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Midshipman wins first battle against Naval Academy

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced last Wednesday, July 26 that it won the preliminary round in a suit that charges the U.S. Naval Academy with unconstitutional discrimination when it forced Joseph Steffan, a highly commended midshipman, to resign solely because he was Gay. The Superintendent of the Naval Academy separated Steffan from the institution less than two months before he was to graduate and receive his commission in the U.S. Navy. (OBSERVER, Jan. 4)

In a significant development, Judge Oliver Gasch of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia denied the Navy's motion to dismiss Mr. Steffan's suit. The Judge ordered that the case go forward to examine the constitutionality of the regulations, which flatly ban openly Lesbian or Gay people from serving in the Navy.

In his opinion, Judge Gasch rejected the Navy's assertion that the court had no authority to review the matter. The judge said that if Steffan had been treated as alleged, then he had stated a valid claim under the constitution. The judge also noted that because of the Navy's attitude toward Lesbian and Gay men, it would have been futile for Steffan to pursue his case through the Navy's internal administrative review process.

Sandra J. Lowe, the Lambda Staff Attorney who represents Steffan, noted that the judge's ruling assured that the constitutional issues presented by the Navy's discriminatory policies will be examined by the court - in and of itself, a victory.

"This decision has implications far beyond this case,' noted Lowe, "since it indicates that the military will no longer be allowed to force people to resign and then use that resignation to block them from going to court to challenge the constitutionality of being dismissed because of their sexual orientation. The smoke screen of 'voluntary' resignation precludes judicial review of the constitutionality of the regulations. It is a victory for Joe Steffan that the court has declared its intention to examine the constitutional issues at stake in the case."

In response to the court's denial of the Navy's motion to dismiss his case, Joe Steffan stated, "I'm very heartened by the judge's decision and gratified that I will have my day in court. I know I still have a long way to go in my fight, but I remain confident that I will receive my commission in the Navy and be able to serve my country regardless of my sexual orientation. I thank the many people and groups who have supported me up to this point and those who will continue to support me in the months and years ahead."

Currently Lowe and Lambda cooperating attorneys Marc Wolinsky, of New York, and Cal Steinmetz, of the District of Columbia, are already preparing for the next stage of the litigation. The parties will now be setting the schedule for briefing on the constitutionality of the U.S. Navy's regulations stating homosexuality is incompatible with the military service.

At the time of his forced separation in March 1987, Steffan was a battalion commander and a member of the Brigade staff, a position that belongs to a very select group of the highest-ranking senior midshipmen at the Academy. Steffan also had an outstanding academic and military record and would have graduated in the top 10% of his class had he not been forced to choose between submitting an involuntary resignation or being discharged just weeks before getting his diploma.

Photo: Peter Hanson

Former midshipman Joseph C. Steffan, who is challenging the Navy's policy of discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men.

The Steffan decision follows on the heels of another victory for Gays in the armed forces. In that case, the Marine Corps threatened Capt. Judy Meade with expulsion because she "associated" with a known Lesbian. (OBSERVER, May 3) Meade is not a Lesbian herself. "Witchhunts like this," explained Lowe who handled the case for Lambda, "produce a chilling effect on female friendship. This particular case ended favorably, but the psychological terrorism against Gays in the military, particularly Lesbians, continues."

Lambda's Legal Director Paula L. Ettelbrick added, "The Lesbian and Gay community must forcefully continue its fight against the most homophobic institution in our society: the armed services. For too long the courts have tolerated and encouraged the military's discriminatory policies, though the recent Steffan decision and other victories in this area give us hope that the tide may be changing."

Besides the Steffan case, Lambda has worked on other military-related cases, and the organization continues to field and direct hundreds of questions throughout the year from disraught Lesbian and Gay officers and enlisted personnel. Lambda is part of The Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project, which is a joint project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Organization for Women, the Women's Equity Action League, the National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force, the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, and Citizen Soldier.

Founded in 1973, Lambda is the Nation's oldest and largest legal organization dedicated to the rights of Lesbians and Gay men.

Kowalski moves to Minneapolis

Committee closes down

WASHINGTON, DC - "Everything is set in place for a secure future for Sharon," said Tacie Dejanikus, co-chair of the National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski. "With Sharon's move, we have substantially completed the agenda around which we organized in 1987."

"Sharon is getting good rehabilitation; she has contact with Karen Thompson and her other friends; she has returned to the Minneapolis area, where she had made her home; we've promoted the book Karen wrote with Julie Andrzejewski, 'Why Can't Karen Kowalski Come Home?", to get the facts of the case out to the public; and as a bonus, Donald Kowalski will be replaced as guardian. We're proud of what we've accomplished. Dejanikus said.

Sue Wilson, Thompson's attorney, said Sharon's father, Donald Kowalski, has asked District Court Judge Robert V. Campbell to terminate his guardianship of his daughter, "because if he can't do it his way he doesn't want to do it." Campbell has specified that he will not appoint Thompson as guardian. His selection of a third-party guardian is pending.

Thompson praised the work of the National Committee. "The Committee has achieved a great deal," she said. "Any further areas of question in Sharon's future can be hammered out by my lawyer in court. This nightmare is almost over, and Sharon and I can be free to determine what the future holds for us."

The National Committee reiterates that the story of Sharon Kowalski represents a powerful lesson about the need for all couples who choose not to marry or do not have legal access to marriage to create durable power of attorney documents for their own protection.

Sharon Kowalski may recieve cards, flowers, etc., at Trevilla of Robbinsdale, 3130 Grimes Ave, N., Robbinsdale, MN 55422. For further information, contact Karen Thompson at 3070 Fulton Circle, Clearwater, MN 55320.

Stanton: 'Media not selective about whom it bashes'

TUCSON - The media, "when it goes astray," is not selective about whom it bashes, local radio personality Toni Stanton told the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) July 21.

It isn't only Gays and Lesbians who can be injured by media constraints of time, space, talent and competition. It is also racial minorities, the homeless, grieving relatives, innocent bystanders, the sick and wounded, Stanton said.

Rather than lecturing, the KTUC program director led a lively discussion among her OP listeners, perhaps raising more questions than answers.

Reporting the news is a series of judgement calls by reporters and editors, she said. A moment's inattention to that heavy responsibility can hurt one person or a whole group of people, such as Gays and Lesbians.

Heavy media attention to an alleged homosexual love affair behind the tragic explosion aboard the USS Iowa recently was given as a case in point. The allegation turned out to be false, but the damage to homosexuals everywhere was done.

