



Lawsuit challenges Clinton policy on gays, lesbians in the military

Washington, D.C.- Charging that it violates the most valued principles embodied in the United States Constitution, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union on July 27th filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the new Department of Defense policy on lesbians and gay men.

The lawsuit, filed in federal District Court in the District of Columbia on behalf of seven active-duty service members, alleges that the new policy violates the First Amendment and Equal Protection Clauses to the U.S. Constitution as well as a section of the Unified Code of Military Justice. The lawsuit names Secretary of Defense Les Aspin as the defendant and asks the court to find the new policy unconstitutional and to stop the Department of Defense from enforcing its new rules.

"The central promise of our Constitution is that American citizens should be judged according to their abilities - not their skin color, their gender or their sexual orientation," said William B. Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "We have one simple goal with this lawsuit - to force the military to safeguard this principle for lesbians and gay Americans."

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said: "There can be no compromise, no middle ground, between civil rights and prejudice."

"Both President Clinton and Secretary Aspin have acknowledged that lesbians and gay men serve with distinction in the military," Cathcart said, "yet the new policy singles out lesbian and gay service members for completely different treatment."

The plaintiffs in the ACLU-Lambda case range from a lieutenant colonel to a petty officer and include one active duty member and six reservists. Fearing that the use of their names in the court action would endanger their military careers, two of the plaintiffs are going forward under a pseudonym.

In papers filed with the Court on July 27th, the ACLU and Lambda say that the military's policy recognized that lesbian and gay men have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces and that "homosexual orientation is not a bar to service entry or continued service."

Nonetheless, the papers say, the new policy creates a system under which all lesbian and gay service members "are not judged solely on their fitness and ability to serve their country but, rather are subject to discharge because of the perceived prejudices of other."

Further, the papers argue, that the new policy "proscribes and chills" any public speech that would identify service members as lesbians or gay men, in addition to hindering a "vast array" of private and/or intimate speech and expressive conduct.

Lambda and the ACLU also argue that the new policy imposes a "restrictive, confused and self-contradictory set of rules" on lesbians and gay service members that are unrelated to fitness and ability to serve. In addition, the court papers say that heterosexual service members are not subject to the same rules - a clear violation of the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

"All our clients ask is to be allowed to be able to serve their country without being forced to lie about who they are," Lambda's Cathcart said. Added the ACLU's Rubenstein: "They seek to serve their country, being judged only according to their ability."

"Once labeled as lesbian or gay man, a service member loses the right to be judged solely on her or his ability and fitness to serve and becomes subject to punitive treatment, to which no heterosexual service member would be subject," say the joint ACLU-Lambda papers.

"We are bringing this lawsuit because the Clinton policy does not grant equality to lesbian and gay service members," Rubenstein of the ACLU said. "We will challenge any policy - from the Administration or Congress - that continues to perpetuate inequality."

Cathcart of Lambda added: "The courts have begun to recognize that lesbian and gay service members deserve full constitutional protections. We are confident that through this suit our clients and all other gay and lesbian Americans will be given their right to serve."

2nd Annual LESBIAN COMMUNITY LABOR DAY PICNIC

If you missed the terrific July 4th picnic, you'll have another chance for a wonderful evening with family and friends at the 2nd annual **LESBIAN COMMUNITY LABOR DAY PICNIC**. It will be held on Sunday, September 5th at Papago Park, Ramada #9, from 5pm till 11pm. Bring whatever you want to cook, your own drinks (we have a beer permit), and a dish to share. There is a large grill available and we will provide charcoal, paper plates, silverware, etc. You might want to bring along a folding chair, though that's optional since there are tables and benches provided. Don't forget toys, games, your favorite tapes and cd's, and of course families and friends are welcome too. Papago Park is located between Phoenix and Tempe, and can be reached via either McDowell Rd. or Van Buren St. and the entrance to the picnic areas (and the Phoenix Zoo) is at 625 N. Galvin Parkway. Ramada #9 is located northeast of the zoo parking lot, and we will also have some directional signs up to help folks find us. For more information, call Wendy at 864-9954 or Kathy at 833-2293.

What will ya bid?

That's right, it's almost time for the LRP's second annual auction fundraiser!

What: SECOND ANNUAL AUCTION
When: October 23, 1993
Where: First Unitarian Universalist Church
 Paradise Valley (same location as last year)

There's more . . .

We will have a great DESSERT BAR again this year! So, get ready for one of the best evenings you'll experience this year.

Great entertainment . . .

Although they only sang two songs at Desert Pride this year, they "wowed the crowd". By popular demand "The Local Women's Chorale (Too New To Have A Name)" will perform throughout the evening while you shop.

Donations being accepted . . .

If you have items to donate to the auction, just call the LRP and let us know what you have. This is a great way to give to your community project and have fun in the process! Please call us soon at 966-6152 (V/TDD).



9TH ARIZONA WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

September, 17, 18, 19, 1993

Lavender Patch - 40 acres of womyn owned land in the White Mountains. Come and enjoy the blue sky, cool days, crisp nights in the company of 100 of your sisters. Self sufficient outdoor camping, port-a-janes provided.

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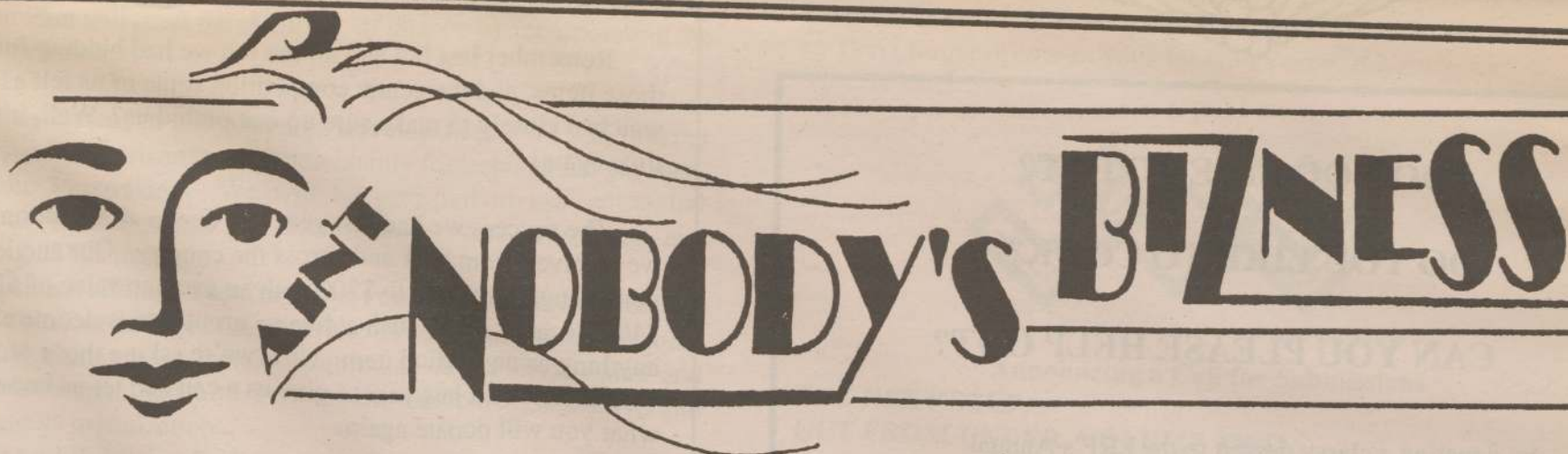
The ever hilarious Slique Callahan is MC.

