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Slaying Was Not Premeditated Sailor Says

WASHINGTON, DC - Shown above is the mother of slain sailor Allen Schindler . This photo was taken during the March on Washington, April 25, where she spoke to the crowd at the rally.

PHOTO: Ken Jacobs

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP) - An American sailor confessed that he stomped a Gay shipmate to death last fall, but said he was drunk and did not plan the killing.

Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey, 21, of Westland, Michigan, sought to avoid a premeditated murder charge and a possible death penalty by pleading guilty to a lesser charge. the judge at his court martial did not immediately accept his plea.

At the pre-trial hearing, Helvey admitted kicking Allen Schindler repeatedly in the head and stomach, even after Schindler fell unconscious.

"I remember hitting him in the face and stomping on his neck and kicking him in the groin," Helvey testified at Yokosuka Naval Base, headquarters of the U.S 7th Fleet, southwest of Tokyo.

Schindler, 22, was found dead in October in a public restroom in Sasebo in southwestern Japan, where their ship, the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood, is based.

Schindler's, mother, who identified the body, said his head was caved in, his genitals mutilated and all but two ribs broken.

Gay rights activists say the killing illustrate a pervasive animosity toward homosexuals in the U.S. military.

Helvey, who said he did not remember everything about the incident because he was drunk, testified he lied in previous statements when he claimed Schindler made sexual advances just before the killing. But he gave no reason for the attack.

Schindler had told the Navy of his homosexuality in September and was awaiting mandatory discharge when he was killed.

Helvey was charged with premeditated murder, which carries a maximum penalty of death. He entered a guilty plea to murder with intent to inflict great bodily harm, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The judge, Cmdr. David P. Holcombe, did not indicate whether the plea would be accepted at the next pretrial hearing, set for May 24.

Colorado Boycott Losing Favor of National Gay/Lesbian Task Force

DENVER (AP) - The nations largest Gay rights group has said that it may be time to call off the tourism boycott of Colorado and find other strategies to fight the state's anti-Gay rights protection law.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said the boycott served its purpose by showing other states they could face similar measures if they restrict homosexual rights.

Boycott Colorado, a state group, says it will not back off. Its members planned to meet with Tori Osborne, director of the Washington based national group.

The boycott began after state voters passed Amendment 2, which bars any local ordinance that offers civil protections to homosexuals. The measure is on hold while the state Supreme Court decides a constitutional challenge.

Osborne told reporters that the boycott may have reached a crossroad. "I think we are at a re-evaluation time," she said. Group spokesman Robert Bray echoed that sentiment in an interview in Washington.

Other activists disagreed.

"We feel it is the right way to go, and we'll need to drive that point home with the national leadership," said Terry Schleder, a Boycott Colorado leader.

Officials say $39 million has been

Senators Visit Warships To Question Sailors on Gay Ban

NORFOLK, VA. (KRN) - Senators went aboard Navy warships this week and got an earful of angry opposition to lifting the ban on Gays in the military.

While some sailors said they would have no problems serving alongside people who are openly Gay, roughly two thirds of several dozen sailors interviewed insisted the ban should stay in place.

Many promised to quit the Navy, and some even predicted violence it the policy is changed.

"I'm guaranteeing you within the first year there's going to be a lot of problems, a lot of personal injuries, it not deaths, against Gays and Lesbians," said Rhonda Moody, from Abilene, Texas, aboard the sub tender USS Emory S. Land.

"There's going to be a lot of men overboard" because heterosexuals won't tolerate Gays on board, said gunner's mate Richaid Phillips, of Louisville, Ky., who serves aboard the USS John F. Kennedy.

"At least 98 percent of the crew says they shouldn't be here," said Seaman Paul Fleming, of Memphis, Tenn.

Less strident were the voices of sailors who believe President Clinton should keep his promise to lift the ban by July 15.

Aboard the nuclear powered attack submarine USS Baton Rouge, a senior enlisted man said his crew could handle the change.

"I don't think it'll be that big of a problem," said Chief Petty Officer Johnny Smith, from Lyons, Ga. "I've seen a lot of changes in my 22 years in the Navy, and this will be just one more."

Mack Hairston, a gunner's mate from Bridgeport, Conn., agreed. "I have no problems with Gays in the military," he said.

Speaking to the Cleveland City Club, Clinton sought to play down differences over the issue.

"Here is what this whole debate is about: It is about whether someone should be able to acknowledge, homosexuality and do nothing else, do nothing to violate the code of military conduct, and not be kicked out of the service," Clinton said in response to a question.

"My position is yes. Others say no. Others say if you let someone acknowledge it, it amounts to legitimizing a lifestyle. I don't see it as that. I just believe there ought to be able to serve their country unless they do something wrong. It is not such a big difference.

The tour of the Norfolk Naval Base followed four tedious hearings this month that featured academics, sociologists and fellow senators.

