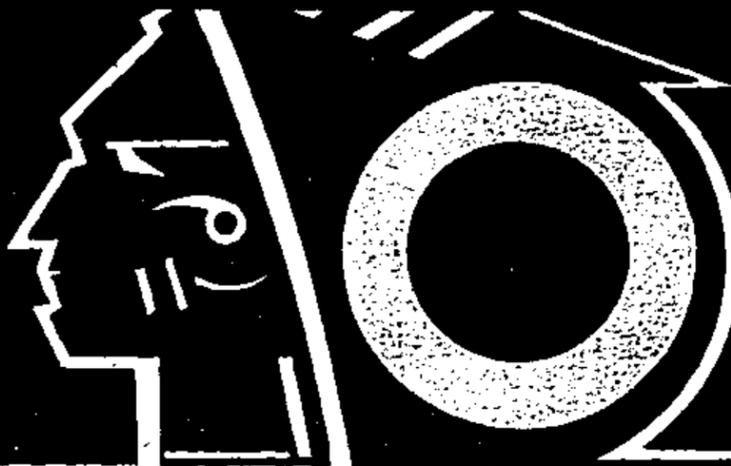


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Cute Little Stanley Is Our New Year's Baby '98



Through the miracle of morphing, Little Stanley Phalp is our New Year's Baby for 1998. Although he has considerable more hair in this photo as a child, you may can check that fact out easily. Stan can be seen daily as the daytime bartender at the Neon Moon.

Fred Phelps Threatens to Picket Congressman Jim Kolbe's Office This Weekend

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- Homophobic Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kansas will lead a protest of openly Gay Congressman, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, at his eastside office in Tucson.

In a press release, Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church stated they will lead a protest against "the Sodomite Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe." This protest is scheduled for Friday, January 2, according to the press release.

Phelps and his church, a basic extension of his family, achieved their fame by protesting at Gay, Lesbian and HIV/AIDS events. They have also showed up at funerals for prominent Gays and Lesbians, such as author Randy Shilts and young activist, Pedro Zamora.

During a protest or picketing a funeral, the Reverend and the flock would hold up signs such as, "God Hates Fags," "Fags Burn In Hell," and "Thank God For AIDS."

Phelps and his "Westboro Baptist

Church" didn't just stop there. Anybody who crossed Phelps and his family were declared to be "sodomites," and were harassed and intimidated.

They continue to profess being Baptist despite the fact the Westboro Church had their affiliation with the Baptist's stripped.

The press release goes on to say:

"Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Arizona, has been in Congress 13 years. In Sept. 96, fearing a national Gay magazine (The Advocate was going to 'out' him, (tell the world that Kolbe was a closet homosexual), Kolbe broke down and publicly admitted he was living a lie, pretending to be a good conservative family man, when all the time he had been a practicing homosexual. A filthy, anal copulating beast, a dog eating his own vomit, a hog wallowing in his own feces.

"Now Kolbe goes around the country speaking to militant Gay groups who recruit young Americans to join their Satanic Brotherhood of Coprophiles (Those who are sexually aroused by hu-

man excrement).

"Nevertheless, the blind, antichristic idiots of Tucson, Arizona, in Nov. 1996, re-elected this sodomite son of Belial to Congress...The people of Arizona have thus given King Kolbe of Faggot Fame a bully pulpit to 'evangelize' for the devil, winning proselytes to the Holy AIDS Church. A Billy Graham in drag.

"Congressman Kolbe cuts a fine figure of an old fag. His hair piece of silver tresses sits atop a mugwump reminding one of King Fisher, Huey Long. His speech is purely demagogic in tone as he boasts on C-SPAN TV to the recent LOG CABIN REPUBLICAN (a euphemism for Republican Fags) convention in Washington that he is the only openly Gay Republican of Congress. Well, duh!

"The sodomite mentality like a moral tells us that attacks the eyes and it's virulently contagious. Those exposed to smooth talking politicians - Kolbe - without warning - nearly always catch it. Instant blindness occurs caused by fungus

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FBI Closes Cunanan Case, Motive Unknown

by Mark R. Kerr

MIAMI BEACH, FL (ON) -- It ended on a houseboat across from "Millionaire's Row."

On July 23, police stormed a houseboat owned by Torsten Reineck, a German fugitive, for Andrew Cunanan. Fernando Carrera, the caretaker for the craft called police reporting that he had seen someone on the craft and heard a gunshot.

Cunanan had been named as the prime suspect in the murder of famed fashion designer, Gianni Versace, who had been gunned down in front of his Miami Beach mansion on July 15.

A standoff of sorts ensued, with the police, news media and a national television audience looking on.

Police stormed the boat, firing tear gas into the premises, after the smoke cleared and three searches later, they discovered Cunanan's body. The gunshot the caretaker heard was that of Cunanan's 40-caliber gun, he used to take his life.

This was not the first murder attributed to Andrew Cunanan. In fact Cunanan was the openly Gay serial killer. The spree started at a farewell party he held for himself in San Diego, California in early April. With his few friends at a posh restaurant, he declared "he had some business to take care of."

According to news reports, friends said Cunanan was depressed, gaining weight and drinking heavily. His posh lifestyle provided by Gay men who "kept" him was evaporating. Cunanan's latest boyfriend asked him to move out. He was heavily in debt, according to friends accounts.

Cunanan went to Minneapolis and saw an old romantic-rival, Jeffrey Trail. Trail's body was found by Minneapolis police on April 29, apparently butchered by a claw hammer and rolled in a carpet.

David Madson's body is found by fishermen on a lake north of Minneapolis on May 3. He had been shot with a .40 caliber pistol. Police say Madson and Cunanan were once lovers but that Madson had ended the relationship because he considered Cunanan "shady." Cunanan allegedly took Madson's vehicle for transportation.

On May 4, the body of millionaire real estate developer Lee Miglin is found stabbed and slashed with a saw blade and pruning shears in the garage

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UPDATE

TIHAN Benefit-Jan. 3

TUCSON - A perfect way to recover from the holiday madness and support a very worthy organization!

St. Cyril's Catholic Church is hosting a fund raising dinner Saturday, January 3, 5:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall at St. Cyril (northeast corner of Pima and Swan).

El Molinito Restaurant will provide a delicious Mexican dinner buffet including mini-chimichangas, taquitos, rice, beans, and all the fixings!

Tickets are \$7.00 adults, \$4.00 for children ages 4-10, and children 3 and under are free! Proceeds benefit the work of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), a not-for-profit organization.

TIHAN is a coalition of individuals and congregations joining together in a compassionate response to the HIV crisis. The organization has reached thousands of people through its education and awareness programs, and TIHAN's volunteer Care-Teams have provided over 15,000 hours of service to people living with HIV in Pima County. TIHAN has a very firm policy against and form of proselytizing or evangelizing.

The organization has accomplished this with one paid staff person, 200 volunteers, and a small budget under \$40,000.

Join the fiesta and celebrate the new year with fun, food and friends. All while contributing to a great organization.

A limited number of tickets are available at no cost for HIV+ persons. For more information, call 299-6647.

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Desert Voices Auditions And Upcoming Schedule

TUCSON - Desert Voices cordially invites men and women to audition for the Spring 1998 season, "Many Hearts, One Voice."

Auditions will be held on January 12 and 19, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., at the Armory Park Senior Center, 220 South Fifteenth Avenue. Please call, 791-9662, to schedule an audition time or for more information. . . .

Desert Voices season, "Many Hearts, One Voice" will include a February return to the San Xavier Mission to record several of the original commissioned selections premiered in the last two years such as "And If?" and Miracle. These choral works will be included in Desert Voices first CD recording that will be completed in 1999, celebrating Desert Voices 10 year anniversary. . . .

Dance! March 28-29 at the Temple of Music and Art. Desert Voices takes a playful look at contemporary popular dance, from Broadway to Motown to disco to hip-hop. Many selections will include dance choreography by Dan Yurgaitis.

SouthWest Fest! June 19-20 at the Temple of Music and Art. The New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus, San Diego Women's Chorus, South Coast Chorale, Long Beach and other Arizona Choruses will join Desert Voices in two day choral festival. Several world premieres are expected including Pima Canyon by Vancouver composer Stephen Smith, an "Angels with AIDS" memorial work, and "Karen," a tribute to the music of the Carpenters on the fifteenth anniversary of her death.

Ticket outlets for the scheduled performances can be purchased at: Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue; Tucson Trunk, 5605 East River Road, #131; The Allergy Vacuum Store, 3455 East Speedway Boulevard. For reservation call, 791-9662. Visa or MasterCard preferred.

Desert Coyotes Looking For Bowlers

TUCSON (ON) -- Have nothing to do on Wednesday evenings? How about joining Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league!

The Desert Coyotes are looking for some people for available spots in their league. They bowl on Wednesdays, 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

Having fun is the only prerequisite. For more information call 743-9659. The league resumes their 1997-98 season on January 14, 1998.

IN MEMORIAM



Russell Wells and wife Stephanie Yang
RUSSELL WELLS

Russell Wells lost his battle with liver disease on Monday, December 29, 1997.

Russell was the owner of the FX Hair Salon on Fourth Avenue, on the opposite corner from the well-known club, IBT's for fourteen years.

Russell, a heterosexual man, was a frequent patron of IBT's -- it seems that he and his wife felt at home in the company of IBT's regular clientele and made many friends there. Let us who knew him not forget, he was also a team player on IBT's softball league.