Friday, Sept 17 8:00pm Nancy Goodson, country western
 9:00pm Line dancing led by Kathy Hopkins
Saturday, Sept 18 1-3 pm Open Mike
 6:00pm Rebecca Horton, low down blues
 7:00pm ASL performance, Connie Johnson & friends
 8:00pm Kaweah, mellow folk
 9:00pm Charlotte Strayhorn, powerful vocals
 10:00pm Friendly Fire, dance band

\$15 in advance, two for \$25, Saturday only \$10. For tickets, open mike, to do a workshop or be a vendor call 258-7985. Womyn born womyn only. No male children over 10. Producer and owners accept no liability for loss, accident or injury on land or at festival. No pets.

Tickets and maps available at: Alternatives Bookstore and Lesbian Resource Project or by mail from Lavender Patch, 1826 E. Willetta, Phoenix, AZ 85006. Do not divulge the location or directions to non-lesbians. Do not try to come up and find it without a map. DO NOT ASK THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHERE IT IS. Bring one roll of toilet paper to get into the gate.

Ticket money received after September 12 will be held at gate. Sliding scale/work exchange available. No womyn turned away for lack of funds. Contact Dianne Post, 258-7985.



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 Wednesday - Happy Hour 4-7, Beer Bust 9-12
 Thursday - Happy Hour/Hors d'oeuvres 4-7
 Singles Night - Happy Hour Well Drinks 9-12
 Friday - Happy Hour/Hors d'oeuvres 4-7
 Saturday - Pool Tournament 4-7
 Sunday - Western Dance Instruction 5-7, Western Dancing 7-1

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WASHINGTON--The following is a statement from Senator DennisDeConcini regarding President Clinton's proposed policy on homosexuals in the military.

"I am sorry that the President, along with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did not see fit to completely abolish the ban on homosexuals who have chosen to serve their country in the Armed Forces. It has never been proven that the presence of homosexuals poses any threat to the success of the military mission, so I do not understand the reason for keeping the ban in place. However, I realize that the President tried to rectify the situation in the best terms possible, and I will support him."

"Any time an individual or agency actively separates one group of people from another, it gives rise to questions about civil rights and fairness. Gay men and women deserve to have their civil liberties protected, as are those of all other members of our society."

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DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP OUT?

by donating a classy dessert to the LRP's Annual Auction and Dessert Bar scheduled for October 23 at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Lincoln Dr. in Scottsdale. Last year's Dessert Bar was a catered affair. This year, unfortunately, we received no bids from caterers who were willing to provide the food at a price we could afford. That means we must once again turn to the community for help. If you would be willing to donate (and deliver to the church or the LRP) a sweet treat to the Dessert Bar sale, please call Patricia at 569-0321 (leave a message; I'll get back to you ASAP). Items we need range from brownies and cookies to cakes, pies, tarts, and candies, or anything else appropriate you can think of. Fresh fruit (cut up for serving) would also be most appreciated. We will also need volunteers to serve the food and collect tickets.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



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WINK'S award winning Brunch includes a variety of hot and cold entree's, fresh made to order omelets and waffles, and a beautiful assortment of fruits, salads, pastries and rolls.

Brunch is served starting at 11:00 a.m. at WINK'S, located at 5707 N. 7th Street.. Curtain time at BERLITZ is at 2:00 at Park Central Mall. You can make your reservations for this package by calling the BERLITZ THEATRE box-office at 263-0587. Last seating for Brunch will be at 12:30 to allow you ample time to get to the theatre. As a convenience, your theatre tickets will be waiting for you at WINK'S.

Brunch/Theatre is a wonderful way to celebrate that special occasion. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW** for **FAUX SEXE** and **TORCH SONG TRILOGY**.



AUCTION 1993

Remember last fall and all the fun we had bidding for all those items, and the gentle competition some of us felt as we watched closely to make sure no one outbid us? Well, it's time again!

The success we had last year was due to all the **donations** we received from here and across the country. Our auction items ranged from \$5 to \$200 with an average value of \$25 - \$40. Because we're such a diverse group, we welcome almost anything as an auction item. Now we're asking those of you who contributed last year to give us a call and let us know what you will donate again.

And...if last year you had nothing to donate, but this year you do -- then please call us. We love things, services, even "slightly" used contributions.

A group of women are currently making calls to solicit donations. But don't wait for a call. Give LRP a ring (966-6152) and let us know what you are contributing this year. And thanks a million.



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July 26, 1993

From: Tim McFeely, Executive Director

In the wake of President Clinton's decision on the issue of discrimination in the military, I want to be sure you understand our response and our plan of action in the coming months. During the past six months, with your support, the Campaign Fund waged an intensive lobbying effort:

- ◆ We worked with veterans and other organizations to coordinate our lobbying, grassroots and media programs.
- ◆ We hired Lt. Tracy Thorne, who has lost his naval career as a result of his courageous honesty, to speak with the press and to lobby with us on Capitol Hill.
- ◆ Our Speak-Out participants sent more mail -- more than 500,000 letters -- to Congress than at any time in our community's history.

We orchestrated scores of events nationwide as part of "Operation Lift the Ban," including public forums, demonstrations, and media events. ...Our efforts produced tangible results, including growing support in the national media for an end to discrimination in the military. ...By all accounts, we won the debate, but lost the vote.

THE CAMPAIGN FUND'S PLAN OF ACTION

There has never been a more critical time for our community to take bold action to secure equality for gay and lesbian Americans. We must build on our strengths, discarding strategies that have failed or are outdated. In the coming weeks we will work to make substantial progress in the following areas:

- ◆ Enactment of a Federal Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill
- ◆ Passage of Enhanced Funding for AIDS and Women's Health Research
- ◆ Defeat of Congressional Repeal of D.C. Domestic Partnership and Sodomy Reform Bills
- ◆ Ending discrimination by the U.S. Military Against Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans

The Action Plan will meet the challenge of change by incorporating the following elements:

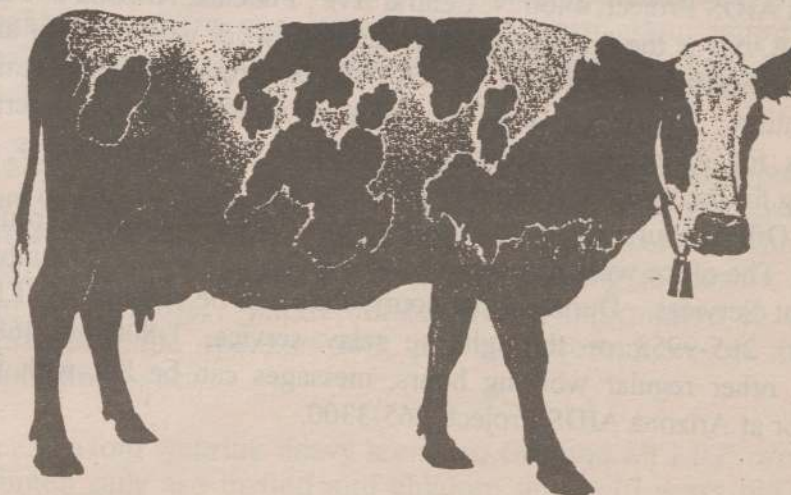
- + **Survey Research and Message Development.** We will find out how to persuade Americans to support equality for lesbians and gay men.
- + **Public Persuasion.** We will be prepared to use substantial resources at critical times in these debates for advertising and broadcasting of our message.
- + **Coalition Building.** The Campaign Fund will actively support and encourage alliances at three critical levels: first, within the gay, lesbian and bisexual community; second, within the larger civil rights and feminist communities; and third, between the national organizations and local, grassroots organizations.
- + **Seek and Publicize Endorsements From Non-Gay Leaders.**
- + **Grassroots Empowerment.** We will strengthen our successful Speak-Out program... We will create a new program or "rapid-response teams"... We will need your help to make this work.
- + **Expand our Lobbying and Political Efforts.** We will make sure our enemies who supported the ban feel the heat during their next election, and we will be certain that friends receive our support.
- + **Encourage Coming-Out.** All the polls show that attitudes on gay and lesbian issues improve as straight people personally meet openly gay and lesbian people. **Coming-out shatters stereotypes.**

Margaret Mead said "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." We all have work to do. It is time to continue to be thoughtful and totally committed to the task before us. We are all resolved to win.

