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Fiesta de Mayo Candidates Raise over $2,500 for Pride

TUCSON - The big Fiesta de Mayo celebration held last weekend at the Joshua Tree,- wound up a month-long fund-raising campaign for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance to produce eight days of events during Pride Week in Tucson which runs from June 24 through July 1.

Three couples who ran for the title of King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo 1990 - Freddie & Kimberly; Lorena & Vannity; and Antonino & Rubi. Each held a series of fund raising events ranging from car washes to shows. Each did a wonderful job of garnering votes for their campaigns.

At the coronation ceremony on Sunday evening, TLGA Co-Chair Jack Stockslager announced that over $2,500 had been raised by the couples, and the couple gathering the most money, all of which counted as votes, was Freddie and Kimberly who are pictured above on the stage at Joshua Tree after being crowned.

Freddie and Kimberly are to be congratulated as are all the candidate couples and all who wupported the couples in their individual campaigns. All the proceeds go back to the community during Pride Week 1990.

Diversity Action Plan to be Presented to UofA President Koffler

TUCSON - One year after major demonstrations by African-American students and following charges of racial insensitivity by other ethnic groups such as: League of United Latin American Citizens, The University of Arizona will receive formal recommendations for campus change. The Diversity Action Plan will be presented to President Henry Koffler, this Friday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. during a press conference.

The Diversity Action Plan s designed to create a campus climate which understands and accepts the value of diversity among students, faculty and staff. It was developed and created by the Committee on Cultural Diversity, a unit President Koffler set in place last year to find solutions for campus unrest.

Susan Wong, committee co-chair and assistant dean of Graduate Professional Programs, explains the plan follows extensive research into programs currently in place at other campuses. According to Wong, members of the committee traveled as far away as Wisconsin and Michigan to study the conclusions and solutions of other Universities. Recommendations in the plan calls for major changes in curriculum, teaching methods and staff/faculty training.

Wong also notes that the plan extends beyond its original focus to include other diverse university populations such as the handicapped, the aged and homosexuals.

Other campuses currently grappling with diversity issues include Harvard, Emory University and Bryn Mawr according to Time Magazine (May 7, 1990). The issue cites a report from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching expressing concern for the "disturbing realities" of intolerance.

Committee members and President Koffler will be available to answer questions from the press.

Tucson Pride Week
June 24 - July 1

HRCF Backs Harvey Gantt in Helms Race In North Carolina

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization had contributed $5,000 to Harvey Gantt in a successful primary campaign. Gantt is a former mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, who won the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. His opponent will be incumbent Jesse Helms (R-NC) who won his Republican primary for the U.S. Senate. The amount was the maximum contribution allowed by federal law in a primary.

"Harvey Gantt is a compassionate man who understands the importance of civil rights for all Americans," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "He has demonstrated his ability to serve and will make an effective and capable Senator.

"Jesse Helms is a disgrace. The more the voters of North Carolina learn about him, the more questions they have about whether he represents their interests," McFeeley noted. "Helms spends his time fighting needed AIDS resources, censoring art and opposing choice," McFeeley stated. "His bigotry against Lesbian and Gay Americans has no place in the U.S. Senate," he continued.

Helms was successful in keeping the recently passed Hate Crimes Statistics Act off the Senate Floor for three years. When the bill was eventually considered by the Senate, he offered an anti-Lesbian and Gay amendment which was rejected 77-19, following extensive lobbying by HRCF and other national organizations. In addition, HRCF's "Speak Out" program generated over 10,000 messages to Capitol Hill opposing Helms' amendment.

When President Bush signed the bill into law, the Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and other Lesbian and Gay groups were invited to the White House to witness the signing. (OBSERVER, May 2).

Helms is also the author of the notorious "no promote or encourage" amendment which was designed to weaken AIDS prevention materials aimed at Gay and Bisexual men. The Senate has refused to accept his amendment in the last few years.

"Helms has suffered a string of defeats at the hands of his colleagues in recent years," said McFeeley. "Most Democrats and an increasing number of Republicans are no longer willing to put up with his bigoted tactics." He is, however, the front-runner in the election for a fourth six-year term. If he wins in November, he will serve until January of 1997.

In recent weeks, Gantt has stepped up his attacks against Helms on issues of concern to the Lesbian and Gay community. He accused Helms of appealing to people's emotions, rather than addressing the nation's real problems.

Helms "is going to decide what art is good and what art is bad," Gantt said, referring to Helms' involvement in the controversy surrounding the Mapplethorpe exhibit and National Endowment for the Arts funding. He continued by saying Helms "is going to decide about people whose sexual orientation is different and set them against people whose sexual orientation is 'normal'. He is going to get back on the issue of what is good and what is evil in society.

Gantt, an African American, "represents the best of what North Carolina can offer the nation, independence and vision, not the ignorance, bigotry and hate that Jesse Helms embodies," McFeeley stated.

Phoenix Pride Plan Announced

PHOENIX - The 1990 Pride Celebration in Phoenix, "A New Decade of Pride" will be held on June 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds which is located on the southeast corner of Baseline Road and 29th Avenue in Phoenix.

The intent of the Pride Planning Committee is that this year's Pride day be a festival-type event, and there be "something of interest for nearly every segment of our very diverse community during the course of the day, from comic relief to political activity, from country-western aficionados to female illusionists, from hedonists to religionists."

The Committee has issued invitations to social, political, and professional organizations, businesses and individuals to secure booth space for Pride day, June 10. Booths which solely dispense information can be reserved at no charge. Booths which take in money, whether through donations or selling goods or providing entertainment for a fee, can be reserved at a cost of $20.00 for an indoor location, or $15.00 for an outdoor location.

Booth reservations must be received with a check no later than June 2. El Lienzo

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UPDATE

NEW JOSHUA TREE BOWLING SUMMER EDITION

TUCSON - The new Joshua Tree Bowling League will be hosting a summer edition of the bowling league. Bowling will begin May 14 at Fiesta Lanes 501 W. River Road. There will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m. to form teams, set down rules etc. The bowling will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The cost of the bowling is $7.50 per week and for those who have not bowled in a sanctioned league there will be an additional charge for an ABC/WIBC sanction card. The Summer Edition will continue through Aug. 6 for a total of 13 weeks. For further information call Mark at 749-1312; Bill 744-1345; Jack at 578-2865.

OLD PUEBLO INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT UPDATE

TUCSON - The tournament committee for the inaugural bowling tournament has changed the date of the tournament to October 26-28. The tournament will be held at Fiesta Lanes which is located at 501 W. River Road.

The format of the tournament will be 9 games: 3 in singles competition, 3 in doubles competition, and 3 in team competition.

The tournament will be a sanctioned ABC/WIBC tournament. So bowlers interested in bowling in the inaugural event would need to have bowled, or presently are bowling in a sanctioned league so that they can have a sanctioned average which will be a requirement to enter the Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament.

ED BUCK TO SPEAK TO OPBPA MAY 18

TUCSON - The month of May will be an exciting time for the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OPBPA). The regular monthly meeting will be held on Friday May 18 at the Hotel Park Tucson. The evening's festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. with the opening of the no-host bar. The general meeting will take place at 8:00 p.m.. The featured speaker for the May meeting will be well-known political activist Ed Buck.

For those who have been living under a rock for the past years a brief look at Ed Buck. He was the founder of the Mecham Recall Movement against the former Republican Governor Evan Mecham. Against the odds Buck put together a divergent coalition whose actions getting over 380,000 signatures led to the eventual downfall of Mecham. Ed Buck's topic for the May meeting will be "How To Thrust A Grassroots Movement Into the Political Mainstream". The meeting is free to OP members and newcomers. For further information call 296-4642.

