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TLGA Prepares for Pride Week '92
Logo Contest Underway
Seek Fiesta de Mayo Contestants

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has been meeting for the past few weeks planning for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1992 activities.

Leading up to the big weeklong event, scheduled for June 21 thru 28, will be a series of fund-raising events to finance the activities being scheduled. The picnic, June 21, is the most costly affair with Free Beer and soft drinks being dispensed throughout the afternoon.

The major fund-raising event continues to be Fiesta de Mayo which will be held at the Joshua Tree this year on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2-3. Candidates to run for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo are being sought. A change in this event this year has been announced. Candidates may run as couples or singly. The person or couple who raises the most amount of money is declared the winner and will preside over all Pride Week activities as well as other events throughout the year. Prospective candidates should apply at the next TLGA meeting, March 1, at the Joshua Tree beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's Pride Week is: "A Simple Matter Of Justice," a quote from Harvey Milk, the Gay San Francisco Supervisor who was murdered because of his Gayness. A contest is now being held for a logo for this year incorporating the 1992 theme. Artists and non-artists may submit entries by dropping them off at a TLGA meeting or by mailing them to TLGA, P.O., Box 57033, Tucson, AZ 85703. The winning entry will receive a $75 first prize and the artwork will appear in all advertising and on T-Shirts and other items that will be on sale during pride week. The committee would like to get the first shipment of T-Shirts on sale during the Fiesta de Mayo events, so the deadline for entries will be Sunday, April 12 at the TLGA Meeting.

HUD Ends Hold-up on AIDS Housing Money

WASHINGTON, DC - The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will free up $50 million in AIDS housing money that has been locked in the Department since October 1991, the AIDS Action Council has announced. HUD's action culminates a months-long face-off with AIDS activists over the department's foot-dragging in writing regulations for the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act. The action came on Feb. 10, the same day as a meeting between high-level HUD officials and AIDS Action Council, the AIDS National Interfaith Network (ANIN) and the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts.

"HUD Officials told us, 'Stop the letters and phone calls. You won,'" said AIDS Action Executive Director Daniel T. Bross. "This is great news for the many people with AIDS who call housing their biggest problem."

Robert Greenwald of AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts said, "People with AIDS have been frozen out of other HUD programs for years. Now we have a commitment from HUD not only to issue an "interim rule" by June 1st, but to continue meeting with us on the AIDS housing crisis. We are cautiously optimistic that we will continue to have productive contacts with HUD."

The "interim rule" which will be published in the Federal Register, will function as a request for proposals for housing programs. HUD has promised to turn around applications it receives within thirty days, and to start disbursing funds by Sept. 1992.

Ken South of ANIN said, "Our next step is to get money for this program restored in the FY 93 budget. The FY 93 budget proposed by the President eliminated all funding for AIDS housing. The AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, a component of the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act, passed in 1990. It aims to prevent homelessness among people with AIDS by supporting transitional and permanent community-based housing programs. HUD's stalling was reportedly due to its reluctance to set a precedent with a population-specific program.

At the Feb. 10 meeting, HUD officials also promised to be represented at national AIDS Housing meeting to take place on Feb. 28, sponsored by AIDS Action Council in Washington, DC.

AIDS Action Council, the only national organization devoted solely to lobbying on federal AIDS policy, was formed in 1983. AIDS Action Council represents more than 500 community-based AIDS service organizations from around the country.

Mass. Governor Creates Nation's First Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth

BOSTON - Massachusetts Governor William Weld signs an Executive Order creating a Gay Youth Commission. (l-r) Gov. Weld, Rep. Alvin Thompson, Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci. See separate story.

BOSTON, MA - Massachusetts Republican Gov. William Weld signed an executive order establishing the "Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth". Weld signed the order at a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House attended by over 100 people representing over 20 Gay and Lesbian organizations.

The Gay Youth Commission will advise Gov. Weld directly as well as three members of his cabinet on creation of programs to help Gay youth. The sixteen member commission will meet and make recommendations to the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Human Services and the Secretary of Communities and Development.

"Gov. Weld is the first governor in the United States to officially recognize the special needs of Gay youth and to take action to protect their lives," said David LaFontaine, lobbying director for the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, at the signing ceremony. The Coalition had attempted to pass a similar measure through the legislature in 1991 but the bill died at the end of the session. Coalition lobbyists drafted the executive order in consultation with the Weld administration.

"There is no greater tragedy than the loss of a young life to suicide," said Governor Weld at the ceremony. "We all know that the pressures on all youths are tremendous. The unfortunate reality is that nearly 30% of youth suicides are committed by Gay and Lesbian youth. Incidents of harassment, violence and discrimination against young people because of their sexual preference are all too common."

Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci announced that the commission, which will be appointed by the Governor within sixty days, would consist of at least: one high school student, one college student, one parent of a Gay person, one educator, and one mental health professional. Cellucci also said that the commission would utilize both public and private resources to advocate and provide support services for Gay and Lesbian youth.

"Gay adults in Massachusetts are fortunate to be protected by our 1989 Gay Civil Rights Law, but before today, Gay kids were on their own," said Andrew Held, a lobbyist for the Coalition. "The Commission will have an enormous impact on this virtually unrecognized population, because it sends two powerful messages: that Gay youth exist and that they have value."

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UPDATE

AGRA/Tucson Has Funds To Disburse

TUCSON - AGRA's Road Runner Regional Rodeo held in Phoenix in January netted just over $22,000 in profits to be donated to charity. Tucson's portion amounted to $2,205.87

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's Tucson Chapter is requesting all non-profit charities in Tucson to submit a request for funds from the RRRR profits.

Requirements to receive funds are as follows:

1. Must submit a copy of charity's 501-C-3 certificate.
2. A copy of charity's financial statement.
3. Financial statement should have been published in last 12 months.
4. 50-word description of charity's purpose and goals.
5. Request must be submitted by March 6, 1992. Mail request to AGRA-Tucson, 7272 E. Broadway #412, Tucson,AZ 85710.

All requests will be reviewed by AGRA-Tucson's Board of Directors. The general membership will approve the distribution of funds at AGRA-Tucson's general membership meeting on March 15, at 4:00 p.m.

One of AGRA's main purposes for producing rodeos is to raise needed funds for local charities. The Tucson chapter is honored to be giving away just over $2,200 in rodeo profits from the Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

Officers Elected by AGRA

TUCSON - An election was held at Club 2520 during the regular February general membership meeting of AGRA/Tucson last Sunday. The lively meeting saw the re-election of some, the new election of others and ties among others. The run-off elections will be held at the next AGRA/Tucson meeting, Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the Venture-N for the following offices: Tom Ragen (Tucson) and Tommy Read (Phoenix) for Dance and entertainment; John Klein (Tucson) and John King (Phoenix) for Rodeo Events.

