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Did she really? Pride meeting change

By Robin Dee, staff writer

South Carolina lesbian Regan Wolf, 40, says she heard someone outside her house. When she went outside to check a stocky, bearded, red-haired man knocked her out with a whack to the head. She was found with several abrasions on her back and her hands and feet were tied. An anti-gay message was spray painted on the porch.

A friend of Wolf's recently came forward and told authorities that Wolf paid him \$50 to beat her Dec. 26th. He said they bought gloves, a belt and spray paint, then returned to her house where he smacked her with the belt and painted the anti-gay slogan.

Wolf turned herself in to the Sheriff's Office and was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Hugh Munn of the State Law Enforcement Division said experts studied the photo's of Wolf's injuries and thought she was a willing participant.

Although authorities had not spoken with Wolf about a motive they are still speculating that she was using the assault to renew a call for hate-crime legislation in South Carolina.

Wolf's attorney says Wolf is speaking the truth and that the authorities speculations are causing an additional injury.

Community Invited - Aug. 23

By Margot Marie Bronski, WCN staff

Arizona Central Pride has announced a change of location for The Annual meeting of PLGPC Inc. (d.b.a. Arizona Central Pride). It will be held at The Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, at 44th Street and McDowell on Sunday, August 23. The gathering will begin with an Open House starting at noon, with elections beginning at 2 PM.

Business will include annual financial reports, committee reports, the election of the Board of Directors, and the election of The Executive Board. The public is invited to attend. Those interested in serving on the

Pride Board, or volunteering for any of the committees can contact Pride ahead of time, or at the meeting.

Pride has picked a mid-April time frame for the '99 Pride Festival and Parade; they are now waiting on official approval of the date from The City of Phoenix. Pride organizers hope to be able to announce the date at the meeting.

To contact Pride, call their voice mailbox at (602) 279-1771. Or you can write to ACP/PLGPC, PO Box 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6847. E-mail is info@azpride.org. Their web site is www.azpride.org.

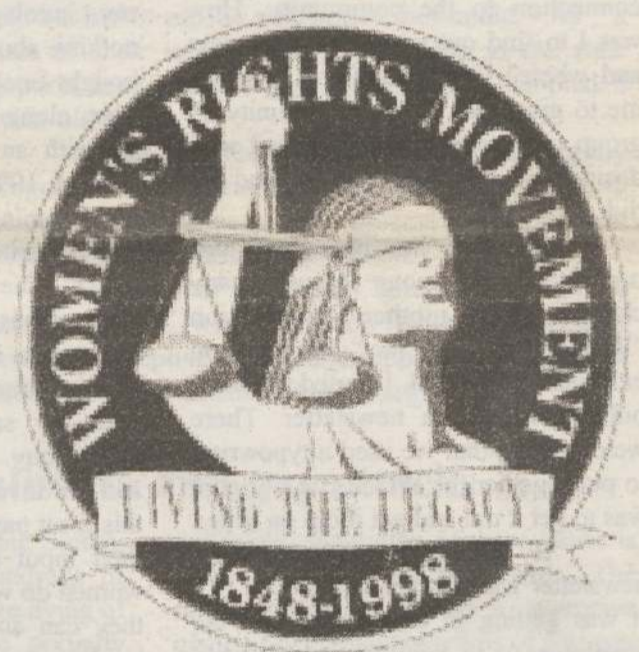
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Women's Right to Vote

By Robin Dee, staff writer

The 150th anniversary of the suffragist's meeting to demand the vote was held in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Hillary Clinton spoke at the July convention and challenged the 18,000 women attendees to use their voting power to make changes on behalf of their daughters and granddaughters.



News from The Center

By Lyle C. Miller, Executive Director, The Center

Center Expansion

The Community Center has been busy with the renovations of our second suite. We anticipate that the additional space will be ready for use on or around August 1. The renovated suite will include two offices, a boardroom, and a large multi-purpose room for meetings and functions, plus a wheelchair accessible bathroom.

New Team Captain

We also welcome Ms. Babe Caylor as a new Team Captain with our volunteer management team. Babe has been a long time volunteer with The Community Center's Youth Services Programs. She will be acting as the liaison between the

volunteer management team and the Youth Services Adult Volunteers.

Kate Clinton Coming

On Saturday, August 29, 1998, The Community Center will host "A Night of Comedy" featuring Kate Clinton and Jason Stewart. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM at the Orpheum Theatre in Downtown Phoenix. All seats are reserved, and tickets can be purchased at The Community Center, Obelisk Bookstore or through Dillard's Box Office's. Seating is limited.

Volunteers Always Needed

Our next Volunteer Orientation Class will be on Saturday, August 8, 1998 at 9:00 AM at The Community Center. Orientation, which lasts approximately 4 1/2 hours, gives an overview of all volunteer

opportunities with The Community Center and includes a placement interview for all interested attendees.

Planning Ahead

Mark your calendars for October 11, 1998. The Community Center's "OUToberfest" '98 will be happening at South Mountain Park. The day will be filled with food, entertainment, "family-style" picnic games and more. Volunteers are needed for this event and should contact Kim Kelly at 254-4426. Watch for more details coming soon.

Contacting The Center

The Community Center is located at 24 West Camelback Road, Suite C and B (next door to the Obelisk Bookstore). 602-234-2752 or visit us on the web at www.phxcenter.org

WOMEN WHO DARED - Senda Berenson

Senda Berenson - In 1892 Berenson introduced basketball to the women of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she was the director of physical education. In 1899 Berenson drew up the first official rules for women's basketball.

Letters to the Editor

WCN

Robin Dee's articles on AZ. politics and b.o.b. are superb! How about re-doing them on a billboard along I-10/Hance Park and running her for governor?!!!! I'd sure throw my energies into that!! robin has, for me, verbalized my thoughts (though mine is without accurate details) excellently. please be sure that she gets my kudos as I don't have her e-mail address. Ellen

WCN

I wanted to send a round of Congrats to all of you....this paper rocks and I send copies occasionally back to New Hampshire to show those farm girls what a neat community we have here....good Job!!!! Kelly

Editors note: Thank you ladies we appreciate the words of encouragement.

Dear WCN,

Just a note to express my thanks to Mountain Memories Touring. I had the good fortune to take a trip with them to the White Mountains several weeks ago and I thoroughly enjoyed it! It was the best therapy I've ever had! Jackie and Shari took care of everything. All we had to do was hike, eat and laugh. Thank you ladies for a wonderful experience.

Sandy Southard

Change is in the air

By Sheryl A. Lamoreaux, WCN staff

In the late 80's WCN Editor's note read "This will be the last Women's Center Newsletter."... "It has been delightful, stressful, growing and supportive for us and it is time to move on." They had been trying for months to find a group of women to take over to no avail. It was at that time that I became involved.

The WCN was and is my connection to the community. How was I to find out what was happening and where? I decided it was time for me to give back to the community. A group of women I was involved with decided we would go for it. And we did.

Over the last nine years this organization has gone through many changes. The mother organization "Women's Center, Inc." has been in existence since 1974. I started when the publication was a newsletter. There were months that we used a typewriter to put together the WCN. But our goal was to get it out and get it out on time.

By January of 1993 our little newsletter was 16 pages (8 1/2 X 11). It was getting to bulky to get in the envelopes so in February we changed the format to newspaper. It was eight pages (11 X 17) and we struggled to round up enough content to fill it. By May we went up to 16 pages. We were on a roll.

I look over back issues now and think, "our format was really bad". We have learned so much over the years. It was trial and error for me because I knew nothing about putting out a newsletter let alone a newspaper. We learned a lot by this trial and error method because it is an on going learning experience.

In 1994 we turned 20 and prepared to have a big bash. In preparation we started hosting "smoke free" dance nights at Fosters to help raise money for our 20th anniversary community concert/dance. Our event in October was a huge success and

Fosters smoke free night continued into 1996.

By October 1994 WCN was ready for more changes. This time we cleaned up the look of the paper and changed the name of the publication to "Women's Central News of Arizona".

I admit I have a tendency to fight change. I had and still have to fight the felling that 'its getting done why rock the boat'. In the beginning of my involvement I knew little or nothing about PC's but at some point bought one to help the paper evolve. Then along came the Internet. I ended up with an e-mail address. Then on July 14, 1996 I had WCN's website up and running. Today we have had 20,410 visitors to our site.

The Women's Central News of Arizona has made many changes over the years and they have all been positive ones. We touch many lives with our small contribution to this community. Many women have been and are involved in the publication of this great paper and I thank them all for their input and support. All of these women do what they can for as long as they can and the end result you are holding in your hands.

It is now with tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat that I tell you I will be stepping down from my duties.. This issue will be my last. I feel I have done my best for this organization in it's on going struggle to evolve. It is now time for other's to handle the editing, layout, typesetting, mailing list, etc... I want to thank the many wonderful, talented women who have carried this organization to where it is today. You have all done a great job.

I know the current core group will keep the tradition of the Women's Center, Inc. alive and well. Please be patient with us as we reorganize these duties. If there is a problem just give a call to 898-4844 and it will be corrected.

Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime.

Have you expired?

The Women's Central News is run by a volunteer staff and we need your help so you don't miss a single issue of this fantastic paper. Refer to this sample mailing label and take note of placement of your expiration date.

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President's Message

Dear Readers,

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to be famous? Rich? Someone recognized for her contribution to the world? If you are like most of us, these daydreams have occupied your time at least once in a while. But for most of us, the elusive 'fame and fortune' will probably remain out of our grasp, and I am not sure that we would even really want it. However, you can contribute to our community through this paper.

The WCN needs vital, interested women to help nurture and expand this newspaper's mission - to inform our lesbian community. We are 'recruiting'! If you have an interest in newspaper production, distribution, sponsorship, organization, writing, socializing, or almost any other area that may apply, please let us know.

We want to take on new challenges that our readership has indicated they want, and we want YOU to be a part of it. You will be famous in our book!

Mary

Gay Religious Leader Calls For Apology From Lott

"Homosexuality Not A Sin, Not A Sickness," says gay cleric.

LOS ANGELES -- The head of the world's largest Christian denomination with a primary ministry to gays and lesbians today called for an apology from Senator Trent Lott.

In remarks on June 15, Lott called homosexuality a "sin" and noted, "There are all kinds of problems and addictions and difficulties and experiences of this kind that are wrong. But you should try to work with that person to learn to control that problem."

"Senator Lott owes an apology to the millions of American citizens who are gay or lesbian," said the Rev. Troy D. Perry, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). "His statements this week are a sobering reminder of our nation's unfinished work in the fight against ignorance and prejudice."

"I'd welcome an opportunity to introduce the Senator to the hundreds of thousands of gays and lesbians with whom I've worked over the past 30 years who live in stable family relationships, who work hard at their jobs, who pay their taxes, who have parented children and who contribute their time and energy to local and civic organizations. And I'd like to introduce him to the legions of gay Americans who believe in and love God and who actively participate in the life of their

local churches, synagogues and other houses of worship.

"For the past three decades, I have joined hands with clergy of every faith to affirm the spirituality of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons with this message: God loves all people unconditionally.

"Name calling and accusations never elevate public debate," said Perry, noting that the gay community has long been the subject of such attacks. "The capitalists called us communists. The communists called us decadent. The psychiatrists called us sick. And the churches called us sinful. Well, it's a lie. Homosexuality is not a sin, and it's not a sickness.

