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Viewpoint

by Jeff Smith

Last week George Bush retired from public office.

He didn't plan it that way, and indeed he may not know what happened. This is nothing out of the blue for Clueless George, but that's what happened. Intentional or not, the result is the same: We needn't factor George Herbert Walker Bush into our plans for America's future.

The medium for the announcement was a fitting one, considering the collegial nature of The Making of the President, 1988 to date. Marlin Fitzwater, Bush's hired mouth (John Sununu made his living as the other end of the presidential alimentary canal, but he had to be let go, leaving this pivotal role to a number of assholes) waddled up to the mike in front of a room of reporters and told the world that the L.A. riots were the fault of Lyndon Johnson and all those Democratic congressmen who passed the civil rights and social welfare legislation of the 1960's.

I suppose it was simply too seductive a shot to pass up. Here's old dead Lyndon. Not a lot of biographers are composing hymns to the Old Texan. Lyndon weren't much to look at, had a rep as an ass-grabbing womanizer and a political bully, left office under a cloud on account of Vietnam. Put the blame on Lyndon. It's like shooting fish in a barrel.

But Black America hasn't had a better friend in the White House since Abe Lincoln. Jobless, penniless, shit-outta-luck America hasn't had a more energetic nor successful champion before or since. The social legislation to which Fitzwater alluded so unflatteringly in fact comprised

the most progressive, compassionate and downright American expressions of rights, opportunities and equality since the Bill of Rights. Indeed much of what was written into law in the 60's would not have been required had the first 10 amendments to the Constitution had been adhered to.

So it struck me a little funny to hear a tub of guts like Marlin Fitzwater repudiate all those good works and try to get his boss, himself and his cronies off the hook for the storm striking America during their watch by blaming it on people and programs from nearly two decades ago.

Funny sick, not funny ha ha.

George Bush, recall, is the man who gave us the Willie Horton ads, truly a high-point in inter-racial bonhomie. George Bush, recall, has presided over the systematic disassembly of civil rights and social welfare and justice programs that showed signs, republican hearts fibrillate, or making equality something more than a nice sounding word. George Bush, served as Ronald Reagan's nether-mouth for eight years of destruction in social justice, during which the poor got poorer and the rich got richer but lied and said they were still not rich enough, so the administration finally just turned the entire economy over to them and watched them triple the national debt, drive even the middle-to-upper-middle classes into the poor house, and then turn to Congress to get bailed out.

George Bush, recall...
Recall George Bush.

Where's John C. Scott the one time we could use him? But we can't recall a president. We'd have to impeach

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As I See It.....

by Clark



San Francisco Police Chief Fired After Feud With Gay Paper



SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Shown above is the controversial cover of the Bay Times newspaper showing a composite of police

Chief Richard Hongisto's head on a police officer's body. See related story on page one of this issue.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Last Friday, May 15, the Police Commission fired San Francisco Police Chief Richard Hongisto. The commissioners deliberated for eight hours before concluding that Hongisto, who had championed Gay rights during his failed campaign for mayor last year, was responsible for the confiscation of more than 2,000 copies of a Gay newspaper that ridiculed him on its cover.

said. "What the hell did Hongisto think he was doing.

Kim Corsaro, editor and publisher of the Bay Times, a twice-monthly Gay and Lesbian publication, said that thousands of copies from the 40,000-paper press run were removed from news racks early Friday Morning, May 8. The paper's cover featured a photograph of Hongisto's head over the body of a woman in a police officers uniform with a night stick rising from her groin.

The action came amid criticism of the Police Department's handling of demonstrations since the Rodney King verdict. Unlike Los Angeles, where police were criticized for a slow response, police in San Francisco reacted swiftly under emergency powers granted by the mayor. More than 1,000 persons were arrested in the first 24 hours of protest during which downtown stores were looted. Another 1,000 persons were arrested in later demonstrations.

The new chief's handling of the situation won praise from those who credited Hongisto for preventing more widespread looting in San Francisco. But others, including many of Hongisto's former supporters on the left, were appalled.

The accompanying article written by reporter Tim Kingston attacked Hongisto's tactics as heavy handed. In the article, Kingston says he witnessed more police-inflicted injuries than in any Bay Area protest in the past decade. Even some of Hongisto's long-time supporters have called for his resignation, saying the maverick liberal has abandoned his commitment to civil liberties.

Sources within the department said Hongisto saw the paper and ordered — or encouraged with a "wink and a nod" — some off-duty vice cops to go out to "clean out the racks and get rid of the papers." Sources said "three of four" officers took part in the rack raids. Hongisto had flatly denied the allegation. However, sources close to Jordan said that Hongisto "didn't deny it" when the mayor's office confronted him on his knowledge of the matter.

Corsaro said she was told that Deputy Chief Frank Reed informed Mayor Frank Jordan that Hongisto ordered officers to get the paper off the streets because of its inflammatory cover. "I'm furious," she

"We believe the chief exercised poor judgment and abused his power in this

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UPDATE

March On Washington Plans Move Ahead

DALLAS - The second meeting of the National Steering Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation was held in Dallas Texas on May 9 and 10. Because of the gender and racial requirements of the organization, the committee expanded the number of co-chairs from 3 to 4 seats prior to the election.

The elected co-chairs of the 1993 march are: Scout of Chicago, Illinois; Nadine Smith of Tampa, Florida; Derek Livingston of Providence, Rhode Island and Billy Hileman of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The items of the March platform were adopted. In general, the platform planks covers demands regarding: 1) equal civil rights based on sexual orientation, identification or gender; 2) anti-racism; 3) education and concerns of students; 4) universal health care; 5) reproductive freedom; 6) partnership and family; 7) general and specific calls for an end to discrimination.

Twenty-two working committees are now operational including the Differently-abled/Physically-challenged (DA) committee, which formed in Dallas. The DA committee will plan and evaluate access for the march and all auxiliary activities, with the goal of total involvement of the disabled constituency. After hours of working committee time, reports were given to the entire NSC. The Related Events Committee will maintain

calendars for events during the months preceding the march, as well as the activities in the D.C. during the week of the march. The Permit Committee reported that all the necessary permits have been filed with the Park Service Metropolitan Police and the Capitol Police. The Merchandising Committee presented the 1993 official logo, as chosen by a celebrity panel and Executive Committee. The production of the T-shirts and buttons is in progress.

"This meeting was a big success. We are putting the components together

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1-In-10 Presents "8X10 Glossy"

TUCSON - One In Ten Repertory Theater Company, Tucson's only Gay and Lesbian theater, proudly announces the opening of their seventh production "8 x 10 Glossy" by Sarah Dreher. The show revolves around the homecoming of a young woman and her strained relationships with her mother and older sister on the anniversary eve of her father's death. The show has a cast of five women and is directed by Rhonda Hallquist, veteran actor and director with One In Ten.

"8 x 10 Glossy" will be performed on May 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m. and May 24 at a 2:00 p.m. matinee. The show is at the Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theater, 330 South Scott Avenue in downtown Tucson. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available at Antigone Books, 403 East 5th Street. Reservations may be made by calling One In Ten at 446-2445.

