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Arizona Legislature Passes Same-Sex Marriage Ban; Hate Crimes Ordinance

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - This past week, the Arizona State Senate by a vote of 21-9, approved S.B. 1038, that would ban same-sex marriages, or the recognition of in the State of Arizona.

This legislation was passed despite state statutes, which state that it's illegal for people of the same sex to be married in Arizona.

The Legislature acted in fear that Hawaii will legalize same-sex marriages either through the pending court-case, starting in August, or through the Hawaii Legislature. The U.S. Constitution has a provision that calls for states to recognize other state's laws and actions.

The bill was the third attempt by ultra-conservative lawmakers. The first two attempts had been thwarted over in the State House of Representatives; by questions of violations of the State Open Meetings Law and through parliamentary maneuvering by the only openly Gay State Representative, Ken Cheuvront.

But, like the "Friday the 13th" slasher movies, the same-sex marriage ban was resurrected: S.B. 1038, was sponsored by Rep. David Farnsworth, R-Snowflake, and was given the green light by Legislative leaders.

Capitol sources stated that Governor Symington and House Speaker Mark Killian, R-Mesa, agreed to continue the session until a same-sex marriage ban had been approved by both houses.

S.B. 1038 was sped through the House, winning approval in two days, and receiving the full House's approval by a 50 to five margin. The Senate quickly considered S.B. 1038 for concurrence, and voted 21 to 9 to agree with the same-sex ban.

Of the nine Senators who voted against the same-sex marriage ban. Four were Republican, Senators Gnant, Turner of Phoenix, and Springer from Window Rock. The other Republican was Tucson Senator Patti Noland.

Of the Southern Arizona Senators, Peter Goudinoff and Victor Soltero, Democrats, voted against the ban.

After the vote, Senator Goudinoff commented. "Passing a bill like this, 30 or 40 years from now, is going to look at best foolish," he said in an interview.

S.B. 1038 sits on the Governor's desk awaiting action. ...

The State House of Representatives approved, 34 to 23, H.B. 2050, a state-wide hate crimes ordinance that allow judges to issue tougher sentences to criminals who victimize people based on their race, religion, sexual orientation or gender.

The sponsor of the hate crimes ordinance was Tucson Senator Patti Noland (R). Noland had the support of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Safety.

"(Gays and Lesbians) are a population that is specifically targeted (for crimes)," said Noland in an interview. "This is very important legislation."

When this legislative session had started, Noland had introduced S.B. 1078, the first version of the state-wide hate crimes ordinance.

The bill had made it through the Senate by an overwhelming margin, but was stalled in the House due to an unprecedented maneuver by the House Speaker.

House Speaker Mark Killian, R-Mesa, had assigned the bill to two committees for consideration: Judiciary, and the State Rights & Mandates.

Thus the bill would have four readings, instead of the usual three going through a legislative body. Capitol sources state Killian did this, as an attempt to kill the measure.

The hate crimes bill passed the House Judiciary Committee, but was stalled at the States Rights & Mandates Committee. The committee is chaired by Mesa Republican, Rep. Jeff Groscost, who gutted the bill, changing it to a clean air measure.

Before Groscost had gutted S.B. 1078, Noland, through a parliamentary maneuver, changed H.B. 2050 into a hate crimes ordinance.

The Senate quickly approved H.B. 2050 and sent it back to the House for concurrence. The bills original sponsor, Phoenix Rep. Susan Gerard, a strong supporter of a hate crimes ordinance, agreed to the amendment, thus the vote was set.

The full House voted on H.B. 2050, with the results of 34 to 23. Southern Arizona Representatives voted as follows on H.B. 2050:

YES - Cajero, Cunningham, Garcia, Hershberger, Horton, Hubbard, Pickens, Preble, Richardson. NO - McGibbon, Schottel. NOT VOTING - Nic-

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Comedy Benefit For TAP May 7

TUCSON - May 1996 marks 11 years of service by the Tucson AIDS Project to Southern Arizona. Since 1985, TAP, with the help of hundreds of volunteers and the support of thousands of donors, has provided information and skills building programs to help members of our community prevention HIV infection.

The agency has also provided to over 1000 persons living with HIV/AIDS an array of human services to enhance the quality of their lives and to give support to their loved ones and caregivers.

On Tuesday, May 7, the community is invited to attend the second annual "Hope, Healing, and High Jinks," a comedy evening recognizing the joy and humor in life, in all its stages. The events begins at 7:00 P.M., at Laffs Comedy Cafe, 2900 East Broadway. Tickets are $20 (or $30 for priority seating).

Audience members will also have an opportunity to participate in a live or silent auction for items, donated by local businesses, ranging from gift certificates to works of art and collectibles. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Tucson AIDS Project.

As they did last year, four well-known local talents, Danny Boskowitz, Dave Fitzsimmons, Gary Hood, and Debbie Rice, are currently assisting people living with HIV/AIDS (PWAs) to develop comedy routines of their own.

Their efforts will culminate in "Hope, Healing & High Jinks," an evening of stand-up comedy and all around revelry, as these seasoned comics join PWAs to give us humorous insight into the reality of living with HIV infection or AIDS.

Tickets are available at the Tucson AIDS Project, call 322-6226.

D.C. Records Highest AIDS Rate In U.S.

ATLANTA, GA (AP) - Washington, D.C. had the grim distinction of having the highest AIDS rate among U.S. states and territories in 1995.

Puerto Rico was a distant second, followed by New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

The nation's capital had 185.7 AIDS cases per 100,000 residents, down from 246.9. North Dakota had the lowest rate at 0.8.

Arizona's AIDS rate per 100,000 residents was 16.1, up from 16.0.

According to the Centers for Disease Control figures, nationwide, the AIDS rate is declining, but more minorities and women are among its victims.

Researchers had predicted this trend, anticipating that prevention methods and death would slow the rates among Gay white men but that the virus would spread among women and minorities.

Nationwide, the CDC reported 74,180 AIDS cases, or 27.8 per 100,000 residents. That's down from 1994, when there were 79,897 cases and a rate of 30.2.

Also in 1995, women accounted for 19 percent of all AIDS cases among adults and adolescents, their highest proportion yet.

The same states and territories were in the top five for 1994 and 1995, but only Puerto Rico reported an increased AIDS rate from one year to the next. Its 1995 rate of 70.3 compared with 62.5 in 1994, boosting it from No. 5 in 1994 to No. 2 in 1995.

The AIDS rate among blacks was 92.6 cases per 100,000 people. Blacks were six times more likely to have AIDS than whites, whose rate was 15.4, and twice as likely to have AIDS as Hispanics, whose rate was 46.2. Asians and Pacific Islanders reported the lowest rate, 6.2.

Among cities, Jersey City, N.J., topped the 1995 list with 138.1 AIDS cases per 100,000 residents, followed by San Francisco at 129.7, New York City at 122.5, Miami at 117.2 and Newark, N.J., at 86.8. Newark's entry into the top five bumped Fort Lauderdale, Florida out.

The city with the lowest rate was Dayton, Ohio, with 5.0.

Among states, New York's 1995 rate was down from 81.1 in 1994. New Jersey's 55.5 rate was down from 61.7 in 1994, and Maryland's 51.5 rate was down from 53.7 in 1994.

Gay Activists Express Shock Over Ron Brown's Death

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Gay activists joined official Washington in expressing shock and sadness over the death of U.S. Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown, noting that Brown played an important role in integrating Gays into the Democratic Party. Brown and 32 others died in a plane crash outside Dubrovnik, Croatia.

"Ron Brown was a true bridge-builder for all people, including Gays," said longtime Gay Democratic activist Tom Chorlton.

Brown had become chair of the Democratic National Committee in 1989, and is credited with helping the Democrat-

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UPDATE

Honored Play Causing Uproar In North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Tony Kushner's Angels in America, a two part play that won both Pulitzer and Tony awards, has triggered an uproar in the North Carolina city of Charlotte.

The play, which contains a nude scene and deals with the topics of Gays and AIDS, drew a crowd of both protestors and supports outside the Booth Playhouse during one recent show. While 15 opponents toted signs with slogans such as "Homosexuality is not art," dozens of supporters countered with slogans like "I support artistic freedom."

A short segment of the play during which one actor drops his pants had drawn threats of arrests for obscenity, by a judge signed an order just before a performance that allowed the play to go on as planned. In that performance, actor Alan Poindexter dropped his pants for about seven seconds. Those who had threatened legal action against the against the play's producers and actors included local preachers, the local county prosecutor, and a local performing arts center.

The order, signed by Judge Marvin Gray of the Mecklenberg County Superior Court, noted that the play's use of nudity "appears to constitute artistic expression." Gray's order, was for only ten days, and attorney's have said they would seek a second injunction to keep opponents from interfering with the run of the play, scheduled to end this week.

The Rev. Joe Chambers, one of the leaders of the protest against the play, told reporters the fight was still on. "There's been an incredible community debate on moral issues," he said, "We'll be here for a while."

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Calling All Jello Wrestlers

TUCSON - Calling all Jello Wrestlers! The ninth annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling extravaganza will take place, Sunday, June 2, at the Graduate.

