



## Arizona Committee for Progress Endorses Volgy for Congress



TOM VOLGY

PHOENIX, AZ--The Arizona Committee for Progress has officially endorsed Mayor of Tucson Tom Volgy in the Democratic Primary for U.S. Congress District 2. Volgy is running for the Congressional seat recently vacated by Mo Udall.

The Arizona Committee for Progress is a state-wide Political Action Committee that exists to end discrimination based on sexual orientation by working for the election of pro-human rights candidates to public office.

"Tom Volgy is the only candidate who has been a consistent voice for our community and has a strong record on Human Rights issues," said David Blais of the Arizona Committee for Progress. "We encourage everyone in the Lesbian & Gay community to give Tom Volgy their full support."

Tom Volgy as Mayor of Tucson helped preserve the city's Human Rights ordinance which included sexual orientation and issued an anti-discrimination proclamation dealing with Lesbian and Gay issues that he read at Tucson Gay Pride in June. Volgy has also recently asked the Tucson City Council to enact a Hate Crimes Act.

In Congress Volgy has agreed to become a co-sponsor of the Federal Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights Bill and will work for increased funding for AIDS prevention, research, and treatment programs. One of Volgy's priorities will be the creation of a Comprehensive National Health, Insurance plan that includes coverage of HIV positivity, ARC and AIDS.

Tom Volgy is Pro-Choice and a member of the Arizona Political Women's Caucus.

The Arizona Committee for Progress takes no position on the Republican primary.

The Congressional District 2 primary election will be held Tuesday, August 13th.

For more information or to volunteer for Tom Volgy call 252-9449 in Phoenix or 795-1833 in Tucson.

For more information on the Arizona Committee for Progress call David at 252-1343 or write AOP, P.O. Box 40374, Phoenix, Arizona, 85067.

## Appeals Court Nominee anti-Gay, anti-Abortion and pro-Censorship

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Some groups are concerned that a judge nominated to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals once tried to ban a book he dubbed "homosexual recruitment literature". The groups are also watching President Bush's nomination of Judge Andrew Kleinfeld of Alaska because he fought against abortion.

Kleinfeld, 46, named by President Ronald Reagan to the federal District Court bench in 1986, was nominated by Bush in May for the only vacancy on the 28-member appeals court that covers nine Western states. The court, the nation's largest federal circuit, is closely divided between liberals and conservatives.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing in Washington on Friday on Kleinfeld and could take a vote at a later session before the Aug. 5 congressional recess. The nomination requires Senate confirmation.

Kleinfeld has no organized opposition, but his modest rating by the American Bar Association and some of his past actions as a lawyer have prompted groups like People for the American Way and the Alliance for Justice to start looking into his record.

A majority of the ABA's judicial screening committee that considered the current nomination rated Kleinfeld "qualified", the lower of its two passing grades. A minority rated him "not qualified". The vote breakdown was not announced.

Kleinfeld was a member of the National Right-To-Life Committee and its Alaska chapter but resigned before his 1986 judicial appointment. The appointment was opposed by the National Organization for Women.

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## AGRA to Hold Nighttime Rodeo

PHOENIX - AGRA will be hosting the first night time rodeo in the IGRA circuit. The Saguaro Regional Unit Rode I & II will be held August 16, 17, 18, 1991 in Phoenix, Arizona. A unit rodeo is a little bit different than the annual rodeo held in January - there is only one go around of events (except one camp event) and they are held in two days.

On the first day the events to be held are bareback bronc, steer decorating, chute dogging, goat dressing, steer riding, wild drag race and bull riding. On the second day the events to be held are team roping, barrel racing, calf roping on foot, wild drag race, pole bending, breakaway calf roping and flag race.

There will be a champion cowgirl and a champion cowboy for each day. For persons wishing to enter any of these events, registration will take place on Friday, August 16, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for events to be held on Friday evening. The same hours August 17, for events to be held on Saturday evening.

Remember you have to be a member of an IGRA Rodeo Association to enter as this is an IGRA sanctioned rodeo. Your points will apply for the finals rodeo to be held in October, 1991. For more information on contestant registration please contact AGRA rodeo secretary Ron

Trusley (602) 279-4991.

There will be dancing and entertainment and a full service bar with vendor booths inside the dance hall. The gates will open at 2:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$7.50 each day. The Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday, August 18, at a Sunday Brunch starting at 11:00 a.m.

The rodeo will take place at the Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds, S.E. corner of 29th Ave. & Baseline Rd., in Phoenix.

Special rates have been set-up at the Holiday Inn Park Central, 3600 N. 2nd Ave., (602) 248-0222. Rates are \$35.00 per night, 1-4 people. Also at the Days Inn, 502 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, (602) 264-9290. Rates are \$35.00 per night, 1-4 people. To get this special rate please mention the AGRA Rodeo Association.

On Sunday, August 11, there will be a sign-up for volunteers to work the rodeo. If interested, please be at Charlie's at 6:00 p.m.

If any further information is needed about the Saguaro Regional Unit Rodeo please call (602) 265-0618. Make your plans to attend the first nighttime IGRA sanctioned rodeo and you will have an evening experience.

## ACLU Seeks to Overturn Kentucky Sodomy Law Religious Organizations join effort

NEW YORK, N.Y.--Seeking to rebut Kentucky's argument that its consensual sodomy statute is justified by Judeo-Christian tradition and "public morals," the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Kentucky have filed a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of 15 religious organizations in a case challenging the statute.

The brief, prepared by the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, was filed with the Kentucky Supreme Court in the case *Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Jeffrey Wasson*. This case began in 1986 when Wasson allegedly invited an undercover officer in Lexington, KY to his home to have sex. Wasson was arrested and charged with criminal solicitation.

Ruth E. Harlow, staff counsel for the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, said the case is "at the forefront of national efforts to win rights for lesbians and gay men."

"In the past few years, courts in several states, including Michigan and Texas, have overturned state sodomy

statutes, but too many of these laws are still in force," she said. "Lesbians and Gay men cannot fully win our rights until our sexual lives are decriminalized. These religious groups are making a powerful statement that destroys the morality-based justification for such invidious laws."

Among the ten local congregations and the five national organizations joining the brief were the American Friends Service Committee, the American Jewish Committee, the Office of Church in Society of the United Church of Christ, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Central Presbyterian Church of Louisville.

Previously, trial and appellate courts in this case have ruled that Kentucky's consensual sodomy law is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy and a violation of Wasson's right to equal protection of the laws under the Kentucky constitution.

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# UPDATE

## AGRA/Tucson grows

TUCSON - "Our local chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is growing by leaps and bounds," according to Michael Butrynnoticz, one of the three Tucson organizers - the other two are Bill Darnell and Mark Miller. They say we should be having our first joint rodeo effort in the spring of 1992. "This is a great step forward for the Tucson Gay community," said Darnell.

There will be no home bar for AGRA/Tucson and the meetings will rotate from bar to bar. The next meeting will be this Sunday, August 4 at Hours, 3455 E. Grant beginning at 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone.

AGRA/Tucson wishes to assist in and support the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community, its clubs and organizations.

A general meeting will be held on Sunday, August 11 at Charlie's in Phoenix at 5:00 p.m. Again everyone is welcome to attend.

## Liberal group faults Thomas' record

WASHINGTON, DC - A liberal advocacy group urged the Senate to reject Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court, charging that the federal judge, if confirmed, would impose his personal views on constitutional issues.

The Alliance for Justice, which helped spearhead the 1987 defeat of Robert Bork's nomination to the high court, said Thomas disregarded civil rights law when he chaired the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Thomas' writings and eight-year tenure at the EEOC "suggest he will fail to carry out his constitutional obligations," said Nan Aron, the group's director.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

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## Navratilova says her lover set her up

ATLANTA, GA (AP) - Martina Navratilova took time out from Team Tennis last week to talk with Barbara Walters on ABC's "20-20" television program telecast last Friday, July 26, about her breakup and legal problems with ex-lover Judy Nelson.

Martina told Walters she believe Nelson when she said she loved Martina - and the tennis star still loves Nelson. But Nelson has kicked Martina out of her very own Aspen house - and changed the locks. Between tours, Martina has to live in a room in her assistant's house.

In fact, Martina told Walters she now believes she was set up by Nelson, who she learned has been taping conversations and saving papers over the years.

Martina says if she and Nelson parted, Nelson would get \$30,000 a year for every year of their business partnership, but Martina said she's been a tennis pro for 18 years - and no way would she give half those earnings away.