He truly cared for the Gay/Lesbian community and involved himself in other activities for our community, such as donating his exceptional musical talents, and a lot of time and patience with a couple of non-professional musicians, to perform at the 1994 Observer Benefit.

He is survived by his loving wife, Stephanie Yang and son, Jarrett Limanni.

We shall miss that baritone voice, deep laugh that long beautiful hair, and one hell of a great friend.

There will be a memorial service next week, (date and time to be announced) for all those who would like to pay their respects.

Log Cabin Republicans Organizing In Tucson January 4

TUCSON -- Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest political organization advocating equal rights for Gays and Lesbian is organizing in Tucson.

Join the Log Cabin Republicans for dinner at Coco's, Drachman & Main, Wednesday, January 14, 1998 at 6:30 P.M.

The featured speaker will be Mike Hellon, Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party. For more information, call Wil, 907-3618.

GLU Meeting January 8

TUCSON -- Gay and Lesbian United will hold their next meeting 6:00 P.M., Thursday, January 8, 1998 at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

The meeting will be hosted by Team Arizona.

For more information, call 624-1779.

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POLITICS 1997

by Mark R. Kerr

"It's That Time Again To Screw Up Your Checks!"

"Oh what a circus! Oh what a show!" The past year has been an interesting one for Gays, Lesbians and people living with HIV/AIDS when it came to the wacky world of politics:

It started out with Congress convening in the nation's capitol...without the homophobic extraordinaire, California Rep. "B-I" Bob Dornan, R-I Was Robbed! Dornan lost his election to a Democrat, Latin-American, and worst of all, a girl, Loretta Sanchez.

That didn't stop "B-I." He screamed to the Salamander-controlled Congress, which launched an investigation into Dornan's charges that: rich queers; illegal aliens and; local elected officials...albeit Republican ones...fraudulently threw the election to Sanchez. Eleven months later and a half a million of tax dollars wasted, the case is unresolved and is now the longest running contested election case in U.S. History.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1997 was reintroduced with much fanfare, the usual co-sponsors and received one underwhelming hearing in the Senate. Can we say gathering dust?

Federal funding for HIV/AIDS was increased...but 36 states (Arizona included) are facing funding crisis for their AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP). The federal HIV/AIDS council publicly questioned the leadership of the Clinton administration on dealing with HIV/AIDS. Go figure.

The Secretary of the Air Force, in a rare moment not dealing with sexual harassment, signed a memorandum allowing open Gay and Lesbians the opportunity to work on military bases. Hypocrisy? Gay and Lesbian servicemembers chipped away further at "Don't ask, don't tell" through the courts.

Senate Republicans showed this past year "The Big Tent," doesn't cover Gays and Lesbians, or for those who support them.

William Weld, the former Governor of Massachusetts and nominee for

ambassador to Mexico was quashed by Jesse Helms. James Hormel, the openly Gay nominee for the ambassador's post in the strategically-important country of Luxembourg has been canned for now.

Speeches by two elected officials in D.C. to G/L groups took place in 1997.

Slightly-openly-Gay Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, gave his first address to a G/L Group...of sorts, the Log Cabin Republicans. Kolbe declared that Gays and Lesbians should act "more like straight people" and be more in tune with issues of "concern to main street America." How fabulous!

President Clinton spoke the first Human Rights Campaign Fund national dinner, held this past November. A sell-out crowd of 1,500 heard the president give his usual speech of generalities on what he's accomplished; against discrimination and we all need to do more to make America great. Talk about lame, as in duck!

The judicial branch of government got into it in 1997. The courts chipped away at "don't ask, don't tell;" told the homophobic Bible-thumper Fred Phelps to take a hike; let Cincinnati's Anti-G/L Issue 3 stand (Colorado Amendment 2 Lives!); Gay and Lesbian couples must be considered equally to married couples in adoption cases and; stated they will tackle the issue of same-sex harassment. Here comes the judge!

Hawaii offered extended benefits to same-sex couples, as long as they register and not get married. Washington state said no to protecting the employment rights of Gays and Lesbians. The legislatures of New Hampshire, [another state] and Maine approved anti-discrimination ordinances for Gays and Lesbians. Although Maine faces yet another election, come February, by the religious right who is challenging the new statewide ordinance.

The Arizona Inquisition, err State Legislature, went into their first session.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

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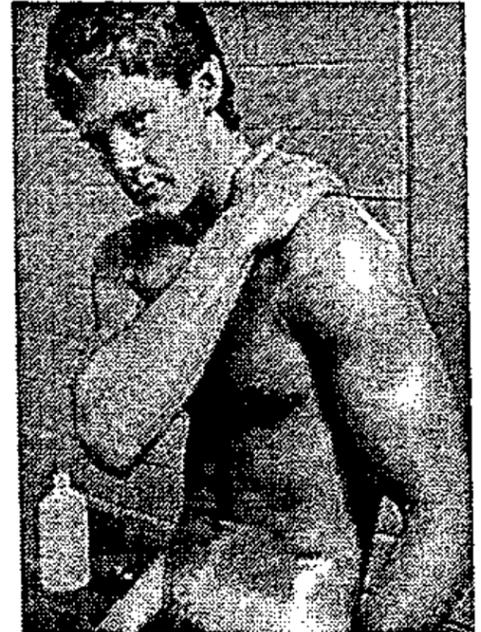
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New Year's Eve should be an enraptured experience filled with light, sound and joy no matter which of our nightclubs you visit. I'm sure all of you had the same experience: 1997 has exquisite mountain vistas and dark caverns we'd rather forget.

December 31 is a matinee for the future: a common bond — hope. Where will we steer our rudder; how will we paint the canvas?

I wish I had better news for you; we are not starting 1998 on a high note. There will be some political crazies in town January 2, picketing the eastside Tucson office of Fifth District Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Arizona. They call themselves the Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka. That's Kansas — no place like home, Dorothy, Tin Man, Lion, Scarecrow and Wizard.

In my 3-1/2 decades as a news reporter, I never have encountered such as hate filled news release. I will preface a few quotes with my own view: democracy requires moderation, temperate and intelligent discourse. The secular decisions at the ballot box are sacrosanct. It's only a short stretch from political crazies to jackbooted thugs.

Christian love and tolerance aren't exactly this Baptist sect's strong suit.

If this were TV, you'd see a tune-out cautionary if you'd be offended. So here goes:

"Kolbe broke down and publicly admitted he was living a lie, pretending to be a good conservative family man, when all the time he had been a practicing homosexual. A filthy, anal copulating beast, a dog eating his own vomit, a hog wallowing in his own feces. Nevertheless,

Life Is A Drag

By Elise Barbara Fox

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Hey. When did you ever see Kolbe in drag? Never, to my knowledge.

Drag is creative: it's performing art. It's also outreach. The straights who visit us have learned that drag girls have to much fashion sense to be locked into paisley patterned neckties and being men in black.

Flashback on 1997: I hate to say it but I told you so. I know we got some local filming work out of Kevin Costner's Christmas Day release "The Postman" but local newspaper critics panned it. If you can't even get a good review in a state where you spend \$6 million, where can you? Greenland? Sri Lanka?

The thesis of all these apocalypse movies is just plain flawed. Society is delicately balanced. We need truck drivers, medical techs, farmers, bartenders and many other occupations to maintain even a shadow of civilization. Which is why I object to what I perceive as an ongoing problem -- job discrimination against members of our community. Expect no relief from Arizona's "Alice in Wonderland" government.

And, speaking of Hollywood, how, might I ask, do you mass produce the millions of bullets supposedly shot in

these apocalypse films without electricity?

I do appreciate what the local extras did in this film. Show business is addictive; I know that from drag show benefits in which I've performed. If I were younger, I'd pursue it. I've had to reconcile myself: what I do best is carry a pen and notebook, observer, jot down quotes and write. There never will be a crown for this. There's no applause. I'm rewarded and humbled if you read what I've written.

Trinity site. It ushered in the nuclear age. At the risk of hyperbole, I know the entertainers; I think our nightclubs will see a high-quality entertainment explosion. reader.

"The last dance...the last dance tonight...I need you beside me to guide me"

Sometimes I think anticipation is one of life's best rewards: what will happen? Will I have fun? Will my time be well spent? We are charging into the unknown December 31.

"...and I'm hungry like the wolf"

The songs of our generation often prove to be allegory: our zest for new adventures.

Drag stuff overheard: circle your calendar for January 11 at IBT's. It'll be one of life's milestones. I can't quite pinpoint it but, for whatever reason, this Fourth Avenue venue has some of the same qualities as Carnegie Hall: when you perform there, you've "arrived." So

welcome Ms. JODY. It's been a long road for her: at least three years of playing nightclubs on the periphery.

Her rise reminds me of "Evita."

"It won't be easy
 You'll think it strange
 When I try to explain how I feel
 That I still need your love after
 all I've done"

The tentative show lineup you'll like: Ajia Simone, a solid talent; Christina de Alexis, a legendary performer; Cappucino, spectacular choreography; Dani Bordello, country as if it came from Branson.

I first met Ms. JODY on the dance floor at IBT's; she impressed me as a standout in the crowd.