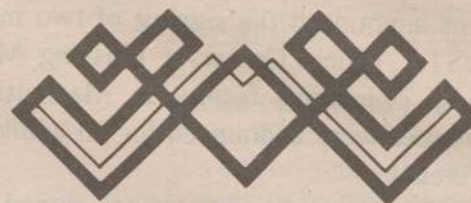
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All I need to know about life I learned from a cow



- Wake up in a happy moo-d. ■ Don't cry over spilled milk.
- When chewing your cud, remember: there's no fat, no calories, no cholesterol and no taste. ■ The grass is greener on the other side of the fence. ■ Turn the udder cheek and moo-ve on. ■ Seize every opportunity and milk it for all it's worth. ■ It's better to be seen and not herd. ■ Honor thy fodder and thy mother and all your udder relatives. ■ Never take any bull from anybody. ■ Always let them know who's the bossy. ■ Stepping on cowpies brings good luck. ■ Black and white is always an appropriate fashion statement. ■ Don't forget to cow-nt your blessings every day.



Announcing a Call for Submissions

THE NEXT STEP: OUT FROM UNDER, VOLUME TWO

Ten years have passed since the first edition of the landmark anthology *OUT FROM UNDER: SOBER DYKES AND OUR FRIENDS*. During that time, there has been an explosion of information about substance abuse, the different paths of recovery from those primary abuses and the core childhood abuses that so often preceded them. It is past time we lesbians share with each other how that new information has helped us, and all of the different ways we have done the bone-chilling work of recovery. Award-winning editor Jean Swallow, who put together the first volume of *OUT FROM UNDER*, has decided to compile a new anthology called *THE NEXT STEP*, and is looking for submissions on later stage recovery. Like the first edition, Swallow is seeking stories of specific recovery paths, programs and practices (emphasizing recovery not abuse) from a diversity of lesbian lives, the diversity of lesbian birth cultures and the diversity of abuses, primary and core.

Submissions are especially wanted that have recovery towards wholeness as the starting reference point, circles through specific pain and comes back to wholeness as the inevitable goal. Submissions in any style will be accepted: journals, letters, fiction, autobiography, poetry, interviews, dialogues, theory, non-fiction, narratives, diaries, tapes, songs speeches, graphics, paintings or photography. Any rigorously honest recovery story coming out of our lesbian lives will be considered. Tell the story of your next step.

Deadline is November 1, 1993. Send to: 2404 California St. #27, San Francisco, CA 94115. SASE for return; slides only, not original artwork; legible mss., please.



TENNIS ANYONE?

Lesbian **Mixed Doubles** Tennis Tournament in San Francisco, October 30 & 31, 1993. SPACE LIMITED to 72 Butch-Femme teams (Round Robin Format). All players must register by October 1. One Butch and one Femme per team. If 2 Butches or 2 Femmes enter as a team, they will be penalized points at the beginning of the match! Remember -- it's MIXED DOUBLES!!

Call (415)346-2336 for entry forms and more information.

Judge and Commentator will be JoAnn Loulan, who will also provide entertainment both days. On Sunday morning there will be a **Pro-Am** (Lesbian Pros play with Lesbian Ams) tournament.

Costumes Encouraged - Sense of Humor Mandatory

ARIZONA AIDS SERVICE OF THE DEAF (AASD)

has moved to a new office which is located in the same building with Arizona AIDS Project, 4460 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

AASD is the first agency in Arizona to work with the deaf and hard of hearing population in HIV/AIDS prevention and early intervention. It provides a wide variety of information and referral services for its targeted population. AASD is in the process of applying for incorporation as a non-profit agency.

Office hours are from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office will be staffed by Paul "Kokomo" Waller, Volunteer in Client Services. During these hours, Paul can be reached by TTY number, 265-9953 or through the relay service, 1-800-842-4681. During other regular working hours, messages can be left with the operator at Arizona AIDS Project, 265-3300.

TEAM ARIZONA is gearing up to participate in Gay Games IV which will be held in New York City in June of 1994. All funds raised will help to defray costs to help members participate in the Games.

If you would like to find out more about **TEAM ARIZONA** please call the team's information line at 264-2645.

N.Y. Mayor announces Gay Games IV venues

New York - At a press conference July 28th, at City Hall, Mayor David N. Dinkins announced the signing of two major venues for Gay Games IV: USTA Tennis Center at Flushing Meadow and Asphalt Green, the new swimming facility in Manhattan with an Olympic-sized pool. Venues were announced for an additional fifteen sports at the press conference.

In announcing the first set of major venues signed, the Mayor also stated his enthusiastic endorsement of the Games. "The Gay Games are without question the most inclusive sporting event in the world. It is so fitting that these Games are to be conducted here in New York City, where we recognize diversity as a critical component of civic strength." Gay Games executive director Jay Hill also spoke at the press conference, announcing additional venues for sports including Billiards, Bowling, Cycling, Figure Skating, Flag Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, In-Line Skating, Martial Arts, Judo, Physique, Softball, Squash, Table Tennis and Wrestling.

Representing the Women's Sports Foundation - which as officially endorsed the Games and assisted in the production of the Games - "Lesbian and Gay Tribute to Martina Navratilova" - Yolando Jackson, director of Athletic Education and Development read a brief message sent from Martina:

"I am delighted that the USTA National Tennis Center will be a venue for the Gay Games in New York next year. There is nothing like the atmosphere of Flushing Meadow, and I am happy that the participants will be able to experience the crowds and special feeling of one of the most exciting locations for tennis in the world. For those who have not played at Flushing Meadow before, one warning: Watch for those airplanes. There's also nothing like playing tennis when you feel as though you are on a runway. Thank you national Tennis Center."

Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival is an Olympic-style sporting and cultural event open to all. More than 15,000 athletes and thousands of cultural participants are expected to participate in 31 team and individual sports. Gay Games IV will occur from June 18th through 25th, 1994 in venues located throughout the New York City Metro Area.

Help Wanted:

Arizona Relay Service is accepting applications for communication assistants: Relay phone calls for speech/hearing disabled, must type 50 wpm, H.S. diploma or GED, no experience necessary, call for appointment. AZ Relay Svc. 929-4848, EOE.

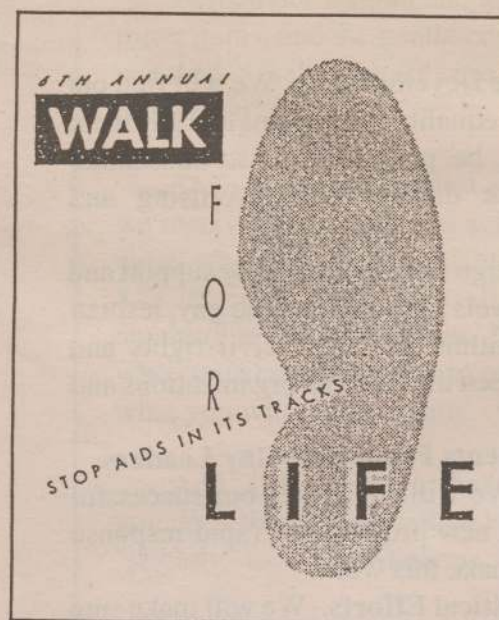
Guest House for rent. Furnished and utilities. \$350. call 242-8727.