"I respectfully suggest the Senator spend less time judging the gay community, and spend more time working for legislation which will protect the equal rights of all Americans."

UFMCC was founded in 1968, and is composed of more than 42,000 members and adherents in 300 congregations in 15 countries. The Rev. Troy Perry has been a frequent guest on television talk shows and featured in numerous magazine and newspaper articles. He is a former member of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission and a delegate to President Clinton's White House Conference on Hate Crimes.

First lesbian/gay youth health guide

Twenty-five organizations, including the National Education Association Health Information Network and the Whitman-Walker Clinic, will celebrate the publication of Lesbian & Gay Youth: Care and Counseling at a July 20 event in Washington, D.C. Social worker and counselor Caitlin Ryan and physician Donna Futterman, the authors of the first comprehensive guide to health and mental health care for lesbian and gay youth, will be on hand to discuss their findings and autograph copies. Among the other event sponsors are: GLAAD, Child Welfare League of America, National Association of People with AIDS, National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum and the National

Minority AIDS Council. For more information contact Denise Watkins (Whitman-Walker public affairs specialist) at (202) 797-3569.

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The Spinal Column

Q. Dear Dr. Susan,

My girlfriend told me that if I started going to a chiropractor I'd have to go for the rest of my life. Is this true?

Shelly, Phoenix

Dear Shelly,

Girlfriends are like mothers - they're always right...to a point. To understand chiropractic you have to throw away that old tattered thinking cap you got in kindergarten and try on a brand new one. Although chiropractors and medical doctors have similar training and education, we come from two different schools of thought. Chiropractors study life and how to keep a body healthy. Chiropractic is about prevention, not intervention. We don't want to wait for you to get sick and then try to get you better. Chiropractors want to keep you healthy in the first place.

Chiropractors check your spine for misalignments, called subluxations, which cause nerve interference. How do you get subluxations? One night you get a little frisky and you decide that it would be a good idea to chase your girlfriend around the coffee table only to spill your drink after tripping on the carpet and fly through the air to land in a clump writhing in pain. (Does this sound familiar?) You go to the chiropractor and four weeks later you are as good as new...and what happens? You get that little gleam in your eye, a smirk on your face.. you not to your girlfriend and you're off - chasing her around the coffee table again.

We are constantly doing things that we shouldn't or weren't meant to do such as sitting in front of a computer for 8 hours straight, lifting that cooler full of beer without any help, sleeping in an awkward position all night so that you don't wake your cat that insists on sleeping horizontally across the bed. We're always doing stuff like that, right? So what do you do? Stop by your friendly chiropractor's office for your weekly appointment and get back to your fun. Life is good.

Here's another example...would you ever go a week without brushing your teeth? Yuk! Of course not. Do you know what your teeth are? They are bones! To keep our teeth healthy we brush them 3 times a day and see our family dentist regularly. To keep your spine healthy you should see your family chiropractor regularly. Does it have to be for the rest of your life? Well...you will have your spine for the rest of your life. The choice is yours.

Thanks for your question. Skip into your local, friendly chiropractor's office... and bring your girlfriend.

Cool beans, Dr. Susan

Questions and comments are encouraged. Please write to Dr. Susan at A Chiropractic Place, 5527 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85017, fax 602-242-0494, or e-mail wcn@swlink.net.

Rights group links religious fundamentalists to anti-gay attacks

A new People For the American Way (PFAW) report links fundamentalist political extremists to almost 40% of 170 events described in "Hostile Climate," which chronicles 1997 incidents targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Incidents catalogued include anti-gay hate speech and hate-inspired violence, job discrimination, harassment and beatings of high school students and attempts to pass anti-gay laws. One example of last year's hate speech cited

in the report was from Frank Simon, who said, "There are hundreds of children in America who are dying of AIDS because they were sexually abused by homosexuals." The report also shows that just four states - California, North Carolina, Massachusetts and Washington - accounted for more than 25% of the incidents. PFAW President Carole Shields said, "The religious right has poisoned the public dialogue about lesbian and gay rights and, as a result,

our public discussion of these issues is often stuck in the dark ages. The religious right is playing a destructive game of blaming the victims of anti-gay and -lesbian discrimination." The report groups discriminatory incidents among six categories: employment, arts and entertainment, marriage and family, education, religion and general intolerance. For more information or to receive a copy of the report, contact Nancy Coleman (PFAW) at (202)467-4999.

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American dream; marriage and children

By Robin Dee, staff writer

Jon and Michael Galluccio of Fair Lawn, N.J. fell in love in 1982. Last year they wanted to adopt a child but had to sue the state before they could. As a result of their suit, changes were made in the state adoption laws and the gay couple jointly adopted a 2-year-old boy.

Although New Jersey does not legally recognize same-sex marriages, the couple was able to exchange vows and rings in the Diocese of Newark with Episcopal priests blessing their union.

The national Episcopal Church is divided over same-sex unions, (what else is new?), but the Diocese of Newark is receptive to gays and supportive of same-sex unions and the ordination of gay clergy.

Y2K update

By Robin Dee, staff writer

The Securities Industry Association sponsored a test in which 29 securities firms and 12 exchanges tricked their computers into thinking it was Dec. 29th, 1999 and had them execute mock trades.

The test was supposed to find millennium bugs which could cause the computers to fail or malfunction when the calendar flips to 2000.

SIA Year 2000 project manager, John Panchery said the tests have gone very well although trading has been limited to uncomplicated transactions involving relatively small amounts of stock, bonds and options contracts.

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The battle for equality never takes a day off. Here are issues and actions, which demand your on-going attention. Please take action on as many as you can. Please consider all actions relevant until they are removed from this page.

Urge President Clinton and Senators to Defeat the Coburn Amendment

On Wednesday June 24, the House of Representatives passed the Coburn amendment prohibiting FDA funding for approval of mifepristone and other drugs that cause abortion, by a close vote of 223 to 202. The Coburn amendment threatens FDA approval of mifepristone (formerly known as RU 486). Mifepristone, which is available to women in France, Sweden, and Great Britain, is a safe and effective method of early abortion. The Coburn amendment would ban the FDA from approving the production of mifepristone. Mifepristone's other potential non-abortion uses such as a contraceptive, emergency contraception, endometriosis, fibroid tumors, meningioma, Cushing's Syndrome, and labor induction, would also be hindered.

Urge Iran's Parliament to End Gender-Segregated Healthcare, Suppression of Feminist Journalists & Activists

Iran's parliament has approved two laws that endanger the status of women there. The first requires hospitals to segregate women and men. Women's health will suffer greatly at the hands of this law, since the best resources will undoubtedly be reserved for men and there will not be enough female doctors to meet women's needs. The second law prohibits journalists from using pictures of women on their publication's front pages. The restriction applies even when women are fully veiled, as required by law. In addition, discussions of women's issues or rights were made illegal except when they are in compliance with the Shari'a (Islamic law) as interpreted by the ruling clerics.

Feminist activists will be endangered and women's overall status will decline, due to this repressive law.

Urge Senate Judiciary Committee to Protect Young Women's Reproductive Rights

The so-called Child Custody Protection Act, S.1645/H.R. 8682, would make it a federal crime to transport a minor across state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion unless the minor first complies with her home state's abortion laws, which may require parental consent and/or waiting

periods. Mandating parental involvement can lead to family violence and abuse and prevent young women from obtaining necessary medical care. Moreover, these restrictions may cost young women their lives if they are forced to seek illegal, back alley abortions.

Urge President Clinton to Veto the Global Gag Rule (H.R. 7515)

H.R. would mandate a global "gag rule" on international family planning, denying funds to all organizations that support legal abortion. Urge President Clinton to stick by his promise to veto any legislation that would eliminate or seriously cut international family planning. Women's lives are at stake!

Urge Your Senator & Representative to Support the Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act

The Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act would amend the Higher Education Act by requiring colleges to report crimes such as vandalism, criminal harassment, and simple assault, which constitute 84% of hate crimes committed. It would also add gender and disability to the current list of reported hate crime categories, which are: race, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity. Don't let hate crimes against women and the disabled on college campuses go unnoticed!

Urge Your Representative to Oppose the Temporary Agricultural Worker Act (H.R. 3410)

The Temporary Agricultural Worker Act could devastate both U.S. and foreign farm workers and their families by allowing agricultural employers to hire temporary "guest" workers instead of giving farm workers the secure jobs and fair wages they deserve.

Thank Senators for Protecting Affirmative Action in Contracting Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) attempted to eliminate an important affirmative action program called the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. This program was created to increase the number of women and minority-owned construction businesses by granting them no less than 10% of federal highway contracts. This program is necessary -- women and minority owned businesses still suffer widespread discrimination. Thank the Senators that protected affirmative action by voting to table McConnell's amendment to the Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

Protect the Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban

One of the toughest laws protecting victims of domestic violence is in jeopardy. The Domestic Violence Offender Gun Ban prohibits people convicted of domestic

violence misdemeanor offenses from purchasing or possessing guns. Studies show that weapons are used in thirty percent of domestic violence incidents. Unfortunately, several bills that would gut this law have been introduced in the new Congress.

Help Ratify the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

CEDAW, the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, is a necessary treaty, which establishes a definition of discrimination against women, and calls for the economic, political, and social equality of women. Contact your members of Congress and the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to help the treaty become ratified in the U.S., the only developed country that has not yet ratified the treaty.

Urge Pharmaceutical Companies to Expand Contraceptive Research and Bring RU 486 to the U.S.

Because of anti-abortion pressure, very few U.S. pharmaceutical companies are involved in researching new methods

of contraception, and no major U.S. company has agreed to manufacture RU 486, the "French abortion pill." In fact, several new right-wing investment funds have specifically targeted pharmaceutical companies who make contraceptives and abortion devices. One Catholic investment fund, the Aquinas Fund, claims credit for the refusal of U.S. pharmaceuticals to be involved with RU 486, and says it has received letters from six pharmaceutical companies pledging not to manufacture or distribute this medical breakthrough.

It's time pharmaceutical companies heard from feminists. Encourage Johnson & Johnson and American Home Products to expand their contraceptive research and to help bring anti-progestins like RU 486 to the U.S.

Support Bill Lann Lee for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights!

Last July, President Clinton nominated Bill Lann Lee for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Several Republican Senators have

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obstructed Lee's nomination because he is a strong supporter of affirmative action for women and minorities and shares the Clinton Administration's belief that California's Proposition 209 is unconstitutional.

President Clinton has now appointed Lee on an acting basis and has pledged to resubmit Lee's name as his nominee. Urge your Senator to support Lee's nomination.

Support Affirmative Action! Thank the House Judiciary Committee Members Who Voted to Table H.R. 1909!

H.R. 1909 would have eliminated federal affirmative action programs, threatening the gains made by women and minorities in the past 25 years. Thank the House Judiciary Committee members who voted to table this destructive legislation.

Protect Title IX Against School-Voucher Bill!