In Memoriam

STUART ERIC SINDING

Stuart passed away peacefully and quietly on Monday, May 11 in St. Paul, Minnesota, his hometown.

He had lived in Tucson for many years and was well known in the local community. We recall him as a good friend, an intellectual and a person with a real wit. Stewart will be remembered as the one with his nose in a book wherever he was seen.

We'll miss you, Stewart, and hope you are happy wherever you are.

Delbert Hibdon took his last breath on April 9. This was the end of his battle with AIDS.

There will be a Memorial Service for Delbert on Friday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Delbert and to share some memories. The address is 2902 N. Geronomo. Call 622-4626 for more information.

Local Gay & Lesbian "Meet Yourself" Nite Set

TUCSON - The Gay and Lesbian social club, Life Outside of Bars (LOB) will be coordinating Tucson's first "Gay and Lesbian Meet Yourself" during this year's Gay Pride Week, June 21-27. The "Gay and Lesbian Meet Yourself" is an evening of opportunity for people to learn about and become acquainted with the wide range of organizations, social clubs, businesses and support systems within Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community. This event will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 445 South Alvernon as an official Lesbian and Gay Pride Week event.

This is an open invitation to all Gay and Lesbian oriented Businesses, organizations, artists/craftspeople, and social clubs to register and participate. For more information about Tucson's "Gay and Lesbian Meet Yourself" call 882-7458.

Life Outside of Bars would like to emphasize that this event is not a fundraiser, but rather a chance for all Gay and Lesbian oriented groups and business to network and recruit members. Costs for groups to participate are nominal and based on a sliding scale.

Rodeo Also Brought Square Dancers 'Fly-In'

TUCSON - T-Squares, Tucson's Lesbian and Gay square dance club held their first fly-in in conjunction with the AGRA Saguaro Rodeo, May 8-10. 42 dancers from Phoenix, Las Vegas, Albuquerque and Tucson flew in to join the T-Squares for a weekend of dancing and conviviality.

The weekend's activities took place at the Italian-American club, and included dancing, lessons at all levels, a live caller brought in from Albuquerque and an incredible pasta dinner cooked by the staff at the club. The police only had to be called two times.

Both the T-Squares beginners group and advanced group declared the weekend a success. All are looking forward to putting on their second fly-in the same weekend with the rodeo next year.

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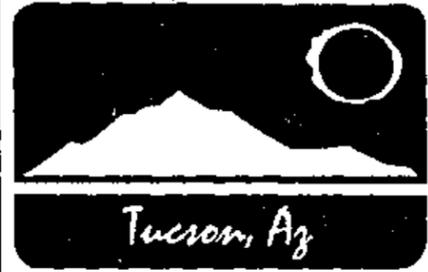
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Double Mischief

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by Wendy Caster

Another Way To Cry

In a crowd of people after a show, a man I hadn't seen in a while came over to say hi. Because of the hubbub and dim lighting, I was chatting with him for a few minutes before I really saw him. When I did, I wanted to cry. He was too, too thin, and he had that look in his eyes: that careful, frightened, brave, shell-shocked look of people with AIDS. Mid-sentence, I reached out and gave him a hard and long hug. We continued the conversation as though nothing usual had transpired.

And I'm sad to say, nothing had transpired.

I remember when young men dying was rare. In the 70's, when I was doing theater in New York, an actor named Lenny Baker dies of throat cancer in his early 30's. Baker had mesmerized my friend Manny and me when we say him in The Freedom of the City, and we couldn't believe he was gone.

Of course, now Manny's gone too. He died seven years ago.

As G. said at a memorial service: "The bad news is, we're dying in droves. The good news is, we haven't gone crazy."

Of course, G.'s gone now too. He died a couple of years ago.

And maybe we are all crazy.

I sometimes feel apologetic at how little AIDS has touched me. I did lose a wonderful friend I had known half my life. And I could easily list 30 acquaintances who are no longer alive. And my dear friend Dennis is now taking ddi and AZT. And I'm trying to get up my nerve to ask a new buddy if I need to worry about those little white pills he pops. But many of my friends are alive and well. I'm personally at no risk. So I'm lucky.

But it's crazy to feel lucky at losing more friends by the age of 37 than most people have lost by 65.

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**IF YOU LET A FRIEND
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In Gay papers across the country, there are endless stories of anger and fights and outrageous behavior. Some activists have hand-cuffed themselves to AIDS researchers. Surely that's crazy?

On the other hand, thousands of Gay men and Lesbians do nothing to fight for our rights or push for more AIDS research. Isn't that crazy?

And many of us, most of us?, lead our daily lives, go to jobs, make dinner, watch TV, walk the dog, etc, etc. With the world falling apart, with people dying (and not just from AIDS), isn't that crazy?

Maybe we should all run around screaming and crying and moaning and foaming at the mouth. I know sometimes I'd like to.

And now I find myself missing Manny in a whole new way. For years I have missed who he was, but now I miss who he might have become. It's impossible to predict for sure. He was always self-destructive, and if AIDS had never had happened, he might well have died from a drug overdose. But what if he calmed down, got clean and sober, and started the writing he had always talked about? Would we be seeing his plays? reading his novels?

I'd settle for having dinner with him. Sometimes I miss him so much.

And sometimes I don't miss him at all. Crazy?

Last year, I had an appointment to go to the movies with J. She called to set a time, but first she told me that two men we knew had died. I replied that Dennis had just tested positive. We sighed, and then we decided what movie to see. Crazy?

I heard of the death of a man I really disliked and burst into tears. Crazy?

K. and I discussed how each new death was a blow, how we didn't get use to people dying. She wisely said, "We don't cry for all of them; we cry for each of them."

And yet we do develop thicker skins. We do talk of death and pick a movie. We do go on with our lives.

And, yet, those thicker skins don't help at all when someone we really love dies. We mete out our humanity carefully, saving our deepest compassion for those closest to us.

When I was 16, my friend T.'s father died, and his family unraveled. In my ignorance, I watched carefully and concluded, well, everyone dies. It's something humans deal with. Of course they're devastated, but they'll get over it.

The last time I saw T., over 10 years had passed since his dad's death, and he still hadn't gotten over it.

There's nothing wise to say about death, particularly widespread death. We're crazy, we're sane. We collapse, we go on. We can't take anymore deaths, and then we have to.

I just wish AIDS would go away.








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him and he'll have lost his next election and be officially lame before we could get it done.

True, one can say it was Marlin Fitzwater, an ankle-biting cur of a man if ever there was one, who delivered these loathsomely irresponsible opinions. But Marlin Fitzwater doesn't wish his wife a good morning without prior authorization from President Bush. Those were George Bush's thoughts expressed in the Fitzwater press conference. Bush or those of whoever George is currently paying to do his thinking. More of the collegial school of politics. Nobody knows anymore who George Bush is, what he believes, where he stands. It's been so long since he acted on his own that I doubt Bush himself any longer knows. Or cares.

Summertime, and de' livin' is easy, especially for the tenant at the big White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, with a slave to do his talking, a bunch more to do his thinking, somebody to drive the car, mow the grass. He's even got Dan Quayle to wander around acting dumber than he does.

