



Colorado Initiative Comes To AZ Emergency Community Meeting Called for Thursday, March 4

PHOENIX (AP) - The organizer of the yet to be announced drive to enact an Arizona version of a Colorado anti-Gay rights measure says his effort is "a backlash against all the pro homosexual garbage."

The Colorado measure, known as Amendment 2, prohibits local or state laws that protect Gays from discrimination. Amendment 2's passage last November has prompted critics to organize a boycott of the state, even though implementation of Amendment 2 has been delayed by a challenge in court on constitutional grounds.

In Tucson a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual emergency community meeting has been called in response to the "Hate Initiative". Although plans for the "Hate Initiative" were only announced last Monday, March 1, the threat is considered so great that local activists Jim Toevs and Debra Broner called for an immediate meeting to get input from the community.

The local meeting will be held at the Pima County Democratic Party Headquarters, 2617 East Broadway, Thursday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. For information about the meeting call Toevs at 577-6018 or Broner at 791-7000. Everyone is urged to attend.

In Arizona, anti-Gay strategist Frank Meliti said his strong Christian beliefs motivate him to model a campaign on Amendment 2. Meliti said, "It's a backlash against all the pro-homosexual garbage that's coming out." He declined to provide details about his 2 month old Arizonaans for Traditional Values, except to say the group has 3,500 supporters.

He also stated that he has no official ties to the Traditional Values Coalition but said he has received advice and organizing materials from the Anaheim, California based group. Meliti plans to call a news conference soon to announce the launching of the signature gathering process to place the measure on the Arizona ballot.

"We're organized," Meliti said. "The drive just hasn't been launched yet."

Local Tucson activist Jim Toevs said. "We must begin immediately to counteract this blatant attack on our Gay and Lesbian Rights." "This is a hate initiative, plain and simple, and we're organized too!"

Although Arizona is just one of a number of states where similar drives are under way, the director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force said Meliti's efforts come as a surprise. Task force director Peter Crozier said homosexuals expected an onslaught from the religious right after

Phoenix enacted an ordinance last year prohibiting against Gays and Lesbians. But the attack never materialized, Crozier said.

He said the 2-1 defeat of Proposition 110, which sought to ban nearly all abortions in Arizona, may have sent a strong message to conservatives that the state is not as friendly to them as it first seemed.

Nevertheless, Amendment 2 fever is spreading, said Skipp Porteous, co-founder of the Institute for First Amendment Studies, a Massachusetts based group that tracks the religious right.

"It seems like everybody's jumping on the bandwagon," Porteous said. "I know of at least a dozen, and possibly up to 20 states, with initiatives under way."

Despite the spread of Colorado style measures, there appears to be no orchestrated national campaign, said Chip Berlet, an analyst with Political Research Associates of Cambridge, Mass. Berlet calls the phenomenon a grass roots social movement.

Rodeo Fundraisers Being Held



TUCSON - Rodeo is in the air in Tucson. The straight rodeo just left town and now, in two weeks, comes the second annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, March 11-20-21.

Pictured above, former Tucsonan Jack McCoy held the winning raffle number at the Hoedown and received an official silver belt buckle from AGRA/Tucson Vice President George Kaminski.

Fund-raising activities are under-
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Davis-Monthan General Bans Anti-Gay Video

TUCSON - An exceptionally lurid anti-Gay video was shown last week to about 75 members of the 355th Transportation Squadron at Tucson's Davis Monthan Air Force Base. The video was shown by the Squadron's commanding officer Lt. Col. Dean Salisbury.

The video, "The Gay Agenda" contains photos of Gay men and women in various stages of dress taken during Gay Pride Parades, and also includes many unsubstantiated 'statistics' - 47% of Gay men engage in fisting and statements like 17% of homosexuals eat human feces!

A DM spokesman said Salisbury showed the video "in response to several questions from squadron members about the Department of Defense policy (on homosexuality). He told them the policy, which states that homosexuality is incompatible with military service, and he also told them that if the policy changes it will be the duty of all personnel to adhere to the new policy." Salisbury's decision to screen the video was not part of a military educational effort in preparation for the possible lifting of the ban," the spokesman said.

Davis-Monthan Base Commander Brig. General Gene Santarelli reprimanded Salisbury and has since barred the showing of "The Gay Agenda", although he said it did not violate regulations or policies. "The General made it clear that this is a one-sided video... and he has directed that no video showing only a one-sided view on this issue will be shown in any forum that implies Department of Defense sanction," said Lt. Col. Howard Carter, director of public affairs at the base.

Terri Bibbens, president of the Tucson chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays called the video "very offensive to anyone who knows Gay people." The group drafted a letter asking the base commander to hold a sensitivity session including presentations by Gay advocates. "We want to be allowed to get together with the same squadron and give them a responsible view on homosexuality," Bibbens said.

Local Gay and Lesbian activists were outraged at the use of the tape. Colette Barajas said, "The Gay Agenda" reinforces fears and myths about what will happen if the ban on Gays in the military is lifted. "It shows scenes of the extremists in our community, but Gay people in the military are not extremists. They are generally very conservative," Barajas said.

The video was designed to incite

hate and fear said Tom Paniccia, a former D-M staff sergeant who was discharged last year after discussing his homosexuality on national television. Paniccia has filed a federal suit seeking to overturn the Pentagon's 50-year ban on homosexuals in the military and gain reinstatement to the Air Force."

"I compare that video to focusing in on the Mardi Gras as a typical view of straight life," Paniccia said. "In other words, it focuses on such a minute aspect of Gay culture. It certainly does not represent what it's like to be Gay. It just adds fuel to the fire," he said.

Bill Horn, who helped produce the tape, said, "Our video does not speak for all homosexuals, but we feel that the media does not speak for all homosexuals either."

The video originated at a small cult church, "Springs of Life" in Lancaster, California. Horn helped produce the tapes with the assistance of the church's ministers.

"Our goal for doing 'The Gay Agenda' was to bring some balance back to this issue," Horn said in a television interview with Arizona Daily Star reporter M. Scott Skinner.

"We feel that prime time television programs such as '60-Minutes' and 'Dateline', when they do stories on homosexuals, they are always done in a very positive way." "We've distributed about 50,000 tapes since October," Horn said. "Our view is that what homosexuals do in their own bedrooms is their own business, but when they try to bring it into the school systems and force it on people, that's when enough is enough," Horn said.

Ann Northrop, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign (GLEMC) in New York, said she was saddened to learn that "The Gay Agenda" had been shown at a military installation. "It is extremely hateful and dangerous to show propaganda like this," she said. GLEMC has produced a response, an 8-minute video called "Hate, Lies and Videotape". (See related story this issue).

"The Gay Agenda was widely distributed in Oregon during last year's unsuccessful campaign for an anti-Gay amendment to the state's constitution.

