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Lift The Ban Rally In Tucson



TUCSON - Last Friday, Jan. 29, Gays and Lesbians and supporters held a rally in El Presidio in downtown Tucson to show support for President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military.

The matter has created a furor which will undoubtedly continue for some time.

Former Senator Barry Goldwater said, "Any man or woman who wants to fight for his country shouldn't be kept from it just because they happen to be Gay

or what."

Senator Dennis DeConcini said that he supports Clinton's initial steps to lift the ban on Gays, but said the administration should study the issue more before taking final action.

Republican Senator John McCain promised Clinton a fight on efforts to lift the military ban. "His action requires that we propose legislation to affirm the current military code of conduct," McCain said.

Lambda Urges Court To Hear Appeal On Military's Gay Ban

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, has announced that it has filed a motion with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit which asks the Court to set a prompt hearing on Lambda's appeal challenging the constitutionality of the military ban on Lesbian and Gay service members.

The motion was filed on behalf of Joseph C. Steffan, a former midshipman at the United States Naval Academy who was discharged six weeks before graduation

when he answered, "Yes, sir," to the question, "Are you a homosexual?"

Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of Lambda, stated, "Lambda supports President Clinton in his battle to overturn the military's ban on Lesbians and Gay men. However, recent events indicate that questions still remain as to whether President Clinton will be able to achieve his objective. We believe that the military's ban is not only bad policy, but that it is unconstitutional. Accordingly, we are

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EDITORIAL

A Call To Action

Well, the feces has hit the fan. The right wingers, the fundamentalists, the old farts that still don't get it, the stuffed shirt military brass and the old guard Republicans in Congress have raised the roof about President Clinton's vow to end the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military. Letters and phone calls are pouring in to Congress and the White House condemning Clinton's courageous stand.

It will be great when we get to show some of our strength as we gather by the hundreds of thousands in Washington for our March in April, but, we cannot wait until then. We must let our voices be heard loud and clear now that we support this bold action by our president. It is imperative that we use every communication access we have to record our stand.

We have often called for grassroots community support in other campaigns, and have received help from those same people who always are ready to write a letter or make a phone call.

In this matter however, we are asking that each and every Gay and Lesbian person get to a telephone and make a call to each senator and representative expressing their support of the Clinton proposal to end the ban of Gays and Lesbians in the military. And not just once, we must take a hint from the conservatives and continue to call. Each and every one counts.

We are asking each and every Gay man and Lesbian to write letters, send telegrams, and stop by your representatives offices in support of the lifting of the ban. And if there are other methods of

communicating with the powers that be, use them, and use them often in this matter.

Each and every member of the Gay community, coupled with friends and family members can turn this matter into one of the most positive actions ever seen in the history of the country. Our congress people listen to their constituents and vote according whatever the voter expresses concerns about. The majority wins out.

We finally have a chance to change our lives forever - to end Gay and Lesbian oppression once and for all. If the military finally recognizes that Gays are OK, the rest of the opinionated bigots will have to follow suit.

There are reports of more than a half a million calls already being received by Congress. Nearly all are against lifting the ban.

Can you imagine if we could gather our forces - maybe not all - say maybe just ten million Gays and Lesbians; then 10,000,000 parents, then whatever straight friends we may gather - say maybe another 20 million could be talked into calling and writing. I would think that could make a difference in how the Congress, military think, and probably even cause the churches to change their minds.

The ball is in our court for a change. Let us not drop it. Let us rise to the occasion and show such solidarity that could cause such a tidal wave that we will never be challenged again.

Take the ball and GO!

Military Ordered To Review Gay Ban

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Les Aspin has directed top Pentagon aides to review the practical aspects of dealing with avowed homosexuals in the armed forces, including whether to bar them from combat or give them separate barracks and showers, administration officials said yesterday.

A preliminary list of about 30 issues, including overseas deployments and segregating homosexual and heterosexual troops, is circulating among senior policy planners at the Pentagon, officials said.

Administration officials emphasized that no final decisions had been made and that the list of issues was merely a starting point for a discussion that Congress, the military and senior Defense Department officials will join over the

next six months before President Clinton issues any executive order allowing homosexuals in the military.

Still, there was concern among Gay-rights leaders that mere consideration of barring homosexuals from ground combat or combatant ships, as heterosexual women are now, appeared to undercut further Clinton's pledge to end the military's discrimination against homosexuals.

White House Spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers declined to comment on whether Clinton would exclude homosexuals from combat. She said he was ruling nothing in or out during the six month review.

But Gay rights advocates reacted with outrage to the possibility of any

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UPDATE

NAACP Chairman Condemns Anti-Gay Military Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As Clinton reaffirms his commitment to lifting the ban in the military, the head of one of the nation's oldest civil rights groups has weighed in with support for the repeal. Dr. William F. Gibson, National Chairman of the Board of NAACP and a supporter of the 1993 March on Washington, notes the similarities in arguments being used to support the ban and arguments to keep Blacks out of the military. "The alibis and excuses they're giving are the same ones they tried to use to keep Black Americans out of the military. They said white soldiers would not be able to sleep in the same barracks, use the same latrines and would not take orders from Black superiors. I think no citizen should be excluded from any aspect of life because of race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation."

Dr. Gibson is one of the many leaders that plans to participate in the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The March is expected to draw over one million people to Washington on April 25th 1993. The third march for Lesbian and Gay rights, its platform denounces the ban on homosexuals in the military and calls for passage of a national civil rights bill banning discrimination based upon sexual orientation.

"Ninety five days after he is inaugurated Clinton will experience an enormous show of strength from the Lesbian, Gay and Bi communities as the March on Washington marches right by his doorstep. We can't wait that long to show our support of Clinton on this issue. This is the second March we have that demands repeal of this ban, I want it to be the last," says March on Washington Co-Chair, Nadine Smith, an ex-cadet at the USAF Military Academy.

"Most Senators offices are receiving calls 30-1 against lifting the ban, yet a Gallup poll shows 65% of Americans oppose kicking people out of the military because they are Gay," reports Maria Stevens, MOW Executive Committee member and the acting director of Public Policy for NGLTF. "Our friends need to hear that we support that they are putting themselves on the line and undecided officials need to be able to count the number of people who support Clinton's position." The White House Switchboard reports that a significant percentage of incoming calls are undoubtedly the result of an orchestrated campaign. "Clearly the right wing groups are mobilizing very successfully around the issue, we need to counter that mobilization," says Stevens.

Calls to the White House, Senators and Colin Powell would be most effective. White House 202-456-1111, Senate 202-224-3121, and Colin Powell 703-697-9121.

Bad Movie Nights Set For UofA Gallagher Theatre

TUCSON - Filmworks is presenting two more successive Fridays of "Camp/Cult" nifty-fifties bad movies, at midnight at the Gallagher Theatre in the University of Arizona Student Union.

On Friday, Feb. 5, "The Violent Years" will be shown. The screenwriter of this camp classic was Edward D. Wood Jr., and it bears his unmistakable touch. A gang of rich girls, ignored by their parents, don men's clothing and rob gas stations. In their spare time, they pet heavily at a combination pajama-cocktail party, rape a lover's lane Lothario, and even get involved in an international communist conspiracy! Their response to every query is a sneered "So What?" A must-see for buffs of bad movies. 1956, 65 minutes.

