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Phoenix Gays and Lesbians Adopt Highway

PHOENIX - After four months of negotiations, the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project won the Maricopa County Department of Transportation's approval to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program. In agreeing to keep a two-mile stretch of highway litter-free, the Awareness Project is the first openly Lesbian and Gay organization in Arizona to participate in an Adopt-A-Highway program.

"Many of our volunteers are looking forward to going out and contributing towards keeping the environment as pleasant for everyone as we can," said Peter Crozier, executive coordinator for the Arizona Chapter of the Awareness Project. "We will also be acknowledged as an openly Gay and Lesbian group, and that, we think, will contribute towards increasing public awareness of the positive aspects of the Gay and Lesbian community."

A sign has already been installed in the area, recognizing the Awareness Project's clean-up efforts. The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project's full name, not an acronym, appears on the sign which is shown above.

The Awareness Project will need a volunteer crew of 25 people to clean up its assigned two-mile stretch of Usery Pass Road four times a year. Maricopa County will provide safety training, safety vests and litter bags," said Crozier.

The first clean up of the two-mile stretch will take place this Saturday, March 7. After working on the highway, the clean-up teams will enjoy a picnic at Usery Mountain Park. The Awareness Project will provide refreshments for the teams.

Any persons wishing to serve your community and help clean up part of Usery Pass Road, call the Awareness Project at 351-3080. For more information write: The Awareness Project, P.O. Box 60881, Phoenix, AZ 85082-0881.

Woman Named New Tucson Police Chief

TUCSON - Elaine S. Hedtke was named by City Manager Tom Wilson as his choice for the office of Chief of Police, replacing Peter Ronstadt who retired Feb. 23. The City Council unanimously approved Hedtke March 3. She becomes the second woman to head a major city police force in the United States and the third ever, nationally. The Council gave her a standing ovation and praised Wilson for his selection.

As reported last week, a citizen's panel interviewed the six candidates and reported back to Wilson their findings. The panel, almost unanimously selected Hedtke. The Gay and Lesbian community

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Important New AIDS Prevention Survey To Be Taken In Tucson

TUCSON - An important new survey of Gay and Bisexual men will be starting in Tucson during the month of March. The Think Positive Project and the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies are conducting a joint study to better understand the needs of Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson. In particular, the survey will find out how Gay and Bisexual men are responding to the AIDS epidemic. Information from the survey will help AIDS service organizations in Tucson develop effective programs to meet the needs of Gay and Bisexual men during the AIDS epidemic.

The Think Positive Project (TPP) has been in the forefront of doing prevention and outreach to the Gay and Bisexual male community of Tucson since its inception in 1985. Amy DeGroff, Director of Prevention Services at the Tucson AIDS Project and the local Field Coordinator of the joint survey, states, "This extensive survey will provide information which would be almost impossible for us to obtain without the help of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. It will be extremely valuable in augmenting our current programs and in the development of new ones to support Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson in maintaining safer sex behaviors and limiting the spread of HIV in our community."

During the month of March, survey workers from the Think Positive Project will be recruiting Gay and Bisexual men in bars in Tucson for the survey. The survey workers will be asking Gay men to give them their name, address and telephone number. A questionnaire will be mailed to other men who agree to be a part of the study a little later. Also, during April, the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies will be conducting a telephone survey of Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson. A random selection of Tucson's telephone numbers will be called to reach Gay or Bisexual men. To be a part of the telephone survey, you need only agree to be interviewed by telephone. Both the bar and the telephone surveys will ask the same questions, and together these will be used to learn more about how Gay men in Tucson are responding to the AIDS epidemic.

Dr. Ron Stall, of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, said that "About 1,000 Gay and Bisexual men in Tucson will be interviewed. This will be one of the largest surveys ever taken of Gay men outside of a major AIDS epicenter. We are very excited about sharing data with the Tucson AIDS service organizations, as well as other AIDS service organizations in Tucson. We expect that findings from the study can help these organizations identify areas where more or different services could be provided to meet the needs of Gay men in Tucson."

Stall pointed out that this kind of survey work was helpful in developing AIDS prevention programs in San Francisco. As he put it, "During the early years of the epidemic, there was a tremendous gap of knowledge about Gay and Bisexual men and their responses to the AIDS epidemic. Our group designed and implemented some of the earliest studies of these responses. These studies proved that prevention programs were needed, and they helped us understand more about what Gay men outside of the two most unusual cities in the United States – San Francisco and New York – are responding to the AIDS Epidemic. This is one of the reasons why we're interested in working with men in Tucson. We want to generate more knowledge about Gay men who live outside of the largest epidemic centers and we want to see if this knowledge can be used to make prevention programs for Gay men more effective."

The Center for AIDS Prevention Studies is located at the University of California, San Francisco. Scientists at the Center have had nearly 10 years of experience in conducting AIDS research among Gay men. Confidentiality is completely guaranteed. Support for this project comes from the National Institute of Mental Health and no local funds are used to support this research.

Cooperation is urged from members of the male Gay and Bisexual community of Tucson for this very important survey. Results will be published in the OBSERVER when the survey has been completed and published.

AM-PM Fires Gay Employee

TUCSON - An alleged case of sexual preference discrimination is currently being heard by the Tucson City Court. The former employee, Ken Reed, was terminated by the AM-PM Mini-Marts, following an accusation that he had violated company policy dealing with significant other relationships and employment by AM-PM. AM-PM Mini-Marts are owned by Prestige Stations, Inc. (PSI), a subsidiary of Atlantic-Richfield Company.

Tucson has an ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on affectional preference and according to City Prosecutor Nancy Dean, this is the first case to come to trial based upon affectional/sexual preference in the workplace since the ordinance was passed in 1977.

Following a confrontation between Reed and his supervisor, during which the supervisor indicated that this alleged relationship must be terminated, the former AM-PM field supervisor indicated that he was going to discuss these accusations

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UPDATE

Toevs Campaign Seeks Volunteers Saturday

TUCSON - Jim Toevs, candidate for U.S. Congress in District 5, will need over 2,000 signatures of registered Democrats on qualifying petitions to place him on the ballot for the Sept. 8 Primary Election.

Saturday's Democratic Presidential Primary polling places will be prime locations for obtaining the needed signatures, and the Toevs campaign plans to have volunteers at six locations from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you can help by working a two-hour shift on Saturday, please call the Toevs Campaign, 577-6018.

AZ Attorney General To Address OPBPA

TUCSON - Attorney General Grant Woods will speak next Tuesday, March 10, at a special luncheon meeting sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association at Po' Folks Restaurant, 5632 E. Speedway Blvd., at 12:30 p.m. Price of the lunch is $7.00 and reservations may be made by calling Mary Higgins, 622-6026.

According to Toevs, OP President, "This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to interact with the chief law enforcement officer in Arizona. We appreciate the work Grant Woods did on the Hate Crimes Bill in the last regular legislative session, and we will solicit his support on key bills in the future." This meeting is open to the public and all politically interested persons are urged to attend.

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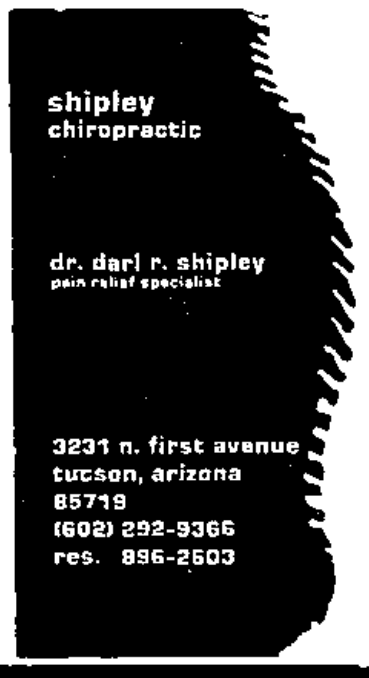

IBT's To Host Clark Retrospective

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.

All members of Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community are invited to attend this unique exhibit.

New Line Dance Group Forming At 2520

TUCSON - A new line dance group is being formed by Club 2520. The kick-off will be a contest in conjunction with a national campaign promoting a new country/western dance song, "Achy Breaky Heart," sung by a new C/W star, Billy Ray Cyrus.

Those interested in learning this new dance may sign up at Club 2520. They will give you information as to when instructions for the new dance will take place. You will receive an audio cassette of the song so you can practice at home. The promotion will begin in approximately two weeks, and will last for three weeks. Club 2520 has the exclusive rights to this Mercury Record promotion in this area. At the end of the three weeks a contest will be held and the couple who is judged the best will receive a portable CD player. There will be other prizes also. The winning couple will be video taped and entered in the national contest with the Grand prize being a Trip to Nashville, and an appearance on TNN's Club Dance.