She notes that when Nelson got a divorce to be with Martina, she didn't fight for custody of her children because she feared publicity. "If (now) she's ignoring publicity for money, it's pretty sad, isn't it?"

## Designer reveals boyhood torture

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) - One year ago, Yves Saint Laurent was in a French hospital bed, suffering from nervous exhaustion. Rumors about the world famous designer's health have wafted through the fashion community for years - AIDS was mentioned during his hospitalization but sharply denied.

Last week, 54-year-old Saint Laurent came out of seclusion, after suffering what he called "two consecutive bouts of depression," blaming his psychological frailty and nervousness on the cruelty he endured at school in Oran, Algeria.

In the French newspaper, "Le Figaro", Saint Laurent talked candidly for the first time about his tormented past, saying: "I didn't have what it needed to be a boy. I was not as others boys were, you understand. I did not conform. My homosexuality, no doubt. My classmates could see I was not similar. So they made me their scapegoat.

"I was sick every day when I had to go to school. It was psychological torture," he added.

## In Memoriam

RONALD D. TEMPLETON  
April 6, 1951 - July 25, 1991

Ronnie (RT) passed away quietly last Thursday at his home in Phoenix. He had been suffering from the ravages of cancer as well as complications from AIDS.

He will be remembered best in the Community for his kindness to all who were in need and his support of the local clubs and organizations. He had owned the Graduate bar in Tucson since 1981, and even though he moved his residence to Phoenix, he never lost touch with his 'hometown' of Tucson. The Graduate continued to enrich the organizational bank accounts through the many benefits that were held there including his generous personal donations. It has been estimated that well over \$100,000 has been raised through the efforts of the Graduate.

Last year, at the Pride Picnic, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance presented Ronnie with it's first Humanitarian Award in the name of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Community; a plaque thanking him for his unfailing support to the community he loved so much.

A memorial service will be held at the Graduate, this Saturday, August 3 at 4:00 p.m.

In Phoenix, donations may be made to the Shanti Group, 1314 E. McDowell, Phoenix 85006 or the AGAPE Network, 3425 E. Mountain View, Phoenix 85006. In Tucson donations may be made to the Shanti Foundation, 602 N. 4th Ave., Tucson 85705 or P.A.C.T., 2579 N. 1st Ave., Tucson 85705.

## Quilt comes to Phoenix Sept. 27-29

PHOENIX, AZ--A piece of American History will be taking part in Phoenix, on September 27th thru 29th. at the Phoenix Civic Plaza.

The Phoenix Chapter NAMES Project will be hosting the return of the "Common Threads AIDS Memorial Quilt."

This three day event will take place with 2,000 panels on display. Each panel is a piece of Art made with Love. Out of the tragedy of illness, a display of compassion has been created.

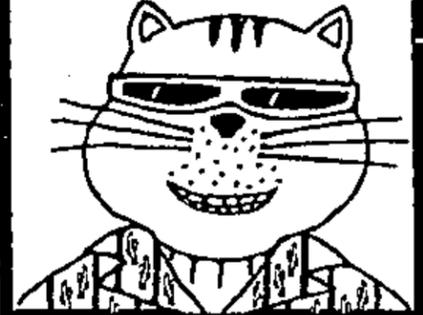
The only vaccine we have for AIDS is through education. Cloth, as the medium, has become the canvas used to create a message and to bring people together for a unified cause. Names spelled out in glitter and other forms, names representing real people from Baby Jessica to Rock Hudson or maybe your neighbor next door. Names that will forever be etched in your mind with feelings shared through this unique creation. Names you will recognize, others you will not. But, each panel tells someone's very special story.

There will be no charge for this display and will be open to the general public. Donation jars will be at this display to help raise funds for the following AIDS service organizations: Arizona AIDS Project, Tucson AIDS Project, Campa/Malta Center, VIDA Volunteer in Direct Aids, Tucson Shanti Group, and PACT (People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson). 100% of all funds raised in these donation jars will stay locally to support these organizations to continue their fine work.



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## Court Nominee

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According to a transcript of his 1986 Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing, quoted by The Recorder legal newspaper, Kleinfeld was not asked about his membership but said he had advised an Anchorage lawyer working for an anti-abortion group. I was honored to be offered the opportunity to offer my counsel to Right-to-Life when their First Amendment rights were threatened," he said.

He also discussed his involvement in a 1984 effort to remove a book about homosexuality from a public school library in Fairbanks. The book was called "A Way of Love, A Way of Life - A Young Person's Introduction on What It Means to be Gay".

After being approached by a group of parents, Kleinfeld wrote a memo to the local school board urging the book's removal. The Recorder quoted the memo as criticizing the 1979 book for failing to discuss the dangers of AIDS, a disease that was not discovered until 1981.

Kleinfeld's memo also said it was "an insult to the religious, the sexually conservative and the sexually protective parents of this community to impose homosexual recruitment literature on the school libraries."

A New York native and Harvard Law School honors graduate, Kleinfeld practiced law in Fairbanks for 15 years before his judicial appointment, was president of the Alaska State Bar in 1982-83 and was active in Republican politics.

Neither the Alliance for Justice nor People for the American Way, two of the most influential liberal groups that lobby on judicial nominations, has taken a position yet on Kleinfeld. But George Kassouf, head of judicial evaluation for the Alliance for Justice, said Kleinfeld's record "gives us enough concern" to begin a thorough investigation.

"This is a very significant court and a nomination that raises some questions," said John Gomperts, legislative Director of People for the American Way.

Thomas Jipping, director of the conservative Free Congress Foundation for Law and Democracy, said Kleinfeld would make a "first rate addition to the court."

## Master Sergeant

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what we do, as soldiers."

He said that gay service people occasionally try to use their sexual orientation to receive special treatment from superiors who also are gay. Those acts slow progress toward acceptance, he said.

On the other hand, Fisher said that some of "the absolutely best soldiers" he worked with during his career were gay and lesbian.

He cited several challenges to military discipline for sexual orientation that are now in the courts and referred to a recently disclosed Pentagon memorandum that declares homosexuality "a valid lifestyle" and notes that the military needs to distinguish more between sexual orientation and actual conduct while on duty.

## Kentucky Sodomy

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The brief emphasizes that religious organizations are no longer united in their thinking about homosexuality. The brief shows that the state's religion-based justification for its sodomy statute "crumbles upon analysis because a diverse array of Judeo-Christian bodies have embraced the rights of Gay men and Lesbians and/or explicitly rejected the criminalization approach to same-sex sexual expression."

In addition, the brief argues that such a religion-based justification violates the establishment clauses of both the State and Federal constitutions.

The brief further points out that most major religious organizations, even if they believe homosexual sexual expression to be immoral, strongly believe that criminal punishment for such conduct is improper.

"If any moral consensus exists today, it is that government should not intrude upon the consensual, private sexual conduct of adults," the brief says.

The ACLU national project also helped prepare a friend-of-the-court brief filed in this case by the American Public Health Association and Kentucky AIDS organizations. Kentucky has also attempted to use AIDS as yet another justification for its centuries-old law.

## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS ETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

EDITOR:

This letter is written simply to thank the author of the July 3, 1991 commentary from the Cornerstone Fellowship. The message had a great impact on me. It is helping me with my spiritual struggle. Gratefully

Paul Wine - Tucson

{ED NOTE: It is with deep regret that I publish the following letter. Chuck has been writing his weekly column, "Roaming Around With Chuck" for a little over a year and has made many friends through his column. He also has been volunteering many hours a week at the Shanti Office. We wish Chuck well and our prayers are with him.}

Dear Bob,

Yesterday (July 11) I finally got the word on a series of tests I have been taking at University Hospital. I have cancer of the pancreas which, if I do nothing, gives me 3 to 6 months. But, I will be undergoing a procedure next week that, with luck, will give me possibly 12 to 18 months.

At this time I have not been able to concentrate on writing an article and I feel I must drop the column for now as I get my life in order. I am sorry as I enjoyed doing the column, but perhaps later, I will feel up to submitting an article now and then.

I just want to thank you, Bob, for being a part of the OBSERVER and hope my articles were of some help or assistance to your readers. I wish you continued success and am thankful you and the OBSERVER are around to get information out to our community that we would not have otherwise.

Thanks again for letting me be a part of it. Love ya

Chuck Clapp



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**What's Up Doc ???**



Webster's New World Dictionary defines "friendly - 1. like a friend; kindly, 2. not hostile; amicable and 3. supporting; helping". This kind of suns up my feelings towards Ronnie T., who we lost last week during his sleep. Ron, over the years that I have known him, was always friendly towards me and everyone he came in touch with. He treated everyone equally and fairly, regardless of their race, color, sexual preference or financial status. He was one who would be first in line to help those in need, and shared with organizations in need.

