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Tucson Men's Study Already Signs Up 900 Men

TUCSON - In only ten days, the Tucson Men's Study has recruited approximately 900 men, about one-half of the total needed to start the study. The study is designed to learn more about how Gay and Bisexual men are living during the AIDS epidemic. The study director, Dr. Ron Stall, of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, commented, "The study shows every sign of becoming an important contribution to the fight against AIDS in the United States."

"The Gay community of Tucson is to be congratulated and thanked for its participation in this research effort," Stall said. The Tucson Men's Study is a joint collaboration of the Think Positive Project and the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco.

Leaders of Tucson's AIDS agencies issued statements encouraging Gay and Bisexual men to participate in the Tucson Men's Study. Chris Brown, AIDS Program Coordinator of the Pima County Health Department noted, "An independent study like the Tucson Men's Study can help the Think Positive Project shape its prevention efforts. It will also give us a more accurate picture of risk behaviors among Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson."

Nena Trujillo of El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora pointed out that, "This study is valuable because the information that it will supply can be used to break myths about Gay men. I am also pleased that the study is inclusive of Latino men, and we hope that the study will identify the specific needs of these men."

Jerome Beillard of the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson said that "P.A.C.T. encourages all Gay men living with HIV to take part in this survey. It will provide important information regarding medication and treatment which are essential for HIV-positive people."

Pat Bradford, of the Shanti Foundation said, "An important focus of the Tucson Men's Study is studying the needs of HIV-positive Gay men. This will be the first time these needs have been studied with a large sample of Gay men and we look forward to getting the results."

Craig Snow, of the Tucson AIDS Project, stated, "The Tucson Men's Study provides an opportunity for the Tucson AIDS Project to get valid information about the needs of the Gay male community for both prevention and services. We think this study will help the Tucson AIDS Project do a better job of meeting the community's needs."

Natalie Perry, an HIV client advocate, put it this way, "For Tucson to be included in such a study is indicative of

what a special Gay community we have. I encourage as many Gay men as possible to be part of this study."

The Tucson Men's Study has been designed to find out more about how Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson are living during the AIDS epidemic. The study will investigate men's ideas about relationships, sex, HIV, treatment options for HIV and their relationship to the Gay community.

The Study is being conducted in collaboration with the Think Positive Project by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. Data will be collected and analyzed by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies and will be shared as soon as possible with local AIDS agencies in Tucson. The study receives its support from the National Institute of Mental Health, and does not receive any local funds.

The Tucson Men's Study has two parts. The first part, currently underway, is a survey of Gay bar patrons. This part of the study will initially include as many as 2,000 bar patrons. The second part of the Tucson Men's Study will be a random digit dial telephone survey of 400 Gay men. Pre-testing for this part of the study is currently underway and fieldwork will begin around April 1.

Together, these two samples will be one of the largest samples of Gay men ever taken in the United States, and will certainly be one of the largest samples of Gay men taken outside of a large AIDS epicenter. Information from the Tucson Men's Study will be published by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies to help make better prevention and treatment decisions for Gay men who live outside of San Francisco and New York.

The Center for AIDS Prevention Studies has been conducting research among Gay men since 1984 and has never once compromised anyone's confidentiality. Rigorous protections to guard against loss of confidentiality have been taken. Dr. Stall, an openly Gay epidemiologist, pledges confidentiality to the research subjects. Dr. Stall can be reached at (415) 597-9155 and Amy DeGross, the local contact persons can be reached at 322-6226 for questions.



TUCSON - Pictured above are some of the folks from Tucson's AIDS agencies, and the Think Positive Project, who are signing up Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson to be part of the Tucson Men's Study that is being conducted by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of

California. The group includes (l-r) Perry Woods (TAP); Jerome Beillard (PACT); Craig Snow (TAP); Chris Brown, (Pima County Health Department); Pat Bradford (Shanti Foundation); Sean Thomas (PACT); Nena Trujillo (El Proyecto).

Observer/Community Benefit Coming Saturday, March 28

TUCSON - The 7th Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the Plaza Hotel Convention Center and promises to be a night to remember. The evening is a benefit for Shanti/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life.

The doors will open at 5:30 for cocktails. There will be three bars set up with liquor and beer donated by all of the local bars. Drinks will be sold by tickets with three tickets for \$5.00 or 7 tickets for \$10. Sodas are \$1.00. All proceeds from sales at the bar go directly to Shanti and P.A.C.T.

A sit-down Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Dinner this year will consist of Stuffed Baked Half Chicken on Herbed Rice, served with Mixed Green Salad, Fresh Vegetable, Hot Rolls, dessert and Beverage.

The entertainment portion of the evening will begin at 8:30 p.m. The show will be hosted by Alan McLaughlin from Radio Cloud 95. As of presstime, entertainment will include Miss Gay Arizona Pussy Le Hoot, Miss Gay Tucson Tiffany St. Thomas, the live vocals of Loren Johnson, Eric Hemphill, Reggie Langston

will be featured as well as the talents of Mr. Dani Reid and Monte-Jon, Jerry and Friends, Margo Leigh, Gilda Fatal, Juanita.

There will be dancing to recorded music and door prizes will be drawn throughout the evening.

In addition to the bar sales going to Shanti and PACT, all tips and revenue derived from the raffles, sales of program advertising, ticket sales, cigarette sales and other donations will contribute to make this event one of the largest benefits of the year.

During the evening the Annual Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation Awards (TOGA) will be presented to the male and female who will be recognized for the outstanding work they have contributed to the community during the past year.

The Plaza Hotel is located at the intersection of Speedway and Campbell Avenue. The convention Center is a separate building to the rear of the hotel. There is plenty of parking at ground level as well as a huge underground garage for additional parking.

Make your plans now to attend this outstanding evening - join your friends for a excellent dinner, served in the impeccable Plaza Hotel style. Tickets for the entire evening, including dinner are \$15.00 per person. Tables of eight may be reserved. Tickets are on sale now at all local Gay bars and at the Shanti Office as well as the PACT Office.

OBSERVER/Community Benefit - March 28
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UPDATE

EDITOR'S COMMENTS....

Perhaps you are wondering what that big 400 is doing on our front page. Well that's to commemorate our 400th issue of the OBSERVER. 400 just sounds a lot older than being nearly 7 years old. It also is nearly 150 more issues than our nearest competitor. We don't want to brag too much, but we feel it is still an accomplishment of some note.

It's been a long, long trail we've been a-winding and it's been a great trip. The hours are long and the pay is low but all in all it is an enjoyable endeavor. A lot of stories have gone under the bridge since that issue number one. We have made a lot of friends and told a thousand stories during that time.

Tucson has grown physically as well as mentally in those years, and we hope we have grown with the town and have succeeded in our primary purpose of keeping our community informed.

Chief Hedtke to Speak To OPBPA Friday

by Tom Norman

TUCSON - New Tucson Police Chief, Elaine S. Hedtke will speak this Friday, March 20 at the March meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OPBPA) at the Hotel Park Tucson, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This will be an open meeting with the public invited. There will be no charge. It is a perfect opportunity to visit and see the OPBPA in action and see and hear the new Police Chief speak on issues that will affect the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community in the future. You are urged to attend.

Hedtke was named last month to succeed retiring Chief Peter Ronstadt after extensive screening by citizen committees that included Gay representation.