Club 2520 has hopes that it will be able to form a troupe of line dancers from those who have entered the contest and who would appear at various functions in Tucson as well as statewide. Check with 2520 for more details.

In Memoriam

A memorial service will be held for Ernie S. Nichalison on March 14. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m. at MCC/Tucson, 3269 North Mountain Ave. Ernie Nichalison, born in 1951, was an active member of the leather community in Phoenix and was well known to many in Tucson.

Woman Police Chief

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was represented on the interview panel by Dr. Bruce Fowler.

Hedtke, 47, rose quickly through the ranks. She was named Tucson's first female lieutenant in 1982. In 1986 she was promoted to captain and in 1989 she was promoted an assistant chief.

In a short speech in City Hall Chambers, Hedtke said, "With God's help, and with the help of all my friends, family and colleagues, we will continue to provide for the safety and security of the community."

Hedtke has no plans for big staff changes nor in the philosophy of the department. But she wants to see "a greater maturity" for community-based policing. Generally, community-based policing means that police departments join with social, education and neighborhood groups to solve specific problems

At the time of her selection, Hedtke commanded the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team, the hostage negotiations unit, the dog unit, the multiple offenders unit, the traffic division, the training division, community services and more than 300 volunteers.

The salary range for police chief is $53,916 to $89,500, and still is under negotiation.

Desert Voices Seek Accompanist

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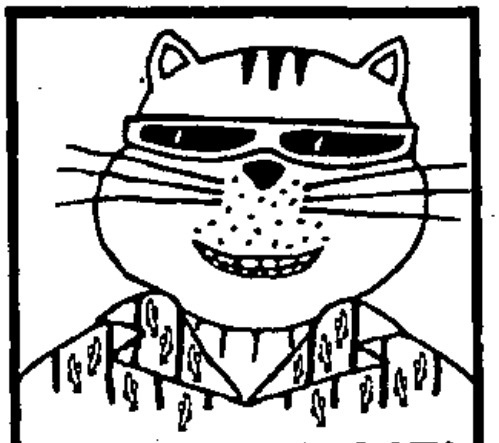

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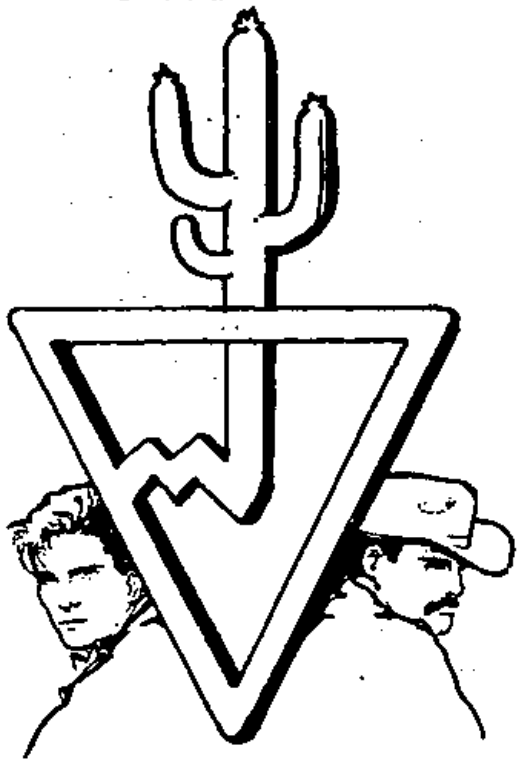

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POLITICS '92 by Mark Kerr

THE ARIZONA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

On Sunday, March 7, the Arizona Democratic Party will be holding their Presidential Primary. The hours that the polling places will be open are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The polling places are different because this election is not being run by the County or State, this election is being run by the Democratic Party. With the exception of Legislative District 9, there is just one polling location in each District. Due to the fact that the party is lacking financially and staff wise, the State Party limited the polling locations. Here are the addresses of the locations of the polling places in Pima County:

DIST.	LOCATION
6	VFW Post #3573, Ajo
7	S.W. Neighborhood Center, 5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson
9	South Abrego Rec. Center, 1655 S. Abrego, Green Valley
9	PCC East Activity Center, 8202 E. Poinciana, Tucson
10	Sam Lena Library, 1607 S. 6th Avenue, South Tucson
11	El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway, Tucson
12	Plumbers & Steamfitters Hall, 2475 E. Water Street, Tucson
13	Pima County Democratic Hqtrs., 2615 E. Broadway, Tucson
14	St. Michael's Church, 500 N. Wilmot, Tucson

Now if you do not know which Legislative District you are in, you can call any one of the following groups who can tell you which one you live in:

Pima County Hqtrs. 326-3716
Pima County Recorder 740-8083
Pima Co. Board of Elections 740-8408
League of Women Voters 327-7652

VOTING IN THE PRIMARY

Since this election is run by the Democratic Party, the guidelines for registrations are different. Normally the deadline is 29 days. But for this election, you can register on the same day. Or if you want to change your party affiliation, you can do that the same day. The only requirement is to be registered as a Democrat the day of the Primary.

When you go to the polls to vote, you will cast two votes. You will first vote for your presidential preference, after you've cast your vote, you will then turn the page, as per instructions on the ballot, listing the delegate candidates pledged to your presidential preference. You will then cast a certain number of votes, depending upon which district you are from. (The number of votes for each district is determined by a mathematical formula using the figures from the 1988 presidential election and the 1990 gubernatorial results from the districts). Here is the breakdown of delegate votes to cast in each of the legislative districts:

DIST. #6 - 1	DIST. #11 - 20
DIST. #7 - 5	DIST. #12 - 24
DIST. #9 - 12	DIST. #13 - 23
DIST. #10 - 13	DIST. #14 - 19

Now you can cast your delegate vote for one person or split them up accordingly, but the total cannot exceed the number of votes allotted for the District. Also note, you cannot vote for one presidential candidate and then vote for a delegate pledged to another, this will invalidate your ballot. You must vote for the delegate candidates pledged to your presidential preference.

Some members of the Lambda Democratic Caucus are running as delegate candidates for presidential candidates. Here is a breakdown of those running:

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DIST. 11: Debra Broner, Alisa Reynolds, Gary Clark
DIST. 12: Kathy Mayer
DIST. 13: Mark Kerr, Anne Dursee, Cathy Cravens, Linda Wilson

HARKIN
DIST. 9: Mary Matley
DIST 11: Don Buchanan

TSONGAS
DIST. 13: Abe Marques

If you vote for one of these presidential candidates and you see their name, cast your delegate votes for them. It's time someone from our community goes to the convention to represent us.

This is an important election, we have the chance to shape our future and the future of the country. Please vote on Saturday, March 7th.

Until next time, politics as usual!!!

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Joshua Tree Closes It's Doors

TUCSON - The Joshua Tree/Back Pocket closed it's doors for the last time on Sunday, March 1. The second oldest continuously operating Gay bar called it quits after nearly 20 years of serving the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson.

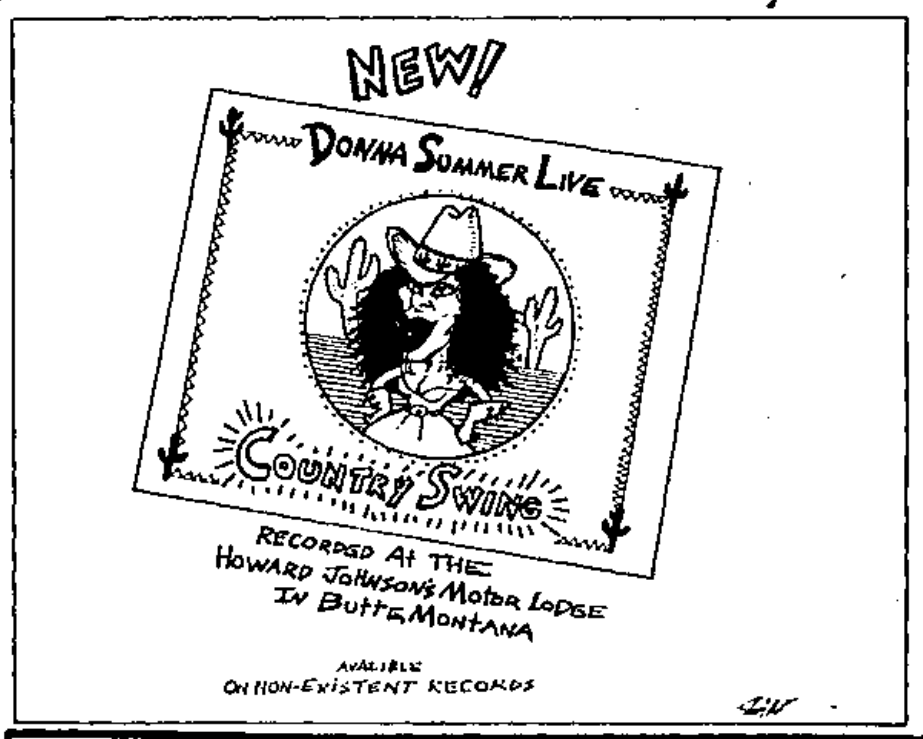
Citing the slow economy and health reasons, owner Bob Bishop Sr. in a surprise move, announced the closing last weekend.