Yes, he has left this earth and is probably looking over my shoulder while I'm writing this. He will surely be missed by more people than just those in the Tucson and Phoenix communities. There will be a memorial service at the Graduate this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. If the lights flicker during the wake, that will let everyone know he is keeping track of all of us.

Application's for this year's First Ladies Run are being distributed around town at this time. The run fee for the one day run is only \$12, but it does get you your food. Registration will begin at the President's Auction, Friday, August 23, at the Graduate. Details for the run will be passed out at the time of your registration.

This year, Tucson will be invaded by L.A.D.S. from Phoenix, to join on this run and the President's Auction. Let's all get out there and give them a warm Tucson welcome.

The President's are presently raffling off a CD radio and player. Jars are located in the bars at this time with tickets sold one for a dollar or 7 for \$5.00! Proceeds from this year's President's Auction will be donated to P.A.C.T. Donations for this auction can be given to any Club president or brought to the Graduate the night of the auction, Friday, Aug. 23.

Another run application I picked up this past weekend is one for DL's Mystery Run VI. This run, both in town and out of town, will be Sept. 20-22. Registration will be at their home bar, IBT's on Sept. 20. That is when this annual party begins. If you remember last year's Mystery Run, you might want to be watching the OBSERVER for clues again this year.

And, yes, I did get the TKO City of Rocks run applications on the bulletin board at the Graduate. And, yes, again a goof. The dates for this run (they have been corrected on the hanging applications) are Aug. 16-18. If you are planning on traveling to this run on Friday evening, again I remind you to arrive early because the gate to the park is locked up at 7 p.m.

So far I have not been able to find my map of New Mexico, but you get there via I-10, exiting at the exit to downtown, turn left at the light, going under the underpass, then follow the signs towards Silver City. A large CITY OF ROCKS sign will be on the right hand side of the road at your turn, then just follow the other signs.

One final run to report on at this time is TALL's Old Pueblo Run, held over the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 - Sept. 2. Applications for this run can also be found at the Graduate or from any TALL member. This will be an in-town run but with a couple of side trips someplace this year, I have no idea where.

Now that I've brought you up to date on all the local and upcoming runs, pick one, two or do them all. Each is different in sometimes strange ways, but always entertaining and worth the time and travel.

Rest in peace Ronnie, we shall miss you. This column is dedicated to his memory.

**A View From The Rock**

*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

As I sat on the shore of the lake, I noticed three different types of boats out on the water. I couldn't help but make the analogy between the boats and types of lives that we have. One of the boats was a rowboat. It was small and carried only two people, because it depended on the strength of just one person to row it. Also, it stayed very close to shore and didn't venture out into the rougher water.

There were also sailboats on the lake, and they carried more people because they had the wind to help them. I thought, however, that they were at the mercy of the wind, and only could move when the wind did, or if the wind got too strong, then the sailboat could be tossed about.

Then there were the motorboats, with their loud engines. At first, they bothered me because of their noise, but as I watched, I noticed that they didn't rely on the wind or human strength; that the power to move against the wind came from inside. They would make it to their destination despite the weakness of human strength or the fury of outside circumstances. The motorboats could also carry a larger load.

This is what a relationship with Jesus Christ is all about. It doesn't mean that a Christian never has problems, or never has a large load to carry; it just means that the power to accomplish the task comes from the inner power of the Lord in that Christian's life.

We all have trials in life, but as a Christian, I can face anything, because I KNOW that my Lord will see me through it. In the book of Ephesians it says that "He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us." Ephesians 3:20.

Are you tired of being a rowboat or a sailboat? Do you long to be a motorboat, able to face the rough waters of life on an inner strength? Please come and visit us at Cornerstone Fellowship. No one should have to face life on their own strength alone.



# Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

## Alice In Medical-land

I didn't have an operation on Monday. I was supposed to. I was actually in the hospital. They had my deposit check. All systems were go. Then, at the last minute, the doctors decided the operation probably wasn't necessary.

It was supposed to be minor surgery. I'm sure you've heard of minor surgery—that's when someone else has an operation. But it was my breast they were going to slice open, and it sure didn't seem minor to me.

Five weeks earlier I had had my first mammogram. It was bizarre. A technician with inch-long blood-red nails hoisted my breasts onto cold metal plates, then squished them in place and took x-rays. It didn't hurt, but it was weird.

The mammograms revealed that I had a suspicious lump in my right breast and an ambiguous lump in my left. I would probably need a biopsy, but first we would try ultrasound.

Ultrasound is even weirder than mammography. The technician covered my breasts with lotion, then explored them with a device that looked like a cross between a microphone and an electric razor. This device transmitted a pattern of shapes to a TV screen while lotion oozed into my armpits.

After a few days, I was told that my left breast was fine but that my right breast needed a biopsy. I was assured that there was only a 5% chance I had cancer, but that statistic didn't comfort me. We're taught that numbers always tell the truth, but what truth? The lump was already there. It was either benign or not. Lumps didn't give a shit about statistics.

My life became totally out of my control. I spent hours waiting in doctors' offices while other people made health recommendations for me based on x-rays I couldn't read. It's scary enough to leave a car at the mechanic's, but this was my body! And I had to make care choices based on my medical insurance rather than my own preferences. In an attempt to be a good medical consumer, when the surgery was set I called around to double-check on everything. I spoke to six different people and heard six different explanations of how much I'd have to pay. I'm still not sure.

Perhaps the most symbolic moment was in a doctor's waiting room. The results of one of my tests arrived in the mail, and

I asked to see them. "Oh no," the receptionist said. "The doctor has to see them first."

In an attempt to wrest some control over my life, I stopped going to Burger King for breakfast. I'm not sure that I believe in nutritional control of one's health since the experts disagree with one another on almost every point. But killing myself for sausage croissants just seemed...silly.

On and on my adventure went, with many delays. Sometimes I was sure I had cancer and other times I was sure I was fine. Luckily, I had tremendous support from my lover, my sister, and my friends, many of whom had been through biopsies themselves.

Still, I was tired of strangers touching my breasts, and I have the standard, human, overwhelming desire to remain intact. My nightmares, in which the doctors would remove a large chunk of my breast and the words "riddled with cancer" would echo around the room, were not comforting.

In the midst of this, I experienced something odd. I now felt more comfortable with those gay men who have never tested for HIV—or have tested negative but don't quite trust the results. The waiting. The wondering. The questions: What is happening to me? Am I okay? It was a relief to be worried about my body too! I guess it was a vacation from survivors' guilt.

Then came the day of the operation, and the radiologists decided that maybe the lump wasn't that big a deal in the first place. Maybe all I needed was to have a checkup mammogram in three months. Oh.

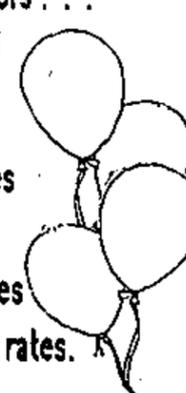
I went straight to Burger King.

Afterward, I asked my doctor, if I did have cancer, how much damage the three-month wait would do. "Excellent question," he said. "I wish I had an answer."

So what did I learn from this exhausting five weeks? Well, I'm glad that I have medical insurance. I'm glad I had the mammogram. Most importantly, I'm joyful and grateful for the loving people I have in my life. But what did I learn about the medical establishment? About my eventual mortality? About the meaning of life? In the words of a friend of mine: "Sometimes it just be's that way."

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# POLITICS '91

by Mark Kerr

**C.D. RACE**  
KAET-TV, Channel 8, the Public Television Station in Tempe, released their latest poll this past Monday, on the Congressional District 2 Race. Here is the results of that poll:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| TOM VOLGY     | 23% |
| ED PASTOR     | 20% |
| VIRGINIA YRUN | 12% |
| OTHERS        | 3%  |
| UNDECIDED     | 42% |

\* Sampling error of + or - 3%

The big winner in the latest poll is the candidacy of Virginia Yrun. As reported in this column, the change in her campaign management staff have made this a close three-way race. Yrun had the biggest gain with an 11% jump in the polls.

The big loser is once again, former Maricopa County Supervisor, Ed Pastor. With a reported \$260,000 raised for the race, he finds himself wired in second place, unable to gain on Tucson Mayor,

Tom Volgy, and is steadily losing ground to Virginia Yrun. This race, in this reporter's opinion, will be decided in the early morning hours.

