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ARIZONA WOMYNS MUSIC FESTIVAL by Dianne Post

It's the Economy, Stupid.

One hundred and eighty three women enjoyed the high desert's warm days and extra cool nights at this year's Arizona Womyn's Music Festival, September 17-19, 1993. The festival is held on 40 acres of women owned land (mortgage paid off in September, 1993) in north east Arizona. The first festival was in 1981 when two women, Dianne Post and Amanda Bailey, purchased the land. The original intent, still intact, was to feature Arizona performers who often don't get enough recognition in their own territory and to guarantee an open forum for new faces by prohibiting anyone from playing more than three years in a row without taking two years off. Early performers included Slique Callahan, Jamie Anderson, and Marti Van der Voort. That first year the festival was held in June which proved to be too hot but about 50 women came each paying \$5 with a net of \$34 to each performer.

Both women then moved to Reno, NV but Post returned in 1983 to hold another festival this time on the third weekend in September to avoid the heat and the monsoon rains. That date has stuck. In 1984 I tried a "You're All Stars" camping sing out but the small attendance (20) discouraged me so I didn't have another festival until 1988. That year about 150 women came and for the first time, the music was amplified and lights were added for night sets. Performers included Slique, Jamie and Marti along with Conni Johnson, Michelle Marquand, and Megha Morganfield. Payment remained the same i.e. each performer, interpreter and producer gets an even split of the door after expenses. For each year it has averaged around \$50.

The 1989 festival was the year from hell when we had 175 women with drunken women, motorcycle accidents, children with their noses in cactus and local men trying to barge onto the land. But the dance troupe "Artesmis Preeshl and the Wild Things" and Kathleen Williamson were still runaway favorites.

In 1990, so many women had requested that it be held in a city rather than the boondocks, it was held in Phoenix which turned out to be fortuitous since it poured rain on the land the whole weekend. One-hundred and fifty women came for the two day (Friday - Saturday) festival and benefit. Newcomers included Jess Hawk Oakenstar, Melanie Morrison, and Albuquerque's Exit 154.

In 1991, we returned to the land with 150 women and the men problems returned. I told them we were a religious women's retreat. He said, "They don't look much like church women." I asked him, "When was the last time you were in church." He had to admit I had him there and they left.

The 1992 festival decreased to 125 women and for the first time performers didn't show - 4 of them! Sky Dancer and Carol Steinel from Portland were traveling through and filled up two of the slots and Jan Acevedo just returned from a cruise ship took another.

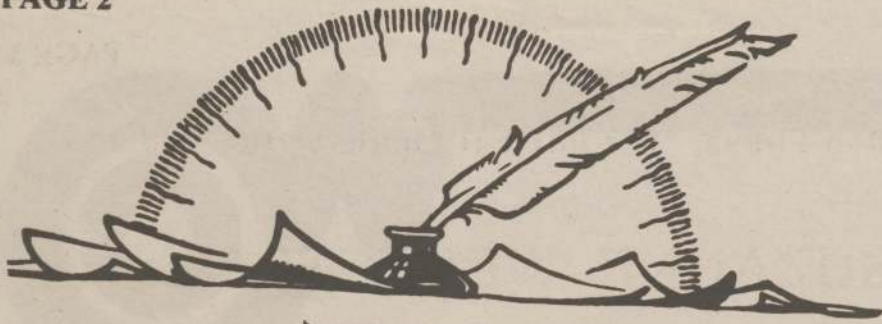
The 9th Arizona Womyn's Festival in 1993 was to have been it's last. I had done all of them, 5 alone, and was tired of the responsibility and risk. With the steadily declining numbers, I expected only 100 this year. To try to make enough to pay performers more, I cut the number of acts from 12 to 7 and moved the stage to the trailer so we could use the electricity and not rent a generator.

By Thursday afternoon, 92 tickets had sold so I stuck with my original estimate. Much to my surprise, 183 women showed up - a record which included women from Washington, San Francisco, and New Mexico. The crowd pleaser was the Tucson band Friendly Fire with the blues duo, also from Tucson, Rebecca Horton and Tami Hill not far behind. Country western with Nancy Goodson was popular though none took the opportunity to learn a couple new line dances to keep warm. Charlotte Strayhorn's powerful vocals (she quit singing on the womyn's circuit in 1981 after Michigan) shook the trees. Conni Johnson did an entire ASL interpreted set with some help from Sam Rogers showing us two different signed languages. Kaweah added her country/folk.

The jump in attendance taught me a lesson about why women's events seem to be losing numbers. To copy our President - it's the economy, stupid. The festival requires self-sufficient camping i.e. bring your own food and water. I provide only porta Janes and music. From 1988 to 1992, prices went from \$30 to \$35 in advance and \$45 at the gate, still an outstanding bargain for 12 acts. Still people complained about the price. For a couple it would be \$70 for a weekend plus gas and food or an easy \$100. This year the price dropped to \$15 each or \$25 for 2 (not couples just any tow). So with food and gas, a couple could have a great, womyn music filled weekend on 40 acres in the sun and stars for \$50. Even though all my advertising said sliding scale, people don't like to ask. The interest is there. We just have to make sure that while we talk about accessibility, we include accessibility for poor women (which is most of us).

With the evident interest, two women agreed to organize next years festival, Nancy Goodson and Heidi Hunt. They are planning a community pig roast, a woman from Flagstaff is organizing workshops and another woman from Phoenix has offered to organize construction of a stage. Melanie, who provides all the sound, wants to move back to the "big stage" for next year and Boo, Nancy's daughter, is in charge of children's events. So instead of dying, in the style of the Goddess, the festival is being reborn into a new and better model. If you want to help, call Nancy at 493-7501 or Heidi at 483-3740. The event will still be held the third weekend in September at Lavendar Patch so mark **your calendars NOW**.





LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was moved, by L.L.'s article to offer my comments about the Phoenix Lesbian Community. I'd like to start with a story.

An elderly (Lesbian) woman was seated on the porch of her home quietly rocking and enjoying the evening, when a car drove up and a (Lesbian) family got out and approached her.

"Hello, we are considering moving here and would like to know what kind of (Lesbians) people you have here." "Well," responded the woman, "what kind of people (Lesbians) do you have where you now live?"

Without hesitation, the family responded, "Oh, we have very thoughtful, caring fun loving (Lesbians) people in our town." "That's interesting...so do we," stated the old (Lesbian) woman and with that, the family got in their car and drove away.

Sometime later another family (of Lesbians), walking by, stopped and asked the very same question and in return received the very same question from the old (Lesbian) woman.

However, the answer from the second family was very different: "We have very thoughtless, rude, lazy and critical (Lesbian) people in our town." There was a long pause...and the old (Lesbian) woman responded: "That's very interesting...so do we!" (I added Lesbian!)

We human beings see what we want to see or see life through our own experiences...doing this sometimes builds walls. When we open ourselves to the experiences of others it is easier to build bridges. L.L. told about a hiking trip, high in the mountains, with 14 women who for the most part did not know each other. The primitive nature of their task and the singular focus that brought them together would give any group the opportunity to bond. Fourteen women from Phoenix would probably have a similar positive experience...and on the other hand, one could go to an event in one of their towns and be ignored.

It reminds me of a lesson I learned as a young mother. My son Don fell off a kitchen chair when he was about 14 months old and cut his tongue up the center. Our doctor was out of town so I took him to another doctor, who did nothing and told me to wash his mouth out with Hydrogen Peroxide and sent us home. Well, needless to say that was impossible and he cried all night.

I took him to our own doctor in the morning and he was very angry. He said the tongue needed to be sutured, otherwise my son would have difficulty learning to talk. We had to take him to the hospital for surgery because so much time had passed, it needed to be recut and repaired. I was furious with the other doctor. I would have trashed him to everyone I met if I hadn't met a woman in the hospital waiting room, who told me that her husband had a heart attack at a little league game the night before and if it wasn't for a doctor who was there he wouldn't be alive! You guessed it...it was the doctor I had taken Don to see! How many lives would have been lost by my "trashing" this doctor?

The grass is not greener somewhere else. The Phoenix Lesbian Community is no different than any other community, there are troubled, thoughtless, rude Lesbians here and there are loving, balanced, thoughtful, caring Lesbians here. Most of us, oppressed human beings that we are, on any given day, fall somewhere in the middle.

