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EDITORIAL

Thanks, Patti

During the closing hours of this last special session of the Arizona State Legislature a setback took place that will affect the Arizona Gay/Lesbian community for at least the next ten years.

The legislature was making some amendments and updating the state criminal code. Several Gay activists saw this as an opportunity to amend the two notorious statutes in the criminal code that affect every Gay and Lesbian person in the state - the prohibition of lewd and lascivious behavior and the prohibition of the infamous crime against nature' the "S" word, sodomy!

Senator Chuck Blanchard (Dist. 25-Phoenix) proposed the repeal of the statute. In addition he proposed repeal of the statute outlawing adultery and outlawing cohabitation between unmarried people. The entire proposal was passed by the state Senate and went to the House for action. Republican Representative Patti Noland (Dist. 13-Tucson) instantly opposed the amendment and wanted it removed from the crime bill and wanted it to stand-alone on the House floor.

It doesn't take much Gay intuition to realize that such an amendment, by itself, could not pass the Republican controlled House by itself and so the activists wanted it put back in the crime bill. Blanchard, Rep. Cathy Eaton also from Dist. 25, and activists Mark Freeze and John DeWitt went to Noland to encourage her to place the amendment back in the crime bill. She professed to be in favor of the repeal but said that she wanted to see if there were enough votes in the House to pass the crimes bill with the amendments attached. According to Freeze, she intimated that if there were enough votes to pass it she would join in with the majority.

The next couple of months were spent persuading various representatives to support the crime bill with the sodomy repeal attached to it and finally the group came up with a total of 34 House votes (there are 60 members of the House of Representatives and 31 votes are needed to pass) so the group went back to Noland . The reason that her vote is so important is because she is chairperson of the House Judiciary Committee which had the bill assigned to it.

When she saw that the group had enough votes to pass the bill she told the group that she never told them she would put the sodomy repeal back in the crime bill. She was adamantly opposed to putting it back in. At this time the bill was in conference committee because the Senate and House versions were different - the senate had the sodomy repeal in it and the House did not.

According to Freeze "We had the votes to pass it over Patti Noland in Conference Committee, but Patti enlisted the support of House Speaker Jane Hull. The speaker told us that if we passed it over Patti's objections with the sodomy repeal on it that the Speaker would not put it on the House floor for a vote.

"When we told the Speaker that we had enough votes to pass it, she asked for our list. We gave it to her and to Patti at which point she and Hull went around to the various House Republicans and twisted their arm convincing them, warning them of backlash from the conservative constituency, and to change their mind and to vote against. The two came back to us at the last minute and told us that we no longer had the votes and I think we ended up with 28 or 29 and at that point the Speaker has the power to and did appoint an extra member to the Conference Committee and the bill was reported out of the committee without the repealer attached. The crime bill itself was passed."

The point of all this is that the repeal would have been a done deal - it already had been passed by the Senate and there were enough votes for passage in the House - if Patti Noland had only supported it, or if she would have just stayed out of the way. The only reason that the state still has a sodomy law, the only reason it wasn't sent to the Governor for his signature, was because Patti Noland stepped in the way. Not only stood in the way but was actively against the Gay community.

What Patti Noland says is that she is in favor of repeal of the statute, but she didn't think the criminal code revision was the right place for it. The criminal revision is absolutely the proper place for it. Where else would you put a repeal of a criminal statute.

Equally guilty for the defeat is House Speaker Jane Hull whose last minute appointment of ultra conservative Republican Lela Steffey to the Conference Committee created a split vote in the four member committee and caused its defeat.

Patti Noland who is running for the State Senate in the November elections for the seat being vacated by David Bartlett, has said that she is not too concerned about the reaction from the Tucson Gay community. According to a Gay activist she said, "I don't worry about it. I've talked to the Gay people in Tucson and

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Gay & Lesbian Democrats Head To Big Apple for National Convention

The delegation is set, Madison Square Garden is being decked out and the Presidential Nominating Convention will take place next week in New York City.

The last members of the delegation were chose at the May State Convention by the Arizona Democratic Party State Committee. Supporters of the nominee of the party, Governor Bill Clinton, former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas and former California Governor Jerry Brown elected the At-Large and Pledged Party Leader Delegates to round out the delegation. Delegates to the convention represent all corners of the state, from Nogales to the Navajo Nation, people with various backgrounds will be represented in the delegation, which has 15 delegates pledge to Clinton, 14 to Senator Tsongas and 12 to Governor Brown.

The Gay and Lesbian Community will be represented in the Arizona Delegation to the National Convention with three delegates. Arizona will have the highest percentage of openly Gay and Lesbian delegates in the nation with over 7% of the state delegation.

Mark Kerr, longtime Tucson Gay activist, political consultant, Precinct Committeeperson, former Chair of the Legislative District 13 Democrats, Co-founder of the award winning Lambda Democratic Caucus, member of the Arizona Democratic Party State Committee and political columnist for the Observer, the Tucson based Statewide Gay and Lesbian newspaper, upset former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy in the April Regional Caucuses and will be attending the convention as a delegate pledged to Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton.

Joe Della Rocca, longtime Phoenix Gay activist, member of the Phoenix based Human Rights Task Force and former Chair of the Legislative District 23 Democrats and a member of the State Democratic Committee will be attending the convention as a delegate pledged to Governor Bill Clinton. Della Rocca was elected as a Regional Delegate defeating former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard in a bruising battle.

Don Slutes, Phoenix Gay Activist, member of the Human Rights Task Force, former Chair of the Phoenix based Arizona Committee for Progress, Precinct Committeeperson, member of the District 25 Democrats and the political columnist for the Phoenix Resource newspaper is attending as a delegate pledged to Senator Paul Tsongas. Slutes was victorious at the Regional Caucus in a three way contest.

Also attending the convention will be Lambda Democratic Caucus Chair, Debra Broner. Debra was instrumental in getting the Tucson "Lewd and Lascivious" Act changed and was a big contributor in the election of Tucson Mayor George Miller. Kathi Mayer, Lambda Democratic Caucus representative to the Pima County Executive Committee, a Pima County Prosecutor, former member of the Tucson Women's Commission, Precinct Committeeperson and a member of the State Democratic Committee will also be attending. Debra and Kathi are attending to help lobby for pro-Gay and Lesbian planks in the National Platform.

Arizona has finally arrived when it comes to Gay and Lesbian politics with the delegates going to the convention. In New York, the delegates are going to show that political activism exists in the Grand Canyon state.

More on the convention in the next week's issue of the Observer.

'93 AGRA Poster Contest Underway

PHOENIX - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association announces the 1993 Road Runner Regional Rodeo poster contest. The contest is to select a poster design to promote the 1993 RRRR to be held in January. This contest is open to anyone; membership in a rodeo association is not a requirement.

All entries must be 17' x 22'. The only lettering to be on the poster shall read 1993 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. In addition, there needs to be enough room left on the design for location, dates, phone numbers and logos to be added. The poster may be black or white or color. If color is used, it has to be the original art work or an original photograph. We suggest that all entries be matted and covered with clear plastic (framed if you desire). Your name, address, and telephone number are to be placed on the upper left back of your design.

All entries must be received by August 2, 1992. You may bring them with you to AGRA's General Membership meeting at Charlie's, 727 West Camelback Road, Phoenix on August 2nd, and register them by 4:00 p.m. Or, you may mail them to AGRA Poster Contest, C/O Charlie's, 727 West Camelback, Phoenix Arizona, 85013.

Judging will be done Sunday, August 2, 1992 at AGRA's monthly General Membership meeting starting at 5:00 p.m. The winning design will be selected by a vote of the AGRA General membership present at that meeting. The winning design and original art work becomes the sole property of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. The winner will be awarded

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UPDATE

Tent's Collapse During AIDS Benefit in Italy Injures Seven

MILAN, ITALY (AP) - Seven people were injured when a tent collapsed during an AIDS benefit attended by hundreds of fashion and entertainment figures at Milan's Sforza Castle.

The tent gave way under battering rain shortly before the start of an outdoor dinner, forcing cancellation of the party. Police said five technicians and two policemen were injured.

The benefit was organized by Italian fashion designers Valentino, Giorgio Armani, Gianfranco Ferre and Gianni Versace to raise funds for AIDS research.

The party-goers included Sylvester Stallone, Sting and Spanish film director Pedro Almodovar. Organizers claimed partial success, however, having raised about #333,000 from an auction.