The Arizona Committee for Progress, the statewide Lesbian and Gay political action committee, has endorsed Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy for the Democratic nomination in the Congressional District 2 race to replace Morris Udall. A.C.P. Chair, David Blais, stated that with Volgy's exemplary record concerning Lesbian and Gay issues as Mayor, would make him a valuable ally in the House of Representatives.

Last Thursday, prominent members of the Phoenix Lesbian and Gay community held a fundraiser Volgy. Over 100 people attended the party and over \$1,500 was raised. Volgy got the crowd going with his speech. The hosts of the fundraiser deemed it a huge success.

**PIMA COUNTY NEWS**

It was reported last week that Pima County Supervisor, Ed Moore, is contemplating switching parties. Moore, an ultra-conservative, and a staunch supporter of Evan Mecham, has stated that he does not feel in touch with the Democratic Party and will switch in the near future. Officials with the Pima County Democratic Party are overjoyed at Moore's decision. Officials with the Pima County Republican Party are not that enthusiastic to get the controversial Moore.

Until next time, take care.

## Bit of the Old South

This last Sunday there was a show for PACT produced by Ms. Margo Leigh. It was a total success. I wish to thank Lee Thompson for all he is and all he gives. Many of us in the community truly appreciate what he has done for the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community. Our hearts are with you, Lee, you are loved.

I wish to applaud Mr. Gary Clark for his cartoon on the front page of the OBSERVER last week. Just the thought of these people's total stupidity, ignorance and bigotry sickens me beyond belief. Like I said once before, "It's scary to think we help support through our taxes these people and their harassments and stupidity." When are these people going to wake up and smell the coffee. The victim in all this mess may have been hustling but did not attempt murder.

All I can say to those involved is - get a life. Thank you Gary for driving the point home. I look at this as just another form of Gay bashing through the legal system. When is enough?

We deserve the basic rights granted to heterosexuals. And HIV+ people deserve to be able to pursue happiness. Now don't get me wrong - If one breaks the law, one must abide. And if the law is wrong, or just a furthering of one group's moral code, then it is our duty to work for it's change.

Some things are worth fighting for. And our rights are one of them. Until then, our present system will continue to amaze me with their rather inconceivable idiocy. They just prove to the world around them that their head is not on their shoulder, but rather up their ....!

Till next week, Sean: 628-7816.

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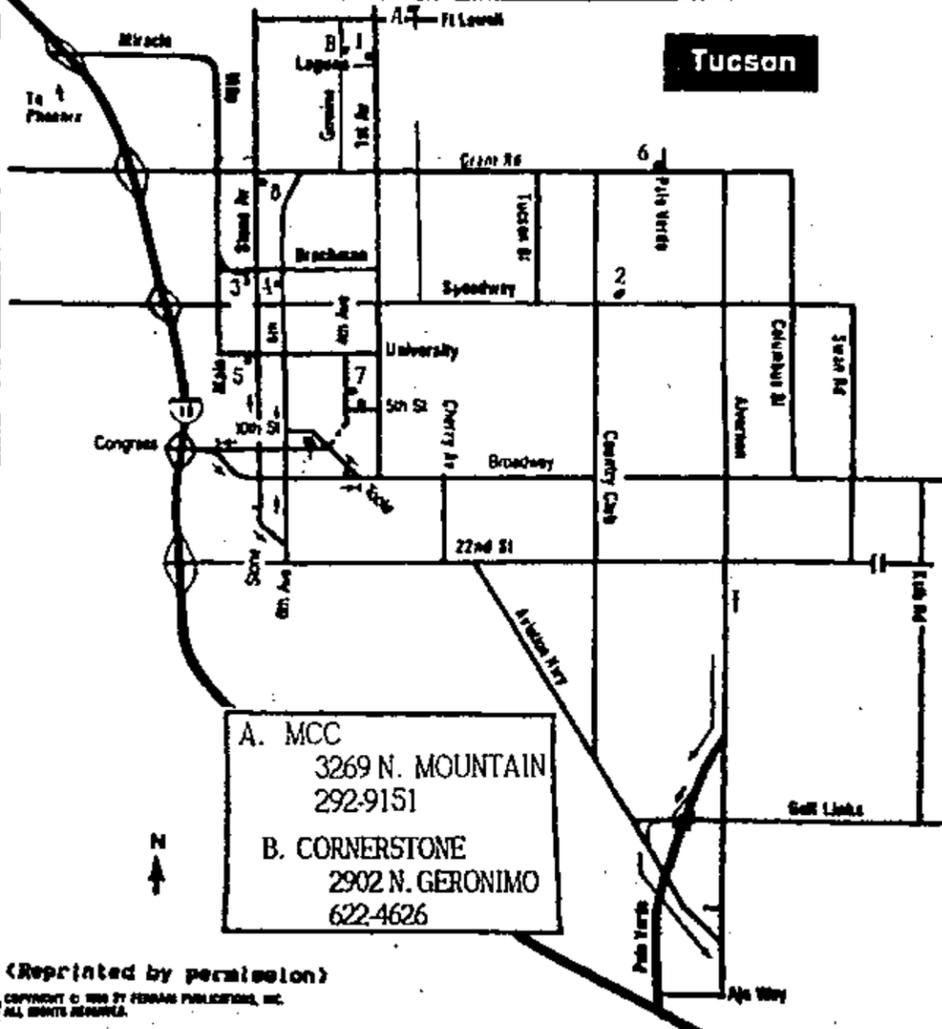
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|                     |                  | MAY           | JUNE        | JULY |            | MAY          | JUNE       | JULY          | MAY           | JUNE | JULY |
| APACHE              | 61,591           | 5             | 5           |      | 2          | 1            | 1          | 5             | 5             |      |      |
| COCHISE             | 97,624           | 13            | 13          |      | 6          | 7            | 7          | 40            | 40            |      |      |
| COCONINO            | 96,591           | 9             | 9           |      | 5          | 0            | 0          | 19            | 19            |      |      |
| GILA                | 40,216           | 4             | 4           |      | 3          | 0            | 0          | 3             | 4             |      |      |
| GRAHAM              | 26,554           | 3             | 4           |      | 1          | 0            | 2          | 2             | 2             |      |      |
| GREENLEE            | 8,008            | 1             | 1           |      | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0             | 0             |      |      |
| LA PAZ              | 13,844           | 3             | 3           |      | 2          | 0            | 0          | 6             | 6             |      |      |
| MARICOPA            | 2,122,101        | 1048          | 1077        |      | 617        | 317          | 318        | 1776          | 1811          |      |      |
| MOHAVE              | 93,497           | 13            | 13          |      | 5          | 0            | 0          | 26            | 26            |      |      |
| NAVAJO              | 77,658           | 4             | 4           |      | 2          | 0            | 0          | 1             | 1             |      |      |
| PIMA                | 666,880          | 262           | 267         |      | 138        | 53           | 56         | 525           | 531           |      |      |
| PINAL               | 116,379          | 11            | 11          |      | 9          | 3            | 3          | 23            | 24            |      |      |
| SANTA CRUZ          | 29,676           | 3             | 3           |      | 0          | 2            | 2          | 3             | 3             |      |      |
| YAVAPAI             | 107,714          | 14            | 14          |      | 7          | 0            | 0          | 26            | 26            |      |      |
| YUMA                | 106,895          | 17            | 19          |      | 10         | 4            | 4          | 58            | 60            |      |      |
| UNKNOWN             |                  | 2             | 2           |      | 1          | 1            | 1          | 234           | 233           |      |      |
| <b>TOTALS</b>       | <b>3,665,228</b> | <b>1442</b>   | <b>1449</b> |      | <b>808</b> | <b>390</b>   | <b>394</b> | <b>2747**</b> | <b>2791**</b> |      |      |

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# Pee-wee Herman Arrested

SARASOTA, FL (AP) - Children's television star Pee-wee Herman was arrested for exposing himself inside an adult theater, authorities said. The star of "Pee-wee's Playhouse", whose real name is Paul Reubens, was arrested last Friday night after undercover detectives raided the XIX South Trail Cinema in a sting operation, a Sarasota County sheriff's affidavit said.

Reubens was observed exposing himself and masturbating, and a detective arrested him in the lobby, the affidavit said. The theater is showing the movies "Nancy Nurse," "Turn Up The Heat," and "Tiger Shark". Reubens, 38, was charged with exposure of a sexual organ and was released from the county jail Friday night after posting \$219 bond. If convicted of the misdemeanor, Reubens could face up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine, said Lt. Bill Stookey, a Sarasota County sheriff's spokesperson.