The District of Columbia Appropriations bill (S. 1156) includes a provision that would allow taxpayer dollars to go towards private, religious, and alternative schools that violate anti-discrimination laws. Your help is needed in urging your Representatives to vote against cloture of this bill. The law does not protect civil rights for women or the disabled. In fact, conservatives actively fought against language that would have complied with Title IX and provide equal programs for males and females. A movement will be made next week to strike the language of this bill. Contact your

Congressperson and make sure that anti-discrimination laws are not eroded.

Urge Your Senator and Congressional Representative to Oppose the Smith and Paul Amendments

Action is needed to prevent passage of the Smith "Mexico City" and Paul amendments, which would bar the use of U.S. funds for international family planning organizations that perform or sponsor abortions. These amendments threaten women's access to medical care and family planning services worldwide.

Thank President Clinton for Vetoing the D&X Abortion Ban; Urge Senators to Vote Against a Veto Override!

Action is needed to prevent an override of President Clinton's veto on the D&X Abortion bill, which would ban the D&X abortion procedure. The House passed the measure on March 20, 1997 and again on October 8th. The bill will face a possible veto override if 2/3 of Senators vote in favor of the bill. The Senate amended and passed the bill in May, but fell three votes short of the total needed to override the president's veto.

Urge the Department of Health and Human Services to Allow Poor Women to Escape Domestic Violence! - Urge States to Adopt the Family Violence Option of the Welfare Bill!

The Welfare "Reform" Bill,

which passed last year, turned over welfare programs from the federal government to the states. Congress allows states to exempt women on welfare from the new five-year life time limit on receiving welfare if they are fleeing family violence. Help ensure that the Family Violence Option is understood and that states adopt it!

Urge the Senate to Support DOD Breast Cancer Research Program

Several Senators are urging their Senate colleagues to sign on to a letter calling for \$175 million for the DOD Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program for FY 1998. Urge your Senators to ensure that the DOD Breast Cancer Research continues.

Support the Strawberry Workers' Right to Organize

The United Farm Workers have been trying to unionize strawberry workers in California for two years. Workers are under compensated, exposed to hazardous, arduous and unsanitary working conditions. Urge Driscoll Strawberry Associates to support workers' rights to organize with the United Farm Workers.

Urge Congress to Cut the Military Budget and Provide More Money for Domestic Programs

The federal budget President Clinton and the Republican Congress agreed upon continues the trend of military spending taking up 50% of all discretionary spending, and contains large cuts in domestic spending.

Contact your members of Congress to support cuts in the military budget and more money for education, health and welfare programs.

Let American Airlines Know You Support Their Lesbian- and Gay-Friendly Practices

American Airlines is a major sponsor to and supporter of national and community-based lesbian and gay rights groups. It is also the first airline to adopt a written non-discrimination policy covering sexual orientation in its employment practices, and it is well represented by the leadership of its gay and lesbian employee group, GLEAM. Combat recent negative feedback by conservative groups and individuals who are criticizing American's lesbian- and gay-friendly practices by sending a message of support.

Thank the Clintons and the Gores for Condemning Anti-abortion Violence as Terrorism

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and Tipper Gore condemned recent acts of violence against abortion clinics as acts of terrorism at NARAL's celebration of the twenty-fourth anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22nd. On January 16, President Clinton issued his strongest statement against clinic violence in response to the Atlanta bombing of a family planning clinic. Thank them for their condemnation of clinic violence as terrorism, and urge for increased law enforcement resources to end clinic violence.

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Heart To Heart

Dina Bachelor Evan, Ph.D., staff writer
JEALOUSY, HEALTHY OR NOT?

Jealousy is a normal feeling of resentment for a person that one perceives is a rival. People who "don't have a jealous bone in their body" are either unconscious, incapable of feeling fully connected to the person they love, or they have emotionally already left the relationship. Even the most evolved among us would become concerned, jealous, if a new neighbor was suddenly to take up ninety-percent of a beloved's time and energy. Given that we are all potentially at risk of experiencing these normal feelings, it's important not to berate yourself for them, but, rather try to understand where they are coming from. It's also most important to determine when these feelings have become exaggerated and out of control.

Feelings of jealousy can be very painful, both for the person feeling them, and the partner dealing with them. The first step is to analyze whether this feeling is **reality based**, meaning something is really externally wrong in the relationship, or **fear based** meaning something is off balance internally with your perception of the situation. Let's look at both.

Reality based jealousy can be a

constructive feeling that alerts us to the fact that something or someone is literally threatening our personal security or relationship. These feelings can also be a signal that some issue in your relationship needs attention. How can you tell? Ask!

Jealousy can also be a signal that some agreement you originally made with your partner may not be realistic. For instance, did you once believe that total fusion or on-going-at-oneness equates to love? Wrong! That kind of total reliance on another human being for all of your good feelings about yourself is called enmeshment or co-dependency. The need for that style of connecting originates from a childhood abandonment that was never healed. At some point, one or both of you will have to renegotiate more realistic perspectives if you are to remain healthy.

Say your partner begins spending a great deal of time away from home with a new hobby. It's important to understand whether you are feeling excluded, or feeling as if you are about to lose someone you love. If you are feeling excluded, it may be an indication that you also need to seek out individual interests and challenges for yourself. In every

healthy relationship, both partners need to grow together and separately. It is also important to have open discussions about the amount of time each of you feels is reasonable to devote to outside activities, so both people can feel supportive of these choices.

If you are feeling as if you are about to lose someone you love, talk to your mate. It is my experience that these kinds of feelings seldom occur in a vacuum. Perhaps your partner is consciously or unconsciously pulling away on some level, and has shut down emotionally or spiritually. These are issues that need to be directly addressed.

When jealousy is about *feeling small, inadequate, not as good as, or less than*, or when it's about *negative body image or a lack of self-esteem*, jealousy then becomes a signal that it's time to do some work on yourself. It may be time to get professional help dealing with the source of those feelings. If you choose not to do your work, your partner will become exhausted dealing with your need for constant reassurance. The truth is that no amount of reassurance will convince you that you are lovable until you deal with these issues for yourself.

When jealous feelings occur because your partner actually seeking out inappropriate attention, it's time to talk. Confront the issue immediately because this could be a signal that something in your relationship needs attention. Very often affairs are a cry for help and the time for intervention is **before** the affair takes place. Open, honest communication can often put a relationship back on track before damage has been done. In some cases, this kind of behavior can be a defense against going deeper into intimacy in a good relationship. A healthier solution is to seek out the necessary tools to make going deeper safe.

Just as with every other human emotion and feeling, there is always a reason for what we feel, even when it's jealousy. It is important not to judge the feeling but rather to follow it to its source and then deal directly with the issue. The fastest way out of any fearful feeling is straight through it with open, honest communication. Once you understand what is creating the jealousy, you can go to work to heal the issue with compassion and understanding for both yourself and your partner.

Dr. Evan is a psychotherapist in Phoenix. To contact her directly call (602) 230-7570. Please send questions or topics you would like Dr. Evan to address along with your comments directly to Women's Central News.




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That Time Of The Month!

Semi-Coherent Opinion by Margot Marie Bronski

In June several of us went to San Francisco for Pride. It was my third trip to S.F. Pride and I have to say, it's a great trip. It isn't any one thing - it's the whole thing. Overwhelming is the word for it. For a few days you're not in the minority. You're normal, ordinary, expected and welcomed. You see Pride flags everywhere including the display windows of main stream stores. According to the S.F. Chronicle there were some 200,000 watching the parade along Market Street. Over 400 dykes on bikes lead off the parade. The Saturday night Dyke March drew something like 40,000. As I say, it's overwhelming...and very empowering. It gives you a glimpse of how it can be.

Two. Four. Six. Eight. Are you sure grandma's straight? A cheer from two grandma-types marching with the GLOE unit in the S.F. Pride parade. GLOE is an Easy Bay group for seniors.

While watching the parade and crowd it dawned on several of us that some folks just aren't built for that bare-butted leather look. Likewise, some of our sisters really shouldn't go topless. It's just not pretty - if ya know what I mean.

Had to change a light bulb the other day. The slogan on the package caught my eye: *Lightstyles for Lifestyles*. Oh goody - finally, queer light bulbs.

Sometimes things just don't work out the way ya planned. In June a group of right, right types, including the Family Research Council, the Christian Coalition and Americans for Truth About Homosexuality ran a full-page ad in the NY Times. The ad urged gays and lesbians to call an ex-gay ministry to "change" into heterosexuals. But oops...there was a typo. The number listed for the group in the ad was actually for an electrical contractor in Alabama! What's that about "working in strange and mysterious ways"?

And speaking of folks who don't care for us. In June, Arizona Representative J.D. Hayworth, sent out a letter seeking funds for his upcoming election. Hayworth warned that his opponent's campaign was being bankrolled by "trial lawyers, radical homosexual rights groups, environmentalists...along with almost every other left-wing wacko group you can think of." Is it any wonder they call these the "dog days"? Wonder if he got his phone number right?

(Margot can be reached at margotm@swlinl.net)

"I've learned - that you shouldn't compare yourself to the best others can do."

Clothes for Lisa

By Robin Dee, staff writer

Annie Leibovitz is photographing 30 women for Anne Klein's fall collection. WNBA basketball star Lisa Leslie has been selected to appear in the advertisements being put into leading women's magazines.

Designers Ken Kaufman and Isaac Franco say they selected the celebrity women based upon which ones possessed "her own personal style that is first and foremost reality-based and feminine."

Sexuality; too hot to handle

By Robin Dee, staff writer

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has vowed that at their 210th General Assembly this summer, they will not discuss issues which touch upon homosexuality. Church officials say that for the last 20 years they have not been able to resolve sexuality issues. They are afraid if they continue to discuss those issues people holding divergent beliefs will break off from the main. The denomination serves 2.6 million members.

This is exactly what happened in California at the United Methodist Church in Kingsburg. Almost the entire church membership voted to withdraw from the denomination largely due to the Rev. Jimmy Creech performing same-sex unity ceremonies and being acquitted by a church court of disobeying church rules.

The Rev. Ed Ezaki of Kingsburg was quoted as saying, "Anyone who breathes is now allowed to become a United Methodist." He represents the evangelicals who believe that the church is sliding toward acceptance of homosexuality. The other faction of the church supports the view that we are all God's children.

Religious leaders are seeing deep chasm's open between factions and ideologies within their membership. The fundamental religious concept of 'loving one another' is no longer a sustainable ideal in today's church.

Up to now, issues of priest's sexuality hasn't been a big subject of discussion in the Catholic church. However, the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Texas, must pay \$23.4 million to nine altar boys molested by a priest and the Catholic Diocese of Stockton, California, must pay \$30 million to two brothers molested by a priest. Money talks!



Six Days, Seven Nights

By Robin Dee, staff writer

Anne Heche has dazzling blue eyes! They worked equally well on Harrison Ford in the romantic fluff movie, *Six Days, Seven Nights*.

The first 15 or 20 minutes of watching Anne Heche had me utterly captivated and enthralled with the notion that Ellen had looked at her *there*, Ellen had touched *that*, and Ellen had kissed..... you get my drift.

Anne plays a New York magazine editor who is in a serious relationship with a dork, David Schwimmer. The minute you see this guy you know he's toast. He doesn't realize he is setting the toaster knob to 'burnt' when he takes Anne to the South Seas for a romantic getaway.