The Navy shared equally in that bad judgement, the audience concluded.

A local example of bad judgement on the part of a news source was City Councilman Roy Laos' criticism of Lesbian membership on the Tucson Women's Commission, Stanton noted. While Laos intended to question city financing of an agency that might not be serving its entire constituency, Laos wound up bashing Lesbians instead.

"People want to know all the details about the news," Stanton said. But who can decide what is relevant for them to know?

Is it relevant for the public to know that a public official is Gay if it is not interfering with his or her performance of duties? And wouldn't publication of a public official's Gayness help educate the public on the diversity of the Gay community?

When a doorman at It's 'Bout Time was beaten last year, initial stories did not mention that IBT's is a Gay bar. Was that a service or a detriment to the Gay community?

Several members suggested that the public should be told when Gays and Lesbians are victimized because of their lifestyles.

Other members complained that the media tends to focus on bizarre characters in Gay marches and demonstrations.

The media will always go for the most colorful focus of any event, Stanton said, to attract viewers or readers to the story and to compete with other news purveyors.

Member Dan Overstreet suggested that viewers and readers write

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IN MEMORIAM

In love and strength, C. Roger Raines was born March 14, 1940 in Sterling, Colorado. In honor and bravery C. Roger Raines passed away on Sunday, July 30, 1989.

He is survived by all who knew and loved him. Services will be held Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, South 5th Avenue at 16th Street.

A memorial fund has been started. Donations may be made at Mi Casa Su Casa. My sincere thanks to all.

David Dutton

TUCSON ACLU OFFICE CLOSES

TUCSON - The Arizona chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will close its Tucson office permanently after 15 years of representing southern Arizona in cases involving individual rights against the government. All cases will now be handled by the Phoenix office.

Financial troubles as well as a power struggle between Phoenix and Tucson and lack of support for new leadership all were contributing factors in the closing.

The Tucson office closed temporarily in December, and reopened in March with the stipulation that the Southern Arizona office raise $15,000 to keep it open. Only $4,500 was raised so the decision was made to close.

State Director Louis Rhodes said, "We've sensed it (the Tucson office) was something of a luxury, but hoped to keep it," he said. Rhodes said that the national ACLU board prefers states to have one office and said that is the norm throughout the country.

The Arizona ACLU chapter was started in Tucson over 30 years ago. Later it was decided to open the main office in Phoenix because of the proximity to the state Legislature and the state Supreme Court.

Rhodes said local Tucson members will see no change and the local chapter will continue to meet. Those who believe their civil liberties have been infringed can contact the Phoenix ACLU office at 2021 N. Central Avenue, Suite 301, Phoenix, AZ 85004 or call (1)254-3339.

TUCSON METRO COMMUNITY CHORUS STILL SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

TUCSON - It's still not too late to join the ranks of the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus for its Winter Season. "We are accepting new members up through Aug 14. All you have to do is show up at any Monday evening rehearsal at the MCC Church building, 560 S. Stone. Rehearsals are held from 7 until 9 p.m. Auditions determine voice range and musicality," said chorus director James Erlich.

The chorus is scheduled for two performances in December. The first concert will be the Winter Program with a Christmas Concert following shortly after. In addition to the chorus, various small vocal ensembles are now forming to provide music at concerts and for any community event.

Interested persons can call 887-6851 for more information.

'COMING OUT TO YOUR PARENTS'

PHILADELPHIA PA - "Coming Out To Your Parents," is a 16-page booklet published for Lesbians and Gay men who are considering coming out to their parents. The booklet, published by Philadelphia Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG), identifies six stages most parents go through when they learn of their Gay child's sexual orientation.

The stages (shock, denial, guilt, anger, personal decision-making, true acceptance) are described, along with specific ways young adults can assist their parents in each of these stages. The author, the father of a Gay son, relates his personal experience and that of hundreds of other parents who have come to Parents FLAG meetings.

The booklet (in its third printing of over 100,000 copies) begins by raising 12 questions that need to be considered before one comes out to parents. It offers an annotated list of resources about coming out to parents; it also provides an appendix of books and pamphlets to give to one's parents.

A list of over 200 parent groups/contacts in 50 states is provided. These parent groups are members of Parents FLAG, whose headquarters is in Washington, DC.

For a free single copy, send a self-addressed, 45-cent stamped business envelope to Parents FLAG, P.O. Box 15711, Philadelphia, PA 19103. (Address the envelope as you wish; no additional marks will be added). Additional copies are .25 each. $20 per 100 includes postage.

ACLU GAY RIGHTS CHAPTER SPONSORS WRITING CONTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California is sponsoring a non-fiction writing contest concerning Lesbian and Gay families. Lesbians and Gay men have created, and are evolving, relationships which expand traditional notions of families.

The Gay Rights Chapter is seeking non-fiction manuscripts which explore or celebrate the diversity and richness of Lesbian and Gay families, both families of origin and families of choice. Writers of all racial and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to enter the contest.

The judges for the contest will be historian Allan Berube', poet and playwright Judy Grahn, and writer and publisher Barbara Smith. Two winners will each receive a $500 prize, and three runners-up will each receive a $100 prize.

The deadline for entries is Aug. 11, 1989. Rules and entry blanks are available from the Gay Rights Chapter, ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission Street, Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94103. For more information, contact Doug Warner at (415) 621-3900.

DANISH PARLIAMENT APPROVES WORLD'S FIRST GAY 'MARRIAGES'

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK - The Danish Parliament has approved the world's first legislation providing for "registered partnership" for Gays and Lesbians, giving them the same rights as heterosexual couples concerning pensions, inheritance and even "divorce", but not providing for the right to adopt children. The law goes into effect Oct. 1, and was passed with a 71-47 majority on May 26.

GRADUATE STUDENT AT ASU SEEKS POETRY, DIARY ENTRIES, SHORT STORIES BY PEOPLE WITH AIDS

TEMPE, AZ - Gordon Fluke, a graduate student at Arizona State University (School of Art) was awarded a research grant to publish the writing of People With AIDS. This project is expected to require over a years work culminating in a portfolio of prints with words and image.

The project is titled "Echoes: Voices of People With AIDS". Mr. Fluke is currently in the process of looking for PWAs who would be interested in submitting work for the collection. Poetry, essays, short stories, or even single statements are appropriate entries for the anthology. He hopes to publish writings from across the United States showing the far-reaching effects of the epidemic.