The large facility at 2921 N. First Avenue had originally opened as the Stonewall in 1973 and when Bishop took it over in 1978, the name had changed to Joshua Tree/Back Pocket.

Besides being remembered for its dancing and drinking hospitality, JT's will be remembered for their support of athletic activities. For years JT's Mixed Bowling League was in evidence in Tucson for many years. Also, JT's was the first bar to offer volleyball facilities to the Lesbian and Gay community.

The thousands of our community who passed through it's 'hallowed' doors will remember the Joshua Tree as an outstanding facility where you could always find a familiar face and a laugh or two. It will be hard to find another 'hangout' as personable as the old Joshua Tree/Back Pocket.

As I See It . . . . . *by Clark*



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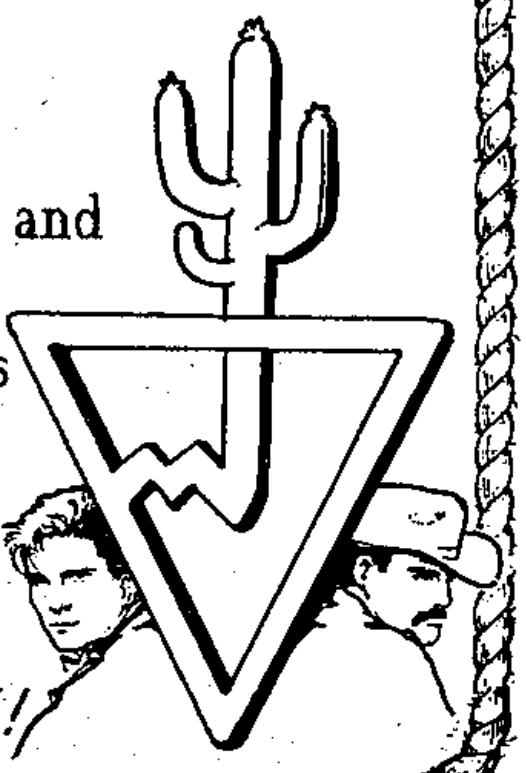
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Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.

STEVEN DIETZ..
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Q. I'm really sick of hearing people say they're not ready to make a commitment. A couple of people I've gone out with say commitment is old-fashioned. I don't get it. Am I not understanding what commitment means to other people? As long as everything is on their terms then it's fine, but as soon as I talk about my promises, everything falls apart. What's going on here?

A. Commitment is at the foundation of all human relationships. It is the fiber of society. No matter where we are in the world, the idea of commitment is in operation. It may work itself out in different ways, but it is there. To be human is to long for commitments from others.

Commitment, however, is not necessarily a contract composed of long lists of promises. Commitment implies dependability - the sense that we can count on someone or something. When the world is falling apart, we trust that someone will be able to put the pieces back together again; when we hurt and have needs, someone will stand beside us and help. Commitment means we can call a friend at 1:00 a.m. and our friend will not hang up on us.

At the broader level of society, commitment means that the green pieces of paper in my wallet are worth what the government printing on them claims. That when I turn the faucet handle, I will have water, and the light switch will work if I pay my electric bills. Commitment is an agreement to work together for the good of a larger group so that each one will have a place and a sense of security. We depend on traffic signals to give order to movement, and within relationships our sometimes unspoken commitments let us assume our partner will act in ways that are expectable and understandable.

Commitment, however, is costly; it always requires giving - our time, our resources, our thought life, sometimes even our very soul - and because of its cost we admire it in others, and fear it for ourselves. It can hurt. When we give ourselves to others and they turn away from us, revealing that their commitment to us was not as deep as ours to them, we suffer rejection, which can be devastating. When we commit ourselves, we are no longer our own. We give others the right to call on us and even ask for something we may not be prepared to give. Thus, commitment only works when it is absolutely honest. All too often people make commitments lightly, only to find that they didn't really mean what they said, or perhaps worse, accept promises from others, knowing they forced a response, or settled for less than the needs their standards dictate.

Be thankful that the people you've met were honest enough to tell you they weren't ready to make commitments. Far better to know ahead of time, than to find out later there was little or no substance in the promises made. The commitments we make show others the level of trust we have in ourselves. Patience, dependability, compassion and honesty coming from you will make it easier for others to trust, and love you in return.

What's Up Doc ???

I've always tried to have my column a little entertaining and useful, different club information, bar information or whatever. On this occasion, I'm going to send a message out to a certain group of individuals that lately have been carrying a joke a little too far.

Everyone who knows me knows that I am the first to enjoy a joke, pulled on someone or having one pulled on me. I have always felt a little humor can go a long way for everyone. It has, on occasions, even brought me out of the dumps, or when I wasn't feeling up to 100%.

Well, what started out as a joke from the Venture-N and Rumorz, has become not so funny. The clock going back and forth between the bars was ok, and the cardboard figure going over to Rumorz, is ok. But when business necessities are removed, that is carrying it too far. The items in question are the ice scoop out of the ice machine, and the soap dispenser out of the men's room. Both items should not, repeat not be considered items up for grabs, for humor.

Now I read in last week's paper, items are being removed from Club 2520. Some of the items were of great sentimental value. For a person to remove these items, that were placed there for everyone's enjoyment and viewing, this is the lowest act on someone's part that I can imagine.

Both bars have spent a great deal of money to bring you, the customers, an atmosphere that you can enjoy and patronize. In some cases, for both many of these items are personal, placed there for the enjoyment of all. Why should the bar owners try to have a place you can be comfortable in and enjoy the decorations? Why not just open a plain bar, no decorations, just bar stools and the bar itself?

I will not ramble on and on, but I believe the message is clear. For those who continue to play these games, I will tell you your days are numbered and sooner or later you will be caught and labeled.

I highly recommend to those individuals who removed the items mentioned from each bar, to return them as soon as possible. If you are an honest person, let the bar know it was you and apologize. Bar owners are not bad people, and they can forgive if you give them a chance. They are also people who are tying to give you a place you can be comfortable in and enjoy yourself.

Yes, they wish to make a profit, but not to the point you feel you have to steal something. Remember, the first $$$$'s each bar owner puts into a place comes out of his or her own pocket.

I'll close for this week and apologize to the majority of my readers that look forward to this column on a happier note. I will get back to normal next week. Thank you to everyone who reads my column weekly and comments to me about it, because you are the ones I enjoy writing for.

PFLAG Seeks Greater Visibility In Tucson Gay Community

TUCSON - The Tucson chapter of PFLAG, (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays), has been busy these past few months setting their agenda and pushing for changes in laws as well as holding workshops educating schools and churches on Gay and Lesbian issues. The group now wishes closer ties and visibility with the Gay and Lesbian Community.

PFLAG is trying to eliminate sections of Arizona Senate Bill 1386 dealing with restrictions on teaching about homosexuality, and also trying to get the bill to address the issues of Gay and Lesbian youth saying that they should have equal rights to education of AIDS. Tucson chapter member Jean Baker has already testified before the Senate Education Committee.

The group has opposed publicly and has attended the Tucson Police Advisory Committee meetings to protest the harassment of Gay men in the local parks. A PFLAG spokesperson told the committee that they wanted Gay men to be treated like everyone else and not subjected to discrimination because of their sexual orientation. In addition, the group mounted a telephone campaign to all concerned officials protesting the police activities against Gay men. They continue to work, in concert with the Gay community, on the Police Advisory Committee.

The local chapter has held workshops in schools on issues of homosexuality with both students and families attending. PFLAG also has an outreach program to Tucson churches. In addition, they had a table on the mall at the UofA during Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week last month; attended and manned a table at the annual Gay Pride Picnic, and is currently attempting to get Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on all Tucson area TV and radio stations.

The group is anxious to publish a monthly newsletter in order establish better communications between the group and the Gay community as well as other interested parties. In order to carry this out they will need some funds. Later this month there will be a "Get Acquainted Party" held at IBT's and next month their will be a benefit show scheduled also at IBT's.

In addition to the newsletter, the group has many other projects planned which will need funding to achieve. These projects include information sheets about the organization, pamphlets listing recommended books for school libraries; lists of famous Gay and Lesbian people who serve as positive role models for Gay youth; basic fact sheet surrounding issues of homosexuality; information sheet on methods of handling issues of homosexuality in schools; booklets on "How To Come Out To Parents"; provide videos's and books to school counselors; pamphlets on Gay youth suicide.