Following will be a 1970, 10 minute film by John Waters, "The Diane Linkletter Story" starring David Lochary, Mary Vivian Pearce and Divine and purports to be the true story of Diane Linkletter's strange life and tragic death.

On Friday, Feb. 12, "the most shocking film of 1953" will be shown. Starring Bela Lugosi, "Glen or Glenda: I Changed My Sex" is an incredible film by the incomparably inept Edward D. Wood Jr., tells the powerful story of a young transvestite who finally summons up the courage to come out of the closet and ask his fiancée if he can wear her sweater.

Woods film debut film is terribly made to be sure, yet it is one of the most audacious, most personal films in history. Woods dared tackle subjects, transvestism and transsexualism, that were movie taboos in 1952, even after Christine Jorgensen made headlines. And, to Wood's credit, he did it in a non-exploitive, non-sensationalistic way.

This film will be followed by a 1914 Charlie Chaplin film "Masquerader", a precursor of Tootsie, with Chaplin in drag.

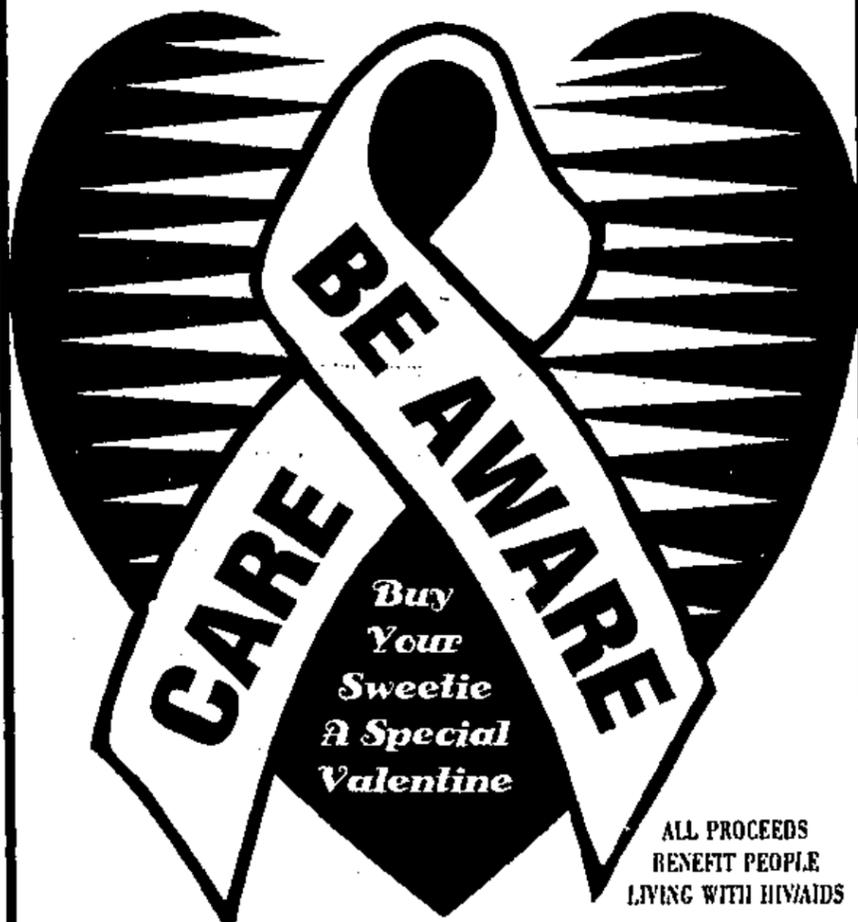
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asking the D.C. Court of Appeals to rule on this important issue."

Cathcart added, "The Federal courts have historically taken the lead to eliminate discrimination in all aspects of our society. Especially in light of the recent decision by District Judge Terry Hatter declaring the military's ban on Gays unconstitutional in the case of Keith Meinhold, we believe that the time is right to ask the Court of Appeals to declare an end to the ban."

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Previous winners of the Raffle include Mel Roach, who won the first drawing held January 8th, Pat Patrick who won on January 15th, and Scott Reeder who won on January 22nd. Roach, Patrick and Reeder are all from Tucson.

The Bosch Fund supports services and programs at the Tucson AIDS Project.

A ticket will be pulled every Friday for the balance of the year for a \$1,000 prize each time. Winning tickets are returned to the common pool and remain eligible for all subsequent drawings.

Employees (and their family members) of the Tucson AIDS Project and Frizzell, Senkerik and Company are ineligible for any prizes.

Raffle tickets are not tax deductible as charitable gifts. Raffle Tickets are still available at the Tucson AIDS Project office, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, #252; Robinson/Shades Interiors, 2700 North Campbell Avenue; and from many individuals in the community. No more than 2,000 tickets will be sold.

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3 Marines in Anti-Clinton Gay Bashing In North Carolina

WILMINGTON, NC (NC) - Three Marines showed no remorse as they were booked on charges that they beat a Gay man apparently because of President's push to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military.

"They were saying things like they hate all faggots and they wish they were all dead and they're not ashamed of it," said Ed Gibson, the Wilmington police desk sergeant when the Marines were brought to the station after the attack early last Saturday, Jan. 30.

Gay activists called for top military leaders to decry violence against homosexuals. The three Marines were reportedly chanting Clinton's going to pay".

"I was brutally beaten because I was Gay," said Crae Pridgen, 28, who met with Gov. Jim Hunt's staff in Raleigh. "I felt like my civil rights had been violated."



By Karen Tam, AP

Crae Pridgen suffered a lost a tooth and a cut ear in assault.

Three Marine lance corporals - Colin C. Hunt, 20, Patric G. Gardone, 23, and Walter G. Watkins, 26, all of Jacksonville, NC - each were charged with four counts of assault. They were freed on \$400 bail each.

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers called the incident deplorable and said it lends no credence to military leaders who warned that lifting the ban would lead to violence against homosexuals.

"There have always been instances of bigotry against not only homosexuals but against other racial and ethnic minorities," she said. "The president deplors it, but I don't think that is a reason not to take a step forward on a civil rights issue."

Pridgen suffered cuts and bruises. He lost a tooth, had a black eye, swollen lip and cut ear. Three other people who tried to break up the scuffle suffered minor injuries.

Pridgen credited three witnesses for saving him. "I believe I would have been dead. I've never felt anything like that before. I mean, I've been in fights before, but nothing like this," he said,

adding that he had never been attacked because of his homosexuality.

Police Sgt. M.J. Woods said local officials would turn the case over to the FBI because the incident is a hate crime.

Gibson said the Marines apparently wandered into the Mickey Ratz bar, not realizing it was a predominately Gay bar. "There are several bars downtown and people wander from one to another," he said.

Witness, Martina Buckley, 19, said she walked into a Camp Lejeune barracks room Saturday to share Jim-Beam-and-colas with the three men. Nearby, a door sign read, "Support your local Gay bashing in the Marine Corps." Buckley later saw the men at a bar here frequented by homosexuals, yelling at two men.

Witnesses say the three screamed, "We don't want you faggots in our Marines." They kicked and punched Pridgen and dragged him from the bar, Buckley said. "I was going to try and be little miss peacemaker," she said. But one shouted, "Look bitch, if you don't shut up, I'll hit you too."

The attack left Gay leaders calling for federal civil rights laws and blaming the attack on President's plan to allow Gay people in the military. "This was inevitable," said Kevin Cathcart of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which has filed suit in Washington, DC asking the U.S. Court of Appeals to declare the military ban on homosexuals unconstitutional.