Once on board, the senators toured showers, toilets and quarters where men sleep on bunks stacked three high. Some sailors sleep underneath the stored torpedoes and have to crawl over one another to reach their berths.

After a morning touring several warships' living and working quarters, the committee conducted a formal hearing in a base auditorium before nearly 1,000 sailors and officers, many of whom cheered their colleagues' vocal denunciation of Clinton's proposal.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-GA, told the crowd that Clinton's plan to allow homosexuals in the military "is not a done deal." Nunn said he preferred the existing policy of "no questions asked."

Only two of the 17 uniformed witnesses testifying before the committee spoke in favor of lifting the ban, both are Gay and are being sent into the inactive reserves because of it. The other 15 witnesses spoke strongly against the ban.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives is also holding hearings on the ban and tempers have gotten down to the shouting stage. At a House Armed Services Committee hearing last week, Rep Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., questioned the relevance of testimony from police and fire department officials on integrating Gays into their units, and said ending the military's ban is not a question of civil rights.

Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, interrupted, asking Buyer to yield him time to speak.

"No. I will not," Buyer answered.

"I didn't think so," Abercrombie responded.

"Well, I don't have much time here," Buyer said.

"You don't make much sense, either," Abercrombie shot back.

The comment touched off a loud, chaotic exchange involving several other committee members, ending with Abercrombie shouting above the din: "The military and civil rights do go together, pal."

UPDATE

Video Shows Gay March Warts and All

WASHINGTON, D.C. (GNS) - The videotape shows seven men in flowered dresses, wigs and thick support hose, The Church Ladies, singing "God is a Lesbian" to the tune of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." "We tried to capture on film what the homosexual movement is asking the American people and Congress to accept," said Christian Action Network's Martin Mawyer.

Gay activists claim the videotape from the March on Washington distributed to congressional offices misrepresents their movement.

The video tape, "Gay,March '93: What You Didn't See on Network TV," is the latest in a battle to shape the way Gay men and Lesbians are portrayed to America.

The video repeatedly wedged a clip of New York Mayor David Dinkins saying, "The country doesn't belong to Christians," between such scenes as a man demonstrating how to use a condom with a sex toy and transvestite RuPaul in red, white and blue hot pants.

"Unless Americans can get some idea of the range of that conduct, it's hard for them to make a legitimate decision," said Gary Bauer of the Family Research Council.

Hopes For AIDS Drug Disappear With Tree

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Starting with twigs from a Malaysian gum tree, researchers in 1991 isolated a compound that blocked the spread of the AIDS virus in human immune cells.

The team sent biologists racing back to Malaysia for more samples from the tree. But when they got to the swamp, the tree was gone, and no tree found since has produced the compound.

The frustrating story was revealed in a confidential paper made public by Rep. Gerry Studds, (D-MA).

"We have very good data. It's very promising," said Dr. John Cardellina II, a co-author of the paper. "To say it's definitely going to be cure is jumping way ahead of the game."

The tree, known as Calophyllum langerium, was found in the Malaysian Island province of Salawak.

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Desert Voices Summer Concert

TUCSON - K-GAY 101. Pardon me boys and girls, have you heard Tucson Desert Voices are traveling down track 29. They are stopping at Pima College, Proscenium Theater, West Campus, June 19, at 8:00 p.m. So hurry and get your tickets and get on board, for a swinging good time. For more information and tickets call 791-9662. Special box seating with lots of amenities is available for parties of two-four; great for a birthday party, anniversary or having a group of friends enjoy a great evening together.

National Leather Association Leatherfest VI Logo Contest

SAN DIEGO, Ca., - The National Leather Association San Diego announces June 30th as the deadline for entries to the Leatherfest VI Logo Contest. $100 will be awarded July 10th to the winning entry. The very popular LEATHERFEST event is held each spring with LEATHERFEST VI set for March 11-13, 1994 in San Diego. This year's event drew a record crowd of over 500 persons and vendors relating to the national Leather/SM/Fetish community from all over the country, and $6,082 was donated to Special Delivery San Diego as a result, the winning logo will appear in many national publications and be used on all of the event's promotional materials.

The logo design must be "pansexual", featuring both a male and female if persons are part of the design. It must be large enough for the front of a t-shirt and be camera ready. The logo must be drawn in black and/or shades of gray on clean white paper and be crisp and bold for reproduction and sizing. Contained in the logo must be the text "LEATHERFEST VI" and "San Diego", with "The National Leather Association" being optional.

For further detailed information and rules, to register your intent to enter, and to receive copies of previous winning logos, call 1-800-598-1859 or write NLA/SD, P.O. Box 3092, San Diego, California 92163.

Helms Attacks HUD Nominee As 'Mean Lesbian'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Sen. Jesse Helms is opposing the nomination of a Gay rights activist as a deputy at the Department of Housing and Urban Development because she's a "militant activist mean" Lesbian.

The North Carolina Republican said yesterday that he would work to stop the confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg, a San Francisco city supervisor, to be an assistant secretary for fair housing.