"According to Reubens, the facts as stated by the vice squad were totally untrue and he never exposed himself or engaged in any other improper activities," his Los Angeles publicists Richard Grant & Associates, said in a statement.

"Paul's family and friends have

rallied to his support, along with hundreds of fans who have called his family with their words of support," the statement said.

Paul, who is emotionally devastated by the embarrassment of the situation, is currently in seclusion with friends and eagerly anticipating his complete vindication," the statement said.

Earlier, CBS announced it would drop the five remaining reruns of the Emmy-winning "Pee-wee's Playhouse", which had been canceled in April. "In light of the current circumstances, and until we know more, these episodes will not be presented on CBS," network spokeswoman Ann Morfogen said in a statement. Other children's programming will replace the shows.

Reubens, who makes his home in Studio City, California, grew up in Sarasota and his parents still live there. The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported on Monday, that as an 18-year-old in 1971, Reubens was arrested in Sarasota and charged with marijuana possession. A judge withheld a formal finding of guilt and placed him on two years' probation.

# Retired Master Sergeant Describes Gay Life in the Military

One day, the military will turn around and lead the vanguard for gay rights, retired Army Master Sgt. James Fisher predicted recently.

The military only reflects society's attitudes, it doesn't initiate them, Fisher said. As society moves more toward acceptance, the military will reflect that move as it has in the protection of rights for blacks and women.

Fisher, 45, spoke at the July 19 meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at the Hotel Park Tucson.

"So it's very important for gays and lesbians to keep working to bring the civilian community around," Fisher said.

In 1980, Fisher, while stationed in Munich, Germany, was brought up on charges after being spotted in a gay bar. The charges were that Fisher had been "association with known homosexuals," then a basis for discipline or even discharge without honor.

The case dragged on for two years, during which Fisher's security clearance was suspended. He spent his days at a menial desk job, his off-duty time cultivating a lasting gay relationship that continues today.

During the course of Fisher's hearings, Department of Defense policy changed, eliminating the "association with known homosexuals" rule and charges against Fisher were subsequently dropped.

"Six weeks later, I received a promotion in rank and a higher security classification than I had before," Fisher said. He reenlisted two more times without question and retired at 20 years of service.

Fisher, a native of Douglas, Arizona, was back for a visit. He lives in Germany where he teaches English to businesspersons.

Gay people in service don't want to be identified by their sexual preference, Fisher said. "We want to be judged on

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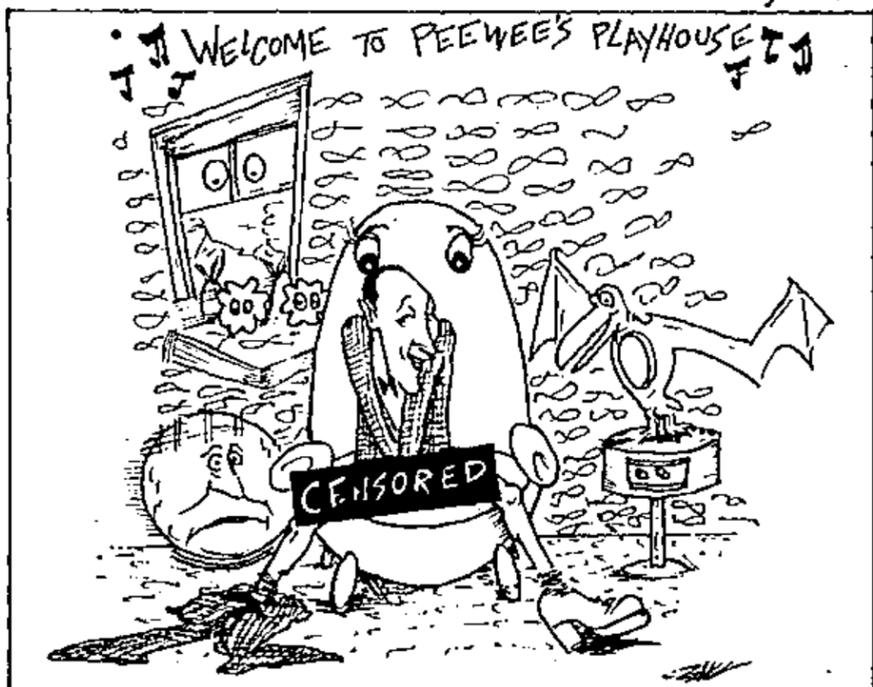


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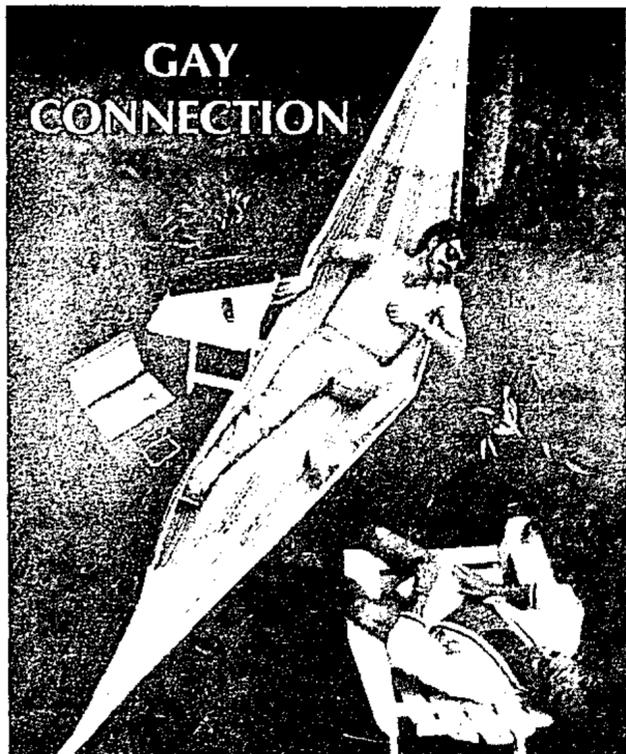
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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**BOOTS** - Candy Plastique Birthday Show with an all-star group including Aviva Diamond and Raven. Mark this down - Candy is one year older! Come on over and cheer her up! It starts at 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

**COLETTE'S** - Country/Western dancing here tonight. It's 'In' to 'boot scoot' so catch the wave and join 'em.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Paul, better known to her dear friends as Connie Lingue, will be celebrating her birthday here all evening. She'll be behind the bar serving and capping as only she can. Stop by and ting her. She deserves it!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

**COLETTE'S** - Country/Western dancing and partying. Join in on the fun and two-step your blues away.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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# CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this Non-Bar Activities Calendar, please contact Mr. Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday's paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until that event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 297-9151 in Tucson.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Black Triangle/Pink Triangle Productions presents a benefit poetry and prose reading for Virginia Yrun, Democratic candidate for Congressional District 2 at 7 p.m. at the Stillwell-Twigg House, 134 S. 5th Ave. (between Broadway and 12th St.) Readers will be Alison Dewing, Maria Jose Gades y Gorgon, Robert Kaplan, Nancy Mairs and Richard Shelton. Suggested donation \$5.00 (more if you can, less if you can't). All proceeds go to the Yrun campaign. Wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing scents or perfumes in deference to people with severe allergies or environmental illness. For more info call 624-9498.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

A new exercise program begins for PWAs. Easy and mild body movements with uplifting background music. At the Shanti office, 602 N. 4th Avenue at 11:00 a.m. Program Director is Lee Thompson and encourages PWAs to keep fit and take advantage of this new program. It's easy, mild, and fun at the same time.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Conies will hold their August meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Shanti Office, 602 N. 4th Avenue. Conies is a group of active men 40 plus, who are interested in meeting others in the same age group for dinners, theater, movies, travel, sports and companionship. Call 293-9692 for more info.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

The Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will have a meeting today at 4:00 p.m. on the patio at Hours. 3455 E. Grant. All members or prospective members are urged to attend and find out what's happening to this newly formed organization.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold their annual "After Pride Week Thank You Party" for those who helped in making Pride Week '91 one of the most successful ever. 1 to 7 p.m. at Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, 4210 N. Saranac. BYOB and swim suit. TLGA will supply the food, set-up and beer. By invitation.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

C.A.T. Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. All members are urged to attend this meeting as those members who have missed three meetings since January will be deleted as voting members of this year's Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

5th Anniversary of the Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffeehouse. Special music, guest artists, DJ at 9:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St., 8 to midnight. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Coffee and tea available. Bring your own beer, wine, munchies and favorite game. No hard liquor please. A great place to meet, dance, talk, play or just hang out!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association Pool Party and Pot Luck at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, 4210 North Saranac Drive from 1 to 5. Everyone is welcome - it's free. Meet new people, renew old friendships. Bring your swimsuit, your friends and favorite entree or side dish to share with others. OP will provide plates, napkins, eating utensils and soft drinks. Alcohol's o.k., but bring your own bottle and a designated driver.