Correction....

TUCSON - In last week's Observer, the article about the Tucson Cable telecast of "The Other Sheep", the days and times were transposed. The correct days and times for viewing the shows are: Thursday at 8:00 p.m. and reruns are on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. on Channel 62.

The Reverend Jim Rice apologizes for any inconvenience to those who could not find the program.

Gay Journalists Give Awards To Mainstream Media

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association during its first-ever meeting here last weekend honored several mainstream media reporters for covering untold stories of the Lesbian and Gay community. The meeting was attended by over 200 Gay and Lesbian journalists.

Those winning awards included San Francisco Examiner music critic Barry Walters for cultural reporting "given for his everyday infusion of a queer perspective in his pop music column". David Sloan and Sharon Young, ABC's "20/20" for three segments on Gays in the military, Gay youth and discrimination at Crackerbarrel.

Richard Greer and Kathy Scruggs, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution for a series of stories which called attention to murders of Gay prostitutes by a man known to police. Melinda Voss and David Peterson, the Des Moines Register for a series on being Gay in Iowa. Thomas A. Steward, Fortune Magazine, for a cover story on being Gay in corporate America.

R.A. Dyer, the Houston Chronicle, for beat reporting on the Gay and Lesbian community. Ken Swartz, KRON-TV, for a half-hour documentary that explored the lives of Gay teens. Donna Minkowitz, the Advocate, for a story about the use of Lesbian involvement to discredit the women's movement.

AGRA Poster

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$100.00. All other entries will be destroyed unless other arrangements are made; all returned entries will be at the artist's expense.

For further information, please contact: AGRA in Phoenix at 602-265-0618 or Jeff Parker in Tucson at 602-577-7234.

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Dear Gay and Lesbian Community,

All of us at the Shanti Foundation of Tucson would like to thank Martin and his staff at Talk of the Town for their work spent fund raising for us. He and his staff did hair cuts as well as a raffle at the Pride Picnic.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Jessica Blake, Christina De Alexis, Kristen and all the other others put on two great shows at Rumorz. You were wonderful. Thanks is too small a word for Ken, Jerry and the staff of Rumorz for all the support you have given us through the years. You have always been there for us.

We would also like to thank David Fitzsimmons for his support and wonderful caricatures. We at Shanti appreciate the people mentioned above as well as the community for helping us meet the needs of our clients.

Thank you,
Jerry Rawlins, President.

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they know where I stand."

We didn't know for sure, but we sure do now. Noland, described as a moderate Republican, has stabbed the Gay community in the back. A sodomy bill by itself will never pass in this state's legislature and Noland knows it. It will be approximately a decade before the criminal code comes back up for a revision - 10 years!

District 13 Democrat Representative Eleanor Schorr will be Noland's opponent in the state senate election this fall. Schorr's election will be on the front burner in the November elections in Tucson. More on this later.

In closing, Freeze summed it all up, "For whatever reason she thought we could go for another ten more years of abnormally high suicide; people getting fired from their jobs; losing their children; getting beaten up in back alleys, all with state sanction - thanks to Patti Noland."

Desert Voices Seeks Board Members

TUCSON - The Board of Directors of Desert Voices is aggressively searching to fill two board vacancies, Vice President for Marketing and Vice President for Business Affairs. The Board strongly feels that in order for the chorus to continue moving forward and develop as a strong entity in our community, strong leadership from qualified and experienced individuals is an absolute must.

Persons interested should submit a brief letter stating their interest and also includes qualifications and applicable experiences for the position.

Letter should be sent to Board of Directors, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson Arizona, 85717-0036, and must be postmarked no later than July 15. Upon receipt of your letter, you will be contacted and receive a written position description clearly stating the duties and responsibilities. The Board also welcomes any nominations from the public for either position. Here is a good opportunity for members from our community to become more involved in the chorus. Send your letter today.

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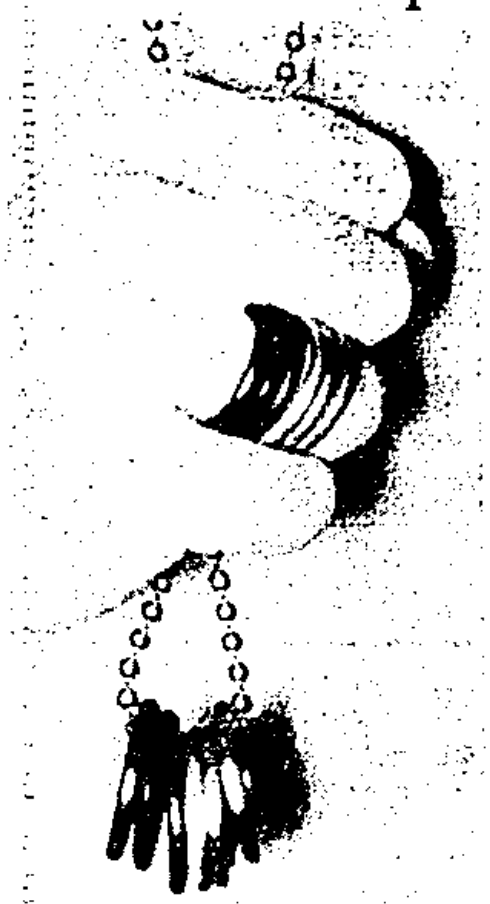
New Gay Symbol: Rings Rainbow Loops Enter Mainstream



New Yorker David Spada, 30. designer of the aluminum spiral bras Grace Jones wore in "Vamp" and the rubber jewelry Madonna wore in her video "Borderline," is the creator of Freedom Rings,a new symbol of Gay pride.

Since Spada designed the set of six anodized loops that reflect the colors of the Gay rainbow flag as a souvenir for last year's Freedom Day parade in San Francisco, 60,000 have been sold.

Now Freedom Rings are entering the mainstream, thanks in part to a mention in the April issue of Sassy magazine. After a tidbit ran there, about 150 teenage girls called to order the rings, not recognizing them as a Gay symbol. And Wednesday, VJ's started wearing them on MTV.

"We sell out every time we get them," says Elissa Mondschein at Old Wives Tales on Valencia Street. "People come in and ask for them all the time in multiple groups. I think people buy them as a symbol of pride."

Freedom Rings, which cost $6 for a set of six of the loops, $12 for the necklace and $15 for the bangles that many Gays are wearing on the epaulets of leather jackets, are also available in numerous places.

Spada gives 12 percent of his sales of the rings to Gay pride organizations. In San Francisco, he gives to the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Parade and Celebration committee.

Says Spada, "Because it is a benefit item for AIDS groups. I think it is just contemporary awareness. I think people just basically want to be free, and it is a symbol of that. It is become more a symbol of the times than a homosexual movement. It is amazing to see something I have created cover the country."

Lambda Democrats, Gays & Lesbians, Honored At Demo Awards Banquet

PHOENIX - Two Gay men and the Lambda Democratic Caucus were honored at the Eighth Annual Arizona Democratic Party Awards Banquet which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The banquet recognizes and honors the volunteers who help have contributed their time and efforts. This event also brings together the party activists from across the state to rally behind the goals and efforts of the Democratic Party. Over 300 people were in attendance.

Joe Della Rocca, a veteran Gay political activist from Phoenix was named Second Runner Up as Outstanding Candidate Volunteer for his efforts in the Clinton for President campaign, and his work in numerous Phoenix races.

Mark Kerr, a Tucson Gay activist and columnist for the Tucson based Observer newspaper, was named First Runner Up for Outstanding District Chair for his efforts in Legislative District 13, increasing the number of Precinct Committeepersons to the point that the District was #1 in the state for number of Precinct Committeepersons. Mark also organized the Pima County Democratic Party Presidential Caucuses, which the County led the state in turnout. He was also instrumental in the re-election of City Councilmember Janet Marcus, the first woman to be re-elected to the Council in Tucson history.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus, the Tucson based Gay and Lesbian Democratic club was honored as the Outstanding Democratic Club or Organization for their voter registration, fundraising, and campaign efforts. They were honored also for their work on getting the "Lewd and Lascivious" Act Changed and numerous bills concerning pro Gay and Lesbian legislation introduced. This was the first year that the Outstanding Club or Organization was given.

Perot Forestalls Gays Protest

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - Ross Perot, campaigning in fertile Western territory, said his volunteers "told the people in Washington to listen to us for change."