"The biggest problem (is) the lack of civil rights protection," said Cathcart, who wants the Joint Chiefs to "send out a sign that violence is not acceptable."

Bar owner Bill Rawls, whose business has been open three years, said he had never had problems with fighting before. "I never had any trouble... The Marines ... didn't like the fact that Clinton's going to let Gays in the military."

"What they're saying is their opposition to their commander in chief gives them carte blanche to violate the constitutional rights of the very people they're sworn to protect," says Martin Hiraga of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

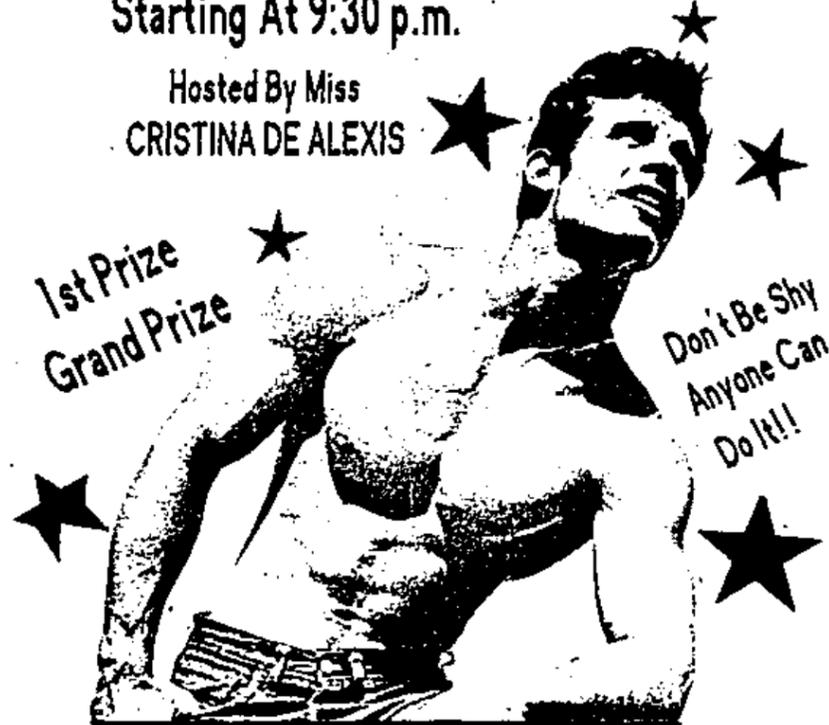
Wilmington authorities could decide to turn over the case to military authorities, said Capt. Cathy Close of the Camp Lejeune public affairs office. If a military investigation found culpability, action against the Marines could lead to a court-martial, she said.

Police officer J.R. Winecuff said, "Everyone is pretty upset about this, Gay and straight. No one wants to see anything like that down here."

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Many Lesbian and Gay Catholics and their friends have been hurt and alienated by the Catholic church's teaching on sexuality. Recent statements by the Vatican seem to grow more shrill and rigorous. Yet, there is another tradition in the church, the catholic humanist tradition celebrated in the works of Michelangelo, the writings of John Boswell and John McNeil, and embodied in the mission and purpose of DIGNITY USA. It's time to bring that mission and purpose back to Tucson by refounding the local chapter of

DIGNITY. A Valentine's Day Mass and Social will be celebrated on Sunday, February 14 at 6 p.m. at Picture Rocks Retreat. All friends and all faiths are welcome to this great event. Bring your own cookies and call 744-3400 for directions to the Retreat.

Plans for a Monthly Mass, for counseling services, for community projects and continued dialogue with the church are already in process. It's an exciting time of new connections and spiritual growth, when we can come together to share what hurts us and the strength that heals us. The Staff of Picture Rocks Retreat are honored to host DIGNITY-Tucson and welcome all Lesbian and Gay people to its sacred, healing grounds. "I call you friends," says Jesus (Jn 15:15); in DIGNITY-Tucson we hope to make that promise come true. I hope that many of you can join us on February 14 for this important moment in the life of the Church and our community.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This past Saturday was a busy day at 3269 North Mountain Avenue. A group of sixteen hard working, dedicated members and friends of MCC/Tucson spent the day cleaning and sprucing up the grounds. Lawns were mowed, existing bushes were pruned or removed, and the first portion of the Memorial Rose Garden was planted. More rose bushes are on order and should be delivered in another week or so, but the first of many rose beds and paths have been laid out. Bricks for the borders and gravel for the paths will be delivered this coming week. Another "work party" is planned for this coming Saturday. Work will begin around noon, weather permitting, and there will be a pot luck luncheon held during the afternoon. Plans are being made for a formal dedication of the Memorial Rose Garden sometime around the last part of March or first part of April, when the roses will begin their first blooming.

Another long awaited project was also completed this past weekend. The new Hymnals were presented to the congregation at the Morning Worship Service. These Hymnals were compiled and printed

by members of MCC-Tucson which are protected by and used with the permission of the many publishers holding the copyrights of the published songs. These Hymnals include the liturgies for Communion, Calls to Worship and Calls to Confession. Many churches within the U.F.M.C.C. are now printing and using these Hymnals in cooperation with the Hymnal Project of MCC in San Francisco!

This coming Sunday, the new Board of Directors will have their first meeting of 1993. During the Congregational Meeting, held in January, a new member was elected and an incumbent was re-elected. The Board of Directors consists of six members, with two positions open each year. Each Board Member is elected for a three year term. One Board Member resigned after the Congregational Meeting and that position will be filled with an appointee until our next Congregational Meeting.

Thought for the week: Everyone has a right to their own opinion, but please, spare me your contradictions.

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Anne C. Schmitt



This has been a busy week in the history of the Gay Rights Movement. Last Thursday night's ruling by a San Francisco judge in favor of Gays in the military set the legal stage and President Clinton followed on Friday by stopping military recruiters from asking questions regarding sexuality and halted current expulsions of those accused of being Gay. In six months there will be Congressional hearings to determine matters such as housing, health care, spousal considerations and code of conduct changes. We have not won the war for our rights, the battle has simply begun.

The Republicans and the Religious Right are already vocal, claiming that President Clinton is trying to pay off a small special interest group. We need to educate middle America that this is not a pay off for campaign support but a matter of basic civil rights, and that we are not a small group of radical weirdos but instead we are a large and diverse community.

What we have ahead of us is a lot of work!!! We have to stay informed about what is happening, we need to show up at rallies and demonstrations and be visible in large numbers, we need to support organizations which fight for us in the land of Law and Politics such as Lambda Democratic Caucus, March on Washington, Human Rights Defense Fund, and many others. We must contact those people in positions of power and let them know we are ready to fight for our rights and that we appreciate their support. And if they are not the ones who support us we need to tell why they must recognize our needs as a community, and that we will no

longer stand for the oppression and discrimination that we have tip toed around for all our lives.

There are lists available at the bars, in this paper, and other spots around town, that have the names and addresses of Senators, Congressmen, the President and others. There are also letters of support for lifting the ban on Gays in the military which are ready to sign and mail. Included on these letters are boxes to check if you have served in the military, if you can't sign it for fear of repercussion, if you are Gay & vote, and if you are not Gay but support the change. Pick up some of these and see that they get mailed. It could mean the difference between becoming a strong and free people with the support of law to ensure us the safety of justice or our becoming a hunted oppressed group who must hide in the shadows because we fall in love.

