



4th Annual Pride Week Political Forum A Success



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TUCSON - The Fourth Annual Pride Week Political on Sunday, June 19 at the 4th Avenue Social Club was hailed as a success by event organizers.

The Forum was the final event of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Week schedule, was sponsored by the Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus and the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance.

The Forum had over 70 people in attendance; affording them the opportunity

to meet with candidates running for various political offices ranging from State Representative to United States Senator, and to speak with elected officials also present at the forum; so they could share their social and political suggestions, questions and concerns.

Some of the candidates present at the Forum were: U.S. Senate (D) - St. Sen. Cindy Resnick. Governor (D) - Former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, Former Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson and

grocery magnate Eddie Basha. Secretary of State (D) - St. Sen. Stan Furman, and Judy Leiby. State House (D) - District 11; St. Rep. Elaine Richardson. Among elected officials present were Tucson City Council member Tom Saggau (D-Ward 3).

At the end of the Forum, candidates had the opportunity to say a few words about the issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community. TLGA and Lambda Democratic officials hailed the Forum as a success providing the Gay and

Lesbian community the opportunity to find out more about the candidates for the various offices up for election in 1994.

The evening was hosted by the Lambda Democratic Caucus and the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance. Both are to be congratulated for a spirited evening that was both informative and entertaining. Thanks also go to the many political candidates as well as the elected officials who were in attendance. Special thanks to City Councilman Tom Saggau who made the sound possible.

Gay Games IV Opens Amid Record Heat

NEW YORK (AP) - Mary Hetzel sweated off 5 pounds during the weekend, got lost in the subway and lifted nearly three times her weight from a deep squat.

Her athletic prowess was on display, at the opening round of power lifting at Gay Games IV, the quadrennial sports tournament.

"It's real exciting because there's so many Gay people here from all over the world," said Hetzel from Lafayette, Colorado. "There are a lot of people who wonder why they were born this way, and when they come here and they get this support, it's great."

The Gay Games are being held in conjunction with a cultural festival highlighting the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn riots that are viewed as the watershed event of the Gay rights movement.

More than 70 different events in theater, dance, fun, music, comedy, art and photography were planned over a 10-day period throughout the city, in addition to the Stonewall anniversary march on

June 26.

Other cities, including San Francisco and Providence, R.I., held Gay pride parades.

In San Francisco, tens of thousands of Lesbians and Gay men and their supporters, including skating men in iridescent nuns' habits, a congresswoman, county supervisors and Gay sheriff's officers holding hands with their lovers, paraded down Market Street.

While the annual parades have become an urban fixture, the Games gave the Gay movement an unprecedented chance to counter stereotypes and display visibility in the nation's media center.

Besides weightlifting, scheduled events included: cycling, hockey, tennis, basketball, bowling, volleyball, softball and in-line skating.

Organizers said 11,000 athletes from 43 countries were taking part in the eight day event.

Lesbian Mother Granted Custody Of Son

RICHMOND, VA (AP) - A Lesbian mother was granted custody of her son by a state appeals court that reversed a judge's ruling that her relationship with her live-in lover made her an unfit parent.

In a case closely watched by national Gay rights groups, Henrico County Circuit Judge, Buford M. Parsons last year awarded custody of 2 year old Tyler Doustou to Sharon Bottoms' mother, Kay Bottoms. Sharon Bottoms received visitation rights.

The opinion by a three judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals was unanimous. Among other things, it turned aside the lower court's finding that the fact that homosexual acts are illegal in Virginia should disqualify a Lesbian as a mother.

Neither Sharon Bottoms, nor her lawyer immediately returned messages

seeking comment.

Kay Bottoms has refused to talk to reporters since the dispute began, and her attorney, Richard Ryder, was in court and unavailable for comment. Ryder had promised to appeal to the state Supreme Court if the intermediate court ruled against his client.

In the ruling, Court of Appeals Judge Sam W. Coleman III wrote that the evidence fails to prove that Sharon Bottoms "abused or neglected her son, that her Lesbian relationship with April Wade has or will have a deleterious effect on her son, or that she is an unfit parent."

"A child's natural and legal right to the care and support of a parent and the parent's right to the custody and companionship of the child should only be disrupted if there are compelling reasons to do so," Coleman wrote.

UPDATE

TAP Volunteers Honored

TUCSON - Tucson AIDS Project volunteers were honored at the agency's Annual Meeting held recently.

Awards were given to Wendy Hannah, Volunteer of the Year; Helen & Bob Brink, Client Services Volunteer of the Year; Jim Crouch, Administrative Volunteer of the Year; and Sylvia Marcher, Prevention Services Volunteer of the Year.

Special awards were given to Cheryl McGaffie for original contribution and dedication to serving women and her ongoing commitment to all persons living with HIV/AIDS and to outgoing President Richard Nast for distinguished service and for leadership in our community's response to AIDS.

Barbara Stelly, a finalist this year for both the JC Penney Golden Rule Award and the Family AIDS Network Caregiver Award, received a copper letter from the City of Tucson honoring her for her continued support, since 1988, counseling anyone concerned about HIV/AIDS. Floral Expressions received the agency's Business Partnership Award for 1993-94.

Auditions For 'Jerker' Set

TUCSON - Auditions for "Jerker," by Robert Chesley, will be held at a.k.a. Theatre, 125 East Congress Street, on Saturday, July 9, from noon to 4 pm, and on Sunday, July 10, from 10 am to 1 pm.

"Jerker" requires two males, one aged early thirties to mid forties, the other late twenties up to fifty. The play concerns two Gay men in San Francisco in 1985 who develop a relationship exclusively through phone calls.

"Jerker" will be directed by Tim A. Janes and will open Friday, September 9, as part of the a.k.a. Theatre Company "late show" series. "Jerker" will play Friday and Saturday evenings at 11 pm for four weeks.

Interested actors should call 623-7852 to make an audition appointment on one of the two audition days.

Actors are requested to bring a resume, if they have one prepared, and may deliver a two minute monologue if they wish. Actors will be asked to read from the script.

PACT 'Style For Life' Sunday, July 10

TUCSON - People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) has announced the second annual "Style For Life" fund raising event set for Sunday, July 10. Some of Tucson's finest salons are participating by providing hair styling and other services, with all proceeds during the day going to PACT for Life.

Funds help provide housing, early intervention and client services for people living with HIV and AIDS. Commemorative T-shirts will also be available for sale.

Mary Higgins, Development Coordinator, organizes this function and encourages everyone to get their hair styled this day. Tell everyone you know and take a friend with you, surprise them by purchasing their hair style as a birthday present.

Volunteers are needed to help between 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may call Amy Wheeler-Ellis at PACT at 770-1710 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

One the week of this event a list of all participating salons will appear in The Observer. For the location of a participating salon near you, call PACT For Life at 770-1710. Lists are available at the PACT For Life Office, 801 West Congress.

Shanti Seeking Full Time Client Services Coordinator

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation has a full time client services coordinator position open.

Applicants must have prior experience with counseling and client advocacy; prefer HIV/AIDS and substance abuse knowledge/experience and knowledge of community resources. Must have car. Salary range is \$20-\$23,000 plus benefits.