This latest assault upon reason and decency by the White House pretty well tops (or bottoms) the charts for attempted political opportunism. The Bush White House was quick to attack Bill Clinton for any minor demurrer he might have made about the state of civil rights in America during the last 12 years. All Clinton was doing, post-riots, was observing the obvious: Civil rights, opportunities for the American underclass and understanding between ethnic and cultural divisions in America simply have not been on the White House agenda under Reagan and Bush. This does not mean that Reagan and Bush are to blame for the rioting in Los Angeles.

Even I, disgusted as I am with this and the previous administration, would not make so sweeping a generalization. For the Bush administration (whose sole mark upon race relations was to generate fear, hysteria and hatred into the 1988 presidential campaign via the Horton ploy) to lay the blame at the grave of a man and an era that represented the last, best hope that the American dream would be equally accessible to every American regardless of arbitrary difference takes this political common denominator to hitherto

unplumbed laws.

And I think George Bush is going to pay for his sin with his political life. If there is a god of politics (probably Janus, the two-faced deity) it will be so, because what Marlin Fitzwater is saying, what George Bush and the Bush team of power-mad political whores were saying wasn't just that the social welfare and civil rights programs of the 1960's failed of their purpose and created a dependence and an attitude of gimme. What Marlin Fitzwater was saying, while George was elsewhere uttering phony bullshit about making Los Angeles "tranquil" and creating jobs for these poor darkies and pride in their hearts, goes something like this:

"Wake up, White America! Angry, violent mobs of black mean are menacing your home, your family, perish the thought, even your business. It's the Democrats who put them up to it, starting in the 60's when all those welfare chiselers began getting rich on the dole. That's when your taxes began supporting drug addicts, pimps and hookers who won't take an honest job. Lately the press has had you believing America's problems are the fault of rich Republicans Charles Keating. Now you can see this was a conspiracy Charles Keating created jobs, but the blacks wouldn't take them. They want to take your TV and stereo instead. Thank God (who is a man, a white man who supports the Republican Party) these fortuitous riots happened before the election, so the nation can wake up to the real threat against American security, which is non-white, non-rich, non-Republicans. In four more years, George Bush and his capable staff will turn this country into a place none of these undesirables can afford to live. Or want to."

Pretty preposterous, huh?

But not at all preposterous if the voters of this nation don't wise up.

I thought the idea of electing a B-movie actor president of the United States was pretty preposterous once myself. After eight years of that, I thought the idea of voting his understudy into office was even more out there.

As Bob Dylan once said, "Huh?"
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Hongisto

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incident," said Police Commission President Harry Low in announcing Hongisto's dismissal. "We believe the chief initiated a conversation and suggested to a subordinate, and thus conveyed to the subordinate, that large quantities of newspapers should be collected."

Hongisto, who had been named chief six weeks ago, is no stranger to controversy. As sheriff, Hongisto made headlines when he at first refused to evict tenants from a low-income hotel in Chinatown. He made them again when he was photographed kicking in the door when he finally evicted them in August 1977.

That same year, Hongisto was hired as police chief of Cleveland, but that job proved to be short-lived when he was abruptly fired by Mayor Dennis Kucinich. Hongisto said his dismissal was political. He called it retribution for complaints he had made about nepotism in the ranks and the hiring of people with "questionable ethics"

Hongisto bounced back a year later. New York Gov. Hugh Carey hired him to serve as commissioner of the state penal system, but the state Senate refused to confirm his appointment.

In 1980, Hongisto returned to San Francisco and ran successfully for the Board of Supervisors. In 1985, he championed a progressive agenda that included repealing a Police Department registration of porno theaters.

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By daring to "come out of the closet" in spite of their very high profile careers, Bob Paris, superstar bodybuilder and fitness author, and Rob Jackson, international model and political activist, have become role models for successful alternative life styles and articulate spokespersons for Gay and human rights.

Bob and Rod have been featured on such national television shows as The Oprah Winfrey Show, Donahue, and The Joan Rivers Show. Bob won the Mr. America and Mr. Universe titles when he was only 23, and is the first male athlete to "come out" with his spouse at the height of his career. Rod has degrees in Journalism and Sociology, in addition to his modeling career.

As public speakers, Bob and Rod are enjoying tremendous popularity and success on campuses across the country helping foster a comfortable climate for students and all people with regard to human rights issues. The latest Jackson-Paris collaboration is with photographer, Herb Ritts, a book entitled, "Duo: Herb Ritts Photographs Bob Paris and Rod Jackson" which benefits the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

The minimum contribution to attend the fundraiser on Tuesday May 26th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. is \$25. RSVP's may be made by calling: (602) 577-6018. The event is being hosted at a private residence and the address will be provided once the RSVP is received.

If you cannot attend and would like to support Jim Toevs, campaign contributions made be sent to: Jim Toevs for Congress Committee, P.O. Box 30115, Tucson Arizona, 85751.



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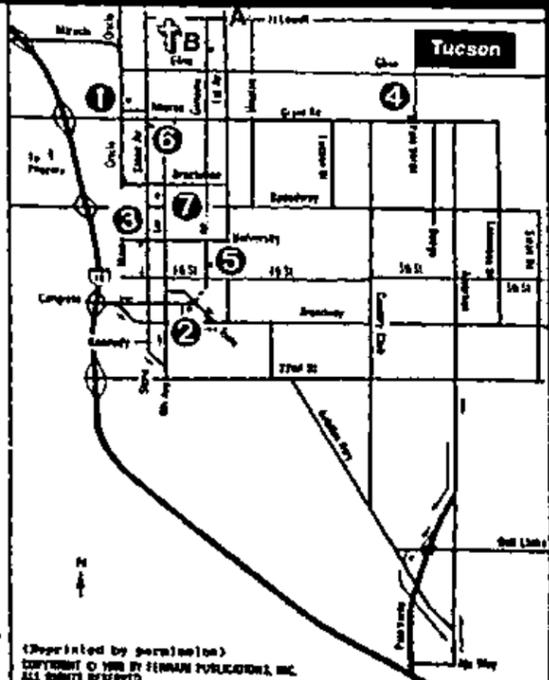


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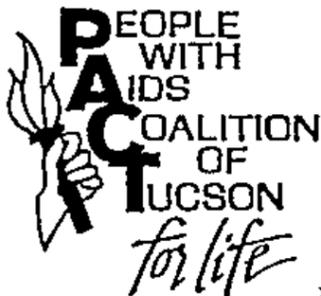
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Guests: Ralph & Mary Meer, Registered Dieticians, UMC
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Each session is independent of the others.

You may attend all or only the ones that personally interest you.

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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past 20 years or so I have been watching rodeos and supporting them as much as I possibly can. You could say that "I was country when country wasn't cool!" Regardless of how most people's reactions to the treatment of the animals were, I always supported the (so called) cowboys or girls job and how they did it. In their eyes their animals were their lives, jobs, and income. To treat them poorly or harming them in any way, other than branding them, only hurt the cowboy.