Only once, in the eleven years I have been in Phoenix, have I been directly told that "my energy" was not liked and if I intended to stay in this particular group, "she would not," I was devastated.

After a while I was able to look at the emotional baggage I was carrying at the time and how that influenced the way I presented myself in that group. I then balance the acceptance and support of the other women in the group with her rejection. However, negative experiences like this are not a reason to judge an entire community. These kinds of experiences are repeated many times in our community and it is inaccurate judgments, lack of understanding and our lack of ability to risk staying with the conflict until it is resolved that create walls and distances. It is not conflict that damages, it is inevitable, it is our commitment to the mileage we get out of the "ain't it awful" positions we take.

Over the years some Lesbians have "talked behind my back", and once, that I know of, voted to exclude me from an event.

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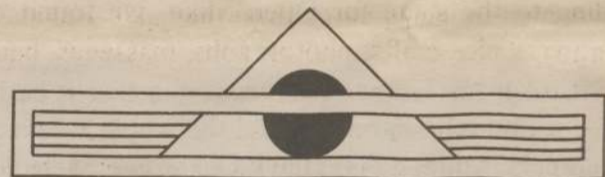
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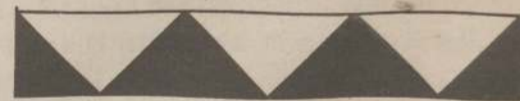
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On the other hand, a number of Lesbians have indicated they enjoy my company and care about me. Contrary to the messages I learned as a girl-child...everyone (Lesbian) is not going to like me and I am not going to like everyone (Lesbian). Being Lesbian is not enough of a common bond for women to build trust...being women in an oppressive society is enough to build respect for each other.

These negative experiences are isolated incidents. The people who make up the support system I have created (and that's an important point, it's up to me to build my community and my sense of belonging) come from many walks of life. Many are Lesbians which adds to the beauty of my life! But a healthy sense of belonging comes from inside, as Meg Christian says in her song "It's an inside job." It appears to me that the more comfortable I am with myself the more comfortable others are with me.

For the most part, if I needed a Lesbian friend or they needed me, we would be there for each other and that is community. I am sure this is true for many Lesbians in Phoenix. I believe that behind the armor we wear to protect ourselves from getting hurt, we are beautiful, intelligent, strong, and powerful women, and incredibly understanding and forgiving!

-A concerned Lesbian from Phoenix-

PARTY ON!
NINTH ANNUAL ARIZONA WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

by Patricia Victour

On September 17-19, Suzie and I, and 181 other womyn, attended the Ninth Arizona Womyn's Music Festival. We drove up on Friday, enjoying the pine trees, rock formations and cool breezes along the way. After dawdling a little too long at some of the scenic spots, including that great Payson attraction, the Wal-Mart restroom, we arrived at Lavender Patch about sundown. Bumping along the "road" in my trusty Toyota, Eppie, we finally found Robin, Laurie and Patty, who had graciously invited us to share their campsite. One eye on the rapidly setting sun, we unpacked the grill and feverishly blew on our stubborn briquettes, trying to get hamburgers cooked and eaten before we were plunged into total darkness.

Stomachs stuffed, boxes and bags stowed, we pulled on our Arctic survival gear - jackets, sweaters, down vests, wool socks, scarves, long underwear, earmuffs - grabbed our chairs and blankets and headed through the underbrush for the evening's performance - with a stop at the nearest port-a-jane to make a deposit and drop off our roll of TP.

Of course, the evening's entertainment began (and ended) with Arizona's favorite MC/comedienne, or whatever the politically correct call female comics these days, Slique (or is that Alique?) Callahan. (Personally, I dread the day that Slique MAKES IT BIG, and we don't have her around any more to make our sides hurt and our eyes water. I'm sure I'm not alone in my selfish wish that she delay fame and fortune as long as possible.) Nancy Goodson, who has been "on tour" with Jess Hawk Oakenstar, snag and played tunes on her banjo. When Nancy was through, there weren't any takers for line dancing so, as the last echoes of music and laughter faded away under a satiny black sky spangled with at least a bazillion stars, Suzie and I headed . . . for town and our nice, warm bed at the Whiting Motor Inn. Now, that's MY idea of camping! Two showers a day and HBO. Yessss!

On Saturday, we got up not-so-bright-and-early and headed back to the Festival (after a long, hot shower and a breakfast we didn't have to share with any large, buzzing, winged creatures; attention National Geographic: hoards of condors seem to be alive and well in certain out-of-the-way spots in Arizona!).

Heading to the stage for Open Mike, we found a number of womyn selling very nice crafts, photographs, massages, hair wraps, and probably some other stuff we missed because we'd slept too late in our comfortable, queen-sized bed.

I was VERY impressed by the brave womyn who performed on Saturday afternoon under a bright blue canopy festooned with purple balloons. Each womyn was, without exception, terrific! (I would like to mention that although the balloons were a nice touch, some of them got loose and may possibly cause problems later for unsuspecting birds and animals. Maybe next year the balloons could be tied on with special care, using stronger string, so that escapees can be eliminated?)

Melanie Morrison took a break from her sound organization duties and "opened" open mike. Melanie was followed by Terry from Flagstaff; Lane from Yuma; Colleen from Tucson; Rebecca from Adobe Land; and Lisa from San Francisco, each of whom entertained us with great voices and, in most cases, their guitars. "Designer at Heart - Megan," also from California, was rumored to have modeled her outfit, but if she did, I missed it! Matalia shared her beautiful poetry' and I read three poems and (commercial break) a story from my book of lesbian erotica, Hog Heaven, which will be published in April, 1994,

by Crossing Press. Last, but not least, the Common Women Writers Group (Robin, Michele, Ruth and I) read a few humorous exercises written during some of our writers' meetings (which bear no resemblance to drunken brawls, as you might expect after hearing our material!). It was a talent-packed two hours, if I do say so myself.

After open mike, Suzie and I rushed back to camp, fired up the "barbie", fixed blackened chicken without even using a recipe, then pulled on all our warm clothes again, grabbed our chairs and blankets and hightailed it back to the stage to listen to some great music by Rebecca Horton, Kaweah and Charlotte Strayhorn. They were followed by a truly awesome band, from Tucson I believe, called Friendly Fire, that caused about a gazillion womyn to stomp gleefully in the dust around a blazing fire. I think even those who kept most of their clothes on were having a pretty good time.

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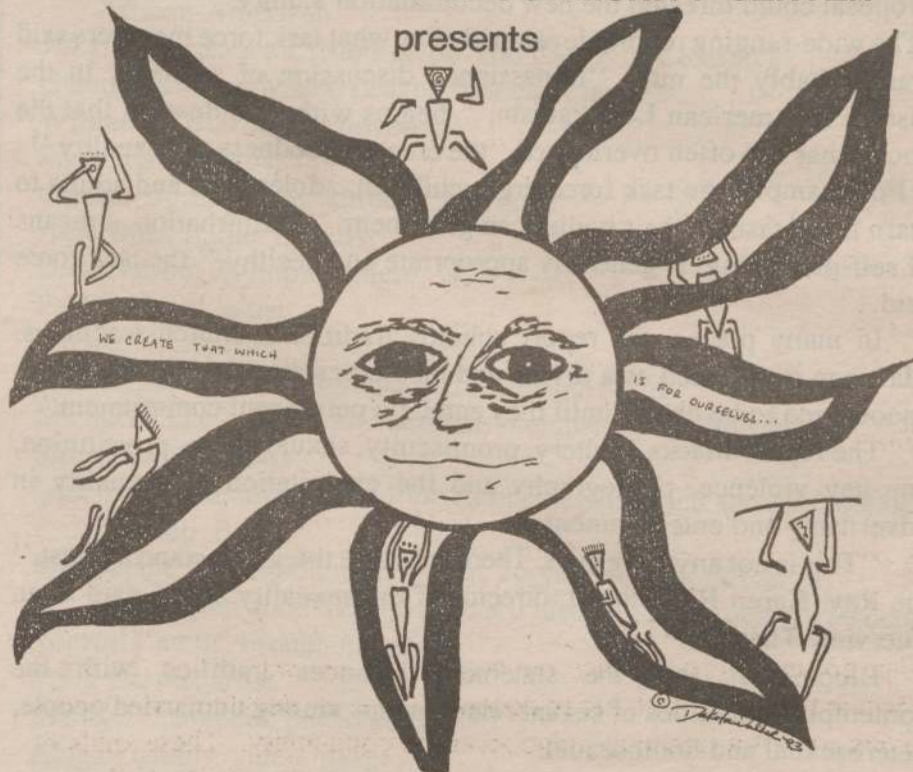
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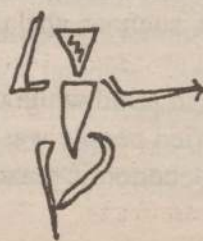
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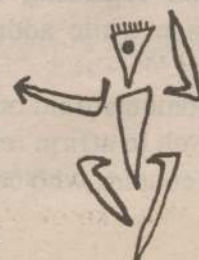
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Lutheran Report Praises 'Created Goodness of Sexuality'

By David Briggs

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Masturbation is healthy, the Bible supports homosexual unions and teaching teens how to use condoms to prevent disease is a moral imperative, says a task force leading the nation's largest Lutheran body into the sex wars.