And remember that this change didn't happen over night. That years and years of hard work and small victories laid the bricks to allow a President to even approach such a subject as this openly. Anita Bryant, Stonewall, Gay Pride Picnics, Jerry Falwell, the things that made us strong also made us visible. hopefully we will have more and more people by our side the next time we gather at the park or in the street or on the front steps of the White House.

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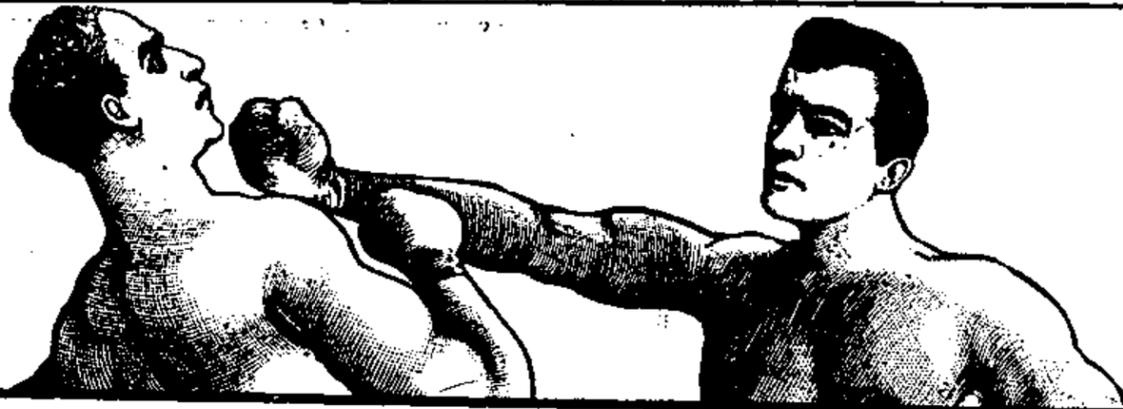
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by Mark Kerr

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Call, and get your friends, lovers and acquaintances to show their interest. If we act as a group we will win. So please call now!

POOR J. FIFE!!!

Yes, our beloved Governor, J. Fife Symington III, the Real Estate Businessman, the so called mega-bucks magnate, is broke and can not afford legal services against charges made against him because of his alleged misdealings as a Board of Directors member of a Savings and Loan, (a la Charles Keating!). What a pity, he is setting up a defense fund to help him. Recently, he stated his worth was only \$645,000! Who does he want for an attorney, Perry Mason?!

1994 SENATE RACE NEWS

Dennis DeConcini is starting out behind in the polls. DeConcini, who recently announced he was going to run for a fourth term, runs behind a potential Republican opponent and a potential Democratic challenger. KAET in Phoenix surveyed people across the state on their choice for the U.S. Senate in 1994. First off, they group was questioned on who they would pick between Dennis DeConcini and Republican Congressman Jon Kyl, who has expressed interest in running to challenge DeConcini. Kyl leads DeConcini 41% to 39%. They next questions for Democrats in the survey was who do they want to run. DeConcini is behind Arizona Secretary of State Richard Mahoney, who has formed an exploratory com-

mittee to see about a run. Mahoney gets 16% to DeConcini's 14% with 70% undecided.

END NOTES

Senator Bob Dole stated at the meeting of the Republican National Committee meeting in St. Louis that there was no litmus test for people in the Republican party and that all are welcome. Then why is he leading the fight against Gays in the military. Can we say hypocrisy.

Have you heard about the new version of Neil Simon's Hit Play "The Odd Couple". This version is not at the University's Centennial Hall or the ATC's temple of Music and Art or the Invisible Theater. This version will be at the Pima County Recorder's Office, and it will be starring F. Ann Rodriguez and her new voter registration coordinator, Larry Bahill, the former Election's Director. Pundits give it six months to run.

The 1st Annual George Bush "Read My Lips And Break Promises" Award Goes to Joel Ireland, Bob Miranda and Joel Ireland's shadow, Jim Christ, for going against the wishes of the electorate and voting to close Catalina High School, despite the fact voters overwhelmingly approved money (bonds) to refurbish Catalina High School during the 1989 Bond Election, and that Joel and Bob said they would vote to keep Catalina open during the election. This story is far from over and the fight is on. There was a bumper sticker that was out during the 1992 campaign which is appropriate for the gang of three, it is "Read Our Lips You're History!"

Until next time, take care.

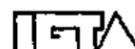
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Gay Military Members Mourn Seaman Killed In Gay Bashing

SEATTLE - The military must battle the ignorance and hate in its enlisted ranks that may have fueled the brutal slaying of a Gay seaman, former Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer said at a memorial service for the dead soldier.

"It's a tragedy that we have to be here to grieve for Allen Schindler. It's a travesty that this type of hate crime could take place in an organization devoted to discipline," said Cammermeyer, an Army National Guard nurse who was discharged last year for being a Lesbian.

Schindler, 22, was killed on October 27, in a public restroom near the homeport of his ship, the Belleau Wood, in Sasebo, Japan, Navy Officials said.

One month before his death, Schindler had told his captain he was Gay and asked for a discharge, the Navy said. His supporters say he was being harassed by shipmates because he was Gay.

"What is it that we're teaching people in the military that makes them vicious enough to attack their own?" Cammermeyer said. "If this was a hate crime because this young man was Gay, it speaks of how far we have to go," she said.

Radioman 2nd class Robert Matt of the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor also spoke at Friday's memorial. Matt faces a naval discharge hearing after disclosing he was Gay.

The Navy is investigating Schindler's slaying, but has released few details of the case.

A hearing is scheduled in Yokosuka, Japan, to determine whether airman apprentice, Terry M. Helvey, 20, of Westland, Mich. should face court martial on a murder charge, said Lt. Cmdr. Betsy Bird, a spokeswoman for the Pacific Fleet.

Also in connection with the case, airman Apprentice Charles A. Vins of Sturgis, Mich. was convicted on charges of concealing a crime and resisting arrest, and was sentenced to one year in custody and given a bad conduct discharge.

Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys, said Navy Officials haven't been forthright about her son's death. She said she wasn't told her son may have been a victim of Gay bashing until she read an article in the military paper, the Pacific Stars & Stripes.

She also said officials didn't tell her how brutally her son was beaten. The autopsy report said his skull was crushed, all but two of his ribs were broken, most of his vital organs were damaged and his genitals were lacerated.

Gay groups say Schindler was the victim of Gay bashing. Memorials are also being held for him in Washington D.C. and his hometown of San Diego.

Retired Military Officials Urge Support For Clinton-Nunn Compromise On Gays In Military

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Retired Career Military Officers and Gay servicemen met with members of the United States Senate to urge support for the Clinton-Nunn Compromise on Gays and Lesbians in the Military. Those speaking to lifting the ban included:

Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, discharged from the Navy last August after announcing his homosexuality on national television, and reinstated in last week's ground breaking court case in California that affirmed the right of Gays and Lesbians to serve in the armed forces.

Major General Vance Coleman, U.S. Army - Ret. As one of the highest ranking African American military leaders, Major General Coleman began his military career in 1948 when President Truman announced his Executive Order to desegregate the military.

Colonel Lucian Truscott II, U.S. Army - Ret. served in Korea and Vietnam, and author of a November 24, 1992 article in the Washington Post about Gays who served under his command in Korea.

