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Your '98 Pride is this month

By Margot Marie Bronski, WCN staff

Ce Ce Peniston, Men Out Loud and CHANGE are all headliners at this month's Pride Parade and Festival.

Saturday, April 18, a new generation of Pride takes off with "Pride 98...A Gateway to Change". The parade steps off from Park Central Mall at 10 AM and heads south to Margaret T. Hance Deck Park.

Following the parade, at approximately noon, the festival begins at the Deck Park and runs until midnight. Advance tickets are \$8 and are available at many community businesses; at the gate admission will be \$10. All stage shows and events are included in the one ticket price and kids under 12 are free.

The main gate for the festival will be on Central Avenue, just under the bridge. It will be well signed and handicapped accessible. There will be an additional gate at Second Street and Moreland.

Check the Pride Web Page

At WCN press time, Pride was still negotiating for Special Needs and VIP parking, along with a shuttle service to run between the festival and area parking lots. Various other details and schedules were also up in the air as this story was being written. So, readers are advised to consult the Pride page at www.azpride.com for the latest information, as it becomes available.

The Bistro

A new feature this year will be an area called The Bistro. The key word here is "relaxed". Outfitted with tables and chairs, it will be an area where you can take a break, enjoy some refreshments and maybe have a nice conversation with friends. The music here will be mainly of the acoustic sort, with some Karaoke throw in just for fun. The Bistro will be located on the big patio area just south of the library.

The Dance Tent

Here's another change. The dance tents are gone. Instead there'll be dancing in the streets - actually, dancing in the

street. First Street from Moreland south to Portland will be blocked off for dancing. Hi-Nrgy (or, "club") dancing will be featured from noon to 3 PM, and again from 9 PM to midnight. Country and Western dancing will go on from 3 PM to 9 PM.

The Main Stage

Continuous entertainment and events will take place on the Main Stage. Lots of local acts, and some national headliners will be featured. Acapella group Men Out Loud will perform at 7 PM (approximately). Pop diva, Ce Ce Peniston will take the stage after Men Out Loud. There will be an hour of Country and Western entertainment from 3 PM to 4 PM. The crowning of the 3MGP winners will take place sometime after sun down.

Some Things Don't Change

Of course there will be plenty to eat and drink, including cold beer. And the vendors will be there offering all manner, of community goods and services. This is also a great place to meet many of the community organizations which will have booths set up. WCN will be there, so be sure to drop by and fill out one of our Reader Surveys.

Parade Staging Change

The parade will begin staging at 7:30 AM on Catalina Drive between Central and Third Avenues; this is the street at the south end of Park Central Mall. Entrants are reminded that they will have to furnish a list of marchers names (no addresses, etc) and/or proof of insurance along with a driver's license for motorized units. Dykes with bikes, can sign in and ride for \$10. According to the manager, Starbucks Coffee, adjacent to the staging area, opens at 6:30 AM on Saturdays - so coffee and a nosh will be



The Gay and Lesbian Community Center is in its new location at 24 W. Camelback Rd. Volunteers have been pounding nails and painting sheetrock to make the new walls which will allow separate areas for community use.

available for parade workers. Walk up parade entries will be accepted, however they will pay a premium entry fee; pre-event registration forms are available on the Pride web page.

Volunteers Needed

A successful Pride is the result of volunteers - people just like you - doing all sorts of jobs large and small. If you've got the whole day, or just a few hours, Pride can use your help for both parade and/or festival duties. To volunteer, or for any other purposes, call their voice mailbox at (602) 279-1771. Or write to ACP/PLGPC, PO Box 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6847. E-mail is info@azpride.org. Their website is www.azpride.org - the web site includes direct e-mail addresses for the various sub-committees and officers. Arizona Central Pride/Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with a 501(c)3 federal tax-exempt status.

Finally...you asked for it!

For the past several years the Pride Committee has heard two main complaints. *It's too hot!* And *We need a parade and a festival!!* Well, with "Gateway To Change" you got your wish. Now it's up to the community to really come out and support Pride '98. As regular WCN readers know, Pride took a financial bath last year. If this year's event isn't a roaring success, then...well, let's not think about that. Let's

Special report Women's shelters full

By Robin Dee, WCN staff

LAURA MUNOZ, is a name to remember. On February 11th, Laura Munoz was stabbed to death in front of her children by her common-law husband.

Women are beat, raped, stabbed, and shot by their significant other every minute of every day. These women, and their children, marginally survive day-to-day in hell, where the Devil wields his evil with clenched fist and snarling lips.

'Gore' movies made in Hollywood do not even come close to the real world of men torturing and eventually killing their wives/girlfriends and even their children.

What really drills a whole in my heart is that Laura Munoz called women's shelters, over and over. 'We're full', and

'We have no room for your 6 kids' were the responses she received.

News reports indicate that there are only about 190 beds available in the Valley's nine domestic abuse shelters, with only three of the shelters in a position to take women with children, *when 1,000 are needed.*

Politicians stuck their hand right into our pocket to fund a baseball stadium using the old 'You're too stupid to decide so we'll decide for you' strategy, while women are dying! Maricopa county has a population of about 2-1/2 million people and only 190 beds for abused women! *What is wrong with this picture?*

Politician's have their heads so far up their keesters that they really believe

BOB is more important than women's lives.

The powers-that-be will undoubtedly be quoted in mainstream papers as 'shocked and dismayed' at Laura's death.

Children will continue to watch their mother's being beaten, sometimes to death, while politician's form committee's and chat about the lack of social services for them. In the meantime real action, and the dollars to back it up, will be spent on BOB parking, shuttle buses and other *more important* issues.

Arizona is a state run by backward thinkers as evidenced by the Mesa legislator whose recent response to a single mom's letter on unaffordable child care was to 'get a man' to support her. (I won't even get into Evan Mecham and Symington.)

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WOMEN WHO DARED - Eileen Collins

Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, (b 1957) was selected on March 5th as the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission into outer space. In 1995 Collins was also the first woman pilot on a space. President Clinton announced that "...heroes come in every size and shape and gender. Today we celebrate the falling away of another barrier in America's quest to conquer the frontiers of space and also to advance the cause of equality."

Letters to the Editor

My Dear Women,

It is so sad that you go against your own spirit, nature and the natural way God created you to be with. It is real scary when you begin to think about the power of God. He created you and this entire earth and he has the power to destroy this earth.

If we continue to live immoral, base our loves or lust, sex and money we will without a doubt be destroyed. There have been some movies like "Ghost" which shows what happens to evil people. Search for your God and humble yourself before Him. Get on your knees and pray for forgiveness of this awful evil (sex) that has inhabited your life. It is not easy. It takes hard work to go through natural cleansing but it can be done and the rewards your Heavenly Father gives are greater than any lust sex greed or immoral act you commit. God is knocking on your door right now. You can kneel or throw this in the garbage. The choice is yours.

Unsigned - no return address.

Editors note: I could reply to this person but thought feed back from the Community would be appropriate. - Sheryl, WCN editor

Women and friends

Is it my imagination or are many of us lesbians/women quick? Quick to perceive, quick to fall in love, quick to nest, quick to size up, quick to anger, quick to judge, quick to bruise, quick to run, quick to find a new group/friend, quick to retreat...

The purpose of my observations is not to stereotype; they are merely pictures caught on tape without comment.

I have a theory that we sometimes treat our social circles like our lovers. I have a theory that many of us practice serial monogamy in our lives; committed to our lover/friend/group...until there is a problem, until acceptance, trust or a compromise of our needs is necessary; until it is work, until it is uncomfortable.

I'm beginning to believe there must be a direct correlation between discomfort and growth. A woman is pregnant, uncomfortable - she gives birth to something new and wonderful. Someone has an anxiety attack about a decision she has to make. Out of this painful confusion comes one closed door in their life, one new open door...one new path.

Yet, I remain completely confounded as to what it is about woman's nature that is at once so fitful and hypervigilant and yet so nurturing, creative and awe inspiring.

-Anna (Andi) Hernandez

New Publication for Alternative Families

Alternative Family Magazine, a new national bimonthly publication for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered parents and their children, hits bookstores this spring. "At a time when our families are on the cutting edge of the battle for GLBT rights, we'll be telling the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things," says publisher Kelly Taylor.

In addition to essays and photos depicting the lives of GLBT parents and their children, the magazine will cover legal developments, reproductive issues, and social and behavioral matters. It will also feature household hints, favorite recipes, and book and video reviews.

In the Kids' Room, children can find coloring and games pages, a penpals page, and a section where they can publish their artwork and writing. Rounding out the magazine will be a classified section and resource guide specific to the needs of GLBT families, including a personals section for people seeking partners with a shared interest in children.