Ms. JODY did an Arizona Children's Home benefit December 28 at Stonewall/Eagle. But it would be unfair of me to review it since I was in it. I can't violate a journalistic ethic, but kudos anyway to the nightclub for hosting it and for their generous contribution. Thanks in large measure to Christina de Alexis, you raised in holiday season events a total of \$1,750 for orphans.

I like the numbers she does because they speak to American musical history. I'm sure you know. Pop music owes so much to African American singers, musicians and composers. Do I need to mention the Motown label, Tina Turner, Gladys Knight and a lot of others?

I wish we could recapture the spirit. College students in peaceful petition marching to the banner of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Another One In The Can! Gay/Lesbian Tucson In 1997

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — "Ring out the old, sing in the new." Gays and Lesbians will mark another New Year's Eve with parties and celebrations. No more 1997, hello 1998!

A lot has taken place in the past twelve months affecting the community:

MISUNDERSTOOD SECRET

Much to the surprise of many in the community, the twentieth anniversary of the Anti-Discrimination ordinance took place in February. Tucson's "misunderstood secret."

The City ordinance protects Gays and Lesbians in employment, public housing and accommodations. According to Sylvia Campoy of the City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Office, any incident that took place within city limits fell under the ordinance.

Campoy added that on average, less than a half a dozen cases are filed concerning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

DOMESTIC PARTNERS

On March 25, the Pima County Board of Supervisors, by a 3-2 vote, extended medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and dependents of county employees. The Board had defined "domestic partners," as both homosexual and unmarried heterosexual couples.

The Pima County Attorney's office filed suit to overturn the decision and the case has been in "legal limbo" for the rest of year. In December, legal maneuvers, motions were filed to move the case along, with an expected hearing to take place in early 1998.

The City of Tucson Mayor and Council followed suit and approved the extension of medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and dependents of homosexual employees.

SUICIDAL SISSY?

On April 2, Air Force Captain Craig Buttons and his A-2 fighter plane disappeared from a training run from Davis Monthan Air Force Base.

Buttons body and the remains of his plane were found in Colorado, April 20. The afternoon daily newspaper reported that unnamed sources claimed Buttons took his life over a homosexual love affair.

The Air Force refuted when they concluded their investigation in October. They also ruled the accident a suicide.

THREE TO ONE

Facing a cutback in monies from the federal government and fund raising shortfalls, the three Tucson AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), PACT for Life, Tucson AIDS Project and the Shanti Foundation, merged into one ASO, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

Consolidation of services and the reduction of administrative costs were the results of the merger.

One of the casualties was Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) executive director, Craig Snow, who withdrew for consideration for the SAAF director's position

over controversies surrounding his contract with TAP.

SAAF also facing a funding crisis when the State's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) ran out of money in September. Governor Hull stepped in with some stop-gap money, but the program is facing another funding crisis come mid-January 1998.

A GAY OLD PRIDE

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance marked the twenty-eighth anniversary of Pride and the tenth anniversary of the City of Tucson recognition of the week, via G/L Pride Proclamation.

A new event, Gay West held at Old Tucson studios was a smashing success. Nearly 2,000 people attended, taking in the shows, the shops and the performances by Gay and Lesbian groups, such as the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Desert Voices.

MOVIN ON UP!

Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community center made a big move in 1997.

The community center, long situated on Fourth Avenue, moved to 300 East Sixth Street, the former offices of the Shanti Foundation, one of Tucson's former ASOs.

BAR THIS

This past year marked change in Tucson's bar scene.

The Plug, located on North Oracle closed their doors. In its place came Boom-Boom's, an eclectic meeting place and home of "The Big Sofa."

Business seemed to be picking up for the nightclub, but the manager of Boom-Boom's closed the place in the fall, citing financial considerations.

The Neon Moon, located on Tucson's eastside had long been an establishment catering to straight people. In 1997, management of the club changed the place over to a Gay and Lesbian club, featuring the hit show "StarTraxx."

A PRIDE EVENT?

Tucson marked National Coming Out Day in October with OUToberFest, sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

Over 6,000 people attended the festival deemed by organizers as the "Pride Picnic."

AIDS WALK '97

One Sunday in October, over 2,500 people participated in Tucson's AIDS Walk '97 at Rillito Downs.

According to organizers of the event, it was a record setting year, a little over \$105,000 in pledges, plus \$62,000 in corporate underwriting was raised for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

WORLD AIDS DAY

Tucsonians marked the sixteenth anniversary of the AIDS epidemic with ceremonies, a day without art, interfaith

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Bombings, Speeches, Rulings, Meetings and AIDS A Year In Review

by Mark R. Kerr

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (ON) -- Change, change, change marked this past year for Gays and Lesbians in the good old U.S.A.

CONFIDENTIALITY?

Greg Wentz, a Florida Undertaker and former lover of a state health care worker was convicted in one of the worst breaches of patient confidentiality in U.S. History.

WHITE HOUSE WHOOPEE

President Bill Clinton became the first sitting Chief Executive to address a Gay and Lesbian rights group.

Wentz was convicted of mailing the lists of names of those diagnosed HIV positive and living with AIDS, totalling 4,000, to two Florida newspapers. Wentz is appealing the verdict, still proclaiming his innocence. His former lover, William Calvert III didn't face criminal charges but was fired by the State of Florida.

At the inaugural Human Rights Campaign Dinner, Clinton gave a twenty-minute address to the 1,500 in attendance, at \$500 a couple.

Vice President Al Gore met with leaders of five national Gay and Lesbian organizations.

VACCINE?

This past year didn't make any changes in the search for an AIDS vaccine.

According to several people in attendance, Gore told the leaders that he will "continue to advocate" on behalf of Gay civil rights during Clinton's lame-duck term.

According to Nobel Laureate David Baltimore, the development of a successful vaccine against the symptoms of AIDS, could take decades but will be the key to controlling the disease.

HATRED REARED ITS UGLY HEAD

The Otherside Lounge, a Gay and Lesbian nightclub in suburban Atlanta was bombed the same week an Atlanta abortion clinic.

Atlanta police and the FBI looked into two claims by groups claiming responsibility for the attack.

Baltimore said that it was extremely unlikely a vaccine could be found to prevent infection by HIV, but it could be possible to develop a vaccine against the symptoms of AIDS.

"I DO! NO YOU DON'T!"

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 61 anti same-sex marriage bills were introduced into 32 state legislatures, only seven were enacted into law.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE!

The judicial branch of government played a key role for Gays and Lesbians in 1997:

Cincinnati's Anti-Gay and Lesbian Issue 3 was upheld by the Sixth U.S. Court of Appeals.

Sharon Bottoms, the young Virginia Lesbian mother trying to regain custody of her son Tyler from her homo-

The letter went on to say, "The attack in midtown was aimed at the sodomite bar. We will target sodomites, their organizations and all those who push their agenda." Although the letter is being taken serious as a threat, federal authorities feel there is nothing yet to specifically tie to the details of the bombing. The case still remains unsolved.

AIDS UPDATE

According to news reports, widely heralded AIDS treatments with protease inhibitors that seemed to stop the virus' advance and revive patients weren't the

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With that, the queer bashing began. Proposed legislation included: increasing the penalty for sodomy to a felony; ban Gay and Lesbian students from elementary through college; immediate termination of state "school" employees who belonged to groups that "promoted or encouraged sexual activity" (The National Guard?).

Fortunately these crack-pot proposals never saw the light of day. Funding for HIV/AIDS in the state legislature was the usual...non-existent...zero. One positive Gay and Lesbian proposal managed to make out of the legislature. Really?

A state-wide hate crimes ordinance with full criminal penalties was passed and signed by the soon-to-be convicted Governor J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Convicted Felon. This was done through the efforts of State Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, who was "persistent as hell," facing hurdle after hurdle by Whitewash and the Republican leadership. She succeeded and the G/L community are grateful.

The state made the national spotlight with a trials and tribulations of another governor. Surprise!

J. Fife Whitewash III's federal fraud trial finally went to court. A parade of witnesses, a million pages of documented evidence and one dismissed juror later, Fife was convicted and resigned as Guv. Which leads to...

Then Arizona Secretary of State Jane Dee Hull. Hull became governor with the Fifer's resignation. "Another nightmare is over," paraphrasing former Pres Jerry Ford...or so it seemed.

The ADAP funding crunch, first reported in the Observer, came to light and Hull directed her staff to find \$600k in funding from the state's emergency health care funds, which the surplus ranges in the millions.

Time, legislative dithering and caps on enrollment later, the governor finally declared a "health crisis" and allocated the \$600k in funding via an executive order...with the usual strings, monthly requests and reports.

Gay and Lesbian foster parenting hit the news when Mesa homophobe, Republican State Rep. Karen Johnson planned to introduced legislation outlawing Gays and Lesbians from being foster parents. This from a person married five times with eleven kids. Family values?

In response to this non-controversy, Governor Hull has ordered a review of the state's foster home policy where Gays and Lesbians can adopt but unmarried heterosexuals living together cannot. Is an election around the corner?

Domestic Partner benefits swept through Arizona, as well as several cities and counties across the U.S. in 1997. On March 25, the Pima County Board of Supervisors voted to extend benefits to the domestic partners and dependents of homosexual and unmarried heterosexual county employees. Two weeks later the City of Tucson followed suit by extending benefits to the domestic partners of homosexual city employees.

Elections took place, allegedly in 1997. Voters said no to a proposed county home rule charter. Casas Adobes became a "village." Catalina Foothills became a "memory." Tortolita became a town. The courts said it was all unconsti-

tutional. Voters approved a county road bond package.

