

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Marcia Niemann, Campaign For Military Service-Tucson

Many national groups are participating nationally and locally in efforts to lift the ban on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service in the military. One reason feminist groups see this as an appropriate issue for feminist action is that women are disproportionately the subject of witch hunts and discharges. The percentages of women being discharged from the service for sexual preference/orientation reasons is actually much higher than the percentage of men being discharged for these reasons.

The Campaign for Military Service, a short-term, broad-based coalition has issued the following update:

The White House has not yet enunciated policy recommendations for lifting the ban on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual service in the military, but is expected to do soon. While individuals in the Pentagon are floating various proposals, the Department of Defense has not presented a plan to the White House; and the President may or may not accept such recommendations. The President's decision is the one that matters most right now.

While "compromise" is the current buzzword, there are fair compromises and impossible ones.

Any proposal for dealing with the issue of Gays in the military must be based on 3 key principles in order to be acceptable:

1. No discharge based only on sexual orientation/preference.
2. Equal enforcement of sexual misconduct violations for all military personnel.
3. No restrictions on private speech.

A principled plan for lifting the ban, supported by the President and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, has significant political support from Congress and can succeed.

Even if a principled plan for lifting the ban would lose in Congress, it is imperative for the President to retain his credibility and leadership on this issue.

The President's political opponents relish the opportunity to loudly proclaim that he has "broken yet another campaign promise" again at the expense of the civil rights community.

House and Senate supporters of lifting the ban have supported the President's stated intention, if the President backtracks on his pledge, he undercuts his own credibility as well as the credibility of Congressional supporters.

ACTION NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

Share all these phone numbers with your friends, relatives and co-workers. Make it your personal goal to be sure that at least 4 additional people you know also make calls to the White House. Better yet, host a video and letter writing party. Contact Melissa Herbert at 885-2120 to arrange to borrow a 1/2 hour video. Invite some friends over to watch it, then provide some paper and pens and have people write letters on the spot. Do it right now!

Call the White House Comment Line at (202) 456-1111. Answer the daily poll questions, if you want to, then request the White House operator. You give your opinion on military service and the state you are from. They do not take your name. Even if you have called before, call again! Register strong support for a policy on Lesbian and Gay service in the military that is based on 3 principles:

- *No restrictions on private speech.
- *No discharges based on status, simply for being Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual.
- *Equal enforcement of sexual misconduct violations for heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual people.

Call Senator DeConcini locally at 671-6831 and Representative Ed Pastor locally at 624-9986. Urge them to contact the White House Congressional liaison and state strong support for the key principles in lifting the ban. Ask for confirmation that Members of Congress have contacted the White House.

Call Les Aspin, Secretary of Defense, at the Department of Defense (703) 697-6462 and leave the same message about the 3 key principles for the policy.

Call Senator McCain at 670-6334 locally and Representative Jim Kolbe 881-3588 locally and tell them you strongly support a plan which includes the 3 key principles listed above. Urge them to take a position in support of these 3 key principles.

Call 1-800-258-2222 and ask for Hotline #9383. The cost for the Campaign for Military Service Hotline service is \$9.75 to send 3 letters. This service sends 3 letters, 1 to President Clinton, 1 to your Representative and 1 to the Senior Senator. This is a critical time. It is imperative that the White House and Congress continue to receive letters and postcards and phone calls.

Former Gen. Colin Powell Bodyguard Comes Out At SF Ceremony

by Judi Parks

when he was commander of the U.S. Army V. Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. Powell has led the battle to prohibit openly identified homosexuals from serving in the armed forces.



General Colin Powell's former bodyguard, openly Gay Army reservist Michael McManus. PHOTO: Rink

"I came out because I can no longer be part of an organization that supports such blatant discrimination," McManus said. According to McManus, his homosexuality did not come up on the job: "It was not an issue. I did my job and I did it well and that's all they really care about." When asked to gauge the effect of his coming out, he said, "It will be to resign my commission."

During the morning ceremony Mitzi Henderson, National President of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, seemingly spoke directly to Capt McManus' situation when she told those present for the ceremony, "We remember today our Gay sons and Lesbian daughters, who in the service of their country, died incognito. As Gay men and Lesbian women, their memory is desecrated by the official anonymity forced upon them. For them a further sacrifice was required, the sacrifice of their identity, the sacrifice of the full understanding and respect they were due from their country. They are still held hostage, not to our enemies, but to the fears and ignorance of our military and civilian leaders. Our Gay and lesbian service personnel honorably and effectively protect our security, but personally they have no security."

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mike Vallejo, who came out at a Gay military event a few months ago, also addressed the mourners. Vallejo is currently being investigated for "sexual misconduct" since he revealed his identity as a Gay sailor at the Moffett Field rally sponsored by the Bay Area Military Freedom Project.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. - When families and current armed forces personnel gathered May 29, to pay tribute to the Unknown Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Soldiers at the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation sponsored Requiem, the career of one previously unknown Gay soldier died also.

The soldier is Capt. Michael McManus, United States Army Reserve officer, whose command is out of the Pentagon.

Capt. McManus identified himself as a gay soldier when he spoke to the surprised audience who gathered at the War Memorial grounds in San Francisco to pay homage to the Gay men and Lesbian women who have given not only their lives in service of their country, but their identities as well.

In McManus' career, his identity as a Gay man is significant in light of the Senate hearings. McManus formerly served as body guard and German and French interpreter for Gen. Colin Powell

Two Oregon Cities, Four Counties Okay Anti-Gay Laws

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Voter approval of anti-Gay rights measures in several spots in Oregon have encouraged backers who hope to spread their crusade to other states. Opponents are preparing for a fight.