"We're looking forward to developing a very special interactive relationship with our readers, and together our families will grow," says Taylor. In addition to its regular contributing writers and columnists, she sees readers as providing a major portion of the magazine's content in the future. She envisions the magazine as one-stop shopping for resources on GLBT parenting, and a website is in the works.

As a family magazine, Taylor has made a conscious decision not to accept alcohol, tobacco, or sexually explicit advertising -- a mainstay of many GLBT publications. While this presents an initial challenge, Taylor says it also offers an opportunity to pioneer ad sales with clients who haven't been traditionally attracted to

other GLBT advertising opportunities.

Initial response to the magazine has been overwhelmingly positive from parents to publishing industry executives to potential advertisers. "The National Center for Lesbian Rights reports that there are anywhere from 6 to 14 million children living in lesbian and gay families," Taylor notes. "These families deserve a voice of their own. I think we're filling an important niche by serving their families' needs at a time when efforts to gain societal and legal recognition for our families are at an important crossroads."

The first issue features a story about a remarkable 11-year-old girl and her lesbian moms. Sol Kelley-Jones of Madison, Wisconsin has spoken out at legislative hearings, conducted a school survey about homophobia that was entered into the Congressional record, spoken on a panel with Martina Navratilova, and been given awards for her activism by the ACLU and the National Organization for Women. She epitomizes the bravery of parents and children throughout the country, Taylor observes.

The March/April issue also features lengthy selections from the award-winning photo and text exhibit "Love Makes a Family," a story on openly lesbian evangelist and musician Marsha Stevens, and a feature on a kids' summer camp for GLBT family members. It also marks the debut of columns by psychologist Greg Shears and Attorney Kate Schreurs.

The publication is available at GLBT-friendly bookstores throughout the country, and by subscription for \$24/year. For more information or to subscribe, send email to altfammag@aol.com, write to AFM Publishing at P.O. Box 7179, Van Nuys, CA 91409, or call (818) 909-0314.



President's Message

Dear Friends:

On March 11th the Women's Central News held elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as one of three board positions up for election this year. The new President of the organization is Mary Humme. Mary has been involved with the paper for several years primarily as a writer and facilitator for the Reporters team. Mary is highly qualified to take the Women's Central News forward in the coming year and is enthusiastic in leading the paper in a direction which will continue to provide our readership the very best newspaper. I was elected to the position of Vice President and will assist Mary in ensuring a smooth transition. Carolyn Green was re-elected as Secretary, Winnie Gettings was re-elected as Treasurer and Ginger Brooks was re-elected to a two-year board position. The two board positions, not up for re-election until March of 1999, are presently filled by Diane Haugen and Margot Bronski.

I have written in previous columns that when one becomes involved with our organization one learns to conduct meetings, write reports, represent us in the business world and hone leadership skills. I have learned all these things and more. My 3-year term as President will remain one of my cherished life-time achievements. I thank our readers and WCN staff for their support.

Robin

Employment for women

By Catherine Kraus, WCN staff

There is a huge shortage of skilled tradespeople in the county at this time. This is the perfect time for women to get into UNION apprenticeship programs. Schooling is at community college rates.

Check out these phone numbers:

Arizona Women's Education & Employment, Inc. - 258-0864

Governors Office for Women
542-1755

Governors Councils: Employment & Training - 542-3473

Job Opportunity and Basic Skills
245-9545

Apprenticeship Information Center -
252-7771

Rehabilitation Services Administration - 542-7878

State Council on Vocational Education - 255-5040

These are just a few resources gathered from the telephone book under State listings. There are many many more under U. S. Government listings, such as the Dept. of Labor.



Center Meets April 6

The Center's Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 6, 1998 at 7PM. During the evening the organizations annual report will be delivered, new board members will be welcomed and the 1998 executive committee will be slated and elected.

Everyone from the community is welcome and encouraged to attend. Also, by that time, renovations should be completed in the new facility, so the event would be a good time to stop by and see YOUR new center.

LRP to send drummers to Pride parade

Members of TLC Chorale are organizing the Lesbian Resource Project's participation in the April 18 Pride Parade. They will have a flatbed truck and space for marchers and women to carry LRP and TLC banners.

The contingent will beat handdrums and tambourines; bring your drum or other percussion instrument and meet at the Parade Step-Off (see the information from the Pride Committee for location). For more information or to sign up to participate, leave a message with Dawn at 968-1757.

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A 2-DAY RETREAT / PARTY featuring area women finding ways to make creativity a part of everyday living.

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REASONABLE - \$20 for 1 day or \$35 for both (\$5 off if registered before April 3). Work exchange available.

Call 482-7804 for details / registration. HAVE FUN !!!!!

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Deadline is the 15th of the month. Display copy and/or artwork must be camera ready or laser printed on white paper and cannot be returned. Photographs must be grayscale.

SUBMISSIONS

You are encouraged to send in your event announcements, book reviews, dining experiences, news analysis, commentaries, poetry, coming out stories or anything of interest to the lesbian community. WORD LIMIT: Letters to the Editor: 200 words; Articles: 350 words.

Submissions must include name and address. You may request that your name be withheld. Submissions cannot be returned. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, brevity and spelling. Copyright remains with each contributor. Deadline is the 15th of the month.



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- ♣ Bookstar Bookstore - 1457 W. Southern
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- ♣ Ain't Nobody's Biz - 3031 E. Indian School
- ♣ Arcadia Cuts - 2303 N. 44th St.
- ♣ Borders Bookstore - 2402 E. Camelback
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- ♣ Gay and Lesbian Center - 24 W. Camelback Rd.
- ♣ Incognito - 2424 E. Thomas Rd.
- ♣ Insights - 333 E. Virginia - #106
- ♣ Johnny Mc's - 138 W. Camelback Rd.
- ♣ Marlys - 15615 N. Cave Creek Rd.
- ♣ Movies On Central - 4700 N. Central Ave.
- ♣ Nasty Habits - 3108 E. McDowell Rd.
- ♣ Obelisk The Bookstore - 24 W. Camelback Rd.
- ♣ The Park - 3002 N. 24th St.
- ♣ Pookie's Cafe - 4540 N. 7th St.
- ♣ Roscoe's - 4531 N. 7th St.
- ♣ Unique On Central - 4700 N. Central Ave.
- ♣ The Wave - 998 E. Indian School Rd.
- ♣ Willow Coffee House - 149 W. McDowell
- ♣ Wink's - 5707 N. 7th St.

SCOTTSDALE

- ♣ B.S. West - 7125 E. 5th Ave.
- ♣ Crystal Moon - Los Arcos Mall

TEMPE

- ♣ Clan Tatu - 1415 E. University - #4
- ♣ Changing Hands Bookstore - 414 S. Mill
- ♣ Gentle Strength Co-op - 234 W. University - #105
- ♣ Healing Waters Church - 225 W. University-

TUCSON

- ♣ Antigone Books - 411 N. 4th Ave.

March On Washington Spring 2000

NEWS RELEASE from the Human Rights Campaign

March 5, 1998

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We believe our community has an opportunity to welcome the new century in a fresh way with a Millennium March for Equality in the year 2000. Inside and outside of our organizations, we have felt much enthusiasm around the country for the proposed march.

In the year 2000, the entire nation will be looking for new trends and fresh messages. We have an opportunity, if not an obligation, to use this wave to effectively shift the paradigm of perceptions about gay people. Given that, we concluded early involvement could provide an opportunity to shape the messages such a gathering will impart to the nation and to avoid some of the pitfalls of prior marches.

We believe that in the early 1990s, gay America entered an entirely new period that has gone largely unlabeled and unanalyzed. Shaped partly by the AIDS crisis and partly by the groundswell of people coming out and living honestly, the priorities of our community have changed dramatically. We are looking for ways to find stability in our relationships, health, homes and communities. We are in the middle of a gay baby boom. The desire to legally marry has emerged as an extremely important goal for many gay Americans. Many of us are returning to the churches of our youth or finding new ways to express our spirituality.

We are also living in a time when, despite the best efforts and significant financing of the extreme right, the country is moving forward. We have seen important shifts in public attitudes and institutions, particularly in the workplace. The journey is not without struggle and setbacks, but we are moving at a speed inconceivable even a generation ago.

The shift we have described has NEVER been effectively communicated on a mass scale to the American people. A Millennium March provides a remarkable opportunity to dramatically demonstrate what it means to be gay in this nation at the turn of the century. This march is an unprecedented opportunity to celebrate our diversity as a community of family, spirituality and equality. This march should be absolutely inclusive -- gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight.

THE PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF SUCH A MARCH ARE MYRIAD.

* This is a tremendous opportunity for every LGBT organization to build membership. People will come in huge numbers for this march, and they will be looking for a variety of activities. Groups could plan anything from street fairs to forums, workshops to cultural events.