In the Tucson City Council races, Democrats Jerry Anderson and incumbent Steve Leal did, representing Ward's 3 and 5 respectively. Despite a voter registration advantage of 46,000, Democrat Alison Hughes didn't in Ward 6. Republican Fred Ronstadt won the contest becoming the first Republican elected since 1985 and serving since 1989 to the Council.

Voters in the Old Pueblo said CAP was still CRAP; rejected a pay-raise for the Councilmembers and a \$7 minimum raise and; no to collective bargaining for the police.

This past year marked the twentieth anniversary of Tucson's "Most Misunderstood Secret," the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. This past year also showed that discrimination against Gays and Lesbians still takes place in Tucson.

Gays and Lesbians made positive strides in 1997 but the "light at the end of the tunnel," is still far away. . . .

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Fred Phelps Threatens to Picket Congressman Jim Kolbe's Office This Weekend

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growth. It's called SODOMITE FUNGUS BLINDNESS. Tucson's electorate and community leaders appear to have had cases of it, sending Kolbe to Congress.

"This disease also causes the scalp to flake, 'making the victim flaky,' 'the hair to become porcupine quills' making them 'prickly.' The victim is a deluded thinking bandaid (SIC) can cure all manner of disease. God has given them up to uncleanness to dishonor their own bodies among themselves, to vile affections, and to a reprobate mind (meaning they can straight anything). (Rom. 1:24:28)

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"In religious protest and to warn the people of Tucson and Arizona that they are risking God's wrath touting Jim Kolbe, Westboro Baptist Church will picket Kolbe and Tucson January 2."

Questions have arisen whether Phelps will show up in Tucson.

In the press release, the Westboro Baptist Church stated they plan to picket the Gay and Lesbian community center in

Albuquerque, New Mexico; the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual student group at Northern Arizona University and; the Gentle Shepherd MCC Church in Phoenix, scheduled for December 30-31.

According to sources, the community center has been out of business; NAU is closed for the Christmas Holiday Break and Gentle Shepherd MCC is between locations, having no permanent location as of press time.

Phelps and his "congregation" have been recent no-shows for picketing in Provincetown, Massachusetts and Duluth, Minnesota, which was to take place on Christmas Day.

When reached for comment, a spokesperson for the Westboro Baptist Church, Shirley Koper, said in an interview that they are planning to picket Kolbe's office on New Year's Day.

If the office is not open, she added, the protest will be taken to the nearest busy intersection.

"Consider the source, the material speaks for itself," Ron Foreman, Congressman Jim Kolbe's Tucson Press Secretary commenting on the press release. "Phelps does not represent the sentiments of Topeka. He is an embarrassment."

Foreman went on, "It's pathetic they [Phelps and his family] call themselves a Baptist church. They are disrespectful to Baptists." They're not religious when they cast aspersions on an entire community."

According to Foreman, Rep. Jim Kolbe will be out of town for the New

Year's holiday and won't be on hand if Phelps and his "church" picket the office.

Operation Rescue Targets Gay Rights

MIAMI, FL (MH) — Operation Rescue, the radical anti abortion group that has used physical intimidation and other illegal tactics to force the closure of abortion clinics, is expanding its mission to fight against Gay rights.

Protests are scheduled to begin this week against the Walt Disney to protest what Operation Rescue sees as the company's embrace of Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

"The once family-friendly Disney has chosen to become a platform through which the radical homosexual agenda is forced on American children," said the Rev. Flip Benham, executive director of the group.

Benham said Operation Rescue's participation will ignite a "year of protests" that will not only target Disney, but other area churches that have not sufficiently supported the Disney boycott effort.

Benham said one of the first goals of Operation Rescue is to force the cancellation of the Night of Joy, an annual Christian music event that draws more than 20,000 young people from across the country to Walt Disney World. The organization will pressure churches and Christian musicians to abandon the Disney venue.

Diane Ledger, a Disney spokeswoman, reiterated the company's long standing position that it does not follow and will not institute discriminatory prac-

tices against any group. "We are not promoting any agenda. Our business is to entertain. As a company, we are non discriminatory. Everyone is welcome."

Lara Anderson, director of Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida said, "If they put half this energy into helping fight homelessness, poverty, hunger, they would do so much more good than attacking people who have done nothing to hurt them."



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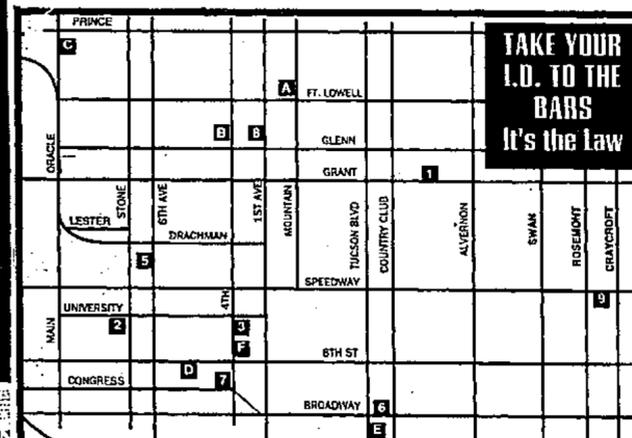
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**FBI Closes Cunanan
Case, Motive Unknown**

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next to his townhouse. The next morning, May 5, police discover Madson's red Jeep Cherokee parked near Miglin's home. Cunanan took Miglin's green 1994 Lexus and some credit cards.

Cunanan struck again on May 9. Cemetery caretaker William Reese is found shot to death in Pennsville, New Jersey, near Miglin's abandoned Lexus. Reese was shot with a .40 caliber pistol. His red Chevrolet truck is missing.

The FBI, on June 12, finally put Andrew Cunanan on the bureau's "Ten Most Wanted" list. This maneuver after two months and four murders later had national Gay and Lesbian groups questioning the FBI for not moving sooner on this case. The mainstream media had not picked up on the story.

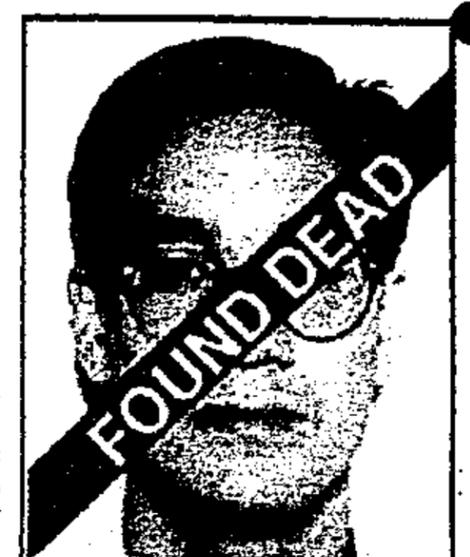
Miami Police blew an opportunity to capture Cunanan. On July 7, Cunanan had pawned a gold coin, stolen from Lee Miglin, signed his real name and left his hotel address, his room number and a thumbprint, as required by Florida law.

The information was sent to police five days before Versace was shot. The officer in charge of the slips was unaware Cunanan was being sought, even though he had set the slip aside for further investigation.

According to police accounts, Cunanan went to South Florida to stalk Versace, whom he had allegedly met at a party in San Francisco in 1990. The day before the murder, July 14, security cameras at the News Cafe, where Versace bought magazines, reportedly record Cunanan at the cafe 30-minutes before Versace's daily visit.

The FBI believed Cunanan was getting ready to flee the country. He allegedly contacted an associate about obtaining a false passport. Cunanan, a master of disguise, had shaved his head and was growing a beard when he took his life on July 23, according to the Dade County Medical Examiner's Office.

Questions inevitably arose over Cunanan's motive. Philip Horn, a friend of Cunanan's from San Diego, said in an interview that he is doubtful the truth will ever come out. "When Andrew died, I think all the answers died with him."



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Gianni Versace

The next day, July 15, Versace was shot twice in the back of the head outside his mansion. Police found Reese's red Chevrolet truck parked in a nearby garage. Security cameras nearby record Cunanan fleeing the murder scene on foot. The next day, investigators name Cunanan as the prime suspect in the killing.

With the murder of Versace, the mainstream media picks up on the story as a hot-potato. Stories, profiles on prime-time news shows, interviews of alleged friends and acquaintances on television tabloid shows.

According to news accounts, Cunanan spent the last week of his life along a narrow strip of Miami Beach. Sources said they saw a man fitting his description in and around the houseboat, walking on the beach, sitting on a park bench, and kicking his feet up on the back of a boat.