Initiatives prohibiting local governments from passing laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination were approved in Canby and Junction City and in the largely rural Josephine, Douglas, Linn and Klamath counties.

The measure, endorsed by better than 2 to 1 in some places, also bars local governments from spending money to "promote" homosexuality.

The victories for the Oregon's Citizens Alliance come after a major defeat last fall, when voters statewide rejected a ballot measure that would have declared homosexuality "unnatural" and "perverse".

Now, said alliance chairman Lon Mabon, "things are finally moving our way."

The alliance and chapter groups hope to get anti-Gay rights measures approved in neighboring Idaho and Washington next year. And the alliance plans to push another statewide measure next year.

Gay rights advocates said the
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UPDATE

Nevada Legalizes Gay Sex In Private

CARSON CITY, NEV. - A bill allowing Gay sex in private has been signed into law by Gov. Bob Miller, who says Nevada's anti-sodomy law dating to 1911 was unenforceable.

The measure won final legislative approval in the Assembly, and was quickly signed into law. It cancels a law that made Gay sex between consenting adults a felony.

However, the bill was amended to make homosexual acts in public a felony punishable by up to six years in prison.

"The governor felt after reviewing the testimony in the Legislature that the current law was unenforceable," said Miller aide Mike Campbell.

He said Miller supported the amendment, added in the Senate as a way to get more conservatives to support the original bill, because "it strikes at some of the live sex shows."

Such shows have been a problem in Las Vegas, where 13 people, including 10 X-rated movie actresses, were recently indicted on sex related charges following what was billed as an anti-censorship event.

Activist to Speak in Tucson

TUCSON - Pat Hussain, political activist from Georgia and one of the organizers for the recent March on Washington will be in Tucson Thursday, July 8 to speak on "Homophobia, Racism and Grassroots Organizing".

Hussain's visit is being sponsored by the Tucson Human Rights Coalition. The coalition is a non-partisan committee formed in anticipation of a Colorado-style hate initiative being started in Arizona.

Hussain will be speaking from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the 4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Avenue. There is no charge. The event is presented by THRC as a public service to the community. All concerned Gay and Lesbians are urged to attend.

Gays Marking Dollars To Show Impact on Economy

BALTIMORE, MD. - Homosexuals are marking dollar bills with the words "Gay Money" or a pink triangle to demonstrate the impact homosexuals have on the economy.

The dollars have surfaced in Baltimore and other cities around the country recently, but is not believed to be a large scale, organized campaign, said Robin Kane, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"It is an effort from some local groups or it's a personal way for individual people to show Gay economic power and to show visibility. It is also a way for people to make some sort of a statement even if they are not completely out of the closet," Kane said.

Richard, a 27 year old Baltimorean who did not want to give his last name because defacing money is illegal, said he often marks bills.

"What I do is, I get my paycheck and when I cash it, I take about 20 dollars in one dollar bills and stamp those," he said.

Richard said he stamps his bills with the pink triangle and the words "Gay Money."

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Oregon measures will open the floodgates for discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment and other areas.

Julie Davis, a spokeswoman for a group formed to fight the alliance, said Mabon and his supporters are hate mongers who have ruined Oregon's image as a progressive, open-minded state.

"The unfortunate message that they are sending to a national audience is that bigotry and hatred are acceptable in the state of Oregon," said Davis, the Portland based executive director of the Support Our Communities PAC.

Anti-Gay rights initiatives are expected to be on ballots in comings in at least two dozen other cities and counties in Oregon.

In Memoriam



DAVID E. FAFARD

On the evening of June 30, 1993, David Fafard, 39, succumbed to complications associated with AIDS.

I cannot begin to express the loss that has occurred in the lives of his friends and family. David 'is' one of my closest and dearest friends. I will never be able to say that he 'was' my friend. I will always carry a part of him in my heart.

Like all close friends, we verbally trashed each other quite vigorously from time to time. We always worked it out. David and I were roommates for almost nine months. In that time he convinced numerous PWAs to begin "Living with AIDS: not dying of AIDS".

David battled HIV and AIDS for eight years. He was a strong spirit and a caring soul. I hope that, in my lifetime, I can lend the kind of support and friendship that made David an integral part of so many people's lives.

David is survived by his mother and stepfather, as well as his twin brother, Daniel and stepbrother, George. Also, countless friends who will miss him so very much.

Memorial services were held on July 3. Remembrances may be made to PACT, 801 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85702 or to TAP, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719.

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Southern Baptists Take Drastic Action On Gays

HOUSTON - In a move that changes the way the nation's largest Protestant church is run, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to kick out local congregations that "endorse homosexual behavior."

Meeting in Houston, almost 17,000 voting "messengers" to the convention's annual gathering passed an unprecedented amendment to the church constitution centralizing power in a denomination that has traditionally run at the local level.

Convention spokesman Herb Hollinger said the vote marked the first time the 15.2 million member denomination had imposed "a condition of membership based on behavior."

"This sets a dangerous precedent," said the Rev. Jim Lowder, the former pastor of Dolores Street Baptist Church in San Francisco.

"Abortion could be the next issue, then they could go after churches that call women as pastors. Once you start a list, where do you stop?"

Dolores Street faced the wrath of state and regional Baptist leaders after Lowder's 1986 appearance on a local TV talk show, where he expressed the belief that the Bible affirms Gay relationships that are "faithful, loving, life enhancing and caring."

Although Baptist leaders were able to cut off funds to Dolores Street, they were unable to oust it under a national constitution that guaranteed local church autonomy.