* Most people who took up gay civil rights work in recent years were inspired at a march on Washington. Everything from ACT-UP to the "Free Sharon Kowalski" movement was born out of marches on Washington. No matter where the passion goes, it is important to provide a medium where new leadership and ideas can spawn.

* The year 2000 is a presidential election year and the LGBT segment of the electorate will be courted as never before. This is also an incredible opportunity to organize people to work in campaigns and to lobby their members of Congress when they are here.

* Even those people who cannot travel to Washington will be able to share the march on television, perhaps holding house parties for friends and families.

* Although no decisions have been made regarding excess revenue, a national march is probably one of the few ways to raise the kind of funds needed at the statewide level.

Over the past five years, we have invested heavily at the state level, responding to crisis after crisis. We have channeled thousands of dollars in

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these battles and for the most part, we have won. All of the statewide anti-gay ballot initiatives have been defeated and, thanks to the work of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Colorado Legal Initiative Project and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled favorably in the Colorado case.

But our statewide organizations remain in dire need of investment. The leadership in many states is excellent, but with a few notable exceptions, most of our statewide organizations are in severely lacking in capacity-building and general investment. Moreover, they need pooled funding for polling, research, message development and a network of crack lobbyists.

Some critics of the march have used the recent loss in Maine as a basis to argue that a national march shouldn't take place because some other plan would produce the investment needed at the state level. We believe this is a faulty analysis. First, there are millions of dollars available in the community not accessed by any organization. The last march should be instructive. Gay Americans spent more than \$170 million to attend that march. With proper planning, some of this revenue can be captured by the march entity.

Others have argued a Millennium March would detract from a 50-State Action being planned for 1999 by the Federation of Statewide Organizations. We see the two events as complementary. And we believe that state actions alone will not capture the imagination of most LGBT Americans, nor will they slake the desire for a national millennial event. We believe the national march is the natural follow-on to bring energy and excitement to these proposed statewide actions.

Critics of the march concept have argued that the statehouses are where all the action is, but the fact is we need to be strong, bold and strategic as a movement at every level. The statehouses are where the state action is. Congress, the executive branch and the U.S. Supreme Court are alive and well and able to do harm and/or good on any given day. And gay citizens of many states will never win their civil rights without a national effort. One of the best examples is AIDS. Congress appropriated \$1 billion HIV/AIDS last year. Imagine where we would be today if the states had to fight this battle alone.

We think a national march in the year 2000 is an incredible opportunity for all of the above reasons. Rather than become mired in the mud fight that has emerged among those who would criticize this idea, we would like to invite them -- and you -- to participate in what we believe will be the most exciting demonstration of our unity and power at a seminal moment in time.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director
Human Rights Campaign
The Rev. Troy Perry, Founder
Metropolitan Community Churches

What's up?

By Robin, WCN staff writer
Medicare

Research by the Public Policy Institute of the American Association of Retired Persons, has found that 2 million elderly people at or below the poverty line are using 50 percent, or more, of their yearly income for medical expenses. On March 5th a newly formed 17-member bipartisan Medicare Commission met with President Clinton for the first time to address the future direction of Medicare.

Boy Scouts lose ban on gays

On March 2nd, a New Jersey state appeals court ruled that the Boy Scouts of America discriminated against James Dale when he was expelled as Scoutmaster eight years ago for being gay. The court stated that stereotypical notions about homosexuals must be rejected.

Biological variance

Dennis McFadden, a professor of experimental psychology at the University of Texas-Austin, reported on March 2nd and in the current Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, that a study he headed indicated that the hearing of lesbian and bisexual women tends to be a bit more like men. Sandra Witelson of McMaster University, who studies the relationship of brain anatomy to sexual orientation, said that the results support the theory that differences in the central nervous system exist between homosexual and heterosexual individuals.

Intolerance thrives in church

The 180-member executive board of the statewide Baptist General Convention of Texas voted March 3rd to disassociate itself from university Baptist Church in Austin because of the church's active support of homosexuals. Committee head, Charles Davenport, a Fort Worth pastor, led the committee in drafting the motion. He stated that the committee could not approve of churches endorsing homosexual practices as biblically legitimate.

Pima County partner benefits

In Tucson, on March 13th, Superior Court judge Allen G. Minker ruled that the health benefits coverage approved a year ago for employee dependents appropriately extends to employees' partners, same sex or otherwise. Deputy Pima County Attorney, Chris Roads said no decision has been made whether to appeal the judges decision.

"Where do forest rangers go to
"get away from it all"?"

Women's Writers Salon:

Readers of original works wanted for a salon in May sponsored by the LRP. A woman called February 26th and left her name, Archie, but when she started her phone number, my machine cut her off. Please call back and leave your number so I can reach you. Thanks. Dianne Post, 258-7985.

To Your Health

By Bonnie J. Brooks, M.D.

Let's continue the discussion on estrogen....

In March we talked about the good things estrogen replacement does for our bodies when we are postmenopausal - less "hot flashes", vaginal dryness, urine incontinence/leaking. Also, estrogen replacement decreases how fast we lose bone calcium and bone strength. Estrogen will help keep our hearts healthier, too.

What are the drawbacks to taking estrogen? (You know, to every positive there is a negative.) Any history of abnormal genital bleeding should be evaluated BEFORE taking estrogen. Any history of blood clots in our legs/thrombophlebitis or other clotting disorder should be discussed BEFORE taking estrogen. Classically, estrogens tend to increase or promote recurrence of these problems.

And (of course) do not take estrogen if you may be pregnant (of course, then you WOULD NOT be postmenopausal.) Other more controversial issues are if you have had uterine cancer or breast cancer. Please, please discuss this long and hard with your health care provider. There are good arguments of both sides of the fence.

Estrogen therapy can be started during menopause when you are having hot flashes and other symptoms. It can also be started anytime after this - in your 60's, 70's, 80's plus. If your uterus/womb is still with you (no hysterectomy) then you will need to take progesterone with the estrogen.

Some health care providers will "cycle" the hormones so you could possibly still have menstrual periods, OR the estrogen and progesterone are taken together everyday. Sometimes we need different doses of estrogen and progesterone to feel our best, so our health care provider may need to adjust the hormone doses a few times. If any vaginal bleeding occurs after the first 6 months, see your health care provider (Do you need a uterine biopsy?)

There is much literature available on "natural" hormone therapy and menopause treatment. Herbs, homeopathic remedies, etc., are available. A naturopathic or homeopathic health care provider would be a good source for guidance.

See you at the PRIDE Festival - with sunscreen and water in tow!

Dr. Brooks is a physician with Deer Valley Medical. She can be reached for questions/suggestions/discussion at 869-6811 or email bonniejb@msn.com

Could it be Sexism?

By Boyd Foster-Burns

Poor Michele McMahan. All she wanted was to make lawmakers aware of the plight of low-income working mothers like her. She pointed out that she make just 100 dollars over the cut-off point (1500 dollars monthly) for child-care assistance subsidy. This resulted in her having to pay out 700 dollars of her monthly 1200-dollar take-home pay for childcare.

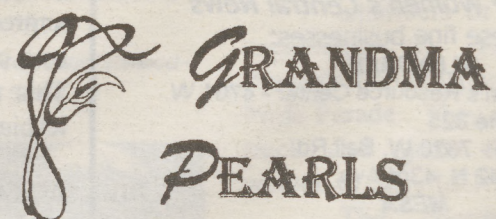
Well, well, well. Let's think about this. Why, you could just take a voluntary 100-dollar pay cut, said one lawmaker. Put you right under the cutoff and you get the state subsidy for child-care. Never mind that you are working to better your life and the lives of your children. Just stay locked into a low-paying job and your child-care subsidy will keep rolling in. Hello, what kind of message is this? Advocating that a single working mom stay low-income? My bet is that if a man had come before the legislature with the exact same situation, all kinds of media would put out his story and he'd be offered a higher-paying job within 24 hours, by folks who think it is just great that a fellow is working hard to better his life for himself and his kids.

Could it just be chance, or is it simply another example of how women are given low-paying jobs and kept there by a system that values men's work over women's work? That a legislator could even come up with the "take a pay-cut" is unconscionable.

Better yet, grab yourself a

husband. Before we get into the issue of personal freedom, let's tie this into the issue of men's vs. women's work again. Basically, this lawmaker is implying that of course a MAN makes enough money to support a family. My question is, why can't a woman? You don't hear any low-income, struggling men being told to marry a woman to solve their financial difficulties. Probably because A. men get paid more just because they are men and B. men aren't supposed to have to depend on women. My, my, my, gendering our society by who gets to make the money. Who'd have thought it?