Gordon stated, "I am really hoping to show the wide-range of people and places affected by HIV infection. I don't want the project to be a perpetuation of the myth that this is strictly a Gay illness. That kind of idea is still very much in evidence especially in the less cosmopolitan areas of the country. Of course, I am looking forward to submissions by Gay men but I am also excited about the writings of children, women and others who have been diagnosed with HIV infection."

One important aspect of the project is that the PWAs who submit work for the anthology need not be professional writers. Much more integral to the success of the project are the stories to be told from the viewpoint of PWAs. After someone's writing has been chosen, Mr. Fluke will then typeset the story and, if appropriate, create an illustration. Each piece will be published using the hand methods of fine printing and book arts.

The limited edition of writings will then be assembled in a portfolio wrapper and exhibited across the United States in an effort to educate the public about what People with AIDS are thinking, doing, and feeling about their illness. It is hoped that the portfolios of collected works will help alter public attitudes and empower future People with AIDS.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in Mr. Fluke's project feel free to contact him at the J.D. Grahame Cracker Press, 1223 East Spence St., Tempe, AZ 85281, or call (602)829-8197. If you would like to submit something you have written, please be sure to include your name and address.

HISPANIC 'COMING-OUT LETTERS' BEING SOUGHT FOR PUBLICATION

AUSTIN, TX - Are you Hispanic? Gay? Have you ever thought about telling your parents? Friends? The Edward-William Publishing Company is interested in publishing a Spanish edition of coming-out letters --letters written by Gay people to their parents and friends telling them that they are Gay.

If you are interested in writing such a letter, (it doesn't matter if you have written it or intend to write it), you should send your letter to Cartas, % Banned Books, #292, P.O. Box 33280 Austin, Texas, 78764 for possible inclusion in the book. If you prefer, you can write the letter in English and they will translate it into Spanish.

AUSTRIA ABOLISHES BAN ON GAY PROSTITUTION

VIENNA, AUSTRIA - The Austrian Parliament has passed a law reform bill abolishing Article 210 of the penal code which prohibited male homosexual prostitution, effective Friday, July 1.

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Lesbian and Gay male couples do it differently

Lesbian couples are likely to meet under different circumstances than those common for Gay male couples, according to preliminary results from a survey of same-sex couples. Lesbian couples most often met through friends or at work, while male couples met at bars more often than any other way.

The "how they met" question was among more than a hundred put to same-sex couples in a national study undertaken last year by Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. The publication has issued selected preliminary results based on 812 respondents, representing 390 Lesbian couples and 273 Gay male couples. The survey drew about 1600 responses in all and was included in the OBSERVER, Dec. 7, 1988.

More than one in five of the Lesbian couples met at work, but fewer than 5 percent of the men did.

While 24 percent of the men met in a bar, the venue is becoming less prominent as a meeting spot. The newer the relationship, the more likely the couple had met at a social event instead.

Friends, an enduring source of introductions, were responsible for the meetings of 28 percent of the Lesbian couples and 19 percent of the men.

THE SEX QUOTIENT

Male couples were far more likely than women to have met through sexually charged arenas, such as baths, cruising, or classified ads. The male couples also had more sex together, but the female couples enjoyed their sex more.

Male couples had sex nine times per month on an average, while Lesbians averaged seven times. However, these figures were boosted by the 21 percent of men and 11 percent of women who shared sex at least 15 times a month.

Most active were couples together one year or less, who had sex about twice as often as the average couple.

Most of the couples had sex less often. Half of all the Gay male couples averaged sex no more than six times a month, and half the Lesbian couples had sex weekly or less often.

The sex was rated as "excellent" by 54 percent of the women and by 31 percent of the men. Another 25 percent of the women and 35 percent of the men said their sex was "good".

Sex outside the relationship was more common for men than women. Only four percent of women reported any outside sex during the previous year. On the other hand, 27 percent of the men had some outside sex during the previous year, though only 12 percent had outside sex more than once a month; 5 percent had outside sex weekly or more often.

RELATIONSHIP LONGEVITY

Despite the youth of the respondents - averaging 35 years for women, 37 years for men - Lesbians had been together an average of 5 1/4 years and Gay men averaged 7 1/2 years.

While several couples had been together longer than 40 years many of the relationships were only recently started. Half of all the women surveyed had been together 3 1/2 years or less; half the men had been together 5 years or less.

The survey is directed by Stevie Bryant and Demian, who hope to publish the results. Preliminary results and comments from the respondents are regularly published in their monthly newsletter "Partners".

"When data entry is complete, we will be able to draw an up-to-date picture of the families being created by Gay and Lesbian couples," says Demian, who has a doctorate in education. "This information will be invaluable to social service providers and civil rights groups.

Final results, when available, will be printed in the OBSERVER.

Senate committee votes to extend funds for AIDS drugs

WASHINGTON, DC - The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), has approved a three-year authorization for federal funds to help low-income individuals purchase life-prolonging AIDS drugs.

The Low-Income Treatment Assistance Program (LITAP), part of a package of legislative items for the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, authorizes $30 million in federal AIDS drug grants to participating states during the first year. States are required to provide matching amounts. The bill stipulates that funds for the remaining two years will be provided as necessary.

The grants will assist persons with HIV-related conditions in the purchase of government-approved drugs, including AZT, ganciclovir, alpha interferon and aerosolized pentamidine.

"Life prolonging AIDS drugs keep people with HIV healthy enough to remain working and producing, yet the cost of these drugs is far beyond the reach of most Americans," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "Without this program, the taxpayer will end up paying far higher costs for AIDS health care."

HRCF has identified federal AIDS drug subsidies as a legislative high priority. In addition to extensive lobbying, HRCF has used its Speak Out message campaign to deliver thousands of mailgrams to the U.S. Congress from constituents around the country who support federal drug purchase assistance.

HRCF praised Kennedy for his ongoing work in securing federal AIDS subsidies. "Senator Kennedy has once again helped thousands of people nationwide who depend on government help for their continued health," said McFeeley.

A federal grant program has been in existence since the FDA licensed AZT for the treatment of AIDS in 1987. However, authorization and funds for the program expired at the end of last March after Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) killed a bill in Congress that would have extended the program.

The program was continued only after Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan, at the urging of Senator Kennedy and other members of Congress, directed HHS to come up with $5 million to extend the subsidy for six more months.

Most states will have spent their previously authorized funds by Sept. 30 — the end of the current fiscal year — if the program is not renewed.