"We're working on a sequel video that knocks the socks off that one," Horn said.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MEETING
TO COUNTERACT THE THREAT OF THE HATE INITIATIVE
SEE STORY ON PAGE ONE OF THIS ISSUE

UPDATE

Local March On Washington Committee Meetings and Fundraising Activities

TUCSON - The southern Arizona Chapter of the National March on Washington, D.C. for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Rights will be holding an organizational/informational meeting and cookout at IBT's, 616 North 4th Avenue, on Sunday March 7th. The meeting is set for 2 p.m. and the cookout will be right after the meeting.

The meeting is to provide the Tucson community with information about the March, i.e.: travel and accommodations, related March events, local organizing, and scholarships for those not able to afford to go to D.C. on their own.

We would also like to use this event to recruit more volunteers to the local organizing committee, as it is very short handed.

Also be on the lookout for March organizers selling raffle tickets for a round trip plane ticket to Washington, D.C. for the March.

So join us on Sunday, March 7th for food, fun, and information. For more information call 791-7000.

Judge Okays Discharge of Sailor

SEATTLE - A federal judge refused to order the Navy to halt discharge proceedings against a Gay sailor who sought to suspend the hearings until President Clinton ends the military ban on homosexuals.

U.S. District Judge William Dwyer said there was "no showing that irreparable harm will occur if the administrative hearing goes forward" as scheduled.

Dwyer ruled in a lawsuit filed by Petty Officer Mark Phillips, 22 an openly homosexual sailor who served on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier.

Molly McKasson Dedicates TAP's Horizon House

TUCSON - Ward 6 City Council Member Molly McKasson "cut the ribbon" to open Horizon House, the Tucson AIDS Project's new housing facility for homeless people with HIV/AIDS. There were also representatives from the Council and the Pima county Board of Supervisors, as well as the City and County Community Service Departments, the Armory Park Neighborhood Association, as well as the Tucson AIDS Project and other agencies.

After the dedication ceremonies of the Horizon House, which is located at 612 South 6th Avenue, an open house took place after the ceremonies.

The Tucson AIDS Project was awarded a grant from HUD under the McKinney Act for the Homeless. Support for TAP's application came from the City Community Services Department, and the Mayor and Council. The grant, in the form of rental subsidy for eight units, will provide residence for people who are infected with the HIV virus and have become homeless due to the disease. The ten year grant was awarded on a competitive basis from national applications and the Tucson AIDS Project is proud to have received one. The project has become a community effort with support from all community groups.

Currently there are more than 900 reported cases of persons who have tested HIV positive since 1985 in Pima County alone. There are an estimated additional 2700 unreported cases in the county as estimated by the Pima County Health Department (1993). Without one additional infection, persons currently living with HIV will need housing well into the next two decades.



Pride Committee Meeting Set For Sunday, March 7

TUCSON - The first meeting of 1993 is being called for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance - TLGA. This Committee, among other things is responsible for Gay Pride Week activities and the fund raising events leading up to that huge celebration.

The TLGA will meet this coming Sunday, March 7, at 3:00 at Club 2520. One of TLGA's major fund raising events to pay for Pride Week - Fiesta De Mayo - will be held at Club 2520 this year and plans are underway for one of the biggest Fiesta's ever.

The national theme for this year's Pride Week is "A Family of Pride". TLGA will be accepting Pride Week Logo submissions immediately and will pick the winning logo at their Sunday meeting on April 18. The winning logo artist will receive a prize of \$100. The logo will appear on Pride, T-Shirts, cups, and all advertising posters and ads.

Submissions May be mailed to TLGA, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703 or hand delivered to TLGA at one of their regular Sunday meetings. Check the non-bar calendar for location and time. Persons interested in joining TLGA are invited to attend the meeting this Sunday, March 7.

HerStory Month In Bisbee

BISBEE, Ariz. - Women's Herstory Month will be celebrated in Bisbee beginning Saturday March 6th. Everyone is invited to attend. Here is a schedule of events:

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH
7:30-10:00 P.M.

"Women's Art '93" runs through March 15th. 31 Subway Street #1, Old Bisbee. Contact Laurie 432-3721, after 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH
11:00-3:00 P.M.

"Women's T-Shirt Display & Memorabilia Show." T-Shirts reflecting women's issues, will be hung on clotheslines in Grassy Park; collages of women's memorabilia (buttons, photographs, leaflets) will be displayed in the YMCA livingroom on Howell Avenue in Old Bisbee. Open to the public. Contact Emilie at 432-4415.

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH, 7 P.M.
"Women's Open Poetry Reading." Copper Queen Library. Readers be there by 6:30 p.m., everyone bring a pillow. Call Sally at 432-3995.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH, 8 P.M.
"Musica Femina." Bisbee Woman's Club, \$4, women's compositions from 1600 to the present, classical guitar and flute duo, with historical perspective. Everyone is welcome. Call Angelika at 432-5359.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST, 1-2:30 P.M.
"Middle Eastern Dance Workshop." At Central School, \$3 taught by Rainbow. Celebrate the Equinox in dance. Wear loose, comfortable clothes, no shoes. Call Rainbow at 432-2092 (YWCA)

These events are sponsored by the Bisbee Women's Community.

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way to help defray costs. Last weekend AGRA held one of their Hoedowns to a packed house at Hours. This Saturday and Sunday AGRA's Chili Verde Days will be held at Club 2520 with lots of entertainment and fun.

