of HIV and to help support others in our community. So if that's what you mean, then my answer is yes!"

So, come join the fun and share it by bringing in one new member before this year's Rodeo. As you all know, this past Rodeo was a lot of fun, and as required, a condensed version of the financial statement is required to be published, so here are the figures: Income-\$51,678.37; Expenses-\$53,933.72.

As you can see it was not the most desirable outcome, so lets start working on making it a better year. Remember, only 204 days left until the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

And speaking of rodeo, don't forget the Rodeo Poster contest. The rules are the same as last year with one exception. This year a maximum of two colors can be used. So start thinking and start drawing, get those artistic juices flowing. The winning poster entry will net someone some cash or prizes.

AGRA has a big year planned for all. This month ends with the Garth Brooks ticket raffle at the Stonewall/Eagle on Friday, May 31 at 11 P.M. If you haven't got your raffle tickets yet, get in touch with Raul, he will get you in the

drawing.

As June starts, a group of people will be taking a road trip to Las Vegas. It's a weekend of slot machines and rodeo. Las Vegas is hosting their first rodeo, and it's looking to be a wonderful weekend, June 14-17. If you have some free time why not take a road trip yourself and enjoy the fun. Hope to see you there.

This month's Board and General Membership meetings will be held at IBT's, Sunday, June 16. The Board meets, at 3 P.M., the General Membership meets at 5 P.M. Come out and see what's going on. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, this is the time and place to let them be heard. Not to mention that committees and organizational liaisons are being formed. Anyone who would like to participate, here is the place to jump into the arena and get involved. The Board members are committed to making this year of member participation and it can't be done without you.

Next up in June comes a Pre-Fourth of July party at IBT's. It's starts at 2 P.M. on June 30. I'm sure it will prove to be a "blast" for all. Details in upcoming articles. The Annual AGRA Tucson Trail Ride is coming! This "three hour tour" is being set up for the morning of June 23. To answer your questions, no Gilligan and the Skipper aren't in charge, Brian is, so we should all make it home in time for lunch. Brian has promised to get all the details out soon, so mark your calendars.

The party of all parties is happening at Hours on July 11. The AGRA Tucson Anniversary Party is upon us again, with a B-B-Q, AGRA black-jack, entertainment and more. Don't miss the excitement.

We have a new addition to our community to report and a big Tucson welcome to Annette, who's now a Tucsonian. Glad to have you in the arena Annette, may your new home be filled with happiness and joy. Lets get this year rolling, we owe it to ourselves and our community to be active and strive to support the organizations that provide the services we use. Jump on the bandwagon and make some noise. The year's just begun and we've got a long road ahead and each bump will bring a new adventure, so lets take that bull by the horns and ride it to the end. Until next week, enjoy life to it's fullest, but always be safe!!

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BY DR. BOB

A Day In The Life Of God

In the beginning, when God was still in the closet, all things were void and without form, and a great darkness hovered over the deep. Nothing existed except God and the Void, and God was sound asleep, not knowing His own existence. When the dawn started to break, all by itself (since He had, aeons before, pre-arranged for it to wake Him up), God began to stir and stretch. Confused and disoriented, He rubbed His Eyes and scratched His Balls. The Cosmic Coffee-maker was brewing, being one of those preset jobs.

As He sat at the kitchen table, bleary-eyed and sipping His coffee, He started to reflect on His own existence, realizing that He existed. As soon as this happened, His Twin manifested Itself in the empty kitchen chair. This always happened when He reflected that, indeed, He did exist. His Beloved Double, His Twin, His Lover, His Other Half, would proceed forth from His Body and turn to face Him. The gaze They exchanged was one of intense love, the love that Reality Itself has for Itself. So on this particular morning, when all things were void and without form, and God was still in the closet, God and His Mirror Image proceeded to have a discussion.

"You're looking divine this morning!"

"Thanks, You are too, as always. But You know, Honey, You don't need all that caffeine. It's hard on Your Sacred Heart, and You aren't getting any younger. Pushing 50 million aeons, aren't you?"

"Don't remind Me. But then, eternal time is cyclical. What do You want to do today?"

"Oh, I don't know, let's just hang out and love each other."

"Les rowwr-rowwrr, as Pepe Le Pew used to say."

"Or...We could come out of the closet and create something!"

"What a heavenly idea! I always love creating something with You."

"Yeah, remember last time, when we created a space-time continuum with light everywhere, except for randomly scattered explosions of darkness?"

"You mean the universe where every body exerted a gravitational repulsion on every other body?"

"That was a bit hard on the creatures, though, wasn't it? They had a hard time getting together. I just love it when our creatures get together and have loving sex with each other, admiring their reflections in each other, just as You and I do here in eternity."

"Of course, of course, that's why we create universes in the first place, right? Hey, why don't we create a space-time continuum where darkness is everywhere, except for randomly scattered explosions of light? We could call them stars."