"Past government assistance has been forthcoming and important, but every six months we've had to scramble to find a band-aid fix for

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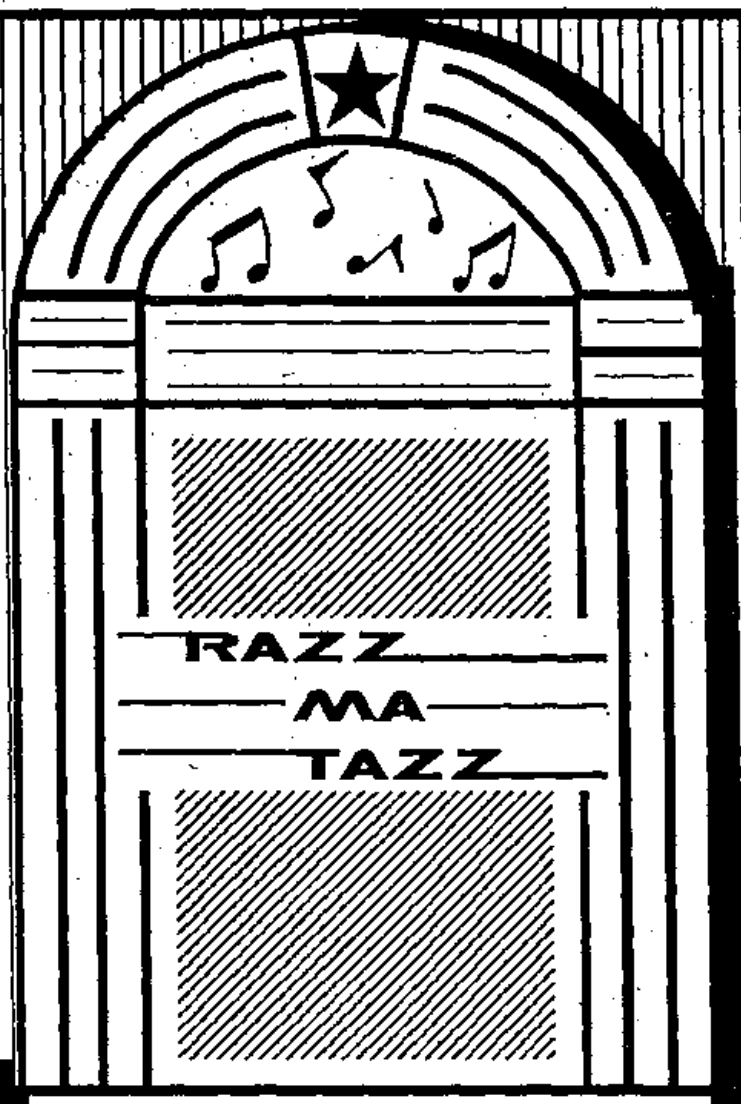

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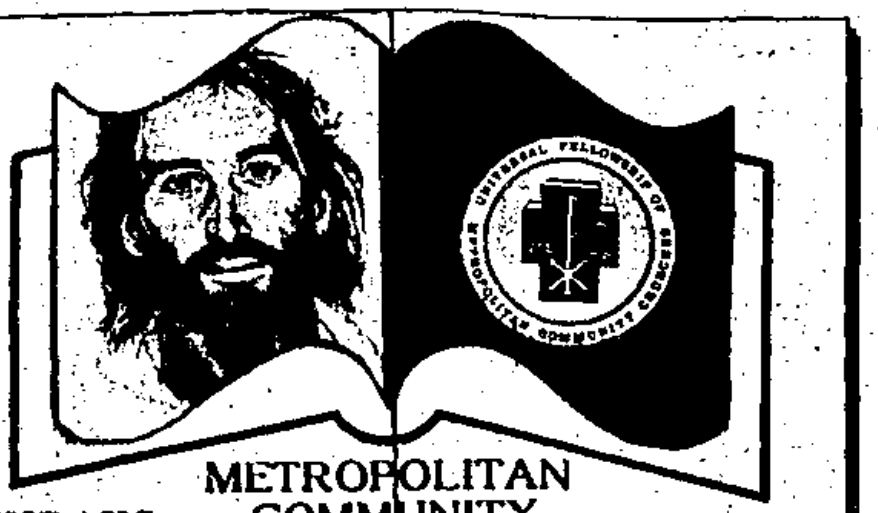

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TAURUS
Taurus people are usually friendly and conversant. If you are overcharged emotionally, you could instinctively bend your neck and charge. An angry bull is nothing to toy with. Some people must learn this the hard way.

GEMINI
If you say the wrong things to the wrong people your future security may be threatened. Financial activity is hazardous at this time. Your home environment is the best place to relax and think.

CANCER
Your generosity and instinct to nurture others is admirable yet can be used against you by undeserving people. Be careful that you are not gullable to the fantasies of an unreliable person. A positive relationship inspires short distance travel.

LEO
If you have been considering a move it may be time to make plans. There is benevolence guarding you from behind the scenes. Finances will improve with time. Careful planning is necessary to avoid loss.

VIRGO
Romance and expressing your feelings will go hand in hand if you will let it. Subtle changes have been occurring and communicating with others will help you decide the proper course of action. A helpful friend plays Cupid by accident.

LIBRA
Scrutinize career offers before accepting. Do not make snap decisions or you might take one step forward and two steps back. Joining a group or club could open doors to future expansion. Curb a tendency to want to spend.

SCORPIO
Listen to what women in your life have to tell you. You may have a tendency to be overly willful. Be aware of how others perceive you. If you are feeling mistrustful of others take a ride with someone and talk about it.

CENTAUR
Unrevealed happenings influence your future goals concerning career advancement. Positive friendships help you secure gains. Educational matters could expand your ability to succeed. Keep your ears open and reveal no secrets.

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Partnership arrangements could appeal to you superficially. Scrutinize what a friend proposes unbiasedly. Joint financial arrangements could appear profitable at first. Research potential hazards before you agree.

AQUARIUS
Relations with others could be misunderstood by influential people. A strong attraction could be a matter of strong karma. A job well done enables you to gain added rewards from work. Follow your intuition and you can't go wrong.

PISCES
Health issues could be influencing your goals for the future. Expressing your feelings to special friends helps you expel doubts and negativity. Socializing brings you closer to a new romance. Unexpected occurences will bring you joy.

100,000 AIDS cases now recorded

WASHINGTON, DC - According to the Centers for Disease Control, the official count of recorded AIDS cases has reached 100,000. It was recorded within the past two weeks. No one knows just when or who it was. Because of delays in reporting and compiling statistics, researchers are almost certain that the 100,000th case appeared a while ago.