Please send cover letter and resume by July 11 to: Search Committee, Shanti Foundation, 602 N. Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705. Please no calls. EOE



IN MEMORIAM

DAVID PHILLIP KRUG

David Phillip Krug died Thursday, June 16, 1994. David was a long term survivor of the disease AIDS.

He was an active advocate for human rights with a special focus on Gay and Lesbian issues. David was a public speaker and political activist on the issues of AIDS treatment and education. David also helped to establish some of the first health care for the Gay and Lesbian Community.

David is survived by long time companion, Michael A. Dolores, friends and family. Memorial services will be held Thursday, June 30, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Methodist Church, River Road and Swan. David requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Food For Life, c/o PACT, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745 or to TMC Hospice.

It's Time Again! 1994 Fiestas Patrias

TUCSON - The 1994 Fiestas Patrias, an event honoring the start of the Mexican Independence from Spain, will be held on Saturday, September 17, 1994 at the Stonewall/Eagle.

Monies raised will be equally split by PACT For Life, TAP and Shanti.

The Fiestas Patrias committee is allowing each bar, interesting in participating, to sponsor one contestant. Every contestant must have a sponsor bar. The number of contestants will be determined by the number of bars willing to be sponsors.

The Stonewall/Eagle will be the host bar and will not have a contestant, in order to remain neutral.

All interested sponsor bars and contestants must register with Ms. Minerva the First, at 326-4741, no later than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 1994. This gives everyone 1 1/2 months in which to raise money. \$1.00 will equal 1 vote.

Copies of the rules will be available at the Stonewall/Eagle and each of the sponsor bars. A copy of the rules will be published in a future edition of The Observer.

TAP Elects New Board Officers for '94/95

TUCSON - Steve Gottlieb has been elected President of the Tucson AIDS Project for 1994-95.

Board Officers serving with Gottlieb are Jean Baker, Vice-President, Program Evaluation; Marcus Williamson, Vice-President, Fund Raising; Carol Zimmerman, Vice-President, Personnel; Keith Waterbrook, Secretary/Treasurer; and Francisco Garcia, M.D., Chair, Nominating Committee.

Richard Nast becomes immediate Past President. Nast, who served as Board President from December 1989 through May 1994, was presented with a Copper Letter from the City of Tucson honoring his distinguished service and leadership in our community's response to AIDS.



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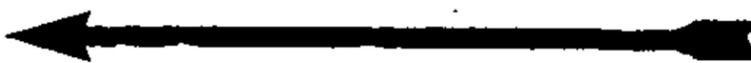
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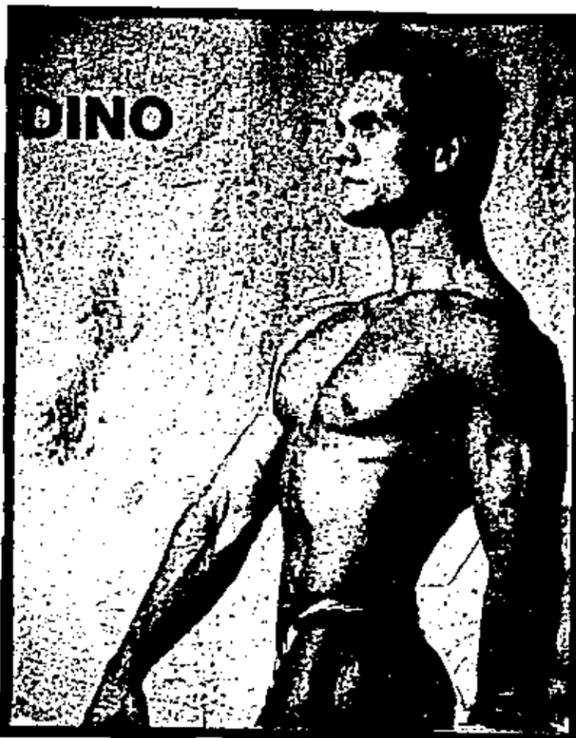


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I recently received a letter, via the Observer, from one of our family members, presently residing in Florence. It was a very interesting letter, also requesting a couple of local addresses. The addresses requested were for public individuals or organizations, I do not mail out private addresses.

It also expressed the need for pen pals by himself and others. We know there are others presently residing in Florence who would like to have a pen pal. If you would be willing to sit down and drop a few lines, and possibly get a pen pal, please mail your letter(s) to the following address (permission given by Michael):

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If you are requesting a pen pal, Michael will pass your letter on to another inmate, who will respond.

I thank each and everyone of you who do send off a letter because most of us that are able to freely walk around, have no idea as to the real meaning of not having freedom.

In last weeks column, pictures from the recent TKO swim party was published. Well, I presently have the complete set, those others that were not published and let me tell you, Bob made a very wise choice on those published. I'll have them with me for your viewing, if requested, until the photographer's return from their anniversary cruise.

With Ben on vacation this weekend, it will be Joe and Stan behind the bar. I have been told that guest bartenders will be asked to help so let's head down to the Graduate this Saturday for Partners' beer bust and see just who is recruited.

I know that Joe wears dangly earrings, but Stan's, I'm sure, will be ??? fancy. He has even, yes - he did say

this in front of me, stated he was going out to purchase some of his own just for the occasion. Well Stan made the trip over to Value Village and found a pair of Gaudy danglies. Remember, years ago I told you Stan does not do the Malls.

As for TALL's guest bartenders and that extra carrying, yours truly ended up behind the bar last weekend, and yes, Stan handed me the earring to wear. And I know, everyone sitting at the bar was just thrilled peachy doory seeing me, yet another week, behind the bar, serving those Bud refreshments. Please, don't send thank you letters to the Graduate because I was there, just tons of MONEY - in my name of course.

Over the years I've been in Tucson, on a couple occasions I have been mistakenly called Ben or TJ. Both, were of course receiving compliments. But, I cannot understand how this mistake could be made simply because I'm the youngest and the cutest. I told Stan, if one person calls me Stan or Ben while working - that's it - I'm out of here.

And speaking about Stan (again!) - a belated Happy Birthday to him. Hopi's comment when hearing about the B-Day was that Stan's age has finally matched his IQ! (I didn't say that!)

I guess that is about it for this week. You can only play a scratched record so many times until it wears itself out. So, without anymore BS -I'll just say to each and all, arrivederci, toodlooo, adios, or just plain BYE!

[ED NOTE: Observer regularly receives letters from prisoners from across the country requesting pen pals. While most are undoubtedly legitimate, there are a few that are up to no good. It is the Observer policy to not print these addresses. We sometimes pass letters on to individuals who express a desire to communicate. In the above case, since Doc knows the person, we are printing Michael's address. As for correspondence to others, let the letter writer beware.]

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

Column #312 "The Whole Enchilada"

Well, it's official, Total Recall had garnered enough valid signatures to force a recall election of Pima County Assessor, Alan "My Constitutional Rights" Lang.