Four years in the making, a draft statement going before the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declares that the core of human sexuality should be loving, committed relationships and not limited to heterosexual marriages

"It is the binding commitment, not the license or ceremony, that lies at the heart of biblical understandings of marriage," says the statement. "In those circumstances where a legal marriage is not feasible, communities of faith may need to consider other ways of publicly affirming and communally supporting a loving, binding commitment between two people."

The 21-page report, "The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective," a copy of which was released to The Associated Press, is to be sent later this week to 19,000 pastors and other church leaders in the 5.2 million-member denomination.

Local churches have until next June to respond. A second draft, taking the response into account, will be prepared for a churchwide assembly of lay and clergy delegates in 1995.

The report is the ELCA's first attempt to grapple with sexuality since it was formed in 1988 by the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

Foreshadowing current U.S. ferment over gay rights, mainline Protestant denominations have been convulsed in recent years over demands by gay and lesbian members that churches accord them formal acceptance and the right of ordination. The United Church of Christ is the only major Protestant denomination to permit the ordination of homosexuals.

In the last two years, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have rejected proposals to loosen church strictures on homosexuality.

But the issue has no more vanished from the sanctuaries than from the streets, as attested by the raucous protests by gay church members and their supporters after the votes. The Methodists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians all are engaged in new studies of homosexuality.

Within the ELCA, the 67-member Conference of Bishops has already expressed reservations about the report. The ELCA falls on the moderate end of mainline Protestantism but is more liberal than the 2.6 million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

A motion earlier this month to postpone work on the sexuality statement indefinitely was withdrawn, but bishops expressed concern the proposal could threaten the new denomination's unity.

The wide-ranging report, developed after what task force members said was probably the most "impassioned discussion of sexuality in the history of American Lutheranism," begins with a confession that the church has too often overlooked "the created goodness of sexuality."

For example, the task force urges children, adolescents and adults to learn the pleasures their bodies can give them. "Masturbation, a means of self-pleasuring, is generally appropriate and healthy," the task force said.

In many places, the report upholds traditional church teachings. Marriage is affirmed as a divine and blessed estate, and teen-agers are encouraged to be chaste until they enter "a permanent commitment."

The report attacks adultery, promiscuity, sexual abuse, prostitution, anti-gay violence, pornography and the exploitation of sexuality in advertising and entertainment.

"This is not anything goes. There are some things we stand against," the Rev. Karen Bloomquist, director of the sexuality study, said in an interview Tuesday.

Bloomquist said the statement balances tradition with the contemporary realities of sexual relationships among unmarried people, heterosexual and homosexual.

The report cited certain "moral imperatives," including sex education regarding such traditional concerns as monogamy and abstinence while adding "preventive practices such as the use of condoms."

Bloomquist said one group the task force kept in mind while urging the church to affirm relationships between unmarried people was those elderly couples who cohabit but remain single for economic reasons.

Homosexuals in particular "have heard much condemnation but little life-giving Gospel addressed to us as gay and lesbian Christians," the report said.

The task force said it recognizes many Lutherans take literally the biblical condemnations of homosexuality in the books of Leviticus and Romans, and oppose homosexual activity as contrary to God's law.

But the task force urged Lutherans to challenge such attitudes. They argue that "responsible biblical interpretation" strongly supports the acceptance and even the blessing of committed same-sex unions and emphasizes what they say is the pre-eminent biblical command, to "love your neighbor as yourself."

The passage in the 13th chapter of the letter from the apostle Paul to the Romans continues, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." The report said such love "is pivotal for evaluating homosexual activity. ... Gay and lesbian persons are indeed among the neighbors we are called by Christ to love."

Even before it reaches parishioners, the report has proven controversial. At their meeting this month, the bishops worried over the report's equation of marriage with the term "loving, committed relationship." They also objected to the use of Scripture in defending homosexual relationships and adopted a statement opposing any official blessings for gay and lesbian unions.

"There is basis neither in Scripture nor tradition for the establishment of an official ceremony by this church for the blessing of a homosexual relationship," they said.

On Tuesday, Bishop Richard Foss of the Synod of Eastern North Dakota said many Lutherans will be confused and dismayed by the challenge to the traditional biblical understanding of homosexuality.

"You're doing just a major shift as far as people in the pew are concerned," he said.

But Bloomquist defended the church's effort.

"Many voices will say 'the church is not ready.' However this issue will not go away," she said in a statement. "We must deal with it without fear and face boldly this challenge in our faith and life together."



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THE OUT LIST
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A list of living, famous or distinguished people who have publicly acknowledged that they are lesbian, gay or bisexual
"THEY CAME OUT-- YOU CAN, TOO!"

Compiled by Mark Hertzog, University of Virginia
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The first version of the list which follows (Version 1.0) originally was compiled by me for "Proud to Be Out Week" at the University of Virginia in October 1992, and was posted to GayNet (address now: gaynet@queernet.org), an electronic bulletin board designed for gay, lesbian and bisexual persons, for additions and corrections. A corrected version (Version 1.1) was posted to GayNet in January 1993, and from there recopied to other certain other electronic outlets. In the intervening period, further additions and corrections have been made; hence, this new Version 1.2, which supersedes both previous versions.

The purpose of the list is to show people who are worried about coming out as gay, lesbian or bisexual that hundreds of prominent persons have done so and retained their popularity, their fortunes, and their good names. It is a sad fact of the time in which we live that people have to be persuaded that this is true. I hope this helps.

The qualifications for inclusion in the Out List are:

- (1) The person must be living;
- (2) The person must be famous or distinguished; and
- (3) The person MUST have acknowledged that she or he is gay,

lesbian or bisexual in a PUBLIC FORUM--either in the broadcast or print media, or in a public speech or appearance, which is not intended to be private or off the record. No one has been intentionally "outed" here. The principal sources were:

** "Famous or Distinguished Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals: A List of Names" (July 1992 version), compiled by the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association and provided to me by Ellen Greenblatt of SUNY-Buffalo (thanks!).

** Reports in the media, particularly The Advocate magazine.

** Information provided by various subscribers to GayNet (gaynet@queernet.org).

Although every reasonable effort has been made to verify all the information contained herein--and although a few names previously included have been removed for lack of adequate verification--the compiler cannot vouch for the *absolute* accuracy of the information contained herein. If any facts in this list are incorrect, please notify me at once and I shall send corrections to all sources to whom the list was posted.