These first 100,000 U.S. cases were compiled over 8 years, but the second 100,000 will likely be reported in the next 15 months. By the mid 1990s, AIDS could be the leading cause of early death in the United States, AIDS activists warned.

The 140-member coalition AIDS Action Council and the National Organizations Responding to AIDS warned of the grim costs piling up from the epidemic. The first 100,000 cases have cost the nation $33 billion in health care and lost wages. The coalition estimates that by the time the count reaches 255,000 in 1991, the price tag will approach $173 billion. An estimated 1.5 million Americans are infected the the virus that causes the disease.

Extrapolations of cases have been fairly accurate, but costs projections could vary with the discovery of new drugs or treatments that keep people with AIDS strong enough to continue working.

For example, researchers last Thursday, July 27, reported in the journal Science that dideoxyinosine is yielding promising results in early human trials. DDI, a chemical cousin of the only approved AIDS drug, AZT, seems effective, is less toxic and need not be taken as often.

While cautioning that it is too early to say if the compound is effective, the researchers said most of the 26 patients involved in clinical trials took the drug with no side effects. Half showed increased levels of "helper T-cells," a key component of the immune system, which is destroyed by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which is believed to cause AIDS.

Although not a cure, a number of patients felt more energetic, and some had better appetities and gained weight. DDI could be approved for widespread use by next year.

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Humans On Mars? Well, Maybe...

It was a stirring moment, in 1961, when President John F. Kennedy charged the American people to get a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s. Through the miracle of film, I can experience what I was too young to appreciate then: the thrill of that challenge.

Fast forward to 1989, July 20: the 20th anniversary of that successful moon landing. President Bush, at the National Air and Space Museum, surrounded by the men who were on that first mission; the press, assembled, eager to hear what our President had to say; Vice President Dan Quayle, with gawky, school-boy smile, standing nearby, ready for his next command; the People, awaiting their next directive toward space.

"First, for the coming decade, Space Station Freedom". The tension grew palpable, real.

"And next, for the new century, back to the moon, back to the future and this time to stay." Excitement bordering on hysteria grew.

"And then a journey into tomorrow, a journey to another planet. A manned mission to Mars." Unable to contain the excitement, the gathered throngs burst into wild cheers and applause. "The pathway to the stars begins where it did 20 years ago with you, the American people."

And then, nothing.

President Bush, in his call to the American people, stopped short of where Democratic President John Kennedy started. No timetable, no dollar amount to be spent on this grand mission. Nothing more than rhetoric and veneer, the choice of image over substance In short, the same old thing.

Doesn't this speech sound like his "Let's protect the environment" speech earlier this year? Or his "We need to improve education in America? speech. Strange how similar they all seem.

Bush wants to take credit for outlining what should be done and why, yet he leaves for everyone else the grim and unpopular tasks of finding funding for and actually implementing all of these plans. A clear example of having your cake and eating it, too!

As Bush spoke, Congress was ready to slice apart NASA's already meager $12 billion allocation —less than 1% of the federal budget. (Whereas in the 1960s, NASA got 4% of the federal budget). Luckily for NASA, Bush's speech stirred enough support later that day to forestall any budget cuts from NASA —for the time being.

Bush called for an extended program of progressive space exploration; not the short-term program Kennedy advocated. With estimates of $400 billion needed over the next five decades to establish an orbiting space station, return man to the moon, establish a lunar base, and head toward the first landing on Mars, the program will be intensive, lengthy and complex —but do-able.

What is needed now is a less wimpy stand on the task: Bush should state firmly and positively the what, when and how of the space program; leaving it in the hands of Quayle, Chairman of the National Space Council, is akin to granting a pyrotechnic the chairmanship of the nation's Parks and recreation Department: destruction can be the only result.

NASA has 35 grand space ventures planned over the next five years, including the Hubble Space Telescope, the Galileo Probe to Jupiter and the Gamma Ray Observatory; but these are mostly information-gathering missions. The men and women of NASA —some of America's best and brightest— should be allowed to turn their sights toward bigger, grander tasks: extending the boundary of human presence in space.

And they should have the firm hand of the president to guide them: anything else is an insult to them and the American people.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

THE PLACE TO COME!

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PERSPECTIVE

by Deymonn

Living in a modern society sometimes offers people the opportunity to wish they lived a different life in a different time. The joys of life can be found in many different ways. Sadness found in living very often involves knowing that the reality of life leads to the harsher realities of death. For a great number of readers this is personified by the friends you love as family, slowly dying with AIDS.

Most of us know someone who is battling this disease and if you are one of the lucky ones who doesn't yet know a terminal friend, I hope your luck doesn't change.

This astrologer has never before dealt with the pain of those suffering a slow death or the pain of loved ones who do all they can to help their dying friends. Knowing in their hearts there is a limit to what they can do to help decrease the pain and the depression that lingers in both the sick and the healthy.

There are groups and organizations in Tucson that can help deal with feelings of isolation, hopelessness and yes, even the nearly uncontrollable anger that comes from watching someone you love slowly become weaker and weaker.

If you are suffering for yourself and for your weakening friends, this astrologer advises you not to go through this alone. Call the Shanti Foundation or the Tucson AIDS Project, or if the pain is too much to bare, Kino Community Hospital has an excellent program for dealing with depression.

My advice is that if you feel you need help, help is available. Avoid private hospitals if you need help. Private hospitals claim to specialize in the treatment of depression yet, I have found capitalistic hospitals are more interested in your insurance claim number than your friends who are dying.

Do not go through this hell alone. Talk to TAP or Shanti for group times and emotional support. If the hell has become unbearable and you are afraid it might be more than you can stand, Kino Community Hospital Emergency Room can admit you to a very humane unit where caring, compassionate people will listen and help you find the strength you need.

Depression can be treated. Untreated, depression can kill. Don't suffer alone. We are all part of the same family. Until happier times: Tucson's Gay Astrologer, Deymonn

OUT ON THE TOWN

Leave it to the Welcome Wagon hostesses to keep that wagon rolling. Sometimes it make planned stops, sometimes it makes unplanned stops. Do the Ponderosa doors ever close? One of these days they might. Look out Ponderosa Annex!

If Jade and Miss Mae have anything to do with it, the Sahara desert will never be the same. Will all that moisture produce a crop of something? Hopefully not mildew. So is Miss Jade now selling cleaners through closet doors? Does anyone need a home demonstration?