Her succession to the post comes on the heels of protest from the Gay community over enforcement of city codes regarding public sexual conduct. More than 300 Gay men had been arrested in and around city park restrooms by plain clothes officers using disputed methods.

Changes were subsequently made in the city codes, but close police surveillance in city parks has reportedly resumed with little change in method.

Observer Columnist Gets National Award

PHOENIX - Journalist Christopher McPherson's first documentary for radio "Lost Youth: Children In Crisis," has been awarded a second-place medallion in the Scripps Howard Foundation's 1991 National Journalism Award competition in the Large Market Radio category, open to all radio stations in the top 50 markets in America.

The documentary was also awarded a first-place "Maggie" award in the Radio Public Affairs/Talk Show category by the Central and Northern Arizona Chapter of Planned Parenthood.

"Lost Youth" aired November 1991 on radio station KKFR, Phoenix. It examined the plight of runaway and homeless adolescents in the metropolitan Phoenix area, and the government programs supposed to assist them but which, in reality, offer little help.

Work by Christopher McPherson has appeared on radio stations around the world; and in publications across the country since 1976. He currently holds many journalism positions, including: theater critic for the daily Phoenix Gazette; documentary producer for KFYI radio, Phoenix and columnist, now in 387th consecutive week, for the weekly Observer newspaper.

Toevs Collects Signatures For Congressional Seat

TUCSON - Jim Toevs, running for U.S. Representative in Congressional District 5, is currently collecting signatures for his candidacy. Toevs has reportedly collected the 3,000 signatures needed to assure his candidacy. 40 volunteers were out collecting signatures at the recent Democratic Presidential Caucuses.

"We need to collect more signatures to assure that we will have enough valid ones when we turn them in when we file for the candidacy," Toevs said. The filing period is between May 26 and June 25. "The response we have received so far has been very, very positive."

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In Memoriam

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P.J.'s family moved from Mason City, Iowa, where he was born, to Southern California and then to Phoenix where he graduated from high school. P.J. earned his Bachelor's Degree from Stanford University in 1965 and his Masters from Northwestern University in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve Transportation Corps from 1968 to 1974.

His chosen vocation was the railroad industry. Upon graduation he was employed by the Fort Worth and Denver, The Burlington, The Illinois Central and the Santa Fe Railroads. In July, 1977 he became president of the newly formed Tuscola-Saginaw Bay Railroad in Vassar, Michigan.

In 1987 he joined T.C. Taylor Company, Ltd., of Chicago, Ill. He remained with T.C. Taylor until health forced his retirement. He then founded his own company, DWF, in Tucson. He was serving as president of DWF at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents, many business associates and friends in the railroad industry throughout the United States and significant others.

Services of Thanksgiving for the Life of P.J. DeWolf will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 545 S. 5th Ave, Tucson.

Mr. DeWolf requested that memorials be sent to the Tucson AIDS Project.

New Musical Director Named For Desert Voices

TUCSON - James Gall has been appointed as the new Director of Music for Desert Voices. He has a strong background in choral music and in theater. Gall has worked with other Gay choruses and is presently working on his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting at the University of Arizona.

"We want to continue the growth of the chorus and would like to see former members return and extend a warm welcome to new members," Gall said. "We would like to see more women join the chorus." For more information call 886-1208.

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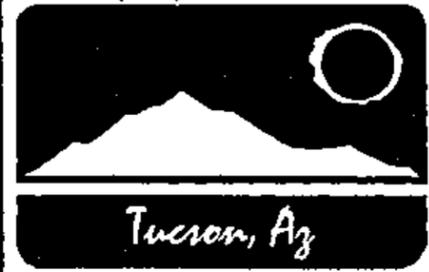
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Openly Gay Man Wins Primary

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Maxey will continue as the state's highest ranking openly Gay official, and faces a tough Republican opponent in November. Republicans have marked Maxey for defeat in the conservative House of Representatives.

Maxey first won his House seat after

beating 14 opponents in a special election last Spring. As a freshman legislator, Maxey called for ethical reform in the Texas House of Representatives. Ultimately, the Speaker of the House was indicted. If he wins in November, Maxey is expected to play a major role in the election of a new Speaker.

Gov. Ann Richards has ordered the Texas Penal Code to be restructured and has appointed a committee to hold hearings across the state. Maxey is leading the effort to remove the Texas Sodomy Statute from the law books.

Michael Kearns in One Man Play in Tempe April 10

TEMPE, AZ - "Intimacies," a one-man play about the lives of six separate characters with AIDS, will be presented Friday, April 10 at the Sheraton Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, Fifth Street and Mill at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00 at the door.

Written and performed by Michael Kearns, "Intimacies" portrays the vivid, multicultural "gallery" of a Hispanic flamenco dancer, a black female prostitute, heterosexual hemophiliac, a Roman Catholic Priest, a homeless ex-convict and a deaf boy. Using only a red scarf, and seated on a stool, Kearns tells the story of how each character has been touched by AIDS.

Kearns, whose acting career includes guest spots on the television shows "Cheers", "The Waltons," "Crazy Like A Fox," and "Murder, She Wrote," has been concentrating on what he calls "AIDS art" since 1984. Next fall, he will appear in

an episode of "Life Goes On," on ABC-TV. Producers had actively sought an actor with HIV disease for the role.

He has received numerous acting awards, including the 1989 Bay Area Theatre Critics Award for Best Solo Performance for his work in "Intimacies". The play has been performed in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

The Arizona performance of "Intimacies" will take place during the Fifth National Community College Wellness Conference April 9-12 in Tempe. The gathering is sponsored by the Maricopa Colleges District. The colleges and Arizona Department of Health Services are play sponsors.

For more information, contact Mary Gendron, Maricopa Community Colleges Offices of Organizational Health.

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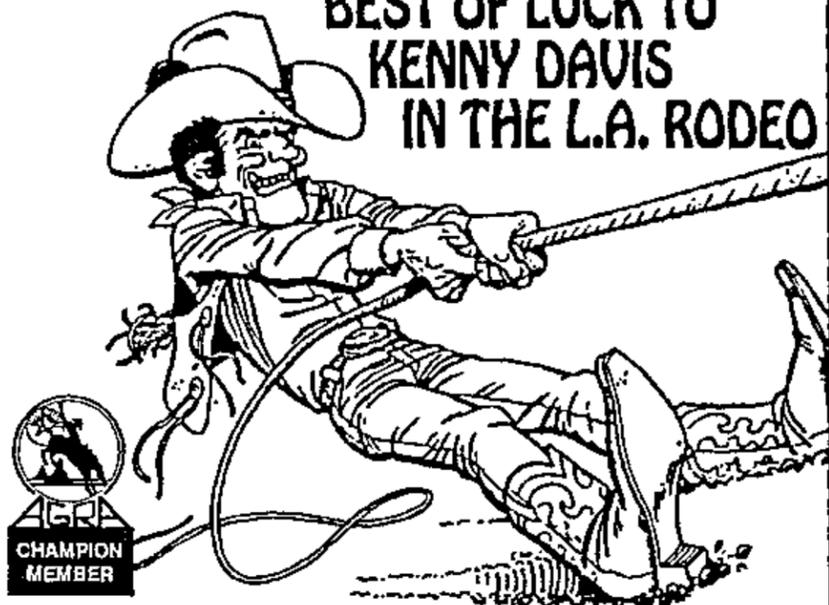


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First off, arriving by plane this coming Friday, approximately 11:30, will be 25 guys from the Venture-N in Houston. Then also arriving by cars, there will be more coming to Tucson from different parts of California, New Mexico as well as Phoenix.