THE LIST:

Roberta Achtenberg, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Clinton; former San Francisco city supervisor
Edward Albee, playwright (Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?)
Paula Gunn Allen, Native American writer and activist
Dorothy Allison, novelist (Bastard Out of Carolina)
Pedro Almodovar, filmmaker (Tie Me Up!, Tie Me Down!; Women on the Verge of Nervous Breakdown)
Sasha Alyson, publisher
Angunquac, Native American activist
Tom Ammiano, schoolteacher, comedian, San Francisco School Board member (and first-place vote-getter)
Emily Anderson, photographer
Gloria Anzaldua, Latina writer
Virginia Apuzzo, New York state government official; former head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Gregg Araki, Japanese-American filmmaker (The Living End)
John Ash, poet and literary critic
John Ashbery, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet
Don Bachardy, artist; life partner of the late novelist Christopher Isherwood
Guido Bachmann, writer
Joan Baez, singer
Ann Bancroft, explorer and teacher (*not* the actress Anne)
Paul Bartel, filmmaker

John Bartlett, fashion designer
Robert Bauman, conservative gay activist; former Republican Congressman from Maryland
Amanda Bearse, actress (Marcie on Married...With Children)
Alison Bechdel, cartoonist (Dykes to Watch Out For)
Pia Beck, singer and pianist
Andy Bell, lead singer of Erasure
Dodie Bellamy, writer
Miriam Ben-Shalom, sued military for reinstatement after expulsion for being lesbian; head of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America
Eric Bentley, critic, theatre director and translator
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Angela Bowie, poet and performance artist; ex-wife of David Bowie
David Bowie, rock star and actor
Paul Bowles, writer
Boy George, pop star (formerly of Culture Club)
Rev. Malcolm Boyd, Episcopal priest and writer
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Ed Buck, Arizona businessman; led drive to recall Gov. Evan Mecham from office
Rondel Buckmire, founder of the Queer Resources Directory; African-American
JM J. Bullock, actor (Monroe on Too Close for Comfort)
Glenn Burke, ex-Major League baseball player
William S. Burroughs, novelist
Scott Burson, artist
Charles Busch, writer, director and actor
Aldo Busi, Italian novelist
Dick Button, Olympic athlete
Paul Cadmus, artist
Jerome Caja, artist
Pat Califia, advice columnist and magazine editor
Michael Callen, singer and activist; member of The Flirtations
Simon Callow, actor
Jack Campbell, millionaire Florida businessman and activist; founded the Club Baths
Margarethe (Greta) Cammermeyer, 26-year veteran officer in Washington state National Guard discharged for being a lesbian
Renaud Camus, French novelist
Craig Carver, artist
Marilyn Chambers, porno actress
Abigail Childs, video maker
Margaret Cho, comedian
Meg Christian, singer
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Take Your Gortex to the Vortex

Take your Gortex (boots of course to the Vortex (in Sedona of course!)) for Thanksgiving! On Saturday, November 27, WREN will be flying to Sedona to celebrate and give thanks for such lovely scenery and such lovely women hikers on our Second Annual Boynton Canyon trek. Only 6-7 easy miles, we'll hike from junipers to conifers and stop to see if we feel a buzz at the vortex. Last year, two women felt such a buzz that I think they fell in love at first sight (or at least they fell in lust), and neither of them have been seen by a WREN since! Boynton Canyon is one of those special Sedona places, and a fairly easy hike, so come and burn up some of those turkey and pumpkin pie calories!

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! 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.

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



COMPUTER ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The LRP has an immediate need for someone interested in helping with computer projects at the LRP. The LRP maintains several mailing lists for use in membership mailings, fundraisers, referrals and corrections for the Women's Center Newsletter.

The information on these lists is accessed on a regular basis therefore they must be updated regularly. If you enjoy computers and would be willing to "DO" mailing lists please give us a call. We use Wordperfect 4.0. The time commitment is about 1-2 hours per week, and time, that suits your schedule. LRP's phone is 966-6152 (voice/TDD).

LESBIAN PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL!

**BREAST CANCER
PREVENTION TRIAL**

RIGHT now it's a spot so small it can't be detected even by the most advanced equipment. This may be the beginning of breast cancer, a disease that will be diagnosed in 180,000 American women this year.

Early detection methods have lowered death rates, and now a promising **prevention** alternative has surfaced. Tamoxifen, a drug used to fight cancer for 20 years is being studied as a breast cancer **prevention** treatment. Tamoxifen also has been shown to lower cholesterol and slow bone loss leading to osteoporosis.

We're looking for women 35 years of age or older who are at increased risk for breast cancer to participate in our study. Call 230-CARE (230-2273), (outside Metro Phoenix call 1-800-230-CARE) to find out if you can participate.

Greater Phoenix Community Clinical Oncology Program is a participating site for the Breast Cancer Prevention Trial, which is funded by the National Cancer Institute.

**Lesbian Resource Project
Workshop Series Presents:**

Lesbians and Cancer

WHEN: Thursday, November 18th

WHERE: LRP Project Center
3136 N 3rd Avenue
Phoenix (3rd Ave/Flower)

TIME: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

COST: Free (Donations accepted)

This important workshop is presented by the American Cancer Society through their "Reach Out" support group program. Pam Bird will join us to discuss the values of support groups and ways the LRP might provide a cancer support group for lesbians.

If you are a cancer survivor, partner of a survivor or a woman interested in how this disease affects our community then we encourage you to attend. We will also be setting up a facilitator training session with Pam for women interested in guiding a cancer support group.

The event is wheelchair accessible and ASL interpreted. Please avoid wearing heavy scents to this and all LRP events.

**STONEWALL 25 CELEBRATION
BEING PLANNED**

The Rocky Mountain Regional Steering Committee is looking for lesbians and lesbians of color who would like to serve on the committee to plan regional events for the 25th anniversary of Stonewall which will take place on June 26th, 1994.

If you are interested or need more information please contact Todd Groves at (303) 449-0099. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 23rd in Boise, Idaho. The committee does not provide transportation but can provide fundraising ideas.

by Barb Jones

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.

To help with the lawsuit on behalf of the women in Bosnia who are being raped, sometimes videotaped and televised, send donations to Rape-Genocide Law Project, at NOW-LDEF, 99 Hudson St, 12th floor, NY, NY 10013

Women's Spirituality Group
A casual, loving group has formed to support the multiple facets of spirituality. There is no denomination, no leader and no charge. All women are welcome. We meet on the 2nd Friday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 to 9pm. For more information call Peniel at 921-3982 or Lee at 990-2194.

Tired of hearing all the health-care hubbub?
Proposed health-care legislation will have to go through two committees before it is voted on by Congress. Let committee members know what you want or don't want. Write to U.S. Senate, Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Washington, DC 20510, and to Henry Waxman, Chairman, Subcommittee on Health, 2415 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515.
Don't know enough about the health-care debate to participate?
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce offers its publication "Health Care 101: The Basics of Reform." First copy is free to chamber members; \$7 per copy for non-members. Make check or money order payable to : U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Publications Fulfillment, 1615 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20062-2000.

ACTION ITEMS
Secretary of State Warren Christopher has stated that the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women is next up on the list of treaties to be considered by the Senate. Now is the time to write to your Senator's McCain and DeConcini, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Senator of the committee Claiborne Pell, Russell Bldg., 335, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC 20510 to urge swift consideration and passage.
A bill concerning women's human rights has been introduced by Rep. Olympia Snowe, Rayburn HOB 2268 and Rep Howard Berman, Rayburn HOB 2201, Washington DC 20515 and incorporated in the House Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill. Thus nations that fail to address violence, systematic discrimination and exploitation of women workers would not receive foreign aid from the US. Please write and thank them and write your own representative and tell them and your senators to vote for it.

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Are you looking for a way to serve your community? How about a volunteer position through the Lesbian Resource Project? We have many opportunities for women who are committed to keeping the LRP alive and well and assisting our community through volunteer service.

Here is some information about the positions available.

●●● Membership Community Liaison (MCL)

The primary function of this position is to process memberships which includes sending member cards, putting members on our mailing list and answering questions about the LRP.

The MCL is part of the Project Council and helps make day-to-day decisions in the running of the LRP.

This position may be filled by more than one woman. So if you and a friend are interested, please give us a call today! (Personal note: I would like to thank Sandi McCullough who has served our community in this capacity for the past year. I look forward to working with you as a new Advisory Council member.)

Media Task Force ●●●●

We are seeking women who are interested in writing press releases for the LRP. This group will maintain written contact with other organizations and agencies throughout the state regarding LRP activities, events and news articles.

You do not need to be a "professional" writer but simply have the desire to communicate effectively in writing. Creativity is a plus as is attention to details.

●●●● Volunteer Task Force

Are you a good motivator? Do you enjoy public speaking? Are you interested in developing a consistent and rewarding volunteer program for the LRP? If so, then this task force is for you.