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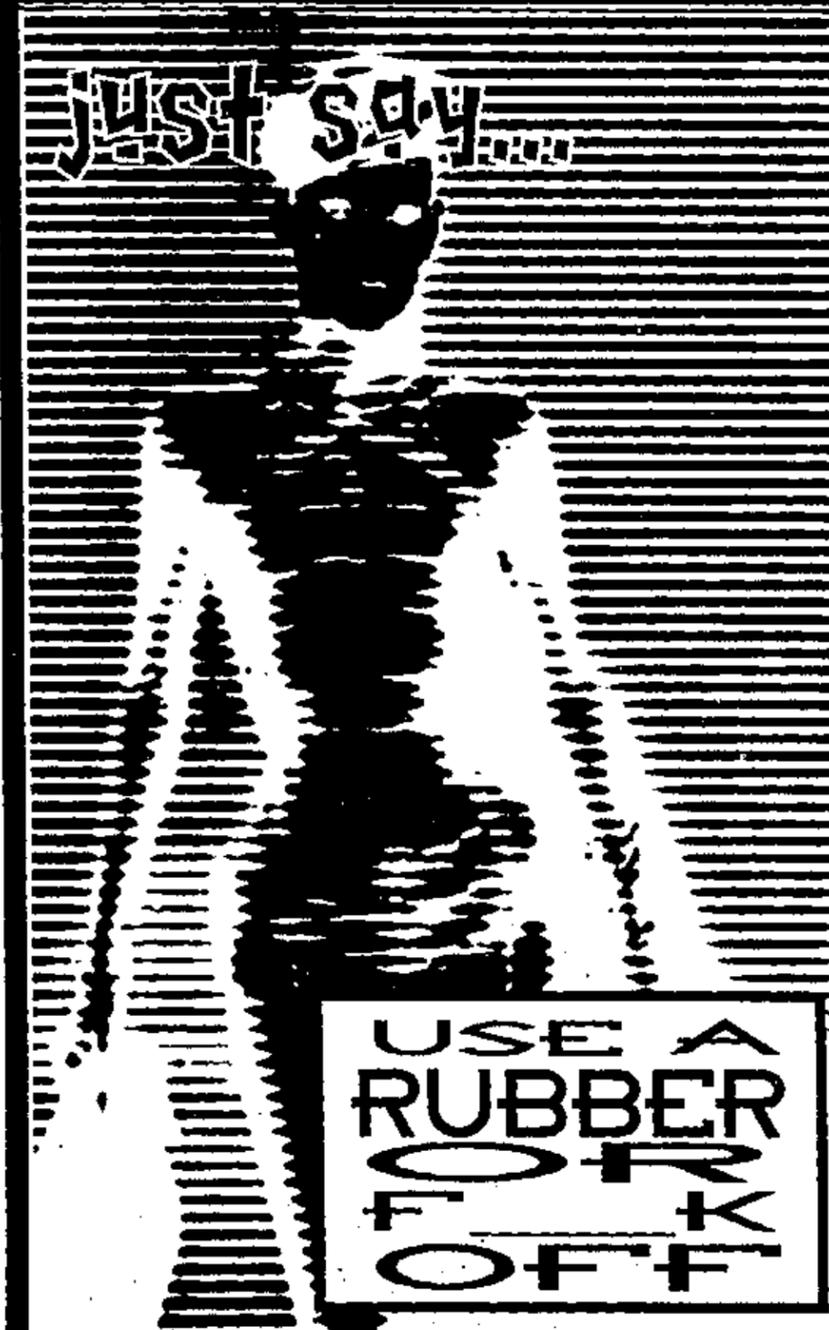
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Hey Tucson! On behalf of the Board of Directors for AGRA Tucson, I would like to wish everyone a Happy 1998. As I look back on the past year, I have many great memories from this organization.

It all started last January, my very first rodeo, in Phoenix at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR). I was out just weeks before, getting my very first "Cowboy Drag." Thank you to my personal outfitters, Raul A. and Joe-Joe for hitting Cowtown with me to help me squeeze into my first pair of Wranglers. Coming from Philadelphia, this was a real chore to change the city-mouse into a country mouse. It was so much fun! Especially doing the runway in the fitting room in front of the full-length mirror. After four hours of shopping and \$375, I was ready for the rodeo! At the RRRR, I met so many great people who have since then become even better friends and even a few "ex's."

Now, a year later next month, I have really grown with AGRA and IGRA. I am on the Board of Directors for Tucson and have so much pride in the organization. We are a great and special group of friends that have grown into somewhat of a "Family." To the friends I have made and the friendships that have grown, I say thank you and here's to a great 1998. May we all remain happy and healthy throughout the year.

This past weekend, a few of us took a trip to Phoenix to attend the Annual State Dinner held at the T-Booe restaurant. It was a nice evening and was good seeing all of our fellow members from Phoenix. At the banquet, Dan Iverson presented the annual President's Awards and Certificates of Appreciation. Congratulations goes to those from Tucson who will receive their awards and certificates: Richard Gerardi, Patricia Terry, Gary Clark and Bob Ellis

A View From The Rock

A Comentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I will lose 20 pounds! I will balance my check book! I will do this, do that. What are you New Year's resolutions for the coming year? How many of last year's did you keep? How long was it before you gave up and said, "Forget it. It can't be done."?

Most of the people I talk with give up on nearly all of their promises to themselves within a couple of months. Some have even told me they have stopped making New Year's resolutions because it is hopeless; they know they can't keep them so they won't even try anymore. I used to have these frustrations myself. I would feel so good on January 1, but by January 30 I had fallen into a swamp of frustration, despair, and depression. All those "bad" things in my life were just too powerful, too overwhelming to be conquered. Then all the guilt and self-recrimination set in.

But I have found the way to be successful at it. It works. Let me tell you how, for it is guaranteed to work for you, too. News as good as this has to be shared! The first step was the realization that I couldn't do it by myself, and that I also had my priorities mixed up. I came to the knowledge that the only way was to start with a clean slate, to put the past behind me. To do that I had to accept Jesus Christ as my personal savior, be-

cause his blood shed for me on the cross was the only way to clear my past completely, to have all my indebtedness, all of my sins forgiven. Then I realized that I still needed strength to move forward, to write something, the right something, on this new blank slate I had. But I had available to me everything I needed. God not only "is able to save completely" (Hebrews 7:25), but Jesus promised, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..." (Acts 1:8) to do that which is the right thing. The next step was to get my priorities in order. I found my list to be quite out of order, but Jesus had the list right for me, as the father did for him when Jesus prayed to the father, "not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42)

of The Observer and Jeff Meyer from the Stonewall/Eagle.

If there were others that I forgot, I apologize and we will recognize you if I forgot you.

This week, with Christmas, came some disturbing news for fans of the rodeo. IGRA announced the loss of two very wonderful supporters of the rodeo circuit in the past few weeks. AGRA received word that David Pizzuti passed away last weekend from Hepatitis B and liver failure.

For those of you who attended the rodeos, David was a bullfighter and also better known as the rodeo clown.

AGRA also received word that Gary L'Abbe, formerly of Tucson and Las Vegas, passed away last week from an aneurysm and a stroke. Gary was a strong supporter for the past few years of the Nevada Rodeo Association.

More information on both in next week's article.

One other quick announcement: Last call to purchase the 1998 Entertainment Books. Please contact the AGRA Office to purchase your copy for \$35. Last day to buy is January 5, 1998.

The next Board and General Membership meeting is scheduled for January 25 at Stonewall/Eagle. The Board meeting begins at 2:00 P.M., with the General Membership meeting commencing at 5:00 P.M.

Until then, remember to keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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I have found that as long as I put my faith completely in God through Jesus Christ and allow him to guide me, as long as I stay in his will, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) But sometimes I still want to do my own thing my way, and when I go crying to my Lord, he answers me, as he told Paul on his first encounter with Jesus, "It is hard for you to kick against the goads (thorns)," isn't it? (Acts 25:14) I have perfect peace in him as long as I follow his leading. That's when I find his "resolutions" for me have become my resolutions for me. On top of

everything else, I know I have life more abundantly here, and the promise of eternal life with my Lord in Heaven forever. That's a gongal!

My friend, if you are having trouble with your resolutions, with your life, and you haven't been able to find a way to straighten it out, to find that peace and happiness you want so badly, I have shown you the way, Jesus. All you have to do is ask him to wipe the slate clean, declare all the old bills paid, all the sins forgiven. Ask Jesus into your heart and watch what happens! Power to overcome drugs, alcohol, loneliness, and all the negative things in your life will be yours, not just in 1998 but in all the new years to come!

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First Prime-Time Gay/Lesbian Lead On TV In 1997

by Mark R. Kerr

HOLLYWOOD, CA (ON) — Ellen DeGeneres: television star, comedian, author did something in 1997 no other Gay or Lesbian has probably ever done. She "came out" twice in the past year.

Ellen DeGeneres coming out as an open Lesbian was much easier than her character on the ABC television show "Ellen."

"YEP, I'M GAY"

Those were the words on the cover of the April 6, 1997 edition of Time Magazine attributed to Ellen DeGeneres coming out.

"I never wanted to be the Lesbian actress. I never wanted to be the spokesperson for the Gay community. Ever. I did it for my truth," DeGeneres is quoted as saying in the interview with the magazine.

She went on to say in the interview, "I always thought I could keep my personal life separate from my professional life. I mean, I really tried to figure out every way to avoid answering that question for as long as I could."

Her character on her ABC prime-time series, "Ellen," coming out was a either a long process, due to the network stalling on the plan or a media managed campaign of desensitization.

"TV Guide" first printed the story that her character on the series, "Ellen Morgan," would be coming out in a September 1996 episode. It didn't happen, which lead to the questions of whether the network had nixed the plan or the desensitization of the idea had started.

According to news reports, the idea for "Ellen Morgan's" coming out was DeGeneres', lobbying hard for the idea.

After the media frenzy surrounding her coming out it finally happened. "Ellen Morgan's" long-awaited coming out was entitled, "The Puppy Episode." A press release from ABC to announced the episode, which ran April 30, used the "G" (Gay) word for Laura Dern's guest-shot character and spoke only of an "intimate" aspect of DeGeneres' character.