This extravaganza brings together the community to raise funds for the Shanti Foundation-Tucson. But wrestlers are needed to participate, and to get pledges for their participation.

For more information and registration call Jenny at Shanti, (520) 622-7107.

HITT 4th Annual May No-Tap May 4

TUCSON - The Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson, Old Pueblo's Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament will be holding their fourth annual, "May No-Tap", Saturday, May 4, 1 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes.

A "No-Tap" bowling tournament is where nine pins on the first ball counts as a strike.

Cost to enter the tourney is only $12.50. Teams will consist of four persons. Proceeds from the "May No-Tap" go to cover expenses for the annual HITT tournament. This year's tourney is once again scheduled for Halloween Weekend.

For more information contact Mike or Randy at (520) 882-8709.

Jess Hawk Oakenstar In Tucson Appearance May 17

TUCSON - The Jess Hawk Oakenstar Band will perform their premier Tucson performance, Friday, May 17, at Girlfriends Coffeehouse & Bookstore, 3540 N. Oracle Road, 8 to 11 P.M. Admission is $5. And they'll be giving away free tattoos of her logo.

Jess is guitarist, singer, songwriter from Zimbabwe whose rich deep voice and sophisticated guitar work fuse rock, folk and country into her own identifiable style of adult contemporary. She will be touring with an all woman three-piece band, bringing an exciting, high-energy, country-rock flavor to her music.

She has appeared on "Good Morning, Arizona" and other television shows, and she has charmed listeners in the U.S. and 108 radio stations including the syndicated River City Folk and The Songbag.

She continually receives critical acclaim for her live shows and her two recordings, Leave a Little Light Behind (1992) and Your Heart Will Show You (1994) both of which have national and international distribution and airplay.

Ron Brown

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ic Party build a coalition of various constituency groups, including Gays, that helped Bill Clinton win in 1992.

On election night, 1992, Brown visited a gathering of Gay Clinton supporters in D.C. to thank Gays for contributing to a Democratic victory.

Bruce Lehman, the openly Gay Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Patent and Trademarks, has said Brown fully supported his efforts to speak out on Gay issues pertaining to workplace discrimination and civil rights.

In Memoriam

BIG JOHN HAASE

Big John Haase slipped away behind the great mirror ball in the sky on April 21, 1996.

It should be noted he was truly one of the last radical fags in town. His involvement with the Observer, with truth not fiction, stands alone.

He was an active President of Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) for two years, moving the Gay Pride Picnic to October, which later became OUTober-FEST and a board member of People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT).

He'll be deeply missed, but in the spirit of the party, his memorial blast will be held, May 12, at 2:00 P.M. Further details to be announced later.

Everyone is invited. Please think about bringing a dish of food.

He's gone to be with Joe.

St. Francis Support Group

TUCSON - There is an ongoing group that has been meeting weekly for over eight years, serving our community? Yes, the St. Francis Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Support is there for all who need a safe place for support and discussion of issues in our lives.

The group also offers participants a sense of community and a place to make lasting friendships. This drop in group meets on Thursday evenings (7:30 to 9:30 P.M.) at St. Francis in the Foothills (northwest corner of Swan & River Roads) in rooms 32 & 33.

The community serving group is an outreach of St. Francis United Methodist Church, which is a Reconciling Congregation accepting all people regardless of sexual orientation.

For further information contact the church office at 299-9063.

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H.B. 2050 sits on the Governor's desk. Symington has indicated that he dislikes the hate crimes bill, leaving open the possibly for a veto.

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Mps Benefit Raises Over $1,200

TUCSON - Last Sunday, April 21, at the Graduate, a benefit show was held for the MPS Society. The show was augmented by by an auction and raffle.

By the end of the show, over $1,200 had been raised for MPS.

Also, during the past few weeks a contest was held benefitting MPS. Bartenders from the various Gay bars submitted recipies of their most unusual cocktail. Two of these were featured one day each week at all the local bars. Customers filled out their votes for their favorite and at the Graduate show the winning bartender was announced.

Jeff Moores from IBT's won in a close vote with his cocktail "Perfect Kiss". In case you want to try it, combine 1/2 shot of Southern Comfort, 1/2 shot of sloe gin, 1/2 shot amaretto and equal parts orange juice and pineapple juice. Pour ingredients over ice in a shaker, shake and serve in a tall glass with cherries and lemon garnish.

Shown above is Natalie Perry 'presenting' the MPS trophy to Jeff Moores for his prize winning cocktail "Perfect Kiss"

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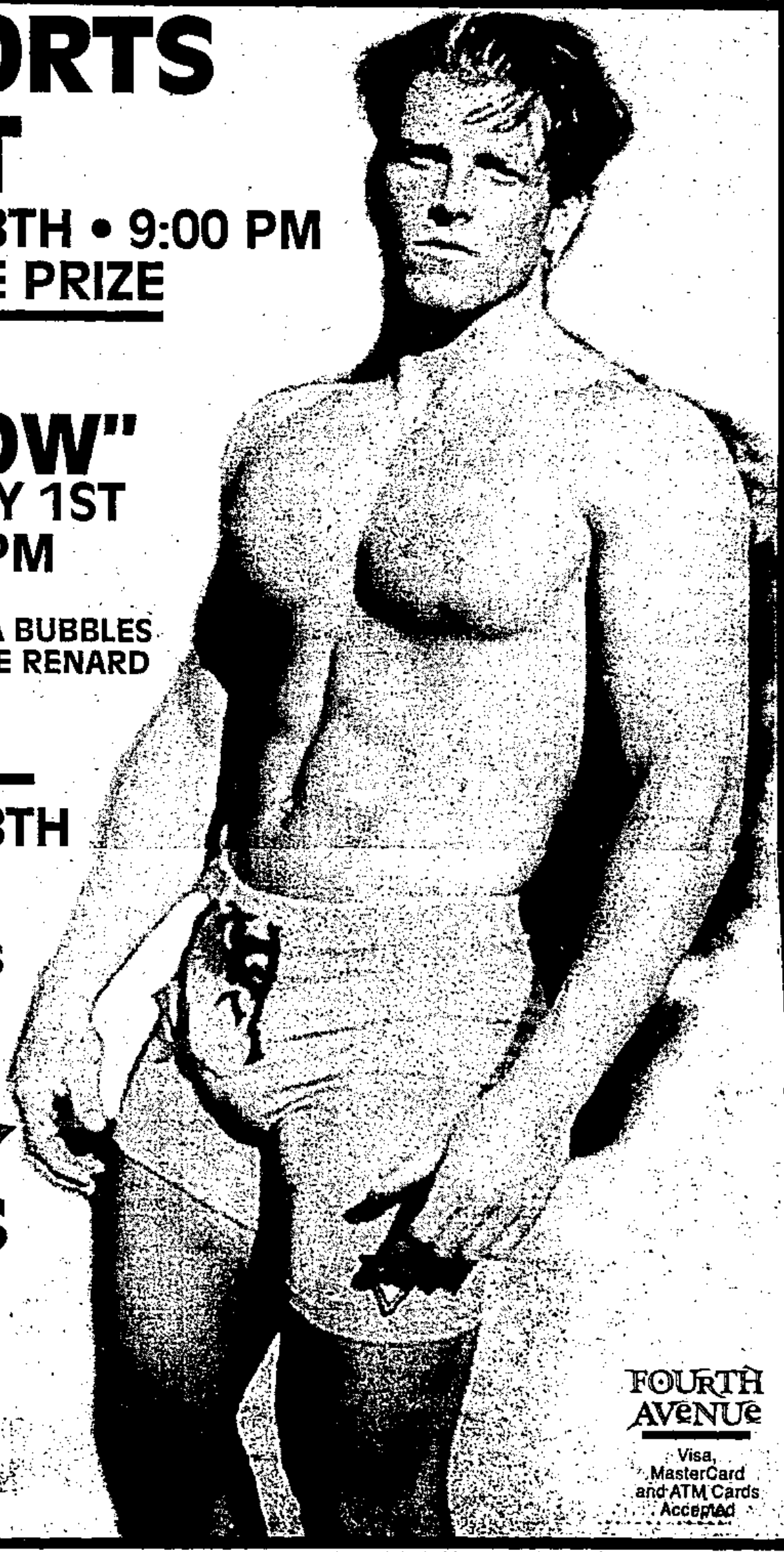

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PERSPECTIVE...

by Paul S. Lotsof

A Homeless Gay Indian Prostitute

At his request, I dropped Paul off near a railroad siding just east of South Fourth Avenue. He told me that he enjoys sleeping near railroad tracks. It was chilly but I felt less guilty knowing that the sun would be coming up in just a couple more hours.

Earlier in the evening we had made a trade deal. I took Paul to an all-you-can-eat fish fry and he cleaned up my messy office.

I had to do so much prodding to get Paul to do the work that it would have been almost as easy to have done the cleaning myself. Still, that dinner was probably the first half-way decent meal Paul had consumed since he'd gotten out of jail a couple weeks earlier. I felt good about that.