The Pima County Recorders Office yesterday stated that of the 81,000 signatures turned in, 67,150 signatures were valid. To force an election, Total Recall needed to obtain a minimum of 60,721 valid signatures. Lang, who has declined to comment about the signatures, now has 5 days to either resign, file a court challenge, or state his intentions to run in a recall election. Lang in the past has stated his intentions to run in a recall election.

Recently, Arizonans for Fairness headed by former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, the group fighting Frank Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona and their proposed hate amendment, had sent out a fund raising letter to get donations. (See letter in this edition of the paper).

When I got the letter, I looked over the members on the Honorary Committee, I saw various elected officials who are good friends to the community, such as Bruce Wheeler, Raul Grijalva, Molly McKasson, Janet Marcus for example. I saw three names which surprised me for the following:

St. Sen. Ann Day, (R-District 12), who this past legislative session was one of co-sponsors of S.B. 1314, the bill that would have stripped away rights from persons wishing to be tested for HIV. Day had pushed the bill through the State Senate.

State Rep. Winifred "Freddy" Hershberger, (R-District 12), who was also a co-sponsor of S.B. 1314 and who helped push the bill through the State House.

[Note: S.B. 1314 would have required only oral consent to be obtained for HIV testing, and it would only need to be noted in the patient's medical record. Or "If they look a little queer, let's test em!"]

The last of the three is St. Sen. Peter Rios, (D-District 7). Rios a candidate for the Democratic nomination of Secretary of State has a long, dubious record long enough, "to suit a closet case."

Rios has voted against attempts in the past two legislative sessions to repeal the archaic laws, (sodomy, co-habitation). He voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, the Hate Crimes Statistics Gathering Bill. And stated during the past legislative session, that he voted for S.B. 1066, the 1994 attempt to repeal the archaic laws, in the Senate Judiciary Committee, but would not be able to support it when it comes to the full Senate for consideration. Do these three have gall or what? More on this in later columns.

Two candidate announcements this past week to report on:

First, State Rep. Lou Ann Preble, (R-District 9) one of the four traitors who sold out Pima County attempt for tax equity during the past legislative session, has announced her intentions to run for a

second term. The other District 9 State Representative, Bill McGibbon, is expected to run for re-election. [Note: The Democrats, as of press time have no announced candidates for the State House in District 9. It is 8 days until filing deadline for nomination petitions.]

Second, TUSD Board Member, Bob "I Hate Catalina" Miranda, whose term is up this year, stated in a press conference that he will not be seeking re-election. Miranda stated he wanted to work on his Master's degree and to spend more time with his family. [Plain and simple, Miranda saw the writing on the wall and it says, "You're gone!"]

Yes, as I mentioned earlier, as of press time, 8 days are left until the filing deadline for nomination petitions and guess what. The District 13 Democrats still don't have a candidate to run against the incumbent Republican State Senator, Patti Noland.

As of press time, the Democrats do not have any candidates or a sufficient to run for the following: State House in District 9; one candidate running for the House in District 12 and no State Senate in 12, no candidate for the State Senate in District 13. How do the Arizona Democrats expect to make inroads when they, the Pima County Democrats, a county that is a Democratic stronghold in turnout and registration, can not field candidates for all important offices! Somebody please tell me!

Lastly, this column, #312, marks the sixth anniversary of this column and my association with the greatest paper in the state, The Observer. It has been a great ride so far and I want to thank the people who made it possible, the two I admire, respect, love and cherish, Bob Ellis and Gary Clark. I will be forever indebted to you both!

I know for the readers of the column you have seen a transformation by this columnist, from a naive, politically idealistic yahoo who would accept the word of an official or a candidate about issues of concern to the community to a person who now believes "talk is cheap". From a person who believed only in one

party to an "independent" who sees political parties as worth "a dime a dozen."

Plain and simple, I will continue to report the foibles, follies, farces and f-ups in the wacky world of Pueblo Politics. I have enjoyed it and I hope you have too. My motto to candidates, elected officials and wannabees is "Put up your record or forget it!"

And so it goes!

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Another Sort Of Bravery

In 1994, Allied soldiers landed on the beaches of Europe, and D-Day began. In 1965, a handful of Lesbians and Gay men picketed in front of the White House for homosexuals, and the Gay rights movement continued gestating.

What do these two facts have in common? In both instances, people showed unimaginable bravery under horrendous conditions. What do these two facts not have in common? The entire western world has not commemorated and honored the 1965 picket line.

For the 50th anniversary of D-Day, there was saturation media coverage. Clinton made speeches, and the people of Europe thanked the gallant soldiers for helping them regain their freedom. But where is the celebration of the 1965 picketers?

This may seem an absurd comparison. In 1994, thousands of soldiers died. Many drowned, some held under water by the weight of their own equipment. Others waded past the floating arms, legs, and heads of their comrades, only to face unrelenting artillery fire. No description could begin to evoke the sounds and sights and smells and tastes and feelings of D-Day.

In 1965, all the picketers had to do was get dressed, grab a sign, and walk around in a circle, right? Yes. And no. In those days, "the homosexual" was considered an unstable security risk, at best, or a child molesting pervert queer. The McCarthy 1950s had proved that the United States was willing to abuse its own citizens and ignore the Constitution's guarantees of freedom, so the "normal looking" women and men in dresses and suits and ties on that picket line knew they had volunteered to risk their jobs, their families, and their lives.

Many soldiers were also volunteers, of course, but they were treated as heroes and felt part of an important job bigger than themselves. Once in the military, they did what they were told, and even the most heroic had limited options. In one astonishing story, a man put out a fire with his hands so that it wouldn't set off a nearby pile of explosives. I admire this man totally, but his alternative was to be exploded into tiny pieces.

In contrast, the picketers could just have stayed home. No one called them heroes: they knew that they would be greeted with hatred and prejudice, and possibly violence. When the soldiers woke up on D-Day in a state of terror, their every movement was already decided and basic training had erased any part of them that might even hesitate. The picketers probably also woke up in fear, but they had to continuously motivate themselves, again and again deciding that it made sense to risk all that they had for a goal that few people even dreamed exists. If the soldiers stayed home, the world would be taken over by vicious dictators. If the picketers stayed home, life would go on as usual, and no one would notice. But they didn't. The valiant little group, somewhere between 26 and 50 people, showed up to carry their, showed up to carry their simple signs, knowing that at best they would be scrutinized like particularly repulsive animals in the zoo by the FBI and passersby, and at worst they would be arrested or physically attacked or lose their jobs or be disowned by their families.

Even now, in more enlightened times, it can be scary to be openly Lesbian or Gay. At speaking engagements, I have felt judged, hated, and very very naked. Friends mention worrying that the windows of their cars or homes will be smashed because they have rainbow flags. Others talk of the passing fear during Gay pride marches that a homophobic will open fire with a machine gun. On their way to picket the White House, the 1965 freedom fighters must have experienced all those emotions times a thousand. But they went, and they picketed.

Voluntarily enduring emotional pain and quietly risking all that one has, job, friends, and life, to fight for a far distant goal takes just as much guts, if not more, as plunging into gruesome physical violence with adrenaline raging.