Helms was quoted as calling her a "damn Lesbian". In an interview, he didn't deny the quote, but said "it's not really like me to say damn anything." "She's not your garden variety Lesbian," Helms said. "She's a militant activist mean Lesbian, working her whole career to advance the homosexual agenda."

Achtenberg's nomination was approved by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee 14-4. The matter now goes to the full Senate.

Local Campaign For Lifting The Ban Plans Event May 15

TUCSON - The Campaign for Military Service-Tucson will be at Hours, 3455 East Grant Road, on Saturday, May 15, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The Campaign will have an informational table set up so persons can sign a postcard stating their support to lift the ban, purchases button to show their support of Gay, Lesbian and Bi-sexual veterans, and information on how people can help. For further information please call 885-2120

'Soldier of Year' To Be Discharged

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A stunning and dramatic "coming out" story unfolded on the eve of the March on Washington when the Sixth U.S. Army's Soldier of the Year for 1992 and Operation Desert Storm hero announced at a Congressional reception that he is Gay and now faces removal from the Army. Sgt. Jose Zuniga, an extremely highly decorated junior officer in the military, came out in full uniform at a reception sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The reception was one of several major March events organized by NGLTF that garnered unprecedented media attention. The Zuniga revelation was called by some press as a "public relations coup" against the U.S. military's anti-Gay ban.

Zuniga, 23, was named Sixth Army's Soldier of the Year in March 1993. In April he received the Forces Command Military Print Journalist of the Year. Zuniga's military accomplishments are exemplary: Recipient of the Combat Medical Badge (the highest award a combat medic can receive) for service in operation Desert Storm; the Meritorious Service Medal; five Army Commendation Medals (three of them awarded in combat); the Army Achievement Medal; the Good Conduct Medal; the Southwest Asia Medal; the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (awarded by the government of Saudi Arabia); and U.S. Army candidate for the 1993 Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Americans title.

Zuniga made his announcement to a stunned cheering crowd of 1,100, many of them weeping, at the NGLTF Honoring Our Allies, Forging Our Future reception for veterans, activists and Members of Congress working to overturn the military ban.

The Army, this past Monday, approved discharging Zuniga, since the 1992 Soldier of the Year violated the military's prohibition against homosexuals in announcing his sexual orientation. All that remains for Sgt. Jose Zuniga to become a civilian is to clean out his locker and close out his personnel records.

Logo Artwork To Be Displayed At Pride Art Attack

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has requested that the artwork submitted in the Pride Week Logo Contest be displayed at the annual Gay Pride Art Attack, a gallery showing of local artists and crafts people. This year the Art Attack will open on June 21 and run until August 20.

Adam Druke, won this year's prize for the winning logo, but TLGA thought that the rest of the entries were so good that the public should be given a chance to see them.

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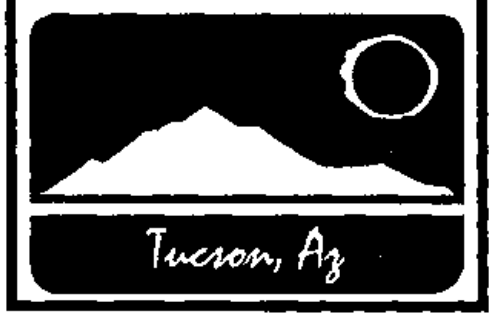

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Come and get it! "May I take your order, please?" Club 2520 is ready for AGRA's steak fry this Saturday, May 15th, from 5 to 8 p.m. $4.50 buys a New York strip steak, baked beans and baked potato. A dollar extra buys cheesecake for dessert. Although reservations are not required, reservations are being taken by AGRA's hotline, 323-0805. Thanks are in order for Michael Bennett, Peter Sittig, Club 2520 Staff, and last but not least, all of the volunteers! Entertainment will feature Mary Murphy, vocalist, and Kristen from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Y'all come, hear? Bring a friend!!

Sunday, May 23rd, the Graduate will host the next Board Meeting at 2 p.m. The General Membership meeting at 4 p.m., beer bust with raffle prizes from 2 to 6 p.m.

The following is a tentative schedule of proposed activities and events for 1993:

5/15, Saturday, Steak Fry. 5/23, Sunday, Beer bust in conjunction with meeting. 6/6, Sunday, Beer bust in conjunction with meeting. 6/20, Sunday, Booth at Gay Pride Picnic. 7/24, Saturday, Outdoors, non-bar event. 8/22, Sunday, Chuck Wagon Brunch. 9/12, Sunday Beer Bust. 9/19, Sunday, Beer bust. 10/30, Saturday, Ghost town. 11/20-21, Sat-Sun, Chile Verde Days. 12/11, Saturday, Christmas Jamboree.

Beginning with next week's column, we will feature a guest commentator. Craig Coder will kick off section.