With the exception of those two offices the new board includes, Michael Butrymowicz, re-elected as President; Bill Darnell, re-elected Vice-President; Tom Turner, Recording Secretary; Craig Coder, Corresponding Secretary; Ron Shaw, re-elected Treasurer; Sean Thomas, Fund Raising; Clyde Mitter, Public Relations and Jeff Parker, Mobility & Logistics.

The next Tucson Board Meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Venture-N. The next Phoenix Board meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3:00 p.m. at Charlie's. The Tucson Board will also meet Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the P.A.C.T. office, 2579 N. 1st Ave.

The next General Membership meeting for the Phoenix contingent will be Sunday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Charlie's while the Tucson chapter's General Membership Meeting will be Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Venture-N.

Schuyler Memorial Service

TUCSON - A memorial service for Ronald C. Schuyler has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22 at Hudgel's-Swan Funeral Home Chapel, 1335 S. Swan Road, between 22nd and 29th Streets. Ron's obituary appeared in the Feb. 12 edition of the OBSERVER.

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AGRA/Phoenix Elects Officers

PHOENIX - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association recently held elections for the coming year and the newly elected officers are pictured above. They include, Dan Iverson, President; Michael Cooney, Vice-President; Ron Trusley, Recording Secretary; Tim Dougherty, Corresponding Secretary; Michael Royer, Treasurer; Ron Ericksen, Dance & Entertainment; Jeff Parker, Public Relations; Jeff Coon, Mobility & Logistics; John King, Rodeo Events; Larry Jones, IGRA Trustee; David Anaya, Fund Raising and Michael Butrymowicz, Tucson Representative. Congratulations to all.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

Oh, To Be Wrong

Being a columnist takes a strong ego. Month after month, week after week, even day after day, columnists put opinions and beliefs on the line, in public, for all to see. As a result, columnists are even more fond than other people of being right. It hurts to have an uninsightful insight, a misdiscovered discovery, or a downright stupid piece of wisdom etched in print forever (or at least until the very last copy is recycled). And it's impossible to totally rescind a judgment already shared with ten thousand people.

Nevertheless, I often want to be wrong. For instance, a few months ago, I cheerfully explained to a friend that the entire world economy is going to collapse. She suggested that I was being a tad negative. I explained the basis of my opinion, with mentions of the S&L crisis, the U.S. debt, the South American debt, the state of U.S. industry, the 80s tendency to invest in debt rather than productivity, etc, etc. My friend digested this all, then said, "I hate it when you make sense."

Me too. So here are all my predictions for the near and far future, and if we're lucky, I'll be wrong about every last one.

Anti-Semitism in the U.S. and the rest of the world will make yet another violent resurgence. The signs are everywhere from U.S. groups denying that the Holocaust occurred to people in Poland blaming every problem in their country on Polish Jews -- although Hitler was so successful in his mass murder that Polish Jews account for only about .01% of the population.

David Duke -- or someone like him -- will be elected president in 1996. Say a Democrat is elected in 1992; it doesn't matter which one, since they all look alike. Then the full shit from the 80s hits the fan: homelessness becomes rampant; unemploymnent reaches record highs; the U.S. economy wobbles, then crumbles. The "average person" get scared, and, having the attention of a fruitfly, blames everything on Mr. Democratic President -- and, as in Nazi Germany, starts scapegoating Jews and Gays, and Blacks. Then Duke promises a new - straight, white - day.

A League of Their Own will ignore Lesbians. Okay, this is not as serious as David Duke as president, but it upsets me. A League of Their Own is Penny Marshall's movie about women baseball players in the 1940s -- the one starring the ultimate jock, Madonna. You know as well as I do that a lot of those women baseball players had to be dykes; Penny Marshall possibly knows that as well. But will she risk losing her funding by featuring a pile of Lesbians? Will she risk far-right pickets? On the other hand, will she risk Lesbian and Gay pickets? My bet is that she'll compromise by having one Lesbian character -- who'll be the only persons in the movie without a romance.

Magic Johnson will not play in the Summer Olympics. I'm superstitious enough to hate putting this one in print. I don't want the guy to get sick -- I don't want anyone to get sick. But if he's already on AZT, then his chances of being at Olympic level fitness seem unlikely. It should be quite a shock to all the people who think he's superman to see what AIDS really means.

(By the way, why is no one screaming that Ronald Reagan killed Magic Johnson? We know it's true. Not only is anti-AIDS research many years behind, but anti-AIDS education is as well. The vaccine or ad campaign that might have saved Magic -- and so many of my friends -- was deliberately delayed by that genial mass murderer Reagan to keep his right-wing political support).

C.J. Lamb will never have a Lesbian sex scene on L.A. Law. Yes, she did kiss Abby, and yes, I did replay that scene on my VCR many times. But while they got a kiss, the hets get sex -- steamy and convincing. (However, the show does feature a very sexy interracial couple; perhaps there's hope for Lesbians too).

The brats who hang out in the alley behind my building will grow into large, murderous, neighborhood muggers. As I grow older and weaker, they will grow bigger and stronger. And even if they turn out to be peaceful young men, there will be many other males willing to do violence to me and any and all women.

Humans will prove themselves to be basically rotten. Okay, so I am being a tad negative here. But the history of the world shows that most members of the human race are not honorable, loving, compassionate, and/or peaceful. We're violent animals with great big dangerous brains. The entire planet would be better off without us.

Depressing, eh? Let's hope I'm wrong, very wrong, totally wrong on every count. Let's work on it.

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Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.

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Several readers have asked if I would repeat the list of affirmations I compiled for Gay and Lesbian individuals two years ago. One letter mentioned how helpful it had been to put a copy of the article on his mirror to use as an "attitude checklist". Reading these affirmations aloud is also an excellent way to empower your self-esteem, and help you find direction from your inner self.

AS A GAY OR LESBIAN INDIVIDUAL:

1. I can be healthier or more successful than those around me without feeling guilty. If and when I am ill, it does not affect my worth, or infer that I am somehow immoral or intellectually impaired.