Newly remolded older home, 3 bedroom plus family room, ceiling fans, fenced backyard, grass, trees, quiet neighborhood. Call Terry 482-7093.

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Paradise Ranch offers a Bed & Breakfast for women who want to experience the beauty of Sedona, Arizona in a safe women only environment. Relax from your daily routine, come alone or bring someone special to a beautiful retreat and enjoy the beauty of Spring. Witness summer as nature changes from Spring. Bubble away stress in our hot tub as you watch the stars illuminate the sky. Come visit us in Paradise. Please call Malka and Barbara at Paradise Ranch (602)282-9769 or write us for more information at 135 Kachina Drive, Sedona AZ 86336.

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Desert Pride holds annual meeting

The Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Inc. held its annual meeting on Sunday, August 8th, at the Quality Hotel in Central Phoenix. The purpose of this meeting was to summarize accomplishments for the fiscal year 1992-93, to lay groundwork for the 1994 pride event and to elect Directors for those Board terms which were to expire at the end of the fiscal year on August 31st.

President Beth Verity, in her "State of the Organization" speech, described the 1993 Pride Festival as "an unqualified success," with a crowd of 10,200 in attendance and 1994 seed money in the bank. She explained that the debt remaining from the 1992 event had been paid in full, as were all expenses for 1993. With some \$14,000 remaining, the Committee voted to distribute \$4,000 to nine community organization, including AGAPE, Gentle Shepherd MCC, the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard, the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation - Arizona Chapter, the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project, Lesbian Resource Project, OGALOP-1 in 10, Stop AIDS Phoenix, and Volunteers in Direct Aid (VIDA). There is a legal stipulation that only 501(c)3 non-profit organizations may receive such donations from the Pride Committee.

Elections resulted in a Board of fourteen Directors, with one position yet to be filled. Immediately following the annual meeting, the first Board meeting of the fiscal year was held and titled positions were elected from among the board. The new officers for Desert Pride 1993-94 are: President, Beth Verity; Vice President, Rick Creakman; Treasurer, Mary Wooden; Secretary, yet to be filled.

Anyone interested in filling the board vacancy should contact Desert Pride at 352-7165.

The Lesbian Resource Project's
Lesbian Health Exchange presents a:

Lesbian Health Fair

Date: Saturday, September 11, 1993
Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm
(call the LRP for speaker schedule)
Location: Augustana Lutheran Church
2604 N 14th St (14th St/Virginia) Phoenix
Cost: Admission is free (Donations gladly accepted)

The Lesbian Resource Project will once again hold a lesbian health fair where our community can learn about important health issues in our lives and talk with "culturally competent" health care providers.

We are planning to provide the depth and breath of resources that were available last year. Some of the topics will include naturopathic medicine, gyn care, breast cancer, alternative insemination practices, legal rights pertaining to health care and much more. There will be lots of information to take home and the speakers will provide information on many important issues.

Please avoid wearing heavy scents to this and all LRP events. Women only are invited and children under 10 years old are welcome, however childcare is not provided. Augustana is wheelchair accessible & this event ASL interpreted. Please call the LRP at (602) 966-6152 (V/TDD) if you need more information.

☞ **Over 43 Million Americans** have quit smoking... because there's proof that smoking is not good for your health, in fact, it can kill you.

☞ **If You Quit,** your lungs get better very soon. Unless your lungs are already too far gone, your risk of lung cancer is cut in half after five years of not smoking, even sooner if you were not a heavy smoker (more than 20 cigarettes a day, 20 years of smoking). Back in 1959, about 38% of doctors said they smoked cigarettes; by 1985, only 16% were smokers.

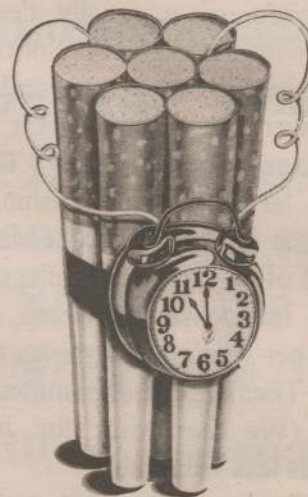
☞ **Smokers Die Younger** People who smoke less than 1/2 pack a day still have a death rate 30% higher than nonsmokers. 1 to 2 packs a day—100% higher, 2 or more packs a day—140% higher. Smoking causes 390,000 deaths a year, deaths that didn't have to happen—and not just lung cancer, but other cancers (mouth, throat, bladder), heart attacks, stroke.

☞ **Let's Look at Lung Cancer** If you begin smoking between age 15 and 24, you are 10 to 14 times more likely to die of lung cancer, but if you begin smoking before age 15, you are 19 times more likely to die of lung cancer.

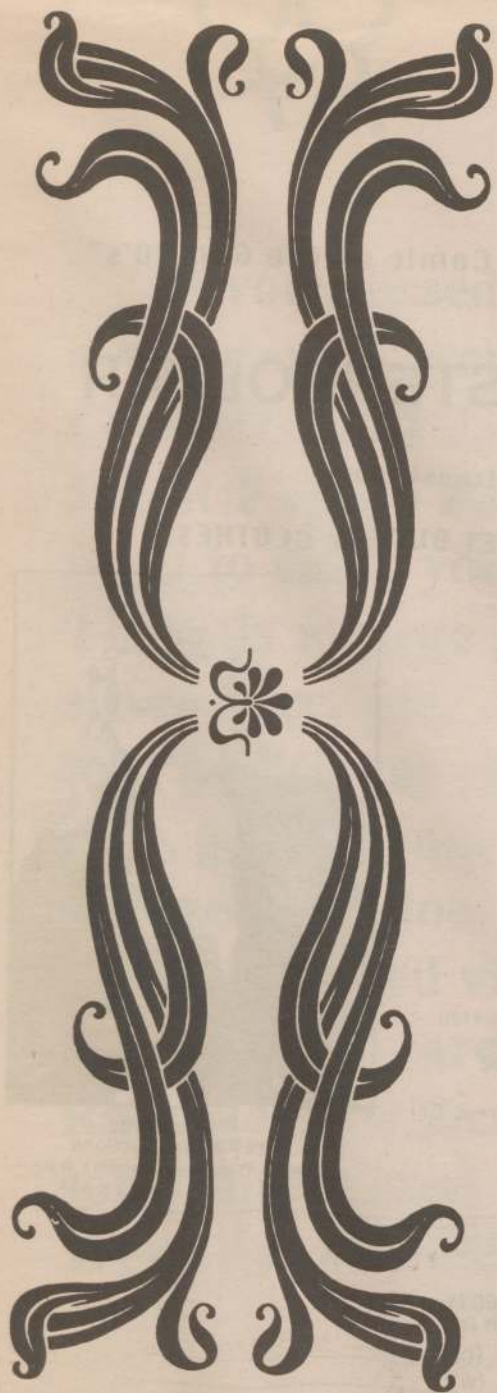
☞ **What Else Can Go Wrong If You Smoke** You can get breathing problems that can cause death too—it's called emphysema, or a kind of deep cough that won't go away. Your chances of not feeling healthy or fit are 10 times more likely than for a nonsmoker.

☞ **Women Are Hurt by Smoking** Lung cancer now causes more deaths for women than any other cancer. The death rate for women has gone up 425% over the thirty years since women started smoking as much as men. If you are having a baby, you should not smoke at all. If you smoke, your baby could weigh less than 5 pounds, or be more likely to die in the first month, or even be stillborn.

☞ **What About Smoke Around You** If you're around smokers in your family, your chance of getting lung cancer is 30% higher than in a family of nonsmokers. Children of smokers are more likely to be sick often with coughs and colds and their lungs won't get to be as strong.