To become a member of AGRA, simply fill an application and pay $40.00. Please note, $20.00, is a one time initiation fee and $20 is the annual membership dues. You receive an AGRA logo pin, name plate, monthly news letter and membership card. There after, membership renewal is $20.00. Membership information will be available at all functions (available at this Saturday's steak fry) or by calling 323-0805.

By the way, parties of eight or more may receive dessert free if reservations are made by this Friday, May 14th. Anyone attending the steak fry can receive day pricing on beer and cocktails, thanks Michael and Peter!

See you at the fry

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Frank Hartigan

This Saturday night is the second Bear Hug sponsored by the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Have you given us your reservation? If not, there may be yet be room for you in the hot tub. Call Bernie at 571-7273, but get a move on! Space is limited!

Attention Bears: We need to begin planning the booth for the Gay Pride Picnic on June 20. If you have ideas about how we should celebrate, or would like to volunteer to help plan, please call Frank at 327-8781 as soon as possible.

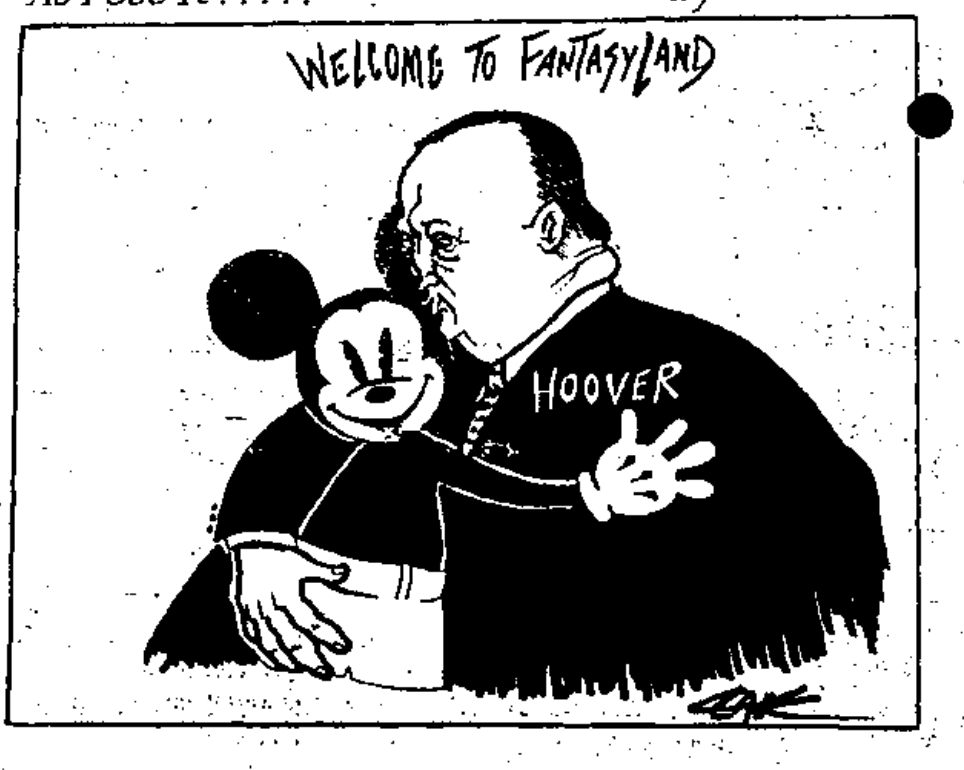
Last Thursday's General Meeting was well attended; bravo say I! Thanks to all who showed up to support the group. Thanks as well to Chair Bear John Clark for a clear, concise agenda which helped us move that meeting right along. That was a record! The beer bust was a smashing success, due to the generosity of the Venture-N and the innate charm of Rich, who pulled draughts behind the bar. Thanks, Richard!

I am told that Saturday's video night was fun as well; I was unable to attend because I got to go horseback riding (the equine variety). I have the saddle-sores to prove it. Thanks to Frank F. for hosting the video night in addition to the hospitality he shows the Bears on Thursdays. What a nice, kind, hospitable, and hot man!

In the coming weeks, we have planned Bears' Night Out, a camping trip,a Bear-B-Q and day hike, and other events which may be of interest. Please call Frank at 327-8781 for further details. We have recently had visiting Bears from other cities in town; another reason to attend the club's events! Stop in, meet a Bear, have some fun, get hugged!

The Bears of the Old Pueblo exists to provide a safe place for Bears, big guys, and those who enjoy their company. Our general meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the Venture-N, our home bar. You can call us at 327-8781 or write us at P.O. Box 40021, Tucson, AZ 85717. Until next week!

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



Sailor's Story Compelling Reason For Lifting The Ban

by Scott Shuger

When the controversy over the military's ban on homosexuals erupted in the first days of the Clinton administration, America heard opinions on the matter from official Washington, the president and the pundits, the leaders of the religious right and homosexual interest groups. But one voice you didn't hear was Larry Meholick's. The story of how U.S. military officials silenced Meholick is one of the most compelling reason I know for why the ban should be overturned right now.

