

President Clinton Addresses HRC's National Dinner



WASHINGTON, DC - President Clinton talks with actress Ellen DeGeneres, right, and her companion Anne Heche, at a Washington function last April. DeGeneres shared the stage with Clinton at the Human Rights Campaign dinner last Sunday, November 9, the first such event to be attended by a sitting president. See story below.

by Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) -- President Bill Clinton became the first sitting U.S. President to address a Gay and Lesbian organization.

Clinton was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Human Rights Campaign (HRC) National Dinner held this past Saturday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Over 1,500, paying \$500-a-couple, attended the HRC fund raiser which was televised live on C-SPAN. The Human Rights Campaign is the largest Gay and Lesbian rights organization.

According to reports, this event was to be the kickoff of the HRC's effort to lobby the public on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) of 1997.

Clinton was greeted outside by anti-Gay protestors and AIDS demonstrators unhappy with his record. In the Grand Hyatt Ballroom, Clinton received several sustained standing ovations.

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, introduced the President, saying "a new day dawns when we join hands with the President to realize the promise of America."

After the first of several standing ovations, Clinton gave his address, lasting a little more than twenty minutes.

[The following is the full text of Clinton's address to the HRC National Dinner.]

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Well, you have just made me feel the way I did --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love

you, Bill. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. I sort of feel the way I did when I made my very first speech as a public official more than 20 years ago now. You know, Elizabeth just stood up here and gave that magnificent speech. Wasn't she great? (Applause.) And she actually said about everything that could be said. (Laughter.) And then you gave me this wonderful welcome, which makes me reluctant to say anything. (Laughter.)

And I was sitting up here -- I was thinking, somehow flashing back to my mind, this reminded me of a Rotary Club banquet I spoke at. (Laughter and applause.) And I'll tell you why. Here's what happened. Only the punch line is the same, but you'll have to listen to this.

I had just taken office as Attorney General almost 21 years ago, and they asked me to speak to this Rotary Club banquet. And there were 500 people there. The dinner started at 6:30. I didn't get up to speak till a quarter to 10:00. (Laughter.) Everybody that was at this banquet got introduced but three people and they went home mad. (Laughter.) The guy who got up to introduce me was so nervous he didn't know what to do. And we had been there forever, and he finally said -- and he didn't mean it this way, but here's what he said, he said, in my introduction, he said, you know, we could have stopped here and have had a very nice evening. (Laughter and applause.) And we could have stopped with the applause and Elizabeth's speech and had a great evening.

I'm delighted to be here. (Applause.) I thank the members of Congress who are here. I congratulate your honorees. I know that a number of my recent appointees are here, including Virginia Apuzzo, our new Assistant for Manage-

ment and Administration. (Applause.) Fred Hochberg, John Berry, Jim Hormel. Where's Jim Hormel? He's here. (Applause.) Jesse White. (Applause.) Hal Creal.

Now, Hal Creal is now the most popular person I have appointed in the Congress because the Maritime Commission broke the impasse on the Japanese ports, which destroys another stereotype here. I am so grateful for what they did, and a lot of Americans are going to have a decent income because of it, and I want to thank him for that. (Applause.)

We have a lot of people here from the White House as well. I want to thank Richard Socarides, Marsha Scott, Karen Tramantano, Sean Maloney, Tom Shea, and our AIDS czar, Sandy Thurman -- (applause) -- for all their work.

And because it's dark here, I would like to ask everyone who works for this administration in any department of the federal government or who has an appointment in any way to please stand, including the White House. (Applause.) Thank you.

A little more than six years ago, I had this crazy idea that I ought to run for President. (Laughter.) Only my mother thought I could win. (Laughter.) And at the time, I was so obsessed with what I thought had to be done I thought winning would take care of itself. What bothered me was that our country seemed to be drifting and divided as we moved into a new and exciting and challenging area where we were living differently, working differently, relating to each other and the rest of the world in very different ways on the edge of a new century.

And I sat down alone before I decided to do this and asked myself, what is it that you want America to look like when you're done if you win? My vision for the 21st century, now, I have said hundreds and hundreds of times, but I still think about it every day -- I want this to be a country where every child and every person who is responsible enough to work for it can live the American dream. (Applause.) I want this country to embrace the wider world and continue to be the strongest force for peace and freedom and prosperity, and I want us to come together across all our lines of difference into one America.

That is my vision. It drives me every day. I think if we really could create a society where there is opportunity for all and responsibility from all and we believed in a community of all Americans, we could truly meet every problem we have and seize every opportunity we have.

For more than two centuries now, our country has had to meet challenge after challenge after challenge. We have had to continue to lift ourselves beyond

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U.S. Jewish Group; Supports Domestic Partners

DALLAS, TX (NP) -- A convention of Reform congregations voted support for the Gay and Lesbian domestic partners among them, and will encourage equality through same-gender marriage legislation.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the national body of the Reform branch of North American Judaism, passed a resolution in support of same-gender domestic partnerships at its 64th biennial convention in Dallas, Texas.

After a preamble which emphasizes that, "acknowledging that we are but one family, equal before God...the UAHC must now move more forcefully to support the monogamous domestic relationships of Gay men and Lesbians," the resolution itself states that, "The Union of American Hebrew Congregations resolves to: 1) Support secular efforts to promote legislation which would provide through civil marriage equal opportunity for Gay men and Lesbians; 2) Encourage its constituent congregations to honor monogamous domestic relationships formed by Gay men or Lesbians; and 3) Support the efforts of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) in its ongoing work as it studies the appropriateness of religious ceremonies for use in a celebration of commitment recognizing a monogamous domestic relationship between two Jewish Gay men or two Jewish Lesbians."

The resolution, which is not binding on local congregations, was introduced by the Greater New York Council of Reform Synagogues and the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ).

During the same meeting, UAHC defeated a resolution for rabbis to officiate at interfaith marriages.

The five-day convention, attended by more than 4,000 delegates from over 800 congregations in the U.S. and Canada and keynoted by former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, was quite a Gay-friendly event in itself. Workshop titles included "Gay Marriage in a Jewish Context: Civil and Religious Issues" and "Successful Programs for Including Gay Men and Lesbians in Our Congregations."

Other workshops, such as one on the history of women's roles in the American Reform movement, also considered Lesbian and Gay civil rights. Three nights of the meeting also had designated sites for informal gatherings of Lesbian and Gay delegates and of members of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

Reform Judaism has been supportive of Gays and Lesbians for more than a decade. The UAHC in 1987 passed a resolution to welcome Gay and Lesbian

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Lucie Blue Tremblay At Girlfriends Nov. 19

TUCSON -- Canadian singer/songwriter Lucie Blue Tremblay will be in concert, Wednesday, November 19.

Lucie Blue will take the stage at 7:00 P.M., for a very special, very intimate appearance.

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Sister Pairs Needed For Study Of Adult Sisters

BURLINGTON, VT -- University professor is looking for volunteers to complete a survey about how the adult sisters are similar or different.

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Please request two surveys (one for you and the other for one sister) or else give both addresses and you and your sister will receive identical surveys.

Linda Smukler To Read At Antigone's Nov. 14

TUCSON -- Linda Smukler, author, poet, will be reading from some of her works at Antigone Bookstore, Friday, November 14, 7:00 P.M.

Smukler is the author of two collections of poetry: "Home In Three Days," "Don't Wash," a multi-media project with accompanying CD-Rom and "Normal Sex."

"Home In Three Days," won the 1997 Firecracker Alternative Book Award in Poetry.

Ru Exhibit In Bisbee Nov. 22

BISBEE -- James Ru, the first place winner of the 1997 Wingspan OUToberFest Art Show will have an exhibit of his work in Bisbee, November 22.

The show, "From Realism to Abstraction and Back Again," will be at the 55 Main Gallery. On November 22, at 2:00 P.M., an artist's reception begins the exhibit.

"From Realism to Abstraction and Back Again," will feature James Ru's acrylic paintings from the past two years.

Gay Officers Settle With LAPD

LOS ANGELES, CA -- The Los Angeles City Council has approved a \$1.19-million settlement with two Gay and Lesbian Los Angeles Police Department.

Officers, Lance LaPay and Natasha Benavides, brought a lawsuit in 1994 claiming that LAPD officers and supervisors harassed them because of their sexual orientation.

LaPay said the homophobic remarks pushed him out of the force, and the stress caused him incidents of spontaneous blindness. Benavides still works for the LAPD.

Student Film Festival In Tucson Nov. 22-23

TUCSON -- Award-winning student films from around the world come to Tucson when Next Frame: UFVA's Student Film & Video Festival stops at The Screening Room, 127 East Congress, November 22-23.

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The films will be shown at The Screening Room, 127 East Congress in Tucson Saturday, November 22, 7:30 and 10:00 P.M.; Sunday, November 23, 3:00 and 7:30 P.M. Admission is \$4 and \$3 for the matinee.

For more information, call 622-2262.

Team Arizona Meeting Nov. 19

PHOENIX -- The next meeting of Team Arizona is Wednesday, November 19, 8:00 P.M. at the Valley of the Sun Community Center.

For more information about Team Arizona, call Colette in Tucson, (520) 327-3591.

Campus Rallies Behind Gay Professor

PELLA, IA -- More than 300 faculty members and students attended a rally at Central College in Pella, Iowa, in support of a Gay professor who had received two threatening letters.

The notes, one of which read "Death to queers," rattled Professor Bob Schanke, but the rally dispelled any qualms he had about the campus where he has worked for 21 years.

"I was just thrilled and warmed and buoyed," Schanke told reporters after the rally. "It was very reassuring that people will not tolerate harassment of any kind."

Jack Hart Seeks Submissions For 'My First Time'

LOS ANGELES, CA -- Jack Hart, editor of My First Time and Heat, wants new stories for My First Time II, the follow-up to his best-selling My First Time: Gay Men Describe Their First Same-Sex Experience.

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The book is scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in 1998. Deadline for submissions is January 30, 1998. For guidelines, send S.A.S.E. to Jack Hart, c/o Alyson Publications, POB 4371, Los Angeles, Ca 90078; e-mail to mail@alyson.com; or go to <http://www.alyson.com>.

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POLITICS 1997 by Mark R. Kerr

'Can We Start Over? No, It's Live Television... And You Lost!'

A history-making homophobe! Who else other than FORMER California Rep., "B-1" Bob Dornan, R-The Nightmare on Elm Street.

Washington voters "rained" on Gay and Lesbian employment rights. New York's biggest drag-queen, Rudy Giuliani won a landslide election for a second term.

As previously reported, "B-1," pissed off at the fact he lost his seat to a Latina Democrat, Loretta Sanchez, in 1996, is still screaming "voter fraud." Yes, by traitors (a.k.a. Orange County Republican elected officials), illegal aliens and massive "rich-queer" conspiracies. Yada, yada, yada!