2. I can take care of myself, no matter what challenges I face.

3. I have a right to experience, and then let go of fear, guilt, and shame.

4. I have a right not to take responsibility for the behavior, actions, and problems of others.

5. I have a right to make my own decisions for any reason I choose, whether or not family and friends agree with me.

6. I have a right to all of my feelings.

7. I have a right to be angry at someone I love.

8. I have a right to be flexible, and to change my mind at any time.

9. I have a right to be happy.

10. I have a right, at work, at home, or at play, to be in a non-abusive environment.

11. I have a right to be individually me without feeling I'm not good enough.

12. I have a right to express and to celebrate my sexuality.

13. I have a right to change, grow, and develop my own value system.

14. I have a right to quiet time.

15. I have a right to determine and honor my own priorities in any order I choose.

16. I have a right to dignity and respect.

17. I have a right to expect honesty from others.

18. I have a right to feel scared and say I'm afraid, just as openly as I express love.

19. I have a right to follow my own set of personal rules and make expression of faith.

20. I have a right to forgive others, as well, and as often, as I forgive myself; I have the right to pay my own debts.

21. I have a right to give and receive unqualified, and unconditional love.

22. I have a right to express sorrow in my own way.

23. I have a right to have my needs, desires and wishes respected by others.

24. I have a right to a full rich life that is more than just survival.

25. I have a right to make mistakes and not be perfect.

26. I have a right to create my own comfortable living environment.

27. I have a right to choose and develop my own friendships.

28. I have a right to personal space and time.

29. I have a right to see my value system as appropriate, and to change by the influence of others if I choose.

30. I have a right to relaxation, recreation, and being joyfully unpredictable.

31. I have a right to stable, healthy relationships of my choice, and the right to formalize such relationships.

32. I have a right to stop conversations when I feel I am being put down or personally humiliated.

33. I have a right to take time to discover and know myself, and to seek help where and when I choose.

34. I have a right to put my trust in others.

35. I have a right to say no to anything when I'm not ready for it, feel it is unsafe or violates my standards.

36. I have a right to set my own time schedule for personal needs, from emotional healing to falling in love.

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EDITOR:

My sincerest, heartfelt thanks to all Arizona Gay Rodeo Assn. members and in particular to Michael Butrymowicz, Tucson Chapter President. Becoming Tucson's first President's Award recipient is not only a great honor and humbling experience, but most importantly, a greater reinforcement of my commitment to be a part of a great tool in our society and Gay community to fight AIDS and to help related areas through rodeo.

My inspiration has come from all of you who dedicate time, talent, interest and labor - especially love. Examples of leadership exist everywhere in our state community and I have tried to aspire to your sense of philanthropic obligation to help make this a better world - each of us making a better difference. Life is not a dress rehearsal.

The lovely trophy bearing my name belongs to all of you and I wish to share it with you. All this spurs me on to work harder for you, to increase interest and membership in our association and to help make our first rodeo in May one of the most successful in not only Arizona history but a credit to the International Gay Rodeo Association's rodeo reputation.

Congratulations to re-elected and newly elected officers and Tucson Board members. Our collective team work effort is more important now than ever. You have my promise.

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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

The latest CNN/Time daily tracking poll of likely New Hampshire voters showed a shift the day before the primary. Here are the latest results:

PAUL TSONGAS	35%
BILL CLINTON	22%
TOM HARKIN	10%
BOB KERREY	10%
JERRY BROWN	6%
MARIO CUOMO (WRITE IN)	3%
UNDECIDED	14%

The first vote has been taken and counted already int he New Hampshire Primary. The residents of the community of Dixville Notch cast their votes in the primary. Here are the results of the vote:

REPUBLICAN

GEORGE BUSH	9	60%
RALPH NADER (WRITE IN)	3	20%
PATRICK BUCHANAN	3	20%

DEMOCRATIC

BILL CLINTON	3	60%
PAUL TSONGAS	2	40%

LIBERTARIAN

ANDRE MARROU	11	100%

Complete results of the New Hampshire Primary will be in next weeks column.

ARIZONA NEWS

On Wednesday, Lt. General Truman Spangrud will announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. He will join activist Clare Sargeant in the race.

The latest political rumor involved Dist. 11 State Senator Jaime Gutierrez. It seems that Jaime is not going to run for another term. The names being floated around to succeed him are State Rep. Peter Goudinoff, Alonzo Morado formerly of Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy's office.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

Speaking of former Mayor Volgy, Tom is seriously considering a run for the Democratic nomination for the 5th Congressional District. Tom stated to me that he will be announcing his intentions within the next few weeks.

This past Saturday, the State Legislature (consisting of the state senators and state representatives), held the first public meeting on the proposed new boundaries. The meeting took place at the Recital hall at Pima Community College, West Campus. The meeting was mostly attended by party activists on both sides of the aisle. The activists condemned the proposals, citing cost of the new precincts and the confusion caused by the proposed new boundaries. Two more meetings are to be held on the proposed new lines and sources tell me that changes will be made in the map.

TUCSON NEWS

The Pima County Democratic Party is at the present time holding a fundraiser for the fall campaigns. The fundraiser is a raffle of tickets (for two), for the Final Four basketball games in Minneapolis including air fare and hotel lodging. These tickets are $5.00. If you want tickets or more information call the Pima County Democratic Party, 326-3716 or 322-5410.

A Commentary By Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Gays and Lesbians Accepted, Rejected

February has already witnessed both feast and famine for Gays and Lesbians around the country. Here is a short list of some of the events you might have missed.

In light of last year's anti-Gay stand taken by the national Boy Scout organization, a San Jose Scout Troop issued a resolution welcoming homosexuals as members of their troop in what is believed to be the first such stand against the national organization.

Although the troop has been warned it must rescind its proclamation or lose its charter, the troop's Scout Master has said they will not back down.

In another David and Goliath case, Lesbian Mica England recently lost her appeal to be allowed to join the Dallas Police force. She was denied admittance based on an anachronistic Texas law making sodomy illegal.

However, District Judge Larry Fuller recently ruled against the police department, calling the sodomy law a violation of the constitution's implied guarantee of privacy. (It was this same implication that was not recognized in the Supreme Court's 1986 ruling Bowers vs. Hardwick where Georgia's anti-sodomy law was ruled not a violation of privacy.)

Although Ms. England's intentions have not been publicly stated, it is believed she will push on in her attempts to join the Police Department.

Perhaps the biggest news to cross the wires this month has been the decision by the producers of ABC's drama "Life Goes On" to audition actors who are HIV+ with the intent of casting them in several roles as AIDS patients.

The series has already received kudos for a semi-regular character (played by Chad Lowe) who is HIV+. The episode, which airs March 29, revolves around this character.