Lt. Lucian Truscott IV, U.S. Army - Reserve is a third generation Army officer, a graduate of West Point, author of an op-ed article in today's New York Times.

Lt. Colonel Chuck Magness - Ret, is a decorated Army officer who served two tours in Vietnam, receiving the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

Lt. Tracy Thorne, who was scheduled to meet with United States Senators, was abruptly ordered back to his base in Norfolk last night and has been confined to the Norfolk area by his commanding officer until further notice.

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Preview To 1992 State Legislative Session

by David Blais & Mark Colledge
Arizona Committee For Progress

The Forty First Arizona Legislature is now in session and will be considering a number of bills in the upcoming months that impact the Lesbian and Gay community. It is the purpose of this article and the ones that will follow to introduce, where they are in the process, and what action will be required to get the legislation passed or defeated.

Even though Bill Clinton was elected President, and three pro-Gay candidates were elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992, the Arizona Gay community for the first time lost ground in the Arizona Senate and House. During the 40th Legislature in the Senate we had eighteen pro, six swing, and six anti, in the Forty-First we will have fifteen pro, eight swing, and seven anti. In the House we had twenty seven pro, seventeen swing, and sixteen anti. We now have twenty two pro, nineteen swing, and nineteen anti.

The following is a list compiled by the Arizona Committee for Progress of legislation that will have a significant impact of the lives of Lesbian and Gay Arizonans:

S.B. 1034 - "archaic laws repeal". Introduced by Senator Chuck Blanchard (D-District 25) this bill would repeal several laws that are used to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians, including adultery, cohabitation, "notorious crime against nature" (i.e. sodomy), and "lewd and lascivious". This legislation was defeated in the last legislative session where it was in the form of an amendment to the criminal code revisions bill. Until this law is repealed, there is little to no chance of passing a statewide Gay rights bill. ACP supports S.B. 1034. STATUS: Not yet assigned to Judiciary Committee. ACTION REQUIRED: Call you state legislators.

H.R. 2125 - "education reform". Introduced by Senator Bev Hermon (R-District 27) and Representative Lisa Graham (R-District 28). This bill includes a provision that repeals all state mandates for education including the law requiring HIV/AIDS education to be taught in our public schools. The only way we can control the spread of AIDS is through education and that education must start early in our public schools. The passage of H.R. 2125 will result in the needless death of young lives. ACP opposes the repeal of the HIV/AIDS education mandate. STATUS: Not yet assigned to the Education Committee. ACTION REQUIRED: Call your state legislators and state your opposition to repealing the HIV/AIDS education mandate in H.R. 2125.

S.B. 1062 - "prisoners; communicable disease testing". Introduced by Senators Austin Turner (R-District 15) and Ann Day (R-District 12). This bill would require that an inmate who is exposed to a communicable be tested for the presence of airborne and blood borne pathogens including the HIV and Hepatitis B viruses. This bill is a first step to mandatory testing of health care workers, patients, and other "high risk" occupations. If passed, this bill would lead to the repeal of the informed consent provisions of the Omnibus AIDS Law. ACP opposes the bill. STATUS: Assigned to Senate Health, Welfare and Aging Committee. ACTION REQUIRED: Call your State Legislators and Senators Day and Turner. Calls from the medical community are strongly urged.

AHCCCS. Governor Fife Symington's plans to eliminate 35,000 people under AHCCCS' Medically Needy Medically Indigent (MNMI) program. The MNMI program provides health care coverage to the working poor and to people who have catastrophic diseases such as HIV/AIDS that can easily deplete a person's income into the poverty range. Passage of this plan will eliminate health coverage for a large number of HIV/AIDS patients. ACP opposes this plan. STATUS: Not yet introduced as a bill. ACTION REQUIRED: Call Governor Symington's office at 542-4331 and state your opposition to the proposal, and call you Legislators and state your opposition to the plan.

Remember, very few people take the time to track and call their legislators on bill that are interest to them. You one phone call can make the difference, Legislative offices count each phone call as representing about a 1000 people. Letters are also important, the extra time it takes is well worth the effort.

The legislature is only two weeks into the session, so a majority of the bills have yet to be introduced. There are other bills in the hopper of concern to the Gay and Lesbian Community, that have not been introduced, such as mandatory HIV testing for Doctors and Patients.

If you would like the latest in information on bills call the Arizona Committee for Progress at 602-225-8222 and ask to be put on their "Action Alert" list. You will receive a call or mailing right before a crucial committee or floor vote, informing you to call or write you legislators on a key piece of legislation. You can also write to the Arizona Committee at P.O. Box 25006, Phoenix, Arizona, 85006.

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EDITOR:

There are two bills just introduced into the State Senate of interest to our community. The first, Senate Bill 1034 repeals the Arizona statutes outlawing sodomy and "lewd and lascivious" acts as well as cohabitation and adultery. The other, SB 1144, provides that the sodomy and lewd and lascivious statutes not be prosecuted if the parties involved are over 18 and mutually consenting.

In either case the end result is that our love lives are no longer subject to criminal prosecution and we are no longer forced to register as sex criminals.

S.B. 1034 is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Senator Patti Noland. In the past, Ms. Noland has claimed to be a friend to our community. I urge everyone to call her at 602-542-5911 and urge her to support the bill. As far as I know, S.B. 1144 has not been assigned to committee yet.

This session of the Legislature may only last three months and it will probably take continuous pressure on our Legislators, friends and enemies alike, to have any chance for either bill to pass both houses. Call or write, now and often.

YHOS, Curt Stubbs



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As a kid growing up back East I never heard of, let alone had one, a pen pal. This is a person that you can write to, giving all your personal secrets, similar to a diary, and never have to worry about them broadcasting. Now it seems I'm starting to get a few and I really look forward to their writings.

This latest pen pal comes from a long time friend and drinking buddy. It comes from a person that has been around this Tucson area for as long as I can remember. Many of drinks we have sat together and while consuming, had good chit chats. Those conversations would run from daily activities in different bars, the bartenders themselves, or the customers overall.

On different occasions, the conversations would get around to different NO NO's in the bars. Neither of us would ever try to stretch the truth to a breaking point, trying to state that we were ourselves virgins, and not ever at one time or another as guilty as those we were dragging across the hot coals.

My newest pen pal is Jim Smith. Yes, Jim I did read your letter and I thank you for it. But, I must ask you to go back and re-read it because you missed one very important portion, and I quote directly from the column:

"It disturbs me to be asked to place something in my column, an open message to everyone. Bar owners, employees and a few customers have asked me to mention drugs in the bars again."

... Now if you still think I'm singling out one area of NO NO's in the different bars, let's discuss it together. I'm not innocent on anything also illegal happening in or around the bars so I do not feel I'm personally singling out just that one NO NO. But Jim, I do hope you keep your quill handy and whenever you catch something in my column you disagree with, get out the parchment, write it all down and send off to Bob via the Pony Express. I enjoy reading, it gives me something to think about whenever I go after someone or something, even though

this time I'm innocent.

As for those other areas you also mentioned, what would you suggest to the different bar owners in the way to curb such actions? Just another short note, don't you think it is time you yourself stop the childish game and return to the Graduate? Upon arrival, the first drink is on me.

Jim, in walking from down town to the Graduate one day, on the wall of one of the underpasses I read, "Sometimes I feel like I am my only friend." My point is this, everyone, myself included, probably has skeletons in their closets that we wish would disappear but we know they never will, but we still have friends.