"I love it! And then there could be spheres revolving around the light-explosions, where creatures could live and fall

in love with each other. And there should be lots of water on the spheres, or let's just make a name for them...oh I don't know, how about 'planets'?"

"Great, great! But let's throw in a little variety with the sex thing this time. I mean, We've always had Our creatures love others of their own sex, and that's Good, since We love each Other in that way. Look at Us: God and God's Reflection, Reality and Itself, Universal Mind and Its Self-Concept: what a Pair! Like attracts Like, as We've always said. But this time..."

"Wait, I've got it! Just for variety, let's have these creatures love the opposite sex for once! You know, like male and female balancing each other out. But we'll still sprinkle in quite a few of those like Us, human beings who are attracted to the Divine Sameness...oh, we could call them Gay, as a reminder of the Divine Joy!"

"Right, Darling, and they'll be the natural priests, decorators, and creators, and they'll have mornings on earth where they'll get up and want to create projects of their own, just as we're doing right now."

"OK, and they'll also be the peacemakers, because they'll be full of love for their fellowmen, in all their physical and spiritual beauty."

"That's good, that's good...Oh no, get out of here, I've got the most glorious idea! It'll create the best sense of dramatic tension we've ever witnessed!"

"Go on, go on..."

"Well, the Gay ones, like you say, could be just scattered throughout the general population, but even better, we'll make it so the opposite-sex-oriented ones will think that the Gay ones are in the wrong. So that actually, the Gay ones will be the most sensitive and the most like Us, and will be responsible for most of the beauty in the world, but the non-Gay ones will oppress them and try to keep them down."

"Hmmm...this is risky, but I'm liking it. But do You mean the Gay ones will have to doubt themselves, and think maybe they are un-natural, when actually they are the most natural thing for Us to create? How can we justify all the pain they will have to go through?"

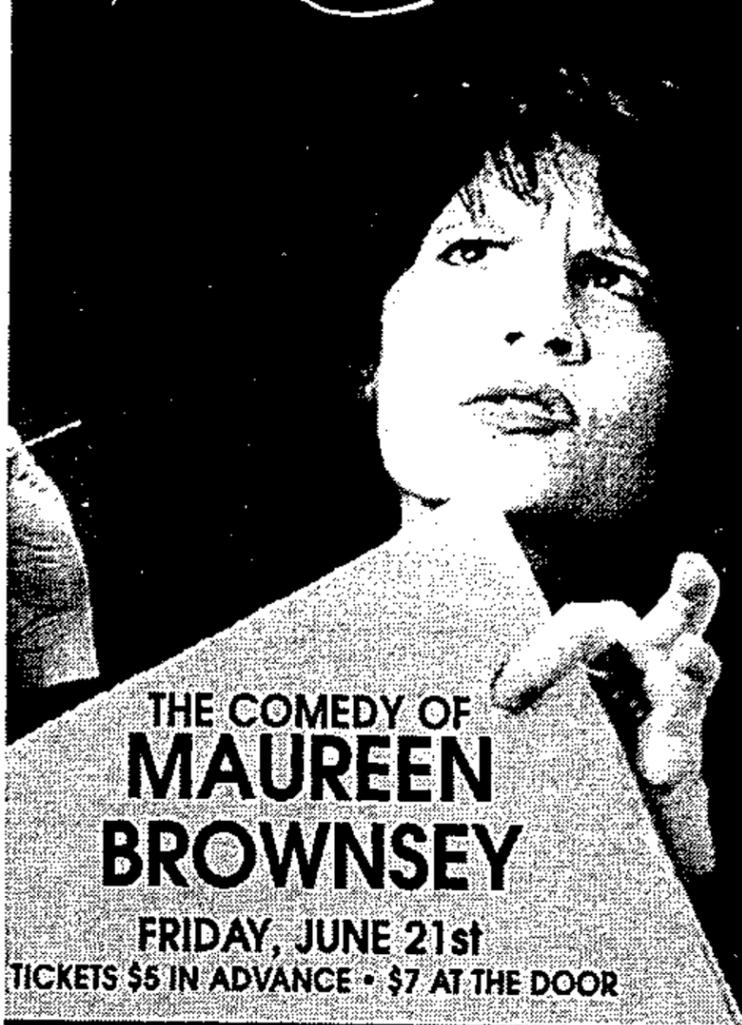
"Well, they can have Sunday brunches. They will have to fight for their right to love each other, and struggle with the poison the non-Gay ones will put in their head. And yes, they will suffer. But when any of them get through the self-doubt and fall in love with each other anyway, it will be sooooo much better than if it were just handed to them on a silver platter. They will have the opportunity to experience themselves overcoming hardship. And they will know their strength, and they will have each other's fierce love against all odds, and that will more than make up for all the suffering. It'll be so exciting, I think I'd like to dream I'm one of them for awhile!"