All of these productive things take money and the group is hoping that the community will support them by attending a series of fundraising events during the coming months.

PFLAG meets on the First Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information call 575-8660

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APACHE	61,591	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	-	5	5	5	-
COCHISE	97,624	12	12	12	5	9	9	9	-	44	44	44	-
COCONINO	96,591	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	-	18	18	18	-
GILA	40,216	5	5	4	3	0	0	0	-	4	4	4	-
GRAHAM	26,554	4	4	5	1	2	2	2	-	3	3	3	-
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LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	-	8	8	8	-
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1196	1183	1166	682	314	313	313	30	2131	2055	2049	44
MOHAVE	33,497	15	15	15	7	1	1	1	-	27	27	27	-
NAVAJO	77,658	5	5	5	3	1	0	0	-	2	2	1	-
PIMA	666,880	299	292	288	152	62	60	62	7	551	537	538	10
PINAL	116,379	13	13	13	10	3	3	3	-	26	26	24	-
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	4	4	4	0	2	2	2	-	5	4	4	-
YAVAPAI	107,714	17	16	16	11	0	0	0	-	29	28	28	1
YUMA	106,895	21	21	21	12	2	2	2	-	62	61	61	-
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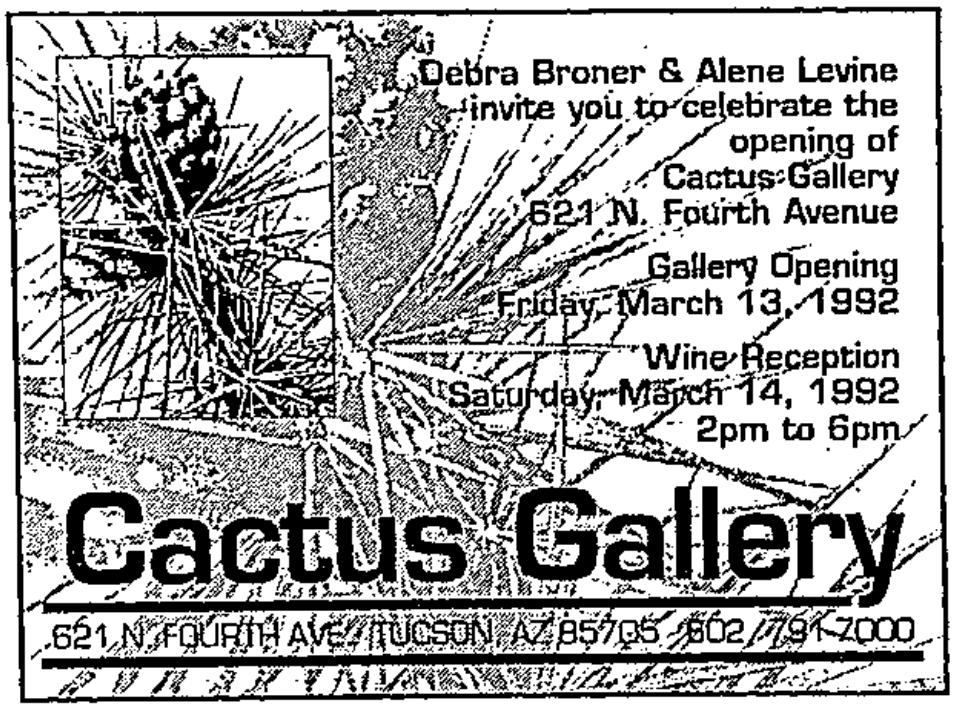

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A Commentary By
Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Gays 2, Boy Scouts 0

Over the past few weeks, this column and newspaper have chronicled the growing furor over the no-homosexual stand of the National Boy Scouts of America. It says allowing homosexual boys to be members, or men to be leaders, would be contrary to its mission/purpose /dogma, whatever.

Late last month, the Bay Area (San Francisco) chapter of the United Way came down --unanimously-- against further funding of all Boy Scout groups that prevent homosexual boys or men from becoming members.

At risk are groups in five countries. At stake about $1.2 million in funding.

This latest slap in the face to the national organization comes on the heels of a San Jose chapter's resolution welcoming homosexuals with open arms (see this column, Feb. 19, 1992), and follows a long period of unwanted publicity for the national organization on its stands against Gays and Atheists.

Having come this close to becoming an Eagle Scout myself (it was matter of principle that made me quit), after spending years in the various scouting organizations, I speak from personal experience of the tremendous education Scouting gave me. It was also the first time I was forced to stand by my principles and quit an organization i enjoyed because of an injustice being pushed on a small group of boys due of a change in policy by the national headquarters.

Although I would probably have not appreciated the fact that my leader or fellow scouts were Gay (if they were), more homosexuals are realizing their sexuality at a younger age making scouting an important opportunity for counseling during a difficult stage of development.

With businesses, cities, and religious groups beginning to appreciate the positive elements of Gay and Lesbian culture, one wonders why the Boy Scouts are so slow in realizing the benefits from being open-minded -- and the bad publicity from being narrow minded.

Although it's only a matter of time before the Scouts follow the Big Brother organization (which went through something like this several years ago) and religious groups that have recently opened their arms to homosexual clergy and congregation, one wonders why it's taking them so long to follow one of their recommendations in the Scout Motto: Be Prepared.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cockle

Today is Ash Wednesday,. This is celebrated as the first day of Lent. You won't find Lent, Ash Wednesday, Fat Tuesday or any of the other commemorative events connected with Lent even mentioned in the Bible. The trial, execution and resurrection of Jesus was such a memorable event that it has been observed since the early church as a special time.

Lent was originally observed as the 40 hours from the time of Jesus' death until His resurrection. This was observed with fasting, self denial and penitence. This period of 40 hours was later extended into 40 days. These 40 days do not include Sundays. Ash Wednesday is so named from the ritual of sprinkling ashes on the heads of the penitents at the beginning of Lent. The ashes used for the sprinkling are usually from the burned palm leaves used during the observance of Palm Sunday from the previous year.

It was announced last Sunday that Tucson will be visited by our Assistant District Coordinator, Rev. Judy Davenport, on Sunday, March 22nd. Rev. Judy will be bringing the message at our Sunday Morning Worship Service which starts at 10:45 a.m.

Then, on March 24th, at our Mid-Week Service, our District Coordinator, Rev. Don Pederson, will be in attendance. Rev. Thomas Jordan, Pastor of Gentle Shepherd MCC of Phoenix, will also be in Tucson with Rev. Pederson. It is also possible that Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn, Pastor of Oasis MCC in Phoenix will be here at this same time. More details will be made public as the time approaches.

The Raffle Tickets being sold for the silver and turquoise "Squash Blossom" necklace, man's gold and sapphire ring and CB radio is still in progress. The drawing for these valuable items will be made on Sunday, March 29th. Tickets are being sold for $1.00 each or 7 tickets for $5.00. It is not necessary to be present to win at this drawing.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It is not necessary for the right hand to know what the left hand is doing, but it is important to let the right foot know when the left foot is in your mouth.

Bit of the Old South

This last weekend was the 8th Annual SOS Hoedown and it was a blast. Thanks to all the wonderful people for their help. I will be putting in my thank you's next week. I haven't totally recovered from the weekend yet.

Congratulations to George Kaminski for winning the Mr. Gay Rodeo Days contest and Ken Davis who won first runner-up. I know it wasn't the same as many were used to, but it is a learning experience. Thanks for the years of ground work by SOS, it was possible to continue upon their foundation. More on the Hoedown next week, and look for some great pictures in this issue of OBSERVER.

And, don't forget, OBSERVER/ Community Benefit is coming Saturday, March 28. Look elsewhere in this issue for more details.

Please play well and play safe. Sean: 628-7816.

Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

All That Glitters

It is difficult not to succumb to appearances. I once knew a woman who was tall, beautiful, and well-dressed. She was so impressive that it took me a year to notice that she was a jerk.

We're brought up on the saying that "You can't judge a book by its cover," but we do, we do. It's in our training. White men in suits are smart and competent. Old women in aprons are nurturing and a little silly. Black men in denim jackets are dangerous. People with warm eyes are kind. Heavy-set thick-necked men are stupid. Fat people are jolly.

Stereotyping has been proved to exist. For instance, the stereotyping of deaf people as being dumb was verified when some college students were given pictures of people wearing hearing aids and asked to describe them. Other students of similar backgrounds were given pictures of the same people without aids. People who were considered smart and attractive without hearing aids were described as dumb and less attractive with them.