I attended the A.G.R.A. Rodeo at Old Tucson on Saturday, May 9. I came to enjoy being with friends in a comfortable surrounding, to watch my favorite sport. I was even considering becoming one of their Champion Members, even at \$150.00 for the membership. I can no longer say that I wish to become a member of this organization. In all my years of rodeo I have never seen worse treatment of some animals in my time. The event I refer to is Goat Dressing. For those who don't know, this is where two people run to a goat, tied to a stake, put underwear on the back legs, then run back to the finish line. I don't have that much problem with that, I just think that it is kind of dumb, because it has nothing to do with rodeo. It just shows that most humans will humiliate themselves and animals also.

The part that upset me and most people I talked to was the fact they had 3 goats (but I believe they were sheep) and 3 lines of at least 15 people. By the time the first 3 teams were done these animals could no longer stand. Most rodeos would at this time change out the animals for new ones and give these a rest. But not this rodeo. It got down where the men were holding the animals up until the event was over. Then proceeded to drag the animals out of the arena. At this point I was in an outrage and still am. I spoke to most of the people in the stands and at the dance that followed the rodeo and got the same reaction that I have. I even talked to the President of the A.G.R.A., Michael Butrymowicz who didn't seem concerned in the least.

I am not one who is an A.S.-P.C.A. activist or one that complains about much. But in my eyes right now straight people treat Gays and Lesbians better than the A.G.R.A. treats their livestock! And that's not saying much about an organization which is trying to gain respect for Gays/Lesbians and what we are trying to do.

So I will remain country, even after the fad fades. And I will support rodeo until I can no longer. But I will not become a member and I will not support the A.G.R.A. until they wish (or not) to treat animals that they use with some respect and kindness. Just like we want the rest of the world to treat us.

Sincerely,
Kris Van Horne

To The Editor:
Regarding the letter of May 13, 1992 by Ms. Pamela Carson.

It's shameful that the people who are out actively helping the community raise money for everyone's benefit, should be judged as either "good" or "unspeakably lousy", by someone who only attended a show to listen to one performer, not to support the community.

The show of May 1st, was for past crown holders only. All crown holders worked very hard to receive their awards. They donated a lot of time and energy to raise monies that help pay for Gay Pride Week. All the winners receive in return is a crown and a great sense of satisfaction for having served the Gay community. Friday was their day and their show. It was a show to make sure we don't forget those who have, at one time or another, put their lives on hold for their "brothers and sisters", these past seven years.

In respect to Lucinda, Gilda Fatale, Eric Hemphill and all the other rising stars, you are all wonderfully talented artists. We all know you will achieve whatever place you want in our community, and we hope you receive the same respect and gratitude, for your hard work and unselfishness, which you so lovingly gave us.

Respectfully,

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Q. Advice From Your Counselor A.
by Steven Dietz, P.O. Box 10084, Tucson, AZ 85717

Q. With Gay Pride time coming up I was just hoping you would put something in your column about people who make it hard for the rest of us to be accepted because of the way they act and dress. I have always wanted to go to some of the Pride functions but I don't want to be seen with drag queens and people kissing in public. If we are going to be accepted we need to be more like normal people, so they can see we're like them. Maybe at least a few people will read your column and agree change their behavior.

A. I suspect you are going to be disappointed at my response to your request. Beyond the obvious difficulties you seem to be having with accepting yourself as you are (I find the concept of "normality" a bit disconcerting by any definition), I would suggest that the differences within a community are just as worthy of celebration as are the things people have in common. If people are taught that only "similarity" is acceptable, individuality and creative expression, the backbone of cultural development, are lost.

Historically, it is the female impersonators, the political activists, the levi/leather clubs, bar owners, the Metro-

politan Community Churches, and Gay rights advocates that have made it possible for Gay people in cities throughout the nation to publicly celebrate personal pride. It is the "drag queens" you judge so harshly that have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars of people affected by AIDS and gave credibility to the Gay community; it's bike runs, Jello wrestling competitions, wet T-shirt benefits, Gay rodeos and olympic games, San Franciscans expressing honest love by holding hands and kissing in public that showed the world a diverse community willing to take risks in order to be recognized as healthy human beings with intense emotions who deserve respect and equal rights.

The expressions of others may at times embarrass us, make us think, challenge our beliefs, and upset our comfortable ideals, but without them we would be absorbed within that whirlpool of mankind is boring, mundane, ineffectual, and perhaps even "normal". We all have something valuable to learn from those who are different from us, those differences accentuate the wonderful quality we all have in common, we're human.

Since you didn't sign your letter, be sure you introduce yourself to me at the Gay Pride picnic, I'll save a hug and kiss for you.

A Commentary By
Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

GOOD-BYE
A Column In Two Acts

Act One

Next week, Bob Ellis, publisher of the newspaper you are now reading, will print my 400th consecutive weekly column for The Observer.

If placed end-to-end, the columns I have written here during the past almost-eight years would probably not encircle anything of any importance even once; but they will remain a very important part of my life for the rest of my life.

In case it is not apparent, I am saying good-bye to The Observer and the readers who have faithfully read, complimented and complained about this column since September 1984.

The decision to leave any wonderful relationship is always difficult, no matter the reason. When Bob Ellis gave

me my first big break 8 years ago to write a weekly column, I had already been a journalist for 8 years. Even so, my experience was limited, my body of work was not terribly impressive. But The Observer was new and so was I. Perhaps Bob felt that was an omen, good or bad.

Over the ensuing 8 years, my journalism career has grown and expanded the degree of which even I never would have dreamed, at least not in public. When I made my first tentative steps into a journalism career while still in High School, I wanted to become a producer of documentaries one day. That time has finally come, and the demands of producing documentaries for radio (right now) and television (hopefully, later this year) are far greater than print journalism.

Unfortunately, the time I need to research and craft my weekly columns is becoming more scarce and I fear the day will come that I would miss a deadline. In 16 years, I missed a deadline only once, but with the permission of my editor at the time. These are statistics of which I am not only proud, but smug, thank you.

Of course, I have changed a lot in the last 8 years, more than I care to remember or recount, actually. And, I'm afraid, most of the changes the world has undergone have not been positive with AIDS, a shrinking middle class, war in the gulf, police brutality (then and now), and a growing ignorance of the people about the very government which is their's to run. Join me next week for my last thoughts on the world just 8 years away from a new millennium, and column number 400.

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by Mark Kerr

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NATIONAL NEWS

The latest Time/CNN poll for the week ending May 16th showed that potential independent candidate H. Ross Perot now leads the race for the White House. Here are the results:

Perot	33%
Bush	29%
Clinton	24%

(+/- 3% margin of error)

Last week, Perot stated that he is going to cut back on his public appearances to formulate his positions on the issues, which he promptly dropped when he appeared on the Today Show this past Thursday. When asked about this, he stated the people do not want a platform, they want action.

Governor Clinton, when asked about the recent poll, stated that Perot went up because he had done nothing or said anything.

STATE NEWS

Last week, the bill, sponsored by Senator Chuck Blanchard, (D-Phoenix), which would revise the State's Criminal Code and to take out the sodomy and co-habitation statutes, was amended on the floor by Senator Lester Pearce, (R-Mesa), which split off the proposal to remove the sodomy and co-habitation statutes from the code and to consider them separately. Senator Blanchard says the split has not dampened the chances for passage. State Representative Patti Noland, (R-Tucson), who Chairs the House Judiciary Committee, stated that Republicans who favor the code, should not vote against the bill because of the proposed removal of the two statutes.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

Candidate announcements to Until next time, politics as usual.

report. For Treasurer, Dana Kormach, former Pima County Employee, has announced her intentions to run as a Democrat. Ralph Armenta, recently announced his bid to run again for the Democratic nomination for Assessor. State Senator Jaime Gutierrez has made it known that he will run for the Democratic nomination Justice of the Peace from District 2.