Last year, however, the national Southern Baptist leadership began moving against two North Carolina congregations, one that blessed the union of two Gay men, and another that ordained an openly Gay man as a minister.

Earlier this year, Dolores Street Baptist Church withdrew from the Southern Baptist Convention to protest the action against the North Carolina churches, and the threatened amendment to the Baptist constitution.

Lesbian Wins L. A. Council Seat

LOS ANGELES - Jackie Goldberg, the city's first openly Gay or Lesbian, Los Angeles council member, said her election is significant because Gays now have a voice on the council but that Gay rights didn't dominate the campaign.

"I think it is historic," Goldberg said. "I'm sure for some voters it was a reason to vote against me, and for others it was a reason to vote for me. But I don't think it was a major factor."

Goldberg, who fills the 13th District seat vacated by defeated mayoral candidate, Michael Woo, said she was elected by a cross section of voters, including Latinos, Filipinos and whites, that outnumber Gays and Lesbians in the district. "A broad based coalition has been built here," she said.

After leaving the Los Angeles Board of Education in 1991, Goldberg

acknowledged she was a Lesbian.

She narrowly defeated three other candidates, two of which had the support of many in the Gay and Lesbian community, in the primary election. The campaign focused on providing basic services to the district.

Some leaders of the Gay political community criticized Goldberg for not campaigning aggressively enough as a Gay activist during the primary. But when Goldberg emerged as one of the two top finishers in the primary, most of the Gay community rallied around her.

"I think we've built a community coalition," Goldberg said.

She said she was "hopefully cautious" that Mayor Richard Riordan would work with the city council.

Calif. Rep. Crusades Against Gay Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Lynn Woosley, (D-California), joined her 30 year old Gay son, Michael, to begin a week of lobbying on Capitol Hill to end the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military.

"When other members meet him, I know it will be easier for them to support lifting the ban," the Democrat said at a news conference called for by the Campaign for Military Service, a coalition of groups opposing the ban.

Timing its news conference for the week preceding Father's Day, the coalition clearly was trying to wrest the "family values" theme from the fundamentalist religious groups that have turned their sights on the Gay rights movement



Rep. Lynn Woosley She's Lobbying with Gay son and represent its most potent opposition.

"Today we are going to challenge the radical right," said Tom Sheridan, legislative coordinator for the coalition.

Woosley, who has four children, called her family's acceptance of her son's homosexuality "the essence of family values." She said her son will help members of Congress "put a real face on the individuals who want to be covered by all our civil rights in the nation."

Woosley predicted that despite overwhelming odds in Congress against an outright lifting of the ban, "there will be a change. My fear is that we may compromise too far and not complete our task."

David M. Smith, a spokesman for the campaign, termed Republican Goldwater's call for an end to the ban in a Washington Post op-ed piece "a real coup" and said it has helped shift undecided members of Congress.

House and Senate Democrats discussed the article in their caucuses, and aides said it provides political cover for conservative members. "It shows that it's not just left wing liberal and Gay rights activists who oppose the ban," Smith said.

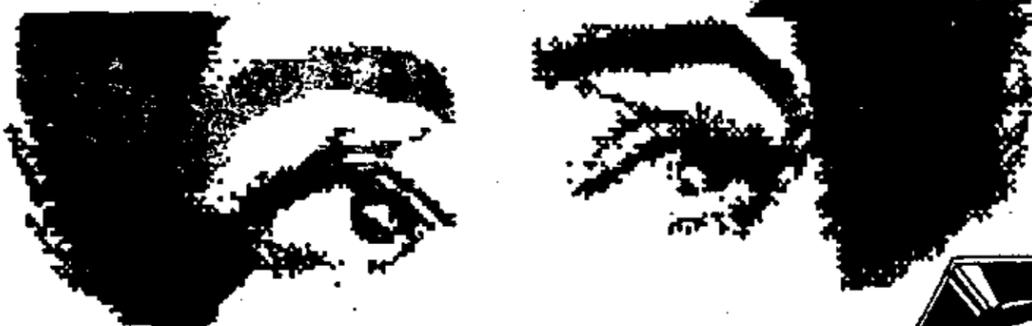
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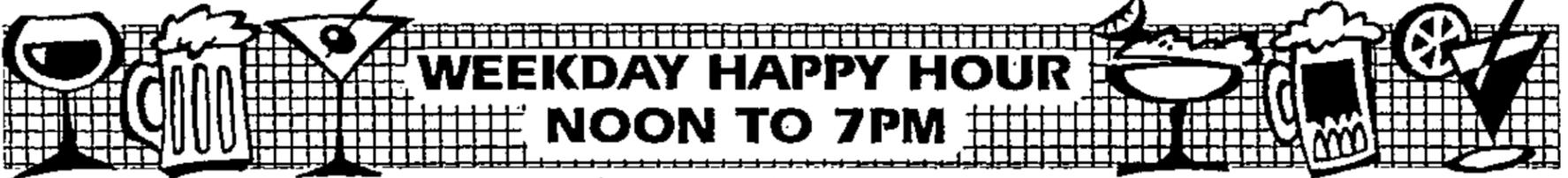


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Can you believe it, here it is July already and over half of 1993 is behind us. With all the changes happening this year so far, have you checked lately to make sure your bank still has the same name as it did last week?

Each year, while watching the fireworks display, I think back a couple full moons ago, when I was a child. My parents would take my brother and I to watch the display. We would take snakes along and sit as close as the length of a football field to them. Of course, some where of the ground type, spelling out different names, or a picture of something such as the flag.