Join the more than
43 million Americans who have quit—
you can too! Before time runs out.



DEAR BILL: SO WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR US LATELY?

by Carol Wheller and Abby Hirsch

Well, quite a lot, come to think about it. But why, then, have so many of us felt so bitterly disappointed? We've seen retreats here, concessions there. But maybe we're looking at this wrong. Maybe we're at fault. Maybe we've been sitting back and expecting one man to change a whole Congress and a whole country.

Maybe we're playing into the hands of the Doles and the Nunns and the Borens and the editors of The New York Snides when we put you down.

It's been a long time since anyone has taken on the issues you have. They're incredibly complicated, divisive, important issues and it's no surprise you haven't won them all.

Actually trying to make the economy work for anyone but the rich, for instance--when was the last time anyone did that? The previous twelve years saw even Democrats raising taxes on the middle class and letting the rich get away with untold boodle. They said you didn't fight hard enough for your plan. (Meanwhile, what did we do?)

Taking on the banks: You dared to suggest that banks shouldn't be making money on young people's struggle for education. And it looks like enough in Congress might be persuaded to agree to help lower the burden of debt on the nation's graduates.

And the issue of gays in the military--because you pushed the issue from the beginning, the level of public consciousness about homosexuality has risen enormously, as has acceptance. In fact, it looks like people are beginning to come around on the issue, beginning to wonder just what the big deal is. Didn't these guys know there were going to take a lot of showers and spend a lot of nights with other guys when they joined up? Is that maybe one reason they did join up (but they would rather not think about it)?

Things you've been able to do with the fabled stroke of the pen, you've done, and fast: repealed the gag rule; approved the importation of RU486; reversed the Mexico City policy that restricted aid to international family planning programs; lifted the ban on fetal tissue research and the ban on women having abortions in military hospitals abroad; appointed the first woman attorney general and nominated the second woman associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Other things we have now that we'd almost given up hope for: The Family Leave Act and the NIH Re authorization Act (with the historic provisions on women's health research) and the Motor Voter Bill--you fought for them and you signed them into law.

Pamela Maraldo, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, says you've "launched a new era in American health care." Texas Governor Ann Richards says, "We have not had a leader in Washington for more than a decade that understands the obvious fact that 'Women's Issues' are the issues that affect a majority of Americans. President Clinton not only understands...he has acted upon it."

Could it be that DeeDee Myers is right when she says of your administration, "We have done more for women's rights in the last 100 days than happened in the last twelve years. Sometimes our achievements get lost in a wave of negativity."

And then there are the not-so-little things, like the White House dress code: "They let us wear trousers to work now; it makes a big difference," says Kim Wood, White House intern. And the White House club code unequivocally demands that staffers resign from organizations with the slightest taint of discrimination. And, of course, the White House correspondence code; it's kind of disarming, Bill, that when you answer a letter, you start it, "Dear Carol and Abby".

So What's Bugging Us? The way you sometimes raise our hopes only to let them come crashing to the ground. Whenever you nominate a "first woman"--or a second or a third for Justice or another high office, all of us shine with reflected glory. Then sometimes you or your staff let her down, or worse, blame her for other's errors, or worst, attack her writings for things they didn't say or that you should have known. Then we are all humiliated, because these women are our champions. (We feel sorry for Judge Breyer, but we view the constituency as less vulnerable.)

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"Womyn on Wheels" Workshop

Hi, my name is Cindy Savis, and I am considering adopting a workshop on car care. I have a reputation at work that I will be selling my care for a "half-track," which, of course, indicates that I for one could use some education in this area.

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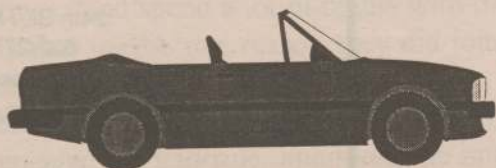
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- 10) Road Safety
- 11) Tune Ups
- 12) Oil Changes

Please let me know what you would like to learn more about, this is only in the initial planning stage. I will coordinate with Dena, so she will know what to cover during the workshop.

You can leave a message at the LRP or call me at home (899-3696). If you would like to help with this effort, that would be appreciated.

Thank you.



Weekend of enchantment

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The rodeo is sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association. The Zia Regional Rodeo is one of 14 on the 1993 rodeo circuit.

The location for the rodeo will be the Bernalillo County Sheriffs Posse Arena, 10306 Second St. The Doubletree Hotel will be the host hotel for the weekend. A guest rate of \$55. per room is being offered. It also will sponsor a nightly rodeo dance.

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LO, I AM 40, AND BEHOLD.

I woke up one day.

I went to the mirror and in Snow White fashion called out, in fear and hope.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall...."

It answered me, "Not you baby"

Oooooo...Not fun.

In the years preceding my 40th I had looked to many things to respond to my mirror question. Education would be the answer, I thought...then maybe a relationship would help...perhaps a new dream home...or, I know, a dream vacation of a lifetime. But it was just not enough, I looked for more. Where could it be, this answer I longed for?

I was walking in a meadow one day, in my 40th year. It was a beautiful, warm meadow, with cool green grasses and gentle, hot summer sun. A quiet yellow butterfly flew near, loping around my head, whispering in the breeze of its flight, "look in the mirror"

"But I have", I thought.

"That was the wrong one, silly", it replied, as though it read my thoughts, giggling as it fluttered away.

I watched that butterfly for a long time, mesmerized. I lay down and fell asleep, as I am wont to do, now that I am 40, so I am gifted or cursed.

I began to dream...

In my dream I was rolled and tucked and had the sensation of warmth. But not for long. I was soon transformed into a creepy crawly thing, fuzzy and earth bound with dirt on my belly and my face. And soon I was wrapped again but now with the threads of a chrysalis. I was dreaming in my dream. I watched the light dance on the filaments of my dream within. Soon I took flight and became the butterfly in the meadow talking to me in my dream "look in the mirror", she said.

I got up for work the next day and while I was sitting on the Jane, I remembered I had a dream.

"Look in the mirror", I remembered those words but could not remember the rest.

I jumped up but found myself tangled in my underwear and toilet paper and had to calm down and get myself together first.

I looked in the mirror and saw myself.

"Yeah, so?", I inquired, out loud, shrugging my shoulders, looking at myself, examining yet and once again a new collection of wrinkles, puffiness and sags.

I stepped away.

I stepped back.

I looked in the mirror and saw myself.

My beautiful self with all the wrinkles and puffiness and sags, and memories and experiences and wisdom and hope.

I hesitated.

I stepped away.

I stepped back. And as I looked again, this time with more admiration of my womanself, I thought I could just barely see a hint of the wings of a yellow butterfly.

I looked in the mirror and saw myself.

by Carol Anne

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We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm at The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix, 4027 East Lincoln Drive.

All meetings feature a rap group in addition to a special program.

Special programs for September, 1993

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Fourth Friday to Blossom Anew

Fourth Friday, the women's book discussion group, will resume its monthly meetings on Friday, September 24. This group is a forum for the discussion of politics and literature, with emphasis on topics of particular interest to feminist women, and we meet on the fourth Friday of each month. We have lively and unintimidating discussions of the books and their implications. Discussions center around a different book each month.

In September, we will discuss "Women Who Run With the Wolves" by Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D. This is an analysis of various myths and stories from a feminist/empowerment viewpoint, which encourages a woman to free her "Wild" self. All Wild Woman are encouraged to attend this meeting and howl as much as you like!