Where does this training come from? Some from our parents, depending on their ability -- or lack of ability -- to ignore stereotyping and labeling. More of the training, however, comes from the media, including movies,s TV, newspapers, and magazines.

My favorite example of the visual training of movies is from Charade, starring Audrey Hepburn, Cary Grant and Walter Matthau. (If you don't want to know how the movie ends, skip this part). Hepburn is trapped under the Paris Opera, with Matthau hidden behind a large column with a gun; Grant is behind another, also with a gun. Each is claiming that he will save Hepburn. As far as she knows, Matthau has never lied to her. Grant has lied to her frequently, and she has reason to believe he is a murderer. How does she -- and we -- know to pick Grant over Matthau? This is a life-or-death decision, remember. Well, obviously the good guy is Grant; he's good-looking and debonair and sexy. He's Cary Grant, for God's sake. So she chooses Grant, who shoots Matthau, and they live happily ever after.

At least movies have the (sometimes feeble) excuse of being fiction. What about newspapers and magazines, where the truth is ostensibly told? Take this tidbit from the L.A. Times: "Tonja Robertson seems an unlikely crusader for safe sex" -- with a picture of a young blonde woman wearing a condom-shaped hat and no further explanation of why she would be an "unlikely crusader." Who does the L.A. Times think should be crusading for safe sex? Do they think that young blondes are more likely than other people to be virgins? They should have gone to my high school!

Then this, from People: "... the killing of Steve Farley [in New Mexico] seemed especially shocking. A churchgoing teenager and model student, he had never been in any trouble." Okay, so why is his murder more shocking than, say, the murder of an inner-city gang member? The murder of a Gay Puerto Rican in New York? Is his life worth more? Is his death more tragic?

Sometimes stereotyping is unnoticed even while being omnipresent. I am particularly peeved by mass media descriptions of "baby boomers": we've all been hippies, all been yuppies, all sold out, all wasted money, etc, etc. Yet this stereotypical baby boomer -- if he (yes, he) even exists -- is a wealthy white baby boomer. What about the experiences of poor white baby boomers? Black baby boomers? Gay and Lesbian baby boomers? We've had millions of experiences and millions of different lives, yet our whole generation is vilified for the stupidity and cupidity of maybe 10% of us.

Some stereotyping is subtler: I have seen a number of references recently to "Russia, where homosexuality is illegal." Well, you know those repressive Russians. But why do so few newspapers bother to list all the states -- United States states -- in which homosexuality is also illegal.

One or two words can make all the difference. When a prisoner sued to be separated from the cellmate who had raped him, the newspapers were filled with references to "homosexual rape" and "violent homosexuals". These words brand themselves into people's minds. But where are the mentions of "heterosexual rape"? Isn't Mike Tyuson a "violent heterosexual"? Ted Budy?

The examples are endless. Stereotyping has been around for years and may be with us forever. That's why it's important to really read the newspaper and really listen to TV and movies. Otherwise the old stereotypes and familiar cliches train us to ignore the book and judge the cover.

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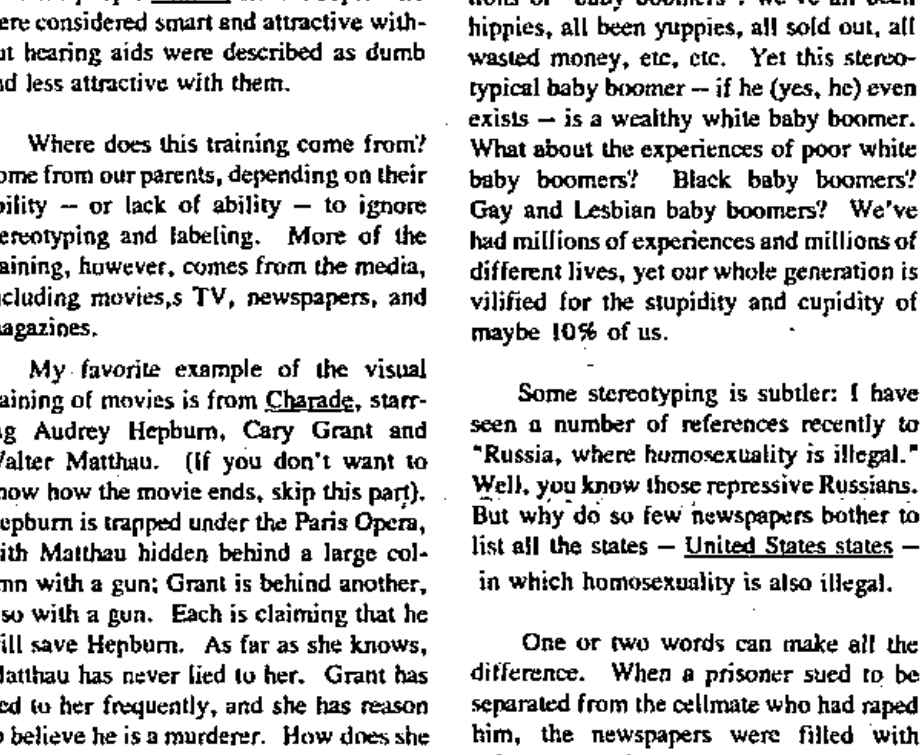

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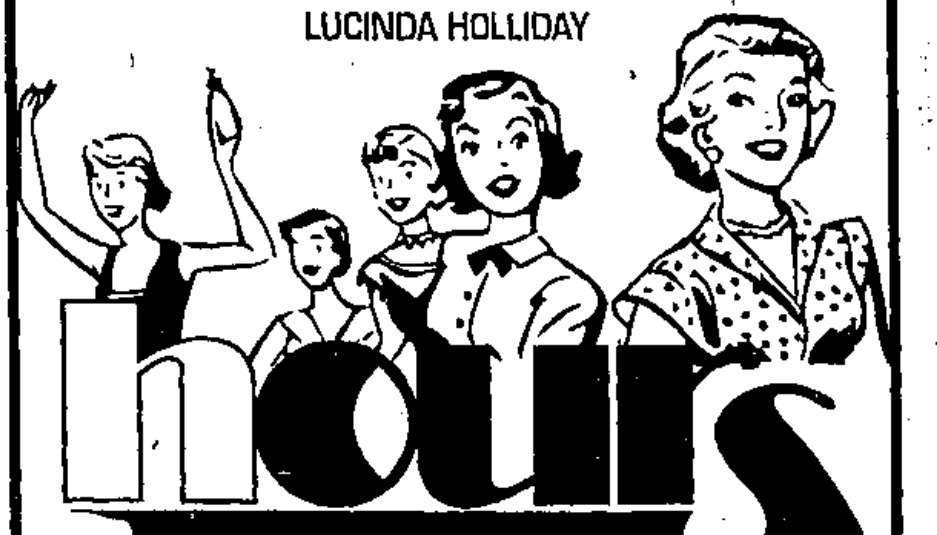

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Gay Flap At Pima Community College

TUCSON - The February 6 issue of the PCC student newspaper, the Aztec Press, announced that a new Gay club was forming. Randy Reeves, a part-time student was collecting signatures in support of a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual organization for PCC students, faculty and staff. Reeves got the idea after visiting the University of Arizona Lesbian, Bisexuals and Gays United group. The group to be called "Pima Pride" will be a support/discussion group.

Pima Pride plans to meet every Tuesday night. Reeves said that heterosexuals are welcome. At least 25 signatures must be collected for clubs and organizations to be recognized on campus and must be presented to the student government for approval. More than half of that amount has been collected as of Feb. 6. Persons interested in signing the petition may do so at the West Campus Student Government Office, SC123.

The following week the Aztec Press carried a letter from a husband and wife and headlined, "Gay Club Story Was Free Ad For Homosexuality". It read, "We thought the Aztec Press had the right policy on homosexuality. Well, it's about time you started acting like it. The story, 'Student Starting Gay Club,' was nothing but a big advertisement for them. And they probably don't even have to pay for it. We've got two children and we're trying to get a better education so they can have a better life. And now it turns out our money is going to groups like that. Sure they say they aren't trying to recruit people to be homosexuals, but why else would they have a club, and keep talking about "pride"? Their so-called friends might not care if they're Gay or not, but it matters to us if our children are, and the last thing we want is for them to spend our tax dollars on support for this club to recruit them to be "gay" too. The Aztec Press should demand for the police to enforce the law against that. And should stop giving them free advertisements, too."

That letter got the goat of student Chris Nielsen who wrote the Aztec Press the following letter, titled "In Response To Bigotry". It was published the following week in the Aztec Press.