While watching them the other night, I was drawn back to those peaceful days, and wished some of those days could return. I was also thinking, after serving in the military and seeing three different foreign countries, how lucky I was being born and raised in America. Yes, we do have our own problems but I wouldn't trade them for any place else in this world.

So much for that for now, on to some of the BS I normally print (if I'm allowed to even use the word - normal).

First off, Hank S. (Rumorz) has asked me to mention that due to a bunch of little things at this time, the Roger Barger Memorial Closet Ball has been cancelled. When things slow down possibly later on, it may come about.

This coming Saturday at the Graduate the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will be celebrating their 14th birthday. The events for the day calls for installation of the officers elected to lead them for the 1993-94 club year and a free brunch. At the time of this writing, I'm not sure just what is on the menu so we will all have to go to find out. They will also be having their monthly beer bust from 2 to 6 p.m. so stop in and enjoy the party.

July is also the month that Partners holds their annual Salt River tubing trip. This annual event is scheduled for July 31. This has yearly been one of the more enjoyable one day events from all the different clubs here in Tucson and I encourage everyone, if you have never been tubing, this is the best day or time to try it. Just like the old saying, "Try It, You'll Like It". For more details contact a Partners member or be at their beer bust July 24 at the Graduate.



YES - VANNA - I SAW YOU AT THE PARTY. Don't ask me why she insisted on me placing that one in my column but we all know these girls that go out of their way to get attention or recognition. Due to a misting systems, Miss Crunchet had to revert back to her other name as Miss Wipperet, at one of the 4th parties. Talk about a wet ass, all she had to do was sit down and the seat was completely dry. As the party progressed, the service - above and beyond the call of duty, slowed up. It had nothing to do with MGD flowing as fast as the mist.

Well, I guess that will be it for this week. I'm sure all the information I have passed on to you the reader will help make this week very enjoyable for you. If by chance something that you may have been looking for in the way of information does not appear in this highly sought after column, it is only because I haven't heard about it yet. Remember, I am only one reporter trying to keep up with everything that goes on in this Old Pueblo and things happen so fast, it is sometimes hard for me to catch.

And speaking of being a reporter, such a responsible and rewarding job, once again there has been a few individu-

als out there that for some strange reason feels they should start writing a column, just to report on incidents I may or may not have done on different occasions around Tucson. I'm just not sure what they are talking about because everyone knows - I'm innocent. And we all know that if I did do something stupid, of course I'd write about myself! Anyhow, for all of you that do threaten me on those different occasions, shit or get off the pot.

By for now and have a safe, loving, playful, and happy week!

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VENUS ENVY, by Rita Mae Brown.
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REVIEWED BY WENDY CASTER

All characters in fiction are more or less extensions of the author's personality, since all characters come out of the author's head. Even when a writer bases a character on a real life friend, the fictional version is still altered by the trip through the writer's head and through the writer's beliefs, attitudes, voice, and point of view. In extreme cases, characters are simply off shoots of the writer's ego.

Venus Envy, by Rita Mae Brown, is one of those extreme cases. Virtually every character sounds the same, speaking in that combination of wisecracks and political speeches familiar to readers of Brown's earlier books. The good guys in particular use Brown's voice, expressing Brown's beliefs. Since the book is 80% dialogue, that's a lot of Rita Mae.

So, do you like Rita Mae Brown? Do you find her wisecracking funny? Can you accept the underlying meanness in much of her humor (as when Molly Bolt tricks a boy into eating rabbit turds in **Rubyfruit Jungle** or the protagonist here gives her mother gin to drink with Valium)? If so, you will love this book. If not, well.

Venus Envy begins with the lead character, art dealer Mary Frazier Armstrong, known to her friends as Frazier, in the hospital, suddenly dying of cancer. The chats between Frazier and her visitors don't sound at all like deathbed conversation, and Frazier's self examination seems rather level headed and thoughtful for some who has just found that she only has a few days to live. But none of that mat-

ters, because it is clear that Frazier is not dying; for the book to work, it's just necessary for her to think she is, so that she makes some large, out of character, changes in her life.

And she does. She writes coming out letters to everyone she cares about, and she tells each recipient exactly what she thinks of her or him. And then she falls asleep, prepared to die, but wakes up to find that the diagnosis was wrong, and that the letters have already been mailed.

On one hand, this conceit works very well, as it certainly sets the plot rolling. On the other hand, it hurts the book, since we don't see Frazier before her deathbed conversion, and we have nothing to compare her changed self with. Also, she is weakened as a hero since her bravest actions occur when she thinks she will not have to deal with their ramifications. When, later in the book, she looks down on others for remaining in the closet, she comes across as totally unfair since she would still be there with them if not for a doctor's error. It's bad enough to be holier than thou if one has actually accomplished something, but it's pathetic when the bravery is accidental.

Once Frazier leaves the hospital, the book focuses on the ramifications of her honesty. She finds that truth telling can become habit forming, and she loses, and gains, friends as a result. The stress of her new life is so exhausting that she starts hallucinating that the Greek Roman Gods in the large painting in her gallery are smiling at her, changing positions, even leaving her a cup of wine.

Or is she hallucinating?

Through it all, her assistant,

Mandy, is the one person she can talk to, the one person she can rely on. Mandy is wise, funny, and supportive, but unfortunately, straight.

Or is she straight?

While I would wholeheartedly recommend this book to Rita Mae Brown fans, I was disappointed by it. Brown has been showing great potential for years, but never quite getting there. Too often she chooses the joke instead of character development, the quip instead of unique character jokes, the polemic instead of conversation.