We are not as lonely as who ever painted that one the wall.

So, shall we just go on and forget our shortcomings? Let those that have clear minds carry on, I know I shall.

TKO would like at this time to announce that they are bringing back, for everyone, some of our long lost grade school days. In light of that, they will be placing a Valentine Box on stage at the Graduate, Feb. 6. This will be for you to place some of those children Valentine cards that we all passed out in grade school, in and passed out during TKO's beer bust on Feb. 13th. Remember, we are all children at heart, our age is only a number Mother Nature has burdened us with. For those cards that are addressed to individuals that for one reason or another are not on hand to receive them, I'll place them on the bulletin board, to remain until at least Tuesday.

It has been mentioned to me that those TAP volunteers who are passing out condoms at the downtown city bus center refused to give one to an older person who requested one. Why? Whether some people believe it or not, age does not stop sexual drive or participation. I support the effort of giving to the younger people but if an older person requests one, they should be given one also. Remember, AIDS does not limit itself to the younger generation.



People have asked me on occasion where I get all my information for these TBBS's. Well, to be honest, some of them I do manage to be on hand when they happen, thus

reported. But, more often than I can count, someone sitting at the bar passes on something that deserves printing. The following is just one, passed on to me recently that deserves passing on. Now, first off, I am not picking on any bartender, it is just this concerned one, and it was passed on to me, so here goes. Molasses - would you fill us in on the day a roach raced you to the other end of the bar and won. Lastly, Lenny - hear you lost your car - AGAIN!

I guess I'll stop for this week. A person reading should only have to read so much BS before getting eye sore. Yes, I can ramble on at times but I enjoy it, so what the hell. Just be thankful this week's column is being finished before Saturday's beer bust and the Super Bowl. But, you can bet, I'll probably have some interesting tid bits for next week.

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Tony Smaby

Well one more week has gone by and that means it's one more week closer to the 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, March 19, 20 and 21. We still need volunteers! If you volunteer, you get in the rodeo and dance for free, plus get many thanks from A.G.R.A. So just call 323-6865 and they will be more than happy to help you.

Now for our interview with Jeffrey Schroeder, one of Tucson's rodeo cowboys.



JEFF SCHROEDER

Jeff started in rodeo when he went to his first rodeo in San Diego, California, and he was bitten by the rodeo bug. In January of '91, he went to Phoenix and rode the steers and loved it. When I asked him what his first ride was like? He said, "Well it's like riding a rollercoaster for the first time. It scares the hell out of you, but the minute you get off you want to do it again and again." So, he has done rodeos again and again, 14 in all. He has placed second in steer riding in the Phoenix rodeo, and was invited to the finals, that were held in Phoenix as well, and took fourth place in steer riding and decorating. He won his 1st buckle at the Phoenix Road Runner Rodeo in the wild drag event. Lastly, I asked him what he likes best about the rodeo. He stated, "I would have to say the people, each time you go, you see your old friends and you meet new ones, and you all share the same interest, but most important, I just have a blast when I would recommend this to all my friends and they go and love the rodeo."

Some come on out to the rodeo, March 19-21, and cheer Jeff and the rest of the cowboys and cowgirls on.

Just a little note, the SOS Hoedown is Sunday February 28th, at Hours. Chili Verde Days will take place at Club 2520 March 6th and 7th.

As you know, if you have any questions, comments or something you would like to read about, just write to: Tony Smaby, 3636 South Edmonton, Tucson, Arizona, 85730. Or call the AGRA Line, 323-6865.

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

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What is life worth, without hope? Has your life been so terrific you don't need to hope for anything? Mine hasn't. That's hard for me to admit; but it's true.

Ever since mankind began its life on earth, there have always been good times, and not so good times. Continually, one or the other, is most apparent in our lives. Continually there are unexpected, unprepared for changes, in our jobs, our relationships; our security and achievements, as well as our inevitable failures. It is all only bearable, because we have hope. We cling to it more tenaciously than anything else in our lifetimes of experience!

In one significantly, particular area, our unshakable grasp on "hope" is the strongest. There is our hope that "this" isn't "all there is." The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 7:2, written by Solomon, who God blessed with incredible wisdom, "death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart"; and in Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die".

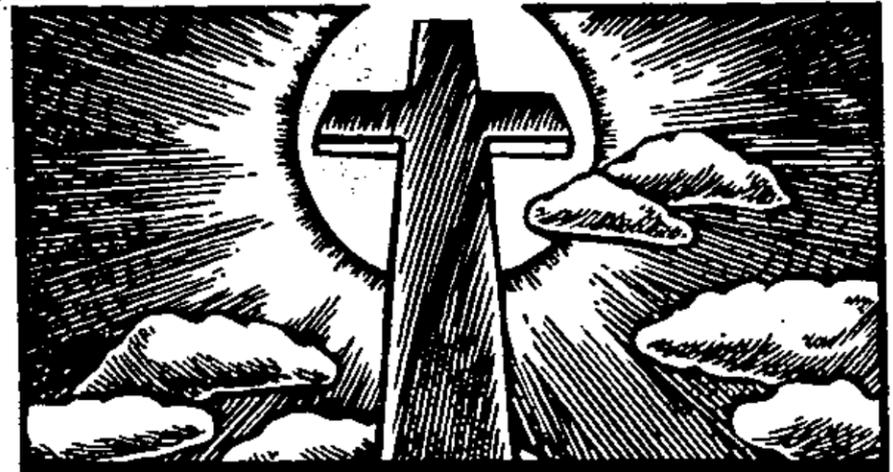
That's pretty grim, and infallibly true. That's where our "hope", praise God!, manifest itself again. Yes, we do have good, solid, Biblical, undeniable justification for our "hope for eternal life,

life after earthly death!"

Revelation 21:4 is solid, divine authority on which we base our hope, hope we are certain is realistically attainable by every human being. It says, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Of course, the Bible is referring to God's dwelling place, called heaven.