Larry Meholick is a homosexual, but he's not a walk-on-water homosexual role model like Army nurse Margarethe

Cammermeyer or Navy pilot Tracy Thorne, both of whom received plenty of coverage as the ban caught the media's eye. His story is more typical of how the military's ban on homosexuals breeds injustice.

In the 1960s Mr. Meholick served 18 months of combat duty in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne and won the Bronze Star. After the war, he received an accounting degree from Penn State and went to work for Rockwell International. He was laid off in 1982 and joined the Navy, eventually rising in 1989 to head disbursing clerk on the USS Robert E. Peary.

In 1990, Mr. Meholick's private life came to the attention of his superiors. When off-duty in Pearl Harbor, Mr. Meholick (who says he's bisexual) occasionally invited other sailors from the Peary back to his house for drinking and sex. Three of those crew members made allegations of forcible sodomy against Mr. Meholick. Mr. Meholick admits that he had sex with each man but insists it was consensual. He says that two of the men made the charges because of difficulties they had with him, their military superior at work, and that the third did so as a way of getting out of paying back a loan.

Facing 54 years in the brig, Mr. Meholick tried to kill himself with a hunting knife. He didn't die. In the hospital, his military lawyer brought him a plea bargain: If he pleaded guilty to one count of consensual sodomy and two counts of forcible sodomy, he would be dishonorably discharged and his sentence would be reduced to 12 years. Loaded with antidepressant medication, Mr. Meholick signed. A few days later, still medicated, Mr. Meholick was taken out of the ward for his court martial. The judge accepted the plea bargain, although he effectively limited the prison sentence to six years.

Mr. Meholick was transferred to the Pearl Harbor brig, where he was strip-searched and the guards yelled "Faggot!" "Queer!" and worse at him. He spent the first three days there in a cell with no bedding, sleeping on the floor, naked except for a paper gown. He was later transferred to the Navy Consolidated Brig at the Miramar air station outside of San Diego.

"Do you think I deserve six years?" Mr. Meholick asked me when I visited him last year at the Miramar brig, not far from the two-way mirror separating us from watchful guards. I said no. One of Mr. Meholick's accusers had waited six months after the alleged incident before coming forward with his accusation; the other two had waited seven. And their statements are the only evidence in the matter; there is no physical evidence in the case at all, and therefore none showing Mr. Meholick used force. No weapon, no injuries, no torn clothes. Furthermore, at a hearing held prior to the court martial, two of the accusers admitted that they had lied when they previously made sworn statements asserting the Mr. Meholick had forced them to have sex.

Last December, I wrote about Mr. Meholick's case in a piece for the New Republic that argued that the ban is unacceptable because inside the culture of the military, with its many young and legally unsophisticated members and its tremendously powerful investigators and

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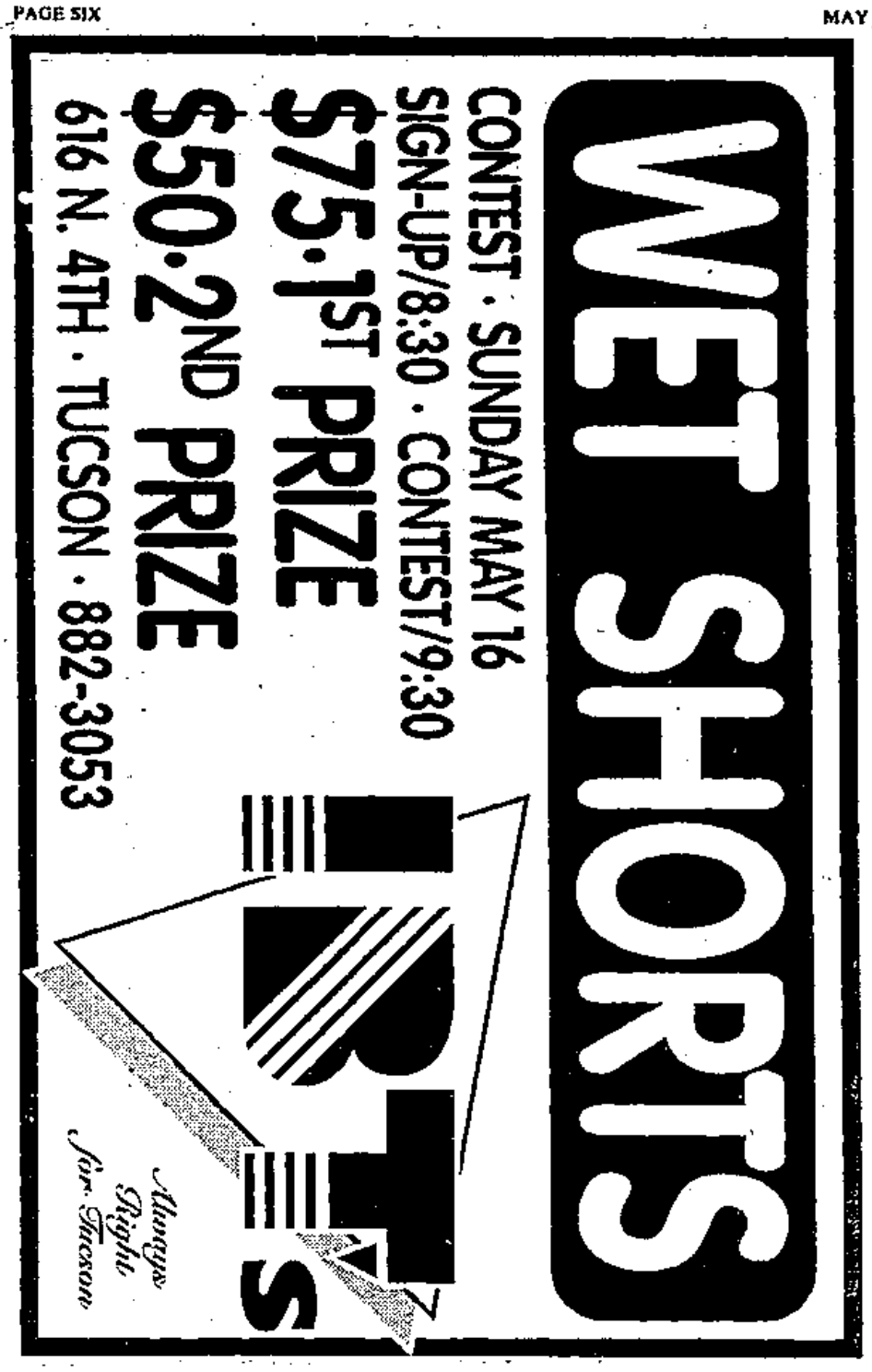