In Pima County, "home of smooth running elections," voters said yes to \$350 million in transportation bonds. Casas Adobes is now a "Village" while Catalina Foothills became a footnote in incorporation fever.

This past week, 35 Democratic women members of the House tried to end the 11-month, tax-payer financed, melo-Dornanatic farce. Eight of them "stormed" into GOP House Speaker Newtie Gingrich's office with a letter, signed by all 35, to end the investigation into the contest elected of Rep. Loretta Sanchez.

Tucson voters said CAP is still CRAP; no pay raise for those making the minimum in Tucson (a lot!), as well for Tucson Council Members; no to "meet and confer;" yes to the mayor voting on replacement on the council and no to stripping the civil status from department heads. Praise be and pass the bureaucracy!

The "Salamander" just smiled throughout the encounter in his office, saying the investigation will end when all the facts are in. Facts? The real ones, or Dornan's?!

What about the only contested Tucson City Council race this year, in midtown Ward 6? Who the hell knows?

Gingrich bristled when the women suggested that Republicans are targeting Sanchez, because she is a Hispanic-American. Say it ain't so!

After the "initial counting," it looked like the Republican, Fred Ronstadt had won the race. Questions though over the high percentage of the undervote has arisen in the contest.

"It's enough. Let's end this investigation. Let this young woman serve," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-CT. It wasn't.

[For those not playing the home game, an undervote is where a person has voted, but not in a specific contest for political office or yes/no on any proposal.]

Rep. Stoney Hoyer, D-Maryland, the ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee, offered a resolution to dismiss Dornan's "complaint," but continue looking into potential voter fraud.

City officials ran a "test count," and guess what? Problems with the perforation of ballots. Holes yes, dimples no! City election officials have called in the State to help solve this developing problem. Another election? A possibility?

The House Oversight Committee has spent the last 11 months, costing over a half million, of your (taxpayer) money to pursue Dornan's, "delusions of grandiosity!"

Smooth running elections? . . .

Hoyer, on CSPAN, said that he had gone to the House Republican leadership, Newtie and Maj Leader, Dickie Arney with his compromise. He said that they both had initially agreed with the resolution. Just like the Munich pact!

As reported last week, openly Gay U.S. Rep Barney Frank, D-MA, has introduced legislation to extend benefits to the domestic partners of both heterosexual and homosexual non-military federal employees.

When push came to shove, Newtie and Dickie forced the motion to be tabled. Eew! Hoyer stated that sources told him that they were afraid that some Republicans would vote against the measure. Right, fear! Don't buy it!

The Domestic Partners Benefits and Obligations Act of 1997, (DPBOA), for those playing the home game, has a total of 19 co-sponsors, all the House. None are from Arizona. The DPBOA is H.R. 2761 and has been referred to the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

The case is still ongoing, since Congress has adjourned for three months, Hoyer said this has become the longest case in the history of the Federal Contested Elections Act.

No members of the Arizona delegation has signed on co-sponsors to H.R. 2761. Call U.S. Reps. Jim Kolbe and Ed Pastor, 881-3588 and 624-9986 respectively, and urge them to sign-on to H.R. 2761 and become co-sponsors! . . .

"It's not fair to Loretta Sanchez, the voters of the 46th District and the American people," Hoyer said. Fair and Republicans, just like gasoline and a match! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

Ballot this! This past week off-year elections took place. Ballot initiatives, two gubernatorial seats and over 200 mayoral seats were up for consideration.

Oregon still said yes "to the right to die." Will Jack Kevorkian, "Dr. Death," be opening up franchises now?

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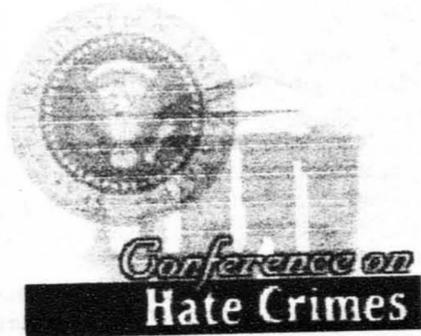
WASHINGTON, DC (ON) -- The first Conference on Hate Crimes took place in the nation's capitol to discuss ways to halt such violence and help victims of it.

The conference was convened by President Bill Clinton and held at George Washington University, which Clinton's address was televised live.

Over 350 representatives from Gay and Lesbian organizations, law enforcement, civil rights, anti-violence, youth, education, and religious groups.

Among the representatives of the Lesbian and Gay community participating in the conference were:

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign; State Rep. Sheila Kuehl, Speaker Pro-Tempore of California Assembly; leaders from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; National Youth Advocacy Coalition; Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network; and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.



One of the conference's goals was to find ways to stop the crimes motivated by bias against race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation or disability. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the number of reported hate crimes has almost doubled since 1991.

According to Justice Department statistics, 8,759 hate crimes were reported last year, up from 7,947 reported in 1995. Race was a factor in 63 percent of all reported hate crimes, followed by religion, 13.9 percent; sexual orientation, 12 percent; and ethnic origin, 11 percent.

"All Americans deserve protection from hate," President Clinton told the people in attendance. "We should make our current laws tougher to include all hate crimes that cause physical harm."

Clinton said there were three reasons that people commit hate crimes, "One is just ignorance and the fear it breeds. We see that a lot with the Gay and Lesbian issues now, where people are at least unaware that they have ever had a family member or friend or someone who is homosexual and they are literally terrified."

Beyond ignorance, Clinton said some people commit such acts because of "an almost pathological need to look down on somebody else and others who have been brutalized themselves "return brutality with brutality."

The President also announced measures to let victims of housing-related hate crimes seek monetary damages from the perpetrators, and to assign up to 50 extra FBI agents and prosecutors to work on hate-crime violations.

During his speech, Clinton also pushed to expand the list of protected categories under federal hate crimes laws to include Gays, Lesbian, the disabled and women.

"Our laws already punish some crimes committed against people on the basis of race or religion or national origin," the President said. "But we should do more. We should make our laws tougher to include all hate crimes that cause physical harm. We must prohibit crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability."

When asked, Clinton stated he would support legislation being introduced in Congress, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), which would include sexual orientation, gender and disability in a major federal hate crimes law.

"The president is sending a message that we as a nation must get tough on all forms of bias crime," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign.

HCPA, introduced by Democratic Sens. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Ron Wyden and Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania -- also targets adults who recruit juveniles to commit hate crimes and authorizes more money and law enforcement personnel to fight this type of crime.

Hate crimes based on disability, sexual orientation and gender are not currently against federal law, resulting that they cannot be investigated and prosecuted by the Justice Department.

If HCPA passes, it will apply to people victimized because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender or disability -- thereby offering equal protections to Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals and heterosexuals; Transgendered Americans; women; men; and Americans with disabilities.

Washington Voters Reject Gay Rights Measure

SEATTLE, WA -- Washington voters decisively rejected the statewide gay rights initiative with 40 percent (507,337) voted in favor of banning workplace discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians, while 60 percent (746,305) voted against the measure.

The measure would have added sexual preference to state civil rights laws, which already bar workplace discrimination based on age, race, gender, and religion. Though some cities, like Seattle, already have similar ordinances, Gays have no job protection elsewhere in the state.

The I-677 proponents apparently failed to convince people that job discrimination based on sexual orientation is not, in fact, illegal. In a recent poll a sizable number said they opposed the initiative because Gays are already protected by civil-rights law.

Despite their best efforts to downplay the vote, the defeat was a heavy blow for the gay community which spent about \$750,000 on the campaign. With the law focused narrowly on workplace discrimination, the measure was seen as the best opportunity to advance its civil rights agenda.

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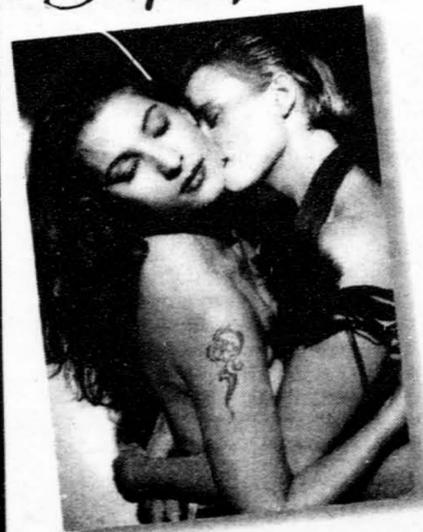
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Eventually, on another day, he found the courage to go inside. The volunteer at the desk welcomed him and showed him around. He found it warm and comfortable. It felt like home. On that day, he stayed for only a few minutes. But he went back again and again.

Wingspan exists to help people. And it serves in many different ways. It helps people understand themselves, and it helps people come out. It offers support to those who are rejected by family or friends. It helps people find the bars, join a group meeting, get legal advice, get an HIV test, find a place to live, or deal with an abusive relationship. And many other things.

Wingspan exists only because of people who care enough to get involved. There are currently about 75 active volunteers who work together to fulfill The Center's mission. And there are about 400 current, paid up members. Those 475 people are Wingspan! The numbers vary, and the people change over time. In 1997, Wingspan has welcomed many new volunteers, and said good-bye to many

others. There are always transitions. There are always needs.

An important transition this year saw the Center move into larger quarters which has allowed Wingspan to grow and serve better. And now its volunteer and membership base needs to grow too. Can you spare a couple of hours per week to work for the community? And if you are not currently a Wingspan member, I hope you will consider joining. If you are a member, thank you for your all-important financial support, and please consider upgrading your membership to the highest possible level. Your Center needs you.

Wingspan is also experiencing a transition in leadership. Several new board members were elected last month, and several are moving on. Yours truly is among those who are leaving. The person described above, who found it difficult to go inside, was me. It was very hard to take that first step through the door. Now, three years later, I find it just as hard to leave.

John Potter has become Wingspan's new President, and Joe Astorga continues as the Vice President of Operations. A new Treasurer, Steve Hall; a new Secretary, Rich Muszynski and a new Vice President of Outreach will join them. This is a very talented, dynamic group of leaders who are committed to serving the community. With their leadership and your support, Wingspan's future is in very, very good hands.

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Circle Of Friends

by Arthur Padilla

TUCSON -- Circle of Friends is a mentor project for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered youth. Circle is a program of Wingspan, the Pima County Health Department and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

Circle of Friends are looking for both youth and adult volunteers to participate in this exciting adventure. The following is a list of upcoming Circle of Friends Activities:

November 15-16: Mentor training takes place at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street. Training takes place on Saturday, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; Sunday, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

If being a mentor intimidates you or if you are unclear about the commitment necessary to be an effective mentor, please attending this training. The experience is both fun and informational. After you have this information you can decide if this program is for you.

November 18: On Tuesday, an In-Service training on spirituality with Virginia Novak will take place at Wingspan. This element is so important to our continued move towards a holistic health program for youth. Investigating the role that spirituality plays in our lives is so important to our understanding of ourselves and our community.