Harrison Ford is a hard-drinking curmudgeon who owns a two-seater airplane and fly's them to the island resort. He's a man living the good life with a sexy girlfriend as well as few worries and little responsibility.

While Anne and David are beginning to enjoy the exotic island atmosphere, Anne gets a call from her boss insisting that she immediately get to another island to do an interview with hard-to-get participants. Anne cajoles Ford into flying her there. A bad storm knocks the small airplane's instruments out and they end up crash landing on a strip of beach on a deserted island.

They go through several funny Lucy and Ethel routines while trapped on the island - like Anne accidentally inflates the rubber boat inside the airplane and squishes her face into the window and another funny one is when she gets a snake up her shorts and Ford must reach down her pants to pull it out.

Anne's expressive face perfectly nails her performance. She displays exactly the right amount of independence and smarts while squeezing the humor out of her character's goofiness. Her wet t-shirt scenes were great too.

This movie is extra cute by knowing Anne Heche is Ellen's blue-eyed lesbian beauty.

"I've learned - that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them."

Are You Working Without a Net(work)?

By Boyd Foster-Burns, staff writer
Department of Exercise and Wellness, ASU

Did you know that one measure of your wellness or well-being is the scope of your social network? Women in particular seem to understand the importance of social support; not just people to invite to a party, but those you could count on if the chips were down. These individuals that serve not only as our social network, but as a safety net, are a fundamental part of good health (trust me, it's been measured and shown to have a significant impact on our ability to savor life). We all need a shoulder to cry on as well as someone to share the triumphs in our lives.

Want to be better connected? Nurture your friendships. Friends are there for emotional support, and can fulfill our need to care and be cared for. It's way too easy to lose touch, and we have all done it. Stay in touch with people you can trust and laugh with.

Get involved. If you are with others who share similar interests, you feel validated and have something you can belong to. A club, a hobby group, a religious or charitable organization, it doesn't matter. Just make sure it really is an interest of yours, or you won't share a sense of connectedness with these folks.

Ideally, you could strengthen your family bonds. It doesn't matter if the family is biological or chosen, we all need family members as a primary source of help, support and understanding. Family demands can be a pain at times, but so can you and your demands. It's all about give and take, compromising and accepting, taking stands and deciding what is really important.

Take the following test to determine the health of your social life:

1. I am involved in a community, social or religious organization.
2. I am involved in volunteer activities I find rewarding.
3. I have at least one friend or relative I can talk to about almost anything.
4. I keep in daily contact with other people.
5. I spend time with a friend at least once a week.
6. I have at least one friend or relative who can talk to me about almost anything.

Every 'yes' indicates a healthy social life, great for your emotional well-being.

There's more than a grain of truth to the old saying, "Every grief shared is halved; every joy shared is doubled."



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Lesbians on film

Camille teaches at a conservative, religious college in Canada and is planning to marry her minister boyfriend. But a chance encounter with a beautiful, sensuous young female circus performer named Petra is about to transform her predictable life into an electrifying erotic adventure. "When Night is Falling" is sexy, well written and well acted. If you missed it in the theater, here's your chance to see this beautifully rendered lesbian love story.

Also, three hilarious film shorts from the collection, "I Became a Lesbian!" Finally, for the Xena fans, the film short, "Peach," in which Lucy Lawless plays a deliciously seductive tow truck driver who tries to entice a young, Maori woman. No leather bustier, but a sizzling seduction scene.

The Phoenix Xena, Warrior Princess group is sponsoring the video presentation of these films on Saturday, August 15, 8-10:30 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 N. 14th St., Phoenix (corner of 14th & Virginia). This event is open to the lesbian/bi-women's community and a \$4.00 donation is requested.

For further information about film night or the Xena group, call 813-8681 & leave a message.

Scrabble League

Scrabble League is Tuesday nights. We meet at The Coffee Plantation in Tempe, on Mill and 6th Ave., at 6:00 PM, in the back room. This change of schedule should alleviate the parking problem we've had in downtown Tempe on Friday nights. Tuesday is a less busy night for a lot of people, so we hope to attract some new players. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 732-7916 or 946-5570.

Health talk

Free health talk every Thursday, 8-9 PM at Dr Susan Rayeski's office A Chiropractic Place, 5527 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85017 602-242-2370. All are welcome!

"I've learned - that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back."

Idiots

By Robin Dee, staff writer

Openly gay Jim Kolbe, R-Az, heads the committee that approved a treasury and postal spending bill.

Joel Hefley, R-Colo., House Majority Leader Dick Arney, R-Texas and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, want to reverse President Clinton's presidential order prohibiting discrimination against gays in the federal workforce.

Here's the good part; Hefley, Arney and DeLay want to tack their reversal bill onto Kolbe's bill. The three idiots have realized the irony of their situation and now have to rethink their plan. Which one is playing Curley? Moe? Larry?

Are you a part-time poet? nascent novelist?

Regardless of how often or how well, most writers agree that the act of writing is its own greatest reward.

If you've got an itch to scratch out on paper, join us for an eight week writing group at The Center. Noted writer and facilitator, Ren Northup, will lead the group through exercises and discussions focused on the creative act of writing.

The group will meet at The Center, 7pm on Thursdays. Space is limited so call Anne at 256-2365 to reserve your spot. All you need is pencil and paper. Novices and pros, all welcome!

"I've learned - that it's a lot easier to react than it is to think."

Glenna's Community Potluck



Glenna's Community Potluck for 100 and under!

We will meet at 6742 W Utopia Road. South side of Utopia - 2 story house. From East Valley or Central Phoenix take I 10 to I 17 north. Exit at Union Hills then left to 35th Avenue to the 101 Loop. Then left to 67th Avenue. Left on 67th Avenue to Utopia - right on Utopia.

Bring your swimming gear, a dish to pass, table service and drinks.

If you have any questions call Glenna at 671-4166 or 3457453.

Vatican condemns lesbian marriage in Italy

ROME July 11, 1998 --- A legally recognized marriage of two middle-aged women in the Italian city of Pisa incurred the wrath of the Vatican on Saturday through its newspaper, Osservatore Romano.

The decision by Pisa's left-wing city council to put the July 7 marriage of the women on its register was a "provocation," said the newspaper.

It went on to condemn municipal authorities' "determination" to give legal recognition to unions outside the church, whether between homosexuals or heterosexuals.

The women, aged 54 and 51 but not identified, had been living together for 11 years.

Pisa's mayor, Piero Floriani, justified his council's move by saying registration "represents for the community the acknowledgment of the existence of different types of relationships."

But Pisa's bishop, Alessandro Plotti, said it was "very serious to give recognition to this sort of living arrangement."

The head of the Italian homosexual association Arci-Gay, Franco Grillini, said the church's position was "at the limits of cruelty" and demanded that parliament pass a law recognizing homosexual marriages.

Latina group forming

Latinas wanted for a new organization for cultural/heritage get together.

Seeking women in the community that miss La Familia in their lives.

Planning festivities, concerts, outings, mexican food, possible Spain/Mexico tours and lots of fun. Collaborating with Tuscon Latina Group for future plans. Email Personnaly@aol.com or 803-9952 for info.

"I've learned - that you can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that, you'd better know something."

Our lives

By Robin Dee, staff writer

Adria Renke wrote in her column *Home Tutoring* on the benefits of adults writing their memoirs. When one spends time reflecting on one's personal life a revealing pattern of likes and dislikes, and strengths and weaknesses emerges that culminates with a stronger sense of self.

Renke states an oft forgotten truth that each of us has taken a very individualized journey, a unique path special to the writer.

For more information and basic guidelines on writing your memoirs send a self-addressed, stamped envelope requesting *Memoir Writing*, to her at P.O. Box 45505, Phx, Ax 85064-5505 or e-mail your request to her at AdriaRenke@worldnet.att.net

NOW - National Organization of Women: East Valley Chapter

Meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month from 7-9PM at the Pyle Center, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe. For information contact Jennifer Deprey-Jackmen at 917-4760.

Support group in Verde Valley

Women's Chat in the Verde Valley. Every Wednesday night 5 to 7 at the Huff n Puff Straw Bale Inn near Sedona, 520-567-9066 for more information.

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6/15/98	Monday	WASHINGTON			W 69-54
6/21/98	Sunday	CHARLOTTE			L 71-72
6/24/98	Wednesday	HOUSTON			W 69-66
6/26/98	Friday	UTAH			W 96-63
6/28/98	Sunday		WASHINGTON		W 86-69
6/29/98	Monday		NEW YORK	ESPN	L 68-71
7/2/98	Thursday		CLEVELAND		W 76-61
7/4/98	Saturday		CHARLOTTE	NBC	L 66-68
7/8/98	Wednesday		DETROIT		W 78-76
7/10/98	Friday	CLEVELAND		LIFETIME	W 76-60
7/13/98	Monday	LA		ESPN	W 72-62
7/15/98	Wednesday	DETROIT			W 73-60
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Xena

Do you thrill to the weekly adventures of Xena, Warrior Princess and her devoted Bard? Come meet with other lesbian and bi-women who share your passion for the dynamic duo, our "Amazon" heroes for the 90's.



Xena group activities include: reading lesbian fan fiction from the Internet, viewing early episodes, interviews, bloopers, sharing information about posters, articles, books, and merchandise.

This summer, the group is meeting twice a month on Sunday, 1-3:30 pm. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 N. 14th St., Phoenix (corner of 14th and Virginia).

For meeting dates and further information, call XenaFan at 813-8681



or e-mail me at xeenafan@worldnet.att.net
Stop watching repeats alone, for Amazons' sake!

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"Los Amigos Del Sol"

Now 22 years old, Los Amigos Del Sol continues to benefit its members and the community as a social organization of men and women working together for the fun of it.

For information on the location of business meetings held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3pm and the social events call GB at 997-2411.



WREN hike

Come join us August 15th in the cool pines of Prescott. We will be hiking Granite Mountain, it is termed moderate. The hike is approximately 7 miles and should take about 3.5 to 4 hours. Bring lots of water and enjoy at least a 20 degree difference in weather (compared with Phoenix). There is camping available (I will need to get more information on costs). The meeting place will be Denny's at I-17 and Bell, time to be determined later, most likely 10 AM. For more information call Julia at 786-5688.

Bocce anyone?

This ancient Italian sport is alive and well at the Arizona American Italian Club at 7509 North 12th Street in Phoenix. You don't have to be Italian to play Bocce there. Every Thursday evening at 7:00 you can play 2 free games, and they teach you how to play. The Arizona Italian Bocce League starts at A.A.I.C. in the fall, and it is every Thursday evening for 6 to 8 weeks. League membership is \$25.00 and you don't have to be Italian to be in the league. Prize money is given to winning teams.

Retiring women want to know

by Robin Dee, staff writer

<http://www.Pathfinder.com/money> - this site features an interactive calculator to analyze your retirement savings plan and make sure you'll have enough for a prosperous life after work. Click 'Retirement' in the 'More Tools' list.

<http://www.savingsnet.com> - this is the Retirement & Savings Directory, a resource for planning.

<http://www.womenplanning.com> - This site is from the National Center for Women and Retirement Research. It disseminates information and education materials on every aspect of pre-retirement planning.

<http://www.ssa.gov> - This is the official site of the Social Security Administration.

<http://www.aarp.org> - For women over 50 the American Association of Retired Persons is a source of news and advice.