It is unlikely that the media will ever applaud the courage of the early pride movement, and human nature being what it is, it is even unlikely that future queers will truly appreciate the thousands of acts of bravery that birthed their freedom. But I lived through some of those oppressive times, and I am endlessly grateful to those picketers. Thank you, Kay Lahusen. Thank you, Barbara Gittings. Thank you, Ernestine Eckstein. And thank you, all the others whose names I don't know.

As I See It . . .

by Clark



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A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE

by Maggie Tanis

When his lover of eighteen years had a heart attack and was taken to the local hospital, a gay man was told by the hospital staff that because he was "not family" they would not give him any information about his lover's condition. They wouldn't even tell him if his life partner were dead or alive. Only after he went home and got their power of attorney papers, which were carefully examined by the hospital administrators, was he told that his lover was going to survive. If the religious service that they had years before had been recognized by the civil authorities as a legal marriage, then the pain and fear they suffered would not have been compounded by having to prove their status as family to an uncaring hospital bureaucracy.

A Lesbian couple in Honolulu who have three children worry that if one

of them were to die, the children could be taken away from the remaining parent and lose the only family they have ever known. This couple married seven years ago, before having children, so that their kids would be born "in wedlock." But the state refuses to recognize their marriage.

We can gain vital civil rights through the legalization of same-gender marriage, rights that we currently hold only through piecemeal, and often ineffectual, legal protections. Domestic partnership, in the few places that recognize it, often carries more symbolic than legal value. The struggle for marriage rights is principally a struggle for civil rights.

Yet some Gays and Lesbians continue to think that this issue is not important to our community. Some charge that the movement for same-gender marriage is

merely copying heterosexual values and is a goal inconsistent with the pursuit of civil rights for queer people. The movement for same-gender marriage fundamentally seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the rights granted in our society.

I believe that ours is a radical movement that will strike a significant blow to the forces of our oppression by breaking down the bastion of heterosexual privilege: marriage. Society rewards people for entering into heterosexual marriage, by granting legally sanctioned rights and benefits. Granting these rights to other models of family removes the advantage currently enjoyed only by heterosexuals and their families. The question of whether states ought to grant couples benefits not given to singles is a different question than whether same gender couples should be treated as equal to opposite gender couples.

By not pursuing the right to marry, we are saying in effect that it is acceptable to treat Gay and Lesbian couples differently than heterosexual couples. That is not acceptable to me. Same-gender couples deserve better than second-class citizenship. All people are entitled to equal treatment, and that is why we are pursuing the legal right to marry in Hawaii.

Legalized marriages would give Gay and Lesbian relationships full legal and social legitimacy for the first time in history. Gay and Lesbian couples would be entitled to all legal benefits that automatically accrue to married couples, including child custody, employment, inheritance and survivor benefits. Gay and Lesbian couples would also receive all economic benefits of marriage, including tax exemption, fee waivers, death benefits and commercial discounts. Even those who have no interest in marriage will benefit from a victory in this case because it will represent the end of second class status and the beginning of full equal citizenship for Lesbians and Gay men.

Same-gender marriage also is a grave threat to the conservative anti-Gay movement. Those who oppose civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men rely heavily on the stereotypes of promiscuous, leering

men who prey upon young boys and have hundreds of sex partners each year and of Lesbians who parade naked down Main Street. We are portrayed as the bearers of disease and threats to morality and the "traditional family." Yet, our very desire for marriage shatters these images. We have found in Hawaii that those who oppose same-gender marriage argue against homosexual itself, rather than against Gay marriage because it does not fit into their stereotypes. After all, marriage conveys the ideas of love, of commitment, of monogamy, the opposites of what they portray us to be.

Some have argued that we will never have marriage rights because they are too controversial. The Hawaii Supreme Court has proven that assumption wrong. Because of Hawaii's long tradition of civil rights and tolerance of cultural diversity, we have a unique opportunity to expand the civil rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans. We can turn back the tide of anti-Gay sentiment and broaden the scope of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement.

On the eve of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Stonewall riots, I believe that we stand at an equally critical moment. When we are granted the right to marry and our intimate and loving relationships are treated equally to all others, the barriers which stand between us and our full and equal participation in society will fall. We invite you to join us in making this happen.

Maggie Tanis is a member of the Steering Committee of the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project and is the pastor of Honolulu's Metropolitan Community Church.



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HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

The Tide Of Hate And Oliver North

By Frank Rich

NEW YORK, NY - As Americans fixed their attention on the heroic military men who saved the world from fascism, a tin soldier was leading a quiet coup back home.

At a Richmond convention overflowing with zealots, Oliver North won the Republican nomination for the Senate in Virginia and in that instant gave the radical Christian rights its most ominous victory yet in its stealthy pursuit of political power nationwide.

To appreciate how scary North and his movement are - and not just to moderate Virginians - consider this list of those on the right who have tacitly or actively opposed his Senate campaign: Ronald Reagan, The Wall Street Journal editorial page, George Will, Robert Bork and Edwin Meese. Virginia's Republican senator, John Warner, will back an independent candidate rather than support North against the tarnished incumbent Democrat, Charles Robb. Bob Dole and Gerald Ford are wavering.

Why does North arouse such antipathy among his conservative confederates? The answer - but does not end - with the character issue. Not only is he a convicted liar for his congressional testimony during the Iran-Contra hearings, but he is a compulsive liar: among other self aggrandizing tales, he invented an evening spent with Reagan watching television in the White House quarters during the Grenada invasion.

Yet the gravest danger posed by North has less to do with him than with the radical forces he represents. His convention victory in Virginia was made possible by the legions of fundamentalists who are working tirelessly caucus by caucus, state by state to take control of the GOP.

As Richard Berke has reported in The Times, the radical right has captured the party apparatus in six states besides Virginia - Texas, Minnesota, Oregon, Iowa, Washington and South Carolina and is making major inroads in many others, including New York.

You don't have to look far to see why Republican leaders are alarmed by this spreading coup. It was the radical

right's intolerant version of "family values" that soured the 1992 Houston convention, greasing the skids for George Bush's November defeat. The more power the movement gets, the more it splinters the party, sabotaging the Republicans' chance to capture the Senate this year or the White House in '96.

What makes North's ascendancy inspire panic in his own party is the boost he gives to the insurgents, whether he ever gets to the Senate or not. An enormously telegraphic national fund-raiser with a secular, derring-do public image, he is a far more salable front man for the radical right's agenda than the likes of Pat Robertson or Jerry Falwell.

For Democrats, a rising religious right dividing the Republican vote is an electoral dream, presaging a rerun of the GOP's Goldwater debacle of 1964.

But for anyone of either party who cares about civil liberties, this fundamentalist crusade is a nightmare. Even without elections, the radical right can make life punishing at the state level for women seeking abortions, homosexuals, racial and religious minorities.

North accepted his nomination in

Richmond on a stage filled with white faces. As befits the radical right's push to bring anti-Gay initiatives to nine state ballots this fall, he used his speech to rail against Clinton White House aides "with an earring and an ax to grind."