Perot stuck to now familiar themes, resisting advisers' pressure to discuss specific issues, and struck a deal with Gay rights activists who had threatened to disrupt the event: If they let him speak without interruption, he would begin to talk more about Gay rights.

"It took tough, hard people to create this country, and it's going to take tough hard people to go from $4 trillion in debt to passing on the American dream to our children,' said Perot in a brief speech that seemed more stilted than his previous folksy rallies.

Perot met privately before the

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POLITICS '92 *by Mark Kerr*

"DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT I'VE TALKED TO THE GAY PEOPLE IN TUCSON AND THEY KNOW WHERE I STAND."

This is an allege quote attributed to State Representative Patti Noland after she singlehandedly helped to defeat the "Crimes Against Nature", (sodomy statute), and the Co-habitation repealers which were originally a part of S.B. 1490, the Criminal Code Revision, and were separated in a parliamentary maneuver by the alleged moderate Republican, Patti Noland, to be voted as stand alones.

These heinous actions came from a woman referred to as a "moderate", "open minded", "pro-choice", a "Republican legislator Gays and Lesbians can work with."

What a bunch of horse manure! Her actions on the two repealers, along with help from a conspirator, House Speaker Jane "Darth Vader" Hull, shows her true feelings and views. She is a person who is an ultra-conservative, untrustworthy homophobe who should not hold elected office. She should never forget the above mentioned quote. It will be our battle cry against her. She is a person to put her name on a bill of a cause that is in the public eye and that will raise her in the polls.

Two examples, first S.B. 1183, the Hate Crimes Bill with full criminal penalties. When this bill was stuck on Jane Hull's desk, Patti, a co-sponsor did not lift a finger to get the bill off her desk. It took a massive phone calling effort to get the bill to the House Judiciary Committee, which she Chairs, the bill barely got out of the committee. The next example was "Laura's Law" which would decrease the plea of Not Guilty by reason of insanity. She sponsored it and when Rep. Eleanor Schorr, (D-District 13), an expert on mental health issues had questions about the bill and wanted hearings to be held on the bill. Noland refused, citing it would take too much time. Then tries to rake Schorr over the coals in the press over the issue because Schorr and Noland are opponents for the vacated District 13 Senate Seat.

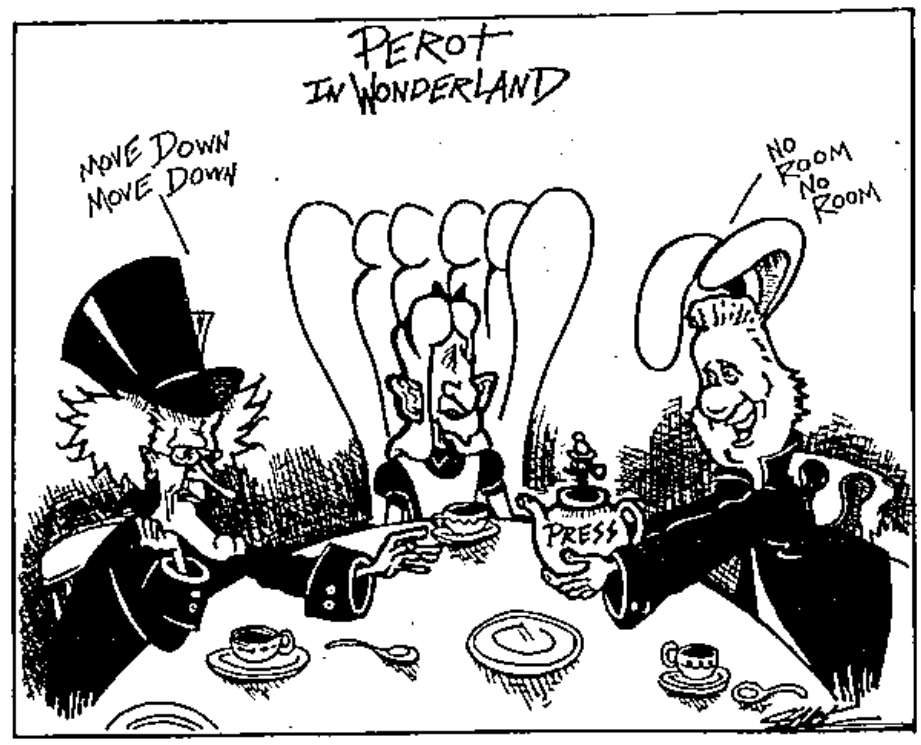
In response to her actions, she alleged stated, "Don't worry about it. I have talked to the Gay people in Tucson and they know where I stand." I would like to know who in Tucson from the community did she talk to?!

Yes, Patricia "Patti" Noland, an enemy to all Gays and Lesbians in Arizona, is running for higher office, the District 13 State Senate seat. We have a wonderful candidate, who voted for S.B. 1183, H.R. 2689, the Hate Crimes Bills, who has attended Gay/Lesbian Pride Picnics in Tucson. That person is State Representative Eleanor Schorr, Democrat. We in the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community must work hard to elect Eleanor to the State Senate and to defeat Patti, who is no friend to us.

PETER'S FOLLIES

As you know, there have been a bevy of law suits filed challenging petitions of various candidates for elected office. So far, two candidates, State Senator Jaime Gutierrez and Dana Kormash have withdrawn in lieu of not making the signature qualifications for a place on the ballot for Justice of the Peace and Treasurer respectively. The next person it looks like it will be State Representative Peter Goudinoff, (D-Dist 11), who is trying to succeed Senator Gutierrez in District 11. Peter has been challenged by the Pima County Libertarian Party, who states he does not have the minimum number of signatures to qualify for the Democratic primary ballot in District 11. The minimum in District 11 is 502, Pete filed 576 signatures. With the usual percentage of error, Peter will not make it. More on this developing story later.

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



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Dentist May Have Intended To Transmit AIDS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - A friend of the late dentist David Acer says he suspects Acer intentionally infected at least two of his patients with the AIDS virus, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Edward Parsons, 35, an unemployed nurse from Miami Beach said he based his "uncomfortable conclusion" on 1988 conversations he and Acer had about AIDS and how they thought mainstream America was ignoring the problem.

In an interview with the Palm Beach Post, Parsons said Acer may have Kimberly Bergalis and Barbara Webb to make his point.

"Acer said, 'When it starts affecting grandmothers and younger people, then you'll see something done," according to Parsons.

Five of Acers patients were infected with the AIDS virus. Federal health officials said earlier this year that, of 15,000 cases studied nationwide, they are the only known cases of transmission of AIDS from a health care provider to patients.

Bergalis, 23, died of AIDS related illnesses in December after becoming a nationally known crusader who warned that her case proved anyone could become infected. The college student contracted the virus during a 1987 tooth extraction by Acer.

Exactly how Bergalis, Webb and three other patients contracted the virus from Acer remains a medical mystery despite extensive investigations since 1990.

Webb, 66, said she considered Parson's theory a possibility.

"In a weird way, it makes some kind of sense," she said. "If indeed he did choose, he chose rather well. Who better than Kim to wrap the whole country up? Who more than Barbara Webb, an English teacher who doesn't mind speaking out?"

CBS Highlights Lesbian & Gay Support For Clinton

WASHINGTON D.C. - The "CBS Evening News" on Sunday, June 28th, highlighted the growing involvement of the Lesbian and Gay community in the presidential campaign of Governor Clinton.

Lynn Greer, National Co-Chair of the Lesbian and Gay Victory Fund and Tim MCFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, were featured int he report, which included an excerpt from a widely praised speech Governor Clinton gave last month to Lesbian and Gay activists in Los Angeles. The broadcast was linked to Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations which were held in New York City and San Francisco on June 28th.

CBS reporter Rita Braver noted that "Gays and Lesbians are more politically active than ever this election year and the candidates are paying attention. This year more than a hundred openly Gay and Lesbian delegates will attend the Democratic National Convention."

Greer, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected as a delegate committed to Bill Clinton. "We are going to be a force to reckon with in November," she noted, in an opinion shared by Tim McFeeley. "The Gay and Lesbian vote is large enough and can be concentrated enough in terms of voting as a bloc that it can make a tremendous difference to the candidate that is able to capture it,' he said.

"Right now," CBS reported, "that candidate is Bill Clinton. The videotape of Clinton's address at a Gay fundraiser in Los Angeles last month is now a feature attraction at similar events across the country. Gay and Lesbian activists are campaigning hard for the candidate says supports their agenda on AIDS and other issues."