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PHOENIX 'PRIDE' T-SHIRTS BEING BOOTLEGGED

by Ellen M. Young

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has announced the existence of "bootleg" t-shirts commemorating this year's Pride Week. With a design similar to that of the official pride shirt, the bootleg shirt s being sold by a private party for personal profit. Both sets of shirts became available for sale on the same day-Sunday, April 22.

The producers of the bootlegs apparently knew that the official shirt would be sold on that day and had been told of the official design. The bootlegs were then rushed into production on the evening of April 21.

While Pride Committee members fear they may be losing a few sales from the competition, the group is optimistic. Said one committee member, "If people see the other shirt first and think it's ours, they may buy it. But we have a quality product, and we just need to get it out there where people can see it."

The official shirt - a pink triangle with white lettering on a black shirt- will be available at numerous Pride Week fundraisers from now through the end of Pride Week [in Phoenix] on Sunday, June 10. The lettering reads "A New Decade Of Pride". The bootleg shirt also features a triangle, but with a multi-color wash and the words "Celebrate Pride '90". (Reprinted from the Phoenix Resource)

AUDITIONS FOR "THE NORMAL HEART"

TUCSON - Borderlands Theater will hold auditions Wednesday May 16 and Thursday May 17 at the Elks Club 380 S. Meyer, for "The Normal Heart" by Larry Kramer, for 10 men from their 20s to late 30s and one woman. The production will be directed by Chris Wilken and is scheduled to open August 2.

Borderlands will also hold auditions on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club for "My Visits With MGM (My Grandmother Marta)" by Edit Villarreal for four women of varying ages and one man, which requires some Spanish, to be directed by Jose Cruz Gonzales and which will open July 5.

For more information call 882-8607.

OPBPA TO HOST FUNDRAISER FOR THE AIDS MEDICATION FUND

TUCSON - On Sunday May 20 the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will host a preview of the Invisible Theatre's Production of "Once and Forever; A Musical Salute to Irving Berlin". Net proceeds from the preview performance will benefit the AIDS Medication Fund.

Curtain time for the performance is at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are $12.00 per person paid in advance. The Invisible Theatre has limited seating capacity of 80 and tickets are expected to sell quickly.

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Candidate Slams Black Gays and Lesbians at DC Forum

WASHINGTON, DC - John Ray, a Black candidate for mayor of the nation's capitol, made several anti-Gay and Lesbian remarks and advocated heterosexuality for the Black community at a meeting sponsored by the D.C. Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, along with other national and local organizations, has sharply criticized the comments and have called for a meeting with the candidate.

In his remarks to about 30 Gay and Lesbian activists, Ray, an at-large member of the D.C. Council, said, heterosexuality "is the best way" for the Black community. He said "faith in God" and the "traditional family as I grew up in" should be central values in the community. Ray, a Democrat, is perceived as a respected leader in the Black community of Washington, D.C.

Ray also sad he would not advocate for domestic partnership legislation now being proposed for D.C. residents. The legislation would extend the same employment benefits to the Gay partners of D.C. government workers now granted married spouses.

"I have chosen a certain lifestyle which I believe in and that's the lifestyle that I advocate,"said Ray. "if they (Black Gays and Lesbians) make a decision to go in another direction, that's their decision. And frankly, I'm not going to move one inch from that, because that's what I believe."

Ray's statement were "untenable, outrageous and vicious assault on Lesbians and Gay men - particularly Black Lesbians and Gay men-who live in Washington, D.C.," said Ivy Young, NGLTF Families Project Director. Young likened Ray's comments to recent anti-Gay statements made by Martin Luther King III, who subsequently apologized to the Gay community after considerable pressure from local activists and widespread media attention.

"In his staunch and seemingly blind support of 'traditional values,' Mr. Ray has debased and invalidated the family life of thousands of D.C. resents. He suggests that if Black Lesbians and Gays live their lives openly they are somehow damaging the African-American community," said Young. "Our sexual orientation does not put us ad odds with our community's quest for freedom."

Three Injured In NYC Gay Bar Bombing

by Jim Roche

NEW YORK, NY - Sunday morning, April 28, just after midnight, a pipe bomb exploded in New York's most well known Gay bar, Uncle Charlie's. The pipe bomb was filled with M-80 firecrackers with an equivalent explosive power of a 1/4 stick of dynamite and was placed in a trash container inside the bar. Two bar patrons and one employee were injured in the explosion.

The street outside the bar has been the scene of several bias-related crimes. Uncle Charlie's is located in a very upscale and frequently traveled section of the city's West Village. Police investigators said that they have ruled out possible anti-Gay bias in the bombing, which has outraged many in the Gay community. Saturday evening, a group of over 300 protesters marched from the bar to the neighborhood's police precinct to protest what marchers called the inadequate investigation.

Later that evening the city's mayor, David Dinkins, spoke out about the crime and contradicted the police department's characterization of the incident and referred to the bomb blast as bias-related. He has since stepped back from his statement. In a local interview with *Newsday*, Stephen Miller, spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) said that the bombing, "appears to be an act of terror against the entire Gay community... given that Uncle Charlie's is probably the most popular Gay bar in New York, and someone put a bomb in a trash can... it appears to us to be a bias incident. They would have to prove to us that it's not bias".

This was the 26th bias-related crime reported in the city this year. The crowd which had gathered to protest the police conclusion that this was not bias-related, as well as Dinkins' and GLAAD representatives, all cited this as further evidence for the needed passage of an anti-bias crime bill in New York State which would include Gays and Lesbians.

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Interest Earned On League Savings Account		17.39
	TOTAL INCOME	3177.79
EXPENSES		
Bowling Fees Paid To Fiesta Lanes		1582.18
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Banquet		216.00
Trophies With Engraving		118.77

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Vistors' Charge	90.00	
Christmas Lunch	657.00	
Miscellaneous Donations	65.00	
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Postage	528.00	
Gifts (OPBPA)	119.43	
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Arizona Inn - Christmas Banquet	543.29	
Socials	123.87	
Hotel Meeting Room Rentals	1085.93	
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PACT	50.00	
TAP	810.00	
Tucson Metropolitan Chorus	60.00	
Pima College Alumni	25.00	
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Miscellaneous	120.35	
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PHOENIX PRIDE WEEK PLANS ANNOUNCED

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Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus to Perform May 25

TUCSON - The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus, 1989 C.A.T. Award recipient for Best Fine Arts Organization, will be in concert on Tuesday May 25 at 8:00 p.m. The theme for the opening of their third season is titled "Spring Fever". The selections center around springtime, ranging from Renaissance madrigals depicting new-born love, to contemporary music expressing the joy of Spring.