We will decide which book(s) to read next at the September meeting. Some possibilities are: the books of Alice Walker, the books of Margaret Atwood, "Outercourse" by Mary Daly (her autobiography), "You Must Be Dreaming" by Barbara Noel (who was raped by her psychiatrist), "A Chorus of Stones" by Susan Griffin (depicting the private life of war), "Trauma and Recovery" by Judith L. Herman (the trauma of war and of domestic captivity), "The Invisible Epidemic" by Gena Corea (women and AIDS), "Visionary Voices: Women on Power: Conversations with shamans, activists, teachers, artists and healers" by Penny Rosenwasser, "Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community" by Elizabeth L. Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis, or "Virgin or Vamp: How the Press Covers Sex Crimes" by Helen Benedict. If any of these titles titillate you at all, join us on September 24 at 7:00 pm.

To facilitate discussion, group size will be limited, so please make a reservation by calling Lee Lawton, 990-2194. We will meet from 7:00-10:00 pm. Bring paper and pencil, your notes if any, a folding chair, and your sense of humor!

Last Chance for Thin Air!

The Women's Recreational Enjoyment Network (WREN) is going on one last high-altitude hike this year before we begin our descent to what will eventually be cool weather in the Phoenix area. On September 18, we'll be hiking in the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness area northwest of Flagstaff at 8,000-10,000 feet elevation. Maybe we'll see some early fall color in the aspens if we're lucky! The hike is approximately 8 miles round trip, and the spacious trail winds gently uphill through Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, white fir, southwest white pine and corkbark fir forest to the top of Kendrick Mountain. This hike is rated "easy", and when we reach the top, we'll be at one of the highest points in northern Arizona. Along the way, we will have great views of numerous cinder cones, the Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Snow Bowl, Oak Creek Canyon and Sunset Crater.

WREN hikes are a lot of fun (especially if you enjoy hiking!). Anywhere from 6-20 women attend each hike, and the conversation and the scenery are always great! In October, we are planning a day hike/overnight backpack in the Sedona/Secret Canyon area. Details will follow, but for those of you who hiked Secret Canyon with us this spring, you will remember the beautiful flowing creeks, and the narrow, slot canyons with waterfalls. Fall leaves should be in full color on this one, so bring your cameras!

WREN is a club for ALL women. On hikes, leashed dogs who get along well with other dogs and people can join us. Well-behaved and hiking-experienced children are also welcome. Always bring at least 2 quarts of water and your lunch. WREN is a network, and we encourage women to lead hikes of their own. If you are interested in planning hikes or other recreational or sporting activities, please call Lee to coordinate.

TENNIS anyone? As a network, WREN provides referral information for women who share recreational interests. Amy is interested in locating tennis partners, so if you would like to play call Lee to contact her. Call with your interests, and we'll put you in touch. MOUNTAIN BIKING anyone? I am putting together a list of women who are interested in biking so we can plan future mountain and street bicycling events. Please call to get your name on the list.

Call Lee Lawton, 990-2194, to make reservations, and for additional information.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP: Do you want to learn to heal and love yourself and become the strong and healthy woman you really are in a group with other women just like yourself? This group will take you there. Starts September 20, 1993, 7-9 pm. 10 weeks \$30 per week. N. Scottsdale. Register by September 13th. Sandra M. Hardin, M.A. 483-1658.

Dykes To Watch Out For



Aphrodite's Corner

I had the opportunity to travel out to the coast of California recently. I traveled by myself. I am currently not partnered and I chose not to travel with a friend.

I was somewhat concerned about my safety, so I brought my dogs. I had been warned and reminded about "a woman traveling alone", after all I grew up in the "helter-skelter" generation.

In retrospect I think I was more worried about not having a "buddy" to talk to and to share the rigors of setting up camp and to share the experiences of spectacular sunsets or ocean views. So in an effort to feel as though I had company, someone to talk to, I journalized. In doing so I felt I was talking to someone, namely myself. And I prayed or meditated or whatever one would call communing with the Universe.

I was never alone.

Those of you who have had an opportunity to spend some time alone, probably identify with my experience. For those of you who haven't I would like to say: "try it, you'll like it".

I gained something from this trip that surprised me. It was an awareness of how much of myself I have and how important that relationship is in position to every other relationship in my life. It seems that the more I love myself and the choices I make, the more I can love a partner, my friends, my children, my clients, my work. It has a ripple effect that stretches to every corner of my sphere of existence.

During my trip I was given another poem. One of the lines reads "I looked in the mirror and saw myself". This essentially sums it up for me. Every where I go I take me. In every relationship I maintain, one of the people is me. When I fight with someone, make love with someone, work with someone, always, always one of the other people is me. It makes sense to me, then, that that relationship needs to come first. What a concept!

Such are the thoughts of your traveling "Love Goddess". Please send in your anniversaries or call the Women's Center at 966-6152, and leave a message for Carol Anne. Until next month...

Namaste, in love



LESBIAN CHORALE HAS A NAME!

Yes, it's true! The Local Lesbian Chorale (too new to have a name), after six months of singing, bonding, and now ten voices strong (including our wonderful chorale director, Emily), has finally unanimously agreed on a name.... (drum roll, please)..... "TLC"....and we're going to leave it to your "lesbian" imaginations what "TLC" might stand for! Tender Loving Care, Totally Lascivious Chorale, Titillating Lesbian Chorus, The Lesbian Chorale, Ten Lesbians Coming (to sing for you, of course!). I'm sure you can let your minds wander even more and get really sleazy as we already have, but that's what makes it fun!

We also would like to let you know what community events we presently have planned for your future listening entertainment (and will keep you informed as we add to this list):

- 8-29 LRP Sunday Brunch at Coyote Club, 10:30-12
- 9-17,18,19----Arizona Women's Festival at Lavender Patch
Open Mike
- 10-23-----2nd Annual LRP Auction, 7:00pm
- 12-10-----Grand Canyon Men's Chorale (GCMC) Holiday
Concert Trinity Cathedral
- 12-11-----2nd Annual LRP Holiday Concert
- 1-94-----Sister's Honoring Sisters Celebration
- 3-94-----Tucson Joint Concert including Desert Voices,
GCMC and "TLC"
- 6-94-----Phoenix Joint Concert including Desert Voices,
GCMC and "TLC"

As you can see, we have a busy schedule and are excited to have been so warmly received by those who have heard us thus far. We are still open to more singers and would welcome any women who would like to become involved. Now would be a good time for newcomers as we are presently planning the March and June, 1994 concerts. We practice every Monday night from 7-9:30pm at the LRP in Tempe. If you are interested, please contact Sandi at 926-9296 or come to a Monday night practice. We always welcome newcomers!

The \$600 million question

Washington--In order to provide adequate medical care for lesbians, participants in women's clinical studies need to be asked about their sexual orientation, said Dr. Katherine A. O'Hanlan, during testimony at a National Institutes of Health (NIH) scientific meeting, July 12 and 13.

O'Hanlan, president-elect of a gay physicians group, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, is believed to be the first person asked by government officials to testify on lesbian health issues.

O'Hanlan said that at least one question about sexual orientation should be added to the trial study of the Women's Health Initiative. That Initiative, a study which has \$600 million in funding and will involve up to 160,000 women, is slated to commence in September. The trial component of the study will test the effect of approaches to preventing cancer and other diseases on up to 60,000 women.

If the question is not included, then lesbians will continue to be underrepresented in clinical studies.

Some health surveys indicate that lesbians may be more prone to cancer and other diseases than heterosexual women because more lesbians exhibit risk factors including tobacco usage, obesity, low childbearing rates, and lack of access to health care.

If the question of sexual orientation is included on the Women's Health Initiative, lesbians health care advocates say they foresee some improvements.

"It will help us educate the community," said Hester of the Mautner Project. "Also, it could help change health care practices by educating health care providers to work differently with lesbians and address the differences."