The coming out and the campaign scored well in the all-important ratings. When the Neilsen's for the week of May 4, her sitcom topped the ratings. The 23.4 final rating represented 36,150,000 households watching and a 35% share of the total television audience.

That was just the beginning, the episode of "Ellen" scored five Emmy nominations.

DeGeneres was nominated for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series; Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series. The show garnered a nomination for Best Comedy Series and for Gil Junger for Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series and; Kris Trexler for Outstanding Multi-Camera Picture Editing.

Ellen DeGeneres was also nominated for Best Guest Performance, as herself, for "The Larry Sanders Show," which satirized the media-buildup to her coming out, personally and with the character she portrays on her show.

"Ellen," won the Emmy for Outstanding Writing in a Comedy Series but trouble loomed on the horizon. On July 23, ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses commented on the future of the show:

"Ellen will, at some point or another, be dating or pursuing relationships, but that is a bit down the line...Our feeling is that this a realization that the character has just made, and now must explore making that decision. It's going to be about baby steps for this character to get comfortable with the decision she's made."

When pressed about relationships, intimacy and kissing, Tarses commented, "You know, we haven't gotten that far down the line."

The new fall season and it seemed the network was waffling on "Ellen Morgan's" Lesbianism. Controversy ensued when ABC tacked on a "Parental Guidance Advisory" warning before an episode of the show where "Ellen" kisses, for two seconds, her best friend "Paige," played by Joely Fisher.

DeGeneres was so upset over this because she felt creatively quashed when it

came to show and more importantly, to show young Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals that it is okay to be themselves. According to news accounts, she was so angry that she threatened to walk off the show.

It was also interesting that an episode of "Spin City," which is on ABC had the Michael J. Fox character, the deputy mayor in a smooch with Michael Boatman, who portrays an openly Gay advisor to the mayor, with no "Advisory."

The network relented, but the show still received the TV 14 rating with the new system initiated this year. The dispute between DeGeneres and ABC had been worked out, details though were not revealed.

ABC though still seemed uncomfortable with the situation. A press release for a recent episode entitled, "Just Cof-

fee," described the plot as, "Ellen runs into her mortgage broker and thinks something is brewing, but when Laurie (Lisa Darr) expenses their coffee "date" and brings a friend to their movie "date," Ellen thinks she's the only one looking for romance."

Ellen DeGeneres was feted this past year by the Human Rights Campaign and the American Civil Liberties Union, receiving civil rights honors for her efforts. Recently she was honored by "Entertainment Weekly," as Entertainer of the Year.

Most important to DeGeneres is her freedom. "Now I feel completely comfortable with myself and I don't have to be fearful about something damaging my career if it gets out, because now I'm in control of it — sort of. No one can hurt me now," she said in an interview.

State Sides With School District Over High School Teacher

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (SLT) — The federal civil-rights lawsuit filed by Spanish Fork High School teacher Wendy Weaver against the Nebo County School District over an order demanding she not discuss her sexual orientation with students or staff moved a step closer to trial last week.

Weaver's counsel asked the attorney general to rescind the gag order and allow Weaver to resume her responsibilities as coach of the girl's volleyball team.

This past week, the Utah Attorney General's Office officially sided with the district against Weaver. It said the school district had "a legitimate interest in maintaining the morale, integrity, and public acceptance of the school system and in minimizing substantial interruption or interference in the normal activities of the schools within its boundaries."

Weaver is charging that the district order violates her constitutional rights to freedom of expression, privacy and equal protection under the law.

The attorney general dismissed such claims, saying in part, "the plaintiff's speech regarding her sexual orientation is

not a matter of public concern and does not rise to the level protected by the First Amendment."

"The right to privacy has not been extended to matters involving homosexual relationships," said the attorney general. "There is no fundamental right to engage in a homosexual relationship."

The fight over whether Weaver should be allowed to stay with the school has turned increasingly ugly over the past several weeks as conservative parents organized to insist Weaver be dismissed. Last week they filed a lawsuit charging Weaver with child abuse and sodomy as well as unprofessional conduct.

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I have been given the unenviable task of astrologically predicting events in 1998. The pressure is intense; I can't begin to compete with the inestimable visionary talents of Mystic Meg from the Globe or the uncannily adept Serena from The Star. And let's face it, do we really care if Elvis returns and releases a line of exercise videos? As I adjust my turban and gaze at the stars, let's see what the cosmos plans for each sign in 1998:

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

The unleashed power of Pluto may knock you for a loop this year; you're not the worldly bon vivant you think you are. Ah, but there's hope proud Ram; I see international travel on the horizon or liaisons with some delightfully exotic folk. Plan to participate in the Gay Games in Amsterdam. With that body, maybe you should be a spectator...

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Life won't be dull in 1998. Proud Bulls

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

experience gay love at its finest (thanks to volcanic Pluto) if and only if they are proudly Out. If not, life will be one long stressfest that Pluto will be hard pressed to contain. Expect some happy jolts in your career with lucky Jupiter and surprising Uranus supplying the boost. I see it now; Gay Bull makes good and creates corporate casting couch.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The Twin cannot feel complete until it finds its mate. Thanks to transforming Pluto, 1998 will see either an overthrow of an existing, but flawed relationship or a wave of contentment and fulfillment as you discover your soulmate. The secret is to put your heart and soul into a relationship; Proud Geminis can be fairly fickle, you know.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Is it possible to improve on perfection? Pink Crabs make great inroads in toning and shaping their fabulous shells in 1998. Pluto advises against testing the limits of your tensile strength; Avoid the outer limits of exercise and pace yourself accordingly. Speaking of tensile strength, Neptune casts a dreamy spell over sexual encounters. That means no whips and chains.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

This is your year. 1998 offers all proud Lions the opportunity to cash in on their talents thanks to volcanic Pluto. Everything that you do for enjoyment has transforming capabilities so don't turn down any invitation! (As if you ever do...) Neptune sez that you're viewing partner-

ships through rose colored glasses. Try not to wear clashing colors.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pluto unleashes major changes around the house in 1998. This can mean dramatic home improvements (because a wall falls down) or a complete transformation of your relationship with your family (because a wall falls down). Gay Virgins must come out to relatives; Pluto will push matters to the limit. When a wall falls down, a fresh breeze can blow through.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

1998 is the year of excess for all dissipated Gay Libras. Neptune almost guarantees overdoing it in the party hearty department. This has consequences in other areas of your life such as teetering relationships and half baked conspiracy theories that take on a nasty life of their own. You are what you eat, cousin. Tempting as it may be, don't bite off more than you can chew.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

They say that people who live in glass houses should dress in the basement. Hazy Neptune has a way of broadcasting your most private moments which can be quite an unpleasant experience for intensely private Gay Scorps. The idea is to avoid presumptive pronouncements that can expose your flank. Sometimes an exposed flank is quite alluring; In 1998 it's not.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If you decided to forgo all your worldly possessions and become a guru, 1998 would be the year to do it. Proud Archers have the advantage of mystical Neptune highlighting their communication and transforming Pluto traversing through their own sign. Changes and more changes are due in 1998. Throughout it all you must be true to yourself. Don't compromise self respect.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Goats can become great Gay philanthropists in '98 thanks to a fiscal coup by Uranus, Jupiter and Neptune. Pluto meanwhile provides karmic angst by digging up and exposing hidden muck in your life. Whatever you are trying to hide and suppress is the one thing that you can no longer contain. Pluto opens your Pandora's box and pushes you Out, thank goodness.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

There is something to be said for the conservative look but not for out and about Aqueerians in 1998. The wild and woolly aspects of expansive Jupiter, surprising Uranus and mystical Neptune provide greasepaint for your crowd. It's perfect if you're playing the queen of clubs but could hinder your prospects for corporate advancement. Well, where fashion ends, moxie begins.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If you feel like a rainbow trout swimming upstream, it's because you're already feeling the effects of Pluto plowing through your professional landscape. It's a long, grinding road pink Pisces, so maintain an unflinching sense of optimism in '98. When all else fails, seek refuge in meditation or some other mystical, holistic, or occult avenue. Avoid astrology; I don't need the competition.

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Life Is A Drag Continued from Page Five

Gandhi and MLK taught us: moral righteousness is undefeatable. Rosa Parks started it on something as mundane as a city bus in Birmingham.

"I have a dream." I was a cub reporter when I scribbled those words into my notepad at MLK's March on Washington.

This is feel good, search your soul music. It energizes us.

I'll bring my pen and notepad. I won't miss this one.

I'm sure it'll be a challenge for Ms. JODY and her troupe. IBT's is a difficult venue to play. It's a matter of theatrical staging. There just isn't that much room to move.

Hush! It's my high school music teacher through the cobwebs of memory: never clap between the movements of a symphony. You can clap, hoot, holler and tip as much as you want: this is a free form of entertainment: it's drag, it's fun.

Denim is fine; you don't have to wear black to tie to see it.

I applaud Dave and Frank for risk taking. Yes, I like established performers but you don't always want entertainment to feel like your favorite and most comfortable sweater. That's like having a season ticket to tedium.

There's a fork in the road; we're going to take the one rarely traveled.

"Have I said too much? There's nothing more I can say to you".

-With thanks to Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

Actually, there is more I can say.