I don't recall exactly when or how I first encountered Paul but I think it was about 1981 and probably in the vicinity of the old MacArthur Hotel downtown. Back then, there were areas of Tucson where guys could meet each other, and that section of downtown was such an area.

What I do remember is taking Paul home with me and being amazed at what he could do. He knew precisely what to touch and how to touch it for maximum effect. What I didn't know was that he was only sixteen!

Paul hates talking about his childhood but I knew that he was born and raised in Sells. His mother died when he was a child and his father kicked him out when he discovered that Paul was Gay.

Shortly after Paul hit the streets of Tucson, he realized that there was a commercial market for his skills. Cute young guys are always in demand but the occupation has it risks. The last time I saw Pail he had a nasty bruise on his face. He said that he'd fallen off a bridge, but a better bet would be that he'd fallen into the path of flying fist.

Another risk of Paul's occupation is undercover cops:

Paul says he can't remember how many times he's been arrested and that's an assertion that I do believe. I once looked at his file at City Court and its massive. Every year Paul spends several months in jail and it is almost always the same charge, "Offering to commit a lewd act."

The Pima County Jail has a section for known homosexuals. They end up in Unit 2A and all the jail guards in 2A know Paul well. No attempt is made to rehabilitate him, and I am the only person who ever shows up during visiting hours.

What many people don't know is that the sheriff's office charges Tucson's taxpayers $50 a day to house prisoners. Add jail charges to the cost of arresting and prosecuting Paul and you realize that his evil tongue is quite a burden on all of us.

I've never understood why government has an interest in ensuring that sex is always free but I won't delve into that now. The opinion I will express is that Paul isn't a particularly dangerous persons nor is he a menace to society.

With Tucson's violent crime rate, there ought to be better uses for police power and jail space than arresting and incarcerating people who merely offer oral sex.

If the purpose of jailing Paul is to deter him from offering to commit lewd acts, the criminal justice system has failed miserably. When you are homeless, the possibility of being in a warm cell with three meals a day can be downright attractive especially when it's all free.

Sometimes I wonder who is more fools, Paul or public officials? Both keep repeating the same mistakes.

So what can be done with Paul and multitudes of others like him? He finds working to be an extremely unpleasant experience so getting a job is out of the question. In fact, applying for welfare requires too much effort.

Paul lives for himself. It's tempting to label him a bum or a disgrace to the Gay community, but labels accomplish nothing.

Some day Paul's body may be discovered near a railroad track or in an alley off South Sixth Avenue. Paul is well of the risks of his lifestyle but he doesn't seem to care.

If he doesn't, should we.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

WHAT THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE DID LAST SESSION, BLACK HOLE ANYONE?

PAST OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

What are some of the products Gays and Lesbians have boycotted over the years?

Boycotts have been a useful form of political action for the American Gay and Lesbian community in the last several decades. While petitions and marches bring some measure of publicity and visibility to participants, boycotts are much quieter. They allow a Lesbian in rural American who would be terrified if her neighbors knew she favored Gay rights to register her protest by simply ceasing to buy orange juice or visit Colorado.

One of the first nationwide efforts by the Gay and Lesbian community to boycott a specific product came in 1973, when Gays and Lesbians around the country began to boycott Coors beer.

As with many boycotts, this one spread by word of mouth much more than by organized political action. Reasons for the boycott included unfair labor practices at Coors (including asking potential employees if they were Gay) and the anti-Gay donations by the Coors family. The local Coors boycott in San Francisco was organized by none other than future supervisor Harvey Milk.

In 1977 Coors took out ads in The Advocate declaring that the company and the Coors family did not give money to anti-Gay organizations, but the boycott continued.

In 1982, the company even filed an unsuccessful lawsuit against Solidarity, a Gay organization pushing the boycott. In 1987, when the AFL-CIO settled its labor disputes with Coors, the boycott fizzled, but some community bars still don't sell its brand of beer.

Another major beverage boycott by Gays and Lesbians came in 1977 when Florida orange juice spokeswoman (and former pop singer and Miss Oklahoma) Anita Bryant began her crusade to repeal non-discrimination laws in Miami and other parts of the country.

To protest the "Save Our Children" campaign, Bryant, opponents around the country stopped purchasing and drinking Florida orange juice. Some Gay bars even displayed signs which insisted "We use California orange juice only." In 1980 Bryant was dropped by the Citrus Commission, and Florida orange juice reappeared on the breakfast table of same-sex households throughout America...at least until Rush Limbaugh was hired by the Florida Citrus Commission in 1994.

Probably the biggest Gay and Lesbian boycott in recent years hasn't been of a product, but of a state, Colorado. on election day, 1992, just as Gays and Lesbians around the country were celebrating the election of Bill Clinton, Colorado voters approved "Amendment 2." This measure, sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, sought to forbid any jurisdiction within the state from protecting Gays and Lesbians from "any claim of discrimination.

The very next day, activists announced their plan to boycott Colorado's tourism industry, which continued until a court suspended the initiative. The case has been appealed, and the Supreme Court is expected to render a major decision this spring as to whether states can ban Gay rights laws. Early indications suggest the Court will be sympathetic to opponents of Amendment 2, but should they decide the other way, many activists are likely to call for a return to the Colorado boycott.

Unlike the Coors and orange juice boycotts, however, the Colorado boycott has generated significant controversy within the Gay and Lesbian community. Some Gays and Lesbians have questioned whether by boycotting the state, activists were abandoning Colorado when it needed outside help most. Others questioned the wisdom of boycotting Gay Ski Week in Aspen, a city which had passed a non-discrimination law that Amendment 2 had voided, and instead vacating in Park City, Utah, which never even protected Gays from discrimination in the first place.

On the other hand, the boycott has deprived Colorado of millions of dollars in convention and tourism revenue. Most than simply punishing the state for its 1992 vote, Colorado's loss of funds has sent a financial warning to other states and cities considering such initiatives.

Why aren't the Gay Games called the Gay Olympics?

They were, once. In 1982, Olympic decathlete Dr. Tom Waddell organized what he hoped would be a "Gay Olympics" in San Francisco. More than a thousand athletes from around the world came to San Francisco for the August event, but arrived to find out that the name had been changed to the "Gay Games" because of a court order secured by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

Of course, the USOC had no objection to the Police Olympics, the Special Olympics, or even the Canine Olympics, but the Gay Olympics was unacceptable to them. Waddell's organization sued, and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court. In one of the highest-profile Gay or Lesbian cases ever to come before the nation's top court, the justices ruled 7-2 that the USOC did have the right to stop the Gay olympiad from using the word "Olympics." The case, San Francisco Arts and Athletic v. United States Olympic Committee held in effect that the Amateur Sports Act had given the USOC broad rights to determine who could and could not use the term "Olympics."

The initial reaction among Gay Olympics supporters was anger and protest. The city of San Francisco even defied the initial court order and declared August 28, 1982 "Gay Olympics Day." But soon the squabble over the name was overshadowed by the sense of power, unity, and fun that cam with the largest ever Gay athletic competition. At the opening ceremonies for the Gay Games in 1986, again in San Francisco, writer Armistead Maupin told the more than 2,000 athletes gathered there that the important word was "Gay," not "Olympics."

The Gay Games have grown geometrically since then, with the 1990 games in Vancouver, and the 1994 games in New York drawing thousands of tourists to those cities. As athletes around the world prepare for Gay Games V in Amsterdam two years from now, the squabble over the name is barely remembered.

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El Doctor Paul A. Volberding, director de programa sobre SIDA en el Hospital General de San Francisco, CA y también profesor de la facultad de medicina de la Universidad de California, menciona que: "personas quienes no habián aceptado ningún tipo de terapia antes; ahora, vienen a solicitar que se les empiece con la terapia combinada..." especialmente con tres drogas...

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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! What our Gay and Lesbian community has gone through nationally these past fifteen years has really been beyond belief when it comes to coping with grief. And this might be an understatement!

Many of us have not only lost our life-mate, but we've also lost good friends and acquaintances; I have now gone way beyond the number 30, as I stopped counting then, and that was a few years back.

THE SCENARIO

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You're absolutely alone in your grief; and, when you return home from the Hospital and you're absolutely sure no one can hear, you cry, and the anguish within turns your cries into primal screams, groans and moans until you lie in a pool of exhaustion.

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To add more fuel to the fire within you; before you left the Hospital the night before, your love told you, you cannot tell either his or your immediate families of his "death sentence". He doesn't want them to know, as it would ruin their Holidays. Christmas is still two weeks away.

Unfortunately, the illness killing the love of your life is the modern day leprosy, so you certainly are not going to be able to tell any of your new neighbors or townsfolk. It's entirely possible if the news leaked out that you or your business could be harmed; it's happened before with such "plagues".

This horrible news will have to be kept a secret within yourself; at least for three weeks for the sake of your loves' request. You know you must, though you have no idea how'll you ever get through this time, little knowing at that moment you will be brought to the brink of your own sanity or that you might become a walking time-bomb simply clinging to every ounce of self-control you can before it will be lifted.