However, just when I thought the book would be nothing but wisecracks, Brown finishes with six chapters that are quirky, lively, unusual, charming, and genuinely funny. But they are chapters 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59! Why wait so long for the best writing in the book? And, to add insult to injury, these chapters actually interrupt the other strength of the book, the potential romance between Frazier and Mandy, replacing their first loving interactions with a rather literal deus ex machina.

Venus Envy is not a bad book; I just keep believing that Brown can do so much better!

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Thalidomide May Slow Down AIDS Virus, Researchers Say

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thalidomide, a morning sickness pill that created an international nightmare of birth defects in the 1950s, shows promise in laboratory test tubes and in early clinical trials of slowing down the AIDS virus.

Researchers reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that thalidomide retards proliferation of the AIDS virus by reducing the production of an immune protein that usually nurtures the virus.

Gilla Kaplan, a Rockefeller University immunologist, said that in laboratory tests against the AIDS virus, thalidomide inhibits the production of a protein called tumor necrosis factor alpha, or TNF-alpha. She said TNF has been found in earlier studies to assist in the replication of the human immunodeficiency virus, that causes AIDS.

"TNF-alpha is known to be probably the most important physiological activator of HIV," Kaplan said in an interview. "There is evidence that if you can inhibit TNF, then you can inhibit HIV."

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a leading AIDS researcher, said that there is a good scientific basis for studying thalidomide or other drugs that block the production of TNF, but that there are uncertainties about the ultimate effect of such therapy on AIDS patients.

"At least in a preliminary trial the indication is that it is certainly worth pursuing with more people in a larger trial," said Fauci. "Whether or not it will turn out to have any long term effect on HIV individuals, we don't know."

Thalidomide exposed to HIV infected cells in the laboratory was shown to slow the reproduction of the virus, Kaplan said. In another study, the drug was tested against HIV infected blood from 17 AIDS patients.

In all cases, she said, thalidomide slowed or halted the reproduction in test tubes of the HIV virus.

Kaplan said three clinical trials are underway with small groups of AIDS

patients to test the effects of thalidomide. She said no measurements have been taken yet of the level of virus in the patients' blood.

But there is an early indication that thalidomide has an effect on the patients' general health, she said. Body wasting, the extreme loss of weight and tissue common among AIDS patients, has been reversed in a number of patients taking thalidomide, Kaplan said.

"They start gaining weight at an unimaginable rate until they get back to normal body weight," she said.

Kaplan cautioned, however, that these results are "very preliminary observations" in studies involving small numbers of patients. "This is anecdotal observations rather than a conclusive study," she said.

Thalidomide was used in 46 countries during the 1950s as drug against morning sickness and as a sleeping pill. It was found that the drug caused birth defects in about 12,000 infants whose mothers took it during pregnancy. Many of the infants were born without arms or legs. The drug was never approved for use in the United States.

Kaplan said she is using thalidomide under a special research license from the Food and Drug Administration.

She said she gets the drug in limited amounts from Grunenthal, the German company that originally marketed it. Thalidomide is also made by the Brazilian government for use in leprosy treatment.

Thalidomide also has been used experimentally to treat lupus and some forms of arthritis that have not responded to other therapies. In recent years, researchers have found that thalidomide has a dramatic anti-inflammatory effect.

It has also been used experimentally to treat a major complication of bone marrow transplant. A study last year in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the drug could relieve graft vs. host disease, a condition that occurs in about 40 percent of the patients who receive bone marrow transplants.

Congress Increases AIDS Funding By \$227 Million For 1994

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Barney Frank, (D-MA.), has expressed satisfaction at this week's House passage of a large increase in AIDS research funding as part of the funding bill for the Department of Health and Human Services. At \$1.3 billion, the amount for 1994 is \$227 million more than the 1993 amount, an increase of 22 percent.

Frank noted that in April of 1992, he attended a meeting with Bill Clinton at which the Presidential candidate promised a significant increase in funding for AIDS research. However, in March of this year Frank became extremely concerned when the initial Office of Management and Budget's fiscal year 1994 budget

projections indicated that an increase of less than one percent would be forthcoming.

Frank said that "when some of the people who have been most active in pushing for a greater federal commitment to AIDS research pointed out to me that the OMB numbers did not reflect the President's promise to us of significantly more money, I approached several high ranking officials in the new Administration, including OMB Director Leon Panetta, to lobby Administration, including OMB Director Leon Panetta, to lobby hard for full funding. In addition, I worked closely with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and other sympathetic members of the House to protect this higher figure."

"I'm gratified that our efforts produced this higher figure. I will continue to work for more money in the future."

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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Badges

I bought something from Shocking Gray they call Fruit Salad. They sell it as "a commemorative in support of Lesbians and Gays in the military."

The three little (1 inch by 3/8 inch) plaques are meant to evoke the "fruit salad" of ribbons on the breast of an officer's tunic. I have named these imaginary military decorations.

Of course these honors would have been instituted over the years by the Congress and the Executive in recognition of the queer soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War and all our lovely wars thereafter.

The first of the little pins represents the Enslin Medal. It is a rectangle divided into equal narrow bands of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. The medal was named for Lieutenant Frederick Gotthold Enslin, who was drummed out of the U.S. Army on 11 March 1778 after a court martial for attempted sodomy.

Enslin denied the charge and was thus convicted of perjury as well. The Enslin Medal is given for valor in coming out to the United States military.

The second decoration is symbolized by a white lower-case lambda on a purple oval, which is set in a white square between two purple squares.