And we haven't even touched the issue of her personal freedom in loving whom and when she chooses. It looks to me as though the man or men in her life who fathered her children obviously didn't see himself as a means of support, or she wouldn't be in this predicament. Why should she be compelled to select a mate based on his ability to financially support her? Isn't the real problem a society that doesn't value women or women's work enough to insure them adequate wages? Isn't the real problem a society that tracks women toward low-paying jobs and in essence tries to keep them there? It stinks of that old work vs. family issue, where the woman is often forced to choose between a job and her children, because obviously she can't be good at both. Another tool of the patriarchy to keep women firmly subordinated, perhaps? You decide.



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Love is.....

By Dina Bachelor Evan,
Ph.D., WCN writer

Question: I find now that I am getting older, I am starting to feel like I really want a committed relationship, but, I hesitate about letting myself really fall in love. I am afraid I will make more mistakes. How can I tell when love is really love?

I have never really believed that you fall in love instantly. You could conceivably fall into lust, or trip mindlessly into passion – but love, real love, takes time – like cooking the perfect soufflé. Love creeps gently into your insides when you glance her way and see the sun gently reflecting off locks of red hair cascading haphazardly over her shoulder. Love wells up in your throat when you flip play on the answering machine and hear her sultry voice telling you sweetly to “come straight home!”

Love smiles through sweaty faces, tucked in towels and hangs gently mid-air in tunes that get hummed early in the morning. Love wraps around Streisand's voice, shoulder touches, private notes and anticipated needs before they are spoken. Love grabs you like gently thunder in the middle of an orgasm, in the middle of laughter, in the middle of dinner. Love walks into the room definitively beside you, not searching, roving or any longer seeking something fantasized, but not yet found. Love is being present, profoundly here, solid and alive. Love is the connection, the commitment, the ecstasy and relief of right union. Love creates a direct path to Spirit parts, head parts, heart parts and girl part. True love touches all our parts.

When I was very young I thought I'd fall into love repeatedly. Really, I was only practicing to be in love once or twice. When you are older you stop trying to fall in love. Instead you become the love, and then give that to each other. When you become the love there is no separation between who you are and what you feel and no way to give less than your best. If you still feel you are looking for the best, you have not yet found love. When you are wondering if you are in love, you are not. When you are really in love it is not an

option and there are no questions. The authenticity of real love speaks for itself, whether it is for a friend, a family member or a beloved. Love just is.

Love is a surprise because it's never what you thought it was and it never comes when you wish it would. Therefore, the universe provides us with family members, friends and others on which to practice until love surprises us. When you are *being love* to these people in your life, it is impossible to feel lonely while waiting for your beloved. We have much to practice on, and many with whom to practice. Love is not exclusive.

Once you have found your partner, love can take a break when the words seem hard to find, but love never goes very far away and always comes back to resolve any issue. Love believes there will always be resolve, and love chooses not to sleep until we find it. Love reaches across the distance either of us create when we feel a need to protect ourselves and it pulls us toward each other.

Real love demands integrity. It tests each of our ability to stay present, aware and truthful. When we are both being love, we are able to cradle the child in each of us, respect the adult in each of us and encourage the Spirit in each of us.

Love is always an inside job. It cannot be created by anyone or anything that happens

outside of us. When we are ready to experience love, we do so by removing the barriers to it on the inside. We release our need to be protected. We do so when the pain of being alone is greater than the fear of being loved.

Love is always a statement about who we are and what we have the capacity to feel and give. The quality of our love is **never** changed by anyone else's response to it. It begins on the inside and gently moves outward like the ripples on a pond. No matter who accepts it or how it is accepted, it is a soul deep mirror image of who we are. When we are able to realize that our love is precious, and we are able to give it without expectation, we are never disappointed by anyone's response to our love. Instead we are grateful for our own ability to have felt and given love. Never fear giving your love. It is never lessened, even when it is rejected.

Those of us who have never felt love must teach our bodies to hold it. We must breathe deeply and stay open to love for longer and longer periods of time, so that love can move into the closed spaces and open them again. When we are afraid of love we stop breathing.

Love is not an instantly falling into thing. Love is a feeling fully, failing and forgiving, filling up and flowing over, finding you and finding me... a slowly become forever thing. Just breathe and let love find you. When it arrives you will know it.

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By Cindy B., WCN sports writer

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Your lesbian community calendar and events pull out.

Simplicity Circle

In March, the Simplicity circle was busy with a Sustainability Potluck. We enjoyed delicious food and a comfortable desert hike with many new women attending. We also saw and discussed sustainability ideas. The group also held a Garage Sale in an effort to reduce clutter in our lives and recycle items that we no longer need to someone that can better use them.

Join the women of the Simplicity Circle for their April discussion. We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 7pm in Tempe. Our topic will be garage sales. In our far-reaching way, we'll probably cover everything from "How to Shop at Garage Sales" to "What are the Benefits of having a Garage Sale". All women welcome. For information, contact Carey at 350-9556 or Judy at 275-6261.

That Time Of The Month!

Semi-Coherent Opinion by Margot Marie Bronski, WCN staff

What is it about *lesbians* and *planning*? They seem to be mutually exclusive terms. I've been working with some friends, trying to organize a trip to S.F. this summer. Its not like I've been talking about the spring 2000 March on Washington - which by the way, I'm not even gonna bring up to them at this point. Is it a commitment thing? Are they afraid Ms Right might come along in the next few months and then they'll have to move to Germany with her and flights from Germany to S.F. are too expensive?

At any rate, four brave souls finally did make reservations for S.F. Pride, which is June 27, and 28. If you're going up and would maybe like to hang out with some locals, drop me an e-mail - we can make some plans - or not.

The White House announced that Buddy, the first dog, would be neutered. If I were Hillary, I'd be looking into the possibility of a "twofer" discount - if ya know what I mean. No word yet on whether or not Kenneth Starr will subpoena the vet.

There's something like forty-plus Denny's Restaurants spread out across the Valley. So how come everybody knows where "gay Denny's" is?

I wish I owned an 18-wheeler. It's not a butch thing. It's a traffic thing. I'd like all that horsepower and weight behind a great big front bumper. I'd use it to give a little nudge to my favorite types of road idiots. The first are those who drive secure in the knowledge that the left lane was made just for them and their sight seeing excursions. The other insists on hanging a left turn, out of parking lot, across three lanes of traffic, during rush hour - you could read most of War and Peace waiting behind them.

I'm sick of major corporations ignoring their lesbian and gay customers. I just ran spell check against this column, and it didn't recognize the word "butch".

Ellen remains in the news. In a March issue of *Daily Variety* Chastity Bono was quoted as saying, that the show is, essentially, too gay. Bono, entertainment media director for GLAAD, immediately said she was quoted out of context; easy to believe. *Ellen* has yet to be renewed by ABC for next season. The fact is - it ain't about gay, it's about ratings. The networks would run the *Charlie Manson Comedy Hour* if it got a good "share".

Gay or straight, *Ellen's* ratings have always been weak. They shot up during the coming out episodes, but went back in the basement after that - despite a strong lead in from the *Drew Carey Show*. Frankly this doesn't surprise me. I've always thought the show was pretty "ho hum". Yes, it has its moments, but on average its very average, and has been for several seasons.

There was news recently that scientists had discovered a new asteroid. For a day or so there was speculation that it might collide with earth in 2028; latest word is that it won't. If it does hit, it'll probably be the day after I get the credit cards paid off. On the plus side, it might end the Whitewater investigation.

Some other scientists announced that they think they found a difference in lesbian's ears; supposedly they're more like men's than women's. These queer studies are always met with howls and controversy. Seems to me that we need to make up our minds - if it ain't "choice", then we are "different" and verse visa. We can't have our Kay and Edith too.

Being the leader of any group can be a fairly thankless job. So I gotta say *THANKS* to Robin who is just ending a run as president of our group (WCI/WCN) for the past three years. (Margot's e-mail address is margotm@swlink.net)

Ladies Night Out...

Looking for a way to unwind after a long day at the office? Join us for a relaxing evening of jazz at Beeloe's Cafe on fifth Street and Mill Avenue in Tempe.

If you'd like to share a few laughs, meet new people and enjoy the camaraderie of those who share a mutual appreciation for jazz, join us at 7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month for drinks and dinner.

So, go home, change into your most comfortable attire and be prepared to have fun! RSVP the night before so we can ensure a spot at the table for you! Call Rossan at 964-8816, press 2 to leave a message.



Lesbian Resource Projections Upcoming Events

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To those who came to the Feb. 22nd Town Hall Meeting at Church of Hope—thanks for your support and insight. At the Town Hall Meeting, there was such support for LRP that we decided to continue the process of providing input and energy into the planning of the LRP's future. Please come to the next discussion meetings scheduled as follows:

Sunday, April 5, 3-5 p.m. at Church of Hope, 4400 No. Central. (NW Corner of Central and Turney, south of Camelback.)

Sunday, April 26, 3-5 p.m. at Church of Hope, 4400 No. Central. (NW Corner of Central and Turney, south of Camelback.)