This dedicated group of women is responsible for the recruitment and training of project center and special events volunteers. In addition, you will design and administer a volunteer recognition program.

This is an area where your creativity and personal skills can really shine.

Volunteers are the backbone of the LRP and what makes this organization able to serve our community. Participating in this task force means you will be key in stabilizing the LRP and, in fact helping us grow.

Committed to Diversity ●●●●

From the beginning, the LRP has been committed to diversity both in our staff/volunteer positions and in the programs we offer. Feedback and statistics show that we are honoring this commitment.

We need your help to continue our commitment. We encourage lesbians of color, young lesbians, elders and differently-abled lesbians to become involved in the LRP. If you have ideas on issues you would like to be involved with but don't see them discussed here, please call me at the LRP so we can discuss your involvement. (LRP # 966-6152 voice/TDD)

●●● More Opportunities through the LRP

Other areas for your consideration are:

- Library Task Force
- Art Show/Gallery Task Force
- Advisory Council
- Resources Community Liaison
- Project Center Volunteer
- Special Events Volunteer
- Fundraising Task Force

Details of these activities are available through the LRP, just give us a call and we'll provide whatever information you need to get involved today.

One of the worst sins in legal writing is the tendency to use long confusing sentences to express well known ideas. Read the following sentences (culled from the worst) and rewrite the sentences.

Correct translations of this "legalese" version into common English will be published next month.

1. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
2. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minikin.
3. Surveillance should precede saltation.
4. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
5. Freedom from incrustations of grime is contiguous to divinity.
6. Eschew the implement of correction and vitiate the scion.
7. The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittedly ogled cooking container does not reach 212 degrees fahrenheit.
8. Neophyte's serendipity.
9. Male cadavers are incapable of yielding any testimony.
10. Individuals who make their abode in vitreous edifices would be advised to refrain from catapulting petrous projectiles.
11. All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous.
12. Where there are visible vapors having there province in ignited carbonaceous material, there is conflagration.
13. Borting on the part of mendicants must be interdicted.
14. A plethora of individuals with expertise in culinary techniques vitiates the potable concoction produced by steeping comestibles.
15. Exclusive dedication in necessary chores without interludes of hedonistic diversion renders John an insipid fellow.
16. A revolving lathic conglomerate accumulates no diminutive glaucous brophytic plants.
17. The person presenting the ultimate cachinnation possesses thereby the optimal cachinnation.
18. Missiles of ligneous or porous consistency have the potential of fracturing my osseous structure, but appellations will eternally be benign.

Don't Give Me a Stomach Ache!

by Robin A. Dee
8/19/93

Give me a nail in the foot,
or an eye full of soot.
Give me a tooth infected to the root,
but, for Gods sake,
don't give me a stomach ache!

Give me a pox,
or fill my head with rocks.
Make my knees knock,
but, for Gods sake,
don't give me a stomach ache!

Give me a sunburn,
or a neck that won't turn.
Give me an allergy to my fern,
but, for Gods sake,
don't give me a stomach ache!

Give me hot flashes,
or paper cut gashes.
Give me 20 lashes.....
Not That I can't take,
give me a stomach ache!



Computer network urges women to get on-line

Ellen Pack wants women to tune in, turn on and get on-line. Her brainchild, WIRE Network's Incorporated - The Women's Information Resource Exchange - opened its virtual doors to the public Oct. 1.

Think of it as a cross between the local YMCA, coffee with your vest friend, a resource fair and a NOW meeting.

Throw in horoscopes, a chance to talk with other moms, the most up-to-date information on everything from breast cancer to what women in Congress are doing - and you are WIRE'd.

The new computer network is aimed at women who have heard about the telecommunications revolution but don't know where to start.

"On-line is perfect for women. It's about communication and connection," says Nancy Rhine, 42, WIRE's development director.

WIRE's close to 100 conference fall under the general categories of Herstory, Career & Finance, News and Politics, Health & Fitness, Entertainment, Parenting, Computers & Technology and the popular Hangout.

Currently, women can log on to WIRE via a San Francisco phone number or use SprintNet to "telnet" in from outside the dialing area. International access is next.

"I can't wait until there's women from Saudi Arabia talking to women in Paris. It's going to be amazing," said WIRE's Naomi Pearce.

Organizations also can join. Rhine envisions virtual storefronts, where groups like Nine to Five or the National Organization for Women would set up shop.

WIRE is accessible from any computer with a modem for \$15 a month.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Barb Jones, founder and Executive Director of the Lesbian Resource Project in Tempe, AZ, has announced her candidacy for Tempe City Council in the upcoming March, 1994 election.

Jones, 36, a first generation college graduate from a working class family, holds a Masters of Science Degree in Education from Eastern Washington University and formerly taught at several community colleges in Washington state. She has been a resident of Tempe for four years and intensely involved in city issues.

The primary focus of her campaign will be on vital Tempe issues such as airport expansion, development for all of Tempe, and the Rio Salado project.

Jones campaign embodies the 20/20 Vision Tempe challenge to support diversity. Running for a council seat is her way to participate in government and "give back" to her community. One of her primary strengths is in

consensus building and she plans to utilize that to its fullest as council member to move Tempe toward its exciting future.

This is the first openly lesbian or gay person running for public office in Arizona and perhaps the southwest. In this conservative state, especially in this time of national anti-gay rhetoric by the religious right wing, she will need the help of each and every one of you to succeed. Please open your check books now and make out a check to Barb Jones for City Council in the largest amount you can afford (\$250 maximum). Send it to 1826 E Willetta, Phoenix, AZ 85006. If you live in the valley, especially if you live in Tempe, please contact Barb to volunteer your time. We need many different skills and talents over the next five months (the election is March 22, 1994), so please call now, 258-7985. **Be a part of lesbian/gay history. Help us make democracy real.**



Telecommunications device for the deaf stolen

A TDD machine belonging to the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard was recently stolen from their office. Executive Director, Bonnie Nemeth says there was no break in but discovered the unit missing early last week. The unit had been donated to the Switchboard earlier this year.

Nemeth says they do not have the money to replace the unit and must again rely on cash donations to purchase a new unit or look for another donor. This is the first TDD unit the Switchboard has owned and they are sad to lose this important communication tool.

TDD is the machine used to link deaf and hearing impaired individuals with hearing people and visa versa. The machine is vital to any organization committed to serving this often overlooked segment of our communities.

If you can help with a donation or are capable of donating a new unit to the Switchboard, please contact Bonnie at 234-2752 or send your tax deductible donation to P.O.Box 16423, Phoenix AZ 85011-6423.



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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.

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 Jaye Davidson, actor (The Crying Game)
 Juan Davila, writer
 Angela Davis, African-American professor and Communist leader
 Craig Dean and Patrick Gill, male couple suing D.C. government for a marriage license
 John DeCecco, psychologist and journal editor
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 Cecilia Dougherty, video maker
 David Drake, playwright and actor (The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me)
 Jerry Dreva ("Jerri Bonbon"), writer
 Tom Duane, New York City Council member
 Martin Duberman, historian and autobiographer (Cures)

Robert Edward Duncan, poet
 Andrea Dworkin, radical feminist writer and anti-pornography activist
 Sally Edwards, athlete and businesswoman
 Kenward Elmslie, writer and librettist
 Evelien Eshius, member of Dutch parliament
 Rupert Everett, actor (Another Country; The Comfort of Strangers), rock musician and novelist
 Lillian Faderman, historian (Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers)
 Perry Farrell, lead singer of Jane's Addiction
 Justin Farshanau, British pro soccer star
 David F. Feinberg, novelist (Eighty-Sixed; Spontaneous Combustion)
 Dominique Fernandez, French novelist
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 William Finn, Tony-winning Broadway actor (Falsettos)
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 Barney Frank, U.S. Congressman (Democrat from Massachusetts)
 Tyler Franz, openly gay Bush campaign staffer who alleged being demoted and fired after complaints from religious conservatives
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 Bob Hattoy, Interior Department official, campaign adviser to President Clinton; spoke at 1992 Democratic convention
 Harry Hay, founder of the modern gay-rights movement; organized the Mattachine Society (1950) and the Radical Faeries (1979)
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 Maurice Kenny, poet
 Kevin Killian, writer
 Billie Jean King, pro tennis champion
 Tommy Kirk, actor in Disney films (Old Yeller, etc.)
 Gwen Kirkpatrick, writer
 David Kopay, retired NFL player (incl. the Washington Redskins)
 Kris Kovic, cartoonist and writer

**HUMBLE
IN MY/OPINION**

By Patricia Victour

Epithets like "babe," "honey," and "sweetheart," should be abolished from the English language when used by men who are speaking to a female over the age of ten - other than, possibly, to a wife or girlfriend (IF those women don't mind being addressed in that way).