Along with this group, the Desert Leathermen, Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) and the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will be joining them for a full weekend of "Leather Together". All during the weekend, this group will be traveling around to the different Gay bars here in Tucson for plenty of fun and frolicking.

Let all of us around Tucson give these out-of-town guests our best Old Pueblo welcome possible.

The other evening I was listening to a conversation concerning the leather scene. Well, this one gentleman was telling of his experience at one of the leather bars in California. It seems one of the leather clubs was having some kind of a run and one of the contests was "table setting". Well, needless to say, when this gentleman heard one of the leather guys, decked out in full leather, stating he was able to get the crystal chandelier for his setting, it blew him away.

Being fairly new to the leather scene myself, I found this amusing also. But, one of the other guys sitting there made the comment, "Most people get the wrong impression when it comes to people in leather. Basically leather people are all plain human beings, and can have fun just as everyone else does."

After that conversation, you can bet I'll be watching and listening this coming weekend and be able to give you some good information on all these LEATHER DUDES, STUDS, MEN, or whatever.

Next Weekend, it is time for this year's OBSERVER/Community Benefit. Tickets are available at all the bars for \$15 each which includes dinner. There will be general admission tickets at the door for \$5.00 which does not include the dinner. Reservations are available for tables of eight only. Proceeds from this year's benefit will be split between PACT and Shanti. Let's all support this benefit because the money raised goes to two very worthwhile organizations.

Also, this Saturday, over at the Graduate, Partners will be holding their monthly Beer Bust. Partners will be hanging their club colors there too, making the Grad their home bar. Welcome to the Graduate, Partners.

Also on Saturday from 2 to 6 over at IBT's the PFLAG members will be holding a Beer Bust selling 50c draft. The idea is to make their group more visible in the community. You all know that PFLAG is the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Stop by and visit with them. They are a real great group and would love to see you. There will be live music and food too. Sounds like a good time to me.

That will be it for this week, so have yourself a loving and peaceful week.

Let's all of us say a few prayers for Bobby Sturm, who is in UMC hospital after having a motorcycle accident last Saturday evening. I'll not be giving updates on his condition in my column, but if you see me and I have some, I'll pass them on to you.

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'Wildmen' Bare Body And Soul

TUCSON - On forty acres in the Tucson Mountains about 15 miles north of downtown Tucson, a special Gay Wildman Weekend will be guided by Thor Lane, founder and director of Men's Journeys to Spirituality and President of American Wellness and Wilderness Center.

Lane is known for his work utilizing natural and wilderness settings to enhance men's spirituality and personal growth. He received formal training in Men's Movement Leadership in Boulder, Colorado, and is nationally recognized as a leader in the Men's Movement. Lane is assisted by Warren Potas, founder of the Washington, D.D. volunteer Wilderness-Outdoor Program for Gay Men.

Lane has held many Wildman Weekends for all men but believes that Gay men have special wounds to heal, so he will be focusing on Gay men and Bisexuals the weekend of April 24-26 because they have not been coming to the other weekends where straight men attend.

"I think that Gay men are shying away, feeling that they will be rejected. They wouldn't be, but we will focus a little differently on their wounds because, I believe, many of the wounds that we will see these men have is the tremendous anguish over their rejection from parents because of their sexuality; coming out of the closet; their friends who have rejected them or who have made snide remarks; or their shaming even by other Gay men," Lane said.

"We create a supportive, loving, nurturing, safe atmosphere where each individual man can experience the full range of his emotions. Every possible emotion can be experienced here during the weekend. We, as men, have stuffed a lot of our emotions away for many years."

The term "wildman" comes from the Carl Jung archetype. Jung, a psychiatrist who broke away from Freud, had a theory that personalities are made up of archetypes. "The archetype of the wildman is that part of your personality that is creative, joyful, playful, a person who wants to do his own thing. He is benevolent, not a harming archetype. He has this creative spirit. But the wildman archetype is the one archetype that every religion, every institution, every school has been putting the damper on with men. They want us to conform and be controlled - and the wildman doesn't want to con-

form," Lane says.

"Part of what we will do over the weekend to give expression to that is the men will design a ritual - a creative ritual. If they need assistance, they can get help from both Warren or myself, to come to resolution with some negative event in their life that has to do with at least one other man. Whether they harmed that man psychologically or physically or that man harmed them. That's part of the wildman, to create this ritual."

There is no alcohol or drugs allowed during the entire weekend. There will be no recording instruments, no tape cassettes, no photographs or partner sex. There is a barbed wire fence around the acreage and the gate is locked. There will be no visitors.

"Another thing we'll be doing to bring out this wildman, we will be doing drumming and chanting and dancing. We will have a power dance on Saturday night, which is a celebration of our sexuality and letting our wildman out. During that dance, English or any foreign language may not be spoken. We will use primitive calls and chanting. Men can bring masks and costumes to dance out parts of their personality. They might engage in mock combat - they can dance out their warrior or king. All of these parts will be explained to them so that they can start tying into them. It's total freedom to express yourself without judgement from the other men," Said Lane.

"The greatest thing that you will do time-wise, is listen," Lane says. "You listen to what he has done and what he's experienced, and probably 50% of what that man is saying, you will have at one time owned those feelings yourself. You may not have had the same experience that brought about the emotion, but you will have owned them. We call this the listening to the wisdom of brothers. We expect the men to listen very intently and to learn. Our society has gotten away from this gathering of men since we have become industrialized. But all Primitive societies had councils, kivas, sweats, where men come together to share the wisdom," Lane explained.

It's a full weekend. The men will be up between 6 to 6:30 a.m. and they will be lucky to hit the sack at Midnight. The meals are vegetarian. A ritualized sacred sweat will take place on Sunday. The men must furnish their own tent or pad or they can sleep in their cars. The food is supplied, but you must bring your own plastic water bottles, a notebook for journaling, your own eating utensils. "We put men into teams, and they cooperate to prepare the food and to chop the wood, putting the sweat together, etc. It's all cooperative work," Lane said.

Registration is limited to 25 men. The cost for full-time students, with a minimum of 12 units, is \$75 before Friday, March 27 or \$90 after. Non students: \$125 before March 27, \$150 after. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with registration.

For this special Gay/Bisexual Weekend, there will be a sliding scale for men who are HIV+, or have AIDS or are on limited income. These persons must call to make arrangements to get the sliding scale. The weekend is being advertised and men from various parts of the country are expected, so interested persons should register early. For more information call (602)744-1001 or write Box 77692, Tucson, AZ 85703.

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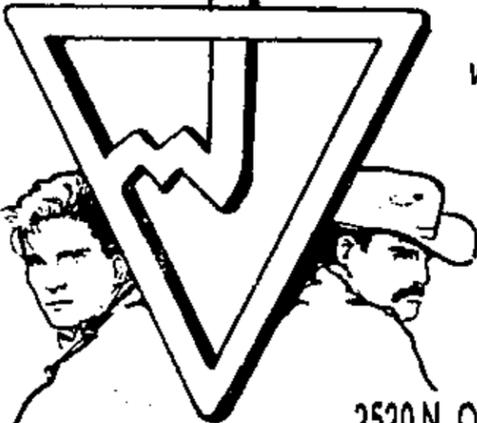
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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

The L Section

My first women's basketball game turned out to be a harbinger of all the games to follow. Since I knew close to nothing about basketball, I sat between two ex-players to learn the finer points of the game. On one side was Cathy, who had played for this same college team in the 70s; on the other side was Jeri, who had played in the 50s. Clearly, I was surrounded by broad and deep experience.