This is the Star of Newport, given for calling the newspapers and TV when thrown out of the U.S. military for being queer. It is named for the naval base in Rhode Island where one officer and twenty-four enlisted persons were dishonorably discharged as "perverts" and left quietly in August of the witch hunt year 1952.

Third is the most solemn of these awards, the Order of Schindler. This somber citation is only given posthumously. It is awarded to those military personnel killed by other American military for being queer.

The fruit salad pin (we haven't the space to describe the actual medals) depicts a pink triangle and its shadow on a white square. On either side of the

square are three tall, narrow, black rectangles outlined in gold.

It was first presented to the mother of Allen Schindler by an unnamed Naval officer in April of this year.

Ah, well, pleasant fantasy, wasn't it? The commanders of America's armed forces desperately want the queers in the ranks to stay hidden. Our still-campaigning President, who has sadly become mired in the usual political bullshit, said he would require the military to include openly Gay members.

We have long said it was about time to acknowledge the queer Americans who have been fighting to preserve this country's liberty since Lexington and Concord.

A lot of us voted for this administration because of what Clinton said about the military and AIDS. This whole issue is supposed to resolve itself in the next week. I for one am not holding my breath.

Have you ever come out to someone you know casually who could only reply that "you don't look Gay!?" Why do people think this is a compliment? Just what are we supposed to look like?

I bring this up because of a woman with whom I worked briefly a couple of months ago. I told her when she was new that I was the office queer. She slowly opened and closed her mouth and then she said, almost looking me in the eye, "Well, you certainly look straight. I would never have guessed."

Hard as that is for me to imagine anyway, I was wearing my Freedom Rings at the time, like I did every day in that place. I explained them to her and assured her that I did indeed know the secret handshake. She didn't get it. I told her that I was sure she knew lots of queer people, but evidently only one who was wearing a badge.

Put on those pink triangles, Freedom Rings and false eyelashes! This country has to be forced out of its denial of our numbers and our normalcy. It's badges today or bandages tomorrow.



Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Best wishes to AGRA-Tucson Board member, Sean Thomas, for a speedy recovery, from AGRA and everyone in the community.

The rules for the contest are as follows: The design must include a saguaro cactus. The size of the entry must be 17"x 22". The only written words to appear in the design are "1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo." Any other verbiage will be cause for disqualification. The design must have a blank area for rodeo information. The design may be in black & white, or color. If the design submitted is in color, original artwork or photography must be submitted.

The winning design becomes sole property of AGRA. The designer's name and address must appear in the upper left back corner. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 18, 2:00 p.m., at Hours, 3455 East Grant Road.

AGRA will be celebrating Tucson's Second Anniversary, with a party, on July 18th, at HOURS. The festivities start at 2 p.m., with a beer bust, a free dance lesson in country two-step, and progressive waltz (given by yours truly), a "balloon bust" (for \$5.00 a 'pop', you can win a prize at least worth \$5 all the way up to \$138! Everyone is a winner at this game!) There will also be a hamburger barbecue in the patio for \$2.00 a plate, chips and potato salad included.

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POLITICS '93

by Mark Kerr

Senator DeConcini's stock rising in two polls. His opponent, the "ambitious" Secretary of State not making impact with key group in poll. "Our Favorite Elected Official" has soiree at the "Stade de Hi Corbett" to erase campaign debt (personal loans!), and whines about her predecessor. Here we go:

Yes, Senator DeConcini is making a comeback with the voters. Recently, two polls were released, one by KAET in Phoenix, and one by Hispanic Track, showed that DeConcini approval rating was going up. The poll done by KAET, showed that 59% of those questioned approved of the job DeConcini has been doing, 41% had expressed disapproval of the job DeConcini has done.

A key group in elections, the Hispanic community, showed their approval of DeConcini, through the Hispanic Track poll, by a margin of 4 to 1. (49% to 12%)

Unexpectedly, from the Hispanic Track poll, the "ambitious and known" Secretary of State, Richard Mahoney, is not well known to Hispanic voters, a whopping 57% were unable to evaluate Mahoney. Those who did, he received more "poor" ratings (28%) than positive ratings (26%). (Gotta work them crowds Dickie!)

"Take me out to the ball game. Take me out to a big crowd please, I need the money!!", was the song "Our Favorite Elected Official" was singing last week. Yes, F. had a fund raiser held for her to help erase her campaign debt, (which was really personal loans she made to her campaign. Gotta recoup that moolah!) The event was held at the Skybox at Hi Corbett Field, before a Toro's baseball game. The event recouped under \$1000 for her campaign "debts".

Attendance at the event was paltry. 35 persons showed up to pay their respects to "F." The crowd that was there consisted primarily of TBC (Tucson Biggest Crybaby's) members, turncoat Democrats and Republicans, like former Supervisor Reg Morrison, and staff from the Recorder's Office. Democrats were few, I know the 5 that attended, and I will

not mention their names to protect them.

The thing to note was that certain members of the County Executive Committee, and the National Committee who have waged a "jihad" against persons, (Democrats), who have publicly stated their disapproval of F., did not show up, or bother to sign on as a co-sponsor. Talk about hypocritical!

The next thing about "Our Favorite Elected Official", was the fact she was on television, blasting her predecessor, Mike Boyd, for the deficit the Recorder's Office had. She blamed Mike Boyd for "spending too much" money, and leaving the mess for her.

I find it interesting that a person, who had only made one trip to the office in the Spring of 1992, and who had not been in the office during the general election campaign to witness the job, and who has not run an election, would hurl barbs and accusations at Boyd, who had to deal with the new and untried "Vote By Mail" program. (and no real money from the state).