Come to any or all of the meetings to meet with others and provide your comments and suggestions for the on-going development of LRP as well as for future activities and events.

MORE NEWS

TLC is still singing out. Please contact Lee at 254-0189 with any questions regarding the schedule or location of practices.

The Lesbian Mom's Group has been discontinued following the loss of our coordinator. If you know of anyone who would like to serve this need, please let us know.

The Xena group is ongoing. Call Tammy at 813-8681.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18th, 1998 Celebrate Pride! Join us in the Pride March on April 18th and visit our table, both of which have been sponsored by TLC. For information on the march, call Dawn at 968-1757.

May 3rd, Sunday, from 3-5 p.m., LRP is hosting a Writers' Salon. Location: Café Arte, 1335 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix.

TLC will be featured in their spring concert. Watch for information coming your way!

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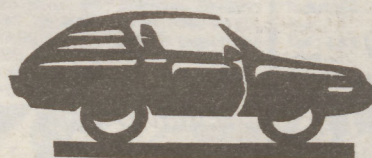
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Women's Salon

Local women writers will be reading their original works of fiction, poetry, essays, or plays. Sunday, May 3, 1998 3-5 PM Café Arte 1335 W. Thomas Rd Phoenix, AZ Support the creative muse with a good cup of coffee and good company. Or if you want to express your own, contact Dianne Post, 258-79825. (If you contacted me and I didn't return your call please call back, my machine has been acting up. Admission: \$3.00 Sponsored by the Lesbian Resource Project (LRP))



WREN hikes

Saturday, April 11, the Women's Recreational Enjoyment Network (WRENs) will be hiking the Pass Mountain Trail located inside the Utery Mountain Regional Park. This moderate loop trail is 6.9 miles long. Although the first mile or so of the trail is parallel to a shooting range, the rest of the trail is quiet and very beautiful. The trail encircles Pass Mountain and offers nice views on clear days of the surrounding mountain ranges, including the Superstitions, Mazatazal, Four Peaks and McDowell Mountains. Wear your boots and bring your lunch and at least two liters of water. Friendly dogs are welcome to join us for this enjoyable hike.

Meet at the K-Mart on the corner of Hayden and McDowell at 8:30 AM. From there we can drive to the park together. If you have questions call Carla at 491-4734.

Scrabble league

The new women's Scrabble League meets every Friday, 5:30, at the Coffee Plantation in Tempe.

We usually play "Scrabble Queen of the Hill": winner plays winner, loser plays loser until there is one winner of the night. Most of the players are casual and supportive; however, a few players are harshly competitive and play to win every game!

We have fun! Coffee drinks, tea, and Italian sodas are half-priced for the first hour or so. If you have any other questions, please call 732-7916 for details.

Glenna's Community Potluck



Potluck for April will be held March 18th at 3046 N. 32nd Street. Exit 32nd Street, north, go beyond Thomas. Look for a large condo complex with big black letters, "Spanish Gardens" on left. Look for 4th unit on right, #320. Park in any space, which is not covered.

Bring a dish to pass, table service, favorite drinks and a big smile. We meet at 6 PM. Any questions call Glenna at 345-7453 or 671-4166.

"If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?"

Habitat for Humanity Women's Built

The Habitat for Humanity Women's Built house at South Ranch finally got underway on Valentine's Day February 14th after several weeks' delay due in part to money and weather. It was a lovely cool day for framing and then raising several walls; the first day being one of the most exciting, in my opinion. But then again, they're all exciting! Genevieve Munoz, single mother of two, and whose house we're building, was among the 25 or 30 of us on the scene; her friendly energy is always contagious as she diligently works while still keeping a vigilant eye on the progress. The second week was "taken over" by the National Women in Construction so we were assigned another house. Week three we built and raised inside wall (I'm getting the reputation for being a top notch accurate nail hammerer!) Several unfamiliar women appeared in week 3 asking lots of question, understandably not knowing anything about the All Women Built home. They were from the Church Coalition

House being built next door, but their husbands and other men working on that project had told them there wasn't anything for them to do, basically telling them they were in the way, in my opinion. So they came over to see what was going on next door with all the women, and ended up spending most of the day helping us out. Excellent workers.

This house will be completed and dedicated on Mothers Day, which is a very beautiful and emotional ceremony attended by many who were involved with the construction and financing, family and friends of the proud new homeowner.

Each week there are new faces and familiar ones, too, so a rapport begins to build as the week's progress. It's never too late to volunteer; just fill out an application and release form at the onsite office. South Ranch is located on 16th Street two blocks south of Southern. For more information, please contact Heather at 956-2768 or Pam Krailing at Habitat, 268-9022

Write those letters and e-mails

Date: 2/20/98 2:53 PM

February 20th, 1998

Subject: Same sex Domestic Partner Benefits

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Subject: Comment from the Web

Date: Fri, 27 Feb 1998 10:23:49

From: info@amoco.com

Thanks for your note regarding

Amoco's decision to extend eligibility for certain benefits to unmarried partners of our employees. This decision was made after careful consideration, including discussion of multiple points of view.

We recognize that increasing numbers of our employees today live in non-traditional family situations, and believe that our decision to extend benefit eligibility to unmarried partners sends a message about Amoco's respect for the diversity of our employees that is consistent with our core values and employment policies. In making this decision, it is not our intention to encourage or discourage any particular lifestyle, or to take a moral or religious position on this issue.



1998 Ride Calendar

April 19th - Hot Rods & Harleys show

May 17th - Sunday - Boyce Thompson Arboretum

June 14th - Sunday - Strawberry/Payson

July 11/12 - Showlow/Globe overnight

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.

Desert Hearts Motorcycle Club wishes you happy and safe motoring.

Universal Life Hand of Love Ministry

Following the highly successful Workshop Networking Meetings for Reiki and other alternative healing practitioners in January and February, the Hand of Love Ministry, 6605 N. 14th Street, Phoenix (between Maryland and Glendale) is continuing the meetings on a regular basis, the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is March 17th from 7 till 10 PM. Admission by good-will donation. Monitors will be Reiki Master Bonnie Flanagan and long time Natural Healer Rev. Roderic Vickers. Adepts of all disciplines of Healing Therapy are welcome. For more information call 264-1470.

The regular weekly service at the Hand of Love Ministry is at 9 AM Sunday morning. Rev. Roderic Vickers and Rev. Tom Less presiding. For information call 264-1470.

Telephone Tree

Telephone Tree seeks new members to pass messages. It's a fun way to find out what's happening. Curious? Call new contact person Jean at 954-8007.

The broad application of the policy with respect to both same and opposite gender partnerships reflects that the policy is not aimed at any specific lifestyle or family situation.

In addition, over the past several years, more and more companies that we compete with directly have extended eligibility for certain benefits to unmarried partners as well. We believe our recent decision will position us to continue to attract and retain the diverse spectrum of talented employees we need in an increasingly competitive labor market.

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XENITES PARTY!

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.

In April, the Xena Group will participate in two special activities. On Saturday, April 18, we'll be marching with the Lesbian Resource Project group in the Pride Parade. And on Sunday, April 26, 1-4 p.m., we'll be whooping it up (ei-yi-yi-yi) at a Xena Fan party at Obelisk Bookstore (24 W. Camelback, Phoenix). Come watch favorite episodes and check out some cool, new Xena merchandise, including books and CD's.

This common interest group of the Lesbian Resource Project usually meets once a month on a Sunday, 1-3:30 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 N. 14th St., Phoenix (corner of 14th & Virginia). For further information, call XenaFan at 813-8681.



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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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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.

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G.A.S.P!

Looking for that special someone? Love hiking but don't have a hiking partner? Thought about romance ads but wasn't sure how they work? Well, WCN is announcing G.A.S.P! (Girls in Arizona Seeking People). Here's how it works:

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- 4) Send in your submission by the 15th of the month for the next issue. Either mail it or e-mail to our web site.

Since this is a new service WCN is trying, we are offering this for free for the April, May, and June issues. So if you send your submission in March (for the April issue), it will run for free in April, May, and June. If you send it in for the May issue (sent by the 15th of April), it will run free in May and June.

We will see the volume and response we have from you, our reader, and decide after the June issue to continue or drop the service.

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- 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 or a P.O. box is not expensive. Use your first name only.

Please let us know if you like the service, hate it, or anything else on your mind! We write for you!

Womyn 2 Womyn takes on new format

For a personal touch, to get connected when you are new or to initiate an activity, call Cheryl at 780-3102.

For the computer literate, email inquires and activities to Anne at sammie@psn.net.

To initiate an activity, call or email us by the 12th of the prior month so we can get our press releases out on time.