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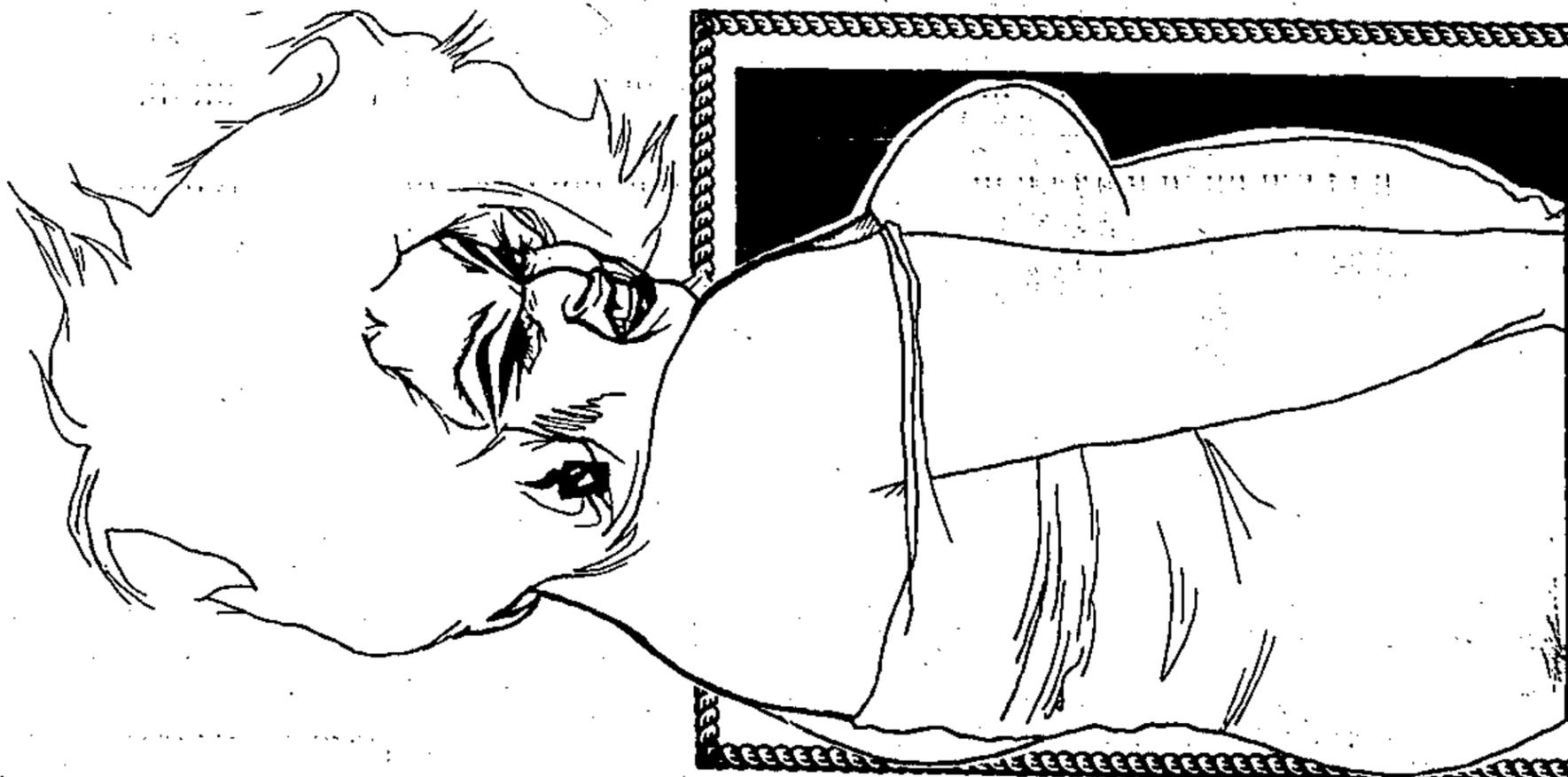
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by Tony Smaby

Wow, what a great hoedown at Hours last Sunday. I would like to give a big thanks to Lee & the entertainment at the hoedown, and another big thanks to all the volunteers plus all the folks who came to the hoedown and showed their support. One more time, thanks. It couldn't of happened without all of you.

being Grand Marshall of the Rodeo. If there is any thing you would like to know please write to: A.G.R.A. - Tucson, c/o Tony Smaby, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, Arizona 85710.

Well hell weeks have begun. There is just so much going on, but things are looking a little brighter, we are getting great volunteers for the Saguaro Regional Rodeo at the South 6th Rodeo Grounds, March 19-21. We still need volunteers, so if you could give some of your time to the rodeo, please do. The AGRA-line is 323-0805 and say, "sign me up please", as you all know, if you volunteer, the rodeo and dance are free!

There will be Chili Verde Days at Club 2520 this weekend, March 6th and 7th, starting at 2 p.m. till 1 a.m. This will be one hell of a good time. There will be fantastic entertainment, good food, crafts, and many more, with your host Tish Tanner as Divine! And Divine she is! I hope to see you all out at 2520, Saturday and Sunday, yea haw!

The general meeting for A.G.R.A. will be held at Club 2520, Sunday, March 14th, so be sure to go out and meet the Board Members along with all the other members. At that time, you can sign up to be a member of A.G.R.A., wow!

Next week, I'll be talking to Michael Bennett on his feelings about



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Viewpoint

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By Virtue of Leadership

What is virtue? Who is virtuous and how did he get to be that way? Ask the average man on the street and you're likely to end up farther from the truth than if you simply sat and pondered. The average man doesn't have much of a handle on virtue anymore, thanks in part to the decline in classical, liberal arts education.

Aristotle sat and pondered virtue; it's what he did for a living. We call it philosophy. Most of us today study vocational things like engineering or business administration. Our notion of virtue tends to narrow, sexual canons, generally limited to women. Virtue, therefore, is a chaste lady, virginal until marriage, wifely and material thereafter.

In Aristotle's time and in his conceptual philosophical construct, virtue is excellence of function, dependent on what one's function is. We have taken a word representing a concept and a powerful tool for understanding and, in a couple of thousand years, reduced it to a one trick misconception. We call this progress.

Aristotle did not deal with each and every function, be it the use of an inanimate object or the profession of a man or woman, but he didn't need to. Once one understood the idea of virtue as excellence of function, it was fairly easy to see what constituted virtue in that role.

He did specifically mention soldiers; however, and he said that bravery is the virtuous attribute in that line of work. It all depends on what you do to earn the rent money, essentially. The virtuous king will be wise and just, since he's got the rest of us by the short and curlies and could do immeasurable mischief should he turn out mean and stupid. A good and virtuous nun will be chaste, of course, whereas a chaste hooker is not likely to rise to the top of her profession.

See how it works? There tend to be defining traits that stand for virtue in particular functions, but other attributes may consistently contribute to the whole. Getting back to the example of the soldier, we can easily understand that bravery is the sine qua non of virtuous behavior, while at the same time appreciating that rugged individualism and fierce independence, each virtuous in the appropriate context, aren't what you're after in 2 million PFC's with grenade launchers and eighth grade educations.

Obedience is kind of virtuous in a soldier, too.

And in a cop.

This is an alien notion in a democratic society because in a virtuous democracy, power flows from the bottom to the top, from the people to the president. However once the people have delegated their power to that president, specifically in his role as commander in chief of the armed forces, it flows back down, from top to bottom, from president to joint chiefs to generals, colonels and so forth, on down to the private soldier, whose role is to be brave, and obedient.

And at each step along the way, notwithstanding whatever other traits comprise excellence of function at that particular level, the relationship is that of commander to soldier, and bravery and

obedience are demanded on the subordinate.

Whether it's Bill Clinton to Colin Powell or Sgt. Rock to Private Beetle Bailey.

Or Chief Elaine Hedtke to Officer Barney Fife.

Police forces are not democratic institutions. Disabuse yourself of the notion that the Bill of Rights applies uniformly and without question to men and women in uniform who question orders. Yes, as American citizens they may question a direct order and, if it offends them, they may refuse to obey it. But they must know that in exercising that American right, they may incur penalties from which the sum of American rights offers them no protection.

It's part of the deal they knowingly make when they take the job. The functioning of the police department or the army and therefore the functioning of society, to the extent that we depend upon those entities to maintain peace and freedom, depends on the obedience of orders from the top on down the chain of command. One may question, even challenge an order, but one may have to give up one's job, to step outside that chain of command, to do so.