Boyd, had to hire extra employees to deal with the onslaught, 400% increase for absentee ballots, (12,000 in 1990, over 54,000 in 1992). Of course the costs to process, verify, and send out absentee ballots were high, because the election laws were "liberalized", our State Legislators did not know realistically how much it would cost, and it cost a great deal.

I had the opportunity to work in the Recorder's office during the general election campaign, and I can say, Mike Boyd and Dolores Johnston, the Voter Registration Coordinator, did a great job for under the trying circumstances, and having to supervise an election under the new rules.

It is strange that F., during the campaign, stated her admiration for Mike Boyd, and the job he did as Recorder, and that she would follow in his footsteps, would throw stones at him. Come on, he did a great job, and you haven't run an election, yet! When you do F., we'll be watching, and getting our barbs ready!

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

July is now here. And as an expression goes, "Gee, I didn't realize that the first of the month comes so close to the end of the month." We celebrated last weekend as our country's Independence Day and July is suppose to be a lazy, "not do much" month. Not so, at MCC/Tucson. July is going to be very busy month.

This coming Saturday, July 10th, MCC-Tucson will have a Special Congregational Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be for the congregation to give instructions to our Delegates going to the General Conference on how to vote on different issues and to give guide lines on the election of the Elders of UFMCC. The terms of three Elders will be voted on during the Conference and it is even possible that five Elders will be elected. There will be a Pot Luck Luncheon starting at 12:00 noon prior to the Congregational Meeting.

The UFMCC General Conference XVI will be held in Phoenix from July 18th through July 25th. During this Conference the UFMCC will celebrate it's twenty fifth anniversary. MCC-Tucson has canceled the Morning Worship Service on July 25th, which starts at 10:45 a.m. Instead, MCC-Tucson will join the General Conference Worship Service in Phoenix. There will be car pooling here at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue

with departures at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this special worship service with Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry preaching. If anyone needs transportation to and from Phoenix, call the church at 292-9151 and make arrangements to join with the car pooling.

MCC-Tucson is sending four delegates to the General Conference so our church should be well represented. Both of our pastors, Rev. Eduard Perry and Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey, will have a voice and vote during the Business Sessions. MCC-Tucson will have both a voice and vote as a church of UFMCC. Ben Corbin, our Lay Delegate and Bert Hoop, our Alternate Lay Delegate will be attending as representatives for MCC-Tucson.

The Memorial Rose Garden is surviving this hot summer weather quite well. Of course, it is taking a lot of watering and extra care to keep the rose bushes in good shape. There are many bushes in bloom and are looking great. We are sorry to report that two of the rose bushes planted last January did not make it. But replacements have already been ordered and will be planted this coming January during the planting season.

Thought for the week: A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm. Henrik Ibsen

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Today there are countless numbers of books on the market, such as "A Course in Miracles", whose authors claim to have channeled special information from the spirit world offering new revelations to humanity. There is absolutely nothing to substantiate these claims other than the word of the authors themselves, yet millions of people continue to blindly believe.

On the other hand, the New Testament of the Bible, which contains the promise of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, was written by several eye witnesses to Jesus' miracles and translated from ancient manuscripts. Every year there is more historical and archaeological data emerging to validate the claims of the Bible, yet it is considered to be unreliable in its true original form by many of the

same people who are so willing to believe unsubstantiated claims of revelation.

I have no doubt that many of the authors I've been referring to earnestly believe in what they are doing. I have no doubt that many of them have contacted spirits, but it is the nature of those spirits that is in question. The Bible teaches that not all spirits are good. The Apostle John tells us, "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world." (1 John 4:1-3 NIV)

If people are led to believe that evil is an illusion, they won't recognize it, especially clouded in disguise, and if they haven't known the truth how well can they discern a lie? Is a spirit to be believed simply because it is a spirit? So why are the books with "channeled revelations" so easily believed by so many? One of the reasons is that they tend to tell people what they want to hear. However, experience teaches that what we want to hear isn't always grounded in truth.

Experience also teaches that without bothering to learn and understand the knowledge that is at our disposal we often makes wrong decisions in life about what it is that we really do need and want. The Holy Bible is the time tested, people tested word of God. I urge you to look within its pages, and I pray that you will come to understand all that it offers.

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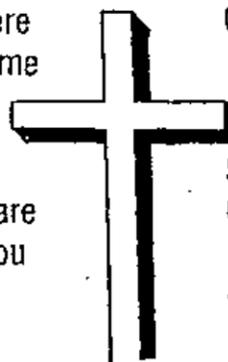
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SUNDAY, JULY 11

IBT'S - The regular Sunday BBQ Cook-out and Beer Bust will run from 3 to 6 p.m. and all proceeds will go to Shanti.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

CLUB 2520 - The annual Reno Gannon Memorial Extravaganza and Jello Wrestling benefit for Shanti will begin at 7 p.m. Watch for more details about this great annual benefit for Shanti.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

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Continuing from Pride Week '93, Art Attack IV runs until July 17 at Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. A juried exhibition of local Lesbian and Gay artists featuring photography, sculpture and paintings of all mixed media. Noon until 6:00 p.m. daily. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Postponed from July 3rd, the monthly Meeting of the "Cronics-Prime Timers" will be at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain at 7 p.m. These meetings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month. Cronics are an over-40 group of men.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its first meeting since the Pride Week activities. A brief critique will be held. Interested persons are welcome to attend at Club 2520 at 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

Partner's Panda Run. Tubing down the Salt River for fun, relaxation and camaraderie. Run Fee \$6.69 which includes free beer and a picnic after the trip down the Salt River. Contact Partners at 297-1909 for a Run Application and details.