"I read, with horror, the letter from [names omitted] (a.k.a. Mr. and Mrs. Anita Bryant) regarding their bizarre interpretation of the "Gay Club" article, and their insinuation that the Aztec Press ran the article as a free advertisement for Gays. What do they think the Aztec Press' policy is regarding homosexuality? Do they think that the Aztec Press should only print articles condemning homosexuals in order to avoid so-called free advertisement? If an article was printed regarding bigots, would this mean that the Aztec Press was giving free advertisement to all bigots?

They also expressed a phobic dismay that their tuition, and somehow their tax dollars, would be spent to fund a Gay club. According to Chloe Dior, PCC Coordinator of Student Activities, "No money is being given to the Gay club from the college fund. Any funding for the club would be raised by the club itself. All that the school is providing is a meeting room for the Gay club to meet in." The reason for the formation of such a club is to give support to a much maligned minority, such as Gay students. Pride involves feeling good about yourself, and due to bigots like the letter writers, this is not always easy. If they were forced to operate in society as pariahs, as many Gays do, they might be able to comprehend this concept.

Their concern that their children could be recruited by a Gay club is totally idiotic - are these people actually in college? A person's sexuality is not determined by exposure to Gay (or other) people. Furthermore, if their children happen to turn out to be heterosexual, they would not be interested in joining a Gay club, or be threatened by the existence of one. Their warped opinion that the Aztec Press should demand a law against Gay clubs, (fearing recruitment), further indicates their ignorance. If there should be any law enforced, it should be to prevent ignorant bigots (like them) from raising another generation of bigots. Luckily, my family has been understanding and supportive, which is more, I'm sure, than theirs would be if one of their children was anything other than heterosexual.

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3rd National March On Washington Gathers Momentum

WASHINGTON, DC - Organizers of a massive march on the nation's capital to fight homophobia are set to launch a major fundraising campaign and open up a national office in the District of Columbia.

The Executive Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Rights and Liberation held its first meeting in Washington, D.C. in mid-February, to lay the groundwork for a national fundraising strategy.

The march, which is scheduled for April 25, 1993, is the third of its kind. The first, held in 1979, was followed by a record-breaking march in 1987 which drew over one-half of a million participants. Organizers estimate the upcoming march and rally will cost $500,000.

"Fundraising is the primary focus right now," said Billy Hileman, the march's treasurer. "We are tapping major donors, gathering support from national organizations, and we want to generate a lot of grassroots financial support."

The Committee also established a volunteer support committee in Washington to begin preparations for a national headquarters that should open within the next few months. Kay Ostberg, who served as the Washington, D.C.-based co-chair in 1987, is among the first to join the march's Advisory Committee.

"It's exciting that the third march is taking place. Given the previous experiences this can only be an enormous step forward for our community," Ostberg said.

At the Feb. 15 and 16 meeting, three new members were added to the Executive Committee. Of the nine Executive Committee members elected by delegates during the first National Steering committee meeting held in Los Angeles in mid-January, only one lives west of the Mississippi River.

To ensure broader geographical representation, the Executive Committee agreed to add three seats to the committee, requiring that at least two of the seats be filled by persons from western regions. After the expansion was agreed upon, the L.A. election results were audited. The next three vote-getters were added to the committee. The new members are Bartholomew Casmir of San Francisco, CA; Jaime Rodriguez of Anchorage, AK,; and Marla Stevens of Indianapolis, IN.

The nine Executive Committee members elected at the Los Angeles meeting are, Howard Armistead of Colonial Heights, VA; Michelle Crone of Albany, NY; Billy Hileman of Pittsburgh, PA; Pat Hussian of Decatur, GA; Derek Livingston of Providence, RI; Scout of Chicago, IL; Nadine SMith of Tampa, FL; Rebecca Toledo of Jersey City, NJ and Gypsy Tucker of Oakland, CA.

The three co-chairs for the march will be elected at the next National Steering Committee meeting to be held in Dallas, TX on May 9 and 10.

Phoenix Schedules Hearings on Sexual Orientation

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Human Relations Commission will hold a hearing March 26 on whether to add sexual orientation as a protected class to the city's employment and public accommodations anti-discrimination ordinance. The hearing will be held in City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Testimony will be heard to determine whether the amendment is needed and its legal and financial impact on the community. Written comment will also be accepted by the Commission up to 14 days after the hearing.

The Commission's finding will be the basis for its recommendation to the Phoenix City Council. The City Council reject the Commission's unanimous recommendation of the amendment in January of this year, citing the lack of an opportunity for public comment.

According to Bob Aronin, chairman of the Commission's Human Rights Advocacy Committee as well as chairman of the Community AIDS Council and part of the Gay and Lesbian community coalition working in favor of the measure's passage, hard work and a united voice by advocates of the amendment are its only chance at success.

The Human Relations Commission is already on record as opposing all manner and means of discrimination. However, the City Council can be expected to avoid confronting the issue of sexual orientation unless substantial public and political support develops between now and its expected July vote.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

CLUB 2520 - Reprise and Sire recording star Paul Lekakis will make a special appearance here beginning at 9:30 p.m. He will be singing songs from his hit album "Tattoo It" on Sire Records including "My House" and "Boom Boom". He also will be singing songs from his new album. Here's a great chance to meet and hear one of the country's hottest rising young stars in person. No cover, of course.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

GRADUATE - TALL's monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 along with their monthly special dinner. Then about 8:30 there will be a benefit show for Miss Gay Tucson contestant Lucinda Holliday. All star list of entertainers. Watch for more.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

CLUB 2520 - Beginning this evening and every weekday (Monday thru Saturday) Michael will be serving hot sandwiches from 5 to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

GRADUATE - Monthly Beer Bust for Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) from 2 to 6 p.m. There are usually games and lots of fun and camaraderie with this crazy gang. Plan on attending.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

RUMORZ - A big benefit for P.A.C.T. is in the planning stages here. It's being billed as "Four Star Reunion Show" with Mr. Monte Jon, Mr. Dani Reid, Nana and direct from Los Angeles, Miss Brenda Starr. $1 donation at the door for PACT. Reservations are suggested. A limited number of 4-seat tables are available for reservations ($10 donation). 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 21 & 22

VENTURE-N - "Hydes of March" celebration of levi leathrmen coming in from Venture-N in Houston, Texas as well as many others from around Arizona and California. Big time fun. Watch for more details.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CLUB 2520 - 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!!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

CLUB 2520 - Another AGRA-Tucson benefit for the May rodeo. I "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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Non-Bar CALENDAR

[NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this Non-Bar Activities Calendar, please contact Mr. Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday's paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until that event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 322-9151 in Tucson.]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

The first meeting for H.I.T.T. '92 will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes on West Miracle Mile. This will be a planning meeting at which time committees will be formed for various bowling tournament functions, determine duties, etc. Anyone interested in being a member of this year's Halloween Invitational Tournament in Tucson is encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Garage Sale, Car Wash and Bar-B-Que on the parking lot at Hours from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. It's a fund raising effort by Lucinda Holliday to raise money for her run at the Miss Gay Tucson title. Garage sale continues Sunday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at IBT's for all prospective contestants for Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. All interested people should attend.

"Teorema" will be presented by Filmworks today and tomorrow. Today's performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Modern Languages Auditorium on the UofA campus, and ate 7:30 on Sunday, March 8, at the Downtown Performance Center, 530B N. Stone. This 1968 Pier Paolo Pasolini Italian film with English subtitles traces the ambiguous impact of a placid, bisexual, superterrestrial visitor on a bourgeois family and their peasant maid. His transcendent force is brought to bear sexually on all of them; when he leaves, each goes through a mysterious crisis, each no longer able to continue the same closed patterns of his or her life, but none able to assimilate the revolutionary force into their emotional lives. Film originally seized for obscenity at the Venice Film Festival in 1968. Still banned in Italy.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

The Experience Workshop will host an introductory preview for people interested in enhancing the quality of their relationship and living a life of choice. This workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m. for information call Steve, 327-7719 in Tucson.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Softball game in Himmel Park Benefit for Shanti. Noonish. Hot Dogs, Beer, Fun. Originally advertised as a March 1st event. Sorry for the error, but come on out the 15th and enjoy. It's for a good cause too!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Starting at 7:00 p.m., the Experience Workshop will host an introductory preview for people interested in enhancing the quality of their relationship and living a life of choice. For information call Steve in Tucson, 327-7719.

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 evenig. If you are unable to bring a prize, come and enjoy the games anyway. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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.

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..

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant at the Quality Inn. More details later.

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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 Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. $1.50 well and Domestic Beer until 8:02 p.m. VJ/DJ left 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Specials noon to 7 p.m. Miller or Miller Lite $1.50 8 pm to close. David Z 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 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. "Trash" - 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. Bud Light $1.75 9 pm to Close. 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 Fitzdale.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time. Cash Pool Tournament 3 p.m. $3 entry.