And there's more to worry about below the surface. In New York, the Anti Defamation League released a book-length study of the religious right, including such prominent North cheerleaders as the Virginia-based Christian Coalition, that documents both the movement's anti-Semitic rhetoric and the ferocity of its efforts to enforce its exclusionary orthodoxy on local governments and school systems.

Throughout his Bible-thumping campaign, Oliver North has been short on substance and long on military exhortations, referring to family values as a "battle cry" and even likening his Senate race to the Normandy invasion. For once he is not entirely lying. Whether he wins or loses, Virginia is only an early skirmish in what promises to be a protracted and ugly holy war.

[Frank Rich is a cultural commentator for The New York Times.]



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GILA	40,216	8	8	8	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
GRANAH	26,554	8	7	7	4	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
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MARICOPA	2,122,101	2463	2419	2367	1499	538	528	503	54	1804	1790	1772	95
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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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HOURS - Tucson Softball League fundraiser here from 4 to 8 p.m. Food, raffica and lots of fun.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

IBT'S - Benefit BBQ on the patio from 3 to 6 p.m. All proceeds go to Shanti. Craig DJs the Tea Dancing from 4 to 8 p.m. Let's party!

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FRIDAY, JULY 1

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

MONDAY, JULY 4

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

SUNDAY, JULY 10

HOURS - After the softball game get-together starting at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

HOURS - AGRA 3rd Anniversary party. Details to come.



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One-in-Ten Theatre and Repertory Company, Tucson's premiere Gay and Lesbian theatre group will open it's 6th season with the play "Hopeful Romantic". Performances at the Historic Y Theatre, 738 N. 5th with curtain time 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 and are available at Antigone Books and at the door. For reservations or more information, 770-9279. The play runs thru July 9. A hilarious story of a man's search for Mr. Right with the help of Alexander the great and Oscar Wilde. This dose of comic relief is just the ticket for a summer's evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and friends) mid-month dinner social will be held at El Corral Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for info and reservations.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association invite you to attend their initial Sunday evening of Softball. Presently there are seven teams who will play this evening from 6 to 10 p.m. at Outy Park located at St. Marys and I-10 near downtown Tucson. There will be free beer in celebration of this inaugural event. Come and support your team. 5:00 p.m. Meet the players and 5:30 will be the introduction of teams and play begins promptly at 6 p.m. under the lights.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

The Tucson Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club has planned a hike to Heliograph Peak and Eagle Rock via Shannon Campground (Pinalcon Mtns.). After a 125 mile drive to the trail head, the group will hike 6-8 miles with an elevation change of 1,740 ft. at a moderate pace for beautiful vistas of the southeastern part of Arizona. Hikers will depart from the carpool site promptly at 6:00 a.m. Be prepared to pay your driver \$4 if you choose not to drive. Bring plenty of water, enough food to last for a day of rigorous hiking and clothes appropriate for all possible weather conditions. To obtain directions to the carpool meeting location, please call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by the # sign or write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club hike up Pontotoc Ridge Trail in the Catalina Mtns. Hike with a friendly group of people to watch the 4th of July fireworks over Tucson. Group meets at carpool site at 6 p.m. or meet at the trailhead at 6:30. This is a moderate hike with a 1,300 foot elevation change. Bring a flashlight, plenty of water and snacks to share. To obtain directions to the carpool meeting location, call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by the # sign or write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and friends) is having a 4th of July evening potluck at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. Watch the fireworks with friends. Information will be in the forthcoming newsletter or call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and friends) monthly meeting has been moved from the first Saturday to this evening due to the holiday weekend. Location: MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Call 888-7264 for more info.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Second Annual Style For Life - a fundraising even for PACT for Life. All proceeds go to help persons living with HIV and AIDS through housing, early intervention and client services. Some of Tucson's finest salons are participating by providing hair styling and other services with all proceeds during the day going to PACT. For the location of a participating salon near you, call PACT at 770-1710.

Because of the 4th of July holiday, Lambda Car Club will have their monthly social today.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Lambda Car Club, Tucson Chapter, will be going up Mt. Lemmon for brunch. Group will leave Tucson at 10:30 a.m. after meeting at the parking lot on the Southwest corner of Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon Roads. Arrive early so the group can leave on time. Reservation are made for 2:00 p.m. at the Alpine Lodge in Summerhaven. This will be a fun day and a good getaway from the heat.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salsa Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 3-8, all you can drink \$3. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scraps \$1.25 all 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefits B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 3-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well B-1 + Moose Madness "Beckers". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Uniform Nite, drink specials to those in uniform.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnappa 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No puns please!)

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

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

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

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

tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

wednesday

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

CLUB CONGRESS - Red Farrow's "Quest Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring cageed dancers.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Bowler's Nite, drink specials to bowlers all night.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm. Salsa Nite. Corona and Margarita specials.

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

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Country Nite, drink specials to those in western attire.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnappa 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longshots and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Horns d'Occasion 6pm

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnappa 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL - Open 8pm. Karaoke hosted by Crank at 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longshots & well. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnappa 75c. Pool Tournament 3pm, \$3 entry fee, pot match.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colada \$3. Dancing 8-1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

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

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

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Rev. Sharon West

The very first, and foremost, event this week swings into enthusiastic motion Saturday, June 25th, with Tucson and surrounding community participation in the stupendous March for Jesus. Those who throng the streets as spectators will be touched as surely as the actual marchers; those providing prayer support; the drivers of communication vehicles; and the thousands singing, dancing, and proudly waving colorful banners honoring the Nazarine Carpenter; the very one whom a Roman Centurion declared, in terror, was "surely the son of God", that eerie dark day on Golgotha. This giant praise, honor, and glory celebration is going to be memorable indeed! It's not too late to be a part of the March for Jesus! You can present yourself at 8 a.m. at the U of A Mall, or you're certainly welcome to join us. We meet at the church no later than 7:30 a.m. Saturday and will be carpooling.

Check our ad for worship service times Sunday, June 26th, and plan to attend one or more of our services. The Wednesday night service begins at 7:00 p.m.

You're invited to share in our ongoing Bible Study on "Jesus and His Times" Tuesday night, June 28th at 7 p.m. We always have a great time learning, and fellowshiping before we call it a night Tuesday. No, that long ago time of Jesus and the twelve disciples certainly wasn't dull. Find out just "how" exciting it really was!

Before you know it, July will also have come and gone! During the dog-days

of August, will you remember that overwhelming sense of awe and wonder experienced during MCC's July 23rd Second Annual Sunset Picnic? Would you like to witness first hand the spreading purple shadows of early evening in the breathtaking Gates Pass-Tucson Mountains desert area; shimmering silver stars popping into being in the darkening Galaxy like tons of fresh popcorn? Better circle July 23rd on your calendar with your "reserved" pen. Our picnic will be potluck, and we would love to have you join us. Call the church during the first couple weeks of July and speak with Pastor Nita about the menu.

Do you know anyone who thinks God doesn't want any part of them; that they have nothing to bring to the Lord? A Christian doctor well known in his specialty, Dr. Minirith, succinctly expressed the Christians' assurance: "I (insert your name) don't have to produce anything for God; I don't have to be driven. Jesus Christ died in payment for my sins, and no payment is required in return. I know I cannot earn God's love, and I know I cannot lose it because of demerit. Jesus loves me unconditionally and Jesus died on the Cross for my sins. My belief in what Jesus did for me has turned my life around." If you could use a good, positive conviction or two today, take a second and read Romans 8:38-39 in your Bible. Be ready to take a firm step into your future, confidently.