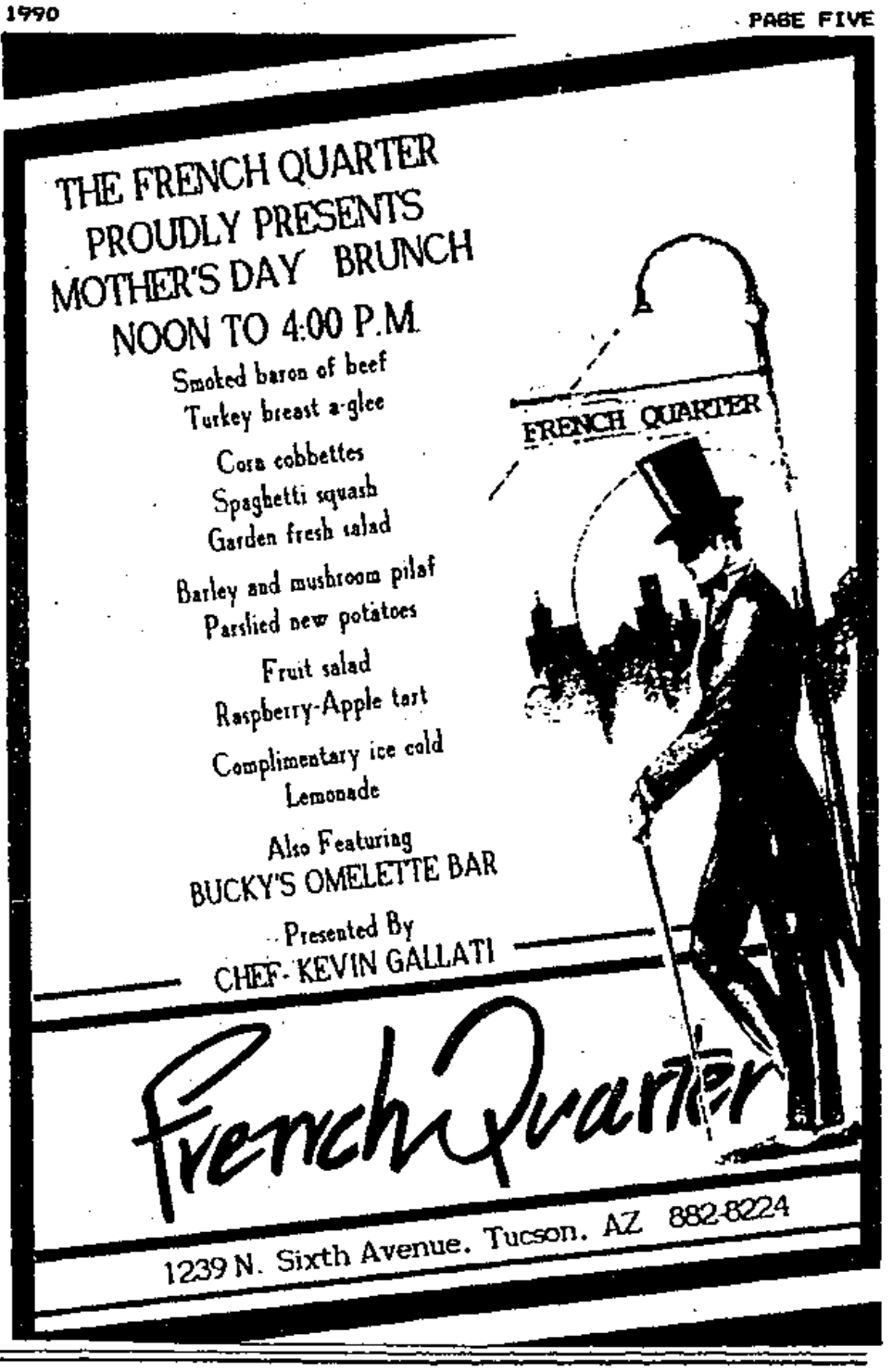
A special treat will include a variety of solos presented by some of the members, in addition, a piano duet will be performed depicting the joy of childhood. The concert will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church 560 S. Stone. Tickets will soon be on sale at a cost of $4.00 in advance $5.00 at the door and will be available from any chorus member Books Brothers and Antigone Books.

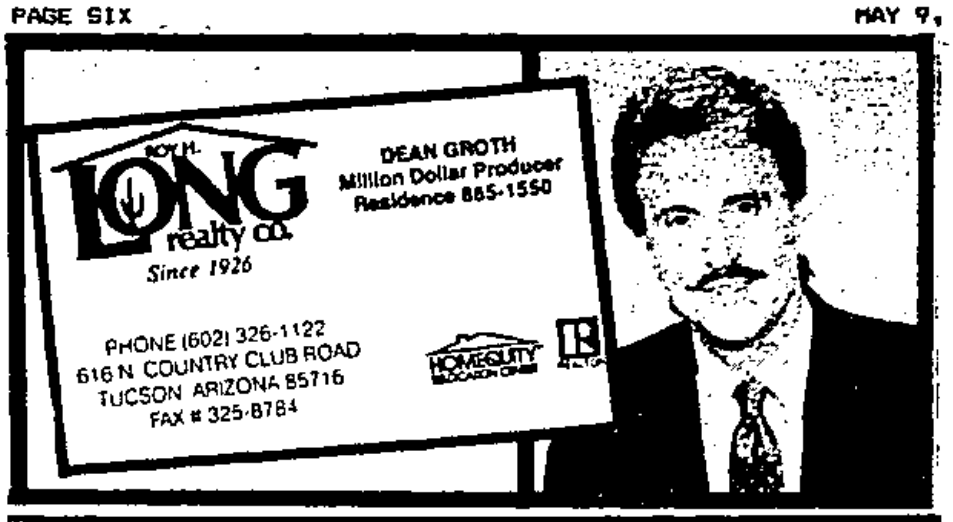
The TMCC is a member of the national Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses. There are approximately 70 choruses which comprise its membership. The Tucson chorus is made up of fourteen women and men who have dedicated themselves to this organization and toward the presentation of music to the community.

The chorus was founded in 1988 by Jim Erlich whose purpose it was to organize Arizona's first and only Gay and Lesbian community chorus. The group has performed for the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association, the Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus and for the 1989 AIDS Fair in Phoenix.

It is the goal of the group to become more active in the community by performing more and supporting other organizations. The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus has been able to recruit many talented singers. As the chorus has become more stable word is getting around giving evidence to their high performance standards. "We are very appreciative of those who are willing to give more time to the community spirit as many of our members are involved in other voluntary organizations within the community," Erlich said. "However we need to remind the community that the chorus is not the church choir of the Metropolitan Community Church -- we are an independent organization."

As with any organization raising funds is one of the group's top priorities. The chorus sponsored its first annual Sweetheart Squeeze in February and last year sponsored its first raffle, car wash and booth at Fiesta de Mayo. The chorus will join the Tucson celebration of Pride Week with a booth at the Pride Picnic. "For those who would like additional information or would like to volunteer, we look forward to seeing you on June 24th. The chorus is always looking for people to assist in any way" Erlich said. For more information call Anne at 795-8413.





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POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

REGISTER TO VOTE!!!

This weeks column will not be talking about the various candidates who are running for the vast number of offices up for election this year. This column is devoted to a serious subject, apathy and the unwillingness to register to vote.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus set up a booth this year at the 3-day Fiesta de Mayo celebration at the Joshua Tree. The primary goal was not to raise funds, but to register voters. A lot of the people who timidly came up to the booth were hesitant to answer when we asked if they happened to be a registered voter. What is wrong with being a registered voter?

People within the Gay and Lesbian community seem to have some misconceptions about registering to vote, and or just do not want too, out of fear or apathy. Some people stated that if they registered to vote, they would be called for jury duty. Well, they also can calla you for jury duty by checking drivers' licenses!! So, what are you going to do now - stop driving?

A lot of people in the community, also stated that they just do not care, their life is going good, so why bother. To those people, I state the following reasons: (1) Evan Mecham, the former governor and homophobic right-wing extremist is running again for governor. It is time that the electorate do what the State Senate could not, by putting this political monster away once and for all.

(2) There are a couple of ballot propositions that we should be concerned about, the Martin Luther King holiday, and the Auto Insurance Referendum. Especially the latter since Arizona pays one of the highest insurance rates in the nation! It is time for the electorate to take action against the greedy, bloodsucking auto insurance companies.

(3) The homophobic Republican Party still controls both houses of the State Legislature. If we are to get our civil rights we must go out and elect Democrats to the State House of Representatives and the State Senate., so that we can get the nine plans, which are in the Democratic Platform, passed and enacted into law. Do the Republicans offer Gays and Lesbians anything? The answer is simple, NO!!! Those bluebloods do not even consider us as human beings. It appears as though they will never change, and certainly not in the near future, so we must get them out of office!!