It all sounds a little dramatic, doesn't it? But it happened to me. How sad but true that the realities of life seem to be more dramatic than the movies at times and the "little nobodies" like us have to daily act our way through the dramas!

You secretly hope that "blood is thicker than water," and the families will understand and stand by. You think most of your friends will, but if they don't, you psychologically begin to prepare by telling yourself: "This will just be another separation process of the wheat from the chaff".

God how you hope there won't be any separations, though; friendships haven't grown on trees and any loss would provide added agony. It runs through your mind that maybe you shouldn't let any friends know, and yet, what are friends for? Only to share the joys of life? That would make them no different than strangers.

And yes, you do also think about strangers at times like this; society at large, and it frightens you. You seriously doubt society has come far enough along in the evolutionary process to be kept from repeating the sins of its past.

The "time bomb" ticking within you not only could be defused if society would understand, but in all probability, the "bomb" would probably never exist, since it only exists in you because of the refusal of society to recognize and accept reality, your reality!

So we learn to cope with our grief, don't we! We absolutely must make up our minds to not let the bastards get us down, even though I'm sure you, like me, have gone through many a day when we've really felt like a turd floating alone on the open ocean, and depression has knocked, rather loudly at times, on our front and back doors. We've learned as any minority has had to learn to cope, cope, and then cope some more.

Like many of you, I've not only lost my life-mate, but also lost well over thirty close friends and acquaintances over the past fifteen years. No one ever said it would be easy, did they!

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POLITICS 1996

By MARK R. KERR

"Ethel The Aardvark Goes Quantity Surveying!"

The religious right's third attempt to ban same-sex marriage, or the recognition of in the State of Arizona, despite state statute clearing stating it's already illegal, was ram-rodded through the State Senate this past week. [See accompanying story.]

S.B. 1038, a waste of time and taxpayers money, bans same-sex marriage of, or the recognition of such marriages from other states. The bill won quick approval in the State Senate by a vote of 21 to 9.

With the Republican's dominating the Legislature, and no opposition in site. With the Governor and the House Speaker threatening to continue the session until a ban was passed. Gee, go figure! on the chances of defeating this bill!

Governor Whitewash has until May 2 to act. He must sign the bill or veto it. If he doesn't act, S.B. 1038 goes into effect, like it already is! Whitewash, during his radio show, has stated he's in favor, but the question is, will be actually put his name on the bill? ...

Bravo, to Senator Noland! Through her brilliant parliamentary maneuvering, she got a hate crimes ordinance, with full penalties through both house of the Arizona Legislature. [See accompanying story.]

No mean feat! The ultra-conservatives who control both chambers, put up many roadblocks, but she got past them. H.B. 2050, the new hate crimes bill passed the full House by a vote of 34 to 23. Here's how Southern Arizona Representative voted:

YES - Cajero, Cunningham, Garcia, Hershberger, Horton, Hubbard, Pickens, Preble, Richardson.

NO - McGibbon, Schottel.

NOT VOTING - Nichols.

H.B. 2050 is now on the Governor's desk, awaiting action. Governor Whitewash, R-Mercado, has indicated that he dislikes the hate crimes bill, leaving open the possibility for a veto.

Whitewash, was quoted as saying that he was not specifically opposed to the sexual orientation language, but rather to the concept of singling out any certain groups. ...

Ooh, get her!

The governor not opposed to the sexual orientation language! He's pro-Gay! Not! Consider this:

What about what the stunt, sending the hit-piece playing up Democratic gubernatorial candidate Eddie Basha's stand on the concept same-sex marriages during the 1994 election?

What about his statement on his Phoenix radio station when he expressed his view that legislative lobbying reform was "small potatoes"; and the most important issue the Legislature must deal with, banning same-sex marriages?

What about his signing of such bills, as H.B. 2085, stripping away the rights of those wishing to be tested for HIV in Arizona?

What about the lacking of funding for ADHS, and local ASOs by state, budgets written up by his office?

What about his lack of support for the previous five attempts to pass a hate crimes bill, all starting when he was inaugurated in 1991?

Right, the Fifester doesn't oppose us! He just believe in the concept of singling out certain groups. Can we say "Special Rights"! Ooh, just get her! ...

The forty-second Arizona Legislature just ended their session. These bunch of bozos are like "Jason" in the "Friday the 13th" slasher movie series, and the Arizona Gay and Lesbian community is their perennial victims. Case in point:

There were many bills considered during this session of concern to the community.

Remember the "Just Say No Homos" bill. The religious rights attempt to misinform Arizona youth about sex education, contraceptives, HIV/AIDS and the kicker, that "homosexuality is a no-no" and straight married couples are the way!

Or the fact during this session, Legislators wanted just to test people for HIV, not fund any programs. For example the bill that would allow potential foster parents to arbitrarily test foster children for HIV.

Another is the bill dealing with prisoners. The legislation would force all, who are incarcerated to be tested for HIV.

Lucky for us, the heroes, these three pieces of tripe died in various committees.

One bill, with common sense and thinking about Arizona's future, and of concern to us, died as well. Sponsored by Tucson Rep. Herschella Horton, which would have set up an AIDS Pilot Education Program, failed because there was a price tag attached.

Then we come to the irrational same-sex marriage ban. Legislation was forced through to qualm fears over a potential Hawaii court case.

Legislators voted overwhelmingly for the ban, some out of hated, some out of fear. This occurred despite the fact there is a statute already making same-sex marriage illegal. Go figure!

Then one bill for us, the heroes! The hate crimes ordinance. Bravo to Senator Noland and the supporters who got this bill through the Legislature, despite the odds. Despite Gov. Whitewash's reservations you did a great job! ...

Lastly about the State Legislature, a big thank you to Senator's Noland, Soltero and Goudinoff, and Representatives Elaine Richardson and Jorge Luis Garcia for their courage to vote against the same-sex marriage ban, especially during an election year. Thank you!

So it goes for now kids!

Independently Speaking by Marvin Leibman

The Invisible Republicans

The story gave me a profound sense of deja vu.

It was a New York Times item about a tiny group of African-Americans in Chicago who call themselves the Frederick Douglass Crusaders. They meet on most Saturday morning's at Izola's restaurant, on the city's south side, to discuss politics and a wider role for blacks in the Republican Party. They worry that the party has little left of the spirit of Lincoln, let alone their contingent's namesake, Frederick Douglass, the fiery black abolitionist and party stalwart.

The group's white haired leader is 72-year-old Charles Gaines, a Republican most of his life. "This is our party, too. We've been Republicans as long as there's been a Republican party," he said. "We're Frederick Douglass Republicans, and we're trying to revive his principles in the party: justice and equality for all." According to Gaines, "The party isn't anti-black. They [GOP leaders] don't even have us on their minds. And, that's the real problem. We're invisible to them."

I can remember the times I sat around with other Gay Republicans - not over Izola's hash, rice, and hot sauce, but over glasses of chilled white wine - and discussed the place of Gays in the GOP. The talk was similar. What had happened to the party of Lincoln? Can it be revived? What was our place, our strategy? Like the Crusaders, we felt invisible and pledged to bring back the good old days, to secure a place in the increasingly hard-right party of Jesse Helms, Pat Robertson, Bob Dornan, and Pat Buchanan. After all, we were Republicans too.

I finally lost my stomach for this pointless battle, as I'm guessing many of Gaines' companions have, too. Opting to shed all labels and maintain independence from any political party, I now give my support, without regard to party affiliation, to any candidate who publicly accepts Gay people as vital contributors to every sector of American life and welcomes their backing. And, despite my aversion to labels, I am prone to endorsing "out" Lesbians and Gay men courageous enough to run for public office.

Few such candidates call the Republican party home, and it's little wonder why. Like African-American elected officials, 95 percent of whom are Democrats, Gays and Lesbians have found scant backing in the GOP. At their most restrained, Republicans manage to resist public displays of blatant racism or anti-Gay bigotry. But their politics speak for them. Deliberately heedless to the few voices of diversity in their own ranks, they rely on resistance to even modest reforms put forward by Gay people to communicate their hostility.

The issue of Gay marriage is a case in point. Republicans in state legislatures across the country, still reveling in their mid-term election conquests, have declared war on the state of Hawaii. A court ruling there has paved the way for same-sex couples to obtain marriage licenses, although a final ruling in the case may be months away. If the courts in Hawaii decide as expected, other states, according to the United States Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause, would be obligated to respect marriage contracts entered into in Hawaii. Bent on limiting access to legal marriage, however, conservative state legislators are bidding aloha to the spirit and the letter of this constitutional guarantee.

Republicans, in a Faustian pact with their Christian-right allies, have fenced themselves in to opposing homosexual marriage are just the latest episodes to underscore this dynamic. Republicans are leading the charge for anti-Gay marriage legislation in 14 state chambers; nearly every legislature that Republican governors - in Utah, South Dakota, and Idaho - have been the only ones so far to sign marriage bans into law. Now GOP members of the U.S. Senate, prodded by right-wing strategists, are preparing a "Defense of Marriage Act" to define marriage in federal policies and acts of Congress "as the legal union of one man and one woman capable of procreation."