As the game unfolded, it became clear that this broad and deep experience was supremely *dyke* experience. Jeri's comments ran along the lines of, "Look at how she stays in the other player's face so that she can't get off a shot! — and look at those legs!" Cathy's comments were equally helpful: "Inside, she's got to get inside! — and doesn't she have great biceps?"

I looked at those legs. I looked at those biceps. I looked at those young women, talented and tough. And I gradually became a fan. My priorities evolved until, last night, given the choice of (a) going to the symphony; (b) hearing Urvasi Vaid speak; and (c) watching the Aztecs take on the Cowgirls, I went to the gym. Perhaps if violinists had bigger biceps. . .

A bunch of us sit in an area I think of fondly as the "L Section". I don't know what the players think of us, but they definitely know we exist. We sit right above the home team, and among our group are some of the best yellers I've ever heard. When we scream support of a player, she knows she's been supported. And when we boo the ump, he or she (we're equal opportunity boosers) knows they've been booted. (I must mention the particular booing skills of Maureen, who can instigate a near-riot with her heart-felt, up-from-her-toes boos.)

Like all sports, basketball is great practice for living absolutely in the moment. The past is gone quickly and only this shot counts. And the suspense can be maddening — and wonderful.

Few movies offer genuine suspense anymore; we are all so familiar with the language of film that we can always tell who did it. Even "surprise endings" aren't that surprising; there are only so many possibilities. Sometimes even an actor's billing is a clue. After all, why would that well-respected actor take a small part unless she knew she had a big scene at the end of the movie when her guilt it revealed?

But every basketball game unfolds in its own way with no script, no predetermined heroes, and no chance to go back and edit. In a recent game, when we were down 86-84 in a hard-fought exciting game, and Kieishsha got off that shot just before the clock ran out, there was no way to predict that it would ... just ... barely ... not ... go ... in. The seconds during which the ball rolled around the hoop felt endless as hundreds of people held their breath together.

The experience has its flaws. There seems to be a rule forbidding quiet, so time outs are accompanied by over-amplified bad music. And the school "mascot" occasionally shows up. Monte Montezuma is one of those horrifying insults to Native American Culture that sports teams hold so dear. Played by a young man wearing a sort of loin cloth, a

headdress, and a bare chest, he jumps around, makes noise, and annoys people in the stands. He paid us a special visit in the L Section yesterday — need I describe the joy with which we welcomed him?

The cheerleaders fascinate me. In their own ways, they are as skilled and as strong as the players, yet they have chosen a medium that downplays their talents. While the players shoot and run and jump and fly, the cheerleaders grin and wiggle and grin and wiggle. One night, the basketball went out of bounds and a cheerleader, without paying much attention, grabbed it as it went over her head. Her catch was so swift that the fans applauded, at which point she became embarrassed, tossed the ball back, and femmily brushed her hands together, as though to erase the jockish skill she had accidentally exposed.

But it's the game that counts. The game and its players with their strength and beauty. I watch and wonder what my life would have been had I grown up in a world that honored women's strength rather than objectified women's bodies. It moves me that, although the world has not evolved far enough for the U.S. to have pro women's basketball, it has progressed sufficiently that these college women play hard, good, skilled ball. And, as another member of the L Section pointed out, their (female) coach constantly tells them, "You must be more aggressive!" When those women play I feel like I am watching a victory of feminism.

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IBT's To Host Clark Retrospective

TUCSON - As a kick-off salute to OBSERVER/Community Benefit, It's 'Bout Time (IBT's) will host a retrospective of Observer Cartoonist Gary Clark's work. The one-night exhibit will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23 at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue.

Clark's cartoons are well known for their biting, but humorous commentary on everyday life, local and national political issues and problems facing the Gay community.

The exhibit will provide the first-ever opportunity to view Clark's cartoons as a single body of work. The artist has chosen many of his best cartoons for display.

Copies of the originals will be offered for sale. In addition, many of the cartoons will be enlarged and mounted and raffle tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 28 at the OBSERVER/Community Benefit dinner. All proceeds from this raffle will go to SHANTI/Tucson and PACT for Life.

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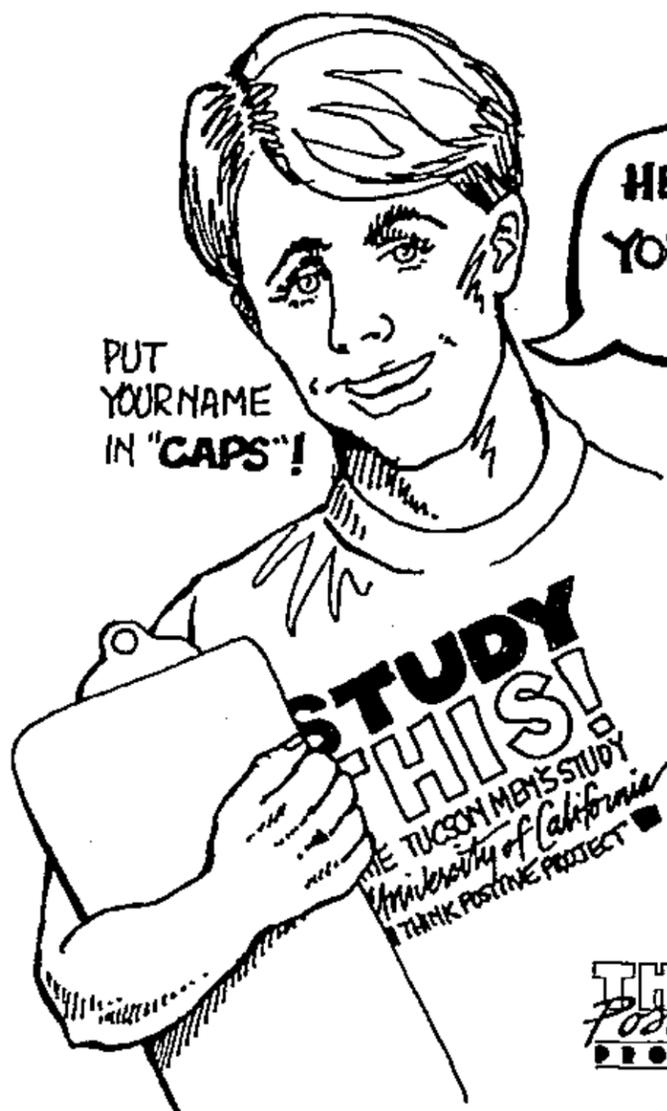
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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

Last Tuesday, 11 states held primaries and caucuses in the race for the 1992 Presidential Election. In the political circles, March 10th (the second Tuesday in March), is referred to as "Super Tuesday". The big winners on Super Tuesday were Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, on the Democratic side, and President George Bush, for the Republicans.

Clinton won 8 states and 432 delegates. Former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas won his home state and Rhode Island and Delaware, a total of 200 delegates. Clinton now has 747 delegates, a 2-1 lead over Tsongas. Bush won all the Republican primaries and has over half the delegates needed for nomination. The next major test will take place on March 17 with the primaries in Illinois and Michigan. If Clinton wins both he will wrap up the Democratic nomination and Bush could finally bury conservative columnist, Patrick Buchanan.