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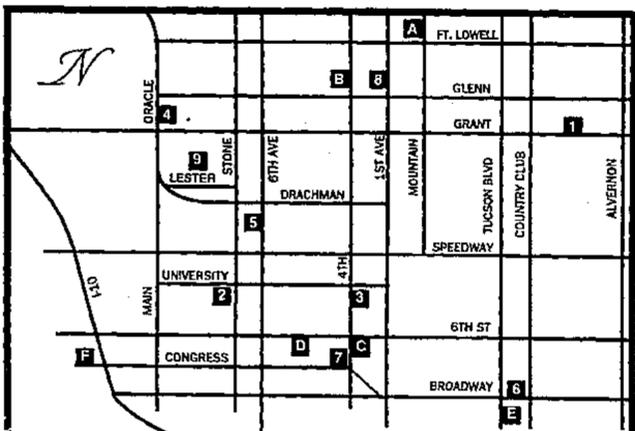
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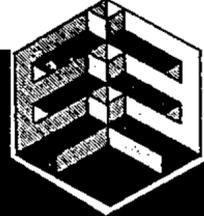
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IBT'S - Special fundraising show for Felice Renard's Miss Gay Arizona campaign. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes Horton and Hill. The music starts at 7 p.m. and cover is only \$2.00. These ladies always rock the house.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Desert Voices will hold a 50/50 raffle here. Proceeds will go toward their June 15 and 16 concert. Come out and support Desert Voices.

GRADUATE - TKO monthly Beer Bust 2:00 TO 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed will play live music from 6 to 9 p.m. Cover is \$3. The band plays hot corridas and cumbias. Don't miss this great band.

IBT'S - Bar-B-Que/Bear Bust to benefit Shanti Foundation 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., it's a special Male Box Nite. Meet someone special.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. All-star cast featuring Lucinda Holiday, Helena Bubbles, Felice Renard, Aja Simone and Bulemia Dehavilland.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes the show "Frenzy". These ladies and gentlemen will do Latin drag, live music and drag. This show will make you want to get up and dance. No Cover.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

IBT'S - Come join IBT's Pride Week event - "Malibu Beach Party". It starts at 5:00 p.m. Contests, prizes, surprises and fun!

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Stand-up comedienne Maureen Brownsey appears for the first time in Tucson. Her hysterical comedy will tickle you pink. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$5.00 in advance or \$7 at the door.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

MSN TV Video Night 7 p.m. showing "Absolutely Fabulous". Call Loren or Stephen 790-4416 for reservations & Directions.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner 6:30 p.m. Hometown Buffet. Call Richard at 578-0840 RSVP.

GTV - Gay Television in Tucson 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on public Access channel 64. If you want to participate in the audience be at the studio, 124 E. Broadway by 7:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

The Tucson Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will travel to the Pinaleno Mountains and hike to Ash Creek Falls. A moderate and beautiful 6 mile round-trip hike to the waterfalls. 1,400 foot elevation gain. Call Lea 326-3521 for more information.

MSN 7 p.m. Discussion Night. Join your MSN brothers to discuss the topic "Exploring Our Adolescence". Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations and directions. Guests welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's for his classic oldies. 7:00 p.m. Call 624-6768 for titles and RSVP.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

GTV - All-five Gay cablecast program #18 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

MSN Evening movie out at the inexpensive theater. Call Larry at 785-9125 beginning May 25 for location and title of the movie. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Movie Matinee - Rainbow Families, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network of Tucson goes to a movie matinee today. Bring the family. Call Craig at 318-9348 for details.

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Monthly potluck/social at our new location downtown at the Scottish Rite Hall, 33 Ochoa Ave., Ochoa Room. Bring your favorite dish to share. Meet new people. Membership has now surpassed 250. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

It's time for the 9th annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling Extravaganza. It will be held at the Graduate this year. Call Jenny at Shanti for information and registration, 622-7107.

Recreational Volleyball every Sunday on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills (NW corner of Swan and River Roads.) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Women and men of all playing levels are welcome. Great time.

Men's Social Network 4-6 p.m. Triangle Tribe awareness group. The group learns and uses communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Ice cream social at Ray's house. Bring your favorite ice cream and join your brothers for a "sweet" social visit. Call Ray at 797-6648 for reservations and directions.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7:00 ish p.m. Evening movie out at the inexpensive theater. Call Larry at 795-9125 after June 1 for the location and title of the movie.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

The Desert Coyotes (Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league) will hold an organizational meeting for the summer league. 8:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athena on Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking available behind the restaurant off 6th St.

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Card game night. Card game night. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Ray at 797-6648 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Men's Social Network (gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Discussion night. The topic will be "exploring intergenerational relationships" (older/younger) for reservations and directions. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck dinner. All are welcome. Call 888-7234 for more information.