No, there's no "catch" to obtaining the assurance of eternal life. Eternal life is a free gift, you can't earn it; you'll never deserve it; and you cannot buy it. It is yours only one way, salvation through the son of God, Jesus Christ. In your entire life, have you ever heard John 3:16? You eternal destiny, your hope of everlasting life, is clearly explained in these short simple, well known, vital words of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that who so ever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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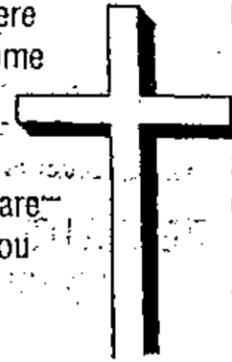
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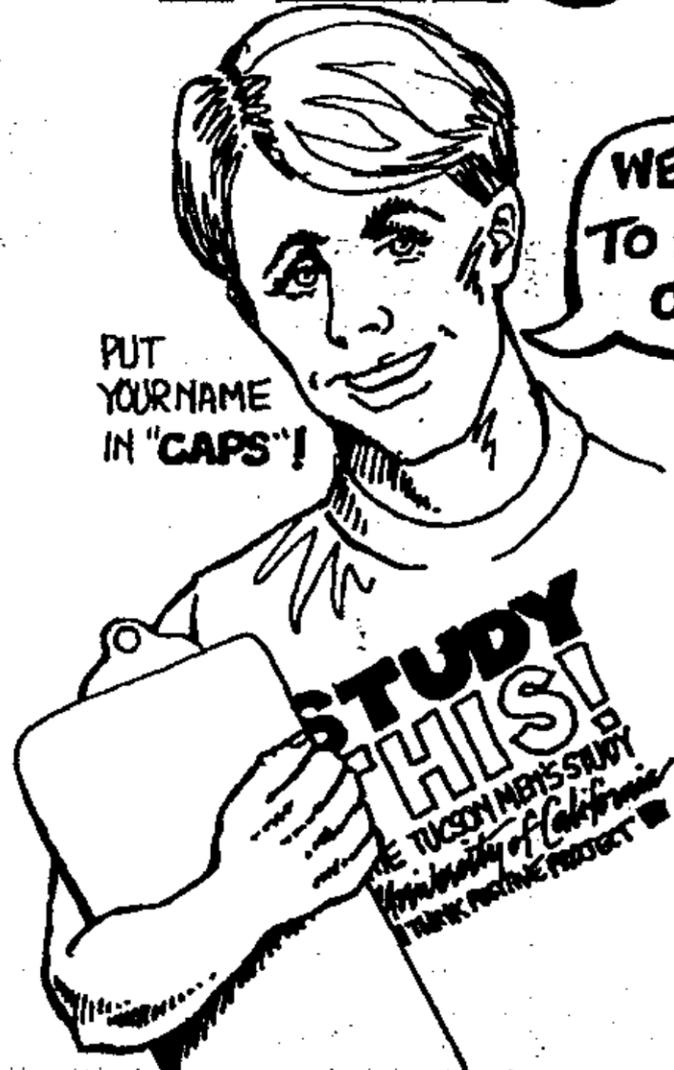
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Confidentiality is absolutely guaranteed. Please continue to be part of a project that helps gay and bisexual men in Tucson. If you have questions or need more information, contact Ron Stall, collect, at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, (415)597-9155 or Bruce Porter at TAP 322-6226.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU AGAIN!



CALENDAR of upcoming events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

CLUB 2520 - It's Karaoke Sunday again here. It's getting close to the final chance to win the trip to Las Vegas. If you haven't participated, you are missing out. This sing-along live vocal entertainment is really something. Check it out 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cash Prizes too!

VENTURE-N - Aquarian Party here and it begins at 8 p.m. Get here early and enjoy.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CLUB 2520 - Valentine's Day will be celebrated here with a dinner and show. Call for details and/or reservations.

RUMORZ - At 9:30 sharp(!), Alotta Whoremoms and Southern Hospitality present "A Heart Of Gold" benefit for the Lee Thompson Pediatric AIDS Foundation. The show will star Alotta Whoremoms, Jessica Blake, Angelica West, Mr. Dani Reid Christina de Alexis and Kristin. There will be raffles for some valuable prizes plus various door prizes. Raffle tickets are on sale this weekend and every weekend until showtime. Look for Alotta at your favorite bar. They're also available at Shanli and PACT.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

HOURS - AGRA presents the annual SOS Hoedown here. Plenty of country/western dancing, entertainment, auctions, food and raffles. tons of fun. It starts at 2:00 p.m. and lasts until 7:00?

RUMORZ - Live music with the popular band "The Blues Attack". It all begins at 9 p.m. and there is no cover!

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 6-7

CLUB 2520 - Chili Verde Days, a benefit to help AGRA sponsor their 2nd Saguaro Regional Rodeo. You are guaranteed to have a great country time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

RUMORZ - 1st Annual Roger Barger Memorial Closet Ball will be held here beginning at 9:00 p.m. For applications and more information call Rumorz or Cristina De Alexis 682-6619. Watch for more details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Sarah Schulman will be at Antigone Books at 7:30 p.m. to read from her new novel, "Empathy". Schulman was the winner of the American Library Association's Gay and Lesbian Book Award.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

HeartSong Productions and Tsunami Records present Jamie Anderson in concert at 8:00 p.m. at Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Tickets are \$7 until 3 p.m. day of show, and \$9 at the door. KXCI members receive \$1 discount.

Cronica hold their monthly meeting at the MCC church building. Bob Ellis publisher of the Observer and Gary Clark, graphic artist will be the speakers. The topic of course will be the "publishing and advertising in a Gay newspaper".

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12-14

"Caring for Caregivers", a weekend retreat for caregivers and health care workers, will be offered at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road by Fr. Dick Mevissen, CSSR, a spiritual counselor and former psychologist for the public schools. Retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and closes with lunch on Sunday. A suggested donation of \$75 includes the program, accommodations for two nights (including linens), and all meals. To register call 744-3400 by Monday, Feb. 8.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice are going to the Valentine Sweethearts Dance hosted by Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center. Refreshments sold by UA Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Gays United. At the Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tap for TAP - Tucson Artists Perform for Tucson AIDS Project - benefit showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. 11 p.m. 795-7777.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

"Queers on Film" series continues with "Word Is Out: Stories of Some of Our Lives". A documentary of Lesbians and Gay men of all ages telling their stories, both pre- and post-Stonewall. This film will be shown in conjunction with BGALA's Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Awareness Week activities. Shows in Economics 110 at 7 p.m. 130 minutes - 1975.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Cronica March meeting will feature speakers Bill Darnell and Bill Conn from Arizona Gay Rodeo Association.

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Tucson CALENDAR

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Solid Bar and Western Bank Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Bluddy Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 to 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Cocktail for community organizations 3 to 6 pm. Dancing 9-1
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bluddy Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Seper Star Lover, \$1.99 pm to 1
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 Well 8-1 + Moose Malibu "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. McLow Jazz Mondays 9 to 1
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster Beer Nite" 25¢ can of Fosters \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schappys 75¢ 7 to close
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Also country/western night with Tom Mace. Lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Bad and Bad Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 White Well 9 pm to closing.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Ruby Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, 12, or Taco @ \$1 each. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance lessons with Paul 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's choice 7 to close.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Seasonal short specials 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schappys & domestic beer \$1.50.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, \$3. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.
GRADUATE - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heisekes or Corona \$1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Electric food tent \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. \$1.75 domestic beer, 50¢ Draft or 75¢ schappys 9 pm to closing.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, \$3. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks \$1.75 8 pm to 1 am. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot watched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Occres. VJ/DJ Linda Fishle 10-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8, \$3. Country Dance Lessons with Ricky 7-9 pm. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks \$1.75 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot watched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 am.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Fishle VJ/DJ 10-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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Notes From Desert Voices

"With Lesbians, Gays together, we will tear down any wall, and nothing in the world can make us fall."

The music Desert Voices is preparing for its next concert in March has a strong theme of unity running through many of the pieces. It certainly makes me think about everything that goes into bringing us all together.

Behind the scenes, week in and week out, members and friends are gathering in committees to work on the "business" end of the group. From publicizing upcoming concerts to marketing the group as an on going entity, many people give their time well beyond the weekly rehearsal schedule.

You don't even have to be a singer in order to participate on this level. In other words, you don't have to be a member of the choir in order to serve in behind the scenes capacities.

I began singing with Desert Voices last season. I had heard the group's June concert and was drawn in by the warmth and vitality of the music they created. There was a certain energy in the room that night which I was determined to be a part of the next season.

I must admit that I had laugh the first time I started singing about snow, in the middle of the summer in Tucson. But that feeling soon passed. The group was

friendly and I immediately felt as if I was where I needed to be.