November 23: On Sunday, mentors and mentees participate in a Ropes Course to build team spirit and to develop

trust, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at the Arizona Children's Home.

This is a trust building experience. Even if you want to be a mentor and have not completed all the requirements, I encourage you to participate in this process. You will come away with a renewed commitment to the program.

Circle of Friends looks forward to seeing you at some or all of these events. I'll be glad to answer any questions you have. To reserve a space, or for more information, call me, Arthur Padilla, 322-6226.

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LEXINGTON, KY (NP) -- "Father Ken" has been ousted by his Kentucky Catholic parish because it seemed to them that he was "going his way" in support of Gays and Lesbians.

Kenneth "Father Ken" Waibel celebrated his last mass as pastor of the combined parishes of Lexington's St. Mark Catholic Church and the Newman Center at Eastern Kentucky University, having been forced to resign by controversy over his Gay-friendly stance.

Key to the controversy was a report in a Catholic weekly about his speech at the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries conference in September in California, a report he denies and calls a "bastardization" of his message.

"Because of this article my sexual

Gay Friendly Priest Ousted

orientation has been questioned, I have been accused of being a sexual pervert and some members of our assembly have even removed their sons from the servers list in fear that I may be a 'child molestor,'" Waibel wrote in a letter to his parishioners.

In the same letter, Waibel said he was invited to speak at the conference because "they felt that I could offer some insight for those ministering to Gays and Lesbians as to how to help them see Christ in their life and know that they are still welcome in the Catholic Church."

Officially, the Catholic church holds that all sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful, and that although homosexuality is "intrinsically disordered,"

celibate Gays and Lesbians can be accepted into the life of the church. U.S. bishops recently issued a statement calling for more tolerance and understanding of Gays and Lesbians by their families and the clergy, although still rejecting homosexual acts.

The report of Waibel's speech at the conference appeared in a Saint Paul, Minnesota-based Catholic weekly paper, whose editor continues to reaffirm the story that Waibel denies.

It quotes Waibel as asking, "How can [non-Gay men] fall in love with Jesus, who is a man?" and as recounting the vision of a priest dying of AIDS, that Mary visited him and "affirmed his homosexual lifestyle." Because Waibel had

gone on vacation immediately following the conference, his parishioners were all familiar with it before he had a chance to respond.

Waibel has served as pastor since 1994 and apparently has borne the brunt of parishioners' frustration with the expense of current building at St. Mark's and the combining of the two parishes (which was a decision of the diocese based on a shortage of priests in the area).

A diocesan spokesperson said, "There is divisiveness that has taken place in the parish. The divisiveness is fracturing the body of Christ. [Bishop Kendrick Williams] has asked people to stop it."



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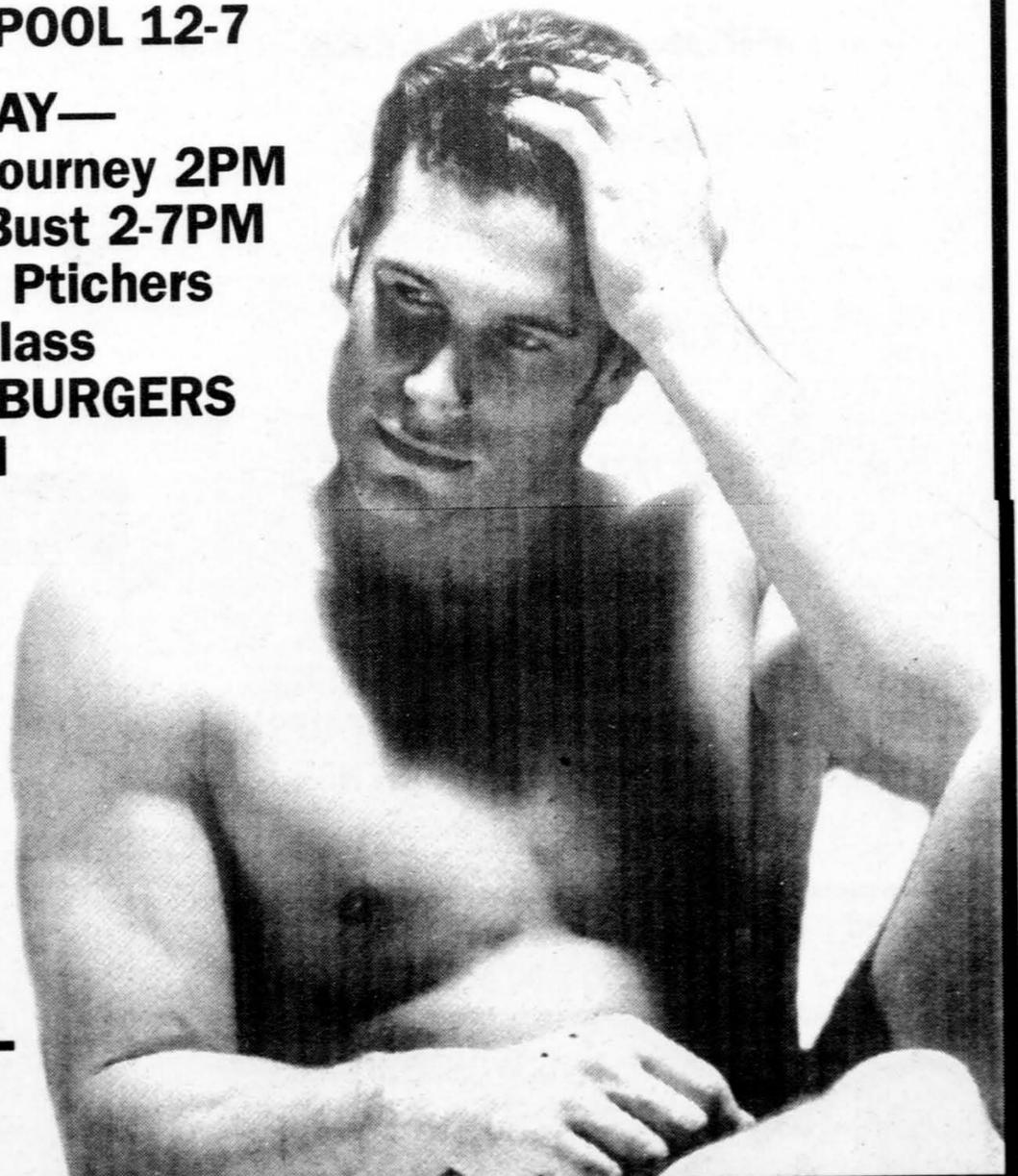
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Georgia High Court Okays Atlanta Domestic Partners Ordinance

ATLANTA, GA (NP) -- Therapists may not approve, but Georgia's Supreme Court says that Atlanta employees' domestic partners can get benefits if they're "dependent" rather than "family."

the same Michael Bowers who successfully defended Georgia's sodomy statute before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Atlanta, Georgia can finally go forward with granting equal spousal benefits to the dependent domestic partners of its unmarried employees, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, thanks to a state Supreme Court decision.

There's an additional irony relating to Bowers: Robin Shahar, the Lesbian attorney from whom Bowers withdrew a job offer after learning of her private religious commitment ceremony, has been involved with the current case as an employee of the city's legal department. (Shahar has filed an appeal of her own lawsuit against Bowers with the U.S. Supreme Court.)

While the current case has taken little more than a year from the City Council's enactment of the ordinance through this high court ruling, Atlanta has been battling for the chance to offer fair compensation for years.

Celebrating the current ruling along with the city were the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund -- which contributed a friend-of-the-court brief to the city's case, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1644, the Atlanta Executive Network, the Georgia Equality Project, the National Employment Lawyers Association's Georgia Chapter, the Service Employees International Union 1985, and the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia.

The battle may not yet be over, however: the conservative Southeast Legal Foundation, which opposed the measure on behalf of local resident Lamar Morgan, has threatened to take the matter to the state legislature.

The new ordinance makes it possible for domestic partners to obtain health coverage through the city's program, although employees must pay anywhere from 25% to 100% of the premiums for the coverage (and as usual, must treat the city's share of the partners' premiums as taxable income under federal law, which is not the case for legally married couples).

In its public statements the Foundation has complained almost exclusively about the measure's application to same-gender partners, even though under many similar coverage plans heterosexual unmarried couples seeking domestic partner benefits have outnumbered Gay and Lesbian couples by as much as 7 to 1.

Domestic partners are defined in the ordinance as two people at least 18 years of age, not related by blood, not married to anyone else, who have lived together for at least 6 months, are jointly obligated for providing each other's necessities of life, have a committed personal relationship "intended to be lifelong," and have filed a declaration for the city's domestic partnership registry with the city's business license office. The city employs 7,000 people.

The Foundation had charged that the measure encouraged homosexuality, conflicted with the state's heterosexuals-only marriage law, and was fiscally irresponsible.

At issue in the current case was whether changing the word "family" to the word "dependent" overcame the objections of the Georgia high court's 1995 ruling that Atlanta's previous 1993 domestic partners ordinance was exceeding its authority by expanding the state's definition of "family."

In the eyes of the Foundation, this was a distinction without a difference, but the high court disagreed by a 5 to 2 margin. (The state also has a definition of "dependent," as one receiving at least 50% of his/her support from another; the city ordinance lacks such a specification.)

Then-Attorney General Michael Bowers played a key role in seeing that the earlier ordinance was struck down --

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National Survey Finds HIV+ Employees May Face Continuing Workplace Discrimination

WASHINGTON, DC (PRN) -- Despite more than a decade of public education on AIDS, and federal laws that protect the rights of HIV-positive employees, more than 30 percent of employees recently polled by the National AIDS Fund said they believe an HIV-infected employee would be fired or placed on disability by their employers at the first sign of illness.

An additional 13 percent think their employer would restrict an infected employees' benefits. When employees were asked what their employers should do more than 21 percent said they favor firing or restricting the infected employee.

Two-thirds of employees polled also said they believe their coworkers would feel "uncomfortable" if forced to work beside an HIV-positive employee.

The findings are the result of a survey conducted for the National AIDS Fund by Caravan Opinion Research. The survey of employee attitudes on HIV/AIDS was designed to measure change from employee attitudes last surveyed in 1992.

"Fewer employers are offering AIDS-related educational programs now than five years ago, though more than half of those employees surveyed cite the threat of AIDS as one of their top three personal health concerns," said B.J. Stiles, President and CEO of the Fund. "Unfortunately, the numbers indicate diminishing interest in HIV/AIDS as a workplace issue by employers. We find that particularly alarming in the face of an apparent increase in intolerance toward the HIV-positive employee.

"In addition, we are seeing more HIV-positive people wanting to leave the

disability rolls and return to work as a result of improved HIV/AIDS drugs and therapies," Stiles said. "A supportive workplace with knowledgeable and cooperative coworkers must greet those HIV-positive employees if their return to work is to be successful."