As explosive as the issue of Gay marriage has become, it does have a precedent. A generation ago, political battles broke out over miscegenation and laws banning inter-racial marriages. White segregationist Democrats were in the forefront of enacting such laws, it is further indication of how far the Republican party has strayed from the path of Lincoln and Douglass that it now warrants comparisons with those segregationist pillars of prejudice. A prime example is Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who left the Democrat party after finding the GOP more receptive to his racist views.

Like anti-miscegenation laws, which the Supreme Court struck down in Loving v. Virginia in 1967, the matter of same-sex marriage will likely make its way onto the high court's docket. In the meantime, more bigotry, falsehoods, and slander will be leveled at Gay people seeking the benefits of civil marriage, which include the right to hold joint parental custody, obtain family insurance and health benefits, file joint tax returns, inherit property automatically, and visit a spouse or a child in a hospital.

This has nothing to do with God or the Bible. It is a civil procedure. But to many Republicans, such distinctions mean as little as their commitment to the Constitution. To those of us now outside the GOP, so does the party's lip service to its great legacy which began with Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

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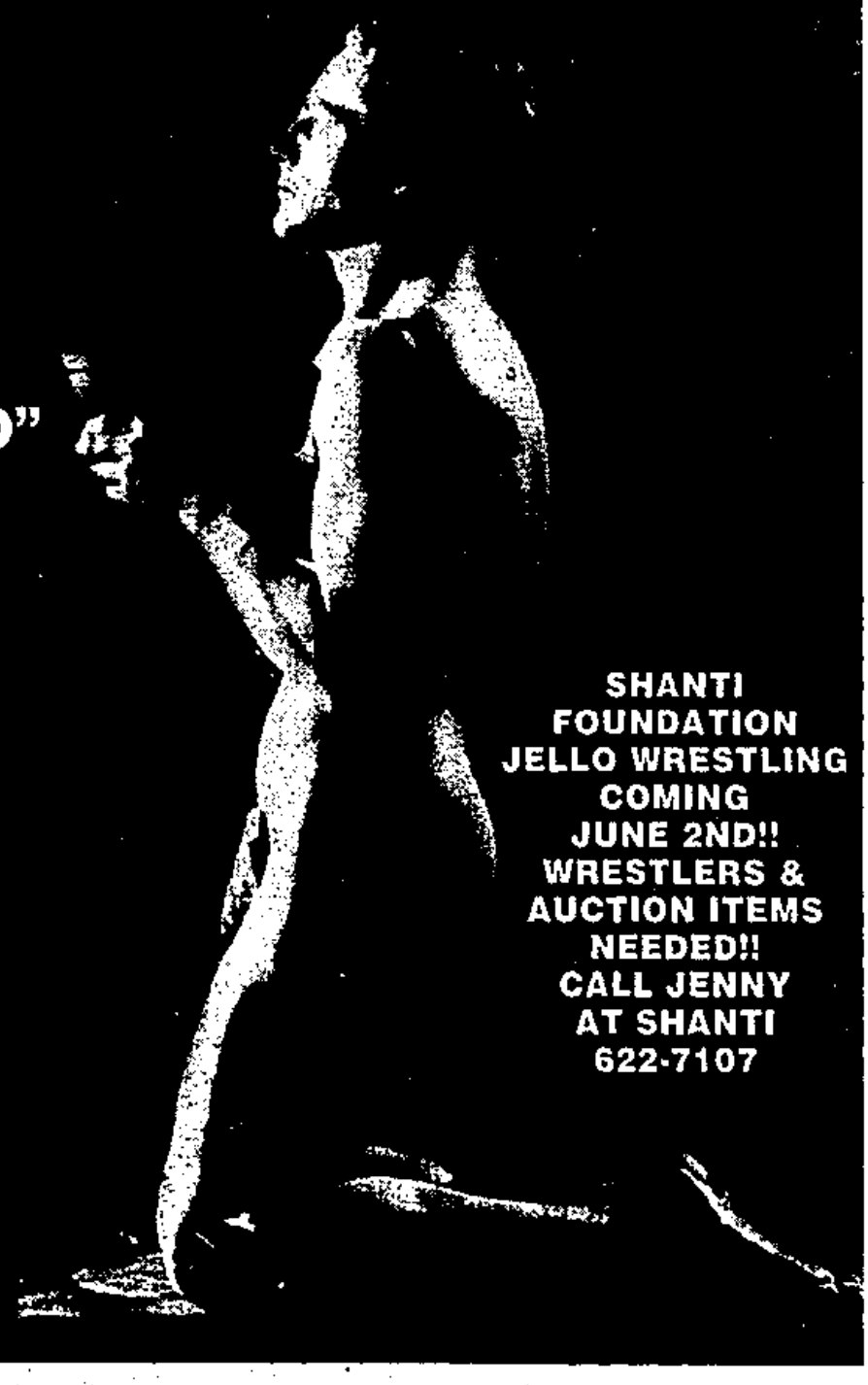

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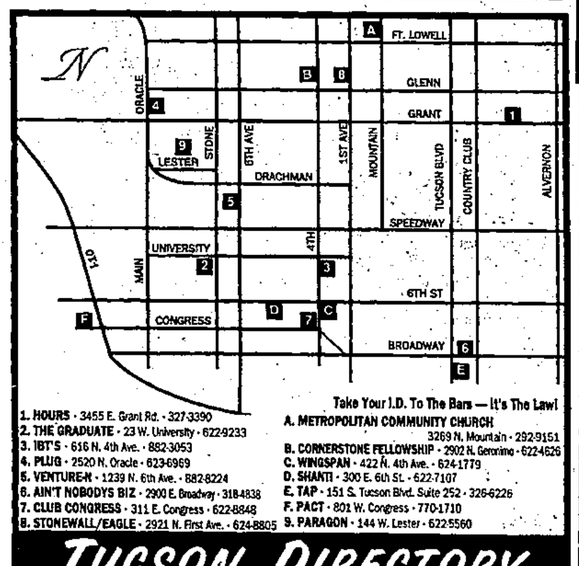

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Viewpoint

by Frank Rich

Gay, Straight Culture Is Converging

NEW YORK, NY - If there's one trait that all minorities have in common in America, it's the habit of chalking up "firsts" - from the first black general to the first Jew on the Supreme Court.

In the history of Gay America, Andrew Sullivan joins that club.

He was the first openly Gay editor of The New Republic - or of any influential American periodical aimed at a general audience.

Recently, Sullivan, 32, stepped down from that job after nearly a five year run.

Announcing that he was HIV positive but otherwise healthy, he wants to write full time. In Washington, the arguments over whether he left the 82 year old political weekly better or worse than he found it were as profuse as cherry blossoms. And so were the questions about whether he resigned or was fired.

But beyond the parochial question is a far more intriguing one. As more openly Gay people occupy powerful roles in our culture, what's the upshot for society at large? How does that prominence shape culture and change attitudes?

In a coincidental counterpoint to the Washington debate about Sullivan, Los Angeles magazine has published an eye-opening cover story this week raising both those questions about the influence of openly Gay writers on the mass medium of the TV sitcom.

In the case of Sullivan's impact on The New Republic, what's most revealing now is how little his homosexuality is invoked in weighing his legacy.

Treated like a Gay poster boy by the media five years ago, Sullivan is today considered most controversial for having run a "Bell Curve" excerpt and Betsy McCaughey's spurious demolition of the Clinton health-care plan - stories reviled because of their ideological, not sexual, orientation.

That's how Sullivan wanted it.

"I always said my ambition was to stop being the Gay editor of The New Republic and just be the editor of The New Republic," he recalled.

But being a first wasn't easy. "At the very beginning, it was so fraught. You were either a traitor or faggot. You were supposed to either completely suppress who you were and never mention the subject and prove you were 'legit,' or else you were suspected of turning whatever you did into something that was Gay and nothing else."

Sullivan's own goal was at neither extreme. He wanted instead to fold legitimately newsworthy Gay stories into the magazine's regular editorial mix, much as he hoped for the full integration of Gay people into American life.

Intriguingly enough, given the vast esthetic distance separating an elite Washington journal from Hollywood's pop culture factories, the Gay sitcom writers featured in the Los Angeles article take much the same view.

The article's author, David Ehrenstein, reports that virtually every beloved series, from "Frasier" to "Seinfeld" to "Friends," is fashioned in some part (and sometimes large part) by uncloseted homosexuals of Sullivan's generation.

When I interviewed some of these sitcom writers by phone, they consistently argued that Gay people should be woven into television series as they increasing are in the real world, rather than serve as tragic, campy or polemical foils for the sitcom's uniformly heterosexual leads.

Joe Keenan, who writes for "Frasier," points out that almost every sitcom episode purporting to be about Gay people is really about "how straight characters react to Gay characters - the Gay friend or Gay ex-wife or Gay boss."

Gay people will not be presented from the inside, he says, "until you have Gay characters more prominently and successfully within the core family of the show." Or as Robert Horn, a writer on the series "High Society," asks, why not a sitcom with "Gay and straight relationships side by side, without sexuality being an issue?"