Or one may have to accept termination, which is where we stand now in the coincidental circumstances at the national level and at the local.

President Clinton wants to end the ban on homosexuals in the U.S. military. It's really not as complicated as it's being made out. It's a civil rights issue. Discrimination against anyone based on sexual orientation clearly is impermissible under the Bill of Rights. But the matter has not been through a complete court hearing to the Supreme Court level, so President Clinton has only his Constitutional authority as commander in chief to support his policy. That's all he needs. The chain of command, from Defense Secretary Les Aspin on down, must obey the direct order, if and when the president gives it, or forfeit their jobs and perhaps even face court martial.

In the local instance, with the rank and file of the Tucson Police Department in essential revolt against Chief Hedtke on vague and unspecific grounds of "leadership qualities," the chief needs to clarify her own determination as to the management style she will pursue. More importantly, the rank and file need to get their heads straight about who's in charge here.

The chief is. She gets that authority from the mayor and City Council, whom the people have elected to appoint such public servants as police and fire chiefs.

A big part of the problems is the existence of the police union, the Fraternal Order of Police. Make the simple transposition of a police union onto the national military model and you can see the potential, and real trouble. Military organizations, and police forces are quasi-military, cannot function virtuously when the mass of subordinates decides, at critical junctures, to question, object, disobey,

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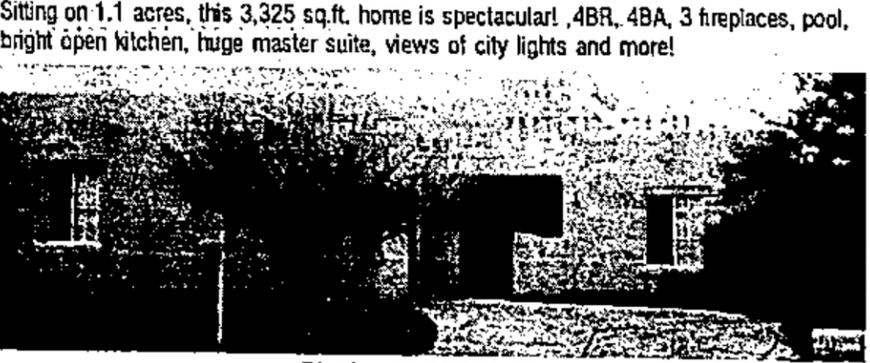



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This has been a beautiful weekend. First off, of course the Wildcats won but also we have had the Rodeo Parade, the Rodeo itself and finally AGRA's Hoe Down over at Hours. Other than the Wildcats, everything else walked around with those BIG belt buckles, and more. Yes, it was wild west time in the Old Pueblo this past weekend.

Sitting at the Graduate last Saturday evening, I walked a former Tucsonian, now living in Las Vegas. Michael de Machievelli, co-owner of MS Transportation here in Tucson, has moved North for the glittering lights, and \$\$\$ also. He is working at the Continental Hotel up there and has asked me to tell everyone, when traveling to glitter city, give him a call. After a couple coffee and Kaluha's, Mike went out to his car and brought in a bag of Continental Hotel hats, passed them around and before long, the bar could have posed for a advertisement for the hotel.

While talking to him, he told me about plans to get the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association to make the Continental Hotel headquarters for next year's Rodeo. While sitting talking, some of Tucson's AGRA members were on hand and they got to talking and were encouraged to bring our local rodeo fans up there also.

He also mentioned to me that for us here in Tucson, who will be going to Las Vegas for the Satyricons run the first weekend in May, give him a call. When calling, he stressed, be sure to talk to him so that he can get you a better hotel rate for rooms.

I see the Miss Gay Tucson pageant is again approaching. The first benefit show I saw for one of the contestants was at the Graduate last Saturday evening. I will try to take a look at all of this year's contestants and judge them, by my own standards, as to what I think is needed for someone wishing to reign as Miss Gay Tucson.

After a fair look, when possible, I'll pass on to you who can best fill some the past year's Miss Gay Tucson shoes, and do a good job at it. The job is more than just being in different shows around the state. But, at this time, I do wish each contestant all the good luck possible.



TBBS - While over at the Venture-N last Saturday, George was working the bar. Somehow the conversation came around to me and he was saying so far he hasn't been caught by my pen. Then, what does he do, goes off telling people he is going to have to have a fund raising event to buy himself some new Levis. He stated every pair he owns, has holes in them. So folks, when having a cool drink there (V-N), please give a few more of those nickels to him, for Levis of course.

Two weekends ago, TKO challenged TALL to a UNO tournament over

at Rumorz. Well, we played and Lee R. walked off with first place and Kerry second. Now Stan - are you happy? TKO has already challenged DL, and Dennis won. In March, TKO will be challenging Partners, playing over at Club 2520. After all three are completed, TKO will be challenging all first and second place winners to yet another game (with TKO of course) for the BIGGIE TITLE of UNO CHAMP. (Doesn't that title sound impressive and one to really work for?)

So much for this week, I'll cut the BS off for now. Keep those comments flowing because, as I've stated before, you never know who will be listening, if not myself, someone else to pass them on to me. And, if you really want to read your name in the TBBS's of this column, if I do not catch it, write it down yourself and give to me.

April showers brings May flowers. Doesn't Mother Nature know it is only the end of Feb. and the beginning of March? And speaking of March - don't forget the Hides of March - Mar. 19-21, at the Venture-N.

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

We, the electorate place a sacred trust in our government officials to take care of our all aspects of society. We, the electorate, also give our opinion about how government and society should be through, initiative, referendums and bond elections. This trust is the component that keeps our society a democratic one, instead of an anarchical land.

The electorate, last voted on a Bond Proposal, proposed and approved by the TUSD Board, for our schools in 1989. The proposal was for \$400 million dollars, specifically to be used to renovate schools, (elementary through high school). In the proposal, \$16 million dollars was to be spent on Catalina High School. Board Member Joel Ireland voted in favor of the proposal and campaigned for passage. C.H.S. was used as the principal cornerstone of the Yes Campaign for the Bonds. Catalina was used in television commercials, and in literature. The electorate, (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Straight!), voted overwhelmingly in favor of this proposal, because of the ad campaign used. Through our vote we placed a trust in our School Board to renovate our schools, improve our society now and for the future.

Between 1989-92, \$1.2 million dollars have been spent on architect fees, construction plans, etc. On the April 21, 1992 T.U.S.D. Board Meeting, Joel Ireland voted to earmark the remaining \$15 million dollars for Catalina High School. He also voted against a proposal to close C.H.S. In September of 1992, the Board

voted down for the second time a proposal to close C.H.S. At the meeting, Ireland, who voted not to close the school asked, "Will this be the last time we vote on this issue?" The reply was yes.