Aide With AIDS To Address Demos

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The night Bill Clinton clinched the Democratic presidential nomination, Bob Hattoy was keeping some devastating news to himself. A couple of days earlier, he had learned he had AIDS.

"They were about to win enough delegates, capture California," said Hattoy, then Clinton's top environmental adviser. "I didn't want to ruin their parade.

Hattoy quit the campaign, but Clinton found a new and politically potent role for him. He'll give a prime time address on AIDS during the Democratic National Convention.

"People keep saying, 'Speak from your heart.' But depending on what minute you talk to me, my heart is angry, thoughtful, frustrated, inspired or confused,: said Hattoy, 40.

The only guidance he's gotten so far from Clinton aides is to say whatever he wants - and to keep it short.

"I'm very nervous,": Hattoy said. Not about making the speech. I'm nervous about saying something in four minutes about AIDS in America that will make a difference to somebody, somewhere.

For the past decade, Hattoy has been regional director of the Sierra Club, based in Los Angeles with frequent lobbying trips to Washington. But he took leave last January and headed for New Hampshire, the leadoff primary state, to work for Clinton.

"I thought he had an environmental record that passed the threshold of acceptability but also could be made better, and I also thought he was the one who could win the election," Hattoy said. "That was my concern, that we just couldn't afford four more years of (President) Bush or (Vice President) Quayle.

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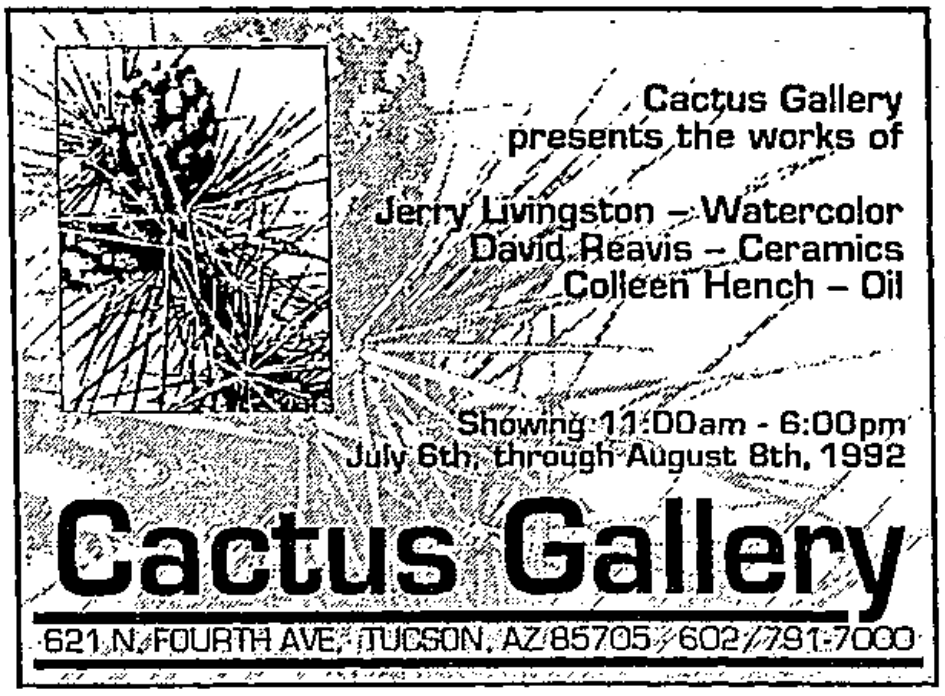

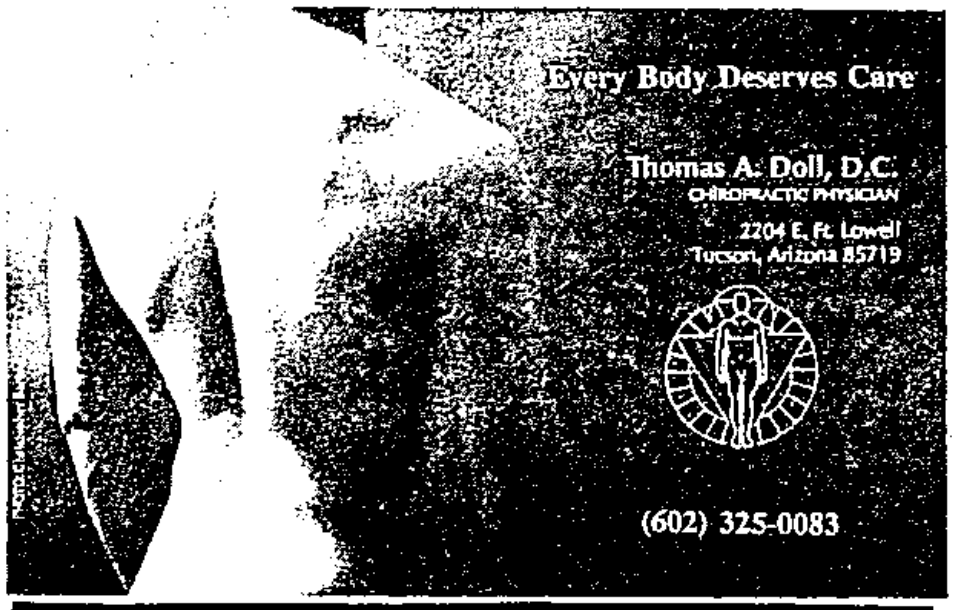

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Bits and Pieces

There seems to be universal rule in Lesbian couples that if a partner is propositioned by certain stars, she can say yes, and it doesn't count against the monogamy. Favored stars include Martina Navratilova, Meryl Streep, and Susan Sarandon.

Did you know that the part of your palm between your index finger and the base of your thumb is your "anatomical snuffbox"?

I'm so tired of reading that democracy-capitalism (dem-cap) has "won" and communism has "lost." What are the features of the dem-cap victory? A huge national debt, massive unemployment, bad roads, embarrassing elected officials, pathetic presidential candidates, mediocre schools, high infant mortality, racism, homophobia, and sexism. Maybe both dem-cap and communism have lost, but dem-cap is taking a little longer to crumble.

Why is it that, in a dream, we don't find it remarkable to have dinner served to us by a large, upright, talking pink St. Bernard on roller skates, but it drives us crazy that she is wearing one yellow and one green sock?

What's so democratic about the United States anyway? In many states, primaries occur so late that voting doesn't matter. I never had the opportunity to vote for Tsongas, Harkin, or Kerry, not to mention the people I'd really like to vote for, such as Patricia Schroeder, Anne Richards, and Toni Morrison.

Did you know that the part of your nose between your nostrils is your "columella"?

Seen on a library copy of Newsweek: an annotation of the headline, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast is an instant classic." Someone rewrote "beauty" so that it read "beauty = sex," then changed "beast" to read "beastiality is against the bible." Talk about being obsessed with sex!

True fact: according to the Whole Pop Catalog, plastic flamingoes outnumber real flamingoes, and more people are injured on merry-go-rounds than on roller coasters.

I don't share the anger of many Gay men and Lesbians that the women in Fried Green Tomatoes weren't presented as explicitly Lesbian. Their relationship seemed appropriate to the time and place, and the actresses certainly showed the love the characters felt for one another. But I am saddened at how many straight people who loved the film and those two characters would have hated them if they had been identified as Lesbian. Why do those people feel that sex makes a relationship between women change from lovely to disgusting? Talk about being obsessed with sex!

Did you know that the smooth area above your nose and between you eyebrows is your "glabella"?

Cavilling about the U.S. may seem ungrateful. After all, this is the land of the free. But I'm not free to marry who I want to marry. And my money was conscripted into a war that killed 200,000 people for no reason. if the United States were truly the "land of the free," we could decide where our own tax dollars went. What fun to send money to welfare, food stamps, social security, and education rather than stealth bombers, ICBM's, smart bombs, and other modern metal monsters.

A recent issue of Money magazine listed the top professions in terms of salary, security, and future prospects. Job after job offered only fair or poor security. Finally, an "excellent security" listing appeared. The job? Funeral director.

In all the tumult about homophobia in film, three positive depictions have been repeated ignored. George Carlin's character in the Prince of Tides may have seemed stereotypical to some people, but appeared real to me. I also believe in, and liked, the Gay neighbor in Frankie and Johnny. The best depiction was the lovely and crazy Gay man in The Fisher King, who gets to sing "Everything's Coming Up Roses" in full drag and keep his dignity throughout. Michael Jeter superbly showed the character's hope and despair and beauty.