The Lambda Lizards, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Bowling League will hold an organizational meeting for their summer league. 7:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. The MSN Book Club will be discussing Whores of Lost Atlantis

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 @ 7 pm. Country/Western Dance Instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1. IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit 5-8 Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 8pm to close.

PLUG - Open Noon. BBQ 'Delux' with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 2-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm 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. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 60s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. Trash Disco 9pm. \$1 Longnecks 11pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 8-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-REG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out at The Biz Non-Premium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoos Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.

PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Live DJ at 9pm. A buck off all longnecks and well 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Top Mix music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, \$1.25 Pitchers, 75¢ Glass.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singies \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Sky Vodka Cocktails \$2 9pm - 1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50

VENTURE-N - Open Sun Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. 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 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.30 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close.

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Martini Jazz Hour 4-8pm. \$1.50 well martinis; \$2.25 call martinis.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 8-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm with Candace. \$1 schnapps all the time.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

GRADUATE - Open Sun. 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 Delights, Pina Colada \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 8-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Free Pool noon to 5pm. On 3 tables. Vocal centerstage at 10pm

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Mitches & Bagels w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.



NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson elected new members to the Board of Directors on May 20. In addition, PACT membership voted to increase the size of the board to fifteen members. New officers are: Michael O'Toole, President; Dale Castrillo, Vice-President; Jason Vogler, Second Vice-President; Kathleen Clark, Secretary; Eric Jaques, Treasurer.

New board members are: Meikil A. Berry, Jean Cicci, Eric Jaques, Karen Jerman, Steve Land, Mark Landsfeld, Robert Markley, Jason Vogler. This and next week's column will introduce the new board to our community.

Ms. Meikil A. Berry is an African American woman who has been very active in the HIV/AIDS community, not only through her work with the ASO's, but also through her poetry and dramatic art.

Berry is a nationally recognized and published poet who has often been asked to read her works at local, regional, and national AIDS related events. She strongly feels the need to reach out to the communities of color with education and prevention programs, and is already beginning to address some issues through her membership on the Council for Domestic Violence. Her work also takes her into issues concerning women with HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Jean Cicci was very involved with the only HIV+ group for women in

Connecticut, and was the co-founder of the first HIV+ NA group which is still going today. She works as a Volunteer Peer Counselor and volunteers for the Speakers Bureau at PACT. Jean is able to understand where affected people are coming from, their needs, and the help they need.

Eric Jaques brings to PACT 20+ years of business management in the health care industry. His experience also goes into fund raising for a non-profit, community based psychiatric hospital. Eric is confident that through his friends and business acquaintances in the banking and financial investment industry, PACT will be able to access many sources of fund raising.

Karen Jerman is an RN with a nine year history of working with PWA's and their families. After serving on the Board of Directors during the past few months, Karen says that she learns more each time she is in contact with other board members, staff and clients. Karen has been involved with multiple organizations and committees throughout her 16 year history as an RN, and she wants to further contributions of time and knowledge to the HIV/AIDS community.

I leave you with this in mind, "That best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." - William Wordsworth

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

"Everybody needs somebody sometime...", or so goes the song. Rather true, don't you think? After all, no one ever really chooses to be alone. In fact, studies have shown that all human beings need personal contact with others. Scientists tracked orphaned babies in several facilities. The babies who were held several times a day thrived and developed normally, while those who were held only to have their diapers changed or to be fed developed more slowly, had emotional and/or mental problems, and often died.

Yes, everybody does need somebody.

Unfortunately though, it seems we all at one time or another place all our

hopes and dreams on another person: We expect that person to meet our every need, and when that doesn't happen we are sorely disappointed, let down, or even crushed.

Why do we do that? Are we so starved for love and attention that we actually seek out others who we think will meet all our needs? It certainly seems so.

It almost appears to be a "no-win" situation. Note that I said "almost". I've been there. I've put that person, those people on a pedestal. I've been crushed, heartbroken, and bewildered when my expectations were not realized, when the pedestal on which I placed someone came crashing down. And all the while so many of my needs went unsatisfied.

But then I met someone. Someone really special. Someone who makes great promises to me and keeps them! Someone who is always there for me whether I want to share a time of joy or tears of disappointment. In fact, he has actually come to mean everything to me. Now, before you start to worry that I've slipped back into old patterns, and I will once again be left hurt and dejected, let me tell you my friend's name. It's Jesus. Jesus Christ is my personal savior, my best friend, and my all in all. And you know what's really great about him? He's available to be that special friend to you too! Jesus told his disciples, "I no longer call you servants...Instead, I have called you friends..." (John 15:15) He is waiting to become your friend, waiting for you to call on him today. If you don't know how, look in the Bible and learn about him, or go to a church where the truth about Jesus is taught. I promise, once he becomes your savior he'll be the best friend you'll ever have. And you'll never be alone again!