In December of 1992, after all the above mentioned had taken place, at the seating of the new School Board, Joel Ireland brings up the proposal to close Catalina High School. It passes by a 3 to 2 vote, new School Board members Bob Miranda and Jim Christ voted with Ireland to close the school. After the meeting, Ireland states that the school is not up to capacity, and that a new High School is needed on the southwest side of Tucson.

Mr. Ireland also stated that it may be up to two years before the school will be closed. A High School in central portion of the city is not needed, there are just not enough students to keep the school open. He said that the C.H.S. students will have a choice of which High School they can go to. He also proposed that the Board provide bus passes for C.H.S. students

In a School Board meeting held in February, Ireland proposed the school should be closed in May of this year. Reports from the City Planning Department, and a memo from T.U.S.D. show that in two years, Catalina will be up to capacity, because the "feeder" schools around Catalina are over their capacity in 1993. Two schools on the west and southwest side, Pueblo and Cholla will need temporary portables to make room for

students, since they are at 100 capacity this year and will be over by a significant amount in two years.

Students will not have choice to which school they can go, because of the case *Fiaber v. Mendoza*, the case that desegregated Tucson schools, all plans for schools, moving students to balance the racial makeup of a school, must be approved by a Federal Judge. Catalina is one of the most racially diverse schools in the district, (49.7%). They will be forced to go to a specific school which could have a negative impact on the family: working parents forced to drive their kids to school because the lack of a bus route (busses not running at certain times).

Speaking of busses, the Board's proposal for bus passes would raise the Liability Insurance for Sun Tran. Who pays for this insurance? John Q. Public. Sun Tran Operations and Maintenance Budget, which insurance is a part of, is paid for by the City of Tucson, and with the increases that would occur, the City of course will pass the additional costs on to the taxpayer. Student who work may be forced to quit their jobs because of time constraints getting to and from their new school.

Property values around C.H.S. will plummet because of the closure. This will bring decay to the central portion of our community. A school helps to raise property values. This effects all property owners, Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Straights.

The Tucson Mayor and City Council have gone on record opposed to this action. The Urban League, G.T.-E.C., both City Newspapers have also stated their opposition. They all have stated that the plan does not make sense, and it doesn't. They all agree a high

school is needed on the southwest side, but a high school is also needed in the central city. They all agree that the Board has betrayed the City of Tucson with their actions.

The Tucson Unified School Board has betrayed the city, (all of us!). Joel Ireland, through his documented actions has violated the public trust through taking money appropriated for C.H.S. and put it toward another project not approved by the electorate. He has not told the truth when it comes to the fate of the students. He has affected how the electorate will consider future proposed Bond Elections for all governmental bodies for a long time, because of Catalina. The electorate, (Gay, Lesbian and Straight), will not be so inclined to vote in favor, (to improve our society), for bonds because we won't have faith in our elected officials. Plain and simple if any elected official, Democrat, Republican or independent violates the public's trust we put in government, they must be removed from office. Joel Ireland has done this to us all. He must go.

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Hate, Lies and Videotape New Group to Battle Bigots with Aggressive Media Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new group to fight anti-Gay hate crusades has formed and has kicked off its media campaign with the premiere of "Hate, Lies and Videotape," a new tape that exposes the propaganda tactics of the religious Right. The tape is being introduced to counteract an anti-Gay video tape "The Gay Agenda" which is being widely distributed by a small California cult group, "Springs of Life, from Lancaster, Calif.

The Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign (GLEMC) announced its formation at a press conference at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C. GLEMC will produce and distribute media that exposes the agenda of the religious right and promotes Lesbian and Gay visibility. GLEMC is a project of "Testing the Limits", an award winning film making group based in New York City.

"The Gay Agenda" was recently shown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson by Lt. Col. Dean Salisbury, of the 355th Transportation Squadron to about 75 members of his squadron. The video depicts homosexuals as men and women who indoctrinate children and recruit unsuspecting Americans to the homosexual lifestyle.

Salisbury was subsequently reprimanded by the DM base commander Brig. Gen. Gene Santarelli, although Santarelli determined that it did not violate any regulations or policy. (See related story this issue).

In addition "The Gay Agenda" video included a number of alarming statistics about Gay sexual behavior with absolutely no source for the statistics. Topless women with pierced nipples are seen in the street obviously during a Gay pride parade. The video also says 47 percent of homosexuals engage in "fisting", and that 17 percent of homosexuals eat human feces!

One of GLEMC's first projects was the premiere of a new video, "Hate, Lies and Videotape." The video, screened at the press conference, vividly compared "The Gay Agenda", a slick 19 minute documentary style video that feeds on Gay and Lesbian stereotypes, with other hate propaganda films such as "The Eternal Jew" (a 1940 Nazi Propaganda film).

GLEMC charged that Congressional and Pentagon resistance to lifting the ban against Gays in the military is being fueled by "The Gay Agenda." The "videotape of hate" has been distributed to U.S. Senators, Representatives and to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and is being shown in military establishments around the country and abroad. Gay activists were outraged to hear recently that Gen. Carl Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marines, had provided copies to the Joint Chiefs.

"The Gay Agenda" includes sensationalist images from Gay pride events taken out of context and combined with statements from "medical authorities" and other pseudo-officials. The video is one of the major weapons in the Far Right's declared "Holy War" against Lesbians and Gays.

The Washington Post described "The Gay Agenda" as, "Men in G-strings gyrate to pulsating music on the back of a flatbed truck rolling slowly down an Ame-

rican street. Bare breasted women parade by children sitting on their parents' shoulders. A medical doctor explicitly describes what he says are the unhealthy sexual acts practiced by homosexuals.

The official viewings of "The Gay Agenda" are "a disgusting and outrageous misuse of taxpayer time and money," said Ann Northrop, executive director of GLEMC and former CBS producer. "We will fight the religious right with an information campaign to show America that attacks on Gays and Lesbians are attacks on human dignity and freedom."

"The Gay Agenda" video was produced by Springs of Life charismatic Christian church in Lancaster, California. The tape was released last October, with thousands of copies delivered to Oregon and Colorado in time for those states' anti-Gay initiatives. The tape is endorsed and promoted by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, and is sold for \$13.95 over Robertson's "700 Club" cable show.

GLEMC produced "Hate, Lies and Videotape" to expose and counter the fear mongering tactics of the Far Right. It contains compelling comparisons between "The Gay Agenda" and propaganda tactics of the Ku Klux Klan and the German Nazi movement. The tape also contains dramatic footage of Gay bashing victims and their attackers. Copies of the tape were distributed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the major television networks, with more copies slated for distribution to the U.S. Congress.

GLEMC will produce and distribute short videotapes for organizing and public education; radio/TV public service announcements and advertising; print materials; and a feature length documentary about anti-Gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Colorado. Copies of GLEMC videos will be distributed as part of NGLTF's "Fight the Right in '93" grassroots organizing effort.

Appearing at the kick off press conference with GLEMC's Northrop were Frederick Clarkson, an expert of the Religious Right from the Institute for First Amendment Studies; Loretta Ross, program director of the Center for Democratic Renewal; Ann Thompson Cook, of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, and a representative of Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) office.