This is personal to us; not for outsiders. I know what we're trying to do: formulate a cohesive community of honorable people. You're the ones who created this vision: Drag Queens, Gays, Lesbians, Leathermen, Transgenders and the rest of you.

I refuse to let our community be stereotyped as a bunch of sex-crazed deviants with all of the morals of an alley cat.

We are upright, outstanding people. We could ride with pride in an Amish buggy. I like this analogy because "straight" society considers them deviants too. How different are we? Not much. If a barn burns down, everyone assembles to build a new one. We do the same thing with our fund raisers. Granted, it's dollar bills and not lumber - but the principle is the same. Ask Lucinda or Mr. Kenneth Blake. They've organized fund raisers. Is it a crime to help the neediest among us?

There is nothing wrong with your feelings, emotions and attractions. Nature intended it this way. Feel no shame, nor guilt. Instead, rejoice in what you are.

We've emerged from the shadows. I know: I'm preaching but it's my pulpit.

It was a William Shatner ("Captain Kirk" of Star Trek) made-for-TV movie. Shatner played a priest on a jumbo jet carrying in the icy hold a Druid cargo. They built a fire in the lounge to hold off the ancient darkness: a darkness, I must say, that persists today. It's called

fear and hate: the worst of human emotions.

Evil is real; it lurks in human minds. It can be forced into retreat with friendship and love.

Take my hand, my friends. We're walking into the sunlight. No more closets. I'll reiterate: what consenting adults do in privacy is their business, certainly not that of the state. We are citizens and voters. The rest of the world needs to accept us as a legitimate political, social and economic force. Our jumbo jet roars over the horizon from a dark night. Do you see the dawn? I do.

Another One In The Can!

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services and part of the NAMES Project Quilt.

Thirty-two panels of the NAMES Project Quilt were on display at Catalina High School for the week of December 1.

The University of Arizona and other art galleries marked World AIDS Day with "A Day Without Art." All artwork was covered up to show the loss that AIDS has taken in the art-world.

Another year is in the can, 1997 is history. What will ensure for 1998? Only time will tell.

A Year In Review

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phobic mother won a round in U.S. Federal Court. Appeals are ongoing.

The U.S. Supreme Court told Fred Phelps to take a hike, letting stand a lower court ruling upholding his conviction on charges of harassment of an individual in Topeka, Kansas.

Religion didn't save Rev. Eugene Lumpkin. The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a ruling that the San Francisco's removal of Lumpkin from the Human Rights Commission for anti-Gay remarks (he advocated violence against homosexuals) did not violate his constitutional free speech protections.

A court in New Jersey ruled that Gay and Lesbian couples must be on equal footing with married heterosexual couples when it comes to adoption.

The U.S. Supreme Court announced in their term that they will tackle the issue of same-sex sexual harassment, when the court will hear the case concerning a Louisiana oil worker.

No more 1997, its for the ages. The new year, 1998, is here. Gays and Lesbians made advances, but there is a long way still to go.

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ED NOTE: The following is a letter from the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. The letter was written as a fund raising effort, but it's content is a fine example of what the ACLU is all about and what they are going to have to fight in the coming year. If you are not already a member of this organization, their address is at the end of this article. Like the Lambda Legal Defense Fund and the Human Rights Campaign among others, the ACLU is in the ring fighting for Gay and Lesbian rights, and they deserve your monetary help.

PERSPECTIVE....

by Ira Glasser Executive Director ACLU

But what we need is more people speaking up, more people unwilling to concede to the other side.

In short, what we need is your help to make clear to the public, the legislatures and the courts that what counts in the struggle toward morality are the values of freedom, justice and equality.

The fact of the matter is that if you look closely at what the Merchants of Virtue are saying, they are measuring the nation's morality through what are essentially personal choice and personal behavior.

They don't like some folks' sexual choices. They don't like the decisions people are making about whom to love and whom to commit their lives to.

They don't like the fact that some women are having babies out of wedlock, as if somehow that was an invention of welfare mothers. They don't like the fact that some people prefer marijuana over martinis.

Above all they don't like the fact that America is not pious — especially in public.

They trace a great deal of the "moral problems" to the fact that schools no longer conduct prayer ceremonies ... to the fact that the flag is not treated as a sacred instrument ... to the fact that some women decide to terminate their pregnancies.

In reality, when you look at

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bonds of the fifties.

We are being told by the Merchants of Virtue, like Pat Robertson, William Bennett, Jesse Helms and Newt Gingrich, that we should return to those good old days.

Right now those who would impose their pious standards of morality on private, personal behavior are dangerously close to winning the debate.

By not responding and challenging their authoritarian vision of "morality," you and I concede far too much. And that is why I am writing, without apology for raising the subject of "morality," to seek support from you and others like you, and others like you.

Specifically, the American Civil Liberties Union has embarked on a special membership drive.

Our goal is to enlist those Americans we believe will help make the difference between winning and losing the national debate over freedom vs. authoritarianism.

I hope that you will accept this personal invitation to become a Member of the ACLU right now.

You see, you are part of what I call the "saving remnant" of our society. Caring, thinking people who truly understand that

... the morality of a nation is measured

not by what occurs in the privacy of our bedrooms, but by how our society treats its people ... whether or not justice and fairness prevail; whether or not people are equal before the law whether or not it, is safe to be different in a world in which the majority rules.

Right now, the answers to those questions are being decided — in courtrooms and legislatures all across the nation and on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Our goal is to add 50,000 caring, committed people to the ACLU's Membership this year.

This is the level of additional support that will be required to effectively prevail in this debate. You can help us — right from your own home — to insure that the voice of freedom is heard by simply returning the enclosed Membership Acceptance to me today along with a contribution reflecting what you consider an appropriate level of support.

I believe we have a great opportunity not only to defend but to positively advance the values you and I share.

Why?

Because in spite of the claims of today's zealots, I believe — for reasons I'll explain in a minute that we are fundamentally a more moral nation today than we were in the 1950s.

Dear Friend:

You may be surprised that the Executive Director of the ACLU is writing to you on the subject of morality, rather than on law or the Constitution or some civil liberties emergency.

Well, I've decided to reach out to you and others like you because a growing struggle between two competing visions of morality is now taking place in America.

This struggle should command the attention and involvement of all of us who share deep beliefs and treasure the fundamental value of individual freedom.

Freedom vs. authoritarianism. That's what the struggle over competing visions of morality is all about.

Increasingly, we are being assaulted with the belief that somehow we are a nation in steep moral decline.

Over and over we see headlines and polls which indicate that people somehow really have come to believe that we are a nation in moral decline. That something terrible happened in the sixties that loosened the wonderful moral

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Perspective

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what they mean when they talk about "morality" and "moral decline," it is all about personal behavior.

They are willing to punish people and force them, by law, to observe only the style of personal behavior that they approve. And they are willing to use the police power of the state to achieve their definition of morality.

Here at the ACLU we believe that public morality should be measured differently, that the true public morality of a nation is measured by justice and fairness, freedom to be different, to be free of the tyranny of the majority.

Those are the moral principles upon which our nation was founded. These principles comprise what we used to call "civic virtue" or "public virtue," as opposed to personal virtue, which is none of the government's business.

When you measure morality by civic virtue, the 1950s -- the opposition's gold standard for "goodness and morality" -- were in reality a time of moral depravity.

Think about it.

In the 1950s, racial segregation and subjugation prevailed, cemented into law and enforced by the state. For the reason of darker skin color alone, citizens were denied the right to serve on juries, to vote, to frequent restaurants, hotels and swimming pools, and were denied employment, housing and equal education. Denied everything that an American citizen has a right to have. And when they protested, they were often lynched.

Was that moral?

During the 1950s, women basically were limited to the kitchen and the bedroom. They were not allowed, for the most part, equal opportunity in education. They were not allowed, for the most part, equal opportunity in jobs. And they were subject, constantly, to the risk of death and certain degradation if they needed to terminate a pregnancy.

Was that a moral time?

Even contraceptives were not freely available. It was not until 1965 that the Supreme Court struck down a law that prohibited married couples from obtaining contraceptives. 1965!

Was it moral to arrest people for buying contraceptives? Gay men and lesbians in the 1950s were forced to live secret lives of terror, desperate to avoid revelation, their most intimate personal relationships criminalized.

Disabled people were almost as furtively hidden, closeted away, removed from opportunities and the promises of life the rest of us take for granted.

And free speech? It is useful to remember that the 50s were a time for loyalty oaths, when people lost jobs for attending the wrong meetings, dating the wrong people or holding the wrong views.

A time when the Attorney General kept a long list of "subversive" organizations ... when J. Edgar Hoover's abuses of surveillance went unchecked and unchallenged ... when congressional committees regularly called people to account for their political beliefs and to rat on their friends.

And yet, the Merchants of Virtue tell us they loved the 50s. That the 50s were a time of white bread and soft lyrics. A time of nice movies about family life, Ozzie and Harriet.

I for one am not about to go back to those "good old days." And I don't believe you are either.

The true reason why the Merchants of Virtue are demanding a return to the "morality" of the 50s is because of the many gains made on behalf of individual rights in the 60s and 70s.

Beginning in the 1960s, every group of people who had been shut out of equal citizenship began to ask a very radical, moral question: "Am I a person too?"

Does the Bill of Rights apply to me?"

Thanks to the ACLU, backed by moral, caring people like you, those questions began feeding into the courts and into the Congress and into the forums of public opinion.