What makes this so important is that it is believed to be the first case of producers requesting actors who are HIV+ -- instead of continuing Hollywood's pattern of rejecting actors who test positive (or are even suspected of being positive).

As reported in this column of Jan. 29, 1992, attitudes in Hollywood with regard to homosexual and/or HIV+ actors have finally begun to change from hostile to welcoming. I sincerely hope this casting call is but the first sign of a thawing of Hollywood's cold war against AIDS.

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Also out on the patio, starting at 10 a.m., the Venture-N will have a giant Yard Sale. A lot of the old French Quarter items will be sold with tons of miscellaneous items from a private home. This yard sale will last from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stop by, I'm sure there will be at least one item for sale you just cannot live without.

And speaking of the Venture-N, on behalf of the management, since he does not sign my paychecks, I would like to say we are very sorry for the delay in the Monday evening Cricket Dart Tournaments. It seems, and those of us out there who know computers and Murphy's Law, the main board has a glitch (or whatever you want to call it), thus the only Cricket playable is cut-throat. Just as soon as it is corrected, they will be starting.

For members of the Arizona Fellowship Committee, there will be a meeting on Feb. 29. For location and time, contact Bert or Candy of DL. This is a very important meeting so, members, your presence is needed.

TBBS: Mike, from Speedway Books, was telling everyone the other night he has a good reputation. It had something to do with bodies, back of the store or heads. Frank P. is on his way to the big city of San Francisco for a visit. He asked me to let everyone know he will be doing some good PR for the bars in Tucson. I'll bet some of the PR will be directed toward the young ones he encounters during his visit. Uncle Phil was in the bar the other day sparking (?) David W. All this happened after Phil and J had a champagne breakfast. I wonder what kind of breakfast David had?

I guess that is about all the trouble I can get into this week so I'll close. Do not forget to place in BIG letters on your calendar March 28. Have a safe and loving week and I hope to see a lot of you at this weekend's Beer Bust and Yard Sale.

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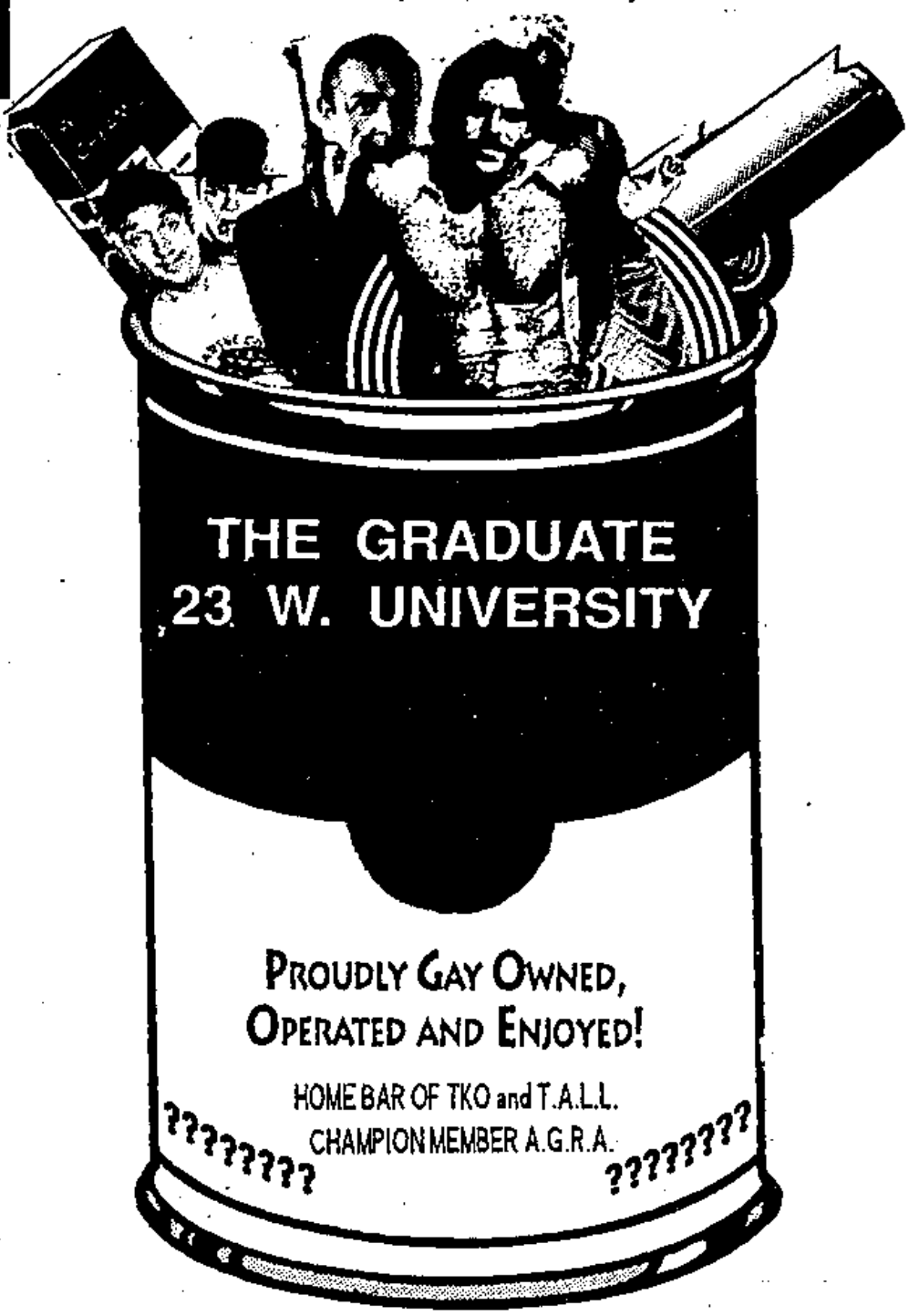

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by Don Conkle

The Bible is not just a book, it is a library of many books. In all of our modern translations there are the same 27 New Testament books however in the Old Testament most translations contain 39 books but some contain more. The historical reason for the different number of Old Testament books is that when Jerome, secretary of Pope Damasus in about 348 AD, revised and translated the Greek Old Testament (the SEPTUAGINT) into Latin (the VULGATE) Jerome included these extra books.

Protestant translations and versions have generally used the Hebrew Old Testament which contains only the basic 39 books. The Old Testament is divided into several groups of books; The Law, The Books of History, The Wisdom Books, The Prophets and the Deutero-canonical Books. The Deutero-canonical are regarded by the Roman Catholic Christians as a true part of the Old Testament but are given a secondary position and are less read.