Last week the "check kiting" scandal came to the forefront when the House of Representatives voted unanimously to reveal all 355 names of current and former House members who had bounced checks at the House bank. As soon as the vote was taken, current House members held press conferences to confess their overdrafts to ease the political damage.

On Sunday it was revealed that former Rep. Tommy Robinson (R-Arkansas) was the worst offender with 996 overdrafts in a 30-month period. Arizona has one of the "check kitters", Republican Jay Rhodes of Phoenix, who was one of

the first to admit his "check-kiting". (Looks good for his opponent, State Representative Stan Barnes of Glendale).

District 5 Democrat Congressional candidate, Jim Toevs, picked up a major acquisition for his campaign team. Jan Leshar of Leshar Communications of Tucson and Fred DuVal & Associates of Phoenix has been signed to serve as Jim's campaign manager. Jan has run numerous successful campaigns for offices ranging from the T.U.S.D. School Board, to Mayor, to the State Legislature. With Leshar on-board, it is a major boost to Toevs' campaign.

STATE NEWS

State Representative Eleanor Schorr, (D-Dist. 13), announced this past weekend that she plans to challenge State Representative Patti Noland, (R-Dist. 13) for the vacated State Senate seat. In other news, on the Democratic side in Dist. 13, it looks like George Cunningham formerly of Gov. Rose Mofford's staff, and Dr. Andy Nichols, will run for the State House of Representatives.

COUNTY NEWS

Pima County Democratic Party Chairman Winston Smith will be announcing his candidacy for the position of County Recorder, which is being vacated by Mike Boyd. He will be joining former Mayoral Candidate Tom Saggau and consultant and TBC member Ann Rodriguez on the Democratic side. Attorney Paul Julien, has announced his intentions to run for the post as a Republican.

END NOTES

The Arizona Presidential Caucus took place this past weekend, and you probably heard the complaining, especially from the Tsongas campaign, about the results. Clinton picked up one more delegate than Tsongas did. Why you might ask and how? Well, the caucus was not a state caucus but a regional caucus. The state was divided into 6 regions and Gov. Clinton did exceptionally well in two of the regions (rural and western Maricopa county) he picked up an additional delegate.

That is what happened, no excuses. About the caucus, if you were upset at the fact of limited polling places, remember the County Party ran and paid for the election. If you would like another way to vote, (a primary), there is a bill going through the Legislature setting up a primary election for President in the state of Arizona in the future. Call 1-800-352-8404 and state your support for the bill.

About the "check kiting" scandal. This was the last straw. It is time to throw the bums out. Those who had numerous overdrafts should be turned out come election day. No excuses - Republicans and Democrats all should go! We can no longer tolerate persons who can't manage their own financial affairs, managing the USA.

Until next time, politics as usual.

LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association members of Tucson made a tough decision Sunday in selecting the forthcoming Saguaro Regional Rodeo's first GRAND MARSHALL from an exceptional field of contenders. These nominees have contributed greatly to our community in countless hours of selfless work - most of it on a volunteer basis. These individuals have raised thousands of dollars that have helped all of us, both directly and indirectly. They are shining examples of dedication, perseverance and concern for fellow human beings.

Hats off to David Osollo, Lee Thompson, Jim Toevs, Bob Ellis, Natalie Perry. On behalf of so many that all of you have helped, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May your generosity continue to affect us and direct us in doing for others as all of you have so magnificently and bravely done - in many instances in the face of adversity and dire emergencies. We salute you.

Congratulations to Natalie Perry.

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New Mexico Court Reverses Decision Denying Non-Traditional Parent Visitation & Custody

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - In a decision that looks other national court rulings in the eye and clearly moves away from their reliance on antiquated definitions for functional families, the New Mexico Court of Appeal ruled that a non-biological Lesbian mother may be entitled to seek custody or visitation with the child she raised with her former partner of 14 years. It is the first appellate victory in the country in favor of recognizing a legal relationship between a non-biological Lesbian parent and a child conceived through donor insemination.

Furthermore, the New Mexico Court ruled that a parent "may enter into an agreement with another persons concerning the custody of a child," including persons who are not biologically-related to the child, and specifically held, in very strong language, that "sexual orientation, standing alone, is not a permissible basis for the denial of shared custody or visitation."

The stunning ruling was issued in the case of *A.C. v. C.B.*, a custody/visitation dispute between two women who had lived together for fourteen years and shared parental responsibility for their seven-year-old child who was born to C.B. by alternative insemination. The non-biological co-parent, A.C., sued for visitation rights after C.B. refused contact between her former partner and the child.

The suit initially filed by A.C. was withdrawn by her when the biological mother agreed in settlement negotiations to allow visitation. When the biological mother did not honor that agreement, A.C. moved to have her lawsuit re-opened, at which point the lower court dismissed her

claims, without giving a hearing on the evidence and facts of the case, ruling that, based on past New Mexico law, a non-biological party could not sue for visitation.

In refuting the lower court's ruling, the Court of Appeals noted that "a determination of the best interests of the child must be made on the basis of evidence before the court" and that the district court "erred in concluding that this type of an agreement [i.e. the settlement agreement which lead to the initial withdrawal of the suit] is unenforceable as a matter of law."

"This brave and rational ruling by the New Mexico Court of Appeals is a tremendous validation of Lesbian and Gay families," commented Paula Eitelbrick, Lambda's Legal Director and co-author of a "friend of the court" brief submitted in this case. "The court specifically refused to follow other state courts which are stuck in the view that 'family' only takes one form, which does not include Lesbian and Gay men. We are very hopeful that this case will reverse the trend of decisions that failed to recognize our families."

The Court of Appeals ruling compels the lower court to re-open the non-biological co-parent's case and to give her a hearing at which she can present her facts and evidence of her relationship with the child and the couple's intention that they would both be parents to the child. It is not yet known whether the case will be appealed further.

In an unusual move that recognizes Lambda's significant leadership in the area of Lesbian and Gay family law, the Court

ordered Lambda to submit a "friend of the court" brief because the issue on appeal raised "important questions regarding the rights of non-traditional parents, as well as other significant issues. Paula Eitelbrick wrote Lambda's brief with assistance from Maria Gil de Lamadrid from NCLR, Albuquerque attorney Elizabeth Stacy Venill, and Lambda Cooperating Attorney Marian Rosenberg from Sanctuaries for Families in New York City.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a national advocacy organization with offices in New York and Los Angeles, dedicated to protecting the legal and civil rights of Lesbians, Gay men - through such undertakings as the Family Relationships Project - and people with HIV/AIDS, and to assuring sound public policy on AIDS and health care.

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Time is getting closer for so many things here in the Old Pueblo. For example, this weekend there will be the Hides of March at the Venture-N. Festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and continue through Saturday and Sunday with Beer Busts and other activities. If you enjoy hot people, in hot leather, then show up. I doubt you would be disappointed.

Then there is the Annual Observer Community Benefit. It will be held at the Plaza Hotel on Saturday, March 28th. The evening will start with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 and Entertainment beginning at 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be \$15 per person. All net proceeds from the dinner and all bar proceeds and tips from entertainers will go to Shanti/Tucson and PACT for Life - two really worthy causes to come out and support. And I bet you'll have a lot of fun. Dancing, entertainment, door prizes, the Toga Awards, great food, drinks and don't forget the terrific company too! Tickets are available at all our local bars, PACT and Shanti offices.