Although personal concern about AIDS has decreased during the past 10 years, the survey found the impact of AIDS on individual lives has increased. In 1992, 28 percent of all adults and 34 percent of private-sector employees knew someone with AIDS or who was HIV positive. Today, 39 percent of all adults and 46 percent of employees know someone who is or was infected.

Results from the study were based on interviews with a representative sample of about 2,000 adults living in private households in the United States. Other survey findings include:

Employees report company support of AIDS-related activities has remained steady over the past five years. The younger an individual, the more likely he or she is to be personally concerned about AIDS. Similarly, employees under 25 are the most supportive of company sponsored AIDS-related activities.

In 1992 and 1997, African-American employees showed a greater personal concern about AIDS than white Americans (AIDS is mentioned as the top health concern by 45 percent of African-Americans vs. 25 percent of white Americans). Female employees are more likely to believe that there should be an organized AIDS education program in the workplace than male employees (80 percent vs. 67 percent)

North Carolina Appeals Court Okays Gay Fathers Visitations

CHARLOTTE, NC (NP) -- For the second time the North Carolina Court of Appeals has approved Gay fathers' visitation rights despite challenges based on the state sodomy law.

The North Carolina Court of Appeals gave its approval for a Gay father to have his daughter visit him in his home, even though he lives with a male partner and is presumed to be violating North Carolina's sodomy law.

It's the appellate court's second decision favorable to a Gay father, and the state Supreme Court could be ruling on the previous case any time. The earlier ruling granted custody to a partnered Gay man in Henderson County, NC, despite a challenge supported by the Raleigh-based North Carolina Family Council.

The current ruling upheld Mecklenburg District Court Judge Yvonne Mims Evans' decision allowing daughter Gloria -- who turned 5 this week -- to spend one weekend each month with father Michael Marshall, who lives in Tennessee. Mother Lisa Sizemore, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, had contested that ruling based on Marshall's sexual orientation, the state sodomy law, and allegations that Marshall sexually abused Gloria.

Sizemore and Marshall married in 1991, and because of his sexual orientation, they separated in 1992 shortly before Gloria was born. Sizemore maintained custody of Gloria throughout, which Marshall has never contested. Marshall also

did not contest Sizemore's annulment of their marriage in 1993, but he went to court a year later seeking visitation and had his first visits with Gloria in 1995.

Those visits have continued on a monthly basis for more than a year now. Trial court judge Evans believes that both Sizemore and Marshall are "good and caring parents and are both fit and proper persons to have custody of the minor child, and the child will need and benefit from the care and supervision of both parents."

Two of the three appellate judges agreed that there was substantial evidence that the visits are in Gloria's best interests, with Judge Edward Greene writing for the majority that, "Evidence revealed that he was an 'excellent father' and that he and the child 'got along wonderfully.'" He went on to say that, "Unless there is a showing of abuse of discretion [by the trial court judge], we cannot second-guess these findings of the trial court. There has been no showing that the conclusion of the trial court is arbitrary and/or without basis in reason."

Although the same two judges on the appeals panel agreed with the trial judge there was "no credible evidence" for the sexual abuse Sizemore had alleged, the third judge believed that the court should appoint a guardian to "sift fact from fiction" before the court ruled on the visitation.

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Life Is A Drag

By Elise Barbara Fox

I was drafted. I went to review a benefit show and wound up on stage. But I got a story which should intrigue you. It's a tale of personal vision and how volunteers from Tucson area religious congregations are trying to help the neediest among us.

Ms. JODY helped me concoct this journalistic omelet. I'd forgotten how good The Biz really is as a cabaret: a hardwood dance floor that doubles as a stage; flickering multicolor lights reflected from rotating disco globes. It's a fun surrealistic atmosphere, just like the real carnival with booths and rides I spotted at Park Mall on my way to the TIHAN benefit. In case you don't know, the acronym is for the Tucson Interfaith HIV and AIDS Network. It provides non-medical care to the afflicted.

If this were a TV documentary, we'd intersperse the clips. Heard just hours before the benefit. Former Vice President Dan Quayle reacting to President Clinton's visit to the Human Rights Campaign fund raiser. Job discrimination against Gays should be illegal, said the President. Quayle: wrong message; you're affirming a lifestyle that only ought to be tolerated. Hey, Dan! Did you ever read the U.S. Constitution, "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!"

Cut to the dance floor. Ms. JODY is joined by her life's partner Garry, a consummate emcee who strips off his shirt for a bare chest dance with his high energy glamour queen. JODY, Cappucino, Dani Bordello and Sabrina are trying to help TIHAN, at least in some small measure, meet its operating budget of \$40,000. This mostly volunteer effort had an 18-month start-up grant from the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Time is up. "It's a little scary," says Noel Matkin, new board president of TIHAN. It has one paid staffer: Scott Blades, the executive director, whose vision this thing was. Volunteers -- about 164 active and 256 trained from 32 "faith communities" in our city -- range in age from 17 to 78.

"Bad girl, bad girl, you're such a naughty bad girl." No, this song wasn't part of the show but it illustrates the problem: HIV cuts across gender, class, racial and ethnic lines. There are a few religious congregations whose parish families have-

n't been touched by it in some way. Before you get your dander up, I'll explain: what some consider as "bad" is nature's way whether you're Gay or straight. I consider sex neutral: a face of life; like crickets chirping on a warm summer's night -- no more, no less.

Let's separate biological things from our emotions. As Sabrina showed us, we're human. We love, we lose. Her broken heart cross act, with her arms stretched across the horizontal bar of the theatrical prop, was priceless. "I'm sure she will make a really excellent mother." I don't have to tell you who recorded these lyrics. I like queens who creatively visualize the stuff we listen to on "Top 40" radio.

If you missed Cappucino, you missed a study in choreography: she glides on the stage in limber, fluid motions. I wish I were that young. It attracted Beth, a "real girl," to do a duo dance with Cappucino since Beth's camcorder battery gave out as she was taping the show. "If looks could kill!" Beth sat center stage as Dani mimicked the lyrics. Cute bit. More than 75 people showed up to watch this Sunday night extravaganza.

Ms. JODY tells the audience: give yourselves a round of applause. They did well. The basket for voluntary dollars is stuffed. Matkin tells me 20 to 30 percent of HIV patients aren't responding to the medical "cocktail." He says 60 local clergy have volunteered to provide spiritual support to patients and families. "It's a nice turnaround," he says. You see, health is more than physical: it's a state of mind. As Garry, now a part-time peer counselor with Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, pointed out: we no longer are dying of HIV; we are living with it. If we laugh at ourselves, maybe we'll live longer, afflicted or not.

I almost forgot. How I got "drafted."

As you probably know, you can't do any business in an official governmental body without a quorum of membership. Drag shows are like that too.

When I arrived, notepad and multiple pens in purse (no journalist ever can afford to run out of ink), Ms. JODY was the only queen there. Some told me in advance to pack a tap of music repertoire in my purse even though I was in total

drag "street clothes" and had no costumes.

Please Bob, I looked totally professional as a reporter; magenta "girl" business jacket, skirt, "Sabrina" -- Audrey Hepburn-type heels.

Not enough queens had showed up yet to make a show.

Sure. I'm layered. I can do it: I can entertain. I'll never be in the "Girlie Show." No one at IBT's, one of my favorite nightspots, ever will ask. But I'm still a soldier -- even in drag: I'll never let down someone I respect. And I support IBT's really doesn't matter other than to my vanity.

You see, I owe you something just like Bob: my conscience. I want you safe, to enjoy, to have a great life. They may perform; I write. They entertain; I'm trying to convince you to stand up and make a better world. Some of you have seen me out of drag: I'm hideous. But it changes not the message. I don't need to wear great costumes to be a defender of the First Amendment.

Ms. JODY is wearing my uniform: a beautiful gown, the one belonging to the new America heading into the Millennium -- our chance, in our community, to create a better world. Dan Quayle, are you listening, or would you prefer a contingent of jackbooted thugs? Dave Huff, are you listening too? -- same old tired shows! Nothing really new. Same clique of performers. How long do you really think this is going to attract crowds? I'm "nuking" you on purpose because you know better.

I think I need to respect my family heritage. You see, Dad didn't go to World War Two; for security reasons, Mom never knew what this engineer was doing. He worked, in some small way, on Los Alamos. He helped blast us into the nuclear age. Harry S. Truman ordered it. Valiant Army Air Corps airmen made it happen aboard B-29's: a nightmare no one wants to know again.

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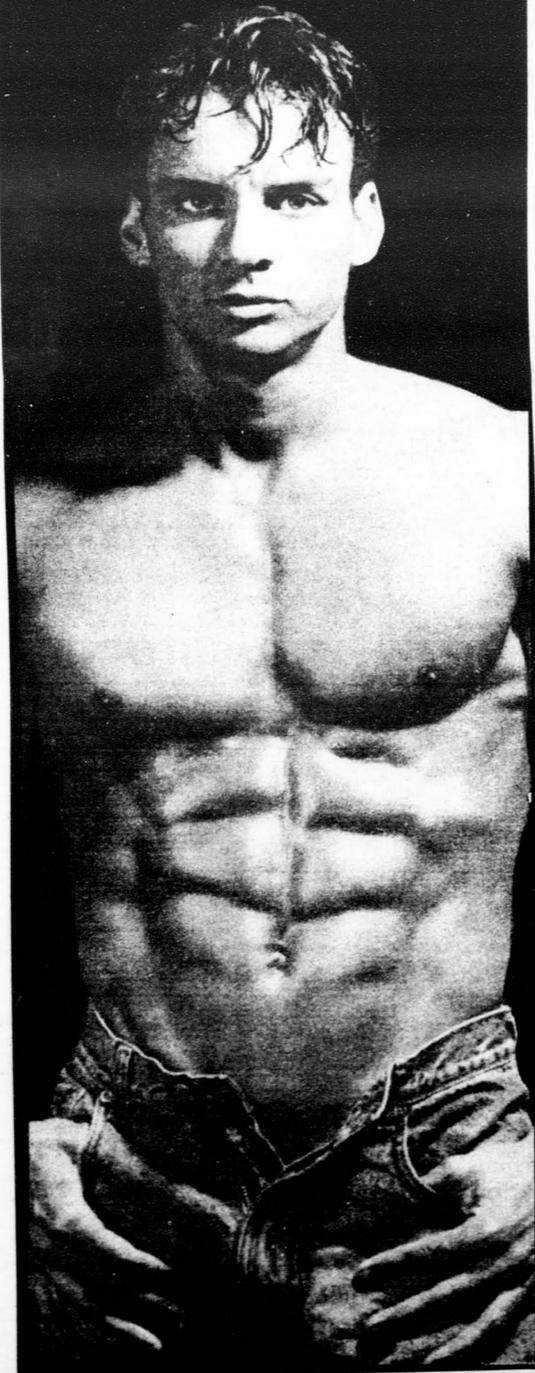
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Victory Fund Candidates Triumphant

WASHINGTON, DC -- In an unprecedented 83% win rate, ten of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's 15 openly Gay candidates won their races in the November elections.