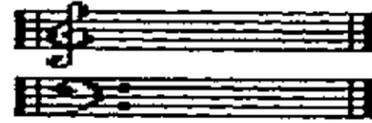
Thought for the Week: God always gives his best to those who leave the choice with him.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Last winter the morning paper ran a series of comments the snowbirds had about Tucson. Many of them were amazed at the number of streets under construction here. Most of us can relate to that. In fact, for the past two years I have had portions of my drive to work on Speedway under construction.

I had been avoiding Speedway-Alvernon area, but one morning I decided to go that way. Well, that was a mistake! The formerly 35 mph zone is now a 25 mph zone that is strictly enforced by a radar gun! I was going 37 mph and received a \$90 ticket! In a construction zone the fine is doubled. Yes, I was breaking the law and "earned" the ticket. Hundreds of times before that I'd driven Speedway and exceeded the limit, so the odds weren't in my favor. I paid for my sins. Unfortunately, when you pay for a traffic sin you aren't totally forgiven. A record is kept of it and you'd better be careful! If you get too many tickets you might lose your license!

I'm thankful God isn't like that. In my life I've done many things that were sins far greater than speeding. Since this isn't the Enquirer I won't share them with you! The Bible tells us that, "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Whether you are the Pope, my perfect Christian grandmother, Billy Graham, or the nice person who helps everybody, you're a sinner. It's not hard to sin. When you gossip that's a sin, as is lying to someone, cheating on your spouse, stealing toilet paper from the bar,

etc. All of these things separate us from God. You see, God loves us and wants to be close to us. But we humans have messed it up by sinning. That's why God sent Jesus to earth. Before Jesus came, people had to perform special religious rituals and sacrifices to be forgiven. Jesus was the final sacrifice made for our sins.

Once we realize that and accept it and make Jesus our savior, all our sins are forgiven and forgotten. We're told in Psalms 103:12, "as far as the east is from the west, so far has he (God) removed our transgressions (sins) from us." That means they're gone! He's not like the motor vehicle department which keeps a record of our traffic sins. And once you became a Christian you'll still sin, but you can be forgiven instantaneously with just a simple prayer.

How can this affect you and your life? Well, all the guilt you feel for things you've done can be gone immediately. And you can have the Holy Spirit helping you make right decisions so you won't sin as much. You'd have a new joy and peace in your heart. It can happen to you just that quickly. It happened to me. God loves us as he created us and wants us to love him. What do you have to lose? The Bible is full of accounts of men and women who accepted God's love for them and put Jesus first in their lives. It can be done. Find a Christian to talk with about God. If you can't find someone, come to Cornerstone Fellowship. We'll help you learn about this new hope and joy you can have in Jesus Christ.

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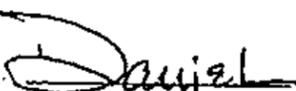
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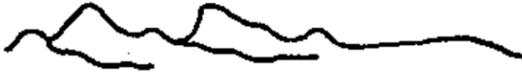
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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Do you remember your "first time"? Well of course you do! Everybody seems to remember it, yet isn't it odd how no one ever seems to talk much about it as the years pass?! It's been 43 years now since my "first time" and it's no less vivid in my memory than it was 40 years ago. Fortunately for me, it was a good memory. It gave me encouragement and making love has been a wonderful part of life. In my case, through a marriage with a wife, which was a rough road being a closeted homo, and, being "married" with my soul/life mate after the Reverend Troy Perry officiated the vows of the Holy Union. This Union was heaven on earth for me even though times sometimes got hellish.

Through the years I've learned that "making love", being "in love", and "loving" someone are three very different things. When I was younger however I sometimes confused the issues. It took a while for it to dawn on me: "making love" with someone is an art form which produces a sexual climax. Being "in love" with someone is a passion which feeds our narcissistic need. This is an emotion helpful but not necessary in bringing about a fruitful climax when "making love." "Loving" someone goes beyond both "making love" and being "in love".

Being "in love", more close to the truth might be "in lust", is something which may hit us like a ton of bricks; we are, as they used to say in the olden times, "smitten". Should this become an emotion you can't live or make love without, it is time to sock therapy.

"Making love" is something which is a choice and controllable...of course, when uncontrollable, it may be called "rape" or "obsession". Make room on the therapist's couch!!

We can live productive lives without being "in love" or "making love" (Believe it or not!) It should be our choice however that we "love". It is from the "loves in life that we select friends and mates.

Anyway, let's enjoy the memory whether or not it was a positive or negative memory. From it we learned and will continue to learn what we're really about in our path toward maturation.

If you have reached that point in maturation where you've given your love to someone who has given love back and you've settled as lifemates; than I urge you to allow the emotion of being "in love" to flow and make love like bunnies. It's a healthy art form as long as we respect it as such. Remember always; this is a creative art form which through practice may bring ecstasy into your and their life. As an artist, you approach your canvass with great expectations of creating a masterpiece with each encounter of "making love" in your life.

CHANNEL CHANGE

Are you a fan of 'Cheers'? I was for many years because of the appreciation of the wonderful writers for the Show who could stir my emotions. For instance: As Rebecca stated in one episode: "You have to pretend to be nice to people; that's what makes you a good person." Well! I said WHOA! Now really, if this is what makes us a good person, then what does it make someone who is nice because they

actually like people? A Saint maybe? Oh well, there's little chance for me with a name like "Ace".

How terrible to think one might have to go through life "being nice" and hating every minute of it! Can you imagine how that could screw you up after a few years? Imagine the mental, physical and emotional illnesses one could bring upon themselves if they choose to live in this manner.

There truly is something very wrong (and I hate to use that word since it signifies a "right" and a wrong exist) with people who do like people enough to be nice, nice to even the bitchiest and the biggest bastards.

"Not liking" is the response from a spoiled child; not an adult who is maturing properly. Granted: there are some very unlikable ugly mothers out there, but should we allow them to make us into the same? And we, by that choice, then become one of the hated and hateful!

CHANNEL CHANGE

Did you know that many straights believe Gays and Lesbians are all wealthy? So, where did we go wrong!

Of course our community did portray this rich image a few years back in an effort to help advance the political battles, but now there are those who are using this against us as a group. It could hurt since nobody likes "those rich, greedy bastards", straight or Gay.

NEW THOUGHT

I wonder if the Christian Right Wingers have ever thought of boycotting Coors since Bill Coors (Chairman of the Board, Adolph Coors Co.) has taken such a pro-Gay stance of Bill Coors has been seemingly hidden away from our community; so many only see the bigotry exhibited by the Bible bangers in the family. It is an oddity of life however that so many only see what they want to see and to hell with the truths...sort of like no "good Republican" today wants to admit the first president of the Republican Party was an in the closet homo.