PUBLIC SERVANT?

by Patricia Victour

Every day the *Arizona Republic* lies strewn around the office where I work and, since my job is mind-numbingly boring, even reading that right-wing rag is a welcome diversion. It was Particularly so on August 11, when I read E.J. Montini's column which informed me that our illustrious Senator John McCain, that valiant, flag-draped POW, who fought and suffered in Viet Nam (as we are reminded ad nauseam) for mom, home and apple pie (but not, it seems, for your rights or mine), is going to be the keynote speaker at a fund raiser in Portland, Oregon. That in itself is not news. However, the group before which he will be speaking is none other than the Oregon Citizens Alliance. This organization, as you may recall, is the group which brought the infamous anti-gay initiative, Proposition No. 9, to the Oregon ballot last year. As you may also recall, this is the Senator who, presumably with the lord's arms around him, may have helped Charlie Keating loot all those S&Ls, which we'll be bailing out for the next century or so. What, you might ask, is a Senator from Arizona doing speaking in Oregon? Where, you might ask, is his next stop on this cavalcade of hate? Phoenix? Could be.

Does this man represent YOU? If not, I suggest you write to him and let him know how you feel about his poor choice of speaking engagements. And, when it comes time to vote, go to the polls and throw the bum out of office.

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Eleanor Roosevelt - Vol. 1: 1884-1933

by **Blanche Wiesen Cook**
 Published by **Penguin Books**
Reviewed by Carol White

For Mother's Day this year I received three pair of men's gold toe socks, an ancient coin to add to my collection, and my very own paperback edition of *Eleanor Roosevelt-Vol. 1: 1884-1933* by Blanche Wiesen Cook. I *won't* share my socks, I'll let you *see* the coin (no touching), but I *want* to let everyone share in appreciating Eleanor Roosevelt!

Cook presents by far the most thoroughly researched look at E.R. (Eleanor Roosevelt) to date. Don't be put off by it's length of 500 pages or the \$14.00 price sticker. The book is most worthy of your investment of time and money. Wrapped in an intriguingly warm style, Cook's writing flows with candor and savvy.

With great ease I could give a lengthy litany on each chapter of the book. Briefly, among the most notable are the relationships E.R. had with Marie Souvestre (founder of Allenswood, a progressive feminist "finishing" school in England), Ester Lape and her life-partner Elizabeth Read (impressive political activists), and Nancy Cook and her life-partner Marion Dickerman (Cook was a potter, jeweler, photographer, and carpenter; Dickerman was an educator and political activist).

Skillful and touching is the author's handling of the impact of Lorena Hicok on the life of E.R. Long "suspected" as a lesbian affair, Blanche Wiesen Cook, with intuitive accuracy, discusses the realities of the relationship. Gently reminding the reader that physical intimacy is never the be-all and end-all of love shared between women, Blanche Wiesen Cook elevates the decency of privacy. There are no "scandal sheet" details spewed forth here. There needn't be.

A few months ago, I saw Blanche Wiesen Cook interviewed on C-SPAN. She was rather unassuming and very witty at times. Yet, when asked a difficult or seemingly trivial detail about E.R., she at once let the audience know they were in the presence of the world's leading authority on the life and times of Eleanor Roosevelt. Close to the end of the interview Cook was asked about the dedication she gives very humbly at the beginning of the book. She replied that the book is dedicated to Clare M. Coss, her life-partner of more than 20 years. Stirrings of pride and shrieks of joy rattled the rafters in my living room at that nonchalant reply!

I wish Cook's E.R. Vol. II was already in print. Perhaps it will be by next Mother's Day. You can bet I'll let you know.
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
 SPECIAL EVENTS**

Can you spare a few hours?

by Barb Jones

The LRP's two major fundraising events are just around the corner. Our **AUCTION and CONCERT** are now being organized.

There are many tasks to be accomplished in order for these events to be as successful as they were last year. Everything from stuffing envelopes to calling potential donors to coordinating event volunteers we need your help.

So, if you can spare a few hours now to help with either event, or both events, please call the LRP as soon as possible and let us know where you'd like to help. **966-6152 (voice/TDD)**

Good News from Colorado

The State Supreme Court of Colorado has upheld a temporary injunction of Amendment 2 that prevents Amendment 2 from taking effect until the trial on the constitutionality of the Amendment can be heard in October in Judge Jeffrey Bayless' District Court in Denver. Judge Bayless had issued an injunction in February, saying there was a right "not to have the state give sanction to private biases."

The State Supreme Court also upheld Bayless' criterion that the State must show a compelling interest in order to discriminate by enforcing Amendment 2. This is the strictest criterion the U.S. Supreme Court allows for any kind of discrimination (usually reserving it for race and religion), and makes it highly unlikely that the Amendment will be found Constitutional.

The State Supreme Court, according to news reports, agreed that it is unlikely that Amendment 2 can meet the strict test of compelling interest. The Colorado Supreme Court would be the court to which the loser in Bayless' upcoming decision will try to appeal.

Colorado State Attorney Gale Norton is appealing the injunction to the U.S. Supreme Court and has asked Judge Bayless to postpone the trial on the constitutionality of Amendment 2 while the U.S. Supreme Court considers the injunction. The filing would be in mid-September with a ruling possible in July, 1994. If Bayless refuses to postpone his trial, the state will likely appeal that refusal to the Colorado Supreme Court.

A legal expert said the chances might not be good because Amendment 2 hasn't had a full trial. "That's a strong factor against the likelihood of review," said Richard Collins, a University of Colorado law professor and constitutional law specialist.

What the state seems afraid of is that they are required to prove "compelling governmental interest" in enacting and enforcing Amendment 2. Except for the American Constitutional Law Foundation (ACLF), the conservative legal group that helped write Amendment 2 and claimed that the language will pass Constitutional muster, many legal experts are saying that the state burden of proof is overwhelming.

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Remember Gay "Star Search" comes to Phoenix

For more information and to register as a participant, contact the Berlitz Gallery Theatre at 263-0587. The preliminary contests will be held on Sunday evenings beginning in August at 8:00 pm. Tickets to view the contests will be \$5.00.



Arizona National Organization for Women

AZ NOW is aggressively seeking new members, new chapters, and new action groups. A chapter consists of 10 paid, active members, an action group is comprised of 3-4 or more members of NOW who choose to affiliate with an existing chapter. Funds and assistance are available for new chapters and action groups.

The ASU-East Valley chapter will begin holding meetings at Arizona State University in the memorial Union in September. The schedule of topics is as follows: Sept. 2 - NOW Introduction, Sept. 16 - Nonviolence (Clinic Escort Training), Sept. - Self Defense, Oct. 21 - to be announced (Racism and Feminism or HIV and Women), Nov. 4 - Women's Literature, Nov. 18 - Women and Poverty, Dec. 2 - to be announced, Dec. 23 - no meeting. For more information contact Denise at 898-9021.

RESOURCES

(Please note: This is a PARTIAL list of non-profit groups. If your group would like to be included please write or call us. We are looking for groups supportive of and of interest to Lesbians.)

INFORMATION:

Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard: 234-2752

Lesbian Resource Project: 2121 S. Mill Ave., #108, Rio Salado Bldg., Tempe. 966-6152 (voice/TDD).

SOCIAL GROUPS:

Couples of Arizona: PO Box 7144, Phx, 85011. Call 831-6432.

Desert Adventures: Indoor/Outdoor social activities 266-Camp(2267).

Desert Valley Squares, Ltd.: Lesbian/Gay Square Dance Club, PO Box 34615, Phx 85067. Contact C.J. at 252-0048.

Lesbian Breakfast Club: Meets Sundays at 10:30am. 833-2293(Call Saturday night or Sunday morning for location. Location changes weekly)

Desert Hearts Motorcycle Club: Monthly rides. Deb at 279-9228.