"This phenomenal success rate is a tribute to the quality of our candidates and their campaigns," says Victory Fund Executive Director, Brian Bond.

Included among the victories are the first openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials in Ohio and Virginia - Dayton (OH) City Commission candidate Mary Wiseman and Arlington (VA) County Board candidate, Jay Fiset.

In addition to Wiseman and Fiset, eight other Victory Fund candidates victorious were:

Susan Leal for San Francisco Treasurer; Phil Reed for New York City Council; Margarita Lopez for New York City Council; Deborah Silber for Brooklyn (NY) Civil Court; Rod Krueger for Minneapolis Library Board; Wally Swan for Minneapolis Board of Estimate; Jim McGill for Wilkesburg (PA) Borough Council; Tom Roberts for Santa Barbara City Council.

Phelps Greets Gore In Boston

BOSTON, MA (HC) -- Vice President Al

Gore received yet another taste of conservative hostility when a scheduled swing through Boston brought him face to face with Fred Phelps and followers of the Westboro Baptist Church.

Phelps and his 12 followers gathered on Memorial Drive and greeted Gore's motorcade with brightly colored signs reading, "Thank God for AIDS" and "Fag Lover Gore."

The Gore protest was an unexpected bonus for the Westboro group, the members of which had just returned from picketing the predominantly Gay seaside resort of Provincetown. The muted reception they received there, however, was in marked contrast to the hostile reception they received in Boston.

"It has nothing to do with religion. It has to do with hate," local student, Jeremy Dilbeck said. He was one of several pedestrians and bicyclists who stopped and angrily confronted the group. Motorists and other commuters also shouted insults and expletives as they rode past.

"Anytime anybody nowadays in this atmosphere and climate asks a question about the propriety of this filthy thing called homosexuality, they're demonized and called a hate monger," Phelps said in a recent interview. "Anybody who thinks that God loves everyone is a nincompoop."

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Jews into member congregations and to encourage their participation in all aspects of both synagogue and community life; CCAR passed a similar resolution in 1990.

In 1993, UAHC passed a further resolution that full equality under the law for Gays and Lesbians requires legal recognition of their monogamous same-gender domestic partnerships; CCAR passed a similar resolution in 1996. The CCRJ actively supported the 1996 addition of "sexual orientation" as a protected category under the Canadian Human Rights Act, as well as supporting treatment for same-gender domestic partners equal to that of "common law" heterosexual couples.

North Carolina

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A family therapist hired by Sizemore had testified that Gloria told her that her father had licked her back and bottom, and a child care worker had noted her unusual behavior following visits. Marshall's mother and others present during Gloria's visitations with him countered the charges, which his lawyer said were "concocted."

Life Is A Drag

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tion of American equality. One person, one vote. Oh yes, drag girls, I broke new turf for you November 4. I voted in the Tucson and Pima County elections in "full drag." Poll workers didn't bat an eyelash. They only were concerned that I signed on the correct line. None of you has done this before. I did. It's obvious that Bimbos 4 -- Charlene, Zoe, Amber and Elise - are hopeless; are going to do some crazy thing to keep you out of the closet. Come out of the dark, my friends. Sunlight is a better political scenario. Don't hide. Live!

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Senate Committee Okays Hormel

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) -- A committee voice vote on a cattle call of nominees moved the openly Gay meat-packing heir another step towards ambassadorship, but will his own voice be the price of the position?

A quick voice vote by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommended for approval by the full Senate a few dozen diplomatic nominees, bringing meat packing heir James Hormel one step closer to becoming the country's first openly Gay ambassador.

The Committee is chaired by the Senate's leading homophobe, Jesse Helms (R-NC), who recently blocked the nomination of Gay-friendly liberal Republican former Massachusetts Governor William Weld to serve as ambassador to Mexico, and who publicly tagged attorney Roberta Achtenberg a "damn Lesbian" in the course of her historic appointment to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Clinton's first term.

A Helms spokesperson has said of Hormel only that the Democrat "would not have been Senator Helms' first choice for the post." Helms had been notably absent

from the Committee's hearing late last month on Hormel's nomination, leaving the chair to Gordon Smith (R-OR), who seemed enthusiastic about the nomination.

The scuttlebutt around Capitol Hill, as revealed in statements to the media by officials who refuse to be named, has suggested that Helms asked for and received certain "assurances" from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright -- those assurances presumed to be that Hormel would remain publicly silent on Gay and Lesbian issues should he come to be the ambassador to Luxembourg.

Committee member and Hormel supporter Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) declared herself "cautiously optimistic" about his chances, but admitted she'd heard that some Senator might act to put a "hold" on the nomination, preventing it from coming to a floor vote.

In fact, no floor vote has yet been scheduled on any of the nominees approved by the Committee, but Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) said he would make an effort to set aside time for their consideration before the body's adjournment planned for November 14.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Since I work for the City, I have Veterans' Day off. When I have a day off during the week I try to plan as many projects as possible which would be difficult to get done on the weekend. Today is no exception. I took our "kids" (our two toy poodles) to the groomers, I got my car washed, later today I have someone coming to put our cooler to bed and fire up the furnace; and early this morning I had the piano tuner come.

We have a really nice piano, a Yamaha which we bought used several years ago. Since I have had this piano, I have decided that this is the only brand of piano that is worthwhile (although we have another kind at church which I also like!) The piano action is very pleasing to my touch, it isn't stiff like some I've played. It has a very nice timbre and tone. If someone were to ask me, I would recommend this brand without hesitation.

However--because of the surroundings in which this piano has been placed, it needs tuning on a regular basis. You see, we have a swamp cooler, which swells the wood of the piano in the summer and shrinks it in the winter, making it lose the pure tone which I like so much. My tuner told me this morning that the time is also coming when the piano is going to need more than just tuning, due to its age, to keep it in the best condition.

Our Christian lives are a lot like my piano. No matter how much -- or how little -- care I give my piano, it will still remain an instrument with which I can make music, although if I ignore the tuning, the sound will become very sour! And no matter how much -- or how little -- care we give our Christian lives, once we have accepted Jesus as our savior we are Christians forever. But because of the surroundings in which we live, this world which encourages us to sin, if we don't "tune-up" our lives on a regular basis the "music" we make with them will become sour!

It's easy to understand what kinds of things need to be done to keep a piano in tune -- just call the tuner and he will take it from there! But what about our Christian lives -- what do we need to do keep our lives in tune? If you were to call your spiritual leader, your "tuner," he or she would probably have two items at the top of the list. The first thing that needs to be attended to on a regular basis is prayer. In I Thessalonians 5:17 we are encouraged to "pray continually." While this doesn't mean that we should go around all the time every day with our eyes closed while speaking audible prayers, it does encourage us to be in such an attitude that if the need arises we will be able to immediately go to the Lord in prayer. In addition to this attitude, we need to set aside regular times when we go to the Lord with our confessions, thanksgivings, praises and petitions.

The second necessity to remaining a well-tuned Christian is Bible reading and study. The Apostle Paul told his young convert Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15, KJV) Studying the Bible can take many forms, from individual study, to joining with other Christians on a regular basis, to taking correspondence courses. No matter what form it make take in your life, however, without it your life will lose the pure notes of Christian music.

If my piano were never tuned and a master pianist such as Van Cliburn were to play it, no matter how hard he tried the music would not sound as beautiful as it would have sounded had I taken better care of my piano.

If your Christian life does not constantly get tuned, when the Master, the Lord Jesus, tries to use you, your service to him lacks the beauty it could have.

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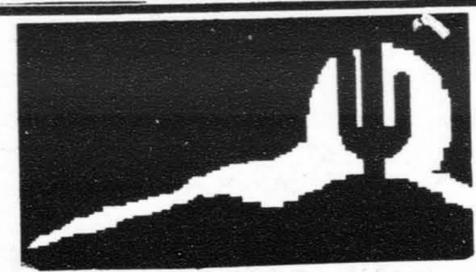
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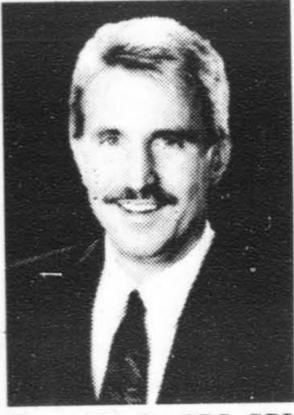
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In Brief.

American Musicological Society at its annual conference this past weekend presented its first award to specifically recognize Gay and Lesbian studies in music.

sexuals and others oppressed due to their sexual identities or sexual conduct between consenting adults] anywhere in the world.

The award is named for Philip Brett, now a professor at the University of California at Riverside, who pioneered in the area in the mid-1970's with his analysis of homoerotic themes in the work of Gay composer Benjamin Britten.

Nominations must be received by January 20, 1998 to be considered for 1998. The nomination form can be found online. IGLHRC can also be contacted by e-mail, by phone at +1-415-255-8680, by fax at +1-415-255-8662, or by postal mail at 1360 Mission Street Suite #200, San Francisco, CA 94103 USA.

Brett notes that it took more than a decade for "any real manifestation of Gay and Lesbian studies" to follow in his footsteps, but at the Society's 1990 meeting a Gay and Lesbian studies group formed with nearly 100 charter members.

The first award recipient is New Yorker Elizabeth Wood, who said the honor "is a recognition for this field of study done by all sorts of people, not just Gays and Lesbians. It also legitimizes those of us who felt that the presence of so many homosexuals in music history was kept kind of secret."

Also featured at the conference was a lecture by Sue-Ellen Case on "Queer Performance." The American Musicological Society is one of several groups which moved a major convention out of Cincinnati, Ohio after voters there in 1993 passed Issue 3 -- not only repealing but preventing legislation explicitly to protect Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) presented its Second Annual Fairness Awards to Dr. Mathilde Krim, Chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, and to Matthew Blank, Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the SHOWTIME cable TV channel.

The awards were presented by former New York Governor Mario Cuomo and by actress Marlo Thomas in New York City.

The Fairness Awards are to honor "contributions and leadership in combating discrimination based on sexual orientation through programs of education, communications and civil rights protections."

Human Rights Campaign honored openly Gay Harvard University chaplain Reverend Peter Gomes at its 16th annual regional dinner in Boston.

The black-tie affair raised \$200,000 -- and keynote speaker U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) was hitting up attendees for campaign contributions at a pre-event reception.

Among the crowd of 1,100 was Betty DeGeneres, mother of the most famous Lesbian in the U.S., still enjoying her new role at HRC as an advocate for Gay and Lesbian rights.

Fred Phelps and his homophobic clan stopped by to protest outside the event on their way back home to Kansas after bedeviling Women's Week in Provincetown earlier that day.