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Act Now To Stop National Anti-Marriage Bill

Congress and the White House need to hear from you immediately to stop a national marriage bill that would prohibit equal marriage rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans.

The so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (bill number H.R. 3396 in the House and S.1740 in the Senate) was introduced in early May by Rep. Bob Barr, R-GA, and Sen. Don Nickles, R-OK.

Presumed GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole signed onto the bill as its only other co-sponsor in the Senate, thereby taking the bait of religious political extremists trying to inject this issue into the heat of election-year politics. According to a recent Human Rights Campaign report, anti-Gay groups are pushing anti-marriage bills at least 34 states; now their well-orchestrated efforts have reached Congress.

The national bill would define marriage in federal law as a "legal union between one man and one woman." It also attempts to give states the authority to reject the legality of same-sex marriages performed in other states (though such marriages are not yet legal in any state). This bill may be unconstitutional because of the "full faith and credit clause" in the U.S. Constitution which states must honor other states laws and agreements.

Marriage between two individuals of the same sex is not currently legal anywhere in the United States. The Hawaii courts are currently considering whether the state of Hawaii will extend equal marriage rights to same sex couples, but a final decision is not due for about two

years. This anti-marriage legislation is nothing more than an election-year ploy by the far right, seeking to score political points at the expense of Lesbian and Gay Americans. It is politically calculated to divide the country, promote more congressional extremism and scapegoat one group of Americans.

Act now by contacting your lawmakers in Congress and urge them to strongly oppose the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act." Refer to the bill by its appropriate number, H.R. 3396, S.1740 when dealing with your representatives and senators.

You can also contact them through the Human Rights Campaign's World Wide Web site at <http://www.hrcusa.org>

To call your senators and representative, you can dial the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, and ask for their offices. Even if you aren't sure who they are, just ask the switchboard operator and you will be connected.

To mail write: The Honorable Jon Kyl or John McCain, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. The Honorable Ed Pastor or Jim Kolbe, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

President Bill Clinton has expressed his support of the measure. We need to let him know that his decision is wrong and he should veto the bill. Write the President at: The Honorable Bill Clinton, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Georgia County Drops Anti-Gay Resolution

JESUP, GA (AP) - Wayne County commissioner in Georgia voted to repeal a two year old anti-Gay resolution, fearing the Olympic torch would bypass the county if the resolution stayed.

The torch ceremony, an Olympic tradition, includes runners carrying a lighted torch from Olympia, Greece, to the Olympic host city. This year, en route to the summer Olympics in Atlanta, the torch will crisscross the U.S. but avoid Georgia's Cobb County. That county lost the chance to play host to the torch because of that county's anti-Gay resolution.

Close to 300 people had filled the Wayne County courtroom before the three to two vote to drop the resolution, which was adopted on May 2, 1994. Most of the people present wanted to keep the resolution, which states that Gay lifestyles are illegal and "incompatible" with community standards.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games would not comment specifically on the county resolution, but a spokesperson for the committee said Wayne County could have suffered the same fate as Cobb County.

Anti-Gay Vote Sets Up Showdown

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Saying values are more important than the Olympic torch, county leaders passed an anti-Gay measure identical to one that prompted officials to re-route the torch around a Georgia county.

The 9-3 vote by the Greenville County Council sets up a showdown over the planned route of the flame through the area June 26.

"Conservatives support traditional family values and should stand up and say that they won't support extremism," said Councilman Scott Case. "That should be paramount, even more than the Olympics."

Added Councilman Mark Kingsbury: "Nobody's worried about the Olympic torch in Greenville."

The council's resolution condemns homosexuality as incompatible with community standards.

After Cobb County in Georgia passed a similar resolution in 1993, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games rerouted the Olympic torch to avoid the county and moved the volleyball competition.

Greenville's neighboring Spartanburg County passed a similar resolution, then rescinded it four days later after the county's place on the torch route and as a training site for the U.S. men's gymnastics team were threatened.