State Representative Ruth Eskeson, (R-District 12), has announced that she will not run for re-election to the State House of Representatives. She makes the thirtieth person announcing that they are leaving the State Legislature.

END NOTES

During the Regional Delegate Selection Caucus in Maricopa County, that took place last month, two major victories for the Gay and Lesbian community took place with the election of two prominent individuals from the community as delegates to the Convention in New York. Joe Della Rocca, Chair of the District 23 Democrats, was elected as a Clinton delegate. Joe was in a hard fought battle with former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard. Goddard saw the handwriting on the wall and withdrew as a candidate. The other individual, Don Slutes, is a political activist, involved with the Arizona Committee For Progress, the Gay and Lesbian PAC, and writes the one of the best columns, a political column for the Phoenix Resource, a Gay and Lesbian newspaper serving the greater Phoenix area, won a tight contest, as a Tsongas delegate. It is an honor to be going to the convention with 2 outstanding individuals. We will work together to ensure that Gays and Lesbians are not forgotten in the platform. Without their efforts and the effort down here in Pima County, Gays and Lesbians will play a part in the political process. This a victory for Gays and Lesbians in Arizona!

WHAT I SEE FROM HERE

Anne C. Schmitt

Time Warp 1992

What year is it anyway? I am really beginning to wonder. There are some frightening things afoot that have fallen out of the darker depths of recent history and not many folks seem all too concerned about the resulting situations. (How's that for a vague ramble?)

Seems that government boys want all the toys and have raided the Indian Reservations to take away their games. Carefully planned to strike the unsuspecting tribal centers and remove the booty, the government agents were armed to the hilt and executed their plan with all the show of power that they could muster.

These gaming machines are the very tools that are allowing the Indian Nations to assume some semblance of independent income and prosperity. Taking these machines puts many people onto the welfare roles who have been struggling hard for years to find a way to keep off of them. This is fundamentally stupid on the part of the government.

This not only angered me, but, in the wake of the L.A. riots and the Rodney

King verdict, made me contemplate the broader picture of oppression that is clearly demonstrated by both of these scenes. What has happened to the interaction between groups who are struggling to obtain or maintain their basic rights? Have we fallen prey to the greater rule of "Divide and Conquer" by becoming so separate in our goals as a group of people that we don't have time to show support or compassion for others who are trying to obtain the same goals for themselves?

Dinosaur Lecture #316. Remember not that long ago when there was a Gay Rights Movement that interacted with the Women's Movement and the Chicano Movement and the resulting relationship was a strong coalition of peoples who were learning about each other? That is just a random example and does not include many other groups of people who have taken the time and energy to be supportive of our rights in the midst of struggling to obtain their own. OK, so the Gays and Lesbians made a few advances and got Anita off our Ass, Disabled folk got the government to admit that wheelchair ramps were cool, Women made

great strides into the workplace and can be cops and truck drivers, and many other steps were taken. Step were taken! But what happened to the momentum that carries us to the next step and the next until we reach that common goal of ending oppression and racism which keeps the "general public" viewing us as secondary citizens and our rights as undo complaints in their eyes? This only comes with perseverance and education. Every group of people who have been fighting for their place in this society are currently under fire. Cuts in support of social programs have severely damaged the Free Clinics which were established 20 years ago as an answer to the inadequate access to health care, funding for programs dealing with Gay youth is virtually non-existent. Hispanics born in our city are harassed by the Border Patrol, African-Americans are assumed to be criminals by the police before a crime has been committed, and on and on.

So, this is an election year. No, I am not excited about the choices available for President. I am amazed at the number of people I know who are jumping

on the Perot bandwagon simply because he is not a part of the existing political process. This worries me. The man has stated that he thinks minority neighborhoods should be isolated and house to house searches, conducted at his whim, be used to control these problem areas. Now doesn't that just sound like a true champion of civil rights? Sure, lots of us are disillusioned with the government and with our elected officials. Well, we can change that by getting out there and supporting what we know to be right and finding people who are honest and want to work for us. Afterall, the whole purpose of elected officials is to represent their constituency. Look at candidates who are active in their fight for civil rights and you will find civil servants who really do represent you. They are out there but they need your support to get elected, stay elected and they need your support to make changes.

Get out there! Don't just watch the parade. Be the parade! Otherwise we are going to have no options in the future. Don't wait until them to complain. Complain now!

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Over the past few weeks this country has been torn apart because of a trial held in California. In this trial, the jury acquitted four police officers of any wrong doing in the beating of a man while he was in their custody. The four police officers were all Caucasians, the man who was beaten was an African-American, this made the event a "Civil Rights" issue. This then resulted in mayhem in many cities across the country. In Los Angeles, alone, there were 51 deaths and hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to personal property. If all of those involved in this issue had been Caucasians then it would have been a "Human Rights" issue and the outcome would have most probably been another story. But this is speculation not based on fact.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches was founded on the belief that everyone is human created by God, loved by God and in turn should be loved by everyone who loves God. The Constitution of the United States gives equal rights to all citizens, church doctrines maintain that all believers shall be saved. But, this criteria can not be enforced without the support of the individuals. What is preached from the pulpit is an affront to God if the individual congregational members do not practice that philosophy. What is made into a law is an affront to the citizens if that law is not upheld by the individuals enforcing that law.

If love is to be given and received, it must begin with each of us as an individual. We can not continue with our

prejudices, waiting for someone else to show us the way to compassion. We can not continue to disregard the rights of others, waiting for someone else to give us an example of how to accept others as they are. We must begin the revolution of loving and understanding within our ourselves, right now. We must accept each of our shortcomings with compassion and forgiveness. We must give our friendship to anyone who will accept it. Laws can be made, doctrines can be issued but we as individuals are the ultimate enforcers.

In our society of today, no one wants to be responsible for our own actions and no one wants to admit any mistakes of their own. Our courts are filled with trails of lawsuits because no matter what the situation, it was someone else's fault that there was an accident. Again, individuals refuse to accept any responsibility for their own actions. It is a sad commentary on the human race today when everyone feels that it is someone's fault or it is someone's responsibility.

Each month that has five Sundays, the fifth Sunday is the designated "Lay Sunday" when the Pastoral Staff takes a rest and the laity of the congregation takes over the Worship Service. May has five Sundays and our next "Lay Sunday" will be May 31st. This is always an interesting service. More details on this special Worship Service next week.

Thought for the week: We have to be honest with ourselves, we have all the facts.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Isn't it peculiar, that here in the United States, where we "know so much" about such a great variety of New Technology in every professional field, especially the Sciences and Medicine, and so many brilliant men and women have devoted their LIVES to study of all existing literature in every field of endeavor, but few of us ever consult the oldest, always best-selling Book of many centuries, for anything? I'm referring to the Bible, in any of its many translations.