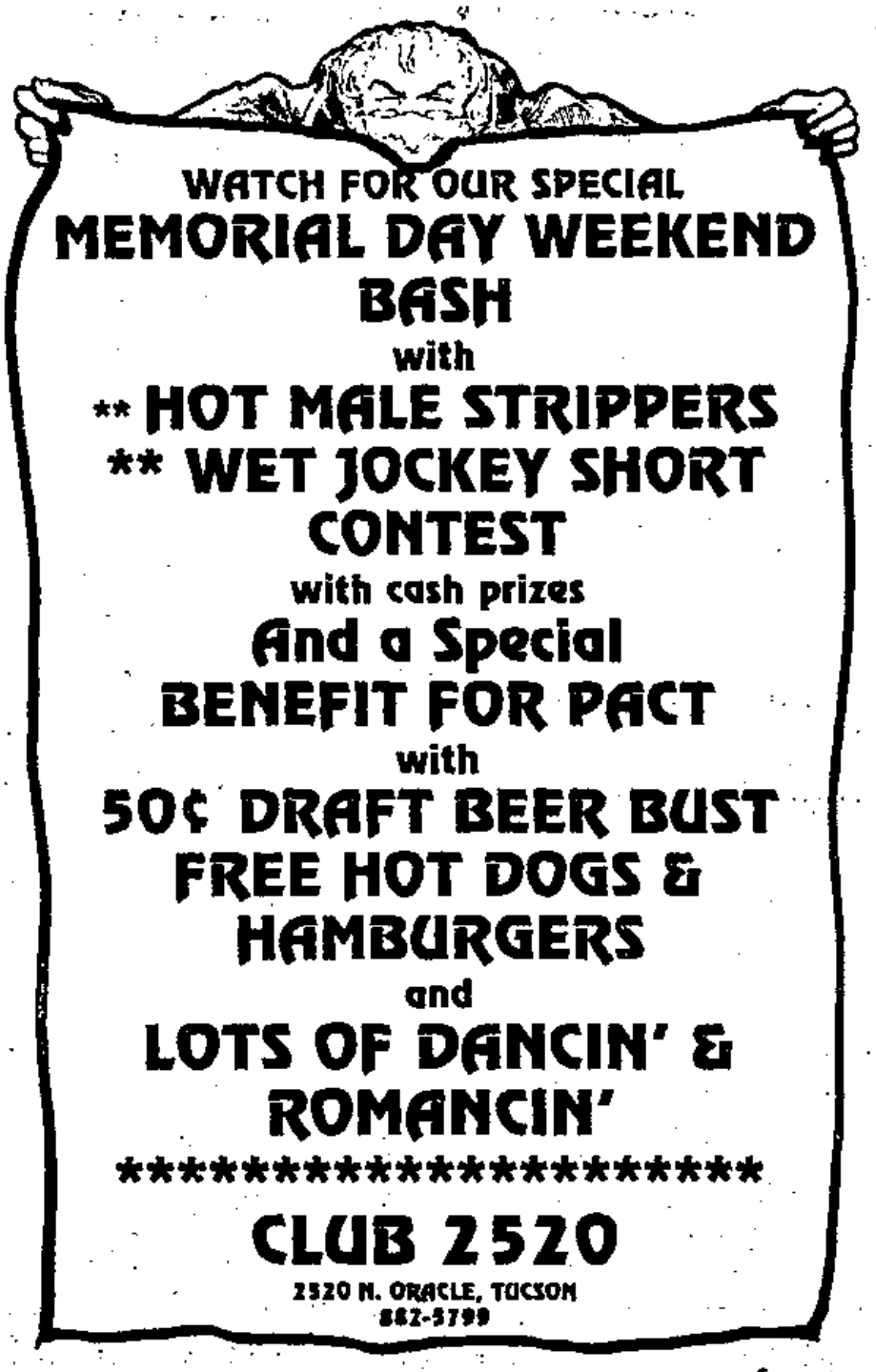

LETTERS

DEAR MISOGYNISTS:

RAPE! Clark, the 'As I See It' cartoonist is a rapist.

The civil rights of queers is why we struggle as a community. It's insulting and abusive to picture a hard cock as a symbol of community appreciation.

Although this image may typify how many Gay white males view their role in the community, the rest of us see it as rape mentality.

Seeing this in the Observer is not surprising. I'm just surprised the cartoon character wasn't shown clasping a bottle of Coor's beer in the other hand. When will your lame newspaper get a clue? Develop some sensitivity. (Activists of the year? How ironic and disgusting that the editors of the Observer won this award.)

I urge the community: find the inclination to insist this newspaper clean up it's act. Civil rights is our focus, not alcohol and cock.

James Jazmyn

DEAR EDITOR:

Now is the time to aggressively defend your interests and your pocket book.

Together, we can prevail in our fight to defeat an unfair and unjustified tax increase. Together, we can go the distance and win the decision.

But this is a fight that needs you. Get involved, learn the facts. Let your legislators know exactly how you feel. Through letters, phone calls, and personal visits. Let them know that you need their vote on this one, and that you won't forget. Tell them that you are taxed enough!

Working together we'll be able to raise our hands together in victory. And if we don't succeed, you could see beer prices raised to $3.25 per bottle, and liquor to $4.50 a drink.

Please write a short letter, which is more effective or call. It does not cost you a penny for the call, just 29 cents for the stamp.

Numbers and addresses: 1-800-BEER-TAX (233-7829). Senator Dennis DeConcini, Washington, D.C., 20515.

Thank you, Michael Bennett & Peter Sittig, Club 2520

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter in response to a letter received this past week. Since the letter had no return address, we are unable to respond directly.

In essence the letter was objecting to the recent cartoon "As I See It" in the May 5th issue of the Observer and requested that MCC/Tucson remove their support of the Observer.