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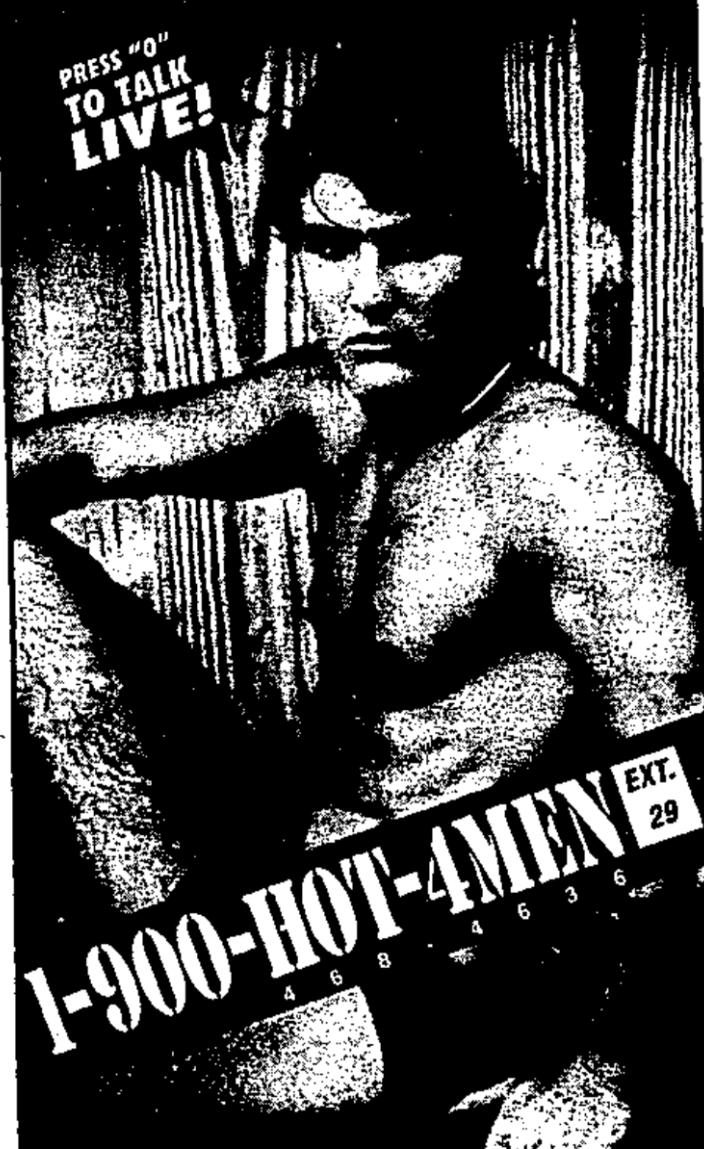
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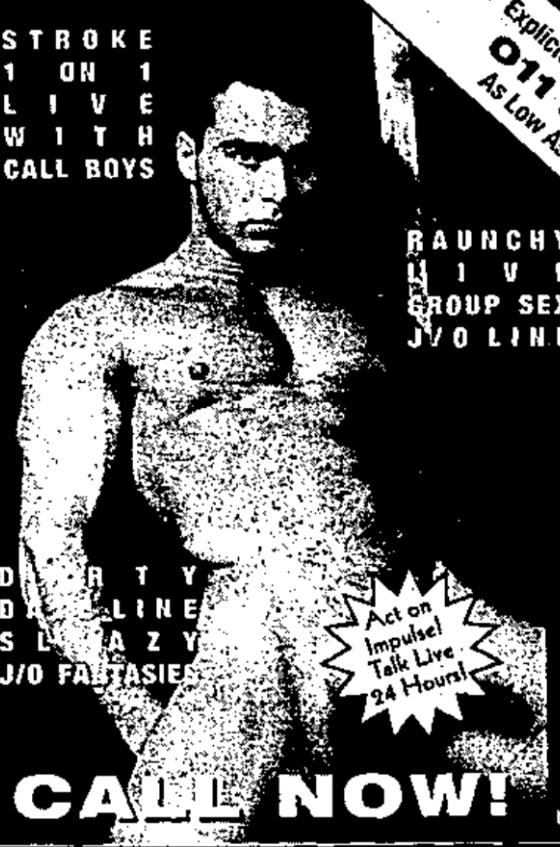
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ROLL CALL EXPOSES GAYBAITING

In the April issue of Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper, a brief but excellent piece was published on the subject of Gaybaiting in political campaigns.

"Push" polling describes negative and often deceitful campaign, disguised as a non-partisan "survey."

An example of this method of campaign involved an anonymous phone-caller who asked, "Would it make any difference to your vote if you knew Ann Wynia was an open Lesbian?" (Wynia is married, but very Gay supportive.)

These "surveys" are an attempt to spread misinformation and distract voters. Often fliers are distributed with accusations of "homosexuality promotion."

Please thank the Roll Call for exposing the latest in Radical Right nastiness. Contact: Roll Call, 900 Second Street NE, Suite 107, Washington, D.C. 20002-3557. Phone: 202-289-4900.

"GOLDY'S AIDS STRUGGLE"

In an Associated Press (AP) piece about a sports figure's death on March 30, AIDS was described as the "disease he brought on himself through a promiscuous lifestyle."

The article was about hockey player Bill Goldsworthy, who was famous for his "Goldy Shuffle" dance. Goldsworthy himself stated, "There's a stigma that comes with AIDS that makes you think it's something that only happens in the homosexuality community and to drug abusers...It's more than that."

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The article implies that AIDS happens to "good" people too, distancing the HIV Goldsworthy contracted from the HIV that occurs in the "homosexual" and "drug abuser" communities. Please let the AP newswire know how you feel about these statements.