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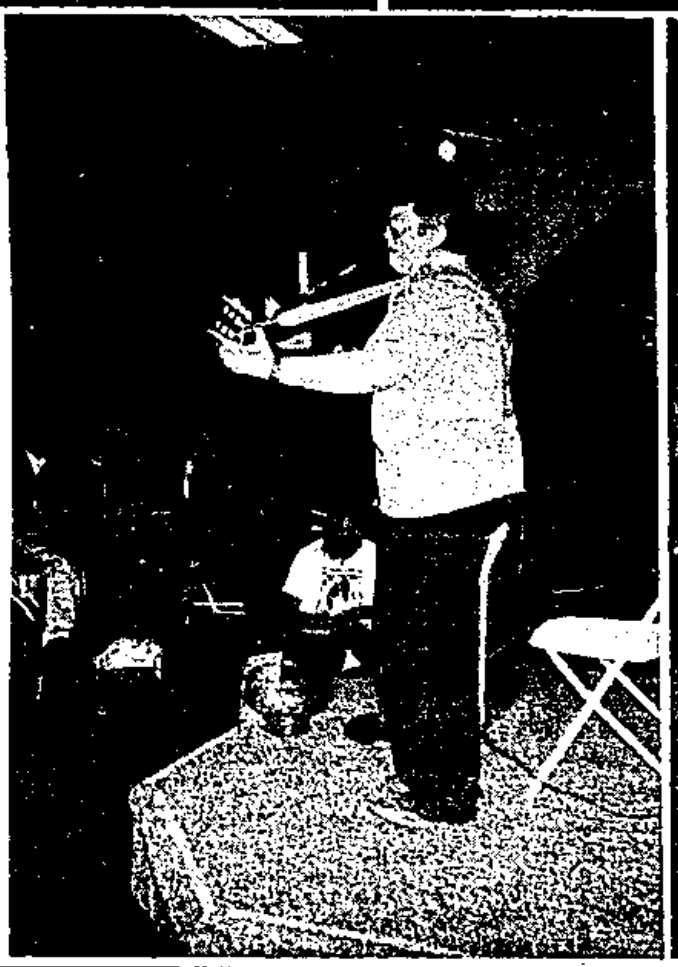

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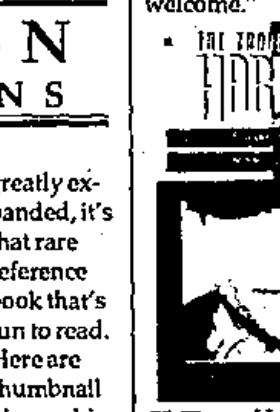
This season's most entertaining new book is LAVENDER LISTS, by Lynne Fletcher and Adrien Saks ($9.00). These all-new lists capture many entertaining aspects of gay and lesbian lore, including: 16 famous same-sex couples and how they met, 10 lesbian nuns, and 15 cases of censorship where no sex was involved.

ALYSON ALMANAC

A Treasury of Information for the Gay and Lesbian Community

Speaking of fun reading, the new edition of the ALYSON ALMANAC ($9.00) is out. Completely updated and greatly expanded, it's that rare reference book that's fun to read. Here are thumbnail biographies of 200 lesbians and gay men of past and present, highlights from 3000 years of our history, a report card for the 101st Congress, and more.

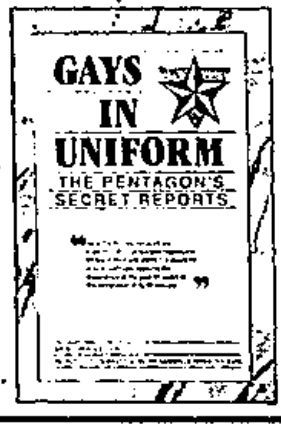


A big new book—both in size and in social impact—is BI ANY OTHER NAME, edited by Loraine Hutchins and Lani Kaahumanu ($12.00). In this anthology, over seventy women and men from all walks of life describe their lives as bisexuals. Judy Grahn writes, "These urgent testimonials lead us to a sexually whole society where, with our varied queernesses, we are all welcome."

Harry Hay will always be best remembered as the man who started the Mattachine Society in 1950, and thus founded the modern gay movement. But his colorful life has encompassed much more: a Hollywood acting career, a stint in the Communist Party, and co-founding of the Radical Faeries. Stuart Timmons's widely acclaimed biography THE TROUBLE WITH HARRY HAY (cloth, $20.00) provides, in the words of the *Washington Blade*, "a fascinating account of a fascinating man."

Two other books are in the news these days. DADDY'S ROOMMATE (cloth, $15.00) is the first book in our new Alyson Wonderland series for kids with lesbian or gay parents. This beautiful full-color picture book was intended for children aged two to six, but artist Michael Willhoite made it so appealing that it's also landing on coffee tables in a few homes without kids.

And as the possibility of war looms, the question keeps arising: Why are many of the country's best potential soldiers kept out of the military simply because of their sexual orientation? The question is even more perplexing after you read GAYS IN UNIFORM (ed. by Kate Dyer, $7.00). This is the report that the Pentagon authorized, then tried to hide when officials didn't like its conclusions. We've now made it available to the public for the first time.



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Episcopalian priest Malcolm Boyd is best known for his best-selling religious works, but in LOOK BACK IN JOY ($13.00) he shows a different side of his life. In short and intensely private essays, Boyd recalls men who have touched his life—some fleetingly, others in lasting ways. This new edition is handsomely illustrated with photographs by San Francisco photographer Crawford Barton.

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I've been thinking about you and I, and precisely how much we have in common! There are a few things the entire human race has in common ... such as birth, life, death, and ...? In that last respect, each one of us has our own "uniquely special" view. Of course, there are only two ways to consider the part about "What, if anything, happens after death?" ... like, right here, occurring in Tucson, Arizona.

Do you remember that guy whose ultimate goal was to "live fast, love hard, die young and leave a 'beautiful memory'"? Believe it or not, as long ago as that was, yes, there are still a lot of people who spend their lives with that idea. You see, there's only one little thing wrong with that whole concept – there's no "future" in it. My idea of "future" 'after the beautiful memory', most certainly is not inevitable moldering and disintegration over a long period of time in some grave nobody remembers. Oh no.

Are you ready for this... Yes, I do just happen to have an alternative plan for myself when I'm finally through messing up my life on this earth, particularly in Tucson where I live! It's my 3-Stage Plan, and it sure can be yours too, if you're ever interested. Stage 1: I have already made the arrangements where I will spend my eternal life; Stage 2: My transportation arrangements are finalized; and Stage 3: I've arranged things so I'll be surrounded forever with the family and friends of my whole lifetime, that I really love, and want to share the timelessness of eternity with. That's all there is to it. Now, if you happen to be a little bit interested, let me explain a couple things, just for your consideration, since I know you and I have so much in common to begin with.

Birth: Why was I born? "(On the 5th day of creation) God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27); Life: How do I get what I want out of my life? "I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10); Death: Okay, so everybody dies ... then what? "... man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.": (Hebrews 9:27); and here we come to the clincher -- the "and...". Life after death? Even "eternal" life?": YES! This is NOT "all there is" ... here and now on this dumb old earth where we have troubles and some good times, but it's often hard to tell which we have most of!

God created the entire human race, and every single one of us ... that means you and that means me, too ... ARE going to experience "Eternal Life", even though that may be awful hard to comprehend or accept at first glance. Yes, there is more than one place where an individual will carry on his eternal existence. As for me, I want the very BEST God has to offer, and what God is offering is a FREE GIFT. You cannot buy it. You cannot earn it. Being a "good person" isn't going to guarantee it for you either. Here's the answer!

"... whoever lives and believes in Me (Jesus) will never die..." (John 11:26). Jesus says, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (John 10:28-30)

Where do we get eternal life? "...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son (Jesus) has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:11-12). Actually, that's about the whole story, from my obviously-prejudiced point of view; but then, I'm looking out for myself! Since we're all going to have eternal life, I want the very best God generously offers! The final question, for me, was "How do I obtain eternal life in heaven, from Jesus?" And sure enough, God had my answer all ready for me. He dictated these words centuries ago, and they are for ME, now, and for you, too, if you're also interested. "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:9-10, 13). There are many words meaning the same thing as "saved", but they all result in the same incredibly fantastic benefits! If you'd like to find out more about this "other" option, for yourself, drop by Cornerstone Fellowship Sunday about 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. We'll be delighted to fill you in on all the details. Sure hope I see you soon.