We are always Busy! Busy! Busy doing that one important matter we completely fail at, is resting. Practically every other country you think of has its time of regular rest. In Japan, it's a daily period of quiet meditation and reflection in a beautiful garden; in England, it's afternoon tea daily; in Germany, it's periods of

rest while enjoying an evening concert of classical music in an outdoor pavilion.

And most surprising of all, is our own grim determination to keep doing when the vast majority of Americans are Christians who were exposed to the Bible from childhood, and as adults are still practicing Christians!

Jesus Christ, the very Son of God, specifically said rest was essential, in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Now, honestly, doesn't that sound inexpressibly refreshing? Who doesn't have cares and feels weary and burdened! I know I do, from time to time.

Would you like me to share my secret of regular resting with you? I'd love to. I'm off work every single Sunday, and I just take myself over to Cornerstone Fellowship at 10:30 for my regular rest period, after a long, difficult week of problems. I found out, several years ago, I'm welcome there! Just as I am, warts and all, and my gosh, the feeling of love in those people at Cornerstone; for me and for you, too! You'll see! Drop by next Sunday, with me, for your regular rest period. You will never regret coming. I haven't! There is also an evening Worship Service at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday, if that's more convenient for you. We will see you Sunday!



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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

All local bars are having special drink prices for their customers this Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Check out their ads in this issue or stop by and celebrate the holiday. Drive safely and stay sober.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

GRADUATE - TKO's Spring Fling is being held this weekend. Registration for the 3-day run begins today. Graduates will give happy hour prices to anyone wearing club colors.

MONDAY, MAY 25

GRADUATE - Memorial Day Madness will begin here when the bar opens at 10 a.m. and a show at 11 a.m.! The show will feature Miss Gay Tucson, Candy Plastique, Miss Aviva Diamond and Maggie Rocca. The show will be followed by a Spring Fling Send-Off Brunch for participants and customers. Everyone is welcome.

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FRIDAY, MAY 22-29

Late last February, a benefit show "Tucson Is Burning" was held at Club 2520. It was a big benefit show for the ShareBears, the AIDS fundraising coalition in Tucson. The show, produced by Lightning Light and Prism Productions was videotaped and is now being shown on Tucson Community Cable every Friday in May on Channel 49 at 9 a.m. each Friday.

THURS-FRI-SAT-SUN, MAY 21-22-23-24

One In Ten Repertory Theatre Company presents "8X10 Glossy", a play by Sarah Dresher at the Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theatre. Tickets are \$8 and are available at Antigone Books, 600 N. 4th Ave. Curtain is at 8 p.m. except for the matinee on Sunday, May 24, curtain 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its regular weekly meeting on the patio at Hours beginning at 3:30 p.m. The group is busy scheduling events for Pride Week 1992. Interested persons are urged to attend. If you have an event that you would like included during Pride Week, be sure to attend or call 791-7000 to have it included in the official Pride Week schedule and to assure that it will not conflict with another event. Pride Week begins June 21 with the annual Picnic in Himmel Park. Mark your calendars now!

WED-THURS-FRI-SAT, MAY 27-28-29-30

1 In 10 Repertory Theatre Company presents "8X10 Glossy" See above for details. All performances this week are at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

"Sizzlie" Summer Night", a dance presented by 40's and Better at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Dancing from 8 p.m. until 777 Jeannie Kelly will DJ playing music from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. Videos in the quiet room. Chaperones available for women under 40. Dress casual and cool. Non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB. For more info call 622-6229.

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GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 till 8pm and \$2.00 8 pm to close. HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scroves \$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 Trunk Dance Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. \$1.25 Bloody Marys Noon to 6:00 pm. VJ/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 1 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer 2 p.m.

Monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover, \$1.99 pm to 1 am. **CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie site. 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. VJ/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

Tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and Progressive dance music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Draft Beer, Small Fishers \$1.50, Large \$3.00 till close. HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schapppe 7:30 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 Old Leon 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. VJ/DJ Mark 9 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

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. Spaghetti Nite 6-8. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners by Paul Barner from 7-9. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Domestic Longnecks \$1.25 to 6 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 blended 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 to closing, 75c Schnapps. VJ/DJ Mark at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 3-7. \$3. Men's Nite - Anyone in bare chest, boxer or jockey shorts or swimwear 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest 4-50c draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music 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 Old Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bad and Bad Like \$1.50 from 8-1.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50c Draft from 8:00 pm to close. Dancing with VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99c Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7. \$3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Long Island Ice Tea \$1.75, Corona \$1.50 from 8 to 1 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 3:00 until 9:00. Hora D'Ocevece. VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Rib 5 to 8. \$3. 50c Schnapps 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Dark Well \$1.50 till 8 pm. \$2.00 to closing. HOURS - Open Noon. 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 Fizzle.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Jeff VJ/DJ 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Cash Pool Tournament 3 p.m. \$3 entry fee. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

It is time to start, in earnest, to prepare and aggressively prepare for our Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Picnic. Don't get me wrong, it has been worked upon by the wonderful, hard working people of TLGA all year. But now it is your turn as well. This is the Tucson Gay/Lesbian Community's event. It will not be as great a success as it could be without a great deal of community wide support. For those of you who have helped, thank you, and for those of you considering it. What are you waiting for? See you at the Picnic.

I'd like to make a few personal comments about our recent Saguaro Rodeo. It was a great success. But many people are not aware of the pain, anguish, bitch sessions and bruised egos it took to produce. The preparation was more work, I believe than the actual rodeo itself. And the success of the whole affair was a credit to the fortitude of the wonderful people on the board as well as the volunteers, contestants and the like. No list will acknowledge sufficiently all those who helped in this incredible undertaking. Looked easy, huh! Well believe me it wasn't, but it was well worth it. We all learned from our mistakes and I believe that next year's. The help and patience of this board has given me, I really need to acknowledge. "Rt" especially made my job so much easier. Which was terrific since he already had his hands full with Dance and Entertainment. Thank You! And all the others who made my job so much easier, thank you, you know who you are and I love you for it. Well done!

And finally I would like to address the subject of letting old dead battles and internal prejudices within our Gay community be put to rest. There are still people who are living in the past and will

not let go of the old hatreds. Girlfriends gives it a rest. The only thing you are proving is your counter productive and useless position in our community. You can not create a positive growth in our community with a heart full of hatred. It is one thing to see problems and correct them. But it is another to let things fester and cause decay. One man came up to me while I was volunteering for Sharing Weekend at a local bar this last weekend to talk to me. He had some real deep concerns on various things and very poignantly expressed them to me and we had a very constructive and positive discussion. As I have always said, I have a great deal of respect for people with conviction and the backbone to express it. This man did and I respect him for it. However, there was another person whose attitude needs serious adjustment. People do not need to be rude to people needlessly. Based in old bigotries, this man continues to show his true colors from time to time. There were at least a half dozen people standing there in shock after his demonstration of his true character. "RUDE."