Contact: Minneapolis Bureau/AP, 511 11th Ave. South, Suite 404, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1568. Phone: 612-332-2727.

GENIUS OF AN ANSWER?

In a recent issue of Parade Magazine, Marilyn Vos Savant (alleged possessor of the world's highest IQ) answered questions posed to her about Gay people. Two different inquiries were made about homosexuality, and whether or not it is a choice. One was phrased, "Do you think homosexuality has a genetic origin, or is it a choice of behavior?"

Vos Savant claimed she had not answered such questions in the past, due to the newly "political nature" of homosexuality. She also feared criticism about her "speculations by everyone who disagrees with them." She said, "our reasoning is going astray since we operate on the hidden assumption that all Gay behavior comes from a single source. Maybe it doesn't."

Vos Savant made a distinction between "true homosexuals" (born Gay or Lesbian) and "apparent" ones (who develop Gay tendencies as a result of their environment). She asserted, "Among the

apparent homosexuals, I suspect most are neurotic!"

Contradicting one question's comparison between left- or right-handedness and being born Gay, Vos Savant said, "The difference in handedness is irrelevant to the function of the hands. The difference in sexuality is directly relevant to the function of the sex organs. That is why I don't use the term 'sexual orientation'... That attitude takes reproduction far too lightly."

At least Vos Savant makes an attempt to enlighten us by pointing out a few famous figures who were Gay: Michelangelo, Alexander the Great, and Leonardo da Vinci. She concluded, "I'm confident that Gay people are just as good as the rest of us."

Contact: Ask Marilyn, Parade, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Phone: 212-450-7284.

GATHERING OF GIRLS & GOLF

The March 31 issue of the Los Angeles Times covered the Dinah Shore Golf Tournament in Palm Springs in a fair and inclusive article.

It described women in attendance as "looking for desert sun, dancing, friendship or a little romance, even some good golf." The Dinah Shore week has "become a sort of spring break for Lesbians," it reported. Reservations are booked months in advance from all over the coun-

ty, and "the city delighted that they're here."

The article continued, "This weekend women can hold hands without attracting stares, or can flirt with other women and not worry about offending...And perhaps most important, it's a cocoon of safety, a place to be completely open about who you are, if only for a long weekend." And, "Forgotten here are all the slights that bruise [one] in the straight world."

The Los Angeles Times pointed out that the attendees are just like any other women. They come in all shapes and sizes, and in all manner of dress. One attendee stated, "It's like a Lesbian U.S. festival. I've never seen so many women in one place in my life. It's good."

Contact: Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, L.A., CA 90053.



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SPORTS

Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the results of the latest pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo.

Ain't Nobody's Biz. 5/21/96. First Place - Patricia "Mongoose", \$36.00. Second Place - Sue, \$15.00. Third Place - Louis, \$9.00.

The Graduate. 5/25/96. First Place - Patricia "Mongoose", \$45.00. Second Place - Robert DC, \$25.00. Third Place - Charles L., \$15.00.

Stonewall/Eagle. 5/26/96. First Place - John CS, \$35.00. Second Place - Charles L., \$25.00. Third Place - Cynthia MD, \$10.00.

5.	Babe	(Biz)	\$ 79
5.	Seline M&M	(Biz)	\$ 79
7.	Richard NB	(SW/E)	\$ 75
8.	Jim PH	(Grad.)	\$ 65
9.	Wayne CS	(Plug)	\$ 64
10.	Dan FF	(Biz)	\$ 59

REPORT STANDINGS CITYWIDE 5/1 - 5/20

1.	Larry LL	\$141
2.	Arnold AG	\$106
3.	Charles L	\$101
4.	Mike WC	\$ 95
5.	Seline M&M	\$ 69
6.	Marissa	\$ 68
7.	Kim	\$ 63
8.	Tommy TM	\$ 55
9.	John CS	\$ 45
10.	Kenny DM	\$ 40

REPORT STANDINGS CITYWIDE 2/15 - 4/30

1.	Larry LL	(Grad.)	\$255
2.	Arnold AG	(Grad.)	\$185
3.	Robert DC	(Grad.)	\$103
4.	Mike WC	(SW/E)	\$ 95

Calling All Jello Wrestlers

TUCSON - Calling all Jello Wrestlers! The ninth annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling extravaganza will take place, Sunday, June 2, at the Graduate.

This extravaganza brings together

the community to raise funds for the Shanti Foundation-Tucson. But wrestlers are needed to participate, and to get pledges for their participation.

For more information and registration call Jenny at Shanti, (520) 622-7107.

Summer Leagues Now Forming

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues will be forming the summer version of their leagues next week.

Next Wednesday, June 5, at 8 P.M. the Desert Coyotes will meet to form their summer league at Golden Pin Lanes. Next Friday, June 7, at 7 P.M. the Lambda Lizards will meet to form their summer league. Lineage, persons per team will be determined at the meetings.