The several books in question were mainly written between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament. They were a kind of visionary literature known as "apocalyptic" (from the Greek word meaning "uncovering"). Times were very hard and these writings were intended to encourage God's people with the assurance of God's control of history and the reality of God's final victory. They use visions full of symbols and unusual images.

In the New Testament, the book of Revelation is an "Apocalypse" and the writer re-uses many symbols from Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah. It was revealed to John, the author of Revelation, that with the coming of Christ, the new age had already begun.

This past Friday evening was the first Annual Valentine Party given at MCC/Tucson. The building was decorated, additional speakers were installed and music with dancing was heard throughout. There was entertainment provided by the Country-Western duet "Swede" during the evening. Many door-prizes were given to those lucky enough to have their ticket number drawn. It was a fun-filled evening with a lot of laughs, enjoyment and fellowship. The organizers of this event have decided that this will be repeated again next year.

This coming Saturday evening, Feb. 22, starting at 6:30 p.m., another No-Host Bingo Party will be held. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Bring a gift (value not to exceed $4.00) and a snack to share and play bingo for the entire evening at no other cost.

Raffle tickets are still on sale for the Silver and Gold necklace, Gold and Star Sapphire ring and 40-channel CB radio. Tickets are being sold for $1.00 each or 7 tickets for $5.00. All proceeds from this raffle will be for the purchase of new choir robes.

Thought for the Week: Love thy neighbor, just a little more than they deserve.

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by Anne Schmitt

Review - JAMIE ANDERSON CONCERT

On Saturday night, Feb. 1, I grabbed a pizza and headed to the Unitarian Church for the Jamie Anderson concert. billed as a performance of Jamie and a Few of her Friends, it included Mimi Baczewska, Sue Fink, Leah Zicari and Laura Berkson. These women were in town to add to the musical versatility of Jamie's new album which is in the midst of production.

Our pizza took a bit longer than anticipated, so we arrived at the concert hall just a few short minutes before the show was scheduled to begin. I had wanted to arrive early for a good seat up front (being a musician, I get lost watching musicians play). When we got to the door, we found the show had sold out (350 people) and that they were scrambling to pull in extra chairs to accommodate the crowd. Luckily there were a couple empty seats in the third row and I settled in for what turned out to be one of the most enjoyable evenings of live music I have ever encountered in Tucson. (The same group played on Friday night in Phoenix to a full house there also!)

After a brief welcome from Karen Olch of Heartsong Productions, Jamie took the stage to introduce the concert and her friends. First up was Leah Zicari from Buffalo, NY who was very happy to encounter our warm weather. Leah is an exceptional guitarist whose songs are filled with satire and comedy that immediately grabbed the crowd and got things rolling. Her song, "Martina," (about a certain tennis star) mused on all those media women we fantasized about in our youth.

As certain names went singing past (Emma Peal, Sharon Gless, Mod Squad's Julie...) you could see the reaction and acknowledgment in the crowd. Besides having this insight into everyone's past, Leah also did a tune called "If Only I Were Straight" to the tune of "If I Only Had A Brain" that included a whistle along chorus (yes, everyone did whistle) and a song about equal access to bathrooms called "Toilet Rag". Her guitar playing was so refreshing (she has a Masters in Classical Guitar) and her stage presence was friendly. Leah ended her set by inviting all the performers, including Michelle Marquand, up to help with back-up harmonies. "Glory, Glory" is a song about pride, and with the incredible harmonies to fill it out I found tears welling up and I couldn't even sing along. And this was just the start of the show!

Laura Berkson from Rhode Island stepped up next. Laura is a keyboard player with an incredibly strong voice. Her song, "Marie", is a wonderful ballad about two women who won court approval to go together to the high school prom. This song has also been recorded by other renowned singers such as Kathy Winter and Charlie King. What a moving and beautiful song! She followed this with a playful song about "Safe Sex" including a helpful demonstration on how to make great dental dams from gloves!

Laura ended her set by bringing the whole crew up to harmonize on "Heartland", a song about traveling by train and the sights and thoughts along the way, and then the emotionally strong song which she wrote as a response to the AIDS crisis, "To Be Strong", featuring strong full harmonies and more tears on my part. At this point an intermission allowed me to wander through the crowd and marvel at the diversity of both the audience and the performers.

Next on the ever-changing venue was Mimi Baczewska from Missouri. Opening her set with an a cappella folk song that was full and resonant, she followed this with a song filled with fun scat harmony chorus. Mimi's songs "Missing You", a beautiful, passionate song, and "Peace Deep Inside", rounded off her set with the aire and feel of the Ozark Mountain area where she lives.

One aspect of this concert that helped make it so enjoyable is that the technical end of things was taken care of. The sound was good and the hall is one of the better rooms in which to hear a concert. Even presenting this many performers with as much variety as they offered, this concert was well produced and was able to balance each performance in relation to the entire show.

During the evening, each performer made use of the vocal and musical talents of the entire cast by bringing them up to help fill out songs with harmony and additional musical accompaniment. This also added to the feeling of camaraderie between the musicians and conveyed a strength and pride in Women's music and in working together on Jamie's new album "Center of Balance".

Sue Fink, one of the founding mothers of women's music and composer of "Leaping Lesbians", was by far the most professionally adept of all the performers. Her ability as a musician and expertise as a seasoned performer was evident the minute she took the stage. The keyboard/mini computer set-up that she used was top quality, studio level accompaniment. Having Sue Fink on keyboards was like having a full orchestra in the hall.

The raucous humor and strong delivery she uses in her banter with the audience was riveting. She makes you laugh heartily and then spoke to you of pride. This led into a song she wrote, "Kind Of Woman I am" in a style not unlike Tina Turner. Amazing entertainment! The masterpiece of computer keyboard work that backed this song was an accomplished feat of it's own.

To follow this wild vamping song with "More Tears For The Lonely" is proof of her ability to direct the audience. Written as a deeply personal song, it became a deeply personal song for everyone who heard it. Then she announced her last song to be "Leaping" (everyone would have been disappointed if it wasn't played!) and ended her set with the entire cast frolicking about and the audience joining in.

A breathless and slightly worn Jamie Anderson took the stage to end the evening with lots of thank you's and a couple songs from her new album. The audience yelled out requests for their favorites and as an encore, Jamie sang "I'm Sorry You're Straight," a wonderful satirical song from "Center of Balance". Everyone will be waiting to hear the final mixed version when it's released.