Talk about drag time, it just drags on and on and on but apparently it was all worth it. Mother Tiffany and her children made it worth everyone's while. She could have rained better. Everyone knows how kids can be, especially that silly telephone bill.

So did Granny really enter the slideathon or not? If she did she should have won. Everyone should look out for flash floods and big big rainstorms when Miss Mae and Mink from Mink and Mindy, don't get home til all hours of the night.

It's all the Butch Marshmallow's fault. Dinner may or may not be served. Did Dudly Do Right or not? Remember Danny Wonder doesn't buy - she just rents. Could this have anything to do with the library. Speaking of which, is some plastic person doing some late night shopping for candy?

So is everyone supposed to know who the prom royalty will be or is this not a well kept secret? Was Anna Stadia de la O really double parked or is it a really big broom? Can she fly two on that old thing and just how much does she owe in old parking tickets?

Did Mz J.R. really enjoy her sabbatical and will she do it again? - probably, who knows for sure. Remember - - it happens.

Til next time, forever yours
Jza Jza LaMore

A WHITE SPORTCOAT AND A PINK CARNATION.....
I'm all dressed up for the prom!

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Saturday morning last, found me sitting in Denny's with coffee at 6:30 a.m. The occasion was getting the Tucson group together for the annual Partners' Panda Run down the Salt River. One group, for this trip, headed out of Phoenix and I headed the group out of Tucson. As on any run or show, this Tucson bunch started out late, arrived late and almost missed the tubing trip all together.

It wasn't the drive to the run site that delayed us, it was the frequent stops we had to make along the way, and, of course, people arriving late at the departure site. Still this bunch made it and was able to connect up with the Phoenix bunch at the beginning of the river for the days tubing trip.

After approximately 4 hours, 24 people had dragged themselves out of the river and headed back to the campsite for some relaxation and food. After the meal it was time to present this year's awards. Taking first place in the 'Theme Award' this year were Tommy and Gary, there was no problem picking this year's winner, Wayne. Then the final award was the 'Sunburn Award' this year going to Hank.

All in all, from the conversations back at the campsite, I could tell that everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's Panda Run #5. Partners wishes to thank each and everyone who joined them this year and they hope to see you next year too.

This coming weekend it is time for both Partners and TKO to hold their monthly meetings. Partners will be holding theirs at Neil and Larry's new place. TKO will be at Ben and Annie's for theirs. If you would like to join in on either meeting, contact a member of either club for times and directions. All meetings are always open to the public and guests are welcome.

At TKO's meeting the main discussion will be on making plans for their annual City of Rocks run, Aug. 18-20. This run also is open to the public if you would like to go. If so, contact a TKO member for directions, times for departure and details surrounding this run. Run fee will be $10 per person. As on most runs this fee will supply you with all meals served at the campsite. As for liquid refreshments, this will be your own responsibility. Also, you will have to supply your own transportation, or make arrangements for car pooling.

Get your Prom dresses out, rent those tux's cause upcoming is Prom Night at Rumors. As the date draws closer I'll pass on some more information and watch for ads announcing this fun event also. This sounds as if it will be a very interesting evening and I'm looking forward to it. I'm not sure if my wash-and-wear will still fit after 30 plus years, but who cares?

It is so nice to sit down to write this column and having it come out shorter than normal. Until I get myself a printer for my computer, I have to copy each and every word from the screen. don't worry, because when and if there is more to pass on to you, I'll copy and enjoy. So until I come to you via this column next week, have a beautiful week and I shall remain as always your sweet and innocent cub reporter for this award-winning newspaper.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

RAINBOW ROOM - After a brief closing, the Rainbow Room is back better than ever. Be sure to stop on by and say hello to Jim, Jason, BOB, Patrick, Rick and all the gang.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

JOSHUA TREE - Big Leo Party here tonight. Bobby Jr. is a Leo and his birthday is toinight. He invites all Leos to come on down and celebrate your birthdays together. Party!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

COLETTE'S - Live music by the great women's Rock 'n Roll band Razz Ma Tazz. 5 to 7 p.m. $2 Cover. Don't miss them!

IBT'S - Beaux Cormier of Domino Theory fame will be performing here beginning at 8:30 p.m. No cover. Be sure to catch this very talented musician.

JOSHUA TREE - Desert Leathermen will hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 3 until 7 p.m. and then will present "Casino Night" during the evening from 7 to 10 p.m. A fun time is assured for all if you 'gamble' or not.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

GRADUATE - It's a "birthday Weekend" here. Tonight Aviva Diamond will celebrate her birthday with a big show. Several guest stars will appear. Happy Birthday Aviva!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

GRADUATE - Shiree will celebrate her birthday tonight. Showtime will be at approximately (about) 8:30 p.m. (maybe)!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

COLETTE'S - The wonderful music stylings of Anne English from 9 to midnight. No Cover.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

COLETTE'S - It's 3rd Tuesday and time for Womyn's music, a monthly event here. Check it out.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

COLETTE'S - It's 3rd Wednesday and time for Country Music night, a monthly event and hosted by popular singer Loren Johnson.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

JOSHUA TREE - See some of your favorite stars perform in this benefit show for Tucson AIDS Project and El Proyector Arizona-Sonora. The show is called "Latex, Sex and Drag" and begins at 9:00 p.m. A good show is promised with names still being contacted and a list will be announced. Mark your calendars now.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey plays and sings from 9 to midnight. No Cover. A talented artist whose performance should not be missed.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

COLETTE'S - Anne English plays her acoustic guitar and sings her heart out for you. A very pleasant evening of music for everyone.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

COLETTE'S - The musical talents of Patti McCulla returns to the stage here. A unique perfomer with marvelous musical talents.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

JOSHUA TREE - Beach Party II will be celebrated here following the big outdoor concert held elsewhere. There was a big crowd on hand last year and this year promises to be even better. Watch for more details and get your sun screen ready!

Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR SPECIAL HAPPENING THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS NON-BAR ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT BEN CORBIN PRIOR TO MONDAY OF THAT WEDNESDAY'S PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEKS ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARD IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus will have an executive Meeting at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at the home of Kelly Morris, 2520 North Fair Oaks. Everyone is invited to attend. Call Kelly at 795-1550 or Mark at 620-1740 for details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Jamie Anderson celebrating the release of her new album "Closer To Home" with special guest comic Slique Callahan, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4821 E. 22nd St. $6.50 at the door or $5 in advance from Antigone Books, 3rd Friday Coffeehouce or by mail. For more information call 325-7828.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

TMC Chorus meets at 7 p.m. at 560 S. Stone for practice. There will be auditions for new members during this rehearsal. Auditions will conclude at the August 14 rehearsals.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be held by the poolside, swimwear is encouraged. There will be a buffet with $4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 685-0115 for details.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Arizona Fellowship Committee will meet at the Graduate at 12:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend, everyone is welcome.