Have a activity planned and need more women? This is a great place to find them.

Call for Submissions

Hot & Bothered 2

Editor Karen X. Tulchinsky is accepting short short fiction (1,000 words or less) for a second anthology in a series of lesbian erotic stories. The anthology will include fiction by lesbian writers from around the world. Tulchinsky is looking for stories that are about desire between women. Stories that are funny, sad, hot, complicated, poignant, tragic, ridiculous, hilarious, provocative, sensual, sexy, steamy, romantic. She is accepting only short short fiction. No non-fiction, poetry, plays, photo-essays or essays.

The book will be published in the Fall of 1999 by Vancouver's Arsenal Pulp Press. Contributors will receive two free copies and a one-time fee. Deadline for submissions is December 15, 1998.

For more information, e-mail: kxt@ihermes.com. E-mail for info queries only - do not submit stories via e-mail.

1998 Ride Calendar

August 8th - Saturday - Saguaro Lake rest. Dinner ride
September 13th - Sunday - Prescott via Wickenburg
October 11th - Sunday - Jerome
November 8th Sunday - to be announced

If you are interested in joining us on any scheduled club ride or event call Deb at 279-9228 for times and meeting locations.
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Same Time/Same Place Breakfast Club

WOMEN: Please join us at the Coffee Talk, 48 N. Robson, in Mesa (east of Country Club and North of Main). We meet every Sunday at 10 AM to talk, eat, talk, drink coffee, talk and talk.

For more information call Robin 848-0083.

Resource directory for Verde Valley

Want to know what's going on in the Gay and Lesbian community in the Verde Valley? The Verde Valley Alternative Lifestyles Directory is now available to provide resource, social events, and friendly services available to the Gay and Lesbian community. For info. call 520-634-1405 or e-mail martimac@sedona.net.



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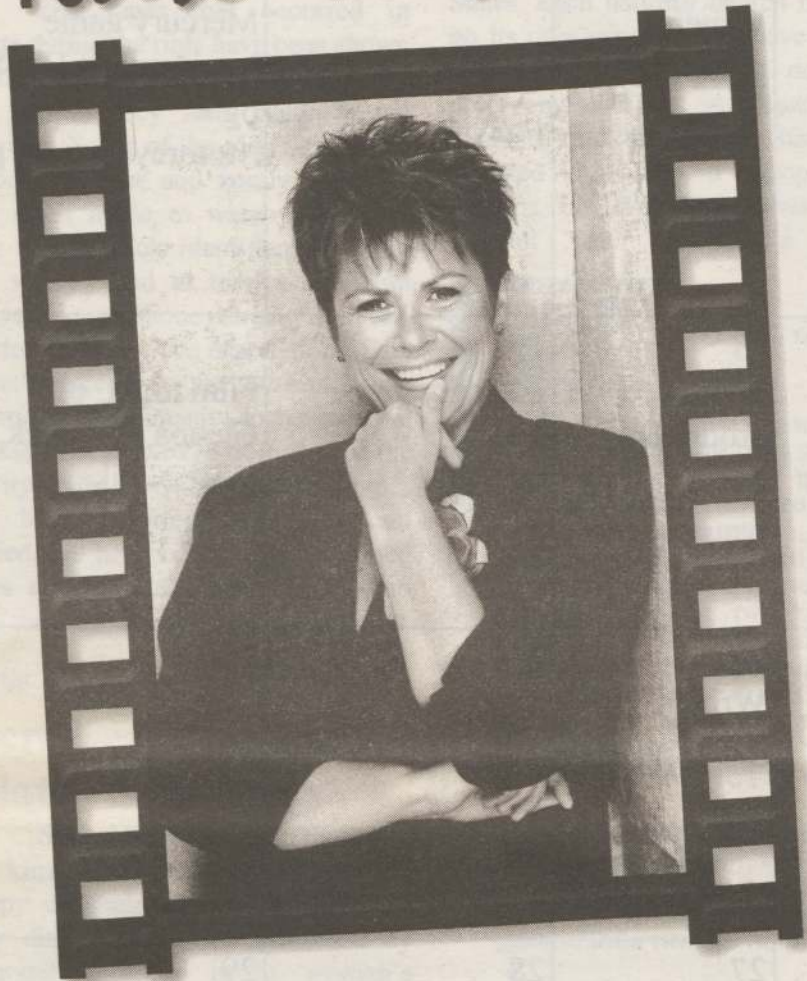
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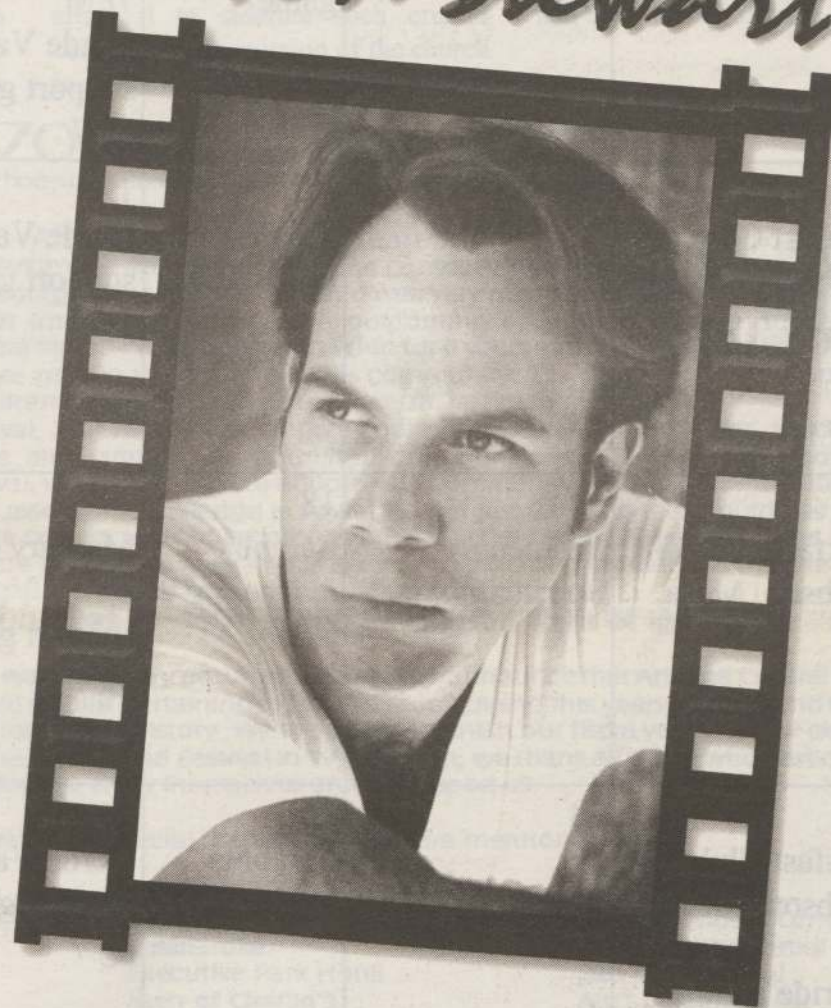
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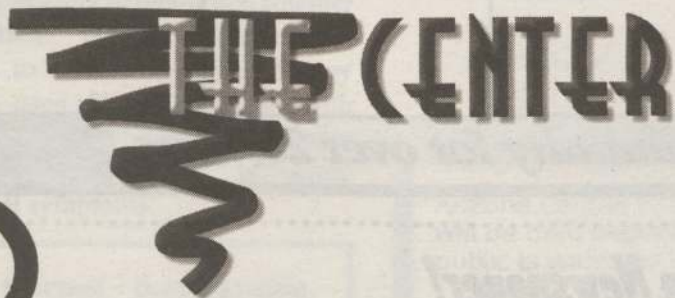


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Twenty women die after riot rapes in Indonesia

The Volunteers of Humanity, a prestigious Indonesian human rights organization, has condemned the rapes of (mostly) Chinese women during the riots in Jakarta last month, and claimed that twenty women died after being raped. Seventeen people died during the riots and three died shortly after the riots ended. Nine victims of rape were abandoned in burning buildings where their rapists had left them to die. Two victims committed suicide and several victims died on the spot or in the hospital.

The rapes that occurred in Jakarta during the riots have been shown to follow a systematic pattern and many now believe they were planned and organized. Some of the girls raped were as young as nine and family members were often made to watch the rapes. Most rapists took identification from their victims and at least one victim received a telephone threat after she reported the rape. The description of the rapists received so far prompted the Volunteers of Humanity to believe that the assailants may have been part of the security force. Even though these rapes have been reported, witnessed and verified, the head of Indonesia's armed forces still maintains that there is no proof that rape occurred during the riots.

New Hormone Drug Decreases Menstrual-Related Symptoms

Suppressing ovulation through a new kind of hormone-releasing drug therapy can help lessen the effects of many disorders that are worsened by hormonal changes in a woman's menstrual cycle, according to a new study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

The gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists, tested by the Queen's University researchers, can decrease the symptoms of migraine headaches, improve blood sugar control, and lessen other symptoms associated with epilepsy, arthritis, and asthma, all of which vary in severity during a woman's menstrual cycle. In addition, the ovarian suppression related to the hormone can be used by doctors to determine whether a condition is menstrual-related, according to researchers. The therapy must be used in conjunction with estrogen-replacement therapy in order to prevent the early onset of some menopausal symptoms.

"I've learned - that learning to forgive takes practice."

Anglican church mulls homosexuality

A decade after a sharp debate on the ordination of women, the Anglican church is heading for a global conference that could see a fight over the rights of gay men and lesbians. Though some bishops have ordained openly homosexual priests, and two gay men had their union blessed last month at an Episcopal church in New Jersey, other Anglicans regard homosexuality as an abomination and condemn the ordination of gays.

The Lambeth Conference, which begins Saturday in London and is held every 10 years, is the main forum for debate for leaders of the world's 70 million Anglicans. These include Episcopalians in the United States. Each national church is free to go its own way, as they have done in ordaining women. Some do, some don't--and churches in Canada, New Zealand, and the United States have elevated 11 women to bishops. Some bishops, however, have threatened to boycott any conference events

involving the women bishops.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the worldwide communion affiliated with the Church of England, hopes to avoid similar bitterness about the ordination of gays by calling for more study and reflection on the issue. "I am all too conscious that some will come wanting a showdown on the issue of homosexuality and seek categorical assurances from the assembled gathering for a final, definitive opinion," Archbishop George Carey said earlier this year. "I am sure this would be a serious error. Such a move would dominate the entire agenda and confirm the world's suspicions that we are obsessed with issues of gender and sexuality."

Homosexuality will be considered calmly, theologically, and in a Christian way, but we must not allow it to sideline such crucial concerns as the mission of the church in the new millennium, relationships

with Islam, our ministry to young people and the urgent matter of international debt." Bishop Duncan Buchanan of Johannesburg will preside over the debate on homosexuality, an issue he predicts "will throw its shadow pretty much over the present conference." "There are some people who would want to say that the question of homosexuality is not fundamental to the faith," Buchanan said. "Other people would say it is. One of my jobs at Canterbury is to try to balance the whole lot of it."