As Horn and his Hollywood counterparts know to push the cultural envelope of network television only so far, so Sullivan has no illusions about his lasting impact on the culture of Washington, a city "terrified of sexuality" and highly closeted.

"The only thing that actually changes the world in this regard," he says, "is the human interaction of an openly Gay person with a person who's never met one."

"Only that changes the world a little," he says.

And yet, maybe change happens faster than that. After all, Sullivan's farewell cover for The New Republic this week, itself reminiscent of recent same-sex marriage episodes of "Friends" and "Roseanne," take mischievous stock of just how fast the culture is moving, with and without his prodding.

It depicts pairs of Gay and straight newlyweds as equals, almost indistinguishable as they stand side by side.

[Frank Rich is a nationally syndicated columnist, who comments frequently on cultural topics. His column appears locally in the Arizona Daily Star, from which this is reprinted.]

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Fortunately, unlike the radio station, God does not accept only the seventh caller. He says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave his one and only son, that whoever (that's you again) believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV) You see everyone can be a winner in this contest. The only thing you need to do is believe. You see until you accept a free gift, you don't have it. In order to have eternal life, just accept the gift of Jesus dying for you and paying for your sins with his blood.

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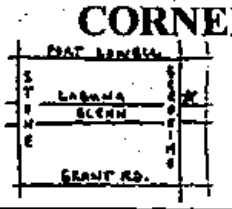

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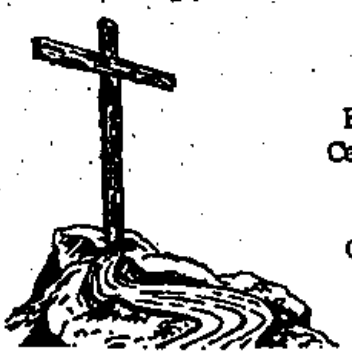

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Tres Amigos	11.5	4.5	49660
2 Peas & A Pod	10.0	6.0	47485
Rubber Queens	9.5	6.5	50671
Baker's Dozen	8.0	8.0	47800
Bee Bytes	7.5	8.5	44939
Noizy Poizons	6.5	9.5	48054
Two Tall/Wide	5.0	11.0	48284
Double Stuff	5.0	11.0	46444
HITT'ers	4.5	11.5	46567
Pin Me Down	4.0	12.0	40589
PB & J	2.0	14.0	47083

High AVG: April D., 147; Mark K., 206; Rubber Queens, 538.
Game SCR: April D., 200; Jeff T., 289; Triple T, 658.
Game HC: April D., 259; Mark K., 298; Triple T, 733.
Series SCR: April D., 521; Jeff T., 816; Rubber Queens, 1866.
Series HC: April D., 687; Jeff T., 828; Rubber Queens, 2028.

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Third Round

	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	27	9	89084
Ooh Sh-t	21	15	89946
Pigs R Us	21	15	88831
Too Much	19	17	88869
High Rollers	10	26	87760
PACT Rats	10	26	83610

High AVG: Ann R., 181; Mark K., 201; Ooh Sh-t, 817.
Game SCR: Ann R., 256; Ray A., 288; Ooh Sh-t, 1027.
Game HC: Ann R., 276; Ray A., 303; Ooh Sh-t, 1165.
Series SCR: Ann R., 677; Mark K., 694; Ooh Sh-t, 2745.
Series HC: Ann R., 728; Brian P., 734; Ooh Sh-t, 3168.

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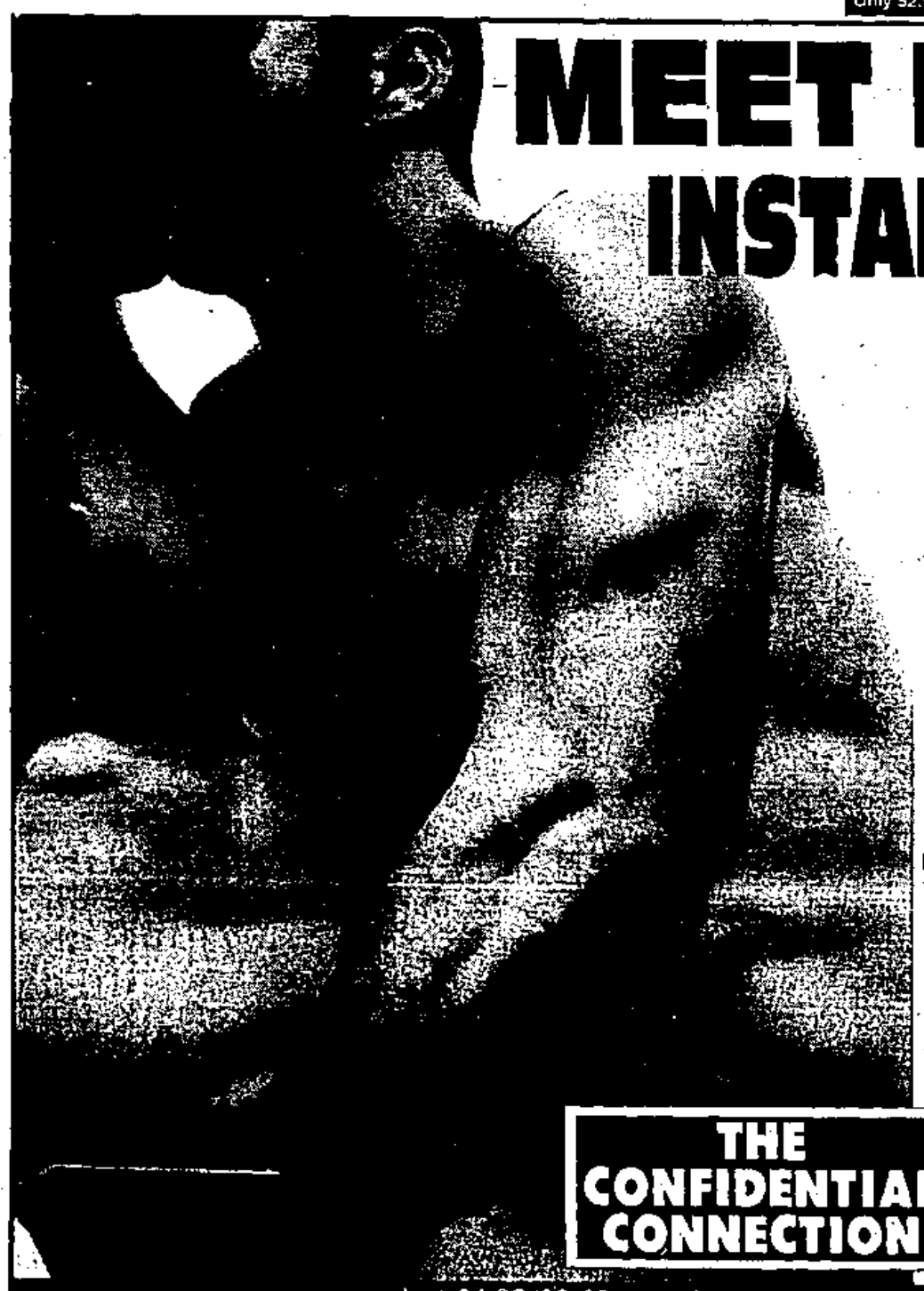

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

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IBT'S - Male Box Nite returns! Prizes and surprizes. Come play Post Office at IBT's. Post Office opens at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
GRADUATE - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust 2 to 5 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the condom fund. Pool tournament begins at 2 pm.

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust to benefit Pet Crusaders here from 3 to 7 p.m. Bring a can of pet food or a pet item and receive a free draft beer.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
IBT'S - Special benefit Beer Bust to benefit Revelle" Tucson's Gay men's chorus. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Then, at 9 p.m. its Wet Shorts Contest on the patio. $100 First Place Prize.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
GRADUATE - Dart Tournament "301" begins today in the new game room at 8 p.m. (Sign-up 7:30). Singles $3.00 entry, pot matched - double elimination.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" starring Lucinda Holliday, Helena Bubbles, Miss Gay Tucson 1996 Felice Renard and special guests Bulemia Dehaviland and Ajia Simone.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
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THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner at Casa Molina on N. Campbell. Call Richard at 578-0840 for RSVP. 6:30 p.m.

GTV" - All-live Gay cablecast program #15 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56) . If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

Men's Social Network (MSN) Movie out at an inexpensive theater. Call Larry 795-9125 for title and time.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
MSN 7 p.m. social/conversation mixer at Ray's. Call 797-6648 for reservations & directions. Guests always welcome

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Special Saturday night event for the Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffeehouse - Soc Hop from Sister Jam Productions for 40's and Better and 3rd Friday. $5 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Goddard Hall at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St.

Men's Social Network (MSN), Gay men of all ages, 7 p.m. Card Game Night A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's. Classic Golden Oldies. 7:00 p.m. Call 624-6788 for RSVP and directions.