A few days ago, after lunch, I was riding the elevator back to work. Our personnel director, a woman well over 40, stood next to me, answering a question I had asked her earlier that morning. When the elevator stopped at her floor, one level below mine, she stepped off and held the door open for a moment while she finished her sentence. Granted, delaying an elevator when other people are on board should not be expected to win many friends. However, I don't believe it warranted this outburst from a fat, balding male who was obviously in a terrific rush - presumably to get back to his cave: "Hey, BABE, let it go! We got better things to do!" Indeed. Anne apologized and let the door slide shut.

My point isn't that there are rude people out there (you already know that) or that an elevator is a stupid place to hold conversations consisting of more than "Hi" or "Good-bye" (it is). My point is that although our language contains more than a few "sugar-coated" words which are routinely used to demean, belittle and embarrass women, there are no such words (that I can think of, anyway) we can use in the same manner to demean, belittle and embarrass men. I tried to think of one. Just one. I wanted to say something utterly brutal, something that would make him think twice before he spoke to any woman like that again. But I couldn't. I couldn't think of a single appropriate verbal two-by-four with which to get his attention. "Hey..." And I had to stop right there. "Hey, you"? "Hey, sir"? "Hey, sonny"? "Hey, boy"? None of those had the chilling edge of condescension I was searching for, condescension conveyed so perfectly by "Hey, BAAAabe. . . ." "Hey, a--hole!" had a nice ring, and that very phrase seethed in my mouth like a pit bull on a short chain, but Naw. There was a full desk waiting for me, and I needed both arms - in working condition - to get it all done before 5:00. So, as I stepped off at my floor, I settled for a meaningful glare, which I'm sure he thought meant I needed a good "F---." I hope when he arrived at "better things," some "babe" spilled hot coffee in his crotch.



SYMPOSIUM ON GAY INCOME TAX ISSUES

A "Symposium on Gay Income Tax Issues" will be held on November 20, 1993 in Berkeley, CA. This will be the first one-day conference ever held to address those tax and financial issues that specifically relate to gay and lesbian taxpayers.

Topics will include issues such as estate planning for unmarried couples and tax planning for those with terminal illnesses. It will also cover domestic partner problems such as how to hold title to jointly held real estate, audit proofing joint or separate checking accounts, and roundtable discussions to unify the way income tax professionals handle gay and lesbian tax issues.

Instructors for the Symposium are Attorneys and Enrolled Agents who work with large gay clienteles, including a former IRS audit supervisor and a nationally know seminar instructor.

The Symposium is open to all tax professionals, Enrolled Agents, CPA's and Attorneys. For further information and a registration packet, please contact Carol W. Thompson, EA in Monterey, CA at (408)373-0553, or Tess Hoover, EA, in Berkeley, CA at (510)444-0061.

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The Political is the Personal

What do Goring, Rita Hayworth, Gandhi, and Clytemnestra have in common? They all appear in Susan Griffin's new book, "A Chorus of Stones". On December 10, Fourth Friday, the women's book discussion group will be meeting to discuss her important new work. This is a combined date for November and December, to allow for the winter holidays. Many of you are familiar with "Woman and Nature", Griffin's previous groundbreaking book. Now, Ms. Griffin discusses the private life of war. She says, "It is said that the close study of stone will reveal traces from fires suffered thousands of years ago...I am beginning to believe that we know everything, that all history, including the history of each family, is part of us, such that, when we hear any secret revealed, a secret about a grandfather, or uncle, or a secret about the battle of Dresden in 1945, our lives are made suddenly clearer to us, as the unnatural heaviness of unspoken truth is dispersed. For perhaps we are like stones; our own history and the history of the world embedded in us, we hold a sorrow deep within and cannot weep until that history is sung."

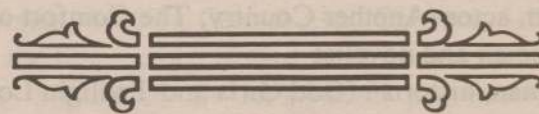
Griffin's book is about denial, in its many violent forms and consequences, and about the inherent, redeeming value of bearing witness. Suppressed stories of incest, and of soldiers fatally exposed to radiation are revealed here. Juxtaposed with these are stories of her never-mentioned grandmother, her father's despair, her mother's drinking; these are set against the background of the Lost Generation. Holding back truths, she asserts, is abusive to children, who in the absence of explanation for a mood, gesture, or look will assume the blame and carry inappropriate guilt.

This is another important book for feminist women. Read it; read part of it; come and share what you have learned.

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

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY?

As described in the last newsletter, a group of women will begin meeting to discuss community issues such as why we don't feel like we have community here in Phoenix, what is community, and how can we get it. The first of an ongoing series of potlucks to discuss community and to learn what we can do will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 4 - 8 pm. Please call Lee Lawton, 990-2194, for more information.



OUT OF THE CLOSET

The woman next door has come out of the closet. Amanda Bearse, who plays Al and Peg Bundy's perky neighbor on the Fox series *Married...With Children*, acknowledged her homosexuality on National Coming Out Day. She said she wants heterosexuals to know that gays and lesbians are normal people. And she joked about her decision to come out.

"There I was, staring at my wardrobe, totally uninspired," Bearse said at a news conference. "Then I said to myself, 'Amanda, come out of the closet.'"

-Tempe Daily News Oct. 13, 1993-

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Larry Kramer, playwright and AIDS activist; founder of ACT UP and Gay Men's Health Crisis

Friedrich Krohnke, German writer

Hanif Kureishi, novelist and screenwriter (*My Beautiful Laundrette*; *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*)

Tony Kushner, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright (*Angels in America*)

Kay (Tobin) Laheusen, longtime lesbian activist and writer

Lili Lakich, artist

Michael Lane and Jim Crotty (*The Monks*), magazine publishers and adventurers

k. d. lang, country singing star

Jack Larsen, actor (*Jimmy Olson on TV's Superman*)

Lynn Lavner, comedian

David Leavitt, writer (*The Lost Language of Cranes*)

Fran Lebowitz, writer and satirist

Ursula LeGuin, novelist

Sergei Lemeshev, Russian opera singer

Raymond Leppard, conductor and classical composer

Simon LeVay, medical researcher; found physiological differences between brains of gay and straight men

Denise Levertov, poet

Jeffrey Levi, activist; former head, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, now heads AIDS Action Council

Mitchell Lichtenstein, actor (*Streamers*, *The Wedding Banquet*)

Marvin Liebman, conservative activist, close ally of William F. Buckley

Jenny Livingston, filmmaker (*Paris Is Burning*)

Lance Loud, columnist; came out to his family on TV during 1973 PBS documentary series "An American Family"

Greg Louganis, three-time Olympic gold medallist in diving

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, co-founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, first known lesbian organization in the U.S.