The conservative position was stated by 80 bishops and other church leaders from the Southern Hemisphere who met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1997. They demanded that the church establish "a clear and unambiguous" stand that prohibits sex outside marriage and rules out the ordination of noncelibate homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex unions.

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After the Smoke has cleared...

First, I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped Arizona Central Pride this year. It was a very difficult year for us and the help and encouragement that we received was very much appreciated. As the elected President for ACP, the thing that impressed me was the outpouring of support for the Annual Pride Festival/Parade and Arizona Central Pride. I have been with Pride for 6 years and until this year had not felt a sense of "community" ... I believe now is the time for "our community" to move forward. Growth is essential to all things and is a requirement when it comes to issues of basic Human Rights.

Through the annual Festival, ACP has strived to give "our community" an outlet for voicing our thoughts, hopes, needs, issues and strength as a unified community. With the many non-profit organizations attending the festival, we at ACP, hope to educate our community and the general public as to those needs and issues. The old axiom, "Knowledge is Power" is not just a saying it is a guide as to how strong you can be if you have the correct tools to accomplish the tasks at hand. If we spend the time to educate ourselves, we can educate those who have no idea as to the trials and tribulations that we as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals face on a day to day basis.

Ignorance is curable..... and sometimes hatred is just a form of ignorance.

Ok, with all that out of the way, I am very proud and pleased to announce that Arizona Central Pride is officially out of debt. We have paid all bills pertaining to last years deficit and this years Festival and Parade. For the first time in Arizona Central Pride's history we are about to finish our fiscal year with an excess of \$15,000, which will be used for the Parade and Festival in 1999. Again, we thank all those who participated, gave of their time to help or just came to enjoy themselves and/or support us.

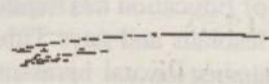
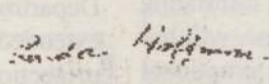
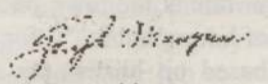
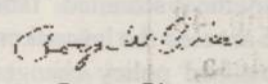
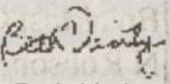
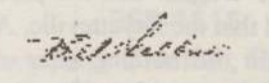
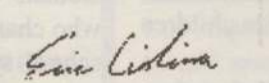
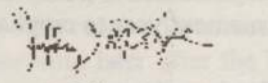
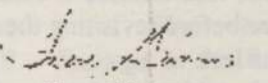
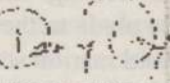
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Arizona Central Pride's fiscal year begins on September 1, 1998. On August 23rd our Annual meeting will be held beginning with an Town Hall meeting at 12:00 noon. Elections to the board will follow. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at: EMBASSY SUITES Airport at 44th Street and McDowell. 602-244-8800

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WASHINGTON, DC -- In an effort to avoid a public relations nightmare, the House leadership today decided not to offer the anti-gay Hefley amendment, which seeks to overturn President Clinton's May 28th executive order banning workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation, to the Treasury-Postal Appropriations bill, chaired by openly gay Republican Jim Kolbe. Instead, Hefley is eying the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Bill.

"This mean spirited, discriminatory amendment is wrong no matter what vehicle the leadership uses to further it. The fact that they moved it from Rep. Kolbe's bill underscores the hypocrisy in this effort to legalize workplace discrimination against gay people," said HRC political director Winnie Stachelberg.

The Hefley amendment is expected to be introduced later this week. Earlier today in the Washington DC political newspaper "The Hill," Kolbe said he thought Republican support for the Hefley amendment would hurt the party by sending the wrong message.

"I think it's wrong on two counts. This just codifies what is already executive branch policy, which is non discrimination. It doesn't give them any more legal standing or rights. Second, I think it's a bad statement for Republicans to be sending," said Rep. Kolbe.

A "Dear Colleague" letter, written by four Republican members of the House, is being circulated around Capitol Hill, asking members to support the Hefley amendment. The letter contains a panoply of untruths like the Clinton administration's executive order would force private contractors who service the federal government to be in compliance and

that it would also grant "special protected status" based on sexual orientation. The four Republican Congressmen who signed the "Dear Colleague" letter are House Majority Whip, Tom Delay (TX), Joel Hefley (CO), Joe Aderholt (AL), John Hostettler (IN).

In response to the Hefley Amendment, a "Dear Colleague," sponsored by Rep. Stephen Horn (R-CA) and Rep. Bill Delahunt (D-MA), was circulated throughout Congress. In the letter the Congressman said, "we strongly urge you to oppose this amendment."

Before this executive order was issued, many federal agencies had their own separate policies banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. This often led to confusion amongst government workers as to whether or not they were protected. Contrary to the claims of the GOP leadership, this executive order helps clarify the law for government workers by bringing uniformity to existing anti-discrimination policies across the federal government.

The GOP leadership's push to keep discrimination legal is not in line with public opinion. An April, 1997 poll conducted for the Human Rights Campaign by the Tarrance Group, shows that eighty percent of the American public says that homosexuals should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities.

The order adds sexual orientation to the list of protected categories for which discrimination is already prohibited, i.e., race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap and age. In issuing the order, Clinton noted that this policy does not add any new enforcement rights, such as the ability of a civilian federal worker to appeal an anti-gay job discrimination case before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Pool rules spark gay debate in Connecticut

A West Hartford, Conn., city council vote to limit "family" rate swimming pool fees to married heterosexual couples was aimed at encouraging children to swim and was not antigay, a councilwoman said Wednesday.

The city's Republican-controlled council voted Tuesday night to deny gay couples the right to pay the discounted "family" rate at the town pool, infuriating some critics who have accused the lawmakers of homophobia. "I, for one, will not be bullied into making bad policy changes based on buzzwords or emotional rhetoric and knee-jerk response," Republican Councilwoman Liz Gillette told the packed meeting. Gillette told Reuters Wednesday that she hopes some adjustment may be made to the fee before revisiting the issue next year to emphasize children more and marital status less.

Early this year a gay couple complained to the town council that they should be entitled to the discounted "family" membership rate at the Cornerstone Aquatic Center. Under the present fee schedule, families pay \$395 for the annual membership and individuals pay \$295--a \$50 discount from the previous \$345 individual rate--following a compromise offer last month by the Republicans. That means that Michael Antisdale and Mark Melanson, the gay couple who originally complained, must pay \$590 for an annual membership, as opposed to a married heterosexual couple who could pay \$395.

NEWS MARICOPA COUNTY

Department of Public Health

Tuberculosis cases increase in Maricopa County, despite nationwide decline



Reported cases of tuberculosis increased more than 11 percent in Maricopa County in 1997 despite a decline in the rest of the United States. There were 165 cases of TB reported to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) in 1997 compared to 147 in 1996. Across the U.S. during the same period, the number of cases fell seven percent, from 21,337 cases in 1996 to 19,855 in 1997. Through March of 1998, 21 cases were reported in Maricopa County. Public Health officials warn that the small number of cases through early 1998 does not mean that TB is under control. Tuberculosis cases often increase late in the year just as they did in 1995, the worst year this decade for TB with 175 cases.

Residents of Scottsdale, Sun City, East Mesa and Ahwatukee in addition to other areas around the city of Phoenix recently have contracted TB. "We're seeing a lot of cases in people over the age of 45 and among fully insured middle-class residents between the ages of 25 and 45," said Sherry Stotler, head of Clinical Services at MCDPH. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that people who live in crowded housing conditions are at greatest risk for contracting TB.

Doctors should not wait for lab confirmation and report immediately to MCDPH any confirmed or suspected cases of TB disease and any case of TB infection in children under the age of six. All reported cases are kept in strict confidence. It only takes a few weeks, once treatment begins, before TB is no longer infectious. Medication, however, usually must be taken for many months before the bacteria are killed completely.

"The immediate reporting of TB cases to county health officials is the foundation on which the Department builds its efforts to intervene in cases of TB and other infectious diseases," MCDPH Director Dr. Jonathan Weisbuch said. "A delay of even a few days can delay treatment and significantly increase the chances that infected persons will pass on bacteria to others."

After receiving a report of TB, a public health nurse from MCDPH will contact the patient, who can then help nursing staff to contact others that might have been infected. The nurse may also help patients work out a plan whereby they can take medication while being observed by a health professional. This helps patients stick to their medication regimen and missing medication can allow TB to become drug resistant, making it far harder to cure and eliminate.

"Tuberculosis serves as a stark reminder of what happens when we dismantle programs to fight infectious disease," Weisbuch said. "The decline in TB disease throughout the early 1980s was evidence that our efforts were successful. Programs to evaluate and intervene in infectious disease must be consistently funded and staffed even when it appears that the battle is won."

TB is caused by bacteria that can attack any part of the body but usually strike the lungs. The bacteria is spread through the air when someone with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs or sneezes. People nearby then inhale the bacteria and become infected. Many people who breathe in TB bacteria and become infected never develop TB disease, the bacteria simply remain inactive in their bodies. These people can take medicine over a period of months that will kill the TB bacteria and reduce the chances of infection later.

In others, however, a weakened immune system can allow the bacteria to grow and cause TB disease. The symptoms of the disease depend on where the bacteria grow. Tuberculosis bacteria usually grow in the lungs where they might cause a bad cough that lasts more than two weeks and chest pain. People with TB in the lungs also can cough up blood or phlegm from deep inside the lungs. Other symptoms include weakness or fatigue, weight loss, chills, lack of appetite, fever and night sweats.

Heads-up for local districts

For the first time, the U.S. Department of Education has explicitly extended to lesbians and gays Title IX protections against sexual harassment. Prompting the move: Openly gay student Willi Wagner and his parents, who charged that the Fayetteville, Ark., school system did nothing after other students had beaten him. The district agreed to overhaul its policies, train staff and inform them that lesbian and gay students are covered under Title IX, which bars sexual harassment. Schools must comply with Title IX to obtain federal funding. At issue, said Kate Frankfurt of the Gay, Lesbian and

Straight Education Network (GLSEN), are student safety and, potentially, a lot of local school district tax money. Courts have awarded significant damages to students targeted for being gay, she said, including Jamie Nabozny's ground-breaking case, which won the Wisconsin high school alum almost \$900,000. Frankfurt said, "The majority of school districts do not have policies in place that specifically mention sexual orientation, like race and gender." For more information contact Kate Frankfurt (GLSEN) at (212) 727-0135.



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Myths Made Mentionable

By Pamela Fitzpatrick

An acquaintance of mine called the other day, said she enjoyed reading my articles on mythology. Said she didn't realize how one can know someone for so long without really knowing them and that it wasn't until she began to read my column did she feel she began to understand who I was.

From this I began to ask myself, what does it mean to know someone? When do we feel we really know another and how long does that last? In understanding how we each continually change it would seem that about the time we think we have someone figured out they could have become a different person.

Living in a small town all my life has taught me many interesting things about change and people. Here you are, seeing the same people, day in and day out, year after year. You see them in the grocery store or at work, you run into them at the gas station or when dining. You form opinions about who they are and with a little bit of town gossip tossed in, you feel you really got them all figured out.

It wasn't until I was older that I realized that people are more complex than that which made them all the more incredibly intriguing than I had figured. I also realized that what I saw in others seemed to parallel how I felt about myself. If I was feeling like a failure, everyone around me was foolish and ignorant. If I felt on top of the world, everyone around me miraculously turned beautiful and wonderful.