Tucson Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club hikes to Hutch's Pool in sthe Catalina Mountains for swimming. A great day hike and beautiful swimming. A moderate 8 mile hike. Call Larry 795-9125 for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
MSN 7 p.m. Favorite video movie night showing of "Night of the Comet". Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, MAY 4
MSN Monthly Potluck/social at new downtown location at the Scotish Rite Hall, 160 S. Scott Ave., Ochoa Room. Bring favorite dish to share. Membership has dow surpassed 250. Call Jerry for directions, guests always welcome.

Cronies Social Club is planning a road trip and luncheon at the Indian restaurant west of Sells. Call after the April meeting for date. 888-7264.

Tucson Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will travel the high trailhead to Carr Peak in the Huachuca Mountains. Expansive views during this difficult 5 mile round-trip hike with a 2,000 foot elevation gain. Call Les at 326-3521 for more info.

SUNDAY, MAY 5
Tucson judge and attorney Frances Lynch will discuss her book "Drawing The Line: A Sexual Harassment-Free Workplace" (Oasis Press, $17.95) at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. Ms. Lynch'es book gives a beautifullly clear and concise explanation of sexual harassment with one goal in mind - preventing it. 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6
MSN 7 p.m. Contract Bridge Nite. Call Les 690-9565.

TUESDAY, MAY 7
Second Annual "Hope, Healing, and Hijinks". HIV+ persons share their humorous insight into living with a disease that has affected us all. Also starring Arizona Daily Star cartoonist, David Fitzsimmons, and comics Debbie Rice, Danny Boskowitz and Gary Hood. Benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project. Laffs Comedy Cafe, 2900 E. Broadway, 7:00 p.m. For tickets and information call TAP, 322-6226.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 9
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7 p.m. TV video night showing of "Absolutely Fabulous, British comedy. Call Loren or Stephen 790-4416. Guests always welcome.

GTV - Gay Television in Tucson 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on public Access channel 64. If you want to participate in the audience be at the studio, 124 E. Broadway by 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 10
Men's Social Network (Gay men of allages) 7 p.m. MSN Book Club will be discussing "On Becoming A Man" by Paul Monette. Call Jerry 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

SATURDAY, MAY 11
Tucson Lesbian and Gay Hiking Club will hike the Molino Basin in the Catalina Mountains to Bellota Ranch Pond. This is a moderate 12 mile round-trip hike with a 700 foot elevation gain. Men's Social Network will participate in this hike. Contact Larry at 795-9125 for more information.

8:00 p.m., Men's Social Network (MSN) shows the first of double feature films, "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" and at 8 p.m., "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar".

Tucson CALENDAR

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AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open Noon. BBQ "Bobbie" with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stone wall opens at 5pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. - 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Dart 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. Karoke 8 to 11 p.m.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. 4pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Trash Disco 9pm. $1 Longnecks 11pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 5-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

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

tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz Non-Premium Beer $1.50 8pm to 1am.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. $1.25 well and $1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprizes.

PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Live DJ at 9pm. A buck off all longnecks and well 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 5pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am 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. Free pool 2-4. Tex Mex music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, $1.25 Pitchers, 75¢ Glass.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. $1.50 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Sky Vodka Cocktails $2 9pm - 1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 5:30pm.

thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.2

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $2.00 8pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and $1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close.

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Martini Jazz Hour 4-8pm. $1.50 well martinis; $2.25 call martinis.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

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 open 3pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 5:30pm

friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic Beer $1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. .. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm with Candaz. $1 schnapps all the time. Pool Tournament 7pm. Matched pot.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

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

saturday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Happy Hour noon to7pm. Free Pool noon to 3pm. On 3 tables. Yoel centerstage at 10pm

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

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 5:30pm.

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Raul Almeraz

Howdy ya'll! Another wonderful week behind us and another great and busy week ahead. Hope everyone is well and getting to return to this heat. This heat gives new meaning to "Bare Down Arizona!"

As many of you know, AGRA elected a new Board of Directors for the 1996-97 rodeo year. The newly elected board is as follows:

President - George Plentzas; Vice President - Shelly O'Brien; Fund Raising; Raul Almeraz; Recording Secretary - Lisa White; Corresponding Secretary - Maxine Sam; Public Relations - Cindy Chamberlain; Mobility & Logistics - Terry Delaney; Rodeo Events - Bryan Collins; Dance & Entertainment - Addison McDorman; State Board Representative - Bill Darnell.

The position of Treasurer is appointed by the board. Pat Terry will be returning to her position of Treasurer for the 1996-97 year.

The newly elected board has some great ideas and plans for the coming year and will need the support of everyone in our community in order to be successful. What many of you may not understand about AGRA and its fund raisers, is that throughout the year AGRA does many fund raisers in order to put on its major fund raiser, "Rodeo!" When a rodeo is successful, it is then that AGRA in return gives back to various charitable organizations in our community. In short, "We need you!"

This past Sunday AGRA held its volunteer appreciation BBQ at Hours. It was definitely fun. We were joined by two representatives from the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association in Las Vegas. Ms. NGRA, Annette White, and Paul Donahue. The two of them along with our very own Ms. Teresa Housely performed for us and did a fabulous job entertaining the crowd.

Along with live entertainment, there was plenty of burgers and hot-dogs and even dancing in mid-afternoon. The gang at Hours really knows how to make visitors feel welcomed in the Old Pueblo. Word from them is they had a fabulous time.

The two of them, Annette and Paul are actually considering moving to our fair city. Lucky us! She was the cutest thing with the nicest smile and he was a fine young stud with a great Wrangler butt! Hee Haw! Las Vegas is holding their very first rodeo, June 14-16. Vegas here I come!

A great big thank you to our Champion Member, Lee and the staff at Hours for allowing us the use of her bar and patio for the cookout, beerbust and our election meeting.

Our next general membership will be held at Stonewall on May 19, 5 P.M. The Board meeting will be held prior at 3 P.M., also at Stonewall.

Was it just me, or did anyone else notice how calm things were around the club scene this weekend. Must have been

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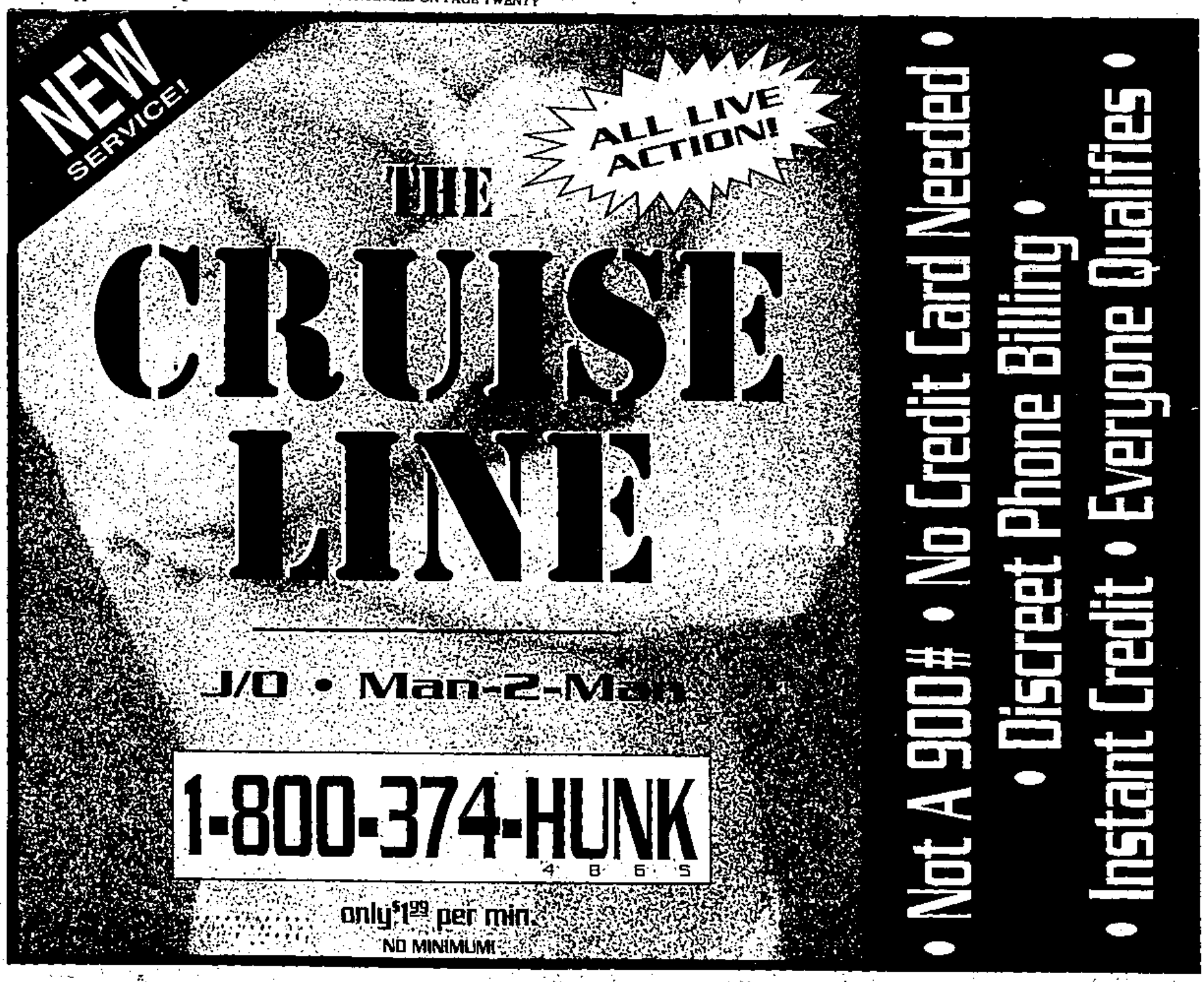