Please, let's give the people who are giving of their time and effort to a very worthy cause a little consideration. These are only voluntary donations, not cover charges or forced contributions by intimidations. Please let's put this crap from the past to rest and help each other and appreciate the work of those willing to given in some way to make things a little easier. I can't see how anyone would feel good about being a negative force in our community, when they could be the beneficiary of being a constructive one by helping our brothers and sisters who need our assistance. If a person is not willing to help, then they should just stay the hell out of the way and let those who care do what has to be done. We are all in this together. And we will always have a few not so popular members of our family who love to bitch and belly ache. Thank God they are a minority. Tucson, you are still one hell of a terrific community. You are what makes Tucson such a great place to call home.

Till next week: Sean 628-7816.
P.S. Congratulations to Miss Michelle Kristie for being selected Miss N.G.R.A. (Nevada Gay Rodeo Association), Billy D. as Mr. N.G.R.A. and Patti as Ms. N.G.R.A.

March On Washington

(Continued from page two)

for a truly incredible event in Washington next year. The feeling of the members of the Steering Committee was excitement as they left Dallas. We will succeed in sending the message to the bashers and homophobes that we are stronger than ever", Scout, Co-Chair of the March on Washington.

"People came to this meeting with the intention of getting the job done, and that's what they did. The next phase of our planning will be to facilitate local organizing. With the opening of the office next month we will be able to coordinate the exchange of information critical to this process", Derek Livingston, Co-Chair of the March on Washington.

"Our platform is extensive because the attacks our community endures are extensive. It is the scope of our demands that have enabled our community to come together for the organizing of this march. The foundation of diversity in our national committee will make us stronger as organizers and broaden the impact of the march," Nadine Smith, Co-Chair of the March on Washington.

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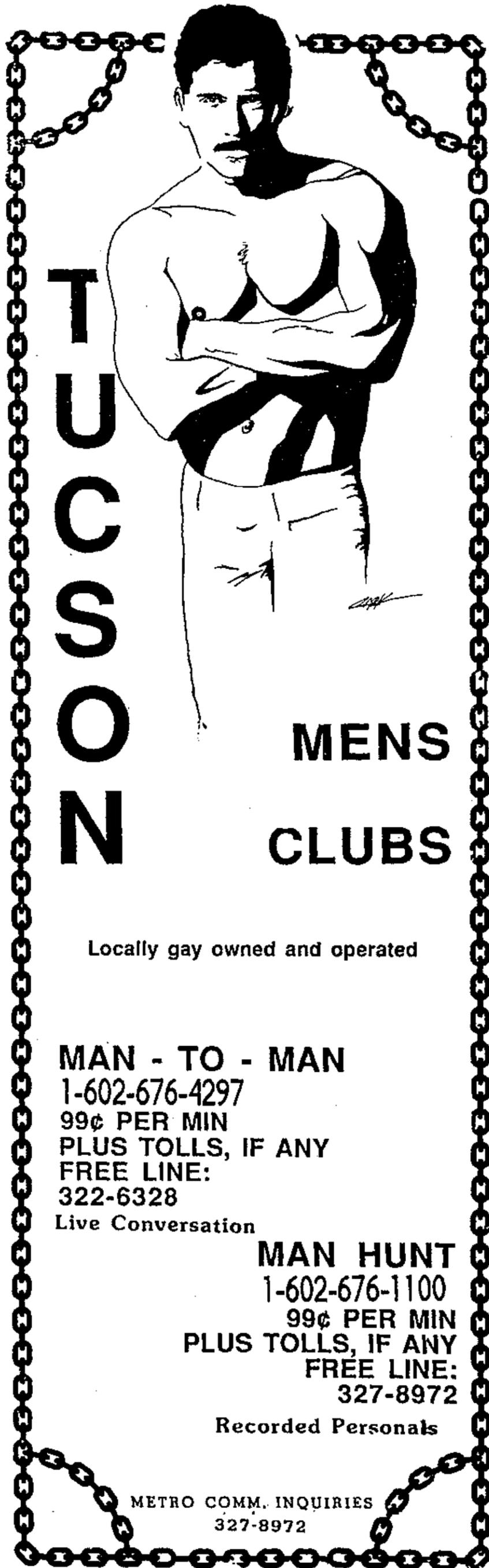
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Is the Old Pueblo getting boring? Maybe it is time for another alternative bar, a "307" in Tucson? Only Mother Johnnie knows for sure. Love sign match this week, Cancer. Try the boots and jock strap look this time. That always works.

TAURUS

A short and sweet whore-a-scope, NOT! A new job coming up for you, oh well, J.C. Penney's does beat the parks. Stop by 2520 this week. Peter's handing out passes to his new movie, "Peter goes to Hollywood".

GEMINI

Gee, I haven't given the Graduate and their top notch staff much publicity lately. Kenny Anne and Stan the man, (what a combo). Why is it you seem to get drunk faster in that place? Another Bartman riddle. Your love life hits the scoreboard bigtime this week. Keep the handcuffs handy though.

CANCER

What's all this stuff about tennis shoes and duct tape? GHordon wears them, but can not figure a use for the tape. Got any suggestions? Send them to Gordon at 2520. Spend an evening at Hours this week. They finally have a thin bartender for a change. Your love match sign is Virgo. Lucky you, Virgo's are very clean people.

LEO

Things are sure heating up at Reddington. Hope the sun block number 35 doesn't run out. Or you may end up tanning some place where the sun don't shine. A great weekend for you, but watch the money, the rents due soon!

VIRGO

Clean enough to eat off of? Are we talking about a dinner plate, or Patric? Your search for that little love nest in the desert finally ends. I'm not referring to the corner booth at Caesar's either. You love sign this week is a Leo.

LIBRA

Moving again? It must be love. Your heart is telling you what to do, and it is the right thing to do. The past hurts, and it will for a while. The person you hurt will bounce back and find happiness in another relationship soon. Be happy with yourself, looks what is waiting for you everyday at home.

SCORPIO

Is it Peter, Paul and Mary again? Can't be, Peter went back to San Diego. But who's Mary? Stop by the local "Toy's R Us", a.k.a. Pleasure World. Your love interest is behind door number 2. Your financial situation improves by months end.

SAGITTARIUS

Try to help your roommate through a tough time. A certain person feels guilty enough the way it is. But, as they say, time does heal all wounds. A new romance starts up for you after the 1st of June. You won't find this one in a bookstore either.

CAPRICORN

Insert probe and remove probe. I guess all you emissions control guys have all the fun. You have made you new love interest more happy than you know. This new relationship will continue to grow. Must be your winsome smile and your bedroom eyes.

AQUARIUS

Leather or lace? Are we trying to make a fashion statement this week. Plan now for a very hectic memorial day weekend. Hours of t.v. or "Hours" of Glen. I think that goes back to the fashion statement.

PISCES

Don't let others rule your life. Time now to stand on your own two feet. Listen to what you have to say for a change. The long weekend will wear you out. But it's worth it. Best days this week, Saturday and Sunday.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

The best laid plans are now up for scrutiny. It is that time of the year again, the Tucson Knight Owls puts on their annual Spring Fling run, Spring Fling XII. The bottom line of all the planning has been, "Cheaper By The Dozen". (I Just had to use that line since that was the Senior Class play I was in.)