The only point of the evening that wasn't up to the quality of the rest of the performance was that of the sign interpreter. This has been a featured part of every women's music concert I have attended over the years, and I always enjoy seeing a good signing of songs. This is usually presented as a very artful interpretation and is indeed an integral part of

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

CLUB 2520 - The Texas Gentlemen Troupe appear for Men's Night. This group of hot strippers has been performing since 1985 and have toured the entire U.S. The troupe of talented performers includes Apollo, lead dancer, Bryan Tanner, a former Mr. Houston and Angel, who is a former "Playgirl" model and is featured in the March issue of Stallion magazine. Hot men and hot dancers. There will be a jockey short contest too with a $50 first prize, so don't miss it. The action begins around 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

VENTURE-N - Tucson Knight Owls will beholding a 50/50 Beer Bust with half of the proceeds going to Shanti. It will run from 2 to 6 p.m. In addition, on the patio at Veture-N there will be a yard sale going on from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a lot of items for sale at reasonable prices. Come help the boys clean out the patio.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CLUB 2520 - "Tucson Is Burning", a big benefit and raffle and competition to benefit the Sharebears, the AIDS fundraising coalition in Tucson. There will be a variety of serious raffle prizes and the competition portion of the evening will be videotaped and aired on the Tucson Community Cable in the near future. Showtime is at 8:00 p.m. and there is a $1 donation at the door which goes to your AIDS organizations. A lightning Light and Prism Production. Be there.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

HOURS - Mr. and Ms. Gay Rodeo Contest and show with Lucinda as your hostess. Beginning at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

HOURS - Arizona Gay Rodeo-Tucson Chapter big Hoedown today starting at 2:00 p.m. until ??? Country/Western dancing, raffles, auction, food and entertainment. Fun, Fun, Fun!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

RUMORZ - A big benefit for P.A.C.T. is in the planning stages here. Watch for more details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 (EASTER SUNDAY)

CLUB 2520 - Extra special Easter Brunch. Make plans now to enjoy Easter here with some great food and excellent company and fine surroundings.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Tucson Rape Crisis Center will hold a 15 week workshop "Lesbian Survivors of Incest and Molestation", for Lesbian women healing from the effects of childhood sexual abuse. Virginia Novak, M.S.W. will facilitate. For more information call 624-7273.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will hold it's regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Tucson Police Chief, Peter Ronstadt was to have been the guest speaker, but since he has announced his resignation, City Manager Tom Wilson will be talking on issues that affect you! Find out what's happening in his search for a new chief of police. He will also answer questions of interest to the Gay community. Are homosexual officers being recruited? How can TPD build bridges with Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community? Don't miss this meeting! Free to OP members and newcomers.

"Nude Restaurant" will be showing tonight at the Loft Cinema at Midnight. The film will also be shown Saturday, Feb. 22 at the UofA Gallagher Theatre at Midnight and again at the Downtown Performance Center on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. For many years withdrawn from distribution, this infamous early work of Andy Warhol is an open-ended series of dialogues and monologues between Viva and Taylor Meade and various other denizens of the makeshift space of a restaurant. The film is especially noteworthy for its characterizations by Viva as the strident foil and catalyst for a scatological spoof of pornography in film and American culture. A Filmworks "At the Edge" presentation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

No-Host Bingo Party at MCC/Tucson, 3269 N. MOuntain Ave. Bring a gift to be used as a prizde (value not to exceed $4.00), and a snack to share and play Bingo for the entie evening at no other cost. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. and will continue until lall prizes are won.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Flamenco Y Mas presents Mas Que Flamenco: Latin, African and Flamenco rhythms by Arizona artists. The show will include music by Tucson-based Ismael Barajas Y Rumbason, cante by Sedona and Phoenix singers Gaetano and Chayito and dances by Kathleen Lugo, Jennifer Tilley and artistic director Olivia Rojo. 3 to 7 p.m. at the Historic "Y" on 5th Street at University Ave. Tickets available at Hear's Music and Bentleys and at the door.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

UofA Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty/Staff who are concerned about Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual issues meet for a brown bag lunch from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 283.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company holding auditions for it's second production of the 1992 season, "8X10 Glossy". Persons interested in auditioning be at the Women's Commissionss, 240 N. Court Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Call 327-0615 or 623-4003 for more info.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Cronies, a social group of Gay men over 40 will be holding a video party tonight. Call Merle, 888-7265 for details and more info.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

TLGA - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will hold a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on the patio at Joshua Tree. Discussion of Pride Week '92 and fund raising event leading up to it are #1 on the agenda. TLGA members and other interested persons are urged to be present.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Beer Pitchers $2.50 noon to 7 p.m. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Bobby cooks Steak Dinners 4-8 pm $4.00.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Brunch served noon to 3 p.m. Tea Dance 3 to 8. Western Steak Fry 5 to 7. Video /Dance Bar and Country/Western Dance bar open 8 pm to 1 am.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.50 till 8pm and $2.00 8 pm to close.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Trash Dance Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. $1.50 well and Domestic Beer until 8:XII p.m. VJ/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Specials noon to 7 p.m. Jerry DJs.

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. $1. 9 pm to 1 am.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie nite. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:22 pm until 8:02 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:02 to closing, $1.50 White Well. VJ/DJ Ray 9 pm. Ray 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.. 50¢ Draft all the time.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Daily Special noon to 7 pm. Drink Corona for only $1.50 7 pm to 1 am. Jerry DJs.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Western and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Draft Beer Bust. Small Pitchers $1.50, Large $3.00 til close.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close

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.

RUMORZ - Open noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 p.m. to closing. VJ/DJ Mark 9 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink specials til 7 pm. "Tush" - Coed strippers at 10:30 pm.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 p.m. Spaghetti feed 6 to 8 p.m. $2. (Beginning Feb. 19)

GRADUATE - Domestic Longnecks $1.25 to 8 pm - $1.50 til closing.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for $1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special $1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:22 pm until 8:02 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8:02 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps. VJ/DJ Mark at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Pitchers Draft Beer $2.00 and Schnapps 75¢ from 8 p.m. to closing. Lady Dancers 10:30 p.m.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nite - Strip Show and/or Jockey Short Contest plus 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western & video dancing begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Call $2.00, Top Shelf $2.50 all day and night.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite $1.50 from 8-1.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.24 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 pm to 8:02 pm. 50 cent Draft from 8:02 pm to close. Dancing with VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ all the time.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Blackboard Specials 3-8 pm. Progressive Friday - $1.25 Domestic Beer night at 9 p.m. then increase 25¢ each hour until $2 at midnight. Bobby Jr. DJs.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - All Well $1.50 and Domestic Beer $1.25 until 8 p.m. All Well $2 and Domestic Beer $1.50 from 8 p.m. to close.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.