Donald Maclean, British spy

Jean Marais, French actor

Eric Marcus, writer and television producer

Miriam Margoyles, actress

Johnny Mathis, singer

Armistead Maupin, writer (*Tales of the City*)

Glen Maxey, Texas state legislator

Bernard Mayes, journalist, founding chair of National Public Radio, former Episcopal priest, current University of Virginia assistant dean

Stephen McCauley, novelist

Rev. Renee McCoy, African-American minister and activist

David McDermott, artist

Tim McFeeley, head of the Human Rights Campaign Fund

Peter McGough, artist

Sir Ian McKellen, award-winning actor

Rod McKuen, poet and songwriter

Brian McNaught, writer

Rev. John J. McNeill, Jesuit priest, scholar and writer

Taylor Mead, poet and actor

Robert Medley, painter

Mary Meigs, painter

Keith Meinhold, Navy officer fighting expulsion for being gay who has won reinstatement by a federal court

Gian Carlo Menotti, opera composer

Ismail Merchant and James Ivory, British film producers

William Meredith, poet

James Ingram Merrill, poet

Niles Merton, former publisher of *The Advocate*

Duane Michaels, photographer

Carole Migden, San Francisco city supervisor

Jeff Miller, country singer

Kate Millett, writer (*Sexual Politics*)

Donna Minkowitz, Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist

David Mixner, millionaire businessman; friend and advisor of President Clinton

Paul Monette, novelist

Cherrie Moraga, writer

Robin Morgan, feminist writer and editor

Mark Morris, dancer and choreographer

Morrissey, rock star (formerly of *The Smiths*)

Dee Mosbacher, public health administrator and activist; daughter of ex-President Bush's campaign chairman and Secretary of Commerce



Thierry Mugler, fashion designer

Diane Murphy, child actress (*Tabitha on Bewitched*)

George Nader, actor and science fiction novelist

Yves Navarre, French novelist

Martina Navratilova, pro tennis champion

Three of the "NEA Four" (Karen Finley, John Fleck and Tim Miller), performance artists whose federal grants were cut off because of homoerotic content in their work during the Bush administration

Holly Near, folksinger

Joan Nestle, writer

Leslea Newman, children's writer (*Heather Has Two Mommies*, *Gloria Goes to Gay Pride*)

Simon Nkoli, South African anti-apartheid and gay-rights activist

Elaine Noble, first openly lesbian or gay person elected to a state legislature (Massachusetts, 1974)

Pat Norman, African-American organizer; co-chair of 1987 March on Washington and Stonewall 25

Harold Norse, poet

Richard Bruce Nugent, writer and artist

Mary Oliver, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet

Jenni Olsen, filmmaker, writer and curator

Donald Olson, writer

Torie Osborn, outgoing head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Antonio Pagan, member of New York City Council; Latino

Camille Paglia, writer (*Sexual Personae*)

Dave Pallone, ex-Major League umpire (author, *Behind the Mask*)

Juan Palomo, Latino newspaper columnist

Robert Patrick, playwright (*Kennedy's Children*)

Charlotte Patterson, research psychologist and professor; studies children of lesbian and gay parents

Ross Paxton, artist

Darcy Penteado, Brazilian writer

Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches

Robert Peters, poet, critic and teacher

Roger Peyrefitte, French writer

Phranc, folksinger

Felice Picano, writer

Charles Pierce, female impersonator

Marge Piercy, writer office in U.S. history (San Francisco, 1961)

Jody Pinto, artist

Iggy Pop, rock star

Jill Posner, photographer

Minnie Bruce Pratt, poet and teacher

Rosa von Praunheim, German filmmaker

Deb Price, Gannett newspapers columnist

Edward Reynolds Price, novelist

Rev. Dusty Pruitt, MCC minister; sued military for reinstatement after expulsion for being lesbian

Anne-Imelda Radice, acting head of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) under ex-President Bush; denied grants for homoerotic art

John Rechy, writer

Donna Red Wing, led campaign to defeat Ballot Measure 9 in Oregon; Advocate Woman of the Year 1992

Lou Reed, rock star

John Reid, writer (*The Best Little Boy in the World*)

Reno, comedian

Adrienne Rich, poet and critic

Marlon Riggs, African-American filmmaker (*Tongues Untied*)

Herb Ritts, photographer

Larry Rivers, painter and sculptor

Svend Robinson, member of the Canadian Parliament

Tom Robinson, singer/songwriter

Robert Rodi, novelist

Edouard Herbert Roditi, writer

Eric Rofes, writer (*Socrates, Plato and Guys Like Me*)

Romanovsky and Phillips, folksingers

Ned Rorem, classical composer and writer

A. L. Rowse, historian

William Rubinstein, gay-rights lawyer

Jane Rule, writer

Joanna Russ, feminist and science-fiction writer

Paul Rutherford, singer, *Frankie Goes to Hollywood*

Yves Saint-Laurent, fashion designer

Dick Sargent, actor (second Darrin on *Bewitched*)

See page 14 for related story

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Jose Sarria, drag entertainer; first openly gay candidate for public office in U.S. history (San Francisco, 1961)

May Sarton, writer

Benjamin Schatz, gay-rights lawyer

John Schlafly, son of anti-gay conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly and lawyer for her organization, the Eagle Forum

John Schlesinger, filmmaker

Maria Schneider, actress (Last Tango in Paris)

Sarah Schulman, writer and activist

James Schuyler, poet

David Scondras, Boston City Council member

Scout, lesbian activist and organizer; co-chair, 1993 March on Washington

Antony Sher, South African-British novelist and actor

Randy Shilts, journalist

Siegfried and Roy, animal trainers and illusionists

Michelangelo Signorile, journalist, activist, co-founder of Queer Nation

Aguinaldo Silva, Brazilian writer

Charles Silverstein, psychologist and writer; co-author, *The Joy of Gay Sex*

Roy Simmons, former New York Giants tackle

Ingrid Sischy, editor of Interview magazine

Dave Slattery, former general manager, Washington Redskins

Christopher Smith, member of the British Parliament

Jimmy Somerville, pop singer (formerly of Bronski Beat, The Communards)

James Spada, writer

Allan Spear, president of the Minnesota State Senate

Stephen Spender, poet and critic

Martin Sperr, German writer

Stephen Spinella, actor (*Angels in America*)

Annie Sprinkle, writer and erotic photographer

Starhawk, feminist theologian and spiritual teacher

Joe Steffan, top Naval Academy cadet expelled for being gay, now suing for reinstatement

Doug Stevens, country singer; leader of The Out Band

Samuel Steward ("Phil Andros"), writer

Tom Stoddard, gay-rights lawyer; former head of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, now heads Campaign for Military Service

Jeff Stryker, star of gay, straight and bi porno films

Gerry Studds, U.S. Congressman (Democrat from Massachusetts)

Andrew Sullivan, editor of *The New Republic* magazine

Terry Sweeney, comedian (*Saturday Night Live's* Nancy Reagan)

Rich Tafel, former head of Log Cabin Federation, gay Republican group which refused to endorse George Bush for re-election

Mutsuo Takahashi, Japanese poet

Carla Tardi, artist

Karen Thompson, obtained custody of her disabled lover Sharon Kowalski after six-year court battle

Scott Thompson, comedian (*The Kids in the Hall*)

Tracy Thorne, U.S. Navy lieutenant discharged after coming out on Nightline

Lily Tomlin, comedian/actress

Michel Tournier, French writer

Pete Townsend, lead guitarist of The Who, composer

Arthur Tress, photographer

Monika Treut, German filmmaker

C. A. Tripp, psychologist (author, *The Homosexual Matrix*)

Tommy Tune, Tony-winning Broadway singer/actor

Robin Tyler, comedian, rally/festival producer and activist

Urvashi Vaid, former head, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Gus Van Sant, filmmaker (*My Own Private Idaho*)

Gore Vidal, novelist

The members of Village People

Jane Wagner, playwright; life partner of Lily Tomlin

Derek Charles Washington, co-chair, 1993 March on Washington; African-American

John Waters, filmmaker (*Pink Flamingos*, *Polyester*, *Hairspray*)

Sgt. Perry Watkins (ret.), won Supreme Court case for reinstatement to Army after expulsion for being gay; African-American

William Waybourn, head of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund

George Weinberg, psychologist; coined the term "homophobia" in his book *Society and the Healthy Homosexual*

Suzanne Westenhoeffer, comedian

EXPANDED WRITER'S GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

New, expanded writer's guidelines are now available from *Short Fiction By Women*. Also, until February 1, 1994, writers can obtain two sample copies for the price of one.

"*Short Fiction By Women's* goals remain the same: to publish fine new fiction and to encourage women who write fiction," says Rachel Whalen, editor of *Short Fiction By Women*. "To help encourage writers, we've made our guidelines more useful and our sample copies more affordable."

In addition to the standard "how to submit" information, the guidelines now contain:

- a checklist of the most common errors found in fiction submitted to the magazine.
- writing wisdom and suggestions from writers who have been published in the magazine
- a list of sources for new writers

Guidelines are free; to obtain them, writers should send a #10 SASE with one first-class stamp. Until February 1, 1994, sample copy price is \$6 for two issues. After that date, sample copy price reverts to \$6 for one issue.