Jungian Psychologists State that people serve as mirrors to our inner being and that ultimately we in life seek to know ourselves. We only think we want to get to know another. The truth of the matter is we are really seeking our own qualities. We fall in love with those who hold qualities we want to hold, because somehow we can't see them within, so we 'project.'

Same thing happens with ugliness too. When we have a quality about us we aren't willing to look at, you can be certain we see that quality

in everyone else and hate it. The reason this mirroring occurs is so that we can see who we are and learn from it. If we choose not to look at our 'shadow' side, and only project it on others, we end up with discrimination and hatred and ultimately never grow.

This projection thing especially gets scary when a whole group of people, together, who haven't allowed themselves to look within, take their shadow and begin placing it upon a political party or religious cult. Take Hitler and the Nazi regime for instance. All that fear over Jews, gays, and the insane thrown into the hands of a protagonist who then builds upon it with his own fears, next thing you know, everything suddenly get out of hand and a tremendous amount of damage is done. Outsiders look upon wondering where such hatred and confusion came from, not realizing they too can create such realities out of their own fears if not careful.

In the myth of Medusa, there was a woman who was considered to have the power to petrify all who gazed upon her. Some said it was due to her beauty, others her ugliness. It was also said she could only be looked upon through a mirror, not directly. If one gazed at her directly they would turn into stone.

When we begin to look within, directly at ourselves, we can become so horrified that we too can become as stone. That is, we enter into a place of being so afraid to change we end up doing nothing at all and become still. The good news is that just as mortals could only look at Medusa within a mirror, sometimes it is easier to see our own qualities, beautiful or ugly, within others and then find acceptance or willingness to change from there. At least it is a beginning and an effort to see what is truly going on within.

So, I guess the lesson I have learned from Jenny's comment and from looking within has been that it isn't so important as to whether we know another well as it is how well we know ourselves.

Former ex-gays speak out

Former Ex-Gays Refute Claims That Homosexuality Can Be Changed And Cite The Damaging Effects Of Such Efforts WASHINGTON -- Newt and Candace Gingrich's cousin, Darell Gingrich (twice removed), joined several other former "ex-gays" today to help refute this weeks misleading Right Wing misinformation newspaper ad campaign which claims gays can be changed through therapy and religion.

"This right wing political ad campaign of misinformation and pseudo-science is hurting many people and is nothing more than a slick attempt to make discrimination against gay people safe and legal. They are desperately trying to legitimize anti-gay discrimination," said HRC communications director and senior strategist David M. Smith.

The Right's ad campaign contradicts medical and mental health experts who say that homosexuality can not -- and should not -- be cured. In August 1997, the American Psychological Association overwhelmingly passed a resolution, at the APA convention, that asserts that there is no sound scientific evidence on the efficacy of "reparative therapy," which seeks to "cure" homosexuals. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.

Earlier this week, in response to these ads, the American Psychological Association again questioned the efficacy of so-called "conversion therapy."

"For nearly three decades, it has been known that homosexuality is not a mental illness. Medical and mental health professionals also now know that sexual orientation is not a choice and cannot be altered. Groups who try to change the sexual orientation of people through so-called

conversion therapy' are misguided and run the risk of causing a great deal of psychological harm to those they say they are trying to help," said American Psychological Association Executive Director Dr. Raymond Fowler.

"I am here to say that these ex-gay' ministries dont work. Even though many of the people involved in these ministries might be well intentioned, they are causing pain in the lives of those who would be better off accepting how God created them," said former ex-gay' Darell Gingrich.

"For fifteen years I endured the mental torment of the ex-gay' movement. I did everything they told me to do. I prayed. I spoke to church counselors. They had me convinced I was going to hell. I finally realized that the hell the ex-gay ministries spoke of was the life I was living by pretending I was a heterosexual. These groups prey on those who are gay and Christian and I really feel bad for those who are still caught in their web of deceit," said HRC senior policy advocate and former ex-gay' Tracey St. Pierre.

"I entered the ex-gay' movement as a sixteen year Pentecostal who was afraid of going to hell. I quickly realized that this movement was dysfunctional and cured no one involved," said former ex-gay Matt Smith.

"Make no mistake about it, these ads are politically motivated. It is not a coincidence that these ads are running the same week that extremist members in Congress have launched an unprecedented wave of anti-gay legislation. From the Hefley and Riggs amendments, to the attack on hate crimes legislation, the Far Right is orchestrating a highly organized political campaign against gay Americans," said HRC political director Winnie Stachelberg.

Economic Support to Victims of Domestic Violence in California Rejected

The California Senate failed to pass a bill making victims of domestic violence eligible for unemployment benefits if they left their job to avoid stalkers. The bill was sponsored by Senator Hilda Solis, a democrat from Los Angeles, who received permission to call another vote later after the bill lacked two votes to be approved. The bill would also extend to individuals whose family has recently moved, victims of sexual harassment, and those who are laid off. Attorney General of California supports the bill, which is seen by proponents, a necessary security for victims of domestic violence.

Gender Identity Theory

A Canadian boy who was raised as a girl after his penis was irreparably damaged during circumcision continues to live as a woman, suggesting gender identity develops after birth, researchers say in the journal *Pediatrics*. The case is only the second documented case of a boy being "assigned" a new gender after his genitals were mutilated during circumcision.

The study contradicts the findings in the first case, in which the boy returned to life as a male. In both cases, the testicles and remainder of the penis were removed and a vagina created. To researchers, that suggests that sexual orientation may be determined in the womb, by genetics and prenatal hormones, but that gender identity may be determined months after birth.

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Domestic Violence Shelters

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New Life Shelter, Litchfield Park, 935-9161	Sojourner Center, Phoenix, 244-0089
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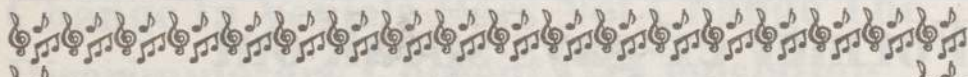
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Music review

Teresa Trull and Barbara Higbie are back after a long absence with a new collaboration, "Playtime". This is a terrific CD packed with an eclectic mix of eleven songs ranging from rock to piano and voice to blues. Playtime was produced by Teresa with assistance from Barbara. And Teresa did her usual terrific job. Every song is done just right, with excellent playing, singing and sound quality.

All but two songs on the CD are original. And I sure am glad Teresa chose to include one of the two nonoriginal numbers. A blues song by B.B. King called "You Upset Me," this song was meant to be sung by Teresa (with an assist by Barbara). My but that woman can sing the blues. And she gives a whole new meaning to the line "The way you talk to me is making me feel queer."

Teresa also puts a smile on our faces with the soft-rock piece "Sway of her Hips" in which she declares "I think I saw God." Another easy rock song, "Satin Sunlight" rejoices in a fulfilling love, while "New Found Love" laments a love gone wrong.

The CD was named for a solo piano piece performed by Barbara, who also offers two piano and voice tracks -- the poignant "Music Box", which she wrote for her grandmother, and another where she laments the busy pace of life and longs to go to the "Heart of Beauty". She also rocks us with a song about how "Next Time" that love affair will turn out right.

Teresa and Barbara join forces on the easy rock piece "Why Wait" (to forgive) and the countryish "Wings", about the wish of young and old women alike to fly free on the wings of a horse. And staying true to the title of the CD, they end it with the other nonoriginal track, a jazzy tune called "Getting Some Fun Out of Life".

An Old Favorite

I am ecstatic to report that Teresa this year has reissued one of my all-time favorite women's music CDs "A Step Away". Teresa is both the performer and producer. Most of the songs are foot-stomping, beat-a-tempo-on-your-steering wheel rock tunes, including the title track, "No Matter" and "Rosalie", which was a hit for Teresa when the CD was originally issued in 1986. There are a couple of slow tunes about breaking up and an incredibly soothing piano and voice piece called "Heart on the Line". In all, nine great songs to enjoy.

Where to Get these Great CDs

Obelisk and Unique on Central carry women's music and what they don't have in stock, they'll order for you. You can also order from Ladyslipper Music online at www.ladyslipper.org or by calling 1-800-634-6044. Or, you can get these titles (and others) directly from Teresa and Barbara. Go to www.barbarahigbie.com or write/fax Slowbaby Records, P.O. Box 7242, Berkeley, CA 94707, fax 510-527-0087.

"I've learned - that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place."

Reggie White campaigns against gays

Green Bay Packers star Reggie White again is speaking out against gay men and lesbians, appearing in a national newspaper advertisement and taping a commercial against same-sex marriages. White and his wife, Sara, were in Green Bay, Mich., on Wednesday to tape the commercial, which is expected to air in Hawaii, family spokesman Bill Horn said. Voters in that state are considering a constitutional amendment allowing the state to ban same-sex unions. "They're standing on what they believe," Horn said of the Whites. "They believe marriage is important and should be between one man and one woman. It's encouraging other people around the

nation to be just as bold." The taping followed a full-page advertisement Wednesday in USA Today, featuring White in his Packers uniform above the headline "In Defense of Free Speech." The \$63,000 ad in the newspaper's main section was paid for by a coalition of 15 Christian groups, including the Christian Coalition and American Family Association. The pro football player also is pictured with his wife. Another full-page ad in USA Today's lifestyle section was bought by 12 gay rights organizations and promotes their view that people who are gay have a right to dignity and fairness.

Remaining Pride Festivals

From the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators, Inc. (IAL/GPC). This is the ninth release of the InterPride Global Calendar 1998 of current established dates for gay pride celebrations. The following dates have been released by local Pride organizations. Information, additions and updates may be found on the IAL/GPC our web site at www.interpride.org.

Albany, NY	G/L Pride	Orange County/ UCIrvine, CA
October 4	October 1-4	August 15-16
Allendale, MI	Dayton, OH	Palm Springs, CA
October 5-9	September 19	November 7-8
Augusta, ME	Erie, PA	Pasadena, CA
August 15	October 10	September 19
Barrie, ON	Fresno, CA	Miami, FL
August 9	September 20	October 18
Berkeley, CA	Greenville, NC	Prince George, BC
September 3-26	September	September 5-
Charlotte, NC	18-19	6
October 7-11	Milwaukee, WI	Salem, OR
Cheyenne, WY	August 28-30	August 15
August 12-16	Montreal, QB	Tucson, AZ
Chico, CA	August 2	October 17
August 23	Nashville, TN	Vancouver, BC
Claremont, CA	September 19	August 2
October 10	New Orleans, LA	Wilmington, DE
Cleveland, OH / Black Gay Pride	September	October 3
August 14-15	26-27	
Dallas, TX / Black	Oakland, CA	
	September 20	

Community wide submission request

LOOP Publishing and Communications will be releasing a new cookbook entitled, "There's No Place Like Home - A Unique Collection of Recipes from the Gay and Lesbian Community." Recipe submissions are now being accepted and will continue through August 15, 1998. Copies can also be reserved at this time. First editions will be available December 1, 1998.

"There's No Place Like Home" is a compilation of favorite recipes gathered from individuals, family traditions, celebrities, politicians, and restaurants from the global Gay and Lesbian community. Included are stories, memories, and thoughts about home, food, traditions, sharing and celebration as well as quotes and historical notations.