CDR's Ross underscored GLEMC's contention that the religious right, which sparked campaigns against Jews and Blacks, is engaged in a campaign of bigotry against Gays. "When you're talking about the Christian Coalition, you're talking about the ones [Klan members] that don't wear the sheets."

For more information about GLEMC and to obtain copies of the videotapes, contact: GLEMC, (212) 229-2863, 39 West 14th Street, #402, New York, NY 10011.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending the opera with a group of my friends. The name of the opera was "La Boheme", and according to an article in the paper a short time ago, this opera is the favorite of American audiences. Unfortunately for the writer of that article, he didn't check with me when he indicated "La Boheme" live, and while it is an opera that has some parts which I really enjoy, on the whole I definitely do not consider it even one of my favorites, let alone the favorite!

Have you ever experienced something like this, where it seems that everyone you know likes something that you can't stand, or believes something with which you cannot agree? And perhaps you fell rather like a round peg in a square hole? If you are like the rest of the world, I'm sure this has happened to you on more than one occasion.

Did you ever wonder why this is? Why everyone on earth doesn't feel the same about the color red, or eating choco-

late, or mountain climbing. In I Corinthians 4:7, the apostle Paul asks, "For who makes you different from anyone else?" (NIV) While the answer to this question is not directly stated, from the context it appears that Paul is trying to tell the Corinthians that God is the one who made each person with individual abilities, physical characteristics, and yes, even likes and dislikes. God could have made each member of the human race identical, so that we were a race of clones. However, he chose to have individuality in the world. Instead of feeling unhappy or dissatisfied with yourself because you are different in some ways from your family, friends, or business associates, you should be glad that God cared for you so much that he made you a unique individual.

God made you just the way he wanted you to be. If you feel there might be something in your life which needs to be changed, ask the one who created you. Don't let any human being tell you that you are a mistake!

IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Mills died at his home in Los Angeles. Beside him was his long-time companion Sal Lucarello. Jerry was beset by a series of AIDS-related infections. He withstood them with patience, resilience and, not surprisingly, good humor. He was one of the Gay community's favorite cartoonists.

Jerry began drawing at an early age. He attended public schools and was a familiar figure on campus, entertaining other students with his quick and vivacious sketches. Jerry reached his target audience, though, when he began the monthly cartoon series "Poppers" in Touch Magazine in 1982. There he introduced his vision of the Gay world as he knew it,

replete with ribald sexuality, mad dashes of fantasy and large doses of gentle irony. He was never cruel in his comedy, and his characters, Billy, Yves, Andre and Buster, were as loveable as they were memorable. In 1989, Jerry's comic vision moved to Advocate Men, where it continued to delight readers. His "Poppers" strips were anthologized in Gay comic collections nationally and found avid readers in transition in France and Japan.

Jerry leaves behind his lover, mother, sister, pals, peers and fans. In his memory, please make donations to your favorite AIDS caregiving organization, preferably one that focuses on direct services. And of course, support your local Gay and Lesbian cartoonists!

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CLUB 2520 - Chili Verde Days, a benefit to help AGRA sponsor their 2nd Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Tish Tanner will be your hostess with the mostess and will appear as Divine! There will be a pie throw plus a show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Dani Reid, Cady Plastique, Jessica Blake and Kristin plus live vocals of Mary Murphy, Teresa Housley and Joe Wallen, and on Sunday there will be a fashion show. Also there will be a raffle for a 5-disk CD player with remote. \$1 per ticket. There will also be a drawing for tickets for two to the upcoming Billy Ray Cyrus concert with transportation to and from included! Raffles, auction, special drinks prices, etc, etc, - you are guaranteed to have a great country time. And remember that proceeds from the rodeo go to our local AIDS organizations. Support this worthy cause.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

IBT's - The Southern Arizona Chapter of the March on Washington will hold an organizational/informational meeting and cookout here at 2 p.m. IBT's regular cookout will follow the meeting and proceeds will go to MOW/Southern Arizona.

RUMORZ - It's another live band and they are great! Los Geros De Israel Paroicos playing Norteño music for your listening and dancing pleasure. They will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No Cover

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

IBT'S - A meeting of the cast and crew of the OBSERVER/Community Benefit show at 1:30 p.m. and IBT's regular Sunday cookout with proceeds to go to PACT and Shanti and the Benefit which is scheduled for April 17.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

CLUB 2520 - Pre-Rodeo show starring the very popular country vocalist Dena Kaye. Two shows 9 and 11 p.m. Be there!

FRI. - SAT. & SUN., MARCH 19-20-21

VENTURE-N - The Hides Of March will take place here for a three-day weekend celebration. Beware!

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

RUMORZ - Miss Gay Tucson Pageant will take place on Sunday, March 28, but there is a pre-pageant show to be held here at Rumorz tonight. Stop by and view the contestants and some of the talented performers who will be appearing in the big Pageant tomorrow night.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

CLUB 2520 - A Bake Sale and Pastry Extravaganza set for here as a benefit for the OBSERVER/Community Benefit which takes place on April 17. Proceeds from it all go to PACT and Shanti. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

RUMORZ - 1st Annual Roger Barger Memorial Closet Ball will be held here beginning at 9:00 p.m. For applications and more information call Rumorz or Cristina De Alexis 682-6619. Watch for more details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

CLUB 2520 - "Tucson is Burning" will appear here for the second time around. For those who remember the first time, will know it is an outstanding show. For more information about entering the show contact Adrienne Seede at Lowee's Costumes.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 4

An emergency community meeting is being called for 7:00 p.m. tonight to discuss the "Hate Initiative" being planned by ultra-right-wing conservative, religious bigots for the state of Arizona, similar to the one that has been passed in Colorado. This is real, and it is urgent. Plan on attending this hastily called meeting to give input and get involved in fighting this hate campaign. It will be held at the Pima County Democratic Party Headquarters at 2617 E. Broadway. For more information call 577-6018 or 791-7000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Lambda Car Club will hold their March meeting at 5 p.m., at the Chatterbox Cafe in Casa Grande. If interested stop on by or call 622-3808 for more information.

Cronica March meeting will feature speakers Bill Darnell and Bill Conn from Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. Call 888-7264.

MARCH 6 THROUGH MARCH 20

The Congress Street Gallery, 316 E. Congress, will be having an Art Show with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. Opening reception will be Sat. March 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 628-1400 for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Southern Arizona Chapter of the March on Washington will hold an organizational/informational meeting and cookout at IBT's at 616 N. 4th Ave. at 2 p.m. The meeting is to provide the Tucson community with information about the March - travel and accommodations, related March events, local organizing and scholarships for those not able to afford to go to D.C. on their own.