More and more, the answers came back, "Yes!"

And the greater the advancement of freedom -- civil rights, voting rights, women's rights, gay rights -- the greater the backlash. By the mid-seventies, many of the immoral conditions of the fifties had been remedied. And it was then that a movement arose to reverse all of those remedies and to undo the gains we made. All in the name of morality.

So today we are in a dangerous period. Using the guise of "moral decline," the likes of the Christian Coalition and other reactionary groups have succeeded in putting pressure on mainstream politicians to hack away at individual rights.

And, they've become far more subtle, far more sophisticated, far more reasonable-sounding as embodied in



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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

NOTE: All local bars will be having some sort of celebration for New Years Eve. Don't drink and drive. Happy New Year!

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - New Year's Eve Bash! Free champagne at midnight! Free party favors! Drink specials every half hour! No Cover!

GRADUATE - New Year's Eve Gala - Special Show at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Christina de Alexis. Champagne - party favors - fun!

HOURS - Complimentary champagne at Midnight, good food for munching, party favors. Enjoy the dance mix with a touch of country.

IBT's - Party favors - champagne and prizes. No cover. Hot dancing from 9:00 to closing. A light buffet will be served from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Stonewall Second Annual New Years Eve Fiesta. Buffet from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. DJ Eduardo and DJ Rayman mix the tunes until 1:00 a.m. (Designated drivers get free soda and coffee (see doorman for details).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz opens at 2:00 p.m. with \$2.00 Bloody Marys and Football on 3 screens!

IBT's - New Year's Day Party from noon until closing. \$1.25 bloody marys; Mimosas \$1.50 and bloody beer \$1.00. Snacks and football!

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Special holiday pool tournament. Pot matched, trophies. Doors open at noon, tournament begins at 2:00 p.m. Hosted by Zipperman. Food Buffet at 3:00 p.m. Dance party with rayman & Eduardo 9:00 p.m. The first 50 dancers get a free riel!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

IBT's - The live vocals of Sal Valdivia on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Salsings during the regular Benefit Bar-8-Que and 16oz Beer Bust which will benefit IBT's UofA Scholarship Fund. A great afternoon of live music by a very talented musician/vocalist, food and camaraderie. These afternoon events will be followed at 9:00 p.m. by the Tom, Tattered and Tattoo'd Party. Drink specials of \$1.50 well and \$1.75 Bud to those who are tom, tattered or tattoo's.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy 50th Birthday Melinda! 50¢ off all drinks alai day long!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

IBT's - The Girlie Show 1998, featuring Felice Renard, Bunny Foo Foo, Paedra, Karen Montenegro and Citabra. 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes Lipslick & Lashes hosted by Lucinda Holiday with Mr. Kenneth Blake, Felice Renard, Regina Reed and Karina Montenegro. 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. \$2.00 cover. Hot Latin music follows.

FRI., SAT., SUN., JANUARY 16-17-18

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo celebrate 'Fiesta De Los Oses!' Join in on the fun.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed is back! Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Cover. Hillary spins hot Latin music after the band.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Super Bowl Party here. No cover. Big Screen, 3 TVs. Surround sound. 75¢ cactus juice, \$1.00 puckers. Lots of fun. Then at 9:00 p.m., AGRA's Talent Show starts at 9:00 p.m. Cover.

Informing The Community



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Non-Bar CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join us at a special time as we have our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering. This month we're also having our 3rd Annual Auction to help raise funds for the group. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100+ men who come to our monthly gathering. Stick around for the fun auction afterwards. Join us at 33 Ochoa Street (downtown's Scottish Rite Hall). For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Investment Club meeting. Bring your investment ideas and desires to help shape a group dedicated to investing a minimum of \$20 per month. For reservations and directions, please call Larry at 615-0322.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Now Let's Talk About Music" by Gordon Merrick about a globe trotting gay man and his entanglement with a wealthy, mysterious man. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. A yoga workshop will be held by a professional yoga instructor. Gordon will give us an overall view of yoga and work with us through some of the moves. For reservations, directions & details, please call Gordon at 321-9509.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Join us for a hike in the new addition of the Saguaro National Park East as we do a six mile hike in the south Rincons. For details and directions, please call Ed at 722-4712.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Beginners Bridge Night. Bridge lessons for men who want to learn how to play-bridge, that is. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Another chance to join us for a meal as we hold Dinner Out at Terra Nova. With their great reputation for food, and a table full of nice guys, how can you go wrong? For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

The Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest political organization advocating equal rights for Gays and Lesbians is organizing in Tucson. The will be a dinner held at Coco's restaurant, Main Avenue at Oracle on Drachman at 6:30 p.m.. The featured speaker will be Mike Mellon, Chairperson of the Arizona Republican Party. For more information call Wil at 907-3618.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our Video Night showing is the wonderful British film "Beautiful Thing." This sweet story is about two young teenage boys who discover they're in love with each other. Closed captioned for the heavy ardent impaired! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

TUCSON CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Show specials all night.

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-6pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit 8-9-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Pool Tournament 2pm with Zipperman. Beer Bust 2-7pm \$1.50 Pitchers, 75¢ a glass. Free burgers 2-7. Karaoke Night hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm, hot sounds with Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7. Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Monday Night Football. Free pool all day.

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee. \$1.00 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Doc's Dart Journey 8:00 in the Eagle. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.75 Cuervo Gold \$2 after 8pm.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2 for 1 from 7-10. Liqueuration 7 to 10 pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Night: 8 to close. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. with Rayman.

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Dancemix with Rayman and Eduardo in the Stonewall which opens at 9:00pm.

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

Friday

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

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

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

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

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee.

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

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

Saturday

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Fife Coladas \$3. Dance Music Mix 9-1.

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

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Saturday Night Party & dance!

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

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

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

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

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

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

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 413 N. 4th Ave.

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

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RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or Jane Parri at 326-8577.

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

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7063.

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

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 781-7676.

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SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

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

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

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

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odessa's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (344g, North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-8602 or St. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evm2em@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to all. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 781-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #363, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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

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Perspective

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Ralph Reed, the sweet-voiced, baby-faced board member of the Christian Coalition.

But what they seek is anything but reasonable or moral.

* As I write, they have begun work on a constitutional amendment that would give Congress — by a simple majority vote — the right to overrule federal and state court decisions. Including those of the Supreme Court.

If they succeed, this amendment would gut the independence of the federal courts and make them politically subservient to the very excesses the Constitution was designed to protect us against!

And the person whom the reactionaries have chosen to lead this effort to strip the courts of their constitutional jurisdiction is none other than the most dangerous judicial extremist in America — former federal judge Robert Bork.

Beware! What may seem to you and me a totally inconceivable amendment is already attracting very serious political support in Washington, D.C.

At the same time, they are preparing to push in the new Congress other constitutional amendments to:

- * make it a crime to use the flag to express political dissent (this outrageous amendment has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives);
- * allow legislation restoring prayer in public schools and weakening the wall separating church and state;
- * change the terms of citizenship itself, denying citizenship for the first time in our history to children born in America of parents who are not themselves citizens.

This agenda represents far more than the wish list of some group of wackos. Significantly, first steps toward that agenda of blocking courts from enforcing the Constitution have already won the support of mainstream politicians — including President Clinton. That's right — the President of the United States!

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The sad, but little known, fact is that President Clinton has already supported several new laws to strip the federal courts of their authority to enforce the Bill of Rights.

Among the laws President Clinton has already signed:

- * a bill crippling habeas corpus — the right designed to allow people convicted in state courts to seek federal court review of the constitutionality of their convictions;
- * several laws that prohibit or dilute judicial review in cases involving immigrants, including long-term legal residents and political refugees seeking asylum;
- * a law restricting federal courts from using their traditional authority to remedy violations of prisoners' rights, including beatings and the rape of female prisoners; and
- * a law that strips federally funded Legal Services lawyers of their authority to represent people in class-action cases or in any cases involving abortion, immigration or the constitutionality of welfare laws.

Of course, it's no accident that this assault on the independence of the courts and fundamental civil liberties is targeted first at unpopular and politically powerless groups. It was fashioned this way in the hope that few voters would care.

Well, the ACLU cares. (We've already filed lawsuits challenging a number of these new laws.) And I believe you care, too. Because what the government does first to some, it will soon be able to do to all of us.

What the ACLU has learned in its 77 years of defending and advancing rights is that what counts in battles like this is how much resistance caring people like you — those who make up the "saving remnant" of our society — offer to those who attempt to deny any and all Americans of their rights. And how vigorously you respond.

With your help civic virtue and the public morality each of us cherishes can be restored and protected. But only if each of us does our part.

I hope you will accept my invitation and join the ACLU as a Member today ... and support our efforts with a contribution of \$20, \$35 or even \$50 so we can effectively challenge the forces of backlash and reaction.

The ACLU membership is made up of people of all ages, all parts of the political spectrum and widely varying interests and lifestyles.

All have one thing in common. The knowledge that the tide of liberty, individual rights and equal justice is clearly on our side. But only if we keep swimming.

I look forward to welcoming you to the ACLU.

Sincerely,
Ira Glasser, Executive Director

P.S. I know that it's easy to get discouraged at what seems to be the constant battle against the forces of reaction. Even more so when powerful, mainstream politicians begin taking the side of the reactionaries.

But it is important to remember



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