Lesbian and Gay Seniors Group: 241-1604

Valley Career Women: PO Box 33393, Phoenix, Az. 85067. Contact Kathleen at 996-3184

SUPPORT NETWORKS:

Women Veteran's Support Network: The Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171, New Market, VA 22844.

Coming Out Group: Meets at Healing Waters Ministries, 225 W. University Dr., Tempe. Call Bonnie at 966-6671 or Healing Waters at 894-8681 for details. (This is a non-religious group)

Lesbian & Gay Academic Union (LGAU): meets Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Memorial Union at ASU. Contact Bonnie 966-6671.

Gay and Lesbian Relationship Discussion Group: 7:00pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix, 4027 E. Lincoln Dr. Bob at 392-3198.

Gay & Lesbian Parent Support Network: PO Box 66823, Phx, 85082. Sandi or Deb 892-8075.

POLITICAL GROUPS:

Arizona Committee For Progress: PO Box 40374, Phx, 85067.

Feminist Lesbian Activist Coalition (FLAC): Karen at 966-4521.

Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project: PO Box 60881, Phx, 85082. Call 351-3080.

Phoenix Women Take Back the Night: 1826 E. Willetta, Phx, 85006. Dianne at 258-7985.

Women's Center, Inc.: 966-6152(voice/TDD).

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS:

Casa de Cristo Evangelical Church: 1029 E. Turney, Phx 265-2831.

CCL/Conference for Catholic Lesbians: Donna 947-8187 (Phx area) or Pat at 326-8379 (Tucson).

Dignity/Integrity: PO Box 21091, Phx 85036. Bill 258-2556.

Gentle Shepherd MCC: 3425 E. Mountain View, Phx 85028. Tom at 996-7644.

Goddess Womyn Network: Meetings & quarterly newsletter. Call 266-4111.

Healing Waters Ministries: 225 W. University Dr., Tempe 85281 894-8681.

Lutherans Concerned: Phoenix, Frank 870-3611

Mispachat Am (Lesbian & Gay Jews): PO Box 7731, Phx 85011.

Oasis MCC: 2405 E. Coronado, Phx Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn at 275-3534.

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns: Meets monthly 275-0506.

OTHER NEWSLETTERS OF INTEREST:

Luna-Sea: Tucson Wimmin's Community Newsletter. 727 E. Helen, Tucson 85719. \$7/yr. \$3.50/six months.

Flagstaff Women's News: Aradia Bookstore, PO Box 266, Flagstaff, Az. 86002. Donation appreciated but not required.



WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP: Do you want to learn to heal and love yourself and become the strong and healthy woman you really are in a group with other women just like yourself? This group will take you there. Starts September 20, 1993, 7-9 pm. 10 weeks \$30 per week. N. Scottsdale. Register by September 13th. Sandra M. Hardin, M.A. 483-1658.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON GOING MONTHLY EVENTS

- SUNDAYS** **Breakfast Club** 10:30am. Call Kathy at 833-2293 for location as it changes every Sunday.
Ultimate Frisbee 3-5pm at Encanto Park. For more details call 253-7459.
- TUESDAYS** **Gay & Lesbian Relationship Discussion Group (RDG)** meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Unitarian Church, 4027 E. Lincoln Dr.
Every Tuesday - Lesbian & Gay Alanon, 8:45, LAMBDA Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phx. **1st & 3rd ASU-EAST VALLEY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW)**. Meets at ASU in the Memorial Union. Sept 2- NOW introduction; Sept 16- Nonviolence (clinic escort training).
- Thur** **Gay 'Star Search'** at Berlitz, 8:00pm, see page 8 for more details.
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- Sept 3-5** **Zia Regional Rodeo**, New Mexico, see page 11
Sept 9-26 **"Torch Song Trilogy"** at the Berlitz, see page 8
- Thur 2** **AGRA contestants benifit - JC's Fun One** 9pm
Sun 5 **AGRA contestants benifit - Varsity Show Cash Inn** 7:30pm
Sun 5 **Lesbian Community Labor Day Picnic**, see page 9
Wed 8 **Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)1993 Convention**,
Sat 11 **Lesbian Health Fair - see page 7**
AGRA contestants car wash - Mesa, Gilbert & Broadway, 7-11 starting 9am
Tue 14 **RDG - topic Dating Etiquette**
Sat 18 **WREN's hike**, see page 12 for more information
AGRA contestants Potluck show, Nasty Habits 8:30pm Bring your favorite dish
Fri 24 **Fourth Friday (book discussion group) to resume** see page 12 for details.
Tue 28 **RDG topic - Ex Lovers & Ex Spouses**
- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Oct 1** **"43 years of Music Nostalgia"**, Cash Inn Country, to benifit AGRA.
- Oct 3** **Megha Morganfield in concert**, see page 16
Cash Inn Country, 1st Annual Fall Follies
- Nov 6** **Comic Suzanne Westenhofer**, See page 8
Nov 13 **National Women's Comedy Conference-Ohio**, see page 15

Lesbian Resource Project: Center Happenings

(Please call ahead to the LRP if you are interested in participating in any events listed below. Many meetings have information you will need to receive prior to participating in a group.(602) 966-6152 (voice/TDD))

SUNDAYS

September 12 LRP Fundraising Task Force 10:30am-12:00pm

Call for date LRP Library Task Force 4:00pm-6:00pm

MONDAYS

September 6th, 13th 20th & 27th Practice of TLC - The Lesbian Chorale contact Sandi @ 926-9296 We still need members! 7:00pm-9:30pm

TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

September 1st, 8th 22nd & 29th Breaking Up Support Group 7:30pm-9:00pm

September 15th Writers Group 7:00pm - 9:00pm

THURSDAYS

September 2nd, 16th & 30th Lesbian Quilters 6:30pm-8:30pm

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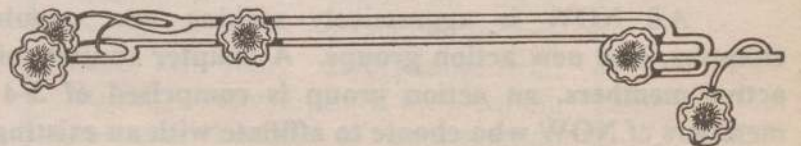
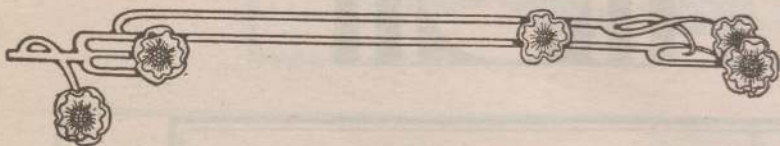
Call for dates Lesbian/feminist Reading Discussion Group 7:00pm-9:00pm

SATURDAYS

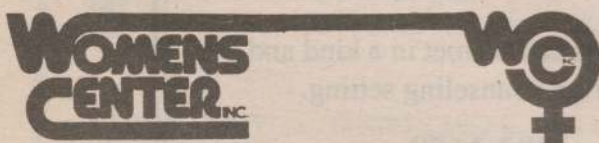
Please call prior to the first meeting to confirm dates for each group. The calendar is tentative this month so please be sure to confirm meeting times and dates with a group leader.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

A new report from the Nurses' Health Study found that women who quit smoking quickly lower their risk of having a stroke (*Journal of the American Medical Association, Jan. 13, 1992*). Based on a twelve-year survey of the health of 117,006 women, the researchers found that within two to four years of quitting, former smokers have the same relative risk of developing a stroke as women who have never smoked. About half of all deaths from stroke in women under the age of 65 are estimated to be caused by smoking.



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