I do apologize if this sounds like I am getting on my proverbial soapbox, but I am concerned. The biggest step as a minority group, that we can take, is to go out and register to vote. It takes only a couple of minutes of time, so do it. Then the next step is to go and vote, that only takes a minute or two of your time. If you take these two steps, you can consider yourself a political activist, and a person who has helped out the community. So what are you waiting for, go register to vote, then vote!!!

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TO THE TUCSON GAY COMMUNITY:

As my reign as Miss Gay Tucson begins, I have very good feelings for the upcoming year. My heart is still beating as hard as that great night of April 29, 1990. The honor that the Gay community of Tucson has bestowed upon me is overwhelming.

At this time I would like to make my promise that as Miss Gay Tucson 1990, I will do my best to uphold the crown with strength and dignity, with grace and honor as did Christine Shade. I promise to work hard for our community, to help anyone or group that asks for my help. My door is always open.

I would like to thank all of my fellow contestants, getting to know you on those two days had to be the high point of the weekend.

Congratulations to Candy P. you definitely deserved the congeniality award. You were always there for us all when nerves were about to set in, in ourselves, you were there and with your wonderful sense of humor, you reminded us that we could have fun too, and you succeeded.

Tiffany and Michelle, thanks for always being there. I look forward to our year together. To Jim, Tom, Moose and all my friends and family at the Rainbow Room for your support and encouragement; Sean and all of the Southern Hospitality Club in Tucson, Thank you. Christine Shade, you're the best!!! Bonnie and Sharon, the two greatest girls I've had the pleasure of knowing and loving. Frank and Linda, I couldn't have done it without you. Dr. Tom, there aren't enough words to thank you for everything.

To Kenny and Rocky, my best friends in the world, thank you for believing in me even when I didn't. I love you both very much. And to all the Gay community, for those who yet do not know or believe in my sincerity, I look forward to proving myself to all.

My reign as Miss Tucson will be a time for a lot of hard work and good times. I look forward to it all. Thank you Tucson.

Always yours
Raven
Miss Gay Tucson 1990

DEAR TUCSON -

I would like to thank some very special people who have helped me in my quest for Miss Gay Tucson. First, to all the people in my benefits: Christine, Margo, Marpessa, Maggie, Jerry, Kenny Anne, Gary, Ineeda Mann, Loren and the Scream Girls.

To my coaches -Gary, Terry, Betty, Leigh and Gary. To Eddie for the most beautiful prop; to Gary for the best choreography; to Jerry and Tim for the best dancing; to my stage hands Myron (and a coach), Jerry, Tim, Eddie, Jimmy J. Pam and Betty; to my sponsors, IBT's, Graduate, TKO and DL; to a lot of special people (you know who you are) - you have all made this a wonderful time.

I would also like to give two special thank you's: To Scott, our best Miss Gay Tucson, all those nights paid off and I will always value your friendship; to Gary, my dresser thank you for keeping me so calm and for your wonderful work. And most of all to my Gary - your love, patience and tolerance has allowed me to get where I am today.

I congratulate all the contestants for a job well done with a special to 2nd Runner-Up, Tiffany. Tucson, I am very proud to be your 1st Runner-Up and I wish our new Miss Gay Tucson, Raven, the best of luck, and know that I will be there for whatever we can do for our wonderful community.

Thank you, Tucson, for your support. I love each and every one of you.

Michelle Kristie

TO THE GAY COMMUNITY OF TUCSON:

May I take this time to publicly thank several people who helped make my run for Miss Gay Tucson so enjoyable:

To the ladies at Colette's, Your love and support when I waited tables there made the experience a delight. Colette, thank you for believing in *me* and all your help along the way. Jim, even though your choreography was not followed to the letter, who knew but me and you... until now. Thank you for your time and devotion and of course, some hot dance steps.

Marge, once again your deft hands with zippers, pins, lipstick and such made getting those costumes on such a breeze. Thank you. Kendra, Joe, Dennis, Sean, John, Robert, thank you for the help with the backdrop. Without all of you, I would have been dancing in front of nothing. The set was beautifully done.

To all the contestants: Vannity, Tiffany, Candy, Lucinda, Mandy, Michelle, Raven: the fun we had that weekend was tops. Love to you all and special congratulations to Tiffany, Michelle and to Raven. Thank you for the fun.

Penelope, you outdid yourself this year girl! Congratulations and thank you. And, to my lover Richard, without your love and support I could not have done it at all. Thank you.

"I'll always love you with every beat of my heart." Thank you Tucson. Love

Christi Lunden

DEAR FRIENDS AND SISTERS:

I would like to extend a special "thank you" to all of the contestants involved in the Miss Gay Tucson 1990-91 Pageant. I had a terrific time with each of you. You are all very special individuals and good friends to me. If it weren't for you, I would have had a nervous breakdown before it was all over. Being with all of you on Saturday showed me that we can all be friends and work together as one big family. Even though there can only be one winner, we are all winners.

To Raven, our new Miss Gay Tucson, know you will do your best for our community, and if you need my help with anything, let me know. You are a special person.

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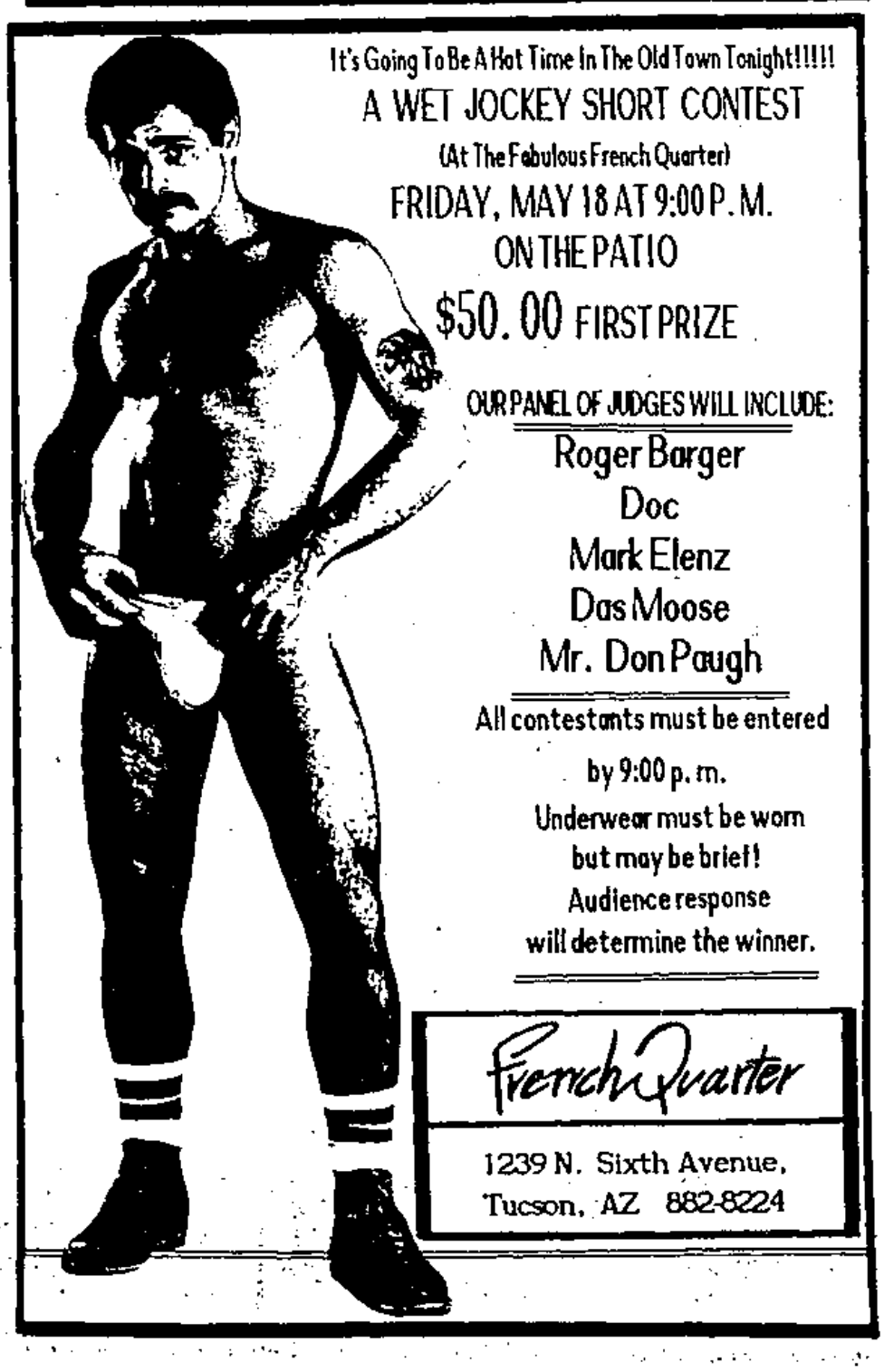