On Sunday, April 12, there will be a day full of fun activities. To start the

day will be the Chili Verde celebration at Club 2520 at noon. It will be a big jamboree of food, fun and excitement to raise money for AGRA and our first Tucson Gay Rodeo in May. But don't forget that evening there will be our very own Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. Come on out and support our local girls as they vie for the title. And there is some real talent competing. Best of luck to you all.

So I'll close for now, with a little message to Ron Walter (in LV): "Not the Momma", "Again". Hope to see you soon. Till next week: Sean 628-7816.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

VENTURE-N - Continental Airlines IFlight 1065 arrives at Tucson International at 11:28 so if you see a bunch of leather/levis cowboys from Houston you will know that the "Hides of March" has begun. The Venture-N in Houston has gotten a group of their customers to visit the authentic old west here in Tucson. The gang will have the afternoon open to roam around town and there will be a get-acquainted party and spaghetti dinner at Venture-N that evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

GRADUATE - Partners is moving their home bar to the Graduate and will hold a Beer Bust and Hanging of their colors from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be food and fun for all. Come on down!

IBT'S - Several members from PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - will be here from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be music provided by Anne English as well as 50c Draft beer and food. A great time to come on by and get acquainted with the parents and friends of Gay and Lesbians. The proceeds from the beer bust will go toward their newsletter.

VENTURE-N - "Hides of March" celebration of levi/leathermen coming in from Venture-N in Houston, Texas as well as many others from around Arizona and California. There will be a brunch for the visitors in the morning hosted by Desert Leathermen. In the evening, there will be a presentation of colors by DL and a steaks dinner for their guests. Big time fun.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CLUB 2520 - The "Hides of March" crew will be here for Brunch prior to their Beer Bust at the Venture-N later. Many of this visiting group from all over will come back, however, to see another fantastic strip show starring Chaz, Bruce Peters and Shane Blade. It takes a different twist tonight though. After the professional strip show, there will be an amateur strip show and it will be judged by those great professionals. Who knows - maybe future stardom!!!

VENTURE-N - A Beer Bust will be hosted by the Arizona Levi/Leathermen here from 2 to 6 p.m. in celebration of the "Hides of March" honoring the visiting levi/leathermen from Venture-N in Houston as well as other guests from San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and Phoenix and other points east and west.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

IBT'S - An Observer Kick-off event featuring the "complete Observer Cartoon Retrospect" by Gary Clark. This special one-man show will begin at 7:30 p.m. A chance to view this talented artist's work and also purchase some of his work. All proceeds to benefit Shanti/Tucson and PACT for Life.

VENTURE-N - The "Hides of March" winds down with a send-off brunch here in time for the boys to catch a 2:50 flight back to their home bar, Venture-N Houston. Good bye and good luck and we hope you enjoyed your stay with us here in the Old Pueblo.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

CLUB 2520 - Another AGRA-Tucson benefit for the May rodeo. "Chili Verde Days" here. More details later. It'll be a big one!

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

CLUB 2520 - It's Mother's Day. Plan to take mom out to Brunch here for some fabulous food. Treat your mother to a real treat.



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19

The Tucson Men's Cooperative monthly program for March will be: "Exploring Homophobia: Looking At Its Impact On Our Lives". The presentation will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church meeting hall, 209 E. 16th Street. For additional information call the program presented, Dan Meyer, 323-1708.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

New police chief Elaine S. Hedtke will speak at the meeting of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at the Hotel Park Tucson, beginning at 7:30. It will be an open meeting, the public is invited. There is no charge. Hedtke was named last month to succeed retiring police chief Peter Ronstadt after extensive screening by citizen committees that included Gay representation. Come hear the new Chief of Police as she talks about matters that will affect the Gay and Lesbian community.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

No host Bingo games will be played at MCC/Tucson, 3269 N. Mountain, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a small prize, value not to exceed \$6.00 and play Bingo for the entire evening. If you are unable to bring a prize, come and enjoy the games anyway. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

TLGA will meet at IBT's at 3:00 p.m. to make plans for Fiesta de Mayo, the big fund-raising event to help finance Gay Pride Week. All parties interested in helping out or interested candidates for King or Queen of the Fiesta or persons with logos for Pride Week please attend.

The Men's Massage Group will have a Spring celebration outdoors. If you have never attended one before, or it has been awhile, this is the one. 1-2 p.m. for men under 35 only, then 2-3 p.m. over 35. 3-5 p.m. entire group Spring Celebration. Meet someone new. It's a safe and sensual way to make a new friend. Fee. Call Marque at 881-4582 for information and to register.

FRI. - SAT. - SUN. MARCH 27-28-29

"MALA NOCHE" directed by Gus Van Sant, the director of "Drugstore Cowboy" and "My Own Private Idaho" will be showing at Midnight Friday and Saturday at the New Loft and on Sunday at 7:30 at the Downtown Performance Center, 530B N. Stone. The film is Van Sant's quasi-underground award-winning first feature. It is a stunning, ultra-realistic walk on Portland's wild side, a seedy strip populated by small-time hustlers. Romantic obsession is again plays for jagged comedy. Walt, who is openly and happily Gay, develops a doomed passion for Johnny, a young drifter from south of the border. "Discipline of DE" a 10 minute short film by Van Sant is also on the program. It is based on a story by Gay writer William Burroughs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

OBSERVER/Community Benefit at the Plaza Hotel Convention Center. Dinner, Dancing, Entertainment. Tickets \$15.00 per person includes dinner and the entire evening of fun. Door Prizes. All net proceeds go to Shanti/Tucson and PACT for Life. Watch for Details..

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Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Brunch served noon to 3 p.m. Ten Dances 3 to 8. Western Steak Fry 5 to 7. Video/Dance Bar and Country/Western Dance bar open 8 pm to 1 am. Live Dance lessons by Paul Barner from 6 to 8 pm.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 till 8pm and \$2.00 8 pm to close.
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screens \$1.25 till 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 Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. \$1.50 well and Domestic Beer until 8:00 p.m. V/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50c Draft all the time.

Monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and video dancing begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie mix. 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 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing. \$1.50 White Well. V/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50c Draft all the time.

Tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and lessons for partners by Paul Barner from 8-10. Video dancing begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti feed 6 to 8 p.m. \$2.
GRADUATE - Domestic Longneck \$1.25 to 8 pm - \$1.50 till closing.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7 to close.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with 75c draft beer and 50c 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 3:00 p.m. to closing. V/DJ Mark 9 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50c Draft all the time.

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and lessons for partners by Paul Barner from 8-10. Video dancing begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti feed 6 to 8 p.m. \$2.
GRADUATE - Domestic Longneck \$1.25 to 8 pm - \$1.50 till 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 bleached drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.
RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8:02 to closing, 75c Schnapps. V/DJ Mark 9pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50c Draft all the time.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nite - Strip Show and/or Jocky Short Contest plus 50c 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 7 pm. 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. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50 cent Draft from 8:00 pm to closing. Dancing with V/DJ Mark 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50c all the time.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99c Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Country/Western dancing and video dancing begins at 8 pm.
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.
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cobble

Today, we enter the third week of Lent. Lent was established as the forty days prior to Easter, excluding the Sundays during this period. It is interesting to note that there is a conflict on the actual date of Easter in the four Gospels of the New Testament. The earliest observance of Easter (PASCHA) was precisely on the anniversary of the original event, the 14th of Nisan. This date was the day following Passover as recorded in Matthew 16, Mark 14 and Luke 22. However in John 19, we find that Jesus was executed the day before Passover or on the 15th of Nisan. (This conflict of dates would make a great sermon for some minister willing enough to tackle it).