Activities for April are: Saturday, April 11th, 10am - Breakfast with Friends at The Eggery (Central and Camelback). Saturday, April 25th - Meet Me at the Movies. Movie to be selected by Thursday 4/23. Call 954-6169 for movie, time, and location.

A big thank you to Anne and Cheryl for assisting us with W2W and bringing our goal of community into reality.



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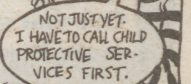
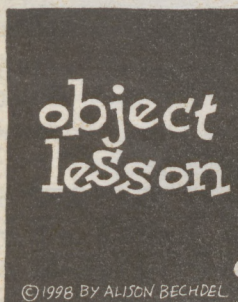
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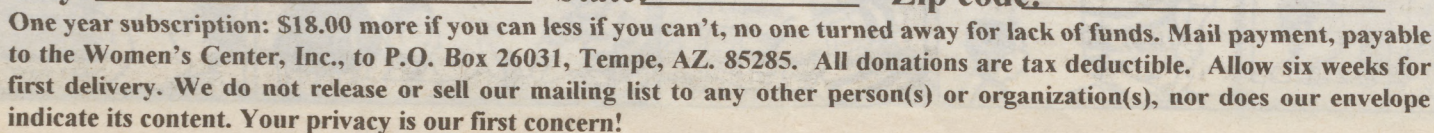
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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



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Margarethe Cammermeyer tells SMR RV Park she's "Running for Congress to Win"

By Carol Schmidt Community submission

One of three open lesbians running for U.S. Congress this fall, Margarethe Cammermeyer visited Superstition Mountain Resort in Apache Junction Feb. 28 to tell more than two hundred cheering residents that she's "running to win."

Retired Army Colonel Cammermeyer fought for her military career and won when she was discharged in 1992 after she "told the truth" during a security clearance hearing and said that she was a lesbian.

She wrote the story of that fight in her autobiography, *Serving in Silence*, (Viking, 1994), which Barbra Streisand made into a television movie of the same name that won numerous awards. Glenn Close and Judy Davis portrayed Cammermeyer and her lover, Diane.

Diane was "home baby-sitting her mother," Cammermeyer told the audience. "I'll tell her you acknowledged her and asked about her. She stays out of this race. She is my center, my reality. Without her I'd probably be a general today, and I'd be a lousy general," Cammermeyer joked. They've been together ten years.

The film was "pretty close to reality, though we retained our privacy on some issues. The filmmakers kept trying to find something juicy. Diane and I did exchange buckle rings, but it was nothing like the movie. The situation with my father was exactly as shown in the film. He became demented and then he died. We never really did work things out."

She worked closely with Glenn Close to make sure that the film was accurate about military details. "I taught her how to walk like a colonel, as if she was on a mission. I was more concerned that she be a good colonel than a good Grethe." Cammermeyer cited several instances in the film that make her cringe, where the civilian Canadian salute was used by mistake, for example, and where the wrong uniform was worn.

"Overall I'm very pleased with the film. I didn't want to see it made, but when Barbra Streisand calls, you answer, and she told me that this issue was the most important civil rights issue of this decade. I always very naive but I did know who Barbra Streisand was. After all, I'd seen Yentl. She understood discrimination."

Cammermeyer said she truly did not know that there were so many gays and lesbians in the military before she became the center of the controversy. "If being gay was a problem in the military, there would be no gays left in the military because the services weed out those who cannot perform."

Her case was the foundation for the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of President Clinton. In June 1994, she was allowed to rejoin the Washington State National Guard after having been separated from the service for 25 months, and she served a total of 31 years before her retirement in March 1997.

When she'd been discharged for being a lesbian in 1992, she'd won such honors as the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in Vietnam, the

1985 Administrators Award for Excellence in Nursing (out of 34,000 RNs in the Veterans Administration), and Woman of the Year by the Women's Army Corps Veterans.

Her M.A. is from the University of Washington in neuroscience, specializing in epilepsy, and her Ph.D. from that institution was awarded in 1991. Born in Oslo, Norway, in 1942, she became a U.S. citizen in 1960. She is also the mother of four

s o n s .
"Coming out to each one separately was a real trauma," Cammermeyer said. "But they said afterward they'd already known for years—why didn't they tell me!"

When the military ruled the original policy under which she was discharged was unconstitutional and she was reinstated, the decision was allowed to stand and thus became military law.

"I believe in poetic justice. I would love to be on the Armed Services committee reviewing military policies when the law set by my case comes up for review!" Cammermeyer said.

She says that if elected, she would not be going to Congress with a "gay agenda, whatever that is. Pat Robertson says that feminism wants women to kill their babies, leave their husbands and become lesbians. Some say that's the gay agenda. Now if you ask if I'm going to Congress to fight discrimination, you're darned right."

She said that her background as a mother, nurse, and health care administrator gives her the credentials for Congress. "Health care and education should be a basic right for everyone." Older citizens should be very concerned about education, Cammermeyer stated. "On the basest level, the little hoodlum stealing your car didn't get a good education."

She would look at military spending and see "which resources are still based on the needs of World War II and which bases exist primarily for the needs of their communities rather than for the needs of the military. One F-14 would pay a year's education budget."

She is particularly concerned about changing campaign financing. "I absolutely hate having to make 100-120 cold calls for money every single day, but that's what it takes to run for Congress today. The estimated cost for a Congressional campaign is at least \$1.3 million, and for Senate \$6-12 million. That cost is primarily for the media blitz at the last minute to counteract all the negative stuff that gets thrown at the end."

She would be open to an overhaul of Social Security, "but only if we keep the promise we made to the current generation that we would provide this security net. The phase-out would have to be gradual."

Her target in the second Congressional district of Washington is two-term incumbent GOP Rep. Jack Metcalf, "a very nice man who is one of the dimmest of the dim bulbs in Washington. He only won the last election on absentee ballots—the Democratic candidate was already in Washington preparing to be sworn in when the last winning 1,200 votes were found." Metcalf's record is 100% compatible with the views of

the Christian Coalition and zero according to the Human Rights Campaign's 1996 legislative scorecard, Cammermeyer said.

The district is the northwest corner of the

state, 96% white, average age 33, average income of \$28,000, "with everyone from rednecks to Native Americans to farmers to Boeing workers to the Aryan Nation represented," she characterized the demographics.

"It was Democratic for 25 years before Metcalf, and it went for Clinton and for (Democratic liberal governor Gary) Locke last election. I believe the people will vote

Democratic again. They're just not sure yet that they want a queer to represent them in Congress. But I am running to win."

Cammermeyer knew about the Apache Junction RV park from a friend, Care DeLeeuw, who owns a lot in SMR. She knew that the park residents had voted for eleven women role models for their street names, and one of those names was Margarethe Cammermeyer. She stood below that street sign for hours Feb. 28 and allowed residents to have their pictures taken with her. She was also treated to a golf cart parade, "the closest I ever got to a military parade," she said, laughing.

Those who want to support her campaign were asked to send checks made out to C2C (Cammermeyer to Congress), P.O. Box 577, Langley, WA 98260, and to "spread the word on the internet, to your friends, in letters to the editor, in every communication avenue you have. The Christian Coalition is mounting its own campaign against me, you can be sure."

The other two open lesbian candidates for Congress are Christine Kehoe, city councilwoman from San Diego, CA, and Wisconsin State Rep. Tammy Baldwin.

The openly gay Congress members now in office all came out after having been elected while in the closet, and several, including Barney Frank and Steve Gunderson, were re-elected to Congress after coming out while in office.



Cammermeyer posing with her street sign at AJ RV park. Photo by C.J. Joseph

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Center remodels; offers new programs

By Kathy Kruse, WCN staff

Throughout the months of February and March, volunteers could be found busily remodeling the interior of the Valley of the Sun Lesbian and Gay Community Center in time for the grand opening, which was held on March 29. Their efforts have made the Center a pleasant place for programs, meetings, or just relaxing.

In February, we reported that the Center had moved to a new location in two suites at 24 West Camelback, next to Obelisk bookstore. The Center's new space required extensive work before it could be opened to the Lesbian and Gay community. In order to open as quickly as possible, the Center remodeled one suite first. Now that this portion of the Center is open, work will proceed on the second suite.

Volunteers began the remodeling by ripping up the carpeting, which was glued to every inch of the floor. Next, the volunteers switched their efforts to the walls, removing paneling, patching cracks, sanding rough areas, and painting. Talented carpenters in the community even added a wall to partition off a portion of the suite. Meanwhile, other volunteers laid linoleum in the entryway. The new carpeting was added next.

On a recent Saturday, the following people were busy patching

and painting the walls: Community Center board co-chairs, Becky Hansen and Patrick Whorton, Center director Lyle Miller, Anne L'Ecuyer, who heads the BJ Budd Memorial Library at the Center, and board members Mary Bucci, Gail Paul, Vern Johnson, Will Conway, and Jon Gates. Several other people have donated time to the remodeling efforts as well. Ms. Hansen states that additional volunteers are always welcome.