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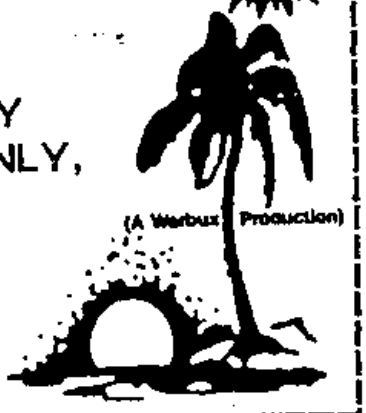

NEW JOSHUA TREE BOWLING LEAGUE
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Teams are now forming.
First meeting Monday, May 14
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COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF BOWLING

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Congratulations goes out to TLGA's Fiesta de Mayo King Freddie and Queen Kimberly Ryan. After a busy month with their different fund raisers, a full weekend over at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, this year's King and Queen handily walked off with the crowns for 1990-91. For the Queen's first public appearance, she will be taking part in TKO's Beer Bust this Saturday.

All the contestants should receive very special congratulations because they were all winners. And a very big thank you goes out to all who supported each of the teams throughout their campaign and who were in attendance at the crowning last Sunday evening.

For the record, Glenn D., from the Graduate, won the CD player that Freddie and Kimberly were raffling off. It can be picked up Saturday at TKO's Beer Bust.

Check the Graduate ad this week - it's time again for another of TKO's very special Beer Busts this coming Saturday. They will again be having their monthly swap meet this time on the stage starting at 2:00 p.m. This swap meet will have a sizeable assortment of Gay books for sale. If anyone would like something sold at the swap meet, TKO will take it on consignment and, if sold, only charge you 15% of the sales price. Either drop off those items or give me a call at home and we will work out arrangements for picking said items up.

As for the TKO Beer Bust, it starts at 2:00 p.m. It will be a day of "Brothers" TV shows being shown all afternoon and "PIG" races, three different heats. (No the pigs are not alive or walk on two legs). Prizes will be awarded for the most tickets won, from betting on one of the three pigs. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. See you all "Ham Hock Downs" on Saturday afternoon.

TKO's annual Spring Fling is also approaching on Memorial Day Weekend. Applications for this 4-day run will be available at the Graduate this Saturday also. Run fee for the complete weekend is only $40 which gives you all your meals plus a 24-hour free beer bar. There will also be cocktail parties during the weekend and a very special show Sunday evening prior to the presentation of the awards won.

The only award never passed out at the campsite is the Trash Award this is given out Monday prior to the send-off brunch at the Graduate. Also who will be this year's "Graduate Club Person of the Year"? This award will also be presented Monday.

That's it for this week. Since all the Queens have been crowned over the past 3 weekends, I'm going to kick my shoes off, lay back, and finally get some rest.

I hope your week is a loving one and past hard feelings towards others can be pushed aside and the true Tucson Brother/Sisterhood can return.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride T-Shirts 1990 are available for your purchase. The cost is $8.00 per shirt. These will be available at the Graduate in the next couple of days and, I'm sure, at all the local bars. Pick your up and support our Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

OUT ON THE TOWN

Seems, sometimes, some things get lost in the mail, but this time it was lost with the male, so here's wingin' it.

The windmills of someone's mind are still working but the sands seem to keep slipping through those fingers.

Just what is Nurse Jane nursing now? It can't be that other Russian River Queen. He has a niche at the Mansion. Clarisse does not have a mansion but she is out of the asylum. Whatever happened to those running pumps? Were those soles broken or just worn out? Maybe a small change of scenery is in store for Clarisse at this time. Who knows? Do those earthquakes have anything to do with Clarisse or maybe Miss Mae's absence from the Bay?

The Up The Down Staircase at the Ponderosa Annex is it still movin' and shakin' or is there going to be some movin' and shakin' soon? Martina Never Turnover, what is that fish smell anyway?

Just how many times can a dress come off in one evening. Guess for $100 it can be done several times. Whatever will she do for $200? Time will tell.

Susie Smart sure would like to show. As she tried Miss Moose managed to move far enough not to get shot. She certainly played safe.

Tif is tuf. Is it second runnerup or second rung on the ladder? Remember, Granny's not dead and Bette lives, believe it or not.

Til next time, forever yours

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BIT OF THE SOUTH

by Sean Thomas

This Sunday, May 6th, the festivities at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket came to a great conclusion. If you missed the weekend activities, you missed a lot. What else would you expect from a fine organization like TLGA except a terrific weekend. I met some great people, too many to name. We are looking forward to working with/for TLGA in the future - everyone really should, they're great!

I wish to personally congratulate their Majesties, the newly crowned Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen, Freddie and Kimberly as well as the other contestants who also helped raise money for our community's Pride Week activities in June.

Upcoming events include: Friday, May 11 at 10:00 p.m. is the Southern Hospitality Club and Rainbow Room party for Raven, Miss Gay Tucson 1990, and Ken Davis, Mr. Gay Arizona U.S.I. 1990. Food, festive music and drink specials will be on hand. The community is welcome, so come one, come all. It'll be fun.

On Sunday, May 13th, "Momma's Day", the Southern Hospitality Club will be presenting a benefit show at 9:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Room for the Shanti foundation. Look for the ad in this issue, you can't miss it. It will be worth attending, not only for the great entertainment, but for a great cause-the Shanti Foundation of Tucson.

In a few weeks, in Phoenix, is the Miss Gay Black Arizona Pageant. Miss Dominique, a local girl, will be running. She's gorgeous! Good luck from all of us girl. Bring another one home to Tucson.

And finally, I'd like to welcome a few of our new members to the Southern Hospitality Club in Tucson. First, Kip (Michelle Kristie) and Gary, welcome to our Board of Directors. We'd also like to welcome Larry Moore (Lucinda Holiday), Susan, Michelle, Alma and Keith. We appreciate you and all you do. Thank you very much. I'd like especially to thank Annie Schmitt and Natalie Perry for just being yourselves and listening. You're super. Looking forward to working with/for you all.

Oh, and do I have great and happy news. Many of you remember our drive for Craig Chergold's wish to be put in the Guiness Book of Records. It has happened! The record was 1.5 million get-well cards. As of the morning of May 8th, Craig's total reached 7,563,462 cards. He is happier than you could imagine. Shanti, thank you very much for all those cards and postage. Colette, and those wonderful women at Colette's West as well as you beautiful people of Tucson, feel proud, you made a sick little kid smile from the joy of knowing you all really care. That's what it's all about. His mother has expressed her appreciation for all your love.

Til next week: Sean 323-3780.

A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . . .

I was recently reminded of a study conducted several years ago involving three hospital nurseries. In the first nursery, tremendous amounts of care and love were provided by the doctors, nurses, and staff. The babies were constantly held, talked to, cared for and loved. Love surrounded the babies during their entire stay (usually 2-3 years until these homeless babies were adopted).

In the second nursery, the babies received care as well. But due to a shortage of personnel, the care was often very minimal and hurried. There wasn't much time for cuddling and loving. On occasion however the staff was able to make the rounds and hold the babies simply for the sake of holding them.

The third nursery in the study was literally a disaster. It was extremely understaffed and so even meeting the basic survival needs of the babies seemed quite an accomplishment. The babies were never held just for the nurturing that might take place but rather only to complete the necessary hygienic tasks. Needless to say love never entered into that nursery's atmosphere.

The result of the study? The babies from the first nursery had, at the age of 5, tested out higher than average on IQ tests. Babies from the second nursery proved to have normal intelligence and the babies from the third nursery were mentally handicapped to varying degrees... if they survived.

So what is the point? Love is vital! It is vital for our growth development, overall well-being, and even our survival. There are many levels or categories of love. But even the most basic love, the one we have for another person simply because they are human is very important.

Perhaps you are reading this and thinking "Well no one loves me so why should I care about anyone else?" The truth of the matter is this: no one is absolutely totally unloved. Despite how many people you may alienate or who turn their backs on you there is one person who has loved you and continues to do so even today ... Jesus Christ, the Son of God. God loves all of His creations especially His children. And whether or not you care to be a child of God the fact remains that you are one! God created each one of us in a special loving way. He does not let go of us simply because we choose to ignore Him or even adamantly rebuke Him. He will always love you. He will always love me. He will always love His children.

So if you think you are unloved or unlovable just remember that God loves you. Don't take my word for it read the Bible and see for yourself. If by chance (or by choice) you don't think you need love then just think

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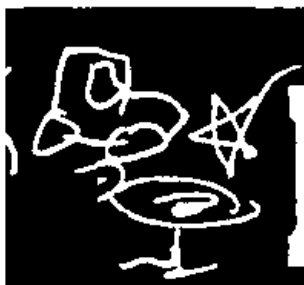

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, MAY 11

RAINBOW ROOM - Southern Hospitality Club in Tucson invites you to a congratulatory party in honor of Raven, Miss Gay Tucson 1990, and Ken Davis, Mr. Gay Arizona U.S. International 1990. It all begins at 10 p.m. with hors d-Oeluvres, dance music and drink specials.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

GRADUATE - TKO monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. will feature 'Pig Races' with prizes to the winners. Y'all come on down to "Ham Hock Downs" for the races.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

COLETTE'S - Annual Luau time here again. 1 p.m. This is the real thing and you're in for some wonderful roast pig and all the fixin's. There'll be a Tan Line contest, Tattoo Contest, Dance Contest, and a Volleyball Tournament and much more. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

FRENCH QUARTER - A very special Mother's Day Brunch is being planned here. Watch for details and be sure to tell Mom not to make other plans.

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6. They'll also be serving one of their famous dinners for $2.99 too.

JOSHUA TREE - Big show "Just For The Fun Of It!" starts at 9:30 p.m. and stars Cristine and Vannity with vocals by Becky and Jaffy, plus more.

RAINBOW ROOM - A Mother's Day Benefit Show for Shanti/Tucson and produced by the Southern Hospitality Club of Tucson will be presented here beginning at 9:00 p.m. Show will feature JJ's Bad Intentions, Michelle Kristin, Ken Davis, Dani Reid, Frank Chapman and special guests.

RUMORZ - Beginning of something new on Sundays... A Beer Bust from noon to 6:00 p.m. with draft beer .50 per glass and from 8 to 10 p.m., all well drinks are just $1.00.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

COLETTE'S - It's Country and Western night here and Mr. Loren Johnson is on hand to sing your favorite C/W tunes.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

FRENCH QUARTER - IT's a "Wet Jockey Short Contest" here beginning at 9:00 p.m. on the Patio. $50 first prize! All contestants must be entered by 9 p.m. Underwear must be worn, but may be brief! Audience response will determine the winner.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

COLETTE'S - A fund raising event for Radio KC from 3 to 6 p.m. The 'party' will feature Womyn's Video. $3.00 cover goes to KXCI radio. Lisa Otey will follow with her great musical styling.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

JOSHUA TREE - "Back To The Beach" Tanning Party, Bar-B-Que and a show like you've never seen at 8:30 p.m. "Back To The Fifties" Join the Thunderbirds and the Pink Ladies.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

JOSHUA TREE - "Sopa de Cha-Chas" A Gay and Lesbian review in the age of AIDS with music by Rare Breed produced by TAP and Wingspan.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

FRENCH QUARTER - "Daddy's Day" with a special gift for the daddy in your life.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

FRENCH QUARTER - "Splash! - The Party" - a wet patio party wth Mark Elenz as your emcee and direct from Denver, special guest Tamara.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

FRENCH QUARTER - Direct from Boston, and voted Boston's Cabaret Entertainer of the Year, Carol O'Shaugnessy. Much more later.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

FRENCH QUARTER - "The" Luau To Remember. Mark the date and watch for details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4536).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

C.A.T. (Community Awards Committee) will meet at the Joshua Tree starting at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to atatend and everyone is invited.

An alcohol management training program sponsored by the Independent Tavernowners of Arizona, Inc. will take place at Colette's West, 3143 E. Speedway. Program is free to ITA members. Non-members the fee is $15.00, a bargain for this not to be missed training. Information call Colette 323-0008.

MONDAY, MAY 14

New Joshua Tree Bowling League - Summer Edition will hold a formation meeting at Fiesta Lanes at 6:00 p.m. followed by bowling at 6:30 p.m. Fiesta Lanes is located at 501 W. River Road.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) monthly meeting Hotel Park Tucson, 7:30 p.m. Political activist, Mechan-Recall leader Ed Buck explains "How to Thrust A Grassroots Movement Into the Mainstream". Free to OP members and newcomers.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will be in concert presenting its third season's concert-"Spring Fever". The concert will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 560 B. Stone. Tickets are $4 in advance, $5 at the door. Tickets are available from any chorus member and at Antigone Books and Books Brothers.

Miss Gay Black Arizona pageant will be held at Durangos in Phoenix.

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6.	BANANA NUT BREAD	99	111	.471	44	859
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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner or Ribs 5 pm to 9 pm 5.50 and $4.50. DJ Jason from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 1 p.m. Brunch til 3 pm. "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers or Mimosas $1.50.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.25 daytime / $1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Country music, line dancing, Square dancing. Party with Big Mike and the gang.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 all day. Country Rainbow dance group 4 pm. Complimentary C/W Buffet 5:30. C/W Dancing 9-1, DJ Gil Leon.

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

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer $1.75 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Jeffy dj's starting at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. All White Well $1.00 and Jazz with Jeannie from 8 pm to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 "Designing Women" on TV 8:30-9 pm / 'Live' "Win, Lose or Draw" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IBT'S - 12 to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite $1.25.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks. 6:30-8:30 Howdy Cloggers. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday night drink specials. Devey DJs at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .75 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer $1.50, Well drinks $1.75. 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house $1.75. Jeffy DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Country music; Bud and Bud Lite $1.25. Drawing at 11 pm. (Must be present to win)

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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 - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 -.Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.50, Well drinks $1.75. DJ Jason 9:00 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special.Two for one 5-8. T-Squares dance and offer free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - Non-premium beers $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Nite .75 ($1.00 w/juice)

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Black & White Service Industries Night-Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price - Draft .50

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - $1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 4-7 pm non- premium beer $1.50/Well drinks $1.75; 8 pm to 1 am All Domestic Bottle Beer $1.75, Schnapps .75; DJ 9 to 1 Jeffy.

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5-8. Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudsersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 with Jason or Earvin entertaining at the piano.