Send all correspondence to: Rachel Whalen, Editor, *Short Fiction By Women*, Box 1276, Stuyvesant Station, New York, NY 10009.

ACTION COLUMN

Women Against Pornography has been working to get advertisers to pull their ads from the swimsuit issue of Sports Illustrated. Hyundai Motors has done so. Please send them a note of thanks. Rod Hayden, CEO, 10550 Talbert Ave, Fountain Valley, CA 92727.

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Cris Williamson, folksinger

Val Wilmer, photographer and writer

Barbara Wilson, writer and publisher

Millie Wilson, artist

Phill Wilson, AIDS director for City of Los Angeles; founder, Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum

Fran Winant, artist

Jeanette Winterson, novelist

Monique Wittig, writer

B. D. Wong, Tony-winning Broadway actor (*M. Butterfly*)

Holly Woodlawn, actor in Andy Warhol films

Bohdan Zachary, filmmaker

Jose Zuniga, U.S. Army sergeant discharged for saying he was gay after President Clinton took office

Bulletin board

Rebecca Winger of Dante Productions! Please send me your address so I can send you the producing info you requested of me last Feb. (ok... I know, I'm embarrassing late getting it to you...) If you're reading this, and you know Rebecca, please alert her to this! Thanks! Karen Olch, P.O. Box 947, Bisbee, AZ 85603

Roommate wanted - Tempe, large private bedroom and bath, two miles from ASU, non smoker. Nice with W/D, micro, pool and Jacuzzi. Call Peniel at 921-3982. \$250 plus half utilities.

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Office Services Assistant, The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute seeks an experienced Office Services Assistant to handle general administrative duties and a large volume of incoming and outgoing mail. Salary \$18,000-\$22,000 +. Deadline for November 12, 1993. Send Resume and cover letter to: Office Manager, NGLTF, 1734 - 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Director of Public Policy, NGLTF Policy Institute seeks Director of Public Policy. Position will develop and implement NGLTF/PI program plan and serve as a member of the NGLTF/PI management team. Salary \$45,000-\$50,000 +. Deadline November 22, 1993. Position to begin 2-1-94. Send resume and cover letter to: NGLTF, Attn: Linda Yanney, 1734 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

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Susan's Place (formerly in Prescott) has relocated to Sedona and is now called Sacred Sedona. Rates are \$45 single, \$65 double. No meals. Some work exchange available. 602-204-2422

For rent--Flagstaff Timeshare Condo, sleeps 4 persons, Sunday 5pm January 9, 1994 to Friday 5pm January 14, 1994. Reserve it now and pay for it in January 1994. Cost \$125.00. Call Velo Oliver 955-0317.

Lesbian Support Group Beginning Nov. 17th - How might your life be different if you had a safe and supportive place to learn to trust yourself and others; to become aware of your choices and to learn to choose wisely; to change and grow in self-acceptance, self-confidence and self-respect; to listen and talk with others about the issues that matter to us as lesbians? Are you interested in creating this experience for yourself with others like yourself? The Lesbian Support Group starts on November 17th and will meet on Wednesdays, 7-9pm. \$25 per week, sliding scale is available. For more information and registration, call Denise Daup, 921-3936. East Valley location.

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

Eagle Nation - P.O. Box 44258, Phoenix, Az. 85064 - 602-220-1997

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 Skip 829-7909.

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

Mispachot 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 Womyn'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.

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Unfortunately, Suzie and I had to leave early on Sunday and since, as I mentioned before, we tend to dawdle, we didn't return to the Festival to hear Sandi, Dawn, Sue, Skip and Olivia from TLC, the lesbian chorale, perform a cappella "We're Coming Out of Exile," "My Gal," and "Hymn of Freedom," among other selections. However, we heard TLC at one of the LRP brunches, and they are a wonderful addition to the tremendous musical talent in our community.

The last I heard, there were 183 womyn in attendance - a record - some from as far away as Wisconsin, San Francisco and New Mexico, and some from as near as . . . well, that's a secret. Tucson was also well-represented, as were Yuma, Flagstaff and, of course, the metropolitan Phoenix area. I hope everyone had as much fun as Suzie and I did.

This was to be the last year for the Festival, but Nancy Goodson and her partner, "Gari-with-an-i" will host the 1994 Festival, so the tradition continues. A big thank you to Dianne Post for her prior years of hosting. I'm polishing up my act and reserving my Best Western campsite early. See y'all next year. As they say, "It's worth the trip!"

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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

November 14th LRP Fundraising Task Force
12:00 noon

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

MONDAYS

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Practice of TLC - The Lesbian Chorale
contact Sandi @ 926-9296 New members welcomed! 7:00pm-9:30pm

TUESDAYS

November 9th LRP Volunteer Training
7:00pm - 9:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

November 17th Writers Group 7:00pm - 9:00pm

THURSDAYS

November 18th Lesbians and Cancer Workshop
6:30pm-8:30pm (see notice for details)

FRIDAYS

November 5th & 19th Lesbian/feminist Reading Discussion
Group 7:00pm-9:00pm

SATURDAYS

November 13th LRP Volunteer Training
11:00am - 1:00pm

Welcome to LRP's new home. If you are interested in starting a "Common Interest Group" please call the LRP to discuss the details.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON GOING MONTHLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS **Breakfast Club** 10:30am. Call Kathy at 933-2293 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 Drive.

1st & 3rd THURS **ASU-East Vally National Organization for Women (NOW)** meets at ASU in the Memorial Union.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

TUE 2 Valley of the Sun Board of Directors Monthly Meeting. 6:30 pm at the Center.

WED 3 District 27 Democrats Monthly Meeting. 7:30pm Pyle Recreation Center, Tempe.

SAT 6 Comic Suzanne Westenhofer, See page 3.

SUN 7 P-FLAG Fundraiser. Contact P-FLAG for details. (443-0891)

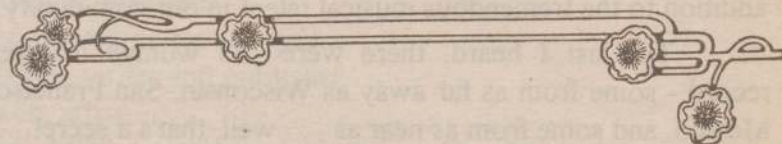
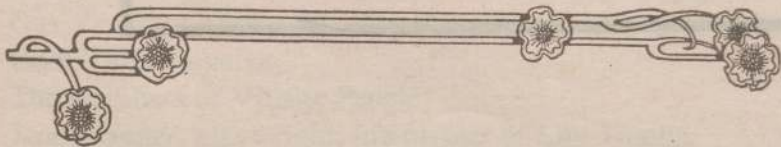
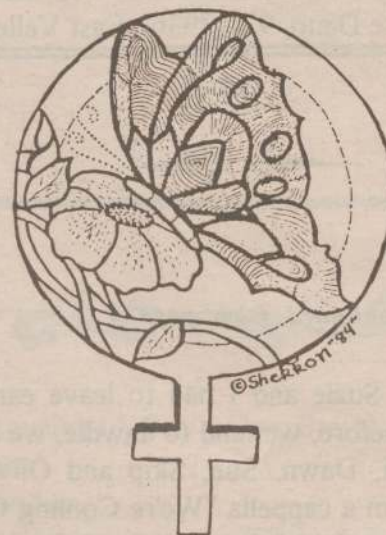
THU 11 Gay and Lesbian Youth Coalition Meeting. 10:00am to noon at the Children's Action Alliance, 4001 N. 3rd Street, #160. Contact Bev Ogden @433-1794 or Victor Merino @279-0430 for more information.

SAT 13 District 27 Democrats. Spaghetti Western Dinner and Dance. See 4 for details.

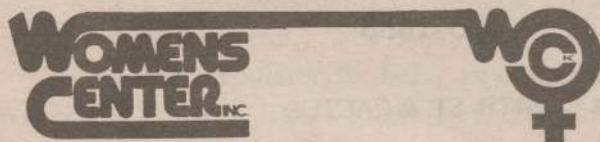
SUN 14 LRP Fall Art Show. See page 3 for details.

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DEC 11 "A Night of Comedy, Music and Politics" Benefit. 1st Unitarian Universalist Church, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive, 7:30pm.



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