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# CALENDAR

sunday

**BACK POCKET/ROSE TREE** - Open 3 pm. Steak Diners 4-8 pm with Bobby. Fleas for Fantasy Strippers show at 11 pm.

**COLETTE'S WEST** - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$1.00 entry. Brunch till 1. "Wine Down Site" \$1.00 wine 4 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials. 5 p.m. Pool Tournament. Double elimination, 32 entry, 60/40 split 1st & 2nd.

**GLADIATE** - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.

**BOOTS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Basic 7-1 and with your DJ Mark. Noon Ladies Specials 7-1.

**IBT'S** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m. on well and non-premier beer. 9 to 1 Trash Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**RUNNERS** - Open at noon. Drink specials.

monday

**BACK POCKET/ROSE TREE** - Open 3 pm. \$1.50 Domestic Beer till 8 pm. \$1.50 Draft with Schnapps 8 to close. Bobby Jr. DJ.

**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 a.m.

**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25, Draft .75

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**GLADIATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.

**BOOTS** - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premier Beer. Easy listening music. Bring liquor own tape for a drink special 6 pm to 1 a.m.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**RUNNERS** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Todd dj's at 9.

tuesday

**BACK POCKET/ROSE TREE** - Open 3 pm. \$1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Brown .50 draft 8 pm till close. Bobby Jr. DJ.

**COLETTE'S WEST** - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75. Lounge Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Burgers, sandwiches or Chicken-In-A-Basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Movie Site with cocktail hour prices all night long.

**GLADIATE** - .50 Draft open to close.

**BOOTS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.

**IBT'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.

Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**RUNNERS** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. TJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

**BACK POCKET/ROSE TREE** - Open 3 pm. Drink specials 3-8 pm. Fleas for Fantasy Strippers show at 11 pm.

**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.

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thursday

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**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Ray.

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saturday

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**PERSPECTIVE**

by **KEN FURTADO**

# Maricopa Health Department Tells Gay And Bisexual Men To Drop Dead

PHOENIX, AZ - Thursday, June 27, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors member Carole Carpenter held a meeting to discuss the disposition of remaining funds from the Community AIDS Council's recently cancelled contract. For the past two years, the CAC has been the recipient of a small federal grant to provide AIDS prevention/risk reduction programs to gay and bisexual men in Maricopa County. The meeting was attended by representations from CAC, Phoenix Shanti, ACT UP, the Arizona AIDS Project, the Phoenix Human Relations Committee, the County Health Department, and the Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard.

Most people attending believed that input from the meeting would determine how the remaining grant funds would be spent. Someone made a sardonic comment - probably not intended to be overheard - about virtues circling a fresh carcass, though by meeting's end it was clear that the CAC was far from moribund. The afternoon's first surprise was that the remaining funds had already been given away. As one audience member chided Carpenter, "so would you mind telling me what we're here for?" The answer turned out to be: to see Gay and Bisexual men in Maricopa County get fucked by the Health Department.

Consider the following facts, some of which emerged at the meeting:

1. Carol Maytum, who uses the title "Manager of AIDS Risk Reduction & Education Programs," is hired in January by the Maricopa County Health Department.
2. Maytum soon decides that the CAC's prevention program -- the Gay Men's Sex Project -- is not effective. (Her

statement at the meeting.)

3. Maytum organizes the Valley AIDS Prevention Coalition in January, in attempt to unify factions of the Gay community and also to respond better to the need for AIDS prevention (her statement).

4. Maytum initiates on Jan. 23, a series of letters and meetings with Bob Aronin of CAC in which she clearly and aggressively attempts to re-interpret and redefine their prevention program: one that was developed jointly by the CAC and the County Health Dept. (her letters to Aronin are a matter of public record)

5. In April, the CAC contract is terminated, with remaining funds to go to Maytum's coalition.

It is curious that:

1. Maytum did not invite the CAC to join her coalition.
2. Maytum was able to determine in a matter of days that the CAC/GMSP was not doing an effective job.
3. Maytum refused to name the person at the county who originally recommended that the contract be terminated.
4. Remaining grant funds were, in effect, given by the county to itself - to Maytum's own coalition, which does not meet the contracting requirements spelled out in the original RFP (request for proposals).
5. The key people involved in administering these remaining funds and executing the contract -- for gay and

bisexual men -- are not gay and bisexual men.

6. The new contractor-- the Valley AIDS Prevention Coalition-- intends to launch the same program that already exists and, despite Maytum's protestations to the contrary, works.

A recent study ("Comparison of the Results of a Standardized AIDS Prevention Program in Three Geographic Locations") scheduled for Fall publication in the Journal of Aids Prevention, attests to the CAC program's effectiveness. That study, whose Phoenix data was provided by the GMSP, states in part that "The most important finding from the present study is that the STOP AIDS discussion group format is effective in eliciting intention to reduce risk behavior related to HIV virus transmission, in the Orange County, Chicago and Phoenix subject populations. Previous research has demonstrated that intending to reduce risk as measured by the APT (AIDS Prevention Test) leads to actual reduced risk behavior."

Maytum, directly or indirectly abetted by her superiors, Mark Johannsson and Dr. Judith Hartner (Assistant Director of Public Health for the county), has perpetrated a deliberate injustice on the very group designed to benefit from the grant. She has not the understanding, insight, experience, or diplomacy to discharge her duties appropriately, and her superiors are remiss in their duties insofar as they fail to recognize that.

The County Health Department has created and fomented a chain of events

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## Enter the Twilight Zone

In case you missed it --and I would wonder how could have-- the Episcopal Church held its 70th General Convention in Phoenix earlier this month. Among the topics on its agenda were issues of race, sex --and sexual orientation.

And in a surprise development, representatives of the 2.4 million-member denomination voted to continue admitting practicing Gays and Lesbians into the priesthood and other leadership roles, and to continue blessing the unions of Gay and Lesbian couples.

The Episcopal Church is neither the first nor the only religious group grappling with the questions of sexuality and sexual orientation. One by one, religious groups --ranging from the Jews to the Catholics-- are rethinking the way they deal with homosexuality and homosexuals.

Although my personal view of organized religions does not hold them in high esteem, I do applaud the efforts of the congregations in opening their eyes, waking up to the realities that will take all of us into the 21st century.

And I ask you: Why do you think these changes are coming?

Do you think such dramatic reformations are a product of some "enlightenment" of the leaders of these religions? Do you believe some angel from above came

down and said, "Stop picking on the faggots and dykes!?" Do you possibly believe logic or reason have finally wormed their way into religious thinking?

No. These changes are the product of men and women --Gays and Lesbians-- finally standing up for their rights against the establishment. Brave men and women who risk everything they have and everything they are to expose their "secrets," to demonstrate that it is not THEY who are wrong, but their oppressors.

After years of battling the accepted policies, of complaining about injustice, of constantly demonstrating how Gays and Lesbians are just like "normal" people, the truth about sexual orientation has finally begun to replace the stereotypes, the bigotry, the prejudice in the eyes of the religious.

It has not been a pleasant or easy battle; but the rewards are beginning to pay off.

Isn't it time we ALL learn a lesson from the Episcopal Church and its brave members and refuse to accept any and all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation?

I say yes.

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**Q.** What causes homophobia and how does it get cured?

**A.** For the past couple of decades "homophobia" is a catchall word that has been used to describe any negative behavior, feeling, or attitude directed toward Gay and Lesbian individuals. It is not a true phobia, in a clinical sense, and in the opinion of many mental health care providers is a serious warning in that it would appear to identify the homosexual community as the source of the problem. Prejudice, bigotry and sexism are at work here far more than an actual fear of homosexuals. Homophobia is learned attitudes and behavior rather than a mental condition that requires treatment.

against and oppression of women, we do not speak of womanphobia, but of sexism. When we talk of prejudice against and oppression of African-Americans, we do not talk of African-American-phobia, but of racism. Heterosexism avoid the trap of continual dialogue on the 'pros' and 'cons' of homosexuality and concentrates on the real problem - discrimination and prejudice against Gay men and Lesbians."