MCC/Tucson, under different leadership, did such a disservice to The Observer a few years ago. This will not reoccur. MCC/Tucson has come to realize that The Observer is printed and published for the entire community, Gay, Lesbians, Bi-sexuals, etc., and no every article in The Observer can be appreciated by the entire community. It may be that the articles printed by MCC/Tucson can be offensive to many atheists in the community.

Bob Ellis and the entire staff of The Observer do a brilliant job in reporting the news and printing many articles of special interest. There are many articles printed which can not be found in other publications. Many articles are the viewpoint of individuals. But, whether the article is accepted by a few or by many, it is still a viewpoint.

MCC/Tucson will continue to support The Observer, Bob Ellis and his staff. Because an article might be found to be objectionable, this does not make the entire publication objectionable.

MCC/Tucson, Rev. Eduard Perry

HELLO EVERYONE!

Our heartfelt thanks to all of your kindness, your support, your well wishes and each and every way you've helped with our campaign for Gay Pride Week!

Mr. Art Lewis, owner & our sponsor of the Graduate. Mr. Kenny Ann, all the errands, supplies, etc., you did for us personally and professionally. Mr. Ed. for the use of your BBQ grill. Miss Candy, use of your hot crock pot. Stan the Man, your M.C. and your D.J. talents at our show on April 23. Denver, for taking all your messages and surviving great cocktails!

Mr. Hal P. & Mz. Terry M. of Las Margaritas in the food department! Roberto, for the gold ribbon for our pins. My sister Bernadette, for helping sew the sequins on our ribbon pins. Eric W., for taking all my messages for Roger. To David Z., for your talent and standing in for me on Friday, April 30. (a.k.a. Miss Angelica West). Scott S., your campaign help and your talent and standing in for me on Saturday, May 1, as Electra Blue.

Lucinda H., your campaign support and extra hands. Madame X, for your professional support. Miss Amy, for your enthusiasm and love throughout our campaign. Big Mike, King of Fiesta 1991, miles of smiles. Miss Pennie P., as always my dear! Miss Sarah S. for being there with me. Our biggest help, Debbie and Gabie, our right and left hands, and in between, all around working girls! The helium and our campaign balloons! (They weren't the only things full of hot air during our campaign).