"A Taste Of Chocolate", a benefit for the Arizona Right To Choose will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Ramada Inn downtown. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 326-7111 for ticket outlets.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

First meeting of discussion group for Gay and Bisexual men of color, 7 p.m., Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. See Notices for info.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

First meeting of discussion group for all Gay and Bisexual men. 7 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. See Notices for more info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

The Arizona Rose Theater will present "Those Who Dream" by Terry Howell. The story takes a backstage look into the hearts of 10 performers, courageously living their dreams in a world that just doesn't care. The performance will be presented at 8 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art's Cabaret Theater, 330 S. Scott. For further information call Bill at the Tucson AIDS Project 322-6226.

Lambda Car Club, Grand Canyon Region will hold a 3-day Suburban Auto Auction in Tucson. Call 622-3808 for more info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

A Pancake Breakfast will be held at the MCC church building from 9 to 11 a.m. as a fund raising event for the Southern Arizona chapter of the March on Washington. Tickets are \$2 in advance from Wingspan or \$3 at the door.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

A Dignity Mass and Social will be celebrated at Picture Rocks at 6 p.m. All faiths are welcome to this joyous Liturgy and all are encouraged to bring a friend along. Call 744-3400 for directions to Picture Rocks Retreat.

FRI., SAT. & SUN., MARCH 19-20-21

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GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Moody Marys and Scrubs \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookbook for community organizations 3 to 6 m. Dancing 9-1
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Moody Marys and Scrubs Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cook prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

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CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moose Malcom "Buckers". 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.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Melrose Jazz Monday 9 to 1
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
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. "Monster Beer Nite" 25oz can of Posters \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Square Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Also country/western night with Tom Mann. Lewman at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Bud and Bud Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 White Well 9 pm to closing.
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 Rainey Harrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, \$2. or Taco @ \$1 each. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance lessons with Paul 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8
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.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Seasonal short specials 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps & domestic beer \$1.50.
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. Mca's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 a.m. C/W & Progressive D. Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.
GRADUATE - Beer Best 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 \$1.75 9 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Electric load line \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 domestic beer, 50¢ Draft or 75¢ schnapps 9 pm to closing.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, \$3. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks \$1.75 8 pm to 1 a.m. 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 a.m. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 a.m.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Occava. VJ/DJ Linda Finkle (0-1).
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 3 to 8, \$3. Country Dance Lessons with Ricky 7-9 pm. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks \$1.75 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 a.m.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Finkle VJ/DJ 10-1.
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Leatherfest V Breaking Records

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The San Diego Chapter of the National Leather Association announces that the pre-registrations and plans for San Diego's popular Leatherfest V set for March 12-14, 1993 are breaking all records set by previous four similar events. This gathering of persons from all areas of the country interested in Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyles will feature three days of expanded workshops and demonstrations led by leaders in the National Leather Community, more vendors offering the finest in related items, contests and parties, more bar gatherings and events, a motorcycle run, and a larger Awards Banquet.

A special toll free Leatherfest Hotline 1-800-598-1859 is provided for the first time this year to accept requests for Registration Packets.

The proceeds from this year's event will go to 'Special Delivery' - San Diego, an all volunteer organization which delivers free meals to persons with AIDS. Last year LEATHERFEST IV awarded over \$3,500 to the AIDS Foundation San Diego.

This year's Corporate Sponsors include: The Leather Journal, Drummer Magazine, Silver Anchor Enterprises, and Update, outnumbering all previous years.

Complete Weekend Package registration fees for Leatherfest V are:

NLA Members (any chapter) \$65 and non-members \$75. All registrants must be over 21 and will receive admission to all official events, a Logo T-shirt, and the Banquet. Day passes will be available for Saturday or Sunday at \$25 each, and will admit a person to all workshops and the vendor area for that day only. There will be a separate charge for those wishing to attend the "Dungeon Party" (pending space available).

The event will again be held at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley in San Diego, but this time utilizing the hotel's entire meeting space. Those needing room reservations must make them directly with the hotel (1-800-433-2131), specifying the special NLA Leatherfest V rates of \$59 for a single and \$69 for 2-4 persons, per night.

The San Diego Chapter of the NLA is a pansexual organization serving as a social, educational, political, and charitable group of the National Leather Community, actively working in society to reduce prejudices about people's choices in lifestyles. The San Diego chapter is the nation's largest NLA chapter in membership.

A free detailed Information/Registration Packet may be obtained by writing NLA/SD, P.O. Box 3092, San Diego, California 92163 or leaving your name and address requesting information on the toll free line 1-800-598-1859.

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

It's time to come out of hibernation and join the Bears of the Old Pueblo in our Spring events! We've just had our first Bear Hug party, which was a lot of fun for everyone there. If you missed it, don't worry, there will be more Bear Hugs. Our general meeting for the month will be held Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. on the patio of the Venture-N. Interested parties are eagerly invited to attend the general meeting and find out more about the Bears. After the meeting there will be a Bear Beer Bust to benefit the club. Come by, have a beer, meet a Bear!

On Sunday, March 7, we will sponsor a Bear-B-Q and day hike at Greasewood Park, located at Speedway and Greasewood. Come join us under the ramada near the parking lot from 12 noon to dusk: bring your favorite beverage (NO glass containers), a main course to grill for yourself, and a side dish to share. We'll provide a beer permit, utensils, napkins, plates and soft drinks. If you

want to hike, wear your boots and bring a canteen.

We held elections in January, installing John Clark as Chair Bear, Bernie Wert as Treasurer, and Steven Zepp as Secretary. Every Thursday we have planning meetings to work on our calendar of events. If you'd like to get involved, call us at 327-8781.

Watch this column for announcements of upcoming events, including Video Nights, weekend camping trips, Bear Hugs, and Bear's Nights Out. Special events include the Hides of March, the Pride Picnic, and other surprises. Stay tuned.

The Bears of the Old Pueblo is a group of bears and big men and those who prefer their company. All are welcome! If you're a big guy or a bear, or someone who likes to be around them, you should be involved. Call 327-8781 for more information. Until next week!



The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

This Saturday and Sunday, March 6th & 7th, H.I.T.T. will be participating in A.G.R.A.'s Chili Verde Days at Club 2520. Although Chili Verde Days are primarily a fundraiser for the upcoming Sahauro Regional Rodeo, A.G.R.A. has graciously offered booth space to non-profit groups where they may do fundraising for their own organizations.

H.I.T.T. will be sponsoring a "Balloon Roping" booth where the right combination of skill, luck, and silliness could win you cash, prizes, or maybe even your picture in the Observer! In addition, the Tucson Community Calendar will be on sale for \$2.50. Even though we're into March, there are still 11 more months in

the Calendar, and at 1/2 off it's a steal.

On Sunday, March 14th, the People & Persons league of Phoenix will be sponsoring a No-Tap sweeper. This one-day event will be held at Northgate Lanes in Phoenix and costs just \$10.00 per person to participate. The event might best be described as a mini-tournament where three games are bowled using no-tap scoring (9 pins on the first ball is scored as a strike). This is a truly fun event and a great way to sample gay tournaments for the first time. For more information, please contact Dennis at 743-3303, or Paul Burnett in Phoenix at 375-8292.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 770-1710 for info.