Yes, starting this coming Friday evening at 7 p.m., over at the Graduate, it will be registration time for this years version and all the TKO members hope to see a large number of both our brothers and sisters here in Tucson and also some friends from out of town. Registration fee for the complete run, which concludes at the send off brunch Monday afternoon, is only \$45. This will get you all your meals and enter you into three different games planned for this year.

Speaking of the games, I can tel you, this year at least two of them you probably have never played before. One of them, just a little clue, involves TKO members. The other one, well all I'm going to say on it is I can not wait to see your, the Spring Flingers, results. Unfortunately I will not be able to write any of them up but will try to post something on the bulletin board at the Graduate later next week.

This year it will be an in town run with a couple away from the bar excursions, for some games of course. Also, there will also be a stop at each of the bars here in the Old Pueblo, with a portion of one of the games being played.

If you have not made any plans for this holiday weekend and want to just kick back and really enjoy yourselves, stop down Friday evening and join in on this run. I'm sure for some of you that has never been on a club run, you will find they can be a lot more interesting than just sitting in the bars.

As we all know, TKO is not the only club in Tucson. We also have Partners, TALL and DL. Each of these clubs will also be having a run during the summer. The first one will be Partners annual Salt River Tubing Trip. From news reported to me, plans have been made to possibly have this years in the form of a camp out also. As I get more information on this one, I'll be sure to pass it on to you.

Then later on in the summer, TALL will be having their annual Old Pueblo Run and DL will be having their Mystery Run. Each of these runs are also in town runs and brings in a lot of out of towners for it. Both are well worth you attendance so watch for announcements or flyers when each run date draws closer.

I guess that will be it for this week. Have a safe and loving week and hopefully I'll see a lot of you next weekend during my travels around town with TKO.



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by Frank Gallego

We did it! What a production! What a party! Old Tucson was the ideal setting for our Saguaro Regional Rodeo accomplished with picture perfect weather. The adjacent soundstage provided dancing and entertainment abounded. Everyone is to be congratulated on a fine job that is still receiving accolades by the dozens. Tucson's satellite chapter got its start when two locals attended the Phoenix rodeo. They realized this could happen in Tucson and approached the Phoenix AGRA Board for information to establish a Tucson chapter. Michael Butrymowicz and Bill Darnell then returned to set up organizational meetings and initial publicity to promote, what was at the time, a dream. Mark Miller was instrumental in helping with the secretarial load and promotion. From the first meeting held at HOURS until now, a multitude of positive spin offs have established a solid foundation to our association that has already helped many in our community and will continue to gather force and momentum with each passing day.

The following weeks after that first meeting, many members got into the action of developing fund-raisers to establish a treasury. Not until November of last year, did we know we would be asked by the Phoenix Board to consider doing the rodeo. That is when the whirlwind of activity gathered speed. The organization it took to plan, the co-operation it demanded, the many hours of work the rodeo required of us was all met. Everyone pitched in now our labor of love and fun is history for the time being. Before we close this chapter it is necessary to make you familiar with some of the individuals who gave their all to this project. There was no small part anywhere, anytime.

all successful events must have leaders and our Board members, (this and last year's) rose to the occasion. Michael Butrymowicz, President, Bill Darnell, Vice-President, Tom Turner, recording Secretary, Craig Coder, Corresponding Secretary, Ron Shaw, Treasurer, R.T. Stacked, Dance & Entertainment, Sean Thomas, Fundraising, Telvi Roybal, Rodeo Events, Clyde Mitter, Public Relations, George Kaminski, Membership and Jeff Parker, Mobility & Logistics.

Jeff Parker as Rodeo Director was assisted by the knowledgeable John King from Phoenix. Both of you are to be congratulated on a superb job! Jeff Parker was also instrumental in contracting Old Tucson and designing the best rodeo flyers ever produced to promote and advertise our rodeo.

Special thanks to the personnel of the rodeo: Casey Jackson, Carl Peterson, Erin Eaton, Roger Bergman, Mark Friedan, Wil Schot, Ron Trusley, Bill Darnell, Jeff Coon, Les Harris, George Kaminski, Tim Dougherty, Wayne Jakimo and Bill Ladd.

Assisting the secretarial booth were Fred Molina, Fred Hammond, Michael Royer, Bill Springs, David Bryan, Eddie Gallego and Kelly Bailey.

Kelly O'Neill was chute gate coordinator and assisting him were James, Rich, Robert and Bob.

The program was done with the fine work of Clyde Mitter, assisted by David Hemsley, Daniel Richards and Gayle Ness the printer.

R.T. Stacked headed a great dance and entertainment team that provided many hours of dancing, fun, singing, shows, etc., both at Old Tucson and at the Ramada Inn Hotel. R.T. had the help of Geoffery Wilcox, George Vissichelli, Telvi Roybal, Gil Leon, Larry Mann, Jimmy Johnson, Randy Bilbro, Michael Mahynske, Bob Janssen, David Wilson, Ron Erickson, Tim Dougherty, Joe Baer, Ray Mendez, Mark Rosenbaum, Gilbert and Scott, Laura Couch, Tom Maza, George Lopez, Jeff Strickler, Bob Rue, Ed Nolechek, Gino Fellin, Joe Mendez and Christopher B. Bryan.

Special thanks to the entertainment: Miss IGRA, Roxie Hart; Mr IGRA, Jim Carter; Miss AGRA, Jacqueline de Savoi; 1st Runner Up Miss AGRA, Miss Victoria London; Mr. Chris Eisenhut, Mr AGRA, Miss Mary Murphrey, Jerry & Friends, Miss Gilda Fatale, A.J. Wals, the Sunburst Squares, Charlie's Country Cloggers, the Cash Inn Cloggers, Charlie's Junior Cloggers, Jayne Rutledge, Ed Forsythe and B.J.'s On Tap Cloggers.

Gracing our first rodeo as Grand Marshall was Ms. Natalie Perry, an outstanding and contributing member of our community. She will officiate at future functions as well. Perhaps the most important and valuable return from all this is that all of can and have worked together and collectively we can pursue even greater heights. When the Sisters Of Sonora, headed by David Osollo, dissolved their club, they were more than gracious in giving us the "hoe-down" as a fundraiser. This task was directed by Sean Thorpe and Sean went out and produced the Chile Verde Days party and fundraiser held at Club 2520 that I was fortunate in directing. Thank you Sean!

Arizona is fortunate to have support from Champion Members: Dr. Ken Fisher, Frank Gallego, Bill Travis, T.J. Westberg, Charlie's, Club 2520, Country Club Bar & Grill, Graduate, Hours, It's About Time, Rumorz and Venture-N.

John Kline, James Baran, Ken Davis, Mario Garcia, Ralph Geror, Lyle Marcks, Joe Mendez, Tom Novakowski, Mark Rodriguez, Jeff Schroeder, Jim Toevs and others I may have forgotten, all have you participated in our association and all your time has been greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Phoenix Board has been our guiding light through all this and we wanted to "Do You Proud." There are many successes we can measure from this rodeo and all the events leading up to Tucson, you have one more great group of people who are interested in giving back to the community. We are growing and you have not seen nothing yet! For information in joining, call 798-3528 or write: AGRA P.O. Box 40894, Tucson Arizona 85717-0894.

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