The only possible change, for those who have such negative feelings about the homosexual community, comes about through a long process of "unlearning", and the reminder that the issues aren't founded in an "abnormal sexual preference", but in hatred, bigotry and lack of empathy for people who are different from themselves.

I would agree with Dr. Joseph Neisen, therapist and author at the Pride Institute in Minnesota, who proposes that this concept be renamed as "heterosexism". In the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy he writes, "There are a number of reasons why we need a change in focus from homophobia to heterosexism. Homophobia places the attention on us as Gays and Lesbians when it is heterosexuals who need the message most. Because the prefix homo- is generally accepted as a reference to homosexuals, the term homophobia incorrectly perpetuates the belief that there may be something intrinsically dreadful about homosexuality.

Heterosexism, on the other hand, identifies the true origin of the prejudice, forcing heterosexuals to confront their own bigotry. Heterosexism is also more consistent with the language of oppression. When we talk of prejudice

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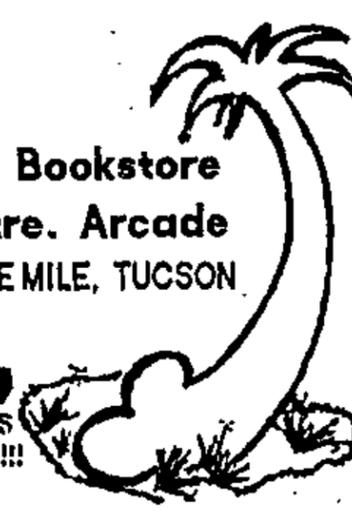
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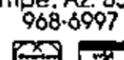
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**TAURUS**

Last week you lucked out. Your ravioli didn't explode - must have been the wine. What culinary delights will we cook up this week? You'll patch up a long standing feud this week, it could lead to a financial windfall. Any more strangers in your bed, lately?

**GEMINI**

Feel like everyone you've met lately is from the planet Zendar? Join the crowd! Why not just drive up to Flagstaff and get drunk with an Indian - same thing, right? Be more assertive in business dealings this week.

**CANCER**

A long distance phone call perks you up on the weekend. Catch up on the routine tasks. That ring you wear around your weenie needs to be changed - everyone in town has seen it. Have lunch Sunday on Mt. Lemmon.

**LEO**

Another local celebrity birthday is the 2nd - this time maybe a real party. You'd better get that new belt soon - another notch each night? You're seeing an old flame and a new one at the same time - my-my.

**VIRGO**

Higher profits are indicated. Did we finally meet that gentleman in the foothills? How do you always appear so squeaky clean (clean enough to eat off of)? Useful information comes from someone who works behind the scenes.

**LIBRA**

It's a good thing you didn't go back to Milwaukee last year, you could have ended up as a rump roast. Rely heavily on your invitation where romance is concerned. A career change is likely soon, as well as a move to a new state.

**SCORPIO**

Your catering expertise is known around the city as the "Best In The West" - is that why your nick name is whore in the hills? Your queen-bee attitude will get you far. Next time you cater a circumcision, don't serve cheese pate' -it's a grand faux pas.

**SAGITTARIUS**

A tender, loving response is what's needed now for those ruffled feathers or rather, boa, your lover wears. Control your erections -er I mean reactions, to one making you irritable on Friday.

**CAPRICORN**

A candid chat is in order with a loved one. Get that weight off your chest and I don't mean last night's trick. Career ambitions could conflict with your home life. Your life lately is like an old aluminum can. Check the Yellow Pages for recycling groups.

**AQUARIUS**

Oh what a tangled web we weave. Off to Phoenix with one love, just to hide out from a local love - certainly no weenie wacking wonderland for you. Your arrogant attitude will cause you problems at work and at home. Cool it dude!

**PISCES**

Steer clear of get rich quick schemes proposed by a casual friend. You're in an unpredictable mood this week, eager to seek excitement through new people and places. Have dinner at the Triple-T Truck Stop.

**News From MCC/Tucson**

by **Ben Cackis**

It is unfortunate that the word PREJUDICE had come into our language. In the dictionary, the first definition of the word is, "a judgment or opinion formed before hand or without thoughtful examination of the pertinent facts, issues or arguments; especially, an unfavorable, irrational opinion". This is the description of an attitude of mind that interferes with fair judgment. PREJUDICE is in existence because people are either uneducated or are without the basic facts to be taught correctly.

The greatest prejudices have been brought into existence by the blind and uneducated interpretation of the Bible. For example, the Bible was used as the ultimate authority by the Confederates to retain slavery during the Civil War of the United States. Since those specific Scriptures have been reviewed and studied and proved to be unwarranted, they can no longer be used.

The Bible today is used to condemn homosexuals. How many "preachers" have you heard proclaim, "Any God fearing persons will condemn what God has already condemned. Read your Bible! But read it the way I tell you how to read it."

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has now been in existence 23 years. In those 23 years there has been a change in all of the established churches regarding homosexu-

ality. Many of the churches are still condemning the homosexuals and at the same time, while trying to justify their position, accepting the homosexual into their worship. This is, indeed, a positive approach to the problem. It is going to take time to accept this new concept, some people will never accept it but, twenty years ago the question of homosexuality would never have been brought up except from the pulpit to damn and condemn the homosexual.

My Bible does not condemn, my Bible gives life and hope to everyone. God loves me even if no one else on Earth does. In John 3:16-17, we are given a promise that will not be broken. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." KJV

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## Perspective (Continued from page eleven)

designed to give it cause to cancel the CAC's contract. Failing in that, it invoked a 90-day termination clause, and declined to give a reason for its action. Then it turned the remaining funds over to its own hastily formed and poorly qualified coalition, which will spend the next six months preparing to implement the same program presently operated by the CAC -- one that is demonstrably effective and which the county itself helped to create. Meanwhile, Maricopa County will have no ongoing AIDS prevention/risk reduction program. The virus will be passed on. Needlessly. The public has been betrayed and defrauded by the very public officials pledged to serve them. People will die because of this decision.

Only someone completely misguided, both out of tune and out of touch with gay and bisexual men, could have the callous insensitivity and effrontery to so misuse the only precious and few dollars in Arizona that have ever been earmarked specifically for the one group that has been hardest hit by this unspeakable plague. Whatever the County's intentions, it will never be able to do this job right or well. What lesbians and heterosexuals think and feel about being a Gay man will never approximate that reality. And if their thoughts and feelings are taken as accurate reflectors of gay and bisexual male experience, then there will be further chaos and misunderstanding.

At the deepest levels of human exchange and communication, Gay men's solidarity is with other gay men. Who, then, can better help to bring about the kinds of behavior change that will stop up to 80% of the transmission of HIV? A recent editorial in the *Arizona Republic* criticizes homosexuals who champion Gay rights, smugly declaring "Gay" to be a euphemism, as the AIDS death toll mounts. In lofty moral tones, "homosexual activists" are advised to concentrate on their responsibilities, in the light of recent reports that rates of infection among Gay men are once again on the rise.

The use of the word "their" is particularly telling: the problem is ours (homosexual activists) and, apparently, so must be the solution. Considering that it took many years, many thousands of dollars, and finally, legislation just to get people to buckle their seat belts, secure their swimming pools, and strap their children securely into motor vehicles (should we mention smoking?), how can anyone glibly decry those who engage in high risk sexual behavior? How ironic, that Gay men are charged to take more responsibility for their behavior, and at the same time robbed of funding for the programs designed to do just that. The same kind of heterosexist bigotry and homophobic double standard proclaims Gays and Lesbians incapable of forming stable relationships, while denying them both legal and religious recognition of their relationships.

These days, AIDS is likely to be the most important and far-reaching issue affecting the lives of Gay men. It demands that they remain personally and actively committed to doing whatever is in their power to put an end to the epidemic. That the world at large would just as soon see them dead is almost beyond dispute. Consider this: will a full decade of AIDS behind us, neither the State of Arizona, the County of Maricopa, nor the City of Phoenix has yet to spend a single cent of its own money on AIDS Education, behavior change, or

risk reduction in what the *Arizona Republic* calls the "euphemistically termed Gay community." Given that about 80% of all HIV infection in Arizona is among Gay and Bisexual men, this is a legacy of neglect and indifference unequalled anywhere in the United States for a city or county the size of ours. Any instinct for self-preservation requires that we scrutinize the efforts and actions of public officials-- including those whom our votes can help to elect or not --in matters related to AIDS, and speak out against those who are content to watch us die.