Obviously, if the anniversary of the Resurrection is observed precisely on the 14 of Nisan every year, the Easter would not be celebrated on a Sunday every year. The church in Asia Minor or the Eastern Orthodox Church continued to celebrate Easter on the 14 of Nisan while the Roman Orthodox Church considered Sunday as the more appropriate day and celebrated Easter on the Sunday closest to the 14th of Nisan. The conflict was finally resolved by the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325. Nicaea held that Easter would be held on Sunday, the Sunday immediately following the 14th day of the Passover moon.

Easter must therefore, take place sometime between March 22nd and April 25th. This complicated decision was reaffirmed by the Council of Antioch in A.D. 341. Changes in our present day calendar, especially the Gregorian reform in the 16th century and adjustments of the 19 year lunar cycle in the West, have caused a difference in the days of Easter in

the Latin West and Orthodox East. Easter, only on rare occasions, now falls on the same date for these major wings of the Christian Church.

During our Midweek Service, Wednesday, March 25th, Rev. Judy Davenport, Assistant District Coordinator and Pastor of MCC Albuquerque, will be preaching. This service will start at 7:00 p.m. Prior to this worship, a pot-luck supper will be held at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. Come early, bring a dish and meet Rev. Judy Davenport.

Next Wednesday, March 25th, Rev. Don Pederson, our District Coordinator will be attending our Midweek Service. With Rev. Pederson will be Rev. Thomas Jordan, Pastor of Gentle Shepherd MCC of Phoenix. Another pot-luck supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the Worship Service following at 7:00 p.m. It is hoped that Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn will also be here at that same time.

The Raffle Tickets being sold for the Silver and Turquoise "Squash-Blossom" necklace, man's gold and sapphire ring and the 40-channel CB radio is drawing to a close. The drawing will be held Sunday, March 29. The winner need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each or 7 tickets for \$5.00. Call the church at 292-9151 if you would like to purchase tickets and have not been approached.

Thought for the Week: A well-driven golf ball is said to leave the head at about 135 miles an hour. This is almost as fast as some people leaving work in the afternoon.

Fiesta de Mayo Pride Week Benefit To Be Held At IBT's May 1-2-3

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is urging the community to get involved with the upcoming Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1992 activities. A lot of work needs to be done and volunteers and help and input is needed to make sure that this year's event, which promise to be bigger and better than ever comes off without a hitch as has been done in the past under the direction of TLGA.

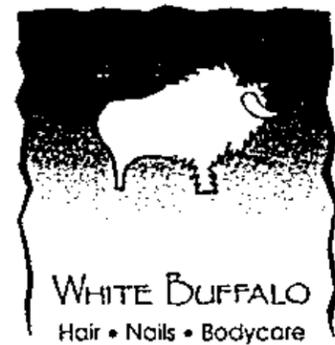
TLGA has set a budget of \$6,500 for the 1992 Pride Week activities and a series of fundraising events are to be held to achieve that goal.

The weeklong, Pride Week will take place June 21 through 28. As usual the big Picnic In The Park will lead off Pride Week June 21. The picnic is the most costly affair with free beer and soft drinks being dispensed throughout the afternoon. Last year nearly 9,000 persons attended the Picnic.

The major fund-raising event continues to be Fiesta de Mayo originally scheduled for the Joshua Tree, has been moved to IBT's and will be held 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 8, at IBT's

beginning at 3:00 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.



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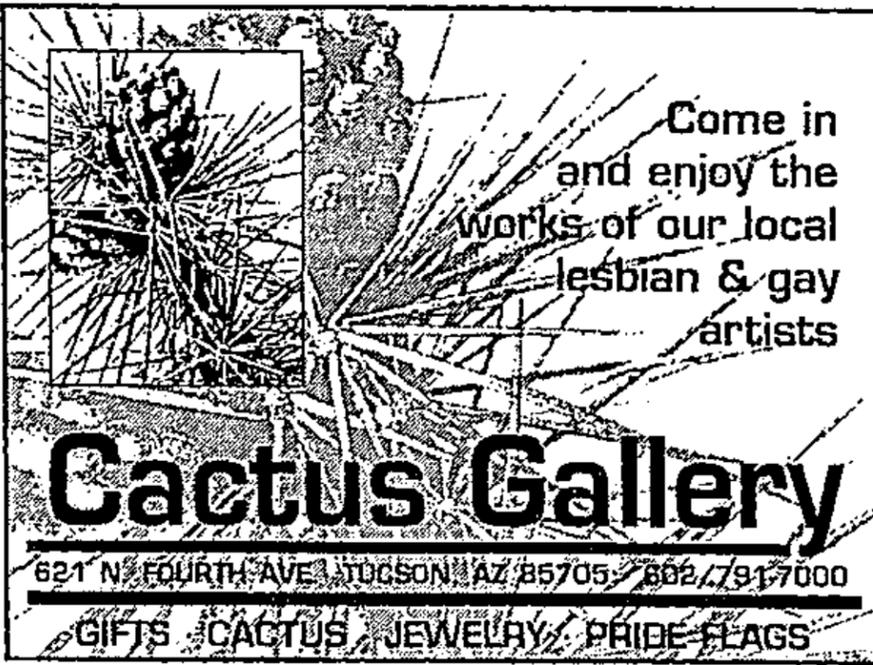
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

There have been many great so-called "religious leaders" throughout the world's history; and they all have one very basic distinction in common... one way in which every single one are in absolute unity. What do you think that one thing might be? When I mention people like Confucius, Martin Luther, Mohammed, Joseph Smith, Buddha and Pope John Paul III... can you believe they all really do have something in common?

Obviously, these randomly-chosen individuals represent various religious beliefs, construed by large segments of the world's population to be "The 'religious concept' for all". What every single one of the five individuals mentioned have in common is clearly revealed in Genesis 2:7 of the Christian Bible, simply declaring, "the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." From Confucius to Pope John Paul III, and including you and I, all of us were "...created by God in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them". Genesis 1:27. There certainly are an enormous variety of religions and religious concepts, but there was, is, and always will be only one true and living God, God the Father... God the Creator of the entire human race.

Deuteronomy 33:27 says, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms". The Bible begins with Genesis... and Creation; and God has seen fit to include in the final Book of the Bible, Revelation, further confirmation of His awesome, divine Creativity. "You are worthy, our Lord; and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11.

The individuals I mentioned above not only have their very "being" in common - but each is or has been considered by groups of people, to one extent or another, as objects of worship - whether actually called a "god" or not. Yes, the Bible certainly does have something to say about that too! "For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, Who shows no

partiality and accepts no bribes". Deuteronomy 1:17.

It is significant that God's sovereignty is specifically recorded for posterity. For you and I, right now, the four words that leap off this page are "who shows no partiality". "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called 'children of God!' And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1,m.