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

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 until 8:02. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. $5.00 pitchers of Margaritas or Long Island Iced Tea. JT's opens at 9 p.m.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 50¢ Schnapps 8 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Dark Well $1.50 til 8 pm, $2.00 to closing.

HOURS - Open Noon. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.

IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. Hot music 8 to close with Linda Fiedale.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Corona 8:02 pm to close. Dance with Jeff VJ/DJ 9-1.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Well the AGRA elections are now over, but not completed. As a result of a lot of write-ins, there will be a couple of run offs at the next meeting. Please look elsewhere in this issue for all the details.

Congratulations to all the people who have won so far. We've got a lot of work ahead of us for the May Rodeo at Old Tucson. Perry Woods did a fabulous job on the poster. Please don't forget the Hoedown on March 1st at Hours. Margo Leigh will be producing the Tucson portion of the entertainment, Ron Erickson and the AGRA royalty will be responsible for the Phoenix contribution and from Las Vegas we will have the Silver City Slickers (more details on them next week). And then there is the Mr. and Ms. Gay Rodeo Days Contest. Only two categories for competition: your interpretation of the working Western Look and the Dress/Formal Western Look. Everyone is welcome to compete. Just call Hours and register.

I believe most people who know me or read what I write understand how much love and pride I have in being Gay and in the Gay community as a whole. But I have one little bitch to make. Expressing it may not change the situation, but at least it may cause some thought and discussion. And that is the judgmental morality of some of our brothers and sisters. This attitude is not limited to the Gay community. But that is the community I wish to address.

We all should have the right to conduct our lives as we see fit. But, unfortunately, there are those who have set themselves up as the moral judges of the rest of the Gay community. The so-called Emily Post of Gay conduct. With comments like, 'He's trash because he doesn't dress right', or 'he goes to the bookstores', or 'he's HIV+ and shouldn't be having sex', and so on and so on.

Who the hell gave anyone the right to dictate to another such crap and thus interfere with another's right to pursue their life and happiness. We have enough idiots in the straight world trying to dictate to us and control us without doing it to each other. Each person is an individual and a part of the collective good which is called the Gay community.

That is one of the things I have admired about the Gay Leather community (which is an important part of the entire Gay community). They are some of the most non-judgmental people as a group I have ever known. Are you surprised? You shouldn't be. You see, we are made up of many diversified segments. We have the college crowd, various ethnic groups, impersonators, leather people, and on and on.

So please, consider the other guy too, is just like you. Your needs and wants are not that different from each other. You'd be surprised how much you have in common with that so-called scum bucket as you call him. He is just another Gay human being trying to do the best he can to create some joy in his life and maybe yours as well, if you let him.

No one is any better than anyone else. We may all be different in many ways, but we are all equal. Let's pull together and not pull apart.

Till next week: Sean 770-1710.

Jamie Anderson Concert

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the entertainment for the hearing impaired who attend in large numbers. The interpreter, Dian Parks, presented little enthusiasm and seemed to take no pride in presenting a performance. This is a shame, especially when such a diverse performance was presented to be enjoyed by all.

All of Jamie's Friends converged into the lobby after the concert to sell their albums and tapes and talk to the audience. Each was a welcome and gracious visitor and I hope we get a chance to see them again soon (we will at least, get to hear them on Jamie's new album this spring). Their albums and tapes and CD's are also available at Antigone Books.

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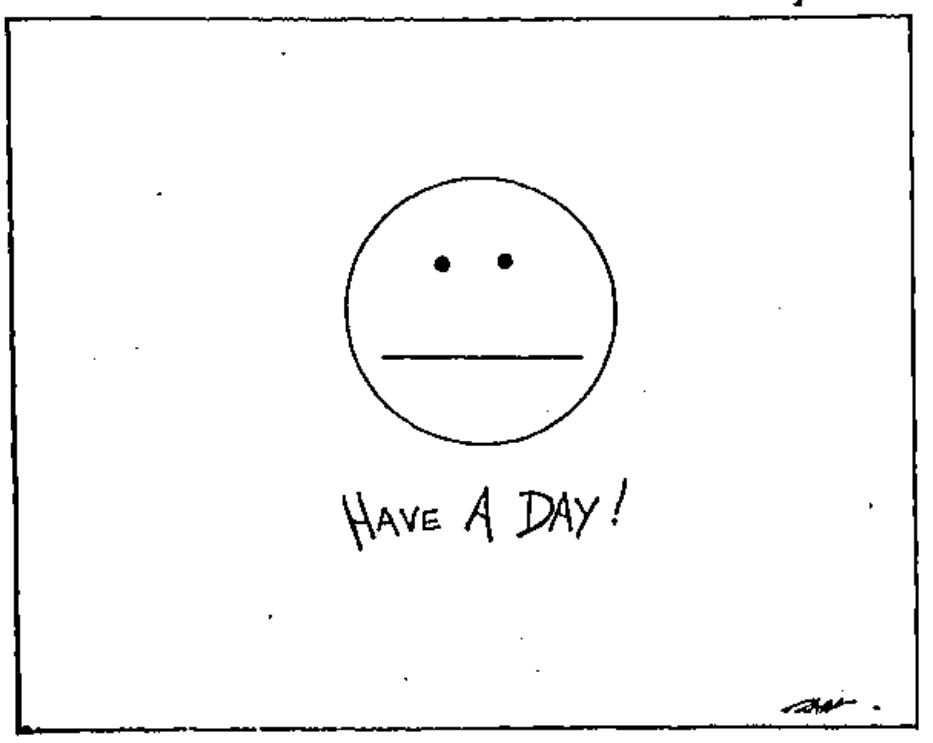