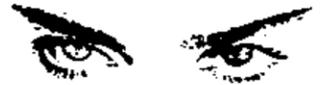
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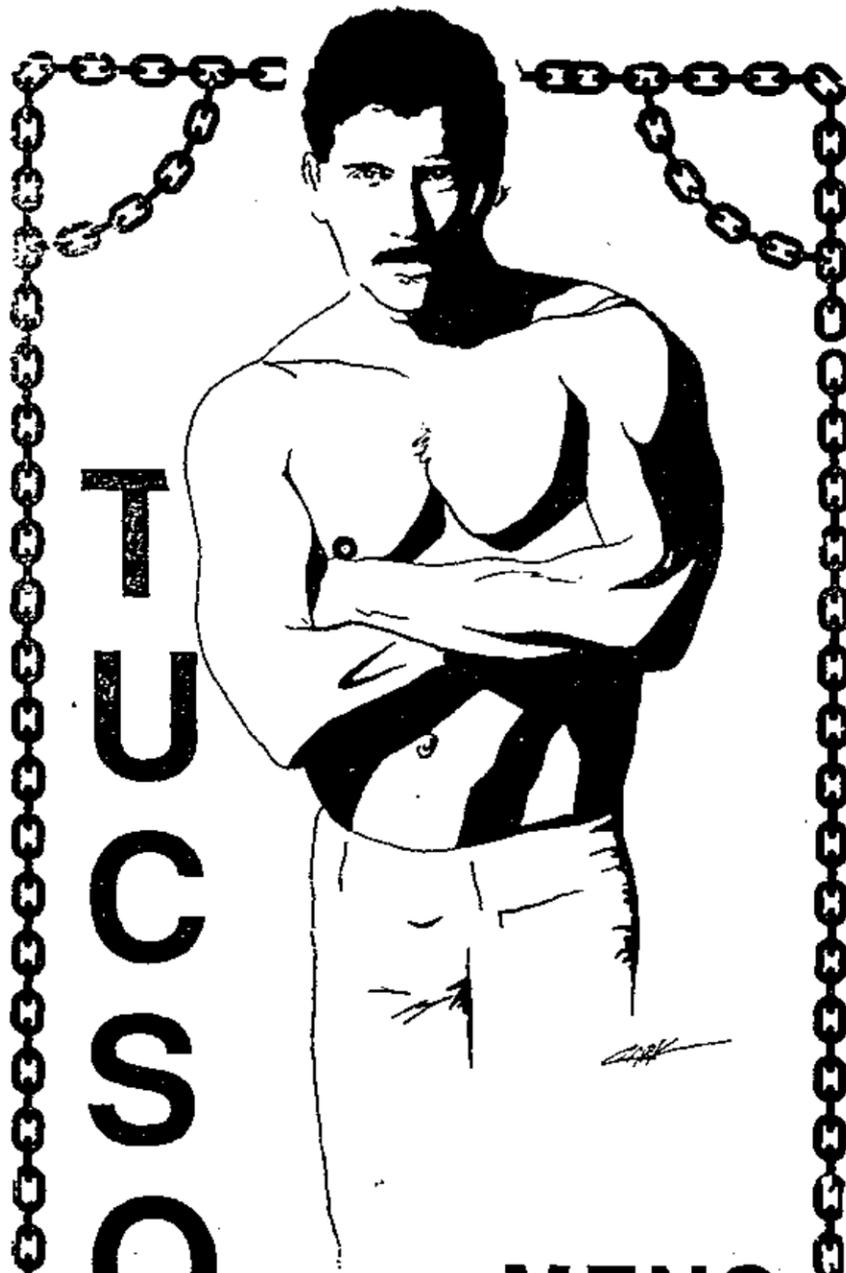
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**ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 862-3931.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. 624-9494

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**LICHEN BIKEING CLUB** for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Bike with other women. 795-3610.

**Arizona Gay Bodeo Association (AGBA)** is forming a Tucson chapter. First meeting will be on the patio at Hours, Sunday, July 21 at 4:00 p.m. interested? Be there or call 798-3528 for more info. 365

**BISEXUAL MEN IN RECOVERY** Support Group forming to explore ways to embrace and celebrate our sexuality. For information call 742-6650.

**WORKIN'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).

**GAY MEN 40 PLUS.** For active men who are interested in meeting others in the same age group for dinners, theater, movies, travel, sports and companionship. Call Bob at CROWIES, 293-9692 in Tucson.

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

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**GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?**  
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**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS.** Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center** offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP:** Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings 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.

**CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX** has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings every Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 240 N. Court.

**Notices**

**THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP** meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely. Mark it on your calendar

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs. For new summer hours or more information call Mitch at 326-3555.

**P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 N. 1st Avenue.** Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for 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. Call 375-8660 or write P.O. Box 15264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP** and interested in meeting other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 292-6440.

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**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP:** The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-1024 Tucson.

**OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)**  
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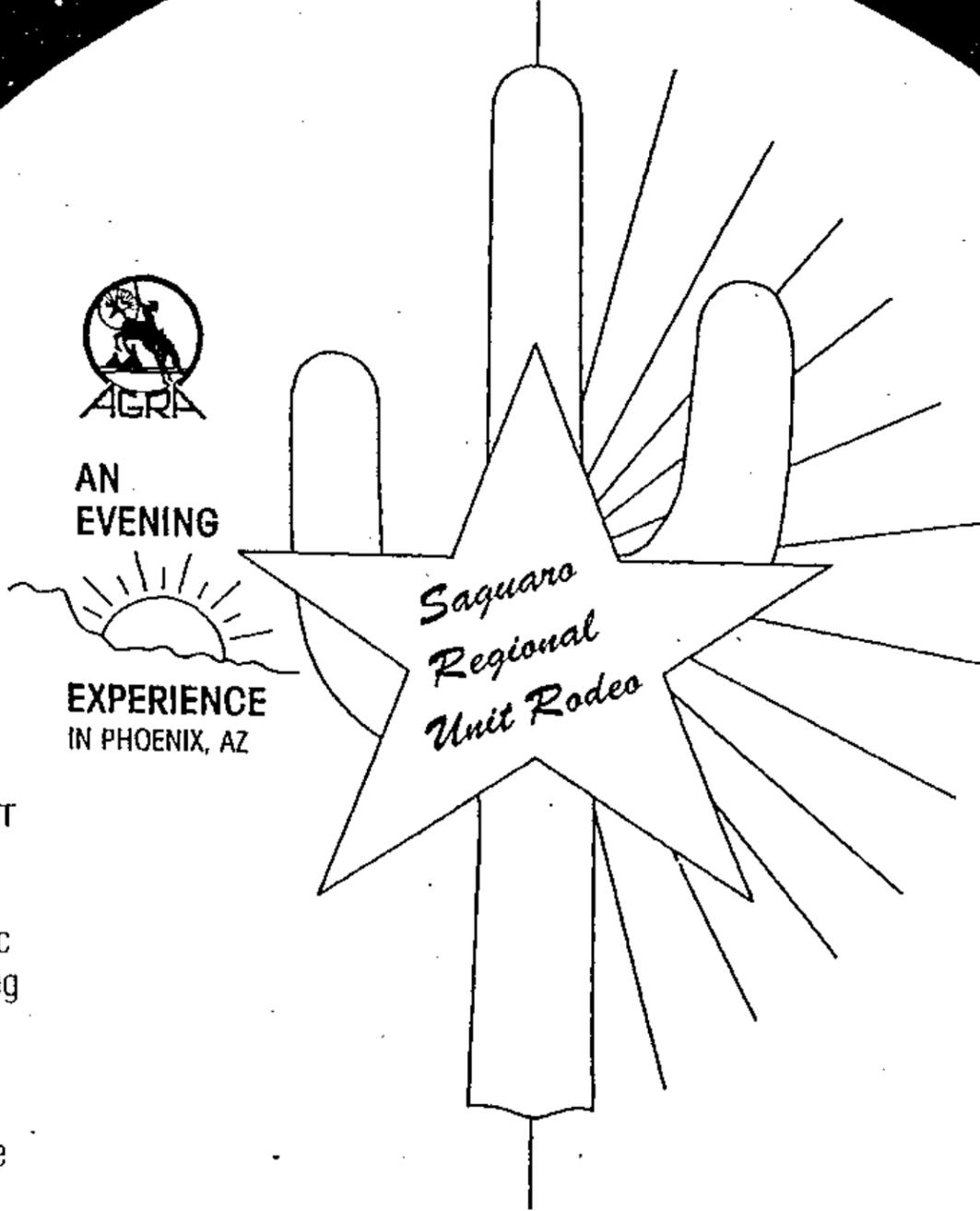
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