Well girls and boys, it's a miserable fact of life that "growing up is hard to do", isn't it? As a result, so many in our community allow the image of irresponsibility to be flaunted in the face of those in the straight community.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

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This Week In Gay History

JUNE 22:

English tenor Peter Pears, who premiered the role of von Aschenbach in his lover Benjamin Britten's opera 'Death In Venice', was born in London, 1910

A major study of homosexuality by Drs. Alan P. Bell and Martin S. Weisberg find that most Gays live stable lives and are happier than many straights in parallel situations; homosexuals, the study concludes, are no more emotionally troubled than heterosexuals, 1978.

JUNE 23:

The Duke of Windsor born, 1894

"Five beastly Sodomitical boyes," among the first immigrants to New England, confess their "wickedness" and are returned to England for punishment, 1629.

JUNE 24:

Prescott Townsend born, 1894

Horatio Kitchener, military hero of the British Empire, whose inclusion in Douglas Plummer's "Queer People", caused outraged Colonel Blimps to roar from one end of England to the other, born in County Kerry, Ireland, 1850.

JUNE 25:

American painter Thomas Eakins, who introduced the nude male model to Philadelphia art classes long before Quentin Crisp became the quintessential "Naked Civil Servant", dies (appropriately) in the city of brotherly love, 1916

On Dutch-ruled Manhattan Island, Jan Creoli, a black convicted of sodomy, is sentenced to be "choked to death and

then burnt to ashes," 1646.

JUNE 26:

Today is given to Emil Opffer, the lover of Hart Crane, whose sexual relationship with the poet is lauded in John Unterecker's biography to a "Platonic affair".

The Greek lyric poet Ibycus, whose dates are lost in history and who was labeled "the most frenzied of boy-lovers" by the Byzantine historian Suidas, is here commemorated.

JUNE 27:

Poet, playwright, art critic Frank O'Hara born in Baltimore, 1926.

Major General Edwin A. Walker, an advocate of extreme right-wing politics, is arrested on a charge of "public lewdness" in a men's room at a Dallas, Texas park, 1976

Mama's boy Charles IX of France, who at the instigation of his mother, Catherine de Medici, ordered the bloody St. Bartholomew's Day massacre, born at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 1560.

JUNE 28: GAY PRIDE DAY

Running back Dave Kopay, whose Gay critics fail to value his importance as a public symbol of homosexuality existing in all phases of life, even the most "masculine" thereby breaking down age-old stereotypes, born in Chicago, 1942.

Police raid the Stonewall Inn at New York's Greenwich Village, setting in motion two nights of rioting and the ultimate creation of the Gay liberation movement, 1969.



Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meetings were held this past Sunday, June 19, at IBT's. A well deserved thank you to the management and staff at IBT's for their hospitality, BBQ, and Beer Bust during our meetings.

Congratulations to Eddie Edwards, the new Recording Secretary for the AGRA-Tucson Chapter, Eddie won a run-off election held during the meeting for this position.

Congratulations are also in order for R.T. "Stacked", R.T. was named Rodeo Director for the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. We wish both Eddie and R.T. the best of luck in their new positions with AGRA.

As reported in last week's column, the first Gay rodeo was the National Reno Gay Rodeo held on October 2, 1976. From 1977 to 1980 the National Reno Gay Rodeo flourished and other Gay rodeo associations were soon to be formed.

In 1981, the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association was formed, the first of its kind. By 1982 the National Reno Gay Rodeo hosted 10,000 spectators with Joan Rivers serving as Grand Marshal.

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association and Arizona Gay Rodeo Association were formed in 1984, while Texas hosted its first Gay rodeo. This was also the ninth and final year for the National Reno Gay Rodeo as the books were seized by the federal government (this organiza-

tion had no affiliation with any of the state Gay rodeo Associations).

With the number of state Gay rodeo associations increasing, the International Gay Rodeo Association was formed in 1985 as an umbrella organization to establish uniform rules and regulations for the state member associations and to help each work toward producing quality rodeos. IGRA held its first convention in Denver with representatives from the four founding states in attendance.

Due to the popularity of Gay rodeo, by 1988 IGRA had increased in member associations to the point that it had to be split into two divisions. Read about the forming of Divisions One and Two in next weeks column.

Don't forget the Four Year Anniversary Party for AGRA-Tucson Chapter on July 17, at Hours. The evening will be filled with entertainment, dancing, games, and plenty of food and fun for everyone.

AGRA will have a booth set up at the Tucson Gay Softball League opening games this coming Sunday, June 26. The games start at 6 pm and continue until 10 pm. AGRA will be selling Ice Cream Delights. The games will take place at Oury Field, located at I-10 and St. Mary's Road. Come on down and support the Tucson Gay Softball League and AGRA.

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Appeals Court OK's Firings Based On Homosexuality

PHOENIX - In what is believed to be the first appellate level ruling of its kind in the state, Arizona employers are free to fire workers who are homosexual, according to the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The Court, in its ruling, that discriminating against a worker based on his or her sexual preference violates no laws or public policy. The judges ruling states persons who are the victims of such discrimination lack legal recourse in state courts.

And attorneys concede that, absent specific congressional action to prohibit discrimination by private employers, victims may do no better in federal courts.

However, individuals who are fired because they have AIDS, or even simply test positive for the HIV virus, are protected under state law, the judges said.

The ruling comes as opponents of Gay rights circulate petitions to prohibit state and local governments from enacting laws to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. Ordinances already enacted in Tucson and Phoenix in support of Gay rights likely would be overruled if the constitutional amendment is adopted.

Initiative backers claim that they already have more than the 158,311 signatures needed to qualify for the November 8 ballot. The signatures are due July 7.

The court case involves Jeffrey L. Blain, who had been employed by Golden State Container Inc., of Phoenix. Blain

said he was fired because he is a Gay man with AIDS.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Norman Hall instructed the jury that they should rule in Blain's favor if they determine that he was fired because he has AIDS.

That is based on provisions of the Arizona Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on disability. A state attorney general's opinion concluded that AIDS fits within the definition of handicapped.

The judge, however, said jurors should ignore the question of whether Blain was fired because he is Gay. Hall concluded that, under Arizona law, employers are entitled to do that.

The jury ruled in favor of the company on the grounds that Blain was fired because he was a bad employee.

Richard Langerman, attorney for Blain, said the verdict might have been different if the jury had considered whether his client's sexual preference also was a factor. Judge Joseph Livermore, writing the unanimous appellate opinion, disagreed.

The judges said Arizona employers do not need a reason to fire workers.

What companies cannot do, however, is fire someone for a bad reason, violating constitutional protections based on race, religion or sex. Bad reasons also

include violations of public policy, such as firing a worker who refused to break the law.

The judges said they could find nothing in Arizona law that makes a discharge based on sexual orientation a violation of public policy.

Livermore note that lawmakers in most states have not enacted laws barring

discrimination based on sexual preferences, the way they have when dealing with sex, race, religion and age. The judge also pointed out that Congress specifically has rejected an outright ban on discrimination against Gays in the armed forces.

"When political views are so widely divergent, 'clear mandates' of public policy are not easily found," Livermore said.