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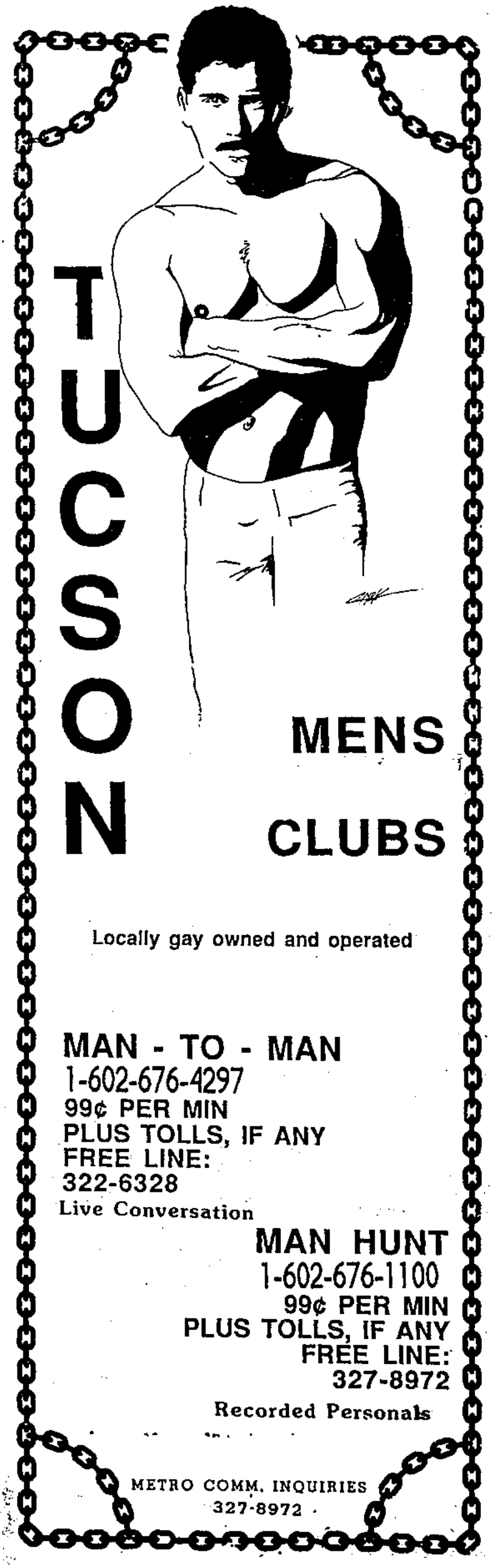

WHORE-A-SCOPES

by BARTMAN

ARIES

You'll be like a cat in heat this weekend. Tired of the hand jobs and seeking something a little more stimulating? You could take a walk on the wild side and visit Bruce and Richard's sling room, or watch Tom run his dishwasher? Money troubles crop up by Saturday.

TAURUS

You'll have a run for your money this week. A "Dave the Rave" look-a-like cons you into buying a moustache wax factory. A voice from the past could upset your emotional applecart. Probably only Peter wanting you to cook for him again. Lucky numbers this week, 5-12-16-21-31.

GEMINI

Someone's toes are exceptionally sensitive now. Be careful not to tread on them! Your last trick almost lost the whole foot! Friends may try to help out, but may prevent you from achieving a goal. Listen to your inner self this week.

CANCER

Take a more active role in your community. Being a hot dog vendor in the J.C. Penny tea room just doesn't make it. The UofA library could use your talents. This is no time to shut out the world. Stop sitting in your darkened room and participate in a hot locker room scene this weekend. Lucky numbers 7-9-21-23-24.

LEO

Ever feel like one of those tiny sperm thingees fighting to get "upstream"? Between the condom and all the Smegma how does it do it? Next week things will go a little better. Your new marriage could hit a rough spot also this week. Think before you speak!

VIRGO

A week of twists and turns lies ahead, And I don't mean in bed. Losing your temper will only make a difficult situation worse. Are we still standing at the bar gazing into the mirror all night, Larry" Try the Eastside bookstore Saturday night. You'll be surprised who you "meat".

LIBRA

Something wonderful happens this week - you finally get a job - yeah - a blow job too! Now you can afford to go out drinking and gambling with your "Bud" every night of the week. Tap into your spiritual power when faced with a tough choice.

SCORPIO

Prominent people express new interest in your ideas. Go for it, that's how Alan got where he is today. Be careful not to get carried away with your own cleverness. Unexpected visitors and trips are featured this month around the 25th. Your lucky numbers, 3-5-9-12-30.

SAGITTARIUS

Still sitting at home doing your ceramics and watching old movies? A drastic change is indicated. You can't find love at home unless you're a male cat. "Meat" someone completely opposite to yourself and love will bloom. Be more understanding with your roommates.

CAPRICORN

Still doing the mumbo jumbo? (No, I'm not speaking about Mr. B.). Reading tarot cards 20 hours a day is just a little wierd, but so is eating lunch and dinner at 7-11, even on your nights off. You meet a Gloria Estefan look-a-like Saturday. A move to another city looms in your future.

AQUARIUS

Still seeing that same special friend? How do your roomies feel about the constant "guest"? Maybe you too can be ordained in the ministries. That trick never works. Find something interesting to do at home. Finish that sidewalk for Myron - he's too busy paving 4th Avenue lately.

PISCES

Focus on your long-range plans. A lover's habit of analyzing everything could grate on your nerves. Postpone a trip this weekend. You don't really want to go to Douglas, do you? Another marriage proposal is worthy of your serious consideration. Lucky numbers, 7-11-12-26-27.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

From the earliest times, one of the world's most basic struggles, within itself, has been and still is, the battle for "control". The prize of self-esteem is valued highly. When things don't turn out quite the way we planned them to in our minds, we feel like failures. What happened to our "belief in ourselves"?

The world begins to teach us, when we are very young, to rely on ourselves. It teaches us to "take care of Number One!" Some of us have tried to mold a belief in God along with that concept... but it never seems to work. We become bitter and turn away from God. God gave us minds to think with, and a free will with which to make decisions in our lives. But, the ultimate control does not rest with us.

The most important decision that we will ever make with this free will, is to either accept or reject the Son of God, our Savior, Jesus Christ. By accepting Jesus into our hearts, it does not mean the "end" of our worldly troubles. We must still endure just as many problems... but we come to know a certain peace, and even give thanks for our trials, as they help us to learn and mature. They make us better-prepared for the time when we will reap the rewards of a life on earth that made the Lord, "Number One", rather than ourselves.

We come to know the value of His guidance, and the joy of realizing that happiness in this world is not all we have to look forward to. We come to know that we can accomplish great things in this world through the strength the Lord gives us.

Our personal worlds can come crashing down before us at any time, for any number of reasons. We never know what may befall us in this life. If we have based our lives solely on our personal beliefs in ourselves... where then do we turn? Jesus tells us that, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world". (John 16:33)

The only way we will overcome the world is through Him! May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you always. At Cornerstone Fellowship, all of us would be glad to share with you how we found this precious, priceless gift of peace and true joy... even while living in this world, with its inevitable trials and tribulations. You can experience that very same peace and joy.

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Notices

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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 for information.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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

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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.

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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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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