God's love is unconditional and everlasting; that means you and I don't have to "measure up to any requirements or meet any criteria" for God to love us so dearly. He loves you and I so deeply... unconditionally and everlastingly... (Jeremiah 31:3) that He longs to bless us; even as King David wrote in Psalm 29:11, "The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace".

Before God created anything "the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters". Genesis 1:2. Then the miracle of Creation began, by God, and no one else. Today "gods" and contemporary schools of thought, including the "New Age Movement" thrive now, exist... and guess why - by the very Grace of Almighty God, Himself!

It's been said there are more than 37,000 "Promises" of God in the Bible. Astonishing, right? And every single one of them is yours for the asking. Would you like to know how you can benefit from God's promises in your life, now? We at Cornerstone Fellowship would all love to share with you how when claimed God's promises, so you can too! We have two Worship Services every Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. You're most welcome and will receive a warm, friendly greeting when you come. Come and share our joy. It can change your present life and assure your everlasting life. Where "He (God) will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4. Sound good to you? We'll look forward to seeing you Sunday. You'll leave with a lot more JOY than you entered with!

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A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Cheers For "Murphy Brown"

Let's face it, the current season of television's "Murphy Brown" has been a bit lame. After a couple seasons of non-stop mirth, wit, sarcasm and satire (who can forget the perfect "Kelly Green" episode?), a pregnancy has dulled the sheen of this once great show.

But the producers of "Murphy Brown" threw in one of their best episodes this month - although on a Wednesday, when the show is usually scheduled on Mondays.

I speak of course of the wonderful episode that aired March 4, and starred Brian McNamara as the dream-time inamorata of executive news producer Miles Silverberg (Grant Shaud). Was this dream indication Miles was Gay? His frantic efforts to understand his dream - and his feelings for his co-worker - made for one of this show's funniest episodes.

Although elements of the show were preachy (the whole "when you've been to as many funerals as I have" segment came off forced), it is credit to the producers that a show offering such insight and intelligence about being Gay in America in the 1990s should air on network television at all.

And there were some truly clever comic moments to be found, including the early scene where each regular had a method to test if McNamara's character was Gay: Corky's "something on your heel" test, Frank's "moussed-hair" theory, etc.

Acting by the ensemble was good - as usual - with another standout performance by Shaud, the show's most under-appreciated cast member. Long overlooked by awards groups, Shaud has been due an Emmy for some time. If this episode doesn't get him an Emmy (at least), I'll be more than a little testy. (Denying one to Susan Lucci is one thing....)

One hopes that Murphy's baby doesn't further dampen this show's comic appeal and contemporary insight (rumors have been rampant that she'll miscarry). The show's tremendous potential was once again with this episode making it clear the producers/writers have not lost their touch. Perhaps it was merely misplaced - temporarily.

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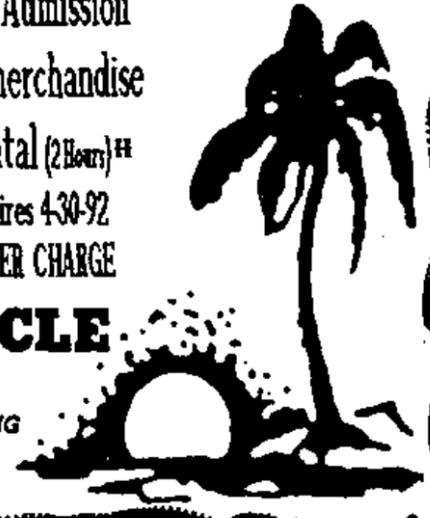


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GEMINI

Old friends will be delighted to hear from you this week. Get out and be your usual entertaining self - even though no one can stand to be around you more than 2 minutes - they fake it and pretend you're just wonderful company - like they do with Myron every day.

CANCER

An evening of fun will buoy your spirits. How about a scavenger hunt? Maybe you'll find Mr. B's branding iron. Falling asleep at airports is dangerous. You must have been waiting for someone that's a reliable old friend. But what about the airport encounter in St. Louis, Gary? Is meet me, or eat me in St. Louie?

LEO

The more you push, the more resistance you will encounter. Did your lover's hymen grow back? I don't think so. Dating a nurse does shave its advantages. Living with one is a different story. Sitting at the bars as long as you do, Steve, I'd be wary of your love whipping out a catheter hose. Lucky day, Election Day. The bars are closed.

VIRGO

Talking to VIPs will help shape your destiny. What VIPs you ask? Well, there's always Gordon and Moose. Peter used to be a VIP. Learn from an earlier employee's mistakes. By the way, what is Big Mike doing these days? Good fortune will find you Saturday - his name is Bob.

LIBRA

Don't fight the desire of others who want to be close to you. Everyone loves a winner - of course in your case, that's pretty questionable. Time to start planning for a vacation or move. Give your current love some extra rope. Lucky Day: Monday. Isn't that when you get your unemployment check?

SCORPIO

Uphold your end of a bargain (got a tweezer?). Try to reduce the stress affecting a close relationship. You're overly emotional now and easily hurt. Do not back away from a promise you made, remember? You promised to take your love to Flex Plex for a steam. Lucky Day? Sometime next fall.

SAGITTARIUS

The emphasis this week is on taking care of unfinished business. You did give your business card to the old man in the Lincoln at the bank the other day. Looking for another savings account? Lucky Day - yesterday - sorry.

CAPRICORN

Open your mind to new concepts and philosophies - hiring a psychologist for your lover is a good first step - maybe a proctologist too! Doing your own Tarot reading is fine, but doing your lover's behind his back? Maybe you should ask the cards about a new lover. Lucky day - Tuesday.

AQUARIUS

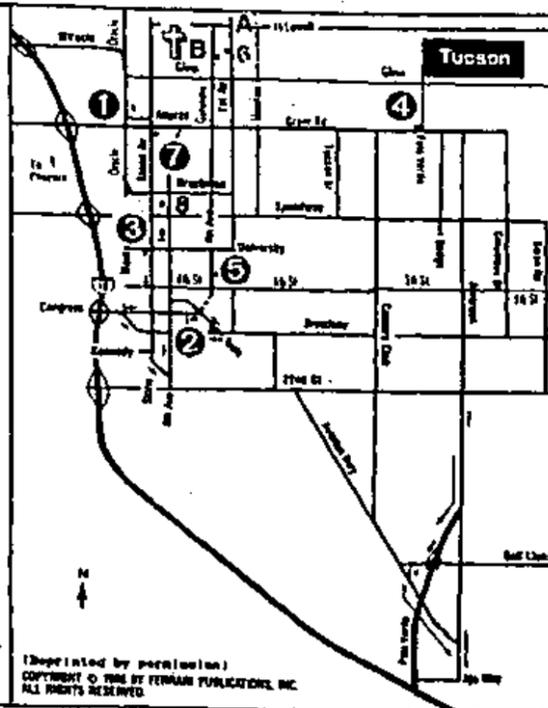
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Notices

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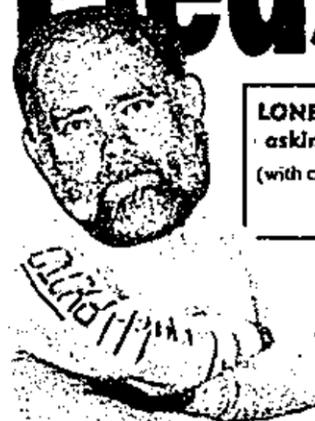
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