GRADUATE - All Dark Well $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 6 with Big Mike, 4 - 8 Two for One. 9 pm to Midnight .50 draft beer. House Music night 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. Draft Beer .50, all Imported Beer $1.00 8 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite - dancing and dance lessons 9 - 1 DJ Gil Leon.

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

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.50, Well drinks $1.75. Steak or Ribs Dinner $5.00 4-8. DJ Jason 9 pm to 1.

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FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 with Jason or Earvin entertaining at the piano.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IBT'S - Come party with Kevin noon to 6 — 4 to 8 Two for One / Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fizdale.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. C/W dancing 9-1 DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30 pm. Progressive Friday: Well drinks $1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 4-7 pm $1.50, non-Premium Beer and $1.75 Well Drinks. Steak or Ribs Dinner 4 to 8 pm $5.00 DJ Jeffy 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8 to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d-Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Party with Kevin until 6. 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8 pm. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fizdale.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. DJ plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Hot Dogs. 8 to 1 Long Island Ice Tea $2.25. Dance with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

New York Appellate Court Refuses to Recognize Lesbian as a Parent

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has announced a recent New York Appellate Division ruling that a Lesbian who had parented a child with her ex-lover has no legal right to seek visitation after the couple split up. In a 3-1 opinion, the court held that a prior decision of New York's highest court, where a non-biological father lost his claim for visitation, bound them to rule against the Lesbian non-biological parent. A strong dissent to the court's ruling was filed by a fourth judge.

Lambda represents Alison D., who became involved in a romantic relationship with Virginia M. in 1977. The two women decided in 1980 that they wanted to raise children together. Virginia was inseminated with the sperm of an unknown donor, and gave birth to their son in July 1981. Three years later, Alison gave birth to a girl, whom they also intended to raise together. However, the couple separated shortly after the birth of their daughter.

Throughout the next four years, Alison had regular visitation with their son, which Virginia agreed to and encouraged. Alison took the child on vacations, to visits with his grandparents,s to school, to the doctor, and continued to care for his emotional and financial needs. In 1986, Virginia started to limit Alison's time with the child, finally cutting off visitation altogether in 1987. Though Virginia never attempted to maintain a relationship with their daughter after the break up, Alison had developed a close parental relationship with their son in the 6 1/2 years before Virginia refused further contact between them.

When negotiations for visitation failed, Lambda's Legal Director Paula Ettlebrick filed a petition for visitation in state court in Poughkeepsie, claiming that Alison is a parent under state law. After the trial court ruled that Alison was not a parent because she is not biologically related to the boy, Lambda took the case to the appellate court.

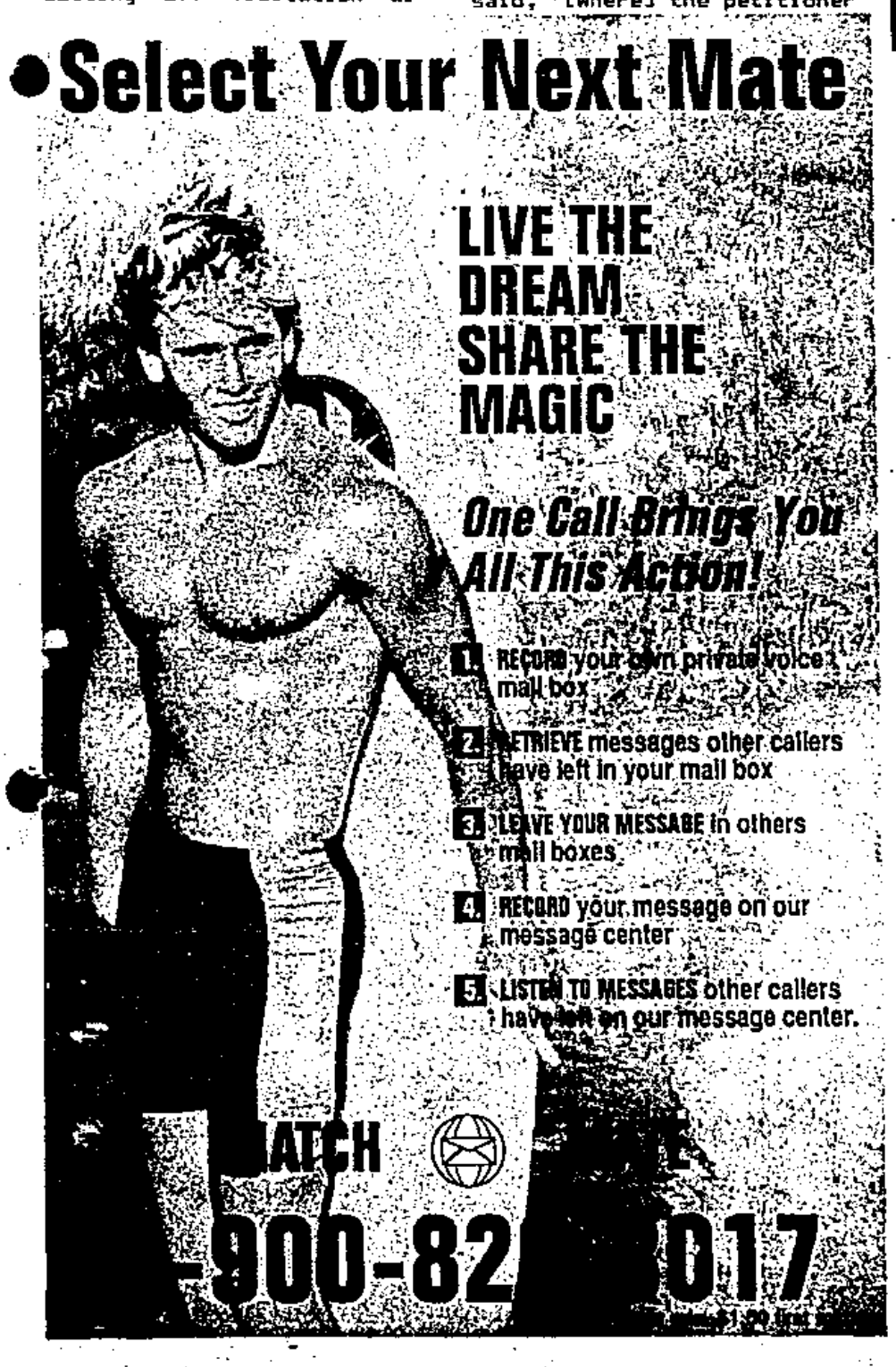
"This ruling is a tragic reminder to all Lesbian mothers, particularly those with no biological link with their children, of our vulnerability as parents in a world which refuses to validate our families," said Ettlebrick. "Though we know we are charting new legal territory with this case, I am amazed that the court never attempted to consider the child's well-being and interest in retaining contact with his other mother, but ruled coldly as a matter of law that if there s no biological relationship visitation is not allowed.

One judge of the four judge panel did attempt to look at the child's relationship with Alison, and wrote a stinging dissent. In it, she said, "[Where] the petitioner has alleged without dispute that she and the respondent lived together as a family unit, planned the respondent's pregnancy by artificial insemination, and agreed to participate equally in the support and rearing of the child as "co-parents", the petitioner has established that she possesses standing to seek visitation, despite the absence of a legal or biological relationship to the child."

The dissenting judge further wrote, "Clearly, a child's love for, and attachment to, a persons who has assumed the role of parent s no less merely because that person is snot biologically related to the child."

Lambda intends to seek an appeal to the Court of Appeals , New York's highest state court. Ettlebrick further stated, "This case is similar to the early Lesbian custody cases, which we, seemed to lose initially. We must keep pressing the courts and keep educating judges until they see that Lesbian families have every bit the same rights to be recognized by the law as other families."