A year ago, someone hid a piece of paper in a magazine at the Blue Door Bookstore. It was so awful that I saved it. One side says "Mother Mary Disdains Each Fairy," with "John 4:19" and "LDS Outreach" on the bottom. The other side says, "Bugger a Buddy and Burn in Hell," with the citation, "Luke 6:9." I taped this paper into my notebook, and I occasionally gaze at it and wonder: Who wrote this? What was he or she trying to prove? Did the person really believe these sentiments would "reach out" to anyone? Doesn't this person have a life?

Did you know that the little dent in your upper lip (just below your columella) is your "philtrum"?

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Boy Is Ordered Removed From Sex-Therapy Program

PHOENIX (AP) - A judge in a juvenile court has ordered that a 12-year-old boy be removed from Phoenix Memorial Hospital, where he was being treated in a controversial sex-therapy program. (OBSERVER, July 1).

Juvenile Court Commissioner Robert Budoff made the ruling and also ordered that information be kept confidential about why the child was moved, where he went and who instigated the transfer. The Phoenix-area child's identity has snot been released.

The Arizona Civil Liberties Union intervened on the boy's behalf last month after learning he had been tested with a penile plethysomograph, a ringlike device that measures sexual arousal.

According to court records, the child also was shown photographs of nude adolescent girls in bondage as part of the treatment.

Authorities said the boy allegedly was molested by his mother and also while in foster care. He has been in state Child Protective Services custody for five years.

Budoff originally ordered the boy to enter Phoenix Memorial's sex-offender program May 21 after he allegedly molested a child.

The ACLU filed a special action June 22 with the state Court of Appeals, asking that the hospital halt treatment of the boy.

The court complied the next day after reviewing more than 100 pages of arguments from the ACLU that the sex-therapy program is unproven and dangerous.

However, the court denied an ACLU motion to move the boy out of the hospital and had scheduled a July 15 hearing on the matter.

"This is perhaps the smartest thing the state can do," ACLU Executive Director Louis Rhodes said after Budhoff's ruling. "What it does is to try to close the lid on the dark chasm of a program they have up there. It may make the case moot, slam the door and raise the veil of secrecy.

Hospital officials said they could not comment on the case, citing Budoff's gag order.

AIDS Vaccine testing Could Start in 1993

WASHINGTON, DC - Sometime before the end of 1993, an American or Thai volunteer is likely to roll up his or her sleeve and receive the first injection in a large scale test of a vaccine against the AIDS virus.

The moment will mark a milestone in the global battle against AIDS. But the early tests, which are likely to involve thousands of people in the United States, Thailand and other countries and last at least several years, are just the first step researchers caution.

"It is very important that people understand that we are very unlikely to hit a home run at the first trial," said Dr. Daniel F. Hoth of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who envisions a "decade or more" of large-scale clinical trials before an optimum vaccine emerges.

AIDS vaccine experts are fearful that even a partial success in the first large trials will be viewed as a failure. That would jeopardize the long-term prospects to achieve a safe and effective vaccine.

The key problems range from the wide variation among different AIDS virus strains to concerns about product liability should volunteers in vaccine tests develop unanticipated side-effects.

Phillip W. Berman, an AIDS vaccine researcher with Genentech Inc., of South San Francisco, noted; "We are all looking for a vaccine which completely prevents HIV infection and disease. We would love a sugar cube you take once in your life and you will be protected forever. But I don't think it is going to happen with HIV.

It has not been announced how many U.S. trials will be held.

In addition, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research is working with Thai researchers to plan large AIDS vaccine tests in Thailand, a country where the rate of HIV infection has been increasing dramatically.

AIDS experts say that rapid progress must be made for any of the dozens of vaccines under development to be ready for large scale tests in the next year or so.

SUNDAY, JULY 12
ROAST OF ROGER
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1992 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Successful But Loses Money

TUCSON - The Saguaro Regional Rodeo held in Tucson, May 8-10, was an International Gay Rodeo Association first. It was the first time Gay rodeo has been held at an internally known theme park, Old Tucson Studios. An estimated 1,145 fans paid to see exciting rodeo and experience a taste of the way the west was in an authentic frontier town of the 1860's.

The response and comments from rodeo fans was overwhelmingly positive about the Saguaro rodeo and its setting. Many said they will be back next year with their friends. Rodeo Director, Jeff Parker said, "We wanted everyone who attended Tucson's first Gay rodeo to go home with a good feeling so they would be sure to come back next year. I think we succeeded in producing another quality AGRA rodeo that everyone can be proud of. It would not of been possible without the support of the contestants, entertainers and especially all the hard working volunteers in and out of the arena."

The Saguaro Regional Rodeo lost approximately $6,000.00, many first year rodeos do lose money, planners did anticipate a loss and planned for it by developing a strong fund raising campaign. AGRA's Tucson Satellite Chapter, producers of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo, thank Club 2520, The Graduate, Hours, IBT's, Rumorz and the Venture-N in helping raise the needed capital the loss of the rodeo.

AGRA will be voting on whether to hold another Saguaro Regional Rodeo in Tucson at its next month General Membership meeting on July 12th at Hours, 3455 East Grant Road, Tucson. All AGRA members are encourage to attend to express their opinions and support.

REVENUE	
Buckle Sales	$3,150.00
Advertising Sales	$2,705.00
AGRA Booth Sales	$2,313.90
Booth Rentals	$1,050.00
Revenue-Gate/Ramada	$17,552.25
Advance Tickets	$1,141.00
Miller Sponsorship	$4,500.00
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Posters & Pins Sold	$102.50
Stall Rental	$1,140.00
Contestant Entry Fees	$12,764.00
SUBTOTAL	$46,637.40
EXPENSES	
IGRA Contestant Monies	$1,506.00
Contestant Prize Money	$12,679.00
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Contestants Packets	$588.07
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Portable Toilets	$264.00
T-Shirts	$2,243.79
Volunteer T-Shirts	$656.25
Tucson Pins	$321.00
MISC/Office Exp	$292.79
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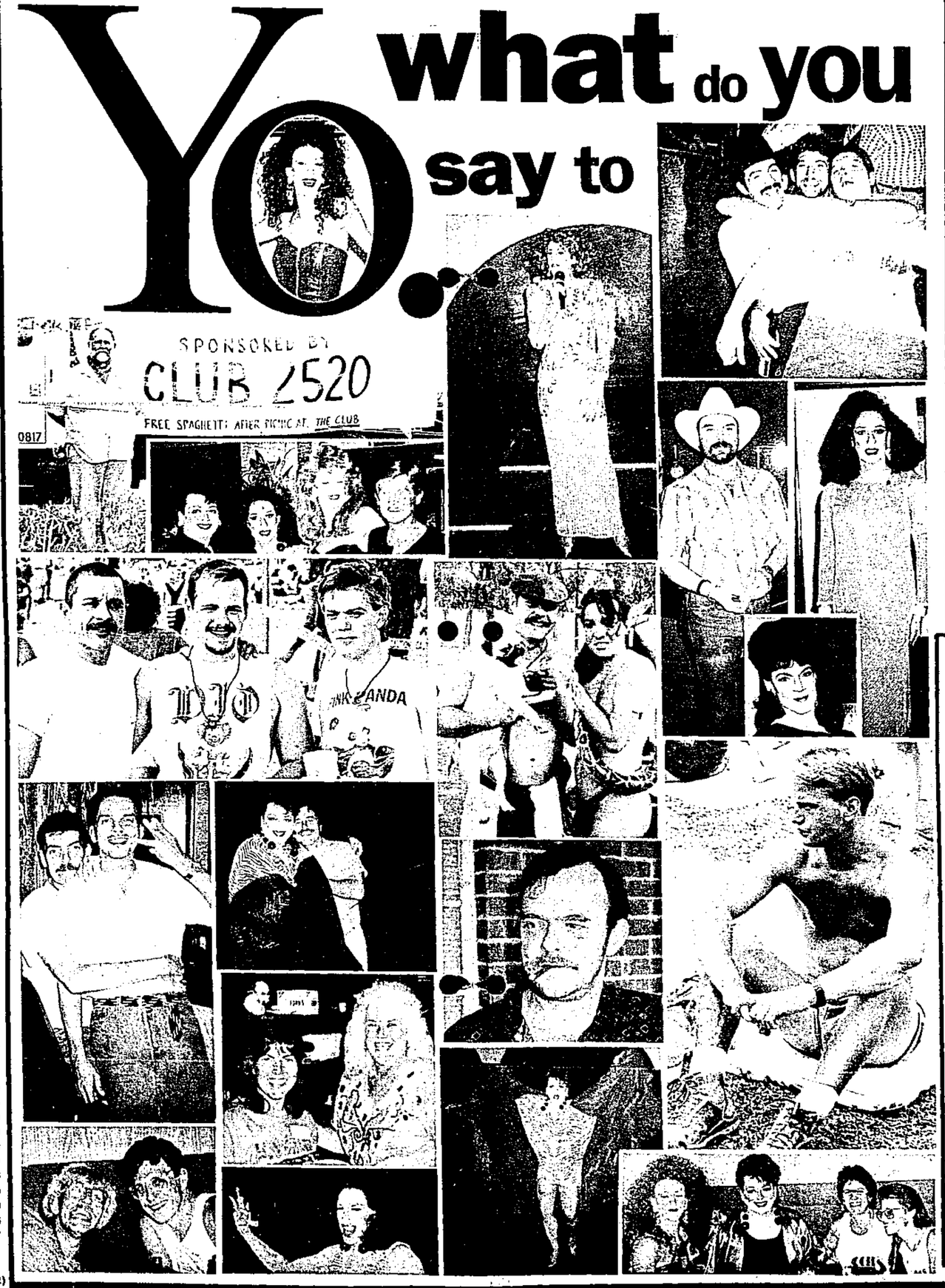