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission has opened nominations for its 1998 annual Felipe da Souza awards.

The annual awards "honor individuals and/or organizations that have made significant contributions toward securing the human rights and freedoms of sexual minorities [including Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men, Transvestites, Trans-

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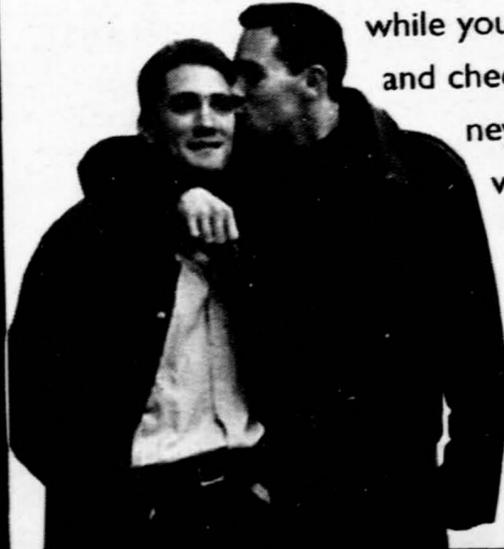
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British Activist Visits Homophobic Zimbabwe Leader

LONDON, UK (NP) -- Oh, to have been a fly on the wall when Outrageous Peter Tatchell took tea with Zimbabwe's homophobic leader!

Peter Tatchell, former Labour politician and leader of the London Gay and Lesbian direct action group OutRage!, says he managed to sneak himself into an encounter with Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, the most vocal homophobe in international politics, at a recent London event.

Considering the covert nature of the circumstances -- especially since his guerrilla tactics did not get him arrested this time -- it has not been possible to obtain independent confirmation of Tatchell's claim.

Certainly Gay and Lesbian activists throughout the United Kingdom have anticipated using Mugabe's current visit there to express their concerns about his infamous anti-Gay stance.

The President expressed himself most vividly in 1995 as the group Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) sought to display literature at the annual Zimbabwe International Book Fair, when his remarks included, "We don't believe they have any rights at all" and the characterization of Gays and Lesbians as "lower than pigs and dogs."

On behalf of Outrage!, Tatchell's other activities in connection with the visit have included writing to Mugabe to suggest he take the same test which has found substantial numbers of homophobes to be sexually aroused by Gay images, and calling on British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook to cut off aid to Zimbabwe in protest of the country's violation of Gays' and Lesbians' human rights.

The stealth tactics Tatchell describes as having used to come face-to-face with Mugabe are credible given his well-publicized confrontation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the garden of his own castle earlier this year, which involved Tatchell and other OutRage! members climbing the walls and hiding in the bushes.

Tatchell says that in his Mugabe caper, he eluded security at Westminster Central Hall by pretending to be a television camera operator. Mugabe, after speaking to the "Africa at 40" International Conference on Independent Africa, was refreshing himself with a cup of tea in a VIP area.

Tatchell simply walked over and said, "Hello, President Mugabe. In the 1970's, when I was a young student, I helped raise funds for [the Mugabe-led ruling party] ZANU's war of liberation." A smiling Mugabe responded with a warm handshake and said, "Thank you. I am very grateful for the help you gave us. What are you doing now?"

"I am campaigning for Lesbian and Gay human rights," Tatchell replied. Spluttering into his teacup, Mugabe said, "Pardon?" Tatchell repeated himself (no doubt dodging droplets of tea). The Presidential smile was replaced with a look of disapproval as Mugabe sighed, "Oh, the Gays."

"I'm very sad that you say Gay people don't have any rights," Tatchell continued. "We don't necessarily persecute them," Mugabe defended, "Not if

they are Gay in private. We don't agree with them organizing and making a public issue out of it."

Quick to enter the diplomatically opened crack in the wall, Tatchell asked, "Why can't you meet with Gay groups?" With a shrug, Mugabe responded, "Maybe."

The conversation ended there as Special Branch officers escorted Tatchell out of the area and gave him a warning before letting him go.

South Africa Delays Sodomy Repeal

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (NP) -- Their constitution is the world's first to ban sexual orientation discrimination, but South African activists still face a tough battle to get justice from the Justice Minister.

The efforts of South Africa's National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality (NCGLE) and Human Rights Commission to have the nation's stringent same-gender conduct laws struck down have been delayed by the opposition of Minister of Justice Omar Dullah.

NCGLE filed a brief seeking decriminalization of all consensual same-gender conduct -- the current laws go far beyond sex acts to include activities such as holding hands in public -- that could have been heard as early as this week.

But Dullah, one of several government officials charged with enforcing the laws and therefore named as a respondent in the case, met the deadline for indicating his intention to oppose decriminalization, thereby delaying the hearing at least another month. He will have to submit a complete brief in early October.

NCGLE plans nationwide demonstrations, with more public protest expected on the occasion of Johannesburg's annual Gay and Lesbian pride celebration on September 27 and on an October date still to be announced. Two judges of the Cape High Court already declared the sodomy law in particular to be unconstitutional in early August, in a decision which applies only to the Western Cape.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, NCGLE legal advisor Kevin Botha said the group was "dumbfounded" by Omar's opposition, for which they had been unable to conceive of any "rational basis."

What Omar had said in a press release earlier this month is that, "What I want is for the court to highlight some of the legal implications which might arise," while denying that he had any opposition to Gays and Lesbians exercising their constitutional rights -- sentiments which a Justice Ministry spokesperson repeated to the press.

The nation's new constitution is the first in the world to explicitly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, and NCGLE's filing cites the more general rights to equality, dignity, bodily integrity, privacy, and freedom of association which are stated in it.

Botha called it a "scandal" that Lesbian, Gay and Transgendered people continue to face a threat of imprisonment

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams may feel a zesty jolt in their career when Venus conjuncts Mars. Are you vying for a key to the boardroom via the couch? It's a rocky road to take, dear queer Aries. It's far better to get where you are going based on your own steam rather than the motion of VPs. You may want to be the one to call the shots rather than always receive them.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Seeking love with a romantic, exotic stranger? Just wait until Venus conjuncts Mars and let things take their course. Proud Bulls may consider taking a brief but much needed vacation during this transit so as to fully fan the flames of foreign flesh. Heck, it's better than ordering in Chinese food and turning up the heating pad. Or is it ... ?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Lucky Gay Twins will sure know how to fill the time (among other things) during the Venus/Mars conjunction. Try as you may, you will be unable to focus on anything else except full bodied, hot blooded sex so why ask why? Sadly though, this transit is all too fleeting. It would be a shame to feel the urge and be too late to scratch the itch.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Partners seem especially alluring during the Venus/Mars conjunction. Pink Crabs are convinced that they have found the real thing, at least for a short while. For those of us who are still on ice in the marketplace, this transit provides a zesty respite from those chilled Crab leg nights. But a future is not built on lust alone, dear queer friend, think a head, not of head.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Your day to day job won't seem so humdrum thanks to the Venus/Mars conjunction. Office intrigue, intrigues and the ever regal and dramatically proud Lion can't resist a theatrical scene or two. I'm sure that there is more that coworkers can share besides a cup of coffee, but even the most alluring of us fails to impress once the florescent lights are turned on.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The Venus/Mars conjunction mixes well in any party atmosphere. Gay Virgos will even look good in qiana but let's not strain the good will of the planets with nonsense. Be smart and dress the part cousin, there are places to go and people to meet and sadly so little time to do so. By next week the ball will be over and you'll be scrubbing the floorboards again.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If it were possible to sit on your duff and phone it in, Gay Libras would do just that this week. The Venus/Mars conjunction can make a luxuriously lazy Libra practically slothful. Enjoy the absolute sinfulness of it all while you can by inviting a few close confidants over for a delightful evening. The orgy is optional. Help in cleaning up is preferred.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Manipulative queer Scorps are in their political glory when Venus conjuncts Mars. Your words hold a certain allure so

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CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The Venus/Mars conjunction enlivens your social life considerably. You are the camp counselor of the week so try to look your best and strut your stuff Heads turn as queer Goats impress even the most unimpassioned folks. This transit sparks new directions in your life. Wouldn't it be nice if one of those directions led to Key West?

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians can see the future and it looks rather cheery. Thank the Venus Mars conjunction for the spark and sizzle. The best use of this zesty energy is to lace into your dreary closet and air it out once and for all. This transit highlights your incredibly sensuous sexuality. Why hide it? You have nothing to fear but your mental chains.... and Jesse Helms.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Is it advisable to mix the passionate with the platonic? It depends how much hot water pink Fish can tolerate. The Venus/Mars conjunction may have you lasciviously eyeing dear queer old pals. Be warned: This is a fleeting transit and you have to be prepared to deal with possible fallout next week. On the other hand, it's better to have a partner who is a friend first.

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South Africa Delays Sodomy Repeal

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despite the constitutional provisions, and said that in fact Omar "should be welcoming this initiative to help him carry out his constitutional obligations" to ensure that national laws are in keeping with both the spirit and the letter of the constitution.

Early in September, however, Ministry of Justice Deputy Director-General Deon Rudman told reporters that, "We need to strike a balance, if we allow too much leeway we'll then have children's rights groups on our hands." NCGLE denounced the implied association between child abuse and homosexuality as insulting, particularly since the group takes a strong position against exploitation of children.

Though in Omar's press release there was also a reference to "balance," as in, "The rights of Gays and Lesbians and those of the public have to be balanced." NCGLE was also quick to point out that it was false to separate "Gays and Lesbians" from "the public" of which they are a part.

The laws NCGLE hopes the court will void include the common law offense of sodomy; the common law crime of unnatural offenses between men, including masturbation and oral sex; and a criminal procedure which allows a person to arrest any person reasonably suspected of committing sodomy. The parties named in NCGLE's filing as representatives of the government are the Minister of Justice (Omar), the Minister of Safety and Security and the Attorneys-General.

Netherlands To Approve Gay Adoptions And Marriage

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (NP) -- A Dutch Parliamentary panel has approved legislation designed to sanction Gay marriage and give Lesbian and Gay couples the right to adopt children.

The Hague, which expressed its intention to pass the legislation over strong conservative objections last year, is expected to go into effect in January 1998.

Dutch Justice Minister Elizabeth Schmidt last year argued against expanding civil marriage to Gay couples, saying it would rouse international sanction and jeopardize Dutch adoptions of foreign children. The progressive parliament scoffed at the government's objections and, in fact, added the new adoption provisions this month.

"The rights of children in homosexual relationships must be better regulated," said Bas Kortmann, chairman of the parliamentary panel. He called the bill "an important symbolic step against the old idea that homosexuality is heresy."

If, as expected, the current version of the legislation passes, the Netherlands would become the first country in the world to sanction Gay and Lesbian adoption at the federal level.