Lambda is also co-counsel with the National Center for Lesbian Rights in a similar case in California. Briefs were filed in the California Court of Appeal on behalf of a Lesbian co-parent, though it will be many months before a decision will be handed down in that case.



17,000 NEW CASES OF AIDS REPORTED

GENEVA - Nearly 17,000 new cases of AIDS were registered in April, raising the number of victims reported worldwide to 254,078, the World Health Organization said.

In the report issued on May 4, Uganda told the U.N. agency last month that 12,444 AIDS had occurred by the end of December, compared with 7,375 in April 1989.

The new figures mean Uganda replaces its Central African neighbor Zaire as the second worst affected country worldwide. Zaire reported 11,732 cases by the end of January.

The United States reported 126,127 cases of the deadly disease, nearly half of the official international total and up 1,945 from March.

ENTRAPMENT VICTIMS SOUGHT

TUCSON - Any person who has been arrested or harassed and who feels he or she has been a victim of police entrapment is requested to contact Attorney Robert Hirsh, 884-9630. Hirsh, an excellent attorney with a good reputation as a defense lawyer for civil rights cases would like your help in identifying other lawyers who are working on these entrapment cases in the hopes of being able to work together and question the legality of the police actions.

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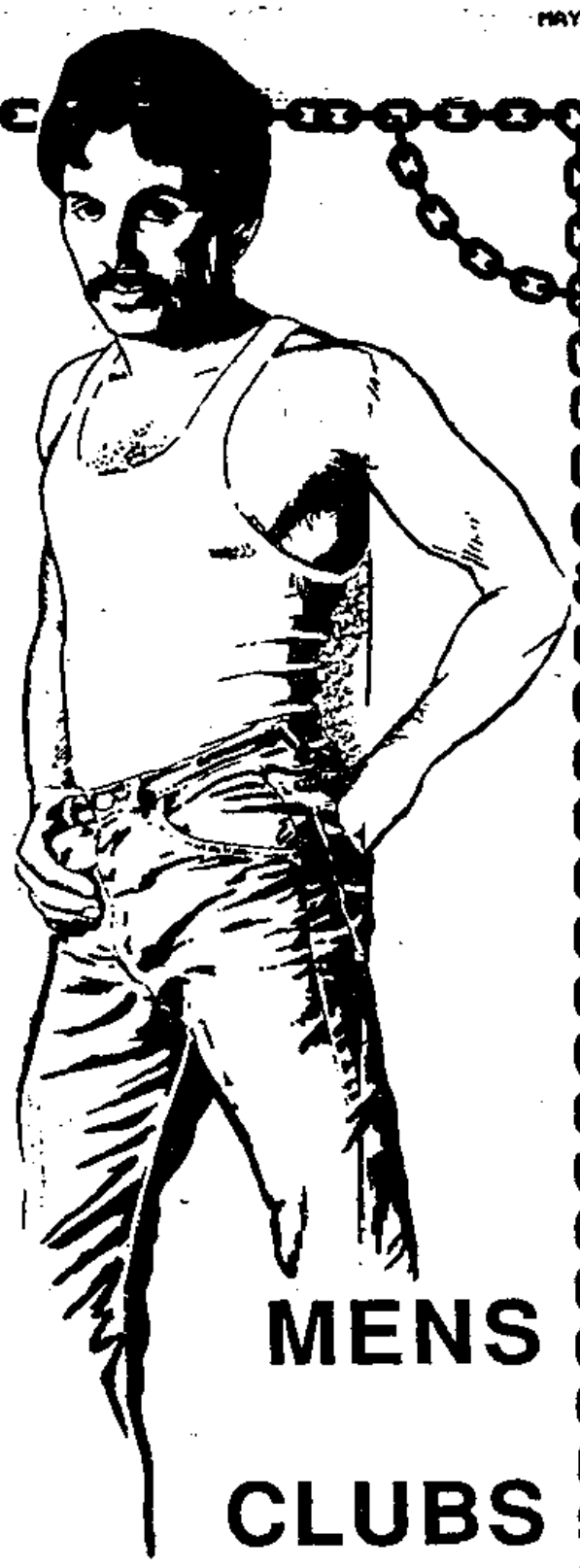

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Gays And Lesbians In The Newsroom

At the recent general meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, DC, Gay and Lesbian journalists "came out"--both literally and figuratively.

At this meeting a paper titled "Gays and Lesbians in the Newsroom" was presented by Leroy Aarons, senior vice president for news at the Oakland (California) Tribune.

The paper included articles about Gay and Lesbian journalists, as well as the results from a nation-wide survey.

The 950 news professionals at the meeting were surprised not once but twice during the presentation: First with the results of the survey indicating a large number of Gays and Lesbians gainfully employed by daily newspapers across the nation; and second, when Aarons stunned the gathered audience by publicly acknowledging his own homosexuality.

Although Aarons was openly Gay at his own newspaper, most members of ASNE did not know of his sexual orientation. Aarons was largely responsible for the survey which resulted in the "Gays in the Newsroom" paper.

The 85-page report is a tantalizing read for anyone interested in the status of Gays and Lesbians in professional careers across the nation. Compiled from the completed surveys returned by 205 people, the paper provides five major findings:

1. Although largely hospitable to Gays and Lesbians, most newspapers harbor an undercurrent of bias against them.

2. The nation's newspapers do not adequately cover issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians.

3. Editors, Gay and Lesbian staff members, often do not communicate properly with regards to Gay-themed stories.

4. Many Gay and Lesbian journalists are not "out" on the job.

5. Many Gay and Lesbian journalists are not aware of newsroom policies which have the potential of serious consequences for them.

Aside from survey results, the report features articles on various Gay-related issues including changes sought at the Washington Post newspaper, a controversial memo and its after-effects for the Contra Costa (California) Times, and general comments about Gay and Lesbian journalists from their editors.

Other topics include the "coming out" dilemma, problems unique to Black Gays and Lesbians, and tips for better Gay-related press coverage.

Copes of the report are available from ASNE for $3.95. Checks should be sent to: P.O. Box 17004 Washington, DC 20041.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

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To Scott and Jay, I love you! Thank you for putting up with me for the lat few months. I'm truly surprised that you haven't killed me yet. Oh yeah, Peuuuu! You stinky, ugly drag queens. Thanks for stretching my shoes for me.

To the Gay community of Tucson, thank you for your support during my campaign for the pageant. Granted, I've only been doing impersonations for 1 year, but I've come a long way and t's all because of you! I'm running in the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant next year, so be ready. I'm going to give you all I've got to give.

Oh yeah to "Bitch & Stitch", get it girls, you are flawless! Those months of hard work and long hours paid off. Love to all

Lucinda

P.S. Hey Poop, what's that crap you're wearing?

EDITOR -

I would like to congratulate TLGA for a fantastic and together production this past weekend. I was proud to perform and be a part of it.

I especially would like to congratulate Freddie and Kimberly for their victory and crowning as "Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen 1990". I am eagerly looking forward to working with you both in the future.

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Miss Gay Tucson 1990

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 P.M. Weeknights 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Womyn's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings rotate Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

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G.A.P.A. - Gay Asians Pacific Alliance is forming a new social, educational, political and cultural group in Tucson. Call 991-4582.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3332.

P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-7808 for more info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

COUPLES OF TUCSON is a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberta 795-4517 or Sam and Ron 886-0149

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WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. $1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't).

CRONIES: GAY MEN 40 PLUS. BE ACTIVE. JOIN US IN socials, theater, music, dinners, outdoor activities exploring Arizona, physical fitness plus other new interests yet to encounter. Also meet new and active friends. 323-1661 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. 7 p.m. P.A.C.T. office 3833 E. 2nd Street.

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 3833 E. 2nd Street.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

"IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV+/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

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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 office.

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