In addition to the numerous physical changes, the Center is making some changes to its mission. While continuing to operate the Switchboard, coordinate the Valley One in Ten youth program, and provide meeting space for various Community groups, the Center plans to offer new programs as well.

The first new program, a four-session mini-course, began on March 26th. According to Anne L'Ecuyer, the course, entitled "Writes of Passage: The Role of Literature in the Gay and Lesbian Community," is introducing participants to excerpts from the work of a variety of lesbian and gay authors.

The course is being moderated by Robert Pela, a book critic for the Advocate and theater critic for the New Times and KJZZ,

the local National Public Radio affiliate. "Writes of Passage" was full in advance of the start date, but Ms. L'Ecuyer states that it will be offered again at a later time.

On the final evening, course participants will attend a lecture by long-time author Quentin Crisp. The public is also invited to the lecture, which will be held on April 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Museum of History. Mr. Crisp will also sign books at the Arizona Book Festival At

Margaret T. Hance Park on the afternoon of April 4.

The "Writes of Passage" course, and other programs the new Center will be offering, will add to the diversity of events and activities available to the lesbian and gay community in Phoenix.



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Women's shelters (continued from page one)

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It is so very basic that children not watch their father beat the shit out of their mother because she 'talked back'. Politicians must get back to basics RIGHT NOW and protect women's lives.

I don't make much money, (what woman earns equal pay for equal work in this state?) but I pulled out my checkbook and sent the Sojourner a check. I'm asking all my friends and co-worker's to invest in women's lives by supporting a place for women to go, not where they will lounge around and get treated like a

queen, eating bon-bons and watching soap opera's, but a place where they can go so they won't be killed.

Mail your donation to Carrie Nelson, the Sojourner Center's Director of Annual Giving, P.O. Box 20156, Phoenix, AZ 85036. Carrie told me that the Sojourner Center has opened the Sojourner Thrift at 1637 E. McDowell Rd. in Phoenix, where women who are trying to build new lives through the Sojourner Center, can go to get, for free, the necessities to set up a home for themselves and their children. If you have 'stuff', bedding, kids and women's clothes, toys, anything useful to a woman with nothing, take it there. Although women from the shelter get things free, all proceeds from items sold to the public go to support the Sojourner Center itself.

I will not forget Laura Munoz and that she had no place to go.



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DRAMA? Welcome to Gay Softball!

March 19, 1998: Although the CCSL's 1998 Spring Season was blown back a week by the fury of El Nino, nothing could dampen the excitement and camaraderie generated by gay and lesbian softball. The first two weeks have unfolded like a daytime soap opera fraught with suspense, controversy and of course, high drama. Parity has produced an atmosphere of anticipation and intrigue in the Women's Division. The talented ladies from Bas Bleu lead the division with a 4-0 record; however, a predicted tight race for first place is destined to keep fans gasping the entire season.

High drama permeated the Recreational Division as last years fourth place finisher Roscoe's X-treme hammered reigning champ First Family Medical. X-Treme's 3-0 record has aspiring prognosticators confident they know this division's outcome; however, never underestimate the power of a gay softball team scorned. Flying bats, gloves, and wigs are sure to keep fans in stitches.

The Competitive Division may appear subdued next to the other divisions; however, lurking beneath the calm surface are several molehills yearning to become mountains. This division has made controversy an art by mastering instant softball drama. And speaking of drama (queens), the boys from Wink's sit atop the Competitive Division with a 2-0 record.

The CCSL invites the gay and lesbian community to come out and support our athletes. League games are played on Sundays from 9am to 4pm at El Dorado Park located on Miller Road north of McDowell in Scottsdale. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our Hotline at 848-8562, or visit our website at www.aau.net/ccsl.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Rank	Team	Record
1	Bas Bleu Productions	4-0
2	Roscoe's Scorpions	2-0
3	Cash Inn	3-1
4	2GirlGraphics/Page Whitney	3-1
5	Desert Reproductions	2-2
6	Movies on Central Renegades	2-2
7	Castle Boutique Players	2-2
8	Nasty Habits	1-3
9	Ain't Nobody's Biz/Experience This	1-3
10	The Mavericks	0-2
11	All About Destinations	0-4

OPEN DIVISION - COMPETITIVE

Rank	Team	Record
1	Wink's	2-0
2	Roscoe's	2-1
3	Pookie's	0-3

OPEN DIVISION - RECREATIONAL

Rank	Team	Record
1	Roscoe's X-Treme	3-0
2	First Family Medical	3-1
3	Bunk House Scorchers	2-2
4	Gay Community Yellow Pages	1-2

"Inside myself is a place where I live all alone and that's where you renew your springs that never dry up."

-Pearl Buck-

Tax break for lesbians?

From Bob Lind, Camelwest Tax

Here's an interesting "Catch 22" situation, which could work for us for a change. It exists in current federal income tax law, and regards a new credit available for expenses incurred in adopting a child after 1996.

The credit - which is 100% of most expenses and as high as \$6,000 in total - can be claimed under federal law by taxpayers who are married or unmarried. However, a specific limitation denies the credit for expenses connected with adopting your "spouse's child"; this is often a formality when couples have children from previous marriages. The intention, obviously, was to limit the credit to adoption of parentless

children, but that isn't what the law says. The law is silent on disallowing expenses necessary for a "co-parent" to adopt his or her unmarried partner's child, regardless of whether we are talking about same, or opposite, gender couples.

An interesting sidebar to this dilemma is that there is already another federal law, DOMA, which essentially states that a same gender couple CAN'T possibly be considered "spouses" under federal law. This would seem to enforce an assumption that the adoption credit *should* be available to such couples, since the only prohibition involves adopting a spouse's child!

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What is Mine: Wellness

By Boyd Foster-Burns

Department of Exercise and Wellness ASU

We hear the word "health" a lot; there is more and more emphasis placed on "healthy diet", "healthy lifestyle", etc. in our daily lives. We usually associate health with good fitness, but originally it was defined in terms of illness. The first doctors concentrated on making sick people well, and that meant that health was indeed nothing more than the absence of disease. As time progressed and every day was less and less a constant struggle against the ravages of a number of diseases, the focus of the medical community shifted to the prevention of illness, expanding the definition of health to refer to "the state of optimal physical, mental and social well-being".

Today's definition of health generally includes the concept of "wellness". Wellness is more about the state of being that enables you to reach that potential optimal health. Wellness has to do with feeling good about you and with having goals and purposes in life. It spreads itself across all categories of life and affects your perceptions about your abilities, attitudes, and beliefs. A well person is more likely to assume responsibility for their own health, and creates opportunities for improving their health. Well people generally feel that they have some significant amount of control over their well being in the realms of intellectual, social, emotional, physical and spiritual health. They create positive patterns in their lives and feel confident that they CAN make a difference. Wellness is about many of the intangible things that make us motivated, happy, creative, and satisfied with ourselves because we have taken steps to control our own well-being.

It is not about grinding out one hour on the treadmill each day, or measuring exactly one tablespoon of butter, or forcing exactly thirty minutes out of the schedule for quality time

with the kids. Part of this satisfaction is being happy with our efforts and accepting of our outcomes. It is striking a happy medium of suitable efforts and sacrifices and being able to live with whatever outcomes we can get.

As an example, a person may want to be more physically active. She could pay to join a gym and get up at 5:30 in the morning to make a high-impact aerobics class every day. She barely makes it to work on time, has no chance to eat until noon, and doesn't really like the music for the class, but she feels that this method of activity must be what she HAS to do. In the long run, this does not contribute to her sense of well being because of the stress and disruption in her life. For wellness' sake, this same person may choose to take a long stroll alone or with her significant other every evening. She could enjoy the feelings of stretching her legs and lungs, take the time to "decompress" from a workday, and enjoy the scenery. She could put the music of her choice on the sound system at home and make the housework into an activity session. She could choose an activity that she enjoys and find a group of like-minded people to "play with". She should not feel compelled to follow someone else's idea of what activity should be, not to meet some standardized outcome of weight lost, heart rate achieved or calories burned. Does this example help you to understand what wellness might be?

Wellness is what health professionals, at the core, need to promote. Wellness comes from within the individual, not from some externally prescribed program or achievement of some goal set by science or society. Wellness is individual, personal and belongs to the person as her choices make a difference in her life and in her relationship with others and the environment.

Unmarried partners cleared for benefits

By T. Steller, The Arizona Daily Star (Tucson) March 14

It is legal for Pima County to offer health insurance benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of county employees, a judge ruled yesterday. The ruling came eight months after domestic partners were to begin receiving benefits under a new county policy.