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Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Partners and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 32164, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

San De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 N. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 am & 6:30 pm. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcohol 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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YOUNG AND GAY!
Lesbians and Gay youth 21 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Randy 887-8986 or Lara 298-7990.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. \$2 at door (more if you can, less if not).

ARE YOU A GAY MAN 40 OR OLDER? Do you enjoy the companionship of your peers? Call Cronica 886-7264 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmead). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Housing) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 684-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Thursdays Video Night 6:30 pm. 422 N. 4th Ave. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swain and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

CAMBIO-BACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

U of A LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/GAYS UNITED
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SEEKING BIG MEN, Bears, Admirers and Friends for new social organizations broadening horizons and creating new friendships is our vision. Write Southwest Men At Large, Box 25951, Tempe, AZ 85285-5951 or call (602)750-8171 for more info.

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

ARIZONA/SOONORA PROYECTO, S.L.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in promoting information about AIDS in Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 778-1314.

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ARIZONA GAY ROBO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 798-3528 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85710.

FREE COMPUTER INTRODUCTIONS! The Western Connection Bulletin Board Service. Dial your modem to 602-881-4283 and ask for access to Lambda West - a round table reserved exclusively for the Gay and Lesbian community.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN THEATISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. If it is difficult for you to start or maintain close relationships, this group will focus on enhancing your capacity for intimacy. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3398 or Lila Ourligan, M.Ed. 293-7886.

Notices

ARE YOU FEMME AND ATTRACTED TO OTHER FEMMES? For Lesbians and Bisexuals: Do you love wearing makeup and high heels, perfume and skirts, lingerie, etc.? Then, let's get together and see who we are! Princes for Princesses Social/Support Group. Partners and singles welcome. Call 321-4737 for more information.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send name for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Teachers is a social group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Teachers, P.O. Box 84-G, Ocotillo, AZ 85632.

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"QUEER BISHOP", Bishop's Lesbian and Gay Alliance, has a general meeting every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA in Bisbee.

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 40021, Tucson AZ 85717; call 327-8781; or come to our general meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Venture-N patio.

THE RAINBOW PEOPLE - Uniting people of diverse gender and sexuality. Gay, Lesbian, TG, TV. All colors of the rainbow. P.O. Box 36142, Tucson, AZ 85740-6132 or call Laura 887-6475.

DESERT BLOOD SISTERS, an SM women's support group meets every 2nd Friday at 7 p.m. at Wingspan. For more info call 624-9568.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Al Whitehurst - Tucson

In the previous two articles, we talked about the pressing need to communicate with elected officials about human rights, and we examined two basic arguments lodged against providing human rights protection for Gay men and Lesbians.

Armed with that information, you're ready to fire off letters to your Senators and Representatives, right?

"Oh no," you moan, "I can't write good letters." Yes, you can! Here are a few tips to make letter writing easy for you:

*First, write down your conclusion in one sentence. (Example: "The ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the military should be lifted.")

*Next, outline one sentence reasons that would logically lead to your conclusion. (Example: "When government sanctions discrimination, it gives incentive for others to commit hate crimes.")

*Look over your reasons, and cross out all but the most important ones, leaving probably three or fewer reasons.

*Next, write one or two supporting arguments for each of your reasons. (Example: "The recent assault of Crae Pridgen by three Marines and the slaying of Allen Schindler by his Navy shipmates show how violence is spurred by the military's intolerance of homosexuals.")

There's your letter! Pretty easy huh?

Now you only have to write an introductory one sentence paragraph that says the purpose of your letter. (Example: "I urge you to support lifting the ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the U.S. military.")

Then write a closing one sentence paragraph that restates your conclusion and call to action. (Example: "Your support of lifting the ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the U.S. military.")

Then write a closing one sentence paragraph that restates your conclusion and call to action. (Example: "Your support of lifting the ban will reduce discrimination and improve equality between homo and heterosexuals.")

Beware of letter writing pitfalls. Here are definite "don't ever do these" in writing to your Senator or Representative:

*Don't ramble. To listen to their speeches, we could suppose that politicians enjoy a lengthy, pontificating discourse. The truth is that, like the rest of us, politicians are busy people. Your concerns should be stated in a concise form.

*Don't resort to name calling or railing. You can address issues like bigotry, but don't stoop to calling you adversary a bigot.

It is one thing to speak up and make your views assertively known. That

says, "I am here, and you have to deal with me." It is quite another to rave and rant. That says, "I am all of the terrible things that people have said about me."

Do you remember when the Soviet Union's Nikita Khrushchev took off his shoe at a United Nations meeting and pounded the heel on the podium? Do you also recall what Premier Khrushchev's said when he used his shoe thumping visual aid? Of course not! We only remember that the leader of the USSR, which was then America's enemy, made a fool of himself in front of an international assembly, and that his unruly display was more ammunition for the western bloc cause.

*Don't be careless with you logic. Be sure that you arguments support your reasons, and your reasons support you conclusion.

Let your opposition make all of the off the wall, hysterical, inflammatory assertions. The opposition is doing a maximum amount of feeling the supposed menace of homosexuality, but a minimum amount of clear, quiet thinking about it. You, on the other hand, will be speaking sensibly and soundly about the issues.

It doesn't matter if your letter is handwritten, typewritten or word processed. Put your thoughts down on paper now and send them to your elected Arizona officials in Washington:

Senator Dennis DeConcini, 328 Senate Hart Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-0312. Senator John McCain, 111 Senate Russell Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-0313.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 19, 1993

6-10:00 p.m. Rodeo Contestant and Entertainment Registration (Ramada Inn)
9:00 p.m. Miller Country Jamboree til 1am

Saturday, March 20, 1993

8:00 a.m. Contestants Meeting (Arena)
9:00 a.m. Ticket Office Opens
10:00 a.m. Rodeo Events (Slack)
12 Noon Grand Entry Festivities (Arena)
Dancing & Entertainment
1:00 p.m. 1993 SR Rodeo Events (Day 1)
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Show (Ramada)
8:00 p.m. Saguaro Dancefest '93 til 2:00 a.m.
Coffee (Ramada Inn Hotel)
(All awards on Sunday night)

Sunday, March 21, 1993

8:00 a.m. Contestants Meeting (If Needed)
9:00 a.m. Ticket Office Opens
10:00 a.m. Rodeo Events (Slack)
12 Noon Grand Entry Festivities (Arena)
Dancing & Entertainment
1:00 p.m. 1993 SR Rodeo Events (Day 2)
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Show (Ramada)
8:00 p.m. Saguaro Barn Dance & Awards Show (Special Awards Precede)
(Ramada Inn)
"Passing of the Flag"
Closing Ceremony
(Dancing til 1:00 am)