Gallo AIDS Claim Unsupported

CHICAGO, IL (AP) - Federal investigators have found no evidence to support a government researcher's claim that he invented the widely used blood test for the AIDS virus. The Chicago Tribune reported.

The Inspector General's Office of the Department of Health and Human Services spent two years investigating claims by Dr. Robert C. Gallo, the newspaper said.

The department and the Pasteur Institute of Paris are fighting over millions of dollars in royalties from the test kit.

The report on the investigation contains no conclusions.

However, it notes that a patent examiner who granted HHS the 1985 patent on Gallo's test told investigators she didn't know French scientists also had developed an AIDS test. She would not have granted the department the patent if she had known.

The report deals with the period 12 years ago when U.S. and French scientists, frantically trying to find the cause of

AIDS, each linked it to a type of virus called a retrovirus. Only later was it learned that Gallo and the French were working with the same virus, now known as HIV.

The report notes that Gallo, who heads a research laboratory at the National Center Institute, failed to tell the Patent Office that the Pasteur Institute already was working extensively with the AIDS virus and had developed its own test.

He also didn't tell the Patent Office that the Pasteur Institute had sent him the AIDS virus, called LAV, that French scientists had discovered. He had used the French AIDS virus in many experiments, leading to the discovery of his own virus and test in 1982, the report said.

The AIDS test has produced at least \$20 million in royalties for HHS since 1987, compared with \$14 million for the Pasteur Institute, the newspaper said.

Gallo has received more than \$700,000 from the sale of the AIDS test in addition to his government salary.

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

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbian and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foot-Hills Church, Swiss and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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An Open Letter To Anyone Who Values Freedom, Privacy and the Pursuit of Happiness

Dear Friend:

I've fought against men like Frank Meliti all my life. You and I have probably been on opposite sides of many issues. But when it comes to Mr. Meliti, we need to work together.

Frank Meliti, the man who tried to stop the Phoenix Gay rights ordinance is back. And he wants to take away your rights forever. Frank has an initiative for the November ballot that would stop us in our tracks.

The initiative will: Overturn the ordinances in Tucson, Phoenix and Tempe that protect the civil rights of Gay men and Lesbians.

Nullify civil rights policies at ASU, U of A, Maricopa Community College District, Pinal County and the Attorney General's office among others.

Prohibit Gays and Lesbians from ever being included in anti-discrimination laws.

They're quiet. But they're dangerous. Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition filed their Colorado-style initiative on December 22. And they are gathering signatures. They are not seeking and have not gotten much publicity. But I have every reason to believe the threat is serious. Last week, Meliti reported he had 225,000 signatures and counting.

Stealth campaigns have become the speciality of the radical right in this country. They've used that strategy to take over school boards, city councils, and political parties.

It can happen here. It is happen-

Lesbian & Gay Alliance Of Cochise County

BISBEE, AZ - For those of you who haven't heard, Cochise County has an organization which helps Lesbians and Gays get in touch with each other. They host many activities. There is a highway clean up project, which keeps the road going into Bisbee looking fabulous.

The group has a newsletter published once a month. They are always looking for submissions to the newsletter, so send in your ad or article and they will gladly publish it.

There is a youth group which meets in Sierra Vista on Fridays from 3-5 pm. at the Health Department. And there is a rap group which meets monthly.

Occasionally the group gets together for social and political events. They recently hosted a very successful Candidates Night for the Bisbee Mayoral Race.

There is also a Lesbian and Gay A.A. meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7pm, 2700 Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

If you would like more information contact the Lesbian and Gay Alliance of Cochise County Phone Line at (602) 432-5591 or write to them at P.O. Box 818, Bisbee Arizona, 85603. Lesbian and Gay groups in Tucson are encouraged to contact the Lesbian and Gay Alliance to learn more about the group and to offer support.

ing here. And it could succeed. The radical right has targeted Arizona. It's a state in which they've had good experiences. After all, they helped block the Martin Luther King Holiday for five years. And they've led the fight against women's reproductive rights.

A recent statewide survey done by Political Media Research found that 41 % of Arizonans support the initiative. Only 37% opposed it. Don't be surprised. When a man in Flagstaff refused to sign Meliti's petition, saying he was Gay, his employer fired him on the spot. In Phoenix, a Superior Court judge instructed the jury that firing a person because he was a homosexual is not against public policy in Arizona and the Appellate Court upheld that ruling. In the state legislature, the attempt to repeal the sodomy law failed for the third straight year.

Representatives from 40 organizations statewide representing a broad coalition of people have joined together as Arizonans for Fairness. I have agreed to serve as their Honorary Chairman. We have been working against this initiative since January. We have 250 volunteers working with us to stop this attack on our civil rights.

But it's not enough. We need your help too. We want you to join us. NOW. We know from similar campaigns in Oregon and Colorado in 1992 that if the campaign fragments and alienates our communities, the Traditional Values Coalition can succeed without winning at the polls. We don't want that to happen here. That's why we all need to do our share. NOW.

We've already started our campaign by hiring the firm of Zimmerman and Markman to craft our message as they did successfully in a similar initiative campaign in Oregon in 1992. We are ready to start our polling and our immediate need is \$100,000 by July 7 to fund the polling, focus groups and message development. Upon that will rest the entire foundation of the campaign. We need to continue to develop a strong statewide, grassroots political organization, community by community, county by county, so we can stop Frank Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition dead in their tracks.

Friends of Traditional Values Coalition already submitted a bill to the legislature this past session. If the initiative doesn't work, Meliti has threatened to file suit against both the 20 year old Tucson and the Phoenix ordinances. Both in Florida and Oregon, when the radical right failed on a statewide ballot, they returned to the local communities one by one to implement their brand of bigotry. We want to stop them. Not just this time. But next time and the time after that.

Your donation now will have extra value because you will be laying the groundwork for all that is to come. If similar campaigns in Colorado and Oregon in 1992 are examples, we estimate we will need \$1.2 million for this campaign.

We can defeat this vicious attack if we stand united and give from the bottom of our hearts and wallets. We are asking you to vote against the initiative now with your dollars and on November 8 with your ballot. Please send your contributions to Arizonans For Fairness, Post Office Box 34766, Phoenix, AZ 85067-4766.

As a life-long Arizonan, I thank you.

Sincerely,
Barry Goldwater

[In Tucson for further information write: Tucson Human Rights Coalition, P.O. Box 41182, Tucson, AZ 85717.]

New York Mayor Welcomes Gay Games Competitors

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Welcomed by pompon boys vamping to the Village People, participants in this year's Gay Games also got a serious greeting from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"The Gay Games are about more than athletic competition. They offer a deeper understanding of America where tolerance and skills overcome stereotypes and prejudice," he said.

June 19 was the first full day of the eight day competition. Some 11,000 athletes from 43 countries are participating in 31 sports, including cycling, triathlon, hockey, tennis, basketball, bowling, volleyball, softball and in-line skating. Thirteen sports are sanctioned by their national governing bodies, which means that any records set will be officially recognized.

The competition is being held in conjunction with an arts festival highlighting the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn riots, viewed as the watershed event of the Gay rights movement. The anniversary march is June 26.

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