General Men's Massage Group meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Facilities lsimsit this meeting to 12 people. Call 882-4582 for info and reservations. Minimum fee.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

TMC Chorus meets at 7 p.m. at 560 S. Stone (MCC/ Tucson Bldg.) for practice. This will be the last time auditions will be held for the 1989/1990 season.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting. Hotel Park Tucson. Ron Asta, former county planner and member of the Board of Supervisors talks about the status of construction and real estate today. 7:30 p.m., no-host beverages; 8 p.m., general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests. $10 for repeat guests at the door. Information: 296-4642.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-23-24

Arizona Women's Music Festival, The Lavender Patch, White Mountains Arizona. Music, crafts, fine arts, performing arts and more! Emceed by Slique Callahan. For more info contact 258-7985 or 274-0353.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) $1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 8 p.m. check the light board for Sunday specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Complimentary Buffet 5:30 to 7?

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well drinks $1 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, Corona Beer $1.00 or Well Tequila $1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am, + 'Stop Light' specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks $1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. 8-1 Bud Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus $1.00 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25) Longnecks $1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 Schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Ruben.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks $1.50, DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Baseball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudsersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.50 open to close.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. Draft .75, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Ruben 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks $1.50 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9-1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. DJ Ruben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25. non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks $1.75 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Dwayne.

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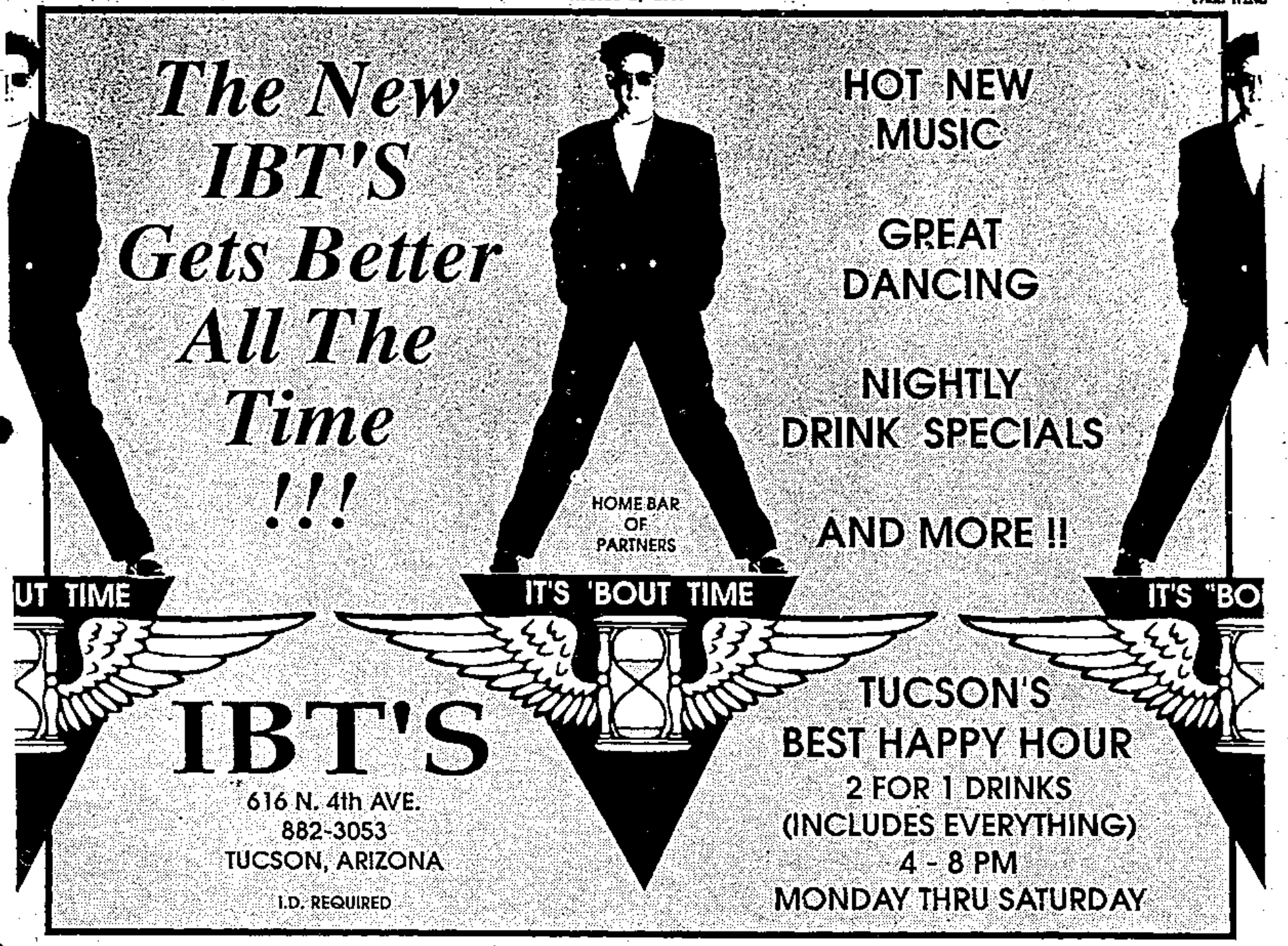

News From MCC Tucson

Next Sunday will be a full day starting with the 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service. Immediately following our Morning Worship Service we will have a special birthday party during our Fellowship Hour for all those having birthdays in August. This will begin a tradition of having a Birthday Party the first Sunday of each month to celebrate all birthdays during the month. This will include birthday cake and refreshments.

After our Birthday "party" the Administrative Council will have their regular monthly meeting which will be open to all. Then immediately following the meeting there will be a workshop entitled "Conflict - Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block". This will be an informative workshop not only for members of MCC/Tucson but for any organization and everyone is invited to attend. Following the workshop there will be a "Pot Luck Supper" starting at approximately 4:00 p.m. Then concluding the day will be our Evening Worship Service starting at 5:30 p.m. Come and join us, whether for the full day or for any of the different events in part.

Last Saturday evening we had our monthly Bingo games. Those winning cash prizes were Lee, Nadine, Abby, Mark and Shawn. Our next Bingo games will be Saturday, Aug. 26, starting at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us for fun, fellowship and cash prizes. Refreshments are served during the evening.