When I made the decision to join the group, I had not realized how important it would become to me to be involved with an organized group of Lesbians and Gays. But once I began to sing those silly snow songs, I knew, in a sense, that I had come home.

Though I thoroughly enjoy the music we are singing, one of the most important reasons I am a member is because of the friends I have made through my association with it.

February 8 is your last chance to join Desert Voices until next season. If you have an interest in music and you want to share that interest with other Lesbians and Gays, stop by Room 428 of the Harvill Building on the University of Arizona campus, located at North Olive Road and East Second Street at 7:15 p.m.

We could especially use a few more sopranos. I think the alto section has us beat by five or six singers. Others are also encouraged to join.

If you are not interested in singing, but would like to help out with the behind the scenes business, drop a note to Desert Voices at P.O. Box 40036, Tucson, Arizona, 85717-0036.

Just a quick reminder of the Jamie Anderson concert on Saturday night at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 East 22nd Street. Pastiche, the small ensemble of Desert Voices, will be opening the concert and singing with her on a couple of her pieces.

BAN *the* BAN

Support President Clinton's decision to issue an executive order repealing the ban on Lesbians & Gays in the U.S. Military. Calls to Congress are running heavily against the repeal of this ban.

Congress has the power to overturn President Clinton's executive order. It is very important that Congress receives calls and letters from supporters of the President's position.

CALL YOUR CONGRESSMEN NOW!

Please call all members of the Arizona delegation. Callers need not live in a members district to call.

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Rep. Sam Coppersmith (D-CD1)	921-5500
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Rep. John Kyl (R-CD4)	640-1891
Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-CD5) (Tucson)	1-(602)-881-3588
Rep. Karan English (D-CD6)	1-(800)-673-1314

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Civil Rights Act Of 1993 Introduced In Congress

WASHINGTON - Six representatives introduced new legislation on the first day of the new congress that would block any discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation, "actual or perceived."

Known as H.R. 431, the bill would be formally entitled the "Civil Rights Act of 1993" if passed. The six initial sponsors are Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Henry Waxman (D-CA), Pat Schroeder (D-CO), Barney Frank (D-MA), Don Edwards (D-CA), and Gerry Studds (D-MA). Other representatives are being asked to sign on as co-sponsors and Nadler said he believes the bill has a good chance of passage this year.

At a press briefing, Rep. Nadler pointed out that the new bill represents a change in tactics. For ten years his predecessor, the late Ted Weiss, had sponsored an amendment to add "sexual orientation" as a protected category to the existing Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects racial, ethnic, and religious minorities. Under the Republican administrations, that proposal had no chance of being signed into law by either President Reagan or President Bush, and it was never brought to a vote in Congress. Now there seems to be a chance that President elect Clinton will be open to signing such a measure, and Nadler says he is determined to press the matter this year, with a strong possibility that it will come to a vote and be enacted. However the new bill is a stand

alone law that would have nothing to do with the 1964 act protecting other minorities Nadler explained that he fears any attempt to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 would open the door to a possible host of other, hostile amendments that would attempt to gut all civil rights protections. His proposal will leave existing civil rights untouched, approaching sexual orientation as a separate issue.

Nadler said he and his co-sponsors felt it important to introduce this legislation on the first day of the new congress, to give themselves maximum time for educating their colleagues on the issues, and to feel out support for its passage. The old measure had 107 co-sponsors, 83 of whom are still in Congress, while positions of the freshman class of new representatives on this legislation, nearly 25 percent of the total, are mostly unknown. Nadler said he believes that some congressmen who did not choose to be listed as co-sponsors would nevertheless support the measure in a vote.

As introduced in preliminary draft form, the operative section of the bill states, "It shall be unlawful to discriminate against any person (1) in employment, education, credit, or housing; (2) in the sale of goods or services; (3) with respect to any public facility; or (4) in any federally assisted program or activity; on account of that person's sexual orientation, actual or perceived."

If passed by both houses of Congress and signed into law, the act would supersede most local Gay rights laws, such as the one in Tampa that was repealed in a referendum, and nullify Colorado's Amendment 2 and most other right wing attempts to undercut Gay rights.

Nadler explained that the present text is a "place marker" bill, and that the final text is still being written, a matter of negotiation among the co-sponsors and even, perhaps, potential co-sponsors. He pointed out that it includes no enforcement mechanism, although that would be included in the final draft. A substitute bill, in final form, will be submitted in four to six weeks, and that will be the measure on which he hopes hearings and a vote will be held this year. Nadler said he welcomes input from the community on what the bill should contain.

Nadler also stated, "Now, more than ever, Lesbians and Gay men need strong advocates in the Congress to exhort their colleagues to support vital legislation such as the extension of Federal civil rights protections to include sexual orientation. I plan to use my seat to lead the fight for equality for the Lesbian and Gay community, particularly in the areas of housing and employment discrimination."



Happy Valentine's Day.
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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadwood). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV +; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 327-6226 (Administration).

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 844-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPIRAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. 422 N. 4th Ave. Information 624-1779.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

Notices

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exclusion from combat units and combat ships, comparing it to the Jim Crow laws that discriminated against blacks.

"That's unacceptable," said Tanya Domi, director of the civil rights project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington. "We stand absolutely opposed to any segregation of Gay men and Lesbians in the military."

After days of negotiation and rancor, Clinton on Friday was forced to back down from his plan to halt all military proceedings against homosexuals in the next six months, to avert a move by Senate Republicans and some Democrats to codify the existing Pentagon ban on homosexuals in the armed forces. Instead he allowed the ban to continue for six months while the Defense Department prepared an executive order to lift it.

As Pentagon officials prepared to draw up the regulations that would carry out a new policy, administration officials said Aspin was open to the idea of barring homosexuals from combat, as well as many other possibilities, "only because he hasn't formed any opinions on a lot of these options yet."

"Anyone who's looked into this issue in any depth knows that the potential to limit duty assignments is always there," said an administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "But it's entirely premature to talk about these things now."

Among the other issues Pentagon officials are examining are ways to respect the privacy of heterosexuals who fell uncomfortable sleeping in cramped bunk areas or showering with homosexuals. An extension of this concern is overseas deployment on field exercises or actual combat.

"If you have a stateside circumstance where people's privacy can be respected, that's one thing," said an administration official familiar with the Pentagon review. "But on a field deployment overseas, that situation changes. What do you do? Right now, this is just a list of things that is bumping around the building."

Gay men and Lesbians now serving in the military who have kept their sexual orientation a secret scoffed at the idea, saying that thousands of homosexuals will continue to serve in combat units.

"I don't think they'll be able to do it practically, and I believe Clinton will keep his commitment to end the discrimi-

nation," said Sgt. Justin Elzie of the Marines, who declared his homosexuality Friday night on ABC News.

Elzie, 30, a supply clerk at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, said he had just received his annual fitness report from his commanding officer, who commented in the report that Elzie "will make an excellent career Marine."

Military officials appear divided on any efforts to segregate Gay troops.

"We haven't heard a thing about this," said a senior officer familiar with the thinking of one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Our position is that it'd be quite difficult to separate troops and say where the separation should be. In combat, support and service support units are up front or near the front, and there is a lot of bleeding with combat forces. There might be distinction on paper but not in practice."

In a memorandum sent to all Marine generals last July, General Carl E. Mundy Jr., the Marine Corps commandant, opposed allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces and suggested that if they were permitted, other Marines should have the option to live separately.

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