"There's No Place Like Home" will include recipes in the categories of Appetizers, Soups and Salads, Picnics and Barbeques, Romantic Foods, Entrees, Quick and Easy Dishes and

of course, Desserts. Also found will be helpful charts, cooking tips and nutritional information.

Recipes should be mailed, emailed or submitted via the website-input form. (<http://www.tcfb.com/community-cookbook>) Submissions should be double-checked for accuracy and should include standard abbreviations for measurements.

Please include a name, contact information and any thoughts, stories, memories, and/or notes that would fit the focus of home, family, tradition, friendships, love and acceptance within the Gay and Lesbian community.

LOOP Publishing and Communications, 109 Chatsworth Avenue, Kenmore, New York 14217. Contact: Veronica Matthews, 716-873-7556

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New E-Lists & Sites

Compiled from the E-Mail Bag by Margot
Lesbian Cancer List

The Lesbian Cancer list is for lesbian and bisexual women (regardless of birth gender) to discuss the impact of cancer in their lives. It is open to women who have; or have had cancer, and/or partners, family and friends of people with cancer. Health care practitioners working in this field are also welcomed.

To subscribe e-mail: majordomo@Queernet.org with *subscribe lcl* as the body of the message.

40+ Dykes

Classic Dykes Online is a new web resource for lesbians in midlife and beyond. It is updated monthly and features:

- RESOURCES--links to organizations about LGBT aging issues, mailing lists for 40+ dykes, and lesbian aging resources [i.e., annotated bibliographies of books, chapters, articles, conference papers, and films]
- LATE BLOOMER STORIES--personal, original accounts of womyn who have come out as lesbians in midlife or beyond
- CLASSIC DYKE SITE--personal and business sites by lesbians age 40

The site is: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Stonewall/7327>

Horsewomen

Do you ride, train, care for, or enjoy just being around horses? The horse-

women list is a new discussion and networking forum for horse loving women everywhere. All styles of riding and training; horse ownership not required. For more information on the list, including instructions for joining: Send email to: majordomo@queernet.org. In the body type: *info horsewomen*.

Lesbian Studies

This list is a venue to discuss lesbian-studies academically. To subscribe send email to majordomo@queernet.org. In the body type: *subscribe lesbian-studies*.

To get more info on the list, send email to majordomo@queernet.org and in the body type *info lesbian-studies*.

OD Professionals

ODNET-GLBT, has been created as an electronic space where Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered (GLBT) Organization Development professionals (new and old) >can dialogue with each other.

Membership in ODNET-GLBT is limited to managers, trainers and organization development (OD) consultants who self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT), or managers, trainers and organization development (OD) consultants who positively identify themselves w/ the rights, concerns and OD issues of the GLBT community.

Interested parties can obtain more information regarding ODNET and ODNET-GLBT by visiting <http://www.odnet.org/>, or e-mailing Jim Strader at jstrader@ema-inc.com.

metals and petroleum.

Signs of a slowing economy are an increase in the national unemployment rate, (to 4.5 from 4.3) drops in factory employment, a decrease in business inventories and only a 0.1 increase in retail sales. The official definition of a recession is six consecutive months of shrinking economic output.

The Property Claims Services unit of Insurance Services Office said an estimated \$3.4 billion in property damage claims are expected from the catastrophic damage caused by torrential rainstorms and tornadoes across the U.S. during the May.

Russia is hoping to prevent a devaluation of the ruble by receiving a combined loan of \$22.6 billion from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and Japan. After the collapse of the Russian financial markets this spring it now desperately needs a financial bailout to rescue it's economy. The loans hinge on the Russian Parliaments approval of the government's economic stabilization plan.

"I've learned - that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel."

New on video - Gia

By Robin Dee, staff writer

Check out the HBO-made movie on the life of the highest paid supermodel in the world, Gia Maria Carangi, who had a fiery relationship with a makeup lady. This movie details Gia's lesbianism and extensive drug use.

Also starring are Faye Dunaway and Mercedes Ruehl.

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 at 898-4844. We are looking for groups supportive of and of interest to Lesbians.)

INFORMATION:

Women's Center, Inc. publisher Women's Central News PO Box 26031 Tempe, Az 85285, 898-4844, e-mail address wcn@swlink.net, website <http://www.swlink.net/~wcnews>

Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard: 234-2752

Lesbian Resource Project: P.O. Box 1917, Tempe, AZ 85280-1917, 266-5542 (voice).

Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 24 West Camelback; , Phx 85013, 265-7283

The Gay and Lesbian Community, based out of Flagstaff, (520)526-6098.

Verde Valley Alternative Lifestyles Directory, 989 S. Main St. Suite 437, Cottonwood, Az. 86326

520-634-1405 e-mail: martimac@sedona.net

SOCIAL GROUPS:

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.

Same Place Same Time Breakfast Club, Sundays at Coffee Talk, 48 N. Robson, Mesa 10AM

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

Lesbian and Gay Seniors Group: 241-1604

Camelback Business & Professional Assoc., Business networking, socialization, 225-8444.

Scuba Diving Club, Phoenix, 957-9399 or Tucson digital pager, 261-9602.

Parents By Choice-Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group. Family gatherings 1st and 3rd Sat of every month. Call 252-3393 or 924-9974 for info or e-mail at JJKOPRY@swlink.net

Arizona Amazons BD/SM organization. Contact Sheryl Tilley at Bobby Cook Studio (602) 254-4513 or E-mail at azamazon@juno.com or Sheryltilley@juno.com find us at www.geocities.com/westhollywood/heights.3231

SUPPORT NETWORKS:

Women Veteran's Support Network: VIRAGO!, PO Box 1171, New Market, VA 22844.

Rainbow Alliance: meets Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Memorial Union at ASU. Contact 965-9756.

Phoenix Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America meets the first Monday of every month at the Community Center. For more information contact Wally Straughn at 864-6092 or E-mail PGLBVA@aol.com.

POLITICAL GROUPS:

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

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

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: Quality Inn, 2nd Ave & Osborn, Phx., 10AM Sundays.

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

Aviv (Jewish lesbian & gays): Call Gene, 996-8622.

Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 N. 14th St, Phx, 265-8400

In His Steps Christian Fellowship, call 209-8155.

Community Church of Hope, Sunday 10AM, Turney & Central, Phoenix, 234-2180.

Affirmations (Mormon), 553-8674

Universal Church of Love, Pastor Joyce Cascio, Chandler, 917-5671

Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, 840-8400.

Hand of Love Ministry, 6605 N. 14th St, Phoenix, 602-264-1470.

NEWSLETTERS OF INTEREST:

Rubyfruit Journal, Tucson Wimmin's Community Newsletter. 517 E. Gay St., Tucson 85705. \$15.00.

Flagstaff Women's News: Aradia Bookstore, PO Box 266, Flagstaff, Az. 86002. \$18.00

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- 4) Cost is \$5.00. Send in your submission by the 15th of the month for the next issue. Either mail it or e-mail to wcn@swlink.net.
- 5) Submission must have name and address (which will not be printed).

Some hints for writing your ad:

- 1) Be honest. You can't ever meet the dreamboat you are corresponding with if you've told her you are a twin to k.d. lang when you are really a body double for Mama Cass.
- 2) Mention your likes/dislikes. If you love sand movies and hate dogs, say so. That's what interests the kind of person you want to get to know. Include significant details - like allergic to cats.
- 3) Don't babble. Say what you want, and leave it at that.
- 4) Be careful. We can't stress this enough. We wish the world was a safe place (and chocolate had no calories), but the reality is you must be careful. If you meet someone, go to a public place, do a group thing, whatever until YOU feel comfortable. Don't use your home phone. E-mail, P.O. box or pager is not expensive. Use your first name only.

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I am honest, spiritual, caring professional that enjoys learning, conversation, theater, traveling.

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Christian, B., butch female looking for B feminine woman 35 to 50 who's spiritual, loving and caring who wants friendship first and take it from there! I like sports, walking, movies, drives and worshipping the Lord. Very attractive, caring, honest 43 year old romantic at heart. Live in Mesa pager# 660-7113

Vatican's red pencil mars gay-friendly Catholic

Dignity/USA, an organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Roman Catholics, said in a July 1 press release that changes in a pastoral letter on homosexuality serve to "dilute the message and spirit" of the highly-publicized 1997 document. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops and its Committee on Marriage and Family Life drafted the changes which were announced June 28 after approval from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith. The letter, "Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers," was issued Oct. 1, 1997. Geared toward encouraging Catholic parents to be more supportive of gay children, it won wide praise from many people of faith. Subsequently however, seven changes were made to the document. One example: A sentence originally calling sexual orientation a "fundamental" dimension of one's personality now instead terms it "deep-seated." Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien, who leads the marriage and family committee, aid the modifications were "to ensure the completeness and to clarify the intent." But Dignity Executive Director Charles L. Cox said, "Each of the changes represents a capitulation to the conservative voices in the Church." For more information contact Charles L. Cox (Dignity/USA) at (202) 861-0017.

Illinois group steamed over fishy Red Lobster opposition to equal rights

The Illinois Federation for Human Rights (IFHR) is mounting a "public awareness and educational campaign" to counter an attempt by Red Lobster's corporate parent to have Cook County's human rights law - which includes protections based on sexual orientation - discarded as unconstitutional. Darden Restaurants filed the request after the county's Human Rights Commission ruled that Red Lobster had violated the ordinance when it fired a gay man in 1993 because of his sexual orientation. IFHR Director Rick Garcia said, "It is bad enough that Red Lobster was found guilty of anti-gay discrimination but to try to overturn the human rights ordinance is beneath contempt. That a national restaurant chain would try to overturn civil rights legislation is as unconscionable as it is disgusting." For more information contact Rick Garcia (IFHR) at (773) 244-3371.

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Roommate wanted - Seeking responsible, stable female who enjoys animals to share 2 bedroom 2 bath large double wide mobile home in East Mesa, W/D, own phone, cable, gated security, pool and Jacuzzi. \$300.00 per month plus 1/2 utilities. Deposit required Call 981-7242 for more information.

Roommate for Central Phoenix home, Mature, responsible woman, no smoking, drugs, pets or chemicals. Call Diane at 274-3734 or 241-8734 and leave message with phone number.

Roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in Tempe. Has pool, laundry, yard. Non-smoker, no drugs. Must be responsible. \$350 including utilities. 413-9631.

Seeking roommate - Seeking responsible, professional female to share quiet, drug free home in Mesa (Higley/McDowell). Nice house with w/d, furnished, huge yard (must love dogs) and garage. \$350 per month plus 1/2 utilities. 396-8068.

Bulletin Board notices - \$5.00 up to 50 words and \$5.00 for each additional 50 words.

Gay federal employees

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender federal employees may be inclined to look for more "welcoming" private sector employment if GOP members of Congress continue to use them as political pawns, warns Len Hirsh of GLOBE, the lesbian and gay federal employee group. Republican lawmakers have moved to try to overturn President Clinton's May 28 executive order banning workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Democratic National Committee has characterized the Republican Party's recent efforts as "gay bashing." But, Hirsh said, "this could make really good employees of the government look for relief by working for companies that protect their employees by giving them equal rights." For more information contact Bob Sadler (GLOBE president) at (202) 482-8040.

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