Thought for the Week: I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with a lot of pleasure. - Clarence Darrow.

LETTERS

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my deepest thanks to everyone for the great turnout at my Buffet/Birthday show held on Sunday, July 23rd at the Rainbow Room.

I would like to start with giving thanks to "Jim" of the Rainbow Room and everyone who made it possible including: my running mate, the reigning 1989 Fiestas de Mayo Queen, "Shanise"; Mr. Frank Perez; the 1987 Fiestas de Mayo King and Queen "Juan and Minerva"; Vanity; Touche'; Luisa De La O, Judy, and last but certainly not least, Michael the DJ and Rick the bartender, who all did a great job.

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

With the space I am allotted, I hope to explain to the general public, the structure of the Arizona Democratic Party, to answer all those questions brought up at the first meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus.

The party is very structured, starting off with the first level: the Precinct Committeeperson which is an elected post. This means you have to go out and get signatures, from registered Democrats in your precinct, to put your name on the Democratic Party Primary Ballot. The number of Precinct Committee-persons depends upon the number of registered Democrats living within the Precinct. The number has been set at 1 Precinct Committeeperson per 125 voters.

The Precinct Committee-persons goals are simple: (1) Make sure that all Democrats in your Precinct go to the polls and vote. (2) Walk, or drive, your Precinct and distribute literature of the Democratic Party. (3) Answer any questions that your constituents within your Precinct may have regarding the Party. (If you are unsure, refer them to the Democratic headquarters. Now, since you have been elected as a Precinct Committeeperson, you are saying what is next)?

The answer to that is the Legislative District Democratic Clubs. Each of the State Legislative Districts has an organization. The dues are nominal, and the requirement for voting for officers of the clubs, State Committeepersons, and Representatives to the County Executive Committee, is to be a Precinct Committeeperson.

All this occurs within the clubs. The clubs hold monthly meetings, usually have guest speakers, and they are interesting to attend. This is the second level of the structure of the organization.

The next level of the structure is the County Executive Committee, which is comprised of the Legislative District Chairs, 1 male and 1 female representative from each Legislative District. The representatives from the Democratic clubs other than the District Clubs. (For a group to qualify, they must have more than 75 members, all must be registered Democrats. The GLDC has more than 130 members, this is how we got our seat).

The County Executive Committee has a set of officers, who are elected at the County Convention. The officers are as follows: County Chair; 1st Vice- Chair; 2nd Vice-Chair; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Treasurer. (Note: All offices within the structure has a requirement. You must be an elected Precinct Committeeperson. That means going through the process I mentioned earlier. It is quick and easy to do.

The County Executive Committee makes decisions regarding the actions of the party within the County. Working on the County Platform, fundraising, candidate recruitment. These are just a few of the duties of the County Executive Committee.

The next level of the structure is the State Committee, which is comprised of State Committeepersons who are elected at the Legislative District Club meetings to represent the district. The number of State Committeepersons depend upon the number of elected Precinct Committeepersons. The ratio is 1 State Committeeperson for each 3 elected Precinct Committeepersons.

The State Committeepersons are quite simple: they vote on various measures brought up to the State Committee, they work on the state platform, and make decisions on party policy. The State Committee has an Executive Committee, which consists of a State Chair; a 1st Vice-Chair; 2nd Vice-Chair; 2 female State Executive Committee Representatives; 2 male State Executive Committee Representatives; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Affirmative Action Chair; Education Representative; and Treasurer. Their duties are similar to the County Executive Committee, but on a state level.

Now you are wondering when can I run for Precinct Committeeperson so I can get involved in the process. The term is for two years, so the next election is in September of 1990. But you can now be appointed as a Precinct Committeeperson by a vote of the Legislative District Clubs. An appointed Precinct Committeeperson cannot run for an office, but can vote at the Legislative District meetings, and the County Convention.

So, there you are, the multi-leveled structure of the Arizona Democratic Party, it is confusing, but a structure which the Gay and Lesbian community, if we get involved, can change the political scene of Arizona, and guarantee our rights listed in the U.S. Constitution.

Until the next time, take care.

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STANTON: 'MEDIA NOT SELECTIVE ABOUT WHOM IT BASHES'

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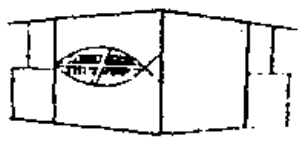

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Q: My partner and I are traveling to my parents home for our first joint visit. They accept the fact that I'm Gay and know I have a lover, but we haven't yet discussed accommodations. I have always stayed in my parents' guest room during previous visits. Should we expect my parents to host us both when we visit? What if they say they don't want us sleeping in the same bed?

A: Start by telling your parents what you and your partner want. If you want to share a room in your parent's home, give them plenty of advanced notice. They may need some time to sort through their feelings. Ideally, your parents should extend the same hospitality they would confer on a married heterosexual sibling.

If your parents refuse your request, consider sleeping elsewhere. Your parents' home is their domain. Nonetheless, you deserve the dignity, comfort and intimacy that bedding down with a partner represents.

If financial or other constraints make it impossible for you to stay elsewhere, you have a hard choice to make. Including your parents in your deliberations may help them understand the practical implications of their prejudice.

Don't give up on your parents if they refuse your request. Sometimes, loving parents can handle the concept of same-sex relationships, but not the reality of Gay or Lesbian intimacy. It is important to keep the dialogue open. Time can effect enormous changes.

The most important thing is maintaining self-respect and an open heart, whatever your parents' reaction.

[Demian has a doctorate in education (ED.D.) and is co-publisher/co-editor of PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Send your questions about Gay and Lesbian relationships for possible use in future columns, to PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109].

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SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES TO EXTEND FUNDS FOR AIDS DRUGS

expired drug funds," said Robert Bray, HRCF communications director. "With LITAP, we've finally got a long-term, substantial remedy for the ongoing problem of affordable life-prolonging AIDS therapies."

The Budget Reconciliation Act, including the LITAP provision, now moves to the full Senate floor for action.

HRCF is asking people to contact their Senators and urge them to support the federal drug subsidy program. Write Sen. Dennis DeConcini and Sen. John McCain, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Concerned individuals may also enroll in HRCF's pre-authorized "Speak Out" message program, which sends hard-hitting Western Union messages to the U.S. Congress. To enroll in "Speak Out", call HRCF's Field Division at (202)628-4160.

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