Dutch public opinion runs heavily in favor of granting Gay couples the right to adopt children. Polls show 7 in 10 Dutch citizens believe Gay men and Lesbians can be excellent parents.

In a report commissioned by State Justice Secretary Elizabeth Schmitz, committee members concluded that "same-sex couples can only receive equal treatment if they are permitted to enter into civil marriage." Marriage, said the panel, "has always been a flexible institution that has kept pace with social change."

Gay Britons Enjoy New Tolerant Atmosphere

LONDON, UK (RNS) -- Gay men and Lesbians in Britain are enjoying the benefits of a newly embracing social and political culture eager to prove how tolerant it has become.

New freedoms owing to the "modernizing" approach of the Labour government, says the report, has led to more and more Gay men and women in the arts and politics emerging from the closet.

"Gayness is now mainstream; so why behave as though we're still in the ghetto?" openly Gay Labour MP Ben Bradshaw told reporters. Many political commentators think inclusiveness and tolerance are the signs of a party's relevance in the late 90s. For the Conservatives struggling to overcome a crushing defeat in the last elections, it is a message they ignore at their peril.

The new Tory leader, William Hague, is attempting to force the party into shedding its stodgy image. Only by modifying long-held positions on a variety of social issues, says Hague, can Britain's Conservative Party hope to compete with a revitalized Labour.

Former defense secretary Michael Portillo, who lost his seat in Parliament to openly Gay Labour candidate Stephen

Twigg, shocked his colleagues at the annual party conference last month by advocating a more inclusive Tory attitude toward Gay men and women.

The Labour Party led by Tony Blair has made broad movement on a number of Gay fronts recently. A change in immigration policy this month will allow foreign partners of Gay men and women to settle in Britain after four years; the age of Gay consent is to be lowered from 18 to 16, the age for straight partners; and new initiatives have been promised establishing workplace protections and new guidelines for Gay men and women hoping to serve in the Royal Armed Forces.

"I think there is a real change in mood," said Angela Mason, head of the Gay advocacy group Stonewall. "Support for Lesbians and Gays has become a sort of marker of modernity," she said. "That's the issue that sorts out the sheep from the goats, the old from the new. We have become generally a more symbolic issue."

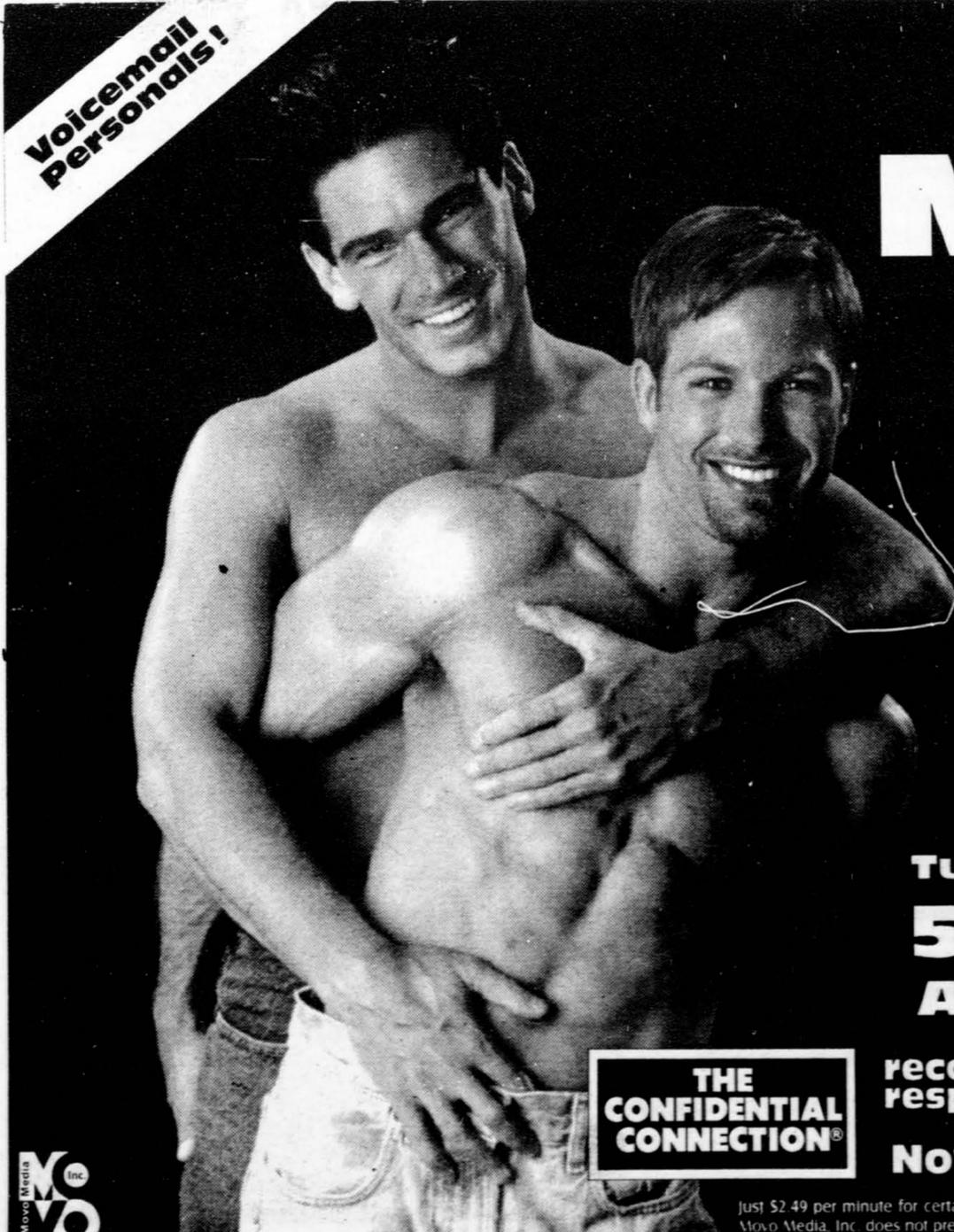
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President Clinton Addresses HRC's National Dinner

Americans in every sense of the word to feel that way. (Applause.) I think it's very important.

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what we thought America meant. Our ideals were never meant to be frozen in stone or time. Keep in mind, when we started out with Thomas Jefferson's credo that all of us are created equal by God, what that really meant in civic political terms was that you had to be white, you had to be male, and that wasn't enough -- you had to own property, which would have left my crowd out when I was a boy. (Laughter and applause.)

Over time, we have had to re-define the words that we started with, not because there was anything wrong with them and their universal power and strength of liberty and justice, but because we were limited in our imaginations about how we could live and what we were capable of and how we should live. Indeed, the story of how we kept going higher and higher and higher to new and higher definitions -- and more meaningful definitions -- of equality and dignity and freedom is in its essence the fundamental story of our country.

Fifty years ago, President Truman stood at a new frontier in our defining struggle on civil rights. Slavery had ended a long time before, but segregation remained. Harry Truman stood before the Lincoln Memorial and said, "It is more important today than ever to ensure that all Americans enjoy the rights [of freedom and equality]. When I say all Americans, I mean all Americans." (Applause.)

Well, my friends, all Americans still means all Americans. (Applause.) We all know that it is an ideal and not perfectly real now. We all know that some of the old kinds of discrimination we have sought to rid ourselves of by law and purge our spirits of still exist in America today. We all know that there is continuing discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. But we also know that if we're ever going to build one America, then all Americans -- including you and those whom you represent -- have got to be a part of it. (Applause.)

To be sure, no President can grant rights. Our ideals and our history hold that they are inalienable, embedded in our Constitution, amplified over time by our courts and legislature. I cannot grant them -- but I am bound by my oath of office and the burden of history to reaffirm them.

All America loses if we let prejudice and discrimination stifle the hopes or deny the potential of a single American. All America loses when any person is denied or forced out of a job because of sexual orientation. Being Gay, the last time I thought about it, seemed to have nothing to do with the ability to read a balance book, fix a broken bone, or change a spark plug. (Applause.)

For generations, the American Dream has represented a fundamental compact among our people. If you take responsibility and work hard, you have the right to achieve a better life for yourself and a better future for your family. Equal opportunity for all, special privileges for none -- a fate shared by Americans regardless of political views. We believe -- or we all say we believe -- that all citizens should have the chance to rise as far as their God-given talents will take them. What counts is energy and honesty and talent. No arbitrary distinctions should bar the way.

So when we deny opportunity because of ancestry or religion, race or gender, disability or sexual orientation, we

break the compact. It is wrong. And it should be illegal. (Applause.) Once again I call upon Congress to honor our most cherished principles and make the Employment Non-Discrimination Act the law of the land. (Applause.)

I also come here tonight to ask you for another favor. Protecting the civil rights of all Americans --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: People with AIDS are dying.

AUDIENCE: Sit down.

THE PRESIDENT: Wait, wait, wait. I would have been disappointed if you hadn't been here tonight. I'm kind of used to this. (Applause.) People with AIDS are dying. But since I've become President we're spending 10 times as much per fatality on people with AIDS as people with breast cancer or prostate cancer. (Applause.) And the drugs are being approved more quickly. And a lot of people are living normal lives. We just have to keep working on it. (Applause.)

I thank you, but this, too, is part of what makes America great. (Applause.) We all have our say, and nobody has to be afraid when he or she screams at the President. (Laughter.) That's a good thing. That's a good thing. (Applause.) And at a time when so many people feel their voices will never be heard, that's a good thing.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible.)

AUDIENCE: Boooo!

THE PRESIDENT: What is not a good thing, however, is when people believe their free speech rights trump yours. That's not good. That's not. (Applause.)

Now, I want to ask you for a favor. You want us to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. You know when we do -- and I believe it will pass -- you know when we do it will have to be enforced. The law on the books only works if it is also a law in the life of America.

Let me say, I thank you very much for your support of my nominee for the Office of Civil Rights, Bill Lee. I thank you for that. (Applause.) But he, too, comes from a family that has known discrimination and now he is being discriminated against, not because there is anything wrong with his qualifications, not because anybody believes he is not even-tempered, but because some members of the Senate disagree with his views on affirmative action.

Now, if I have to appoint a head of the office of civil rights who is against affirmative action -- (laughter) -- it's going to be vacant a long time. (Laughter and applause.) That office is not there to advocate or promote -- primarily to advocate or promote the policies of the government when it comes to affirmative action; it's there to enforce the existing laws against discrimination. You hope someday you will have one of those existing laws. We need somebody to enforce the laws, and Bill Lee should be confirmed, and I ask you to help me to get him confirmed. (Applause.)

I'd like to say just one more word. There are some people who aren't in this room tonight who aren't comfortable yet with you and won't be comfortable with me for being here.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We love you, Bill. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Wait a minute. This is serious. On issue after issue involving Gays and Lesbians, survey after survey shows that the most important determinant of people's attitudes is whether they are aware -- whether they knowingly have had a family or a friendship or a work relation with a Gay person. (Applause.)