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

It's 'Bout Time - IBT's is closed temporarily for remodeling. It is scheduled to open in two to three weeks. Watch for details here.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will celebrate their 14th anniversary here from 2 to 6 p.m. with a Beer Bust and Buffet. Installation of the new officers will take place at 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Kenny's dinner today will be Chicken Salad stuffed avocado or tomato and chips for only $2.99.

RUMORZ - "A Roast of Roger" will take place here beginning at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Arizona Cancer Research Center at University Medical Center. There will be a 21" color TV and a VCR among other things being raffled off for only a buck a ticket. The roast which begins at 5:30 will include roasters Chuck, Ben, Doc, Neal, Natalie and some surprises. Performing after the roast will be Candy Plastique, Gilda Fatale, Mr. Dani Reid, Lucinda Holliday, Tiffany St. Thomas and a special guest appearance by Misty "Bucky" Lynn. Colette Barajas will act as MC. For those who have to work on Monday, the evening is scheduled to end at 8:30ish - whatever that means.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

CLUB 2520 - The annual "Reno Memorial Jello Wrestling" fund raising event for Shanti. Club 2520 is collecting items to be auctioned off now. Those interested in wrestling should sign up as soon as possible. Check with the 2520 bartenders. All donations are 100% tax deductible so bring them into the Club now. More on this big event later.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

CLUB 2520 - Direct from Paris, France, Mitsou will be appearing here beginning at 9:00 p.m. singing songs from her latest album and some of the older hits that have made her famous. $3.00 per person and well worth it. Tickets will go on sale June 22.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

CLUB 2520 - A benefit show honoring Lee Thompson, aka Margo Leigh from 6 to 10 p.m. More later.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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NOW THRU AUGUST 8

Cactus Gallery presenting watercolors by Jerry Livingston, Ceramics by David Reavis and Oils by Colleen Hesch. Showing 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 621 N. 4th Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

AGRA General Membership Appreciation Party to be held today. If any members do not receive an invitation contact Clyde Mitter at 791-9779.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

AGRA-Tucson's First Anniversary plus a general meeting for AGRA Phoenix and Tucson at Hours 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Jamie Anderson will appear live on "Queer Music" on KXCI from 7 to 8 p.m. KXCI 91.3 FM! She'll be interviewed and play a few songs live. Tune in.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. Tea Dance 3 to 8. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 pm to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks $1.00.

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

RUMORZ - Open at noon. $1.25 Bloody Marys Noon to 6:00 pm.

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

monday

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. Kitchen closed. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks $1.00. 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.

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.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

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

RUMORZ - Open noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners by Paul Earnest from 7-9. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schnappe.

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

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, $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 + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

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.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50¢ Draft from 8:00 pm to close.

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

friday

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

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

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

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

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

saturday

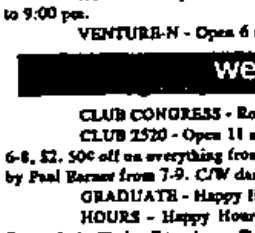
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8, $3. 50¢ Schnappe 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

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

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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What's Up Doc ?????

It has been 14 years since a group got together over at the Mac Arthur Hotel and formed one of Tucson's clubs. This club was then named, and still is of course, the Tucson Knight Owls. Over these past years there has been far too many members came and went, that would not even to try to guess the numbers. The club itself has gone through many changes, some good and some bad, but the club still continues.

This coming Saturday over at the Graduate, TKO will be celebrating their 14th birthday party with a free buffet. The newly elected club officers for the coming club year will also be installed. And, as usual, it will be TKO's monthly beer bust time also. All this will start at approximately 2 p.m., with the food served after the installation of officers. Stop by and wish the present members a happy birthday for the club, and some of you previous members, also stop by.

Then, going along with the Graduate's club weekend, TALL will be holding their monthly beer bust on Sunday. This is also a fun beer bust plus an added feature, you can get one of those meals prepared by Kenny.

Over at Rumorz this coming Sunday is one very special roast. This will be a roast of none other than Tucson's Roger. Yes, 90% of you reading this column have known him for many years and I', sure he has gotten you somehow, someway, over these years. So lets have a good turn out for this long overdue roast of one of the biggest supporters of the Tucson Community this town has ever seen.

Then on next Saturday, it will be time for the Partners beer bust. At this one, Ben should have all the information you may need if you are planning on going on their (Partners) Panda Run. This run will be July 25. I am not positive, but in previous years, everyone met early in the morning at Denny's Restaurant, Oracle and River Road. It takes approximately 1 and 1/22 hours to get to the river, so everyone should try to be on time for the departure from the restaurant.

Just a reminder for this run, be sure you wear protective clothing, and old pair of tennis shoes, take along a strong sun screen lotion, maybe one of the newer ones that will not wash off easily, and some liquid refreshments. For us that just have to have a cig or two, try a couple of larger zip lock bags. It is suggested you bring extra cigs along because the water normally finds its way into these bags after a couple of hours of floating down the river.

The dart tournament I was mentioning here a couple of weeks ago will be starting up around July 26. Just a couple minor details have to be worked out but everything else is in place. This tournament will be sponsored by TKO. All details will be on the bar's bulletin boards the week prior to the first day we throw the darts. So get these darts out and start practicing, you may be the over all winner, after 10 weeks and walk home with both money and a new set of darts.

In noticing the Graduate's ad in last week's Observer, could it be that Kenny is going to have a new body each week for his ad? If so, who will be the next number, Stan?

With that I had better close for this week. Share your love with someone this week and remember, some good can be found in anyone, if you just take the time to search for it.

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

It is really funny how many feathers I ruffled with my last column. It is unfortunate that there are people who believe there is no room for various opinions in our community, those that believe that their opinions are the only valid ones. Sorry honey, get a life. Part of the beauty of our community is that there is plenty of room for a lot of various points of view. But unfortunately the general community does not have a monopoly on narrow minded people, we have a few as well. But enough about me bitching about people that bitch about me.

This weekend before I last attended that Gay Pride Parade in San Francisco. it was fabulous! And of course I bumped into some Tucson people there as well. That was my seventh parade in my lifetime and probably the best as well. The diversity of people both participating and attending was terrific. The parade and the activities afterwards gave me a true sense of Gay Pride. I would encourage everyone to experience the parade at least once in their lifetime. There was something for practically everyone.

If you have issue with any of our local organizations, I strongly encourage you to be up front and approach them with your questions and concerns. And if they do not respond, BITCH! Especially if they are here to serve you or represent you or your donations are solicited for their support. In the community arena, no one is above accountability. So just ask.

On July 12th at Rumorz there will be a roast for Mr. Roger Barger. People are encouraged to attend and honor this fine human being for all he has done in support for our community. For further details, look within the pages of this week's Observer.

And watch this paper for details of a unique evening to be held at Club 2520 on July 26th at 6:00 p.m. I am quite sure you will be surprised and entertained. Andrea is coming!