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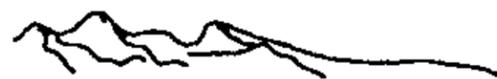
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CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moody Madness "Backho". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m. GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Bring in your VEX cards and they'll play it. (No puns 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, plus, 2 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays 9 to 1 RUMORZ - Open 1:00 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 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster Beer Mix" 25¢ out of Fosters \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Square Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm. GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00 HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schoppa 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 Mena. Free loans at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Red and Red Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight. RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 pm to closing. VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

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thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 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 Bust 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. Hetschen or Caron \$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 stand \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance! RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with V/DJ Linda. VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

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saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. 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, \$5 entry fee, pot matched. HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music. IBT'S - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Caron 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Finkle V/DJ 10-1. VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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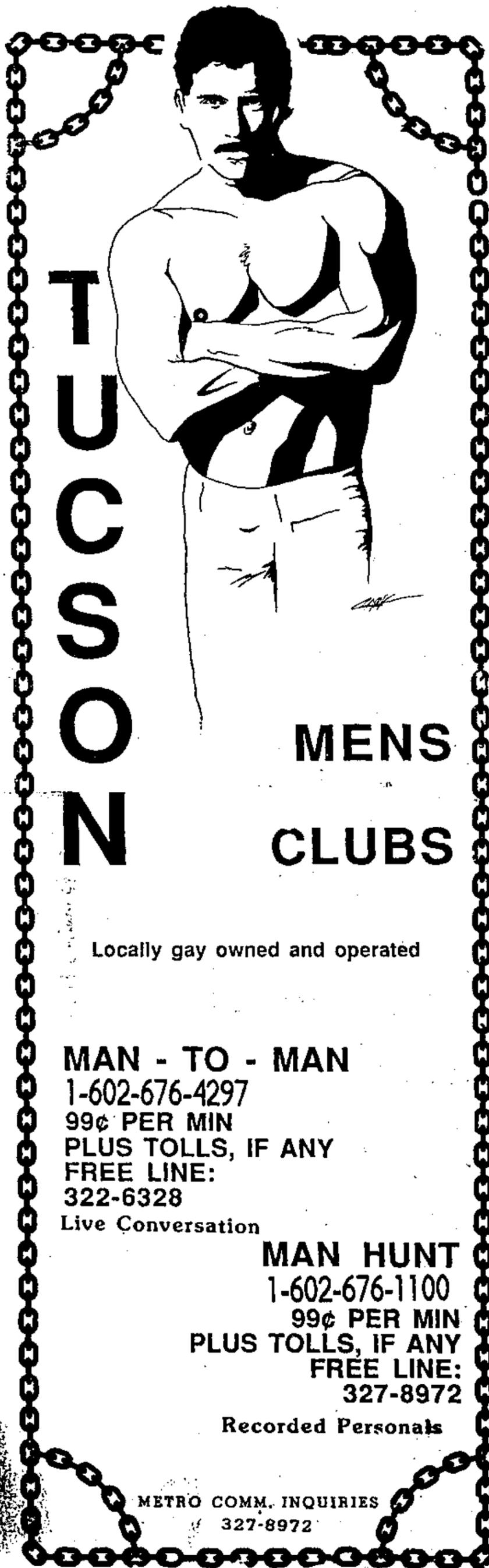
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ILGA Conference Decides Name And Demands For 1994 March On UN

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Stonewall 25, has released the text of the political demands of the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. The March will be held on June 26, 1994 in New York City.

The March and Rally will take place on the last Sunday in June, the day the Stonewall Rebellion is traditionally celebrated in New York City and in many other places. The Stonewall Rebellion of 1969, which began with an uprising against a police raid on a New York Gay bar, the Stonewall Inn, sparked the contemporary Lesbian/Gay movement. Pride groups across the U.S. and other countries are shifting the dates of their events to avoid conflicting with the International March and Rally.

"To my knowledge, no political or civil rights demonstration has ever been organized on this scale or this far in advance," stated Leslie Cagan, Coordinator of the New York City Committee for the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, and National Coordinator of the June 12, 1982 demonstration, which drew over one million people, on the occasion of the Second UN Special Session on Disarmament.

The following are the goals for the International March on the United Nations to affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay people:

To call upon the United Nations, its agencies, its member states and its affiliated non-governmental organizations to take all necessary action to assure that:

1. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people;
2. The rights and freedoms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be fulfilled to all people, including Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, without distinction of any kind, such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;
3. The agencies of the U.N. and non-governmental organizations affiliated with the U.N. undertake to report on violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affecting Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people;
4. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;
5. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to health care not be denied to people with HIV/AIDS, nor to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, including those who desire to engage in reproduction;
6. The global effort to combat HIV/AIDS be intensified;

7. The member states of the UN adopt a protocol to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to define as a crime of genocide the intended destruction of any of the targets of the Holocaust, including Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, and the intentional destruction of any population group based on that group's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age, disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;

8. The agencies of the UN not deny non-governmental organizations recognition or consultative status on the basis of their support for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, or people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;

9. The General Assembly of the UN proclaim an International Year of Lesbian and Gay People (possibly 1999);

10. The U.N. and its agencies not discriminate against Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people in matters of contracting, hiring, employment conditions and termination;

11. The member states increase the funding of the human rights agencies of the UN to accelerate the progress toward realizing the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

12. The right of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual people to create families be recognized and protected, and that our family relationships with each other and our children be celebrated in 1994, The International Year of the Family.

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

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D., 327-4024 Tucson.

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