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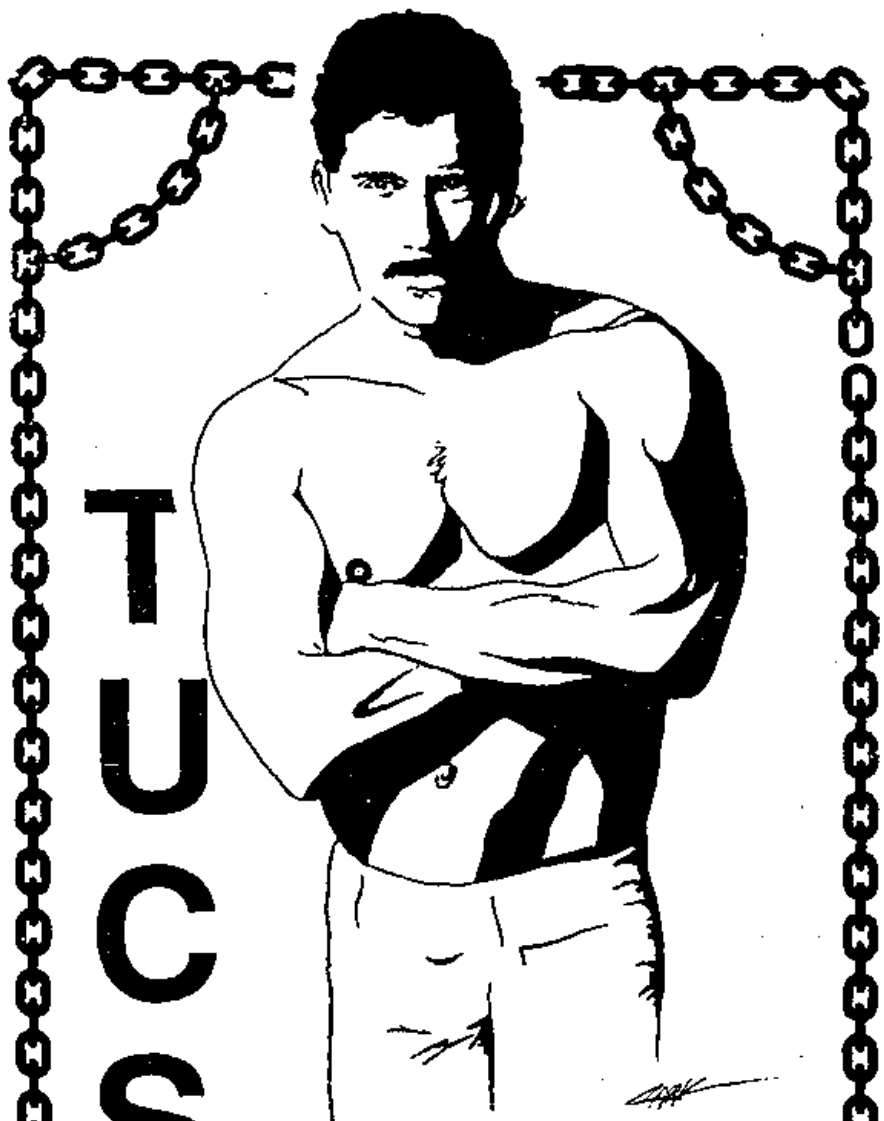

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ARIES

When your looks say yes, how can you say no? Although people aren't exactly throwing you on the pool table. I was on a pool table once, takes too long to get the balls back. NNN-E-WAY, keep status quo this week. Don't start any new projects now. Best time for (what you call sex) Saturday, 2:00 a.m.

TAURUS

Some people say my Whore-A-Scopes promote promiscuity, meaning, according to Webster's, a lack of discrimination, of course, in your case it means a lack of Pizza delivery men. Get outdoors this week even if only to work in the yard. I'm sure the backyard is a mess anyway - right?

GEMINI

A new financial partnership begins to yield handsome profits. Standing around in the parking lot all these nights at Speedway Books finally paid off. Are you splitting 50-50 with your lover? Substitute long distance phone calls for expensive travel. Best time for making "more cash" Friday, 1:00 a.m.

CANCER

Improve your communications skills., They will help you land a "top" job! You are trying to be a top aren't you? A long distance romance begins to intensify. Still seeing that "special friend" in Green Valley? Curb a tendency to talk shop when socializing, unless of course you're partners with Myrnn and Bert.

LEO

Enrolling in night school or attending a seminar will boost your earning potential. The course in animal husbandry given by the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department is still available - naturally. The course fee is waived for you, Steve. Romantic fires you thought extinguished may still burn brightly. Go out Saturday night. Luck runs high.

VIRGO

An excellent weekend coming up to dispose of unwanted items cluttering up the "game room". Call Rollie, he's always looking for a bargain, or try a yard sale, Arnold will pay top dollar for used "nicknacks". A financial situation turns to your advantage by Monday. Lucky days this week - Sunday & Monday.

LIBRA

Improving your appearance will boost your ego. An eyelash tint makes a world of difference, just look at Zane. Alas, beauty is only skin deep. Better get that car you've been wanting. A live-in love is getting bored with the home movies and 7-11 popcorn. Surprising news elicits an unexpected reaction.

SCORPIO

Paying bills on time protects your credit rating. A close friend or relative may be willing to arrange a short term loan. (About 5'2" for a week) - just choking of course. Be careful not to act overconfident. Romance takes on a rosy glow. Your lucky day this week - Friday!

SAGITTARIUS

What's the worst thing that's ever happened to you on a date? You forgot to insert your tampon and had a horrible accident on the dance floor? Again? I hate it when that happens. The "movies" are just not making it. Why not join a bowling team - you might just "meat" a pin head.

CAPRICORN

Your clever handling of money has you running to the ATM machines every other day. Out of quarters again? A kissin' cousin will possibly help the depressed financial situation soon. How many decks of cards and how many Tarot books does it take to do a reading? Answer next week.

AQUARIUS

Resist the urge to "roll over" someone who crosses you this week. Leave that to Mr. B. The "Denture Inn" is becoming a hot spot for you, or is it just those pubic hair clippings that turn you on? Any red one's on the wall? Lance? Does your clergy man know you invite "guest" musicians to "jam" with you?

PISCES

Business must come before pleasure especially during office hours. All those trips to the bathroom are arousing suspicion. Where do you work? The K-Mart on Valencia? Seen Frank lately? He's a waiter now in the "Snack" bar. A person you only had friendly feelings for could possibly become lover number two?

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Personals

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The Think Positive Project, with the collaboration of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, is conducting a survey of gay and bisexual men in Tucson. The survey is designed to help Tucson AIDS service organizations develop effective programs to meet the needs of gay and bisexual men during the AIDS epidemic.

During the month of March survey workers from the Think Positive Project will be recruiting gay men in bars in Tucson for the survey. To become part of this effort, all you have to do is give us your name, address and telephone number. We'll mail you a questionnaire later. Also during April, the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies will be conducting a telephone survey of gay and bisexual men in Tucson. A random selection of Tucson's telephone numbers will be called to reach gay or bisexual men. To be part of this study all you have to do is agree to be interviewed by telephone.

Support for this project comes from the National Institute of Mental Health. No local funds are used to support this research. Confidentiality is absolutely guaranteed. Be part of a project that helps Tucson AIDS service organizations do a better job!

We look forward to talking with you soon!

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.

AM-PM Fires Gay Employee

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with the Tucson Affirmative Action Division. Determining that the case had merit, the Division sent the case on to the City Prosecutor's Office for action.

Ross had been with PSI for four years prior to his termination. He was chosen over other supervisors in the company to transfer from Phoenix to Tucson. This decision was made, based on his previous excellent service to the company and dedication to make sure the company succeeded in opening this new territory in Tucson. While in Tucson, Ross was instrumental in opening three new AM-PM Mini-Marts within a 39-day period of time.

During this time he had another AM-PM employee (a training cashier) staying with him temporarily. The cashier also transferred to Tucson from Phoenix and was attempting to become established in the Tucson area. Prior to this temporary arrangement, he stayed with a female AM-PM manager with which the company did not seem to have a problem.

All apparently went well until an area manger for PSI confronted Ross by saying, "I just got a call and was told that you have a cashier living with you and he has to get out." When Ross attempted to explain, the manager said, "You have a cashier living with you and he's Gay, people are talking, he has to get out today!"

Ken Ross told the Observer, "I am alleging in this action that I have been a victim of discrimination based on the fact that I am Gay. This company has gone to great lengths to justify their termination of me. They have based their action on rumor and speculation regarding my private life. They went so far as to hire a private investigator to watch my comings and goings. To this I take great offense."

"I was not accused of stealing, not accused of gross negligence in the performance of my job, but rather was penalized for being Gay. Clearly this did not fit into their 'grand scheme of things'," Ross continued. "I have never hidden my sexual preference, nor have I made an issue of it until this. I contend the company was wrong and I intend to protect my rights," he said.

The case is still in litigation and when a decision is reached OBSERVER will report the verdict.

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