And finally I want to send word to a very special someone way up in Cupertino California. Your my baby, got to love ya! See you real soon Ron.

Till next week: Sean 628-7816.

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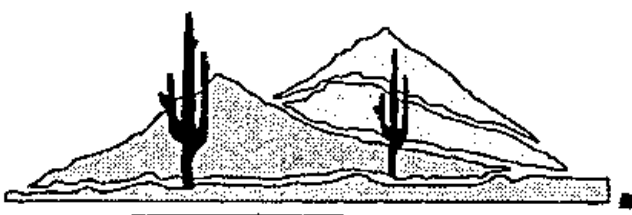

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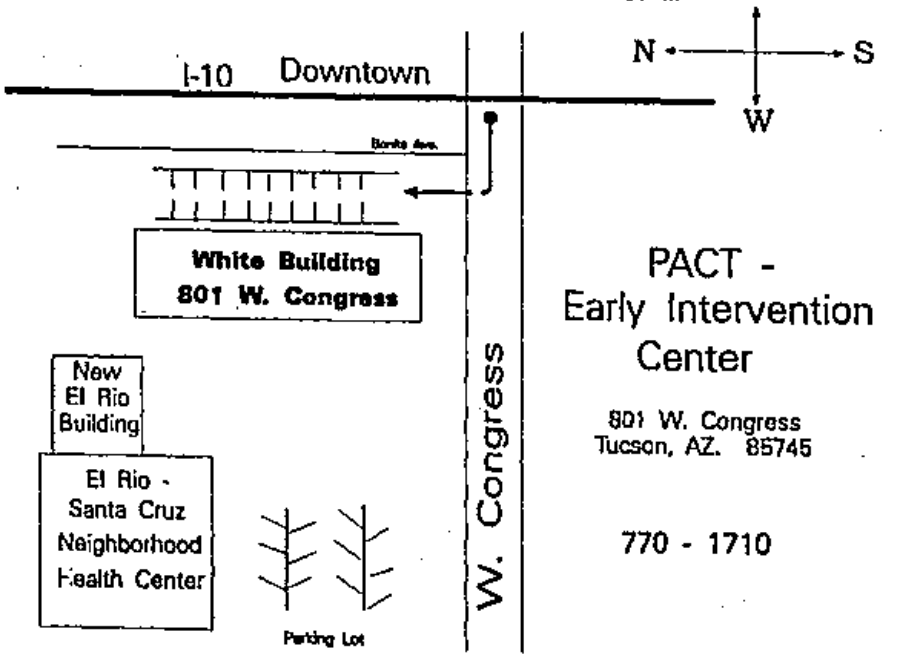

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Sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union, the Night of Pride will provide competition for athletes in Women's Open, men's Open, Men over 40 and Couples Divisions. the contest will be held at the Irving Arts Center Theater in Irving, Texas.

The official sponsors again this year are Club Dallas, The Wave and The Brick bras. Sponsors will be holding special events the weekend of the contest for both competitors and spectators. in addition, there will be a Fitness Fair on Sunday afternoon including many different fitness related activities.

This year's proceeds will again benefit local AIDS organizations. Last year's beneficiaries received over $4,500.

This contest is a qualifier for national level competitions such as the Mr. America and Mr. U.S.A. Athletes are expected from all over the U.S.A. and Canada and should be one of the most competitive bodybuilding events this year. Last year's overall men's winner, Dwade O'Connor, from Atlanta, Georgia, will return as this year's special guest poser. Trophies will be awarded for first through fifth places in all divisions and all athletes will receive a commemorative medallion.

Tickets for the 1992 Night of Pride will go on sale July 1. VIP tickets, priced at $100.00, include admission to the pre-judging, preferred seating at the evening show, and a champaign reception with the athletes following the show. reserved seating to the evening show is available at $10, $15 and $20. Evening show tickets include admission to the pre-judging. General admission to the pre-judging only is $10. Reserve your seats by calling 214-520-0019. Competitors should contact Paul Watkins at 214-526-4307 for more information and entry forms.

1991 Men's Overall Champion, Dwade O'Connor.

J.B. Brod, 1991 Night of Pride Overall Women's Winner.

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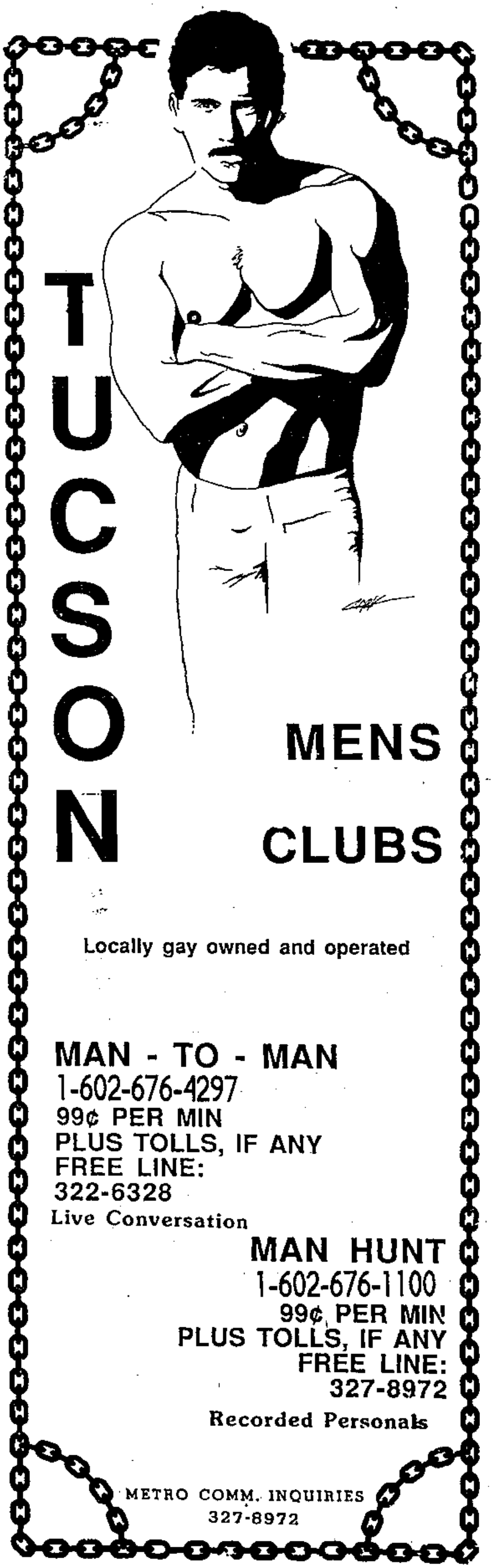

Confessions Of A Clothes-Impaired Male

By Rob Morse

This is a big weekend in San Francisco, this weekend of the Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day Parade. A convention of gay journalists is in town, as is a convention of sports editors. I don't know what this means, but I am pretty sure the sports editors will be the ones in love handles and golf pants. If I may be permitted a moment of stereotyping.

Which brings up the topic of the day, and this anecdote: Last week I was sitting at a table at the Zuni cafe, a high temple of cuisine on Market Street favored by a substantial Gay clientele. An off duty waiter, Gay and fresh from Indiana, was regaling friends with cute put downs about straights. These included, 'Oh, of course he was straight, did you see his clothes?"

And there I sat in my chinos, sneaks and windbreaker. It was pretty clear that these overloud tales were meant to amuse and discomfort us straights at the next table. Or so we thought in our paranoia and shabby clothes. Thus it was with some satisfaction that, as we got up, I added a friendly joke to their conversation and said good bye to an off duty Gay waiter I knew at the same table as the young Oscar Wilde man.

It was just to say: Hey, some of us may dress crummy, have bad haircuts, fail to pick up our rooms and engage in other stereotypical straight behavior, but we aren't so bad. We're here to stay. Dish us or dis us, and we'll come back for more, because the fact is, Gays are fun, and so good at dish and dis. That's a stereotype, but a true one.

When I started writing at The Examiner a newspaperman I know gave me this piece of advice: "Don't write about Gays." I proceeded to write about Gays. Many friends I made tended to be Gay and many of them died. AIDS was, and is, a San Francisco story bigger than any earthquake.

I plugged benefits and am proud to have been the first to write about the Names Project Quilt, saying that Cleve Jones would like to receive panels for this quilt honoring AIDS dead. Who in the hell is going to sew quilt panels, I thought as I typed.