Now, I hope that we will embrace good people who are trying to overcome their fears. After all, all of us can look back in history and see what the right thing to do was. It is quite another thing to look ahead and light the way. Most people are preoccupied with the burdens of daily living. Most of us, as we grow older, become -- whether we like it or not -- somewhat more limited in our imaginations. So I think one of the greatest things we have to do still is just to increase the ability of Americans who do not yet know that Gays and Lesbians are their fellow

When I say, "I believe all Americans means all Americans," I see the faces of the friends of 35 years. When I say, "all Americans means all Americans," I see the faces of the people who stood up

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

IBT'S - The Girlie Show presents Adrienne Alexander, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Victoria DuPuis, Lani, Karina Montenegro and Selena. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

VENTURE-N - Tuff Stuff Too, the leather shop off the patio here will begin celebration of its 3rd anniversary. Check the ads this issue for complete details of price specials and give-aways. The party runs until Nov. 23rd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

VENTURE-N - Tuff Stuff Too, the leather shop off the patio at V-N will be celebrating their 3rd anniversary tonight with a special appearance by Buster, the 1997 Bear Calendar Cover Man and star of Brush Creek Media's videos. Autographs, photo-ops, prizes. Lots more stuff is planned. Check their ads this issue.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

IBT'S - This Sunday's Benefit Brunch all-you-can-eat Burger Bar-B-Que and 16oz Beer Bust will benefit SAAF 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. there will be a special benefit show for Truly Fabu who is a contestant for Miss Gay America. Show stars Felice Renard, Electra Bleu, Victoria DuPuis, and Bunny Foo Foo. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring the live vocals or Jay Cotner and some special guests.

VENTURE-N - Another spectacular brunch by Ray Gregg. Lasagna with all the trimmings! Tickets are only \$4.00. Don't forget the big 3rd anniversary party for Tuff Stuff Too - Leatherware and more!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Retro Beer Night. Too broke to go out this weekend? Stop by the Biz for the cheapest canned beer - lots of fun! No cover. Great Music.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

IBT'S - Male Box Nite returns. Your chance to meet a hot number very discreetly, let 'em know what you're thinking. Also win prizes playing Sissy Bingo only at IBT'S.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IBT'S - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will hold its 3rd semi-annual Bachelor Auction starting at 9:00 p.m. Ten handsome hunks will be up for bid. Each highest bidder gets a dinner for two with his bachelor and reserved seating for two at RGM's Holiday Show on Dec. 8. 'Double Deck of Dinners' raffle tickets will be for sale.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz brings back its White Party. Discounted drinks to those wearing white. Also \$2.75 White Russians and \$3.00 Kahlua & Creme. Hi NRG dance music 9-1.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes back KC's Mixx 8-11. Cover. Live Latin and country music. Latin music follows. \$1.25 pitchers 5-10pm.

IBT'S - The benefit Beer Bust and B-B-Q today will be a fundraiser for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. "Double Deck of Dinners" raffle tickets will be on sale too.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz will open at 7:00 p.m. with Karaoke. Come sing and dance from 7 to closing.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by popular demand, it's Rare Breed. Live Latin music from 7-11pm. Cover. \$1.25 pitcher 5-10pm. DJ spins Latin music after the band.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Ryan White Prioritization Workshop 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in the Centurion Room (8th Floor) Help prioritize the HIV/AIDS services that will be funded with Ryan White Title II service dollars in 1998-99. Community input is extremely important. Call 722-1707 for more information.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Cronies Social Club "Movie Night At Leo's". The movie is "Gunga Din" with Cary Grant and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Leo has a great collection of old movies. Call Leo at 624-6768 for RSVP and directions. All men are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Game Night is an evening devoted to all sorts of board games. Play a favorite card game or board game-the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

The new Men's Relationship Group meets at 7:00 pm. The purpose is to explore the dynamics of what a good relationship consists of for men with men. It will last for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Refreshments and fun. Call in advance to reserve a place. \$5.00 fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will have their Reveille Rummage Rave in the parking lot of the MCC Water of Life Church, 3269 N. Mountain, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. "Double Deck of Dinners" raffle tickets will be for sale.

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Network, meets at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills (Room 31) at the NW corner of River and Swan. (This is a rap and discussion group which meets every third Saturday of the month). All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners, and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Retro TV returns. Three classic TV episodes will be shown for your entertainment. The "Turkeys Away" episode of WKRP in Cincinnati (7:00), the "Who's Who" episode of the Avengers (7:30), and the famous "Chuckles Bites the Dust" episode of the Mary Tyler Moore show (8:30) will be shown. Chuckle with your brothers. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Men's Massage Group meets today at 6:00 p.m. This is a good place to meet men in a safe and nurturing environment. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up at least 3 days in advance, or for more information. This may be the last meeting for the year. Nominal fee.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a relaxed Lunch Out as we eat at Landry's at 410 N. Wilmot. Good food, good conversation, and good guys. What better deal can you get at lunch time? For reservations and directions, please call Jerry W. at 298-7415.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

Girlfriends Coffee House and Book Store will present Lucie Blue Tremblay in concert. Lucie will be introducing her new CD "I'm Ready". Singing in French and English, the power of her voice will mesmerize you. This one intimate special performance only. 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets \$18. Tickets are available at Antigone's and Girlfriends, 3540 N. Oracle Road.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner. Hometown Buffet at 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The Southern Arizona Aids Foundation (SAAF) presents the ninth annual Jérôme Beillard "Festival For Life" at the University Park Marriott Hotel (880 E. Second St.) Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit HIV prevention education and direct client services for people affected by HIV/AIDS. The evening features a live and silent auction of fantastic holiday items - decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, menorahs, fine art, gift baskets, celebrity memorabilia and other fabulous gift items. A light dessert buffet will also be provided. Brad Holland of TuneSmythe will provide musical entertainment. Advance tickets are \$20 (all but \$5 of the ticket price is tax deductible). Tickets are available at SAAF, Borders Books, Casas Adobes Flower Shop, Tucson Trunk and Hair On Broadway. Admission at the door is \$25. For more info call Jenny Porter at SAAF 322-6226.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. HI-NRG Dance Music all Night. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Bloody Marys \$1.75 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 4pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Beer Bust 2-7pm \$1.25 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 4-7 Pool Tourney with Zipperman. Karaoke Night, drink specials to singers.

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Bar/Restaurant Appreciation Night. \$1.00 off on all drinks 8-12.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.50. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy hour 4-7. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Service Industry Nite: 1/2 price drinks for those in service industry. Monday Night Football on the big screen., and Doc's Dart's at 8:30. Free pool all day.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. Hot dance music.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy D. \$1 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. \$1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm

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NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2for1 7-10. Retro Dance Music all evening.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

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

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AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.50. Dance Music Mix 9-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and 1/2 price all night.

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Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Star Traxx 9:00 p.m. \$2 Cover for the show only.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

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The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Pager 388-6843.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 300 E. 6th St.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 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 890-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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 respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

NOTICES

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, 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. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

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

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6676 or 670-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evellen@ix.netcom.com)

FACE TO FACE - HIV+ Social Organization. Meet new friends. Call Dale at 320-9106 for information.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyam@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

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Clinton Addresses HRC's National Dinner

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when I asked the people who are part of our administration to stand tonight. When I say, "all Americans means all Americans," I see kind, unbelievably generous, giving people back in my home state who helped my family and my friends when they were in need. It is a different story when you know what you are seeing.

So I say to you tonight, should we change the law? You bet. Should we keep fighting discrimination? Absolutely. Is this Hate Crimes Conference important? It is terribly important. But we have to broaden the imagination of America. We are redefining, in practical terms, the immutable ideals that have guided us from the beginning. Again I say, we have to make sure that for every single person in our country, all Americans means all Americans.

After experiencing the horrors of the Civil War and witnessing the transformation of the previous century, Walt Whitman said that our greatest strength was that we are an embracing nation. In his words, a "Union, holding all, fusing, absorbing, tolerating all." Let us move forward in the spirit of that one America. Let us realize that this is a good obligation that has been imposed upon our generation, and a grand opportunity once again to lift America to a higher level of unity, once again to redefine and to strengthen and to ensure one America for a new century and a new generation of our precious children.

Thank you and God bless you.
(Applause.)

Christian Conservatives voiced their disgust over the speech.

Andrea Sheldon, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, said, "it was an American president kissing up to the wealthiest extremists of the amoral left."

Robert Knight of the Family Research Council called the speech a "tragedy since it will cause more young Americans to embrace homosexuality."

White House officials downplayed any controversy, calling the dinner, "a community outreach gesture not unlike his recent participation in the National Italian American Foundation dinner."

"His [Clinton's] presence is a powerful affirmation of the shared dream of equality for every American," Birch said.

Compromise Reached on Chicago's Halsted Plan

CHICAGO, IL (WS) -- After months of controversy, much of it brought on by local Gay residents, the City of Chicago has decided to tone down its street beautification plan along a predominantly Gay stretch of North Halsted Street.

Under the downscaled \$3.2 million plan, two 25-foot gateway structures, serving as entry points to the six block area, have been eliminated. In their place city planners propose 11 pairs of more subtle art-deco style columns that will appear at various points along the street-escape.

"People thought those gateways were not appropriate for the neighborhood, and I'm glad to see that the city listened to the community and made the right decision," said one neighborhood resident. The plan also retains the basic infrastructure improvements called for under the original plan: the expansion of city sidewalks, the replacement of curbs and gutters, and the planting of more than 200 trees.

Though some Gay locals expressed the view that much of the opposition to the original plan came from displeasure over its designation as a "Gay neighborhood," even many Gay residents felt the first plan was simply "too over the top."

Jim Ludwig, a Gay owner of Roscoe's Tavern and president of the Triangle Neighbors community association, said, "It's a tremendous compromise. Everybody won."

A REVIEW: Desert Voices Guest Artist Series

TUCSON -- Desert Voices' first concert of the Guest Artist Series was a great success.

Singing for an audience of close to 100, Una Voz opened the show with "Route 66" and took the audience on a journey that was mesmerizing.

Finishing their set with "I'll Be Seeing You," Keith Koster, Artistic Director, reminded the audience that season tickets for Desert Voices are still available and the season ahead is one that will far surpass any concert so far!

Jonathan Brown took over the journey with a theme of change and transition beginning his set with Mystery Moon. Jonathan recently moved to Minneapolis from his Tucson home in order to further his musical career.

As a new age composer/pianist, Jonathan performed many of his original pieces, which are also available on cassette. Phantom Thunder charged the audience with the energy of its rapid pace and strong chords.

Jonathan closed the show after a standing ovation with, The Ascension.

Desert Voices thanks Jonathan for his dedication to the chorus and supporting the production of the first Guest Artist Series. For more information on the upcoming season, call the Desert Voices office, 791-9662.

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