For more information call 743-3303 or 798-1549.



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If life takes on a wild and wooly hue, chalk it up to an extraordinary number of planets in retrograde. (Six-count 'em friends) Plans are shaken, not stirred, and what is comfortable and familiar undergoes intense reevaluation. On the bright side, our retrograde planet, chatty Mercury, goes "direct" this week. It's time to stop talking to yourself and get the message out loud, proud and queer.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Investments make more sense thanks to Mercury who had the good sense to go "direct". Proud Rams must now reassess all that they hold near and dear. The unusual number of retrograde planets shake, rattle and roll now you interact with others, whether they are friends, foes or authority figures. Avoid mustering the troops into battle until you get clear orders and a faithful band of followers to do the dirty work.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Fearsome queersome Bulls trot out into the limelight and play the diva when Mercury changes course. But the rest of the retrograde planets insure that a combination of social obligations, travel plans and career intentions have a way of tangling and tripping you up. It's time to reflect on what is and is not important in the global social arena. Do you want to be party pope, queen or corporate despot?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Retrograde planets highlight where we don't feel comfortable in our own skin. Now, a barrage of retro energy causes otherwise proud Twins to downplay their feisty style in suit the whims of others. Don't compromise cousin! Thankfully, this naive pandering passes, but not before you face yourself in the mirror. Mercury plays a role in this personal epiphany as intuition sharpens and marks a path.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Any misunderstanding with friends can reach a mutual accord, at least when Mercury goes direct. Pink Crabs are sensitive souls. Of course, sensitive is one thing and playing the martyr is another. Don't let ego stand in the way of common sense. All the rest of the retrograde planets can hoist you on your own petard. Make sure you wear clean petards in case you get run over by a taxi.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

What might have become a fatal corporate faux pas is splendidly salvaged thanks to direct Mercury. Roar all you want; I suspect that the powers that be will give you the extra inch now (some of us like it that way...). Proud, regal Lions may be forced to balance partner's needs with the demands of the job as a result of those annoying retrograde planets. But balance is, after all, everything, darling.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If zounds is a useable word. I'd say, "Zounds! All retrograde planets are stirring up a mean mixture of too much fun, too much work and too much partnership angst." Queer Virgins are happier sitting this dance out and escaping to parts unknown when Mercury goes direct. Travel plans suddenly fall into place. Great! Get out while the getting is good. (and of course being Out is always good.)

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Have your best sexual signals been falling short of the mark? Relax dear, queer Libra, sexual static is a thing of the past

THOROSCOPES
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

with Mercury direct. Flirtatious Scales are love 'em and leave 'em types. Have you learned your lesson? Hopefully a bit of depth has been added to your repertoire. If not, those retrograde planets can demonstrate how no one is an island, even living in Manhattan.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Scorps feel the release when Mercury goes direct. Finally partners are listening intently. Interestingly, you're listening to them in return. The sticky wicket here is that you may agree to disagree especially when it comes to living arrangements, leisure activities and (dare I say) frequency and quality of sex. Lusty queer Scorps can be too hot to handle. Offer partners and over unit to intensify the love play.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Poor Sag has been feeling like a rat on an assembly line treadmill, but scurry no more. Mercury direct makes you feel as

if your thoughts and opinions finally have impact on the job. The more important task at hand though has more to do with those retrograde planets stirring up an internal hornets nest. What do you truly value in life? Can you attain inner harmony and affirmation?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Queer Caps regress to the id stage of personal development. How you appear to others and the social signals you emit are poised for a rehaul and reassessment. It's shocking how one so capable can have such a low self image, but suffer no more friend! Thank the stars for Mercury direct to get the party hot and hopping. That alluring bit by the bar may help in regaining self confidence.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Altruistic Aqueerians open up a Pandora's box thanks to all those retrograde planets. Do you really want a full psychological

analysis of why you avoid intimacy and fight for the greater cause and throbbing masses? Thought not. Mercury direct gets the message across the family members that your lifestyle is not a choice but a destiny. Speak from the heart and the results will be heartening.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If you ever had a hankering to loudly, proudly voice an opinion, this may be an opportune time with Mercury direct. Pink Fish get their point across. (Isn't it impolite to point?) Advisory; those retrograde planets have a way of altering your public persona. Friends may not view you in the same way or your best laid charitable plans fall into confusion. Well, it makes life more interesting.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0005 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-8555. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Garonima (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-8135.

SUN COUNTRY NATURALISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturalists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 781-0042.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3901 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-8565 for information and a newsletter. 558

YGBA - Tucson Greater Youthful Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary O. 770-9979

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and hospice care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-8063.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to moneyplay to... Many heads are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 823-1732.

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

NOTICES

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FACT - People with AIDS Caerleon of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (6-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1740 for info.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broad-tector Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Mass Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

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