I was a good liberal, and for that, of course, I paid. A straight, white male in the media inevitable has to be politically corrected.

Once I criticized some young Gay and Lesbian activists for minor vandalism and manhandling of a security guard during a demonstration. That drew a death threat. It also drew polite phone calls from the activists themselves arguing their case.

What they did was stupid, but the fact is, they were doing the same thing my friends in college did. The difference is that my friends had college deferments from death, and for these kids there is no deferment from HIV. The American government, to its everlasting shame certainly wasn't giving to them.

In the seven years I have been filling this space much has changed. AIDS mourning has been forged into concerted, effective political and cultural action. The word "Gay" is gradually being replaced by a younger generation with the word "queer". It is a counter-punch in the nose of the type of straight Americans used to wielding it as a hate word.

It also has the added advantage of making straight liberals uncomfortable, because only Gays or troglodytes can say "queer." See? Even a card carrying Gay symp like myself can't use it.

Once a reader, upset about a Gay column item, called and said, "Are you Gay?" Gays never ask. They can always tell the difference. They have to.

No, mister (I didn't tell him at the time), I simply live in this world. My best friend in college was Gay. My lawyer was Gay, and died. The best PR man I ever knew was Gay, and died. I am losing friends I hoped to have for many years.

Meanwhile the right wing, with Pat Buchanan, Dan Quayle and Rush Limbaugh walking point, is attacking Gays, rap, women and elitists who can speel "potato," all in the name of "family values." We minorities who make up the majority under attack have to hang together instead of playing the divisive game of comparative victimhood.

Being a do gooder has only a little to do with this straight sometimes writing about Gay things. This is personal, and a human
issue of the strong form.

One thing I have learned is that the Bay Area is a hotbed of hatred and resentment of Gays and Lesbians. I have gotten more hate mail in San Francisco for writing about Gays than I did for writing about Gays, gun control and school prayer combined in supposedly benighted Central Florida.

Maybe people feel pushed around by burgeoning Gay political power. Maybe they are just haters of Gays. It would be nice if they got over it.

This columnist plans to keep writing off and on about issues Gay and Lesbian, in his klutzy straight way. These are human issues. Anyone who ever was called "queer" in school can identify, if they quit trying to disprove that junior high taunt.

See you at the parade. I will be the guy in ratty sneaks and chinos.

(Rob Morse is a columnist for the San Francisco Examiner.)

Perot

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rally with two members of ACT Up an reached the agreement in which they would cancel their protest in exchange for more Perot talk on Gay issues, said ACT Up member Steve Michel.

But Perot made no mention of Gay issues at the rally.

Perot had angered homosexuals by saying in an television interview that he would not appoint a homosexual to his Cabinet if elected.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

The Board of Directors met last Sunday and made many important decisions. There will be several new programs initiated immediately with others still in the planning stage that will be inaugurated in the near future. Rev. Ed Perry and a Board of Directors member will be attending a conference in Phoenix this next month of August which will be a training session for leadership skills. Bids have been received and the small building on the property will be demolished in preparation for the new Memorial Rose Garden. The Deacons of MCC-Tucson have joined with the Tucson Community Closet, apart of the Ecumenical Ministries Services. A full report on this new service will be forthcoming. The Deacons are also currently in process of establishing a Work/Grant Program. Also, more information on this will be made later.

MCC-Tucson has re-established their publication "The Beacon" and the new edition will be in the mail to those who are on the church mailing list. After a four year absence, the church newsletter is now back and will be published on a bi-monthly printing. if anyone would like to receive this newsletter in a plain envelope, just call the church at 292-9151 and you will be added to the mailing list. There is no charge for subscribing to The Beacon.

It was announced that the Deacons will be implementing regular hours to be at the church. The hours will be announced next Sunday. The Deacons will, also be making hospital visits as the need arises. Rev. Ed Perry is always available to visit the sick, whether at home or in the hospital. All he needs to make a visit is to be advised whom and where there is a need. Rev. Perry has office hours on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 12 noon until 7 p.m. He can be reached on Mondays and Tuesdays through the answering machine with the church telephone, 292-9151.

Thought for the week: Confidence; that feeling you have just before you understand the situation.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Has everyone ever told you he is a "Practicing" Christian? No? Well, I'm not surprised. I really doubt that this sort of Christian ever would. You see, they do not boast about being a Christian. This Christian has been saved and the Bible is quite clear about boasting in Ephesians 2: 8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works (good deeds), so that no one can boast."

A practicing Christian has asked Christ to be his Lord and Savior and proceeds to spiritually grow. Yes, you are saved by grace through faith, not "works (good deeds)," but salvation is only the beginning, not the end. "What good is faith without deeds? Faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead. As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." (James 2:14, 17, 26 paraphrased).

No one enters heaven only by good deeds. Those come after salvation. The world is full of professed Christians who feel sure because they're such good people they will go to heaven, in the distant future. Oh, they are so mistaken! There is only one way to guarantee eternal life in heaven and Ephesians 2:8-9 is that way. John 3:16 says the same thing another way: "For God so loved this world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Calling yourself a Christian and even attending a church regularly, by God's word, won't matter at all when earthly life ends and you have not chosen to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior. that must be done before earthly death, or it is just too late.

Practicing Christians can be spotted a mile away. 1 Peter 2:12 says, "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us." That is not a burden or hardship. it comes as naturally as sunrise after the dark of night, following salvation. So do other things. Those good deeds that follow faith and put the action in practicing Christians include "the fruit of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires." (Galanations 5:22, 24 paraphrased). Yes, Christians do stand out!

The Christian life is not easy, but it sure is full of satisfaction and pure joy. A Christian has the assurance, this is not all there is, and when trouble comes, there is that 100% guarantee of eternal life to come, with God; perfection far beyond human comprehension.

Hey, does this excite you? Please let us share our joy with you, worship with you, and answer every question you have. We hope to welcome you this Sunday at our 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Worship Service. I'll probably be the one at the door wearing a big smile, waiting to welcome you. See you at Cornerstone Fellowship this Sunday.

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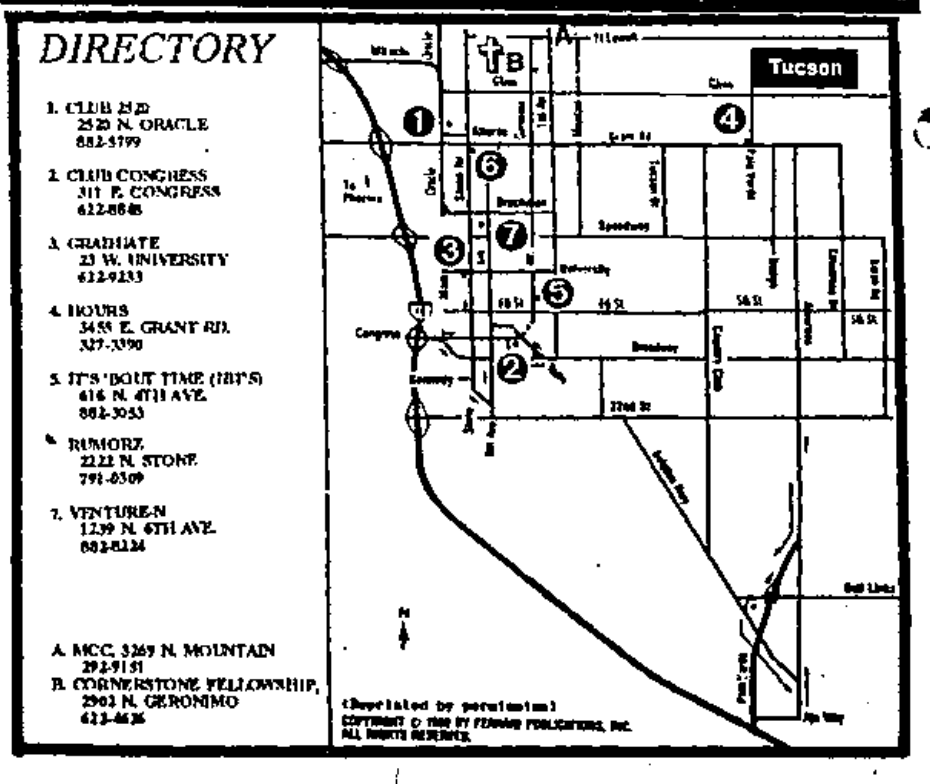
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