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The glorious Sun changes signs this week from robust Aries to mellow Taurus. Our personal goals take on a new energy, emphasis and outlook. Plan your course carefully, kids; by next week Mercury goes retrograde and fouls up an otherwise fine romance.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

What do Rambunctious queers value aside from their own good looks? The feisty Sun traverses the zodiac and lands in solid Taurean energy. Financial issues move to the front burner as you realize that money is one of the driving concerns of the moment. You are as you spread, dear Rambo. If you need big bucks to make a big splash, so be it. Who knows? Sometimes you have to spend big to earn big.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Feisty Gay bulls should not be socially restrained when the Sun moves into your own sign and gives you charisma aplenty. (Alas, if you could only bottle and sell it...) Proud Bulls should strut their stuff and see who notices. You charm the pants off folks so choose your targets wisely. Begin new projects now and view life from a fresh and optimistic perspective. The sky is the limit, so soar.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The time is right for Pink Twins to give back to the community. Get with the program and graciously offer your time and energy to any of our charitable causes. Sun in Taurus highlights volunteerism and spiritual redemption. Give now and experience impressive results as well as heightened karma. You can never have too much good karma, especially when the planets empty out your closet. Talk about a breath of fresh air!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Get ready for a grand social feast with the Sun in sensual Taurus. Pink Crabs seek the company of friends and acquaintances in order to reinforce their own ideals and direction in life. This is not a bad thing unless the group think leads you to life stages that make you feel uncomfortable and out of place. Hold firm dear, queer Crab and be who you are, barnacles and all. We love you for your true self.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If you have give up all hope of being properly recognized for your professional efforts, worry no more. The Sun in practical Taurus brings home the bacon in a big way in your career. Proud and dramatic Lions should use this advantageous time to court power and express their best ideas to those with the authority to make them happen. Examine your life's direction and see if you are on the right track.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pack those bags and head out to parts unknown. Proud Virgos are energized with the Sun in Taurus to explore and experience foreign places and folk. This is an especially good time to feast on the exotic and learn by doing. The knowledge that you acquire now may be of especially good use down the road. Even lawsuits take a turn for the better, but only if you've done your homework and remain focused.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Sassy Scales are buoyed by the fabulous energy of the Sun in sensuous Taurus. Sexual activity hits a pinnacle as the hot tub goes to full Boil. Lucky pink Libras should feast while the energy is hot, hot, hot. A little introspection could also go a long way right now dear. Psychological breakthroughs are possible for those of you who prefer to get of with their minds.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Relationships take on a greater importance when the Sun waltzes into Taurus. Even calculating Scorps will have to feel a little more warm and fuzzy with partners with this fabulous solar surge. This is the time to discuss future plans and mutual feelings. If you are still searching for that special someone, send out a few feelers this week. You never know who you will feel.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Even rats on a treadmill get a coffee break every so often. This week, with the Sun in Taurus, Gay Archers can smell the java. Drink deeply, my friend, you have struggled far too long and far too hard without much respite. Day-to-day jobs ease up a bit or, at very least, you begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Then again, could it be the lights of an oncoming train? Stay tuned.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even serious, conservative Gay Goats have to admit that life is nicer with the Sun in Taurus. Enjoyable, creative pursuits have their attractions and you must pursue them with vim and vigor. Party on dear, queer Cap and use this feisty energy to play hard. (Some people like it that way.) Interestingly, anything you tackle will get you one step closer to where you eventually want to be.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians plant their feet firmly on home plate when the glorious Sun enters Taurus. Explore your roots to see if they are strong, secure and provide you with the support you desperately need. One of your greatest attributes is your ability to carry the rainbow cause a giant step forward with enthusiasm and commitment. You must not carry the banner alone. Get movin' before Mercury takes a step backward next week.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Speak Out this week, dear pink Fish and you will most certainly move mountains. Chalk up this fortuitous turn of events to the Sun in measured Taurus. Gather your thoughts. It is time to fire off a compelling letter to the editor of to a U.S. representative or five. Your words pack a punch. Make them loud, proud and uncompromising. Remember, it's an election year.

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NOTICES

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 601 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 515, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 870-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #65, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rich 318-0540.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-5650 or Renn 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, (502)371-1102

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9139.

SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrianne at 889-7294.

TUCSON HIKING CLUB: Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol-free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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 at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-6962.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

PACT - People with AIDs Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

SHAKTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building at NCC Church, 3260 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets 7-11 pmthird Friday of each month in the Lincoln Building at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jam. $2 at the door (more if you can, less if not). Saturdays and special events $5 in Goddard Hall.

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 887-7403 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

NOTICES

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6877 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 5:00 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 22. Call the church at 299-0063 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, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meeting and activities. Call 791-7946 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 885-1208 for more info.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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.558

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 662-6813 or Mary O. 770-0979

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.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to monogamy to. . . Many heads are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 623-1732.

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 the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-6226.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 544-0541.

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

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 791-7946

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Southwest corner Himmel Park 2:00 p.m. Check it out!

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

DR. BOB'S INTIMACY SKILLS GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. If you want more closeness in your life, you need to learn the skills that allow for intimacy. This group is a place to learn and grow quickly! Monday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. at 623-1732.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1500 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-6333 for more info.

PERSONALS

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION
Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista extrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 615

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Gay Congressman Says Goodbye To Washington

by U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds

WASHINGTON, D.C. - It's been an eventful couple of months.

Since announcing this would be my last term in Congress I've been asked many times how I felt. Only half in jest have I recounted the temptation to run through the halls of Congress shouting "Free at last!" The real answer is that my emotions are powerful, and mixed.

There's genuine happiness and more than a little relief, as my partner Dean and I begin pondering the next chapter in our lives. Yet there is also a deep sadness as we bring to a close this remarkable and improbably journey we've traveled the last quarter century.

When I announced my decision last fall, some political pundits ascribed my decision to the results of the last election, although it is unclear to me why we ought to be dissatisfied with 69 percent of the 1994 vote.

It's true that I have less than unbridled enthusiasm for the wrecking ball of the 104th Congress, and that I am deeply troubled by the direction we're heading today as 1970, when I had the then-original idea of challenging an entrenched incumbent. But the basis for my decision is personal, not political.

After 12 terms in the House, it is simply time for me to move on. To everything, as the Biblical verse goes, there is a season, a time to plant and a time to harvest.

It is now time for me to chart a new course: by no means to retire, but to find new endeavors, both public and private, that will allow more than an occasional weekend or evening to catch up on things neglected for a quarter century.

I never anticipate serving 24 years, and it's probably divulging no great secret to admit that I do not thrive on what some consider indispensable parts of the job: I am not by nature a particularly gregarious person. I get annoyed by frequent interruptions. I get tired of hearing myself talk.

And there are already far too many people in Washington who confuse themselves with the monuments.

I cam very close to making this decision in 1992. Had it not been for the prospect of a young presidential candidate named Clinton, working with a Democratic Congress and a new Committee Chairman named Studds, I would have said, "Thanks for a wonderful ride," and headed home then.

But that constellation seemed so well-aligned, and the opportunity to make a real difference so clear, Dean and I committed ourselves to yet another all-out campaign and, if successful, to work through President Clinton's first term.

Suffice it to say that a great deal has changed since then, and little of it is good.

The special interests I first ran against are the ones the Republican leadership has put back in charge. Bills are drafted by the very industries they are supposed to regulate.

Jesse Helms has been transformed from a fringe caricature to a committee chairman. And Bob Dornan had little trouble last month passing a law that requires the military to automatically discharge all service members who are HIV positive, throwing more than 1,000 qualified, dedicated men and women out of work and threatening their medical benefits.

Constructive exchanges on the House floor are a thing of the past: several members in fact gotten into shoving matches. Attack, distortion, and demagoguery are now the tools of the trade.

When confronted each day by life's crises, there are always two basic responses, despair or determination. Despair sometimes seems more logical, but determination is far more productive and far better for the soul.

Over the years, we have resisted the temptation to despair and instead, despite the odds, fought hard for those things we believe in. And let me assure you, I have every intention of continuing to do so on our full plate of issues this year.

Thanks again for all you've done. Please stay in touch and keep the faith.

[Rep. Gerry Studds is one of three openly Gay U.S. Congressman.]

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cuz Darrin was out of town "butching it up" in the White House. Oops, I forget that you "Lead!" now. Missed you much buddy. It just wasn't the same without you here. You missed a hell of a good time.

As always AGRA welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Please contact a board member or call the AGRA hotline.

Well friends, that is all I have for now, so until next time, have fun and play safe.

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