Cheers and sighs rippled through a row of the policy's supporters when Judge Allen Minker, of Greenlee County Superior Court, announced his decision. Tears pooled in the corners of Ana Lozano's eyes afterward.

"I'm just happy," said Lozano, one of about 100 county employees poised to take advantage of the benefits. Her domestic partner, Matilde Slate, will receive health insurance benefits through the plan as soon as the county implements the policy.

That may be as soon as the next pay period, said Kevin Flynn, the county's human-resources manager for compensation and benefits. "Somebody's got to tell me in writing when to jump; then we'll jump," Flynn said.

The Board of Supervisors approved the policy in March of last year. Employees seeking the coverage signed affidavits saying, in part, that they and their partners lived together, were not married, shared expenses and were not related by blood.

On July 1, 97 county employees were set to receive the benefits. Of those who initially signed up for the benefits, 90 percent did so for partners of the opposite sex. Only 10 signed up for same-sex domestic partners.

Taxpayers complained about the policy to the County Attorney's Office, which filed suit to stop it in June. The subsequent legal struggle pitted the Pima County Attorney's Office against its usual client, the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

Yesterday, Deputy County Attorney Chris Roads argued that state

law doesn't allow the county to define "dependent" as it does under the policy. "Nowhere can we find a definition of the term 'dependent' that is sufficiently broad to include the board's policy," Roads said.

Policy supporters "do make a very compelling argument as to why it's the right thing to do to provide insurance to domestic partners," Roads acknowledged. "The state law doesn't necessarily support what's the right thing to do."

Grace McIlvain, the attorney for the supervisors, argued the same right that allows the county to offer insurance to any dependents of county employees allows them to offer the benefits to domestic partners. "The county decided long ago that dependents would include spouses and children. No one ever challenged the board's authority to define the term at that time," McIlvain said. "If the county had the power to define the term initially, certainly the county has the power to expand that definition."

Minker offered little explanation of his decision. "The legal authorities do not support the position of the county attorney. The Board of Supervisors did act within their authority on this case," he said.

The decision apparently will keep taxpayers from filing their own legal challenges to the policy. "I would expect the taxpayers to be upset about this. But this decision pretty much precludes any other lawsuits," Roads said.

He added that he does not know whether County Attorney Barbara LaWall will appeal the decision. He expects her to decide within two weeks.

"The big issue is whether Barbara LaWall will appeal or not," Supervisor Raul Grijalva said. "I hope she doesn't. Both sides have already expended some taxpayer money."

The county expects the policy to cost about \$120,000 per year. The city of Tucson adopted a similar policy in July.

"Why in a country of free speech, are there phone bills?"

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Time: 5:30 PM

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For further information contact Shari or Jacalyn at 493-2406.

Discrimination survey

The State Bar of Arizona Gay and Lesbian Task force is conducting several related surveys regarding discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the Arizona legal system. Once all surveys are completed, if discrimination is found, recommendations will be made to address the problem(s). Please take a moment to complete the following questionnaire by circling your responses and mail it to the address listed at the bottom.

Background:

1. Are you: Male Female
2. Are you: Gay Lesbian Heterosexual
3. Are you: Catholic-Protestant-Jewish-Mormon-Atheist-Spiritualist-Buddhist-Hindu-Muslim-Other _____
4. Are you: White-African-American-Asian-American-Native-American-More than one of the above: _____ Other _____
5. Are you: Married and living with a spouse-Divorced/separated-Widowed-Single/never married-Living with a partner of the opposite sex-Living with a partner of the same sex-In a committed relationship with a partner of the opposite sex, but not living together-In a committed relationship with a partner of the same sex, but not living together-Other _____
6. If you are a lesbian or gay man, have you told your: (Circle all applicable responses) Parents-Siblings-Other family members-Co-workers-Boss/supervisor-Others-No one-Not applicable
7. Are you an attorney? Yes No
8. Are you a police officer? Yes No
9. Are you a probation or parole officer? Yes No
10. If you work in the legal/justice system in another capacity, please state: _____
11. If you have ever been a juror, what kind of case(s)? _____
12. If you have ever been a litigant (been sued or sued someone else), what type of case(s)? _____
13. Have you ever felt discriminated against in any contact with the legal/justice system because you are or were perceived to be a gay man or lesbian? If so, please explain the circumstances. _____
14. Have you ever hesitated to contact any part of the legal/justice system (for instance, a police officer or an attorney) because you were/are afraid of possible discrimination and/or publicity? Yes No If so, please explain the circumstances. _____
15. Have you ever hesitated or decided not to contact any part of the legal/justice system because you thought it would be futile? Yes No If so, please explain the circumstances. _____
16. Have you ever observed or witnessed discrimination against a gay man or lesbian within the legal/justice system? Yes No If so, please explain the circumstances. _____
17. Have you ever made or heard jokes or disparaging remarks about gay men or lesbians while you were involved in the legal/justice system? Yes No If so, please explain circumstances. _____
18. Would you be willing to answer further questions, anonymously, regarding your responses? (These follow up questions would be conducted by telephone at your convenience, and would be conducted by a statistical analyst who will keep your name in confidence) Yes No
19. If so, please provide a name, phone number, and best time of day for contact:
Name _____ Phone number _____ Morning Afternoon Evening

If more space is needed please use separate piece of paper. Thank you for your assistance. Gay and Lesbian Task Force, PO Box 34766, Phoenix, AZ 85067.

Bits and Bytes

A column of interesting, unusual, and new sites on the Web of interest to women

By Mary, WCN staff

Have you heard of the new line of clothing making a hit with the career-minded women? It's BILLYBLUE, a Frisco-based company that has introduced men's wear for women. From casual to uptown looks, these duds are wonderful looking, and not that pricey when you consider the cost of a suit. Check out their site at www.billyblue.com.

Going to Amsterdam for the Gay Games? An informative site is www.dds.nl/~gaygames. This has travel info, games info, lodging, sightseeing, pics of the last 4 years medals, volunteer information, and a whole lot more.

You heard or read Susie Bright, the out-spoken sex writer (who advised on the sex scenes in Bound)? Well, she has a web site, full of comments, pics, and newsy stuff. WWW.SUZIEBRIGHT.COM

Looking for some new videos? Try checking out First Run Features at www.firstrunfeatures.com for those hard-to-find lesbian quality movies.

The Women's Educational Media group has announced a film, available to schools, about homosexuality as it relates to children's views. More about it on wemdhc@aol.com

Also, the National Center for Lesbian Rights has a new site - nclrights.org.

American Veterinary Medical Association - www.avma.org
HealthyPet-American Animal Hospital Association - www.healthypet.com
American Boarding Kennel Association - www.abka.com
Bad Dog Chronicles - www.baddogs.com

Pets Need Dental Care, Too - www.pfmagic.com

If you hear of any really great (or awful!) sites that you think might be of interest to our readers, please drop me a line, either by snail-mail or through our web site.

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Fax: (602) 930-1348

Mail: ACP/PLGPC, PO Box 16847, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6847

E-mail: info@azpride.org

Web site: www.azpride.org

Note: the web site includes many additional, direct, e-mail addresses

Arizona Central Pride/Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with a 501(c)3 federal tax-exempt status.

The Power of One

By Robin Dee, WCN staff

In 1996 the United Methodist Church held a General Conference whose mixed members of clergy and lay people voted 577-378 to declare that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching and therefore prohibited ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions.

It only takes one person to make a difference, to fight for 'loving all' instead of 'loving those I approve of'. Omaha, Nebraska's senior Pastor Jimmy Creech has made a difference by conducting a lesbian unity ceremony. As a result he could have lost his ministerial credentials.

However, on March 13th a panel of 13 Methodist's ministers selected to hear the charges against him, cleared Rev. Creech of disobeying the denominations ban on gay rites. According to church procedure, nine of the 13 panelists had to agree to sanction Creech and only 8 did.

The Rev. Bob Kuiper, spokesman for Transforming Congregations, a group of primarily Methodist churches that believe that homosexuality is an illness that needs to be treated, stated that while the 8 panelists were a majority which thought that conducting a homosexual ceremony was wrong and sinful he also hoped that because Creech won the decision, witch hunts to find ministers conducting such ceremonies would not occur.

The Reconciling Congregations, a program led by gay Methodists, encourages churches to welcome homosexuals. Of the 37,000 congregations throughout the world only 140 denomination's have adopted the program. During the inquiry Creech told the panelists that he would continue to officiate at unity ceremonies if asked. The Power of One.

Bulletin Board

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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

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.

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 (Morman), 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.

NEWSLETTERS OF INTEREST:

Rubyfruit Journal, Tucson Wimin'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

connoción, Bi-lingual, bi-cultural, latina lesbian newsletter, 1521 Alton Rd, #336, Miami Beach, FL 33139, \$4 sample, \$13 for 3 issues.