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NGLTF Director Testifies At House Hearings On Military

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Former Army Captain Tanya Domi, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Military Freedom Initiative, became one of the first openly Gay people to address Congress on the issue of Gays in the military since President Clinton announced in January his intention to repeal the ban. Domi testified at the House Armed Services Committee hearings. The hearings mark the first time the U.S. House of Representatives has discussed the controversial ban on Gays in the military.

Domi testified as one of four supporters lifting the ban. She joined retired Army Col. Karl Cropsey as the openly Gay people to testify before Congress ont his issue. Four opponents to President Clinton's directive also testified. The committee heard testimony concerning the experiences of police and fire departments that have opened their ranks to Gay people. Sociological and psychological perspectives on lifting the ban were also presented.

The House sessions follow two sets of hearings on the Senate side that included no openly Gay witnesses. Senate Arms Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn (D-GA) is opposed to President Clinton's directive while House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ron Dellums (D-CA) has stated his support for ending the anti-Gay ban. During yesterday's hearings, Rep. Dellums thanked each witness and assured supporters of President Clinton's directive, "We're in this for the long haul."

Domi's testimony focused on the personal impact of the military investigative techniques and the way the anti-Gay policy itself is used as a tool of sexual harassment.

"At the very heart of this heinous policy are the vicious investigative techniques employed by the military criminal investigative services," Domi testified. "The tactics used to determine the sexual orientation of service members are evocative of the McCarthy era. It is the investigators' tactics, not the presence of Lesbians and Gay men, that are detrimental to unit cohesion and prejudicial to good order and discipline."

According to Domi, Rep. Martin Meehan (D-MA) intensely questioned her about the viciousness of the witch hunts which Domi experienced. Meehan represents the district that houses Ft. Devens where Domi was stationed from 1974-75. During that time, Domi was awakened and hauled into the investigator's office for two hours of questioning about whether she had visited a Gay bar during off duty time. She was repeatedly questioned over a 18 month period, had her mail opened and was followed. She was also repeatedly asked for the names of Lesbian and Gay soldiers.

Domi was also the only woman who testified as the hearing's and noted the specific effort the ban has on all military women, both straight and Gay. Domi herself was accused of and interrogated in 1989 at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, a fellow officer made an explicit sexual proposition to Domi in front of a junior officer during a work related conversation. Domi reported his misconduct, she testified, but no actions against him were ever taken. Instead, she was investigated for homosexuality after the harassing male officer accused her being a Lesbian.

"The policy banning Lesbians and Gay men serves as an egregious tool of sexual harassment of women, call 'Lesbian baiting,'" Domi said. "I was called in for questioning about my sexual orientation, not because of my conduct, but because of his."

Following Domi's testimony, Representatives Jane Harman (D-CA), Pat Schroeder (D-CO) and Tom Andrews (D-ME) focused their questioning of Domi on the issue of Lesbian baiting and the negative effect the policy has on all service women.

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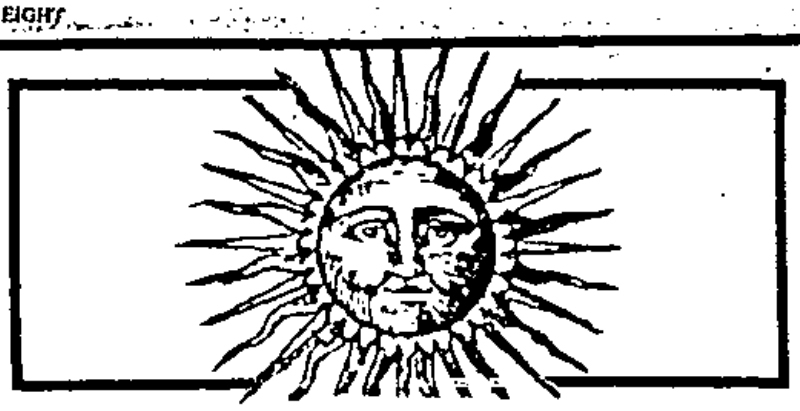

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Bit Of The Old South

-by Sean Thomas

Coming up this Saturday, May 15th from 5-8 p.m., there will be a steak fry at Club 2520 to raise money for the Tucson Satellite chapter of AGRA. Everyone is encouraged to come in and participate. There will be good food, good company and great entertainment. The wonderful talents of Ms. Mary Murphy will be on hand. Hope to see you all there.

It has come to my attention that there are those in the community who are having a difficult time accepting the results of a recent Gay competition. When people work hard in this country, the end results are expected to be success. This couple worked hard, as did all the other couple and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor. Please, let's not be petty, vicious, or plain stupid. These individuals earn the right to be who and what they are. Let's applaud them and support our common goal which they represent, which is Gay Pride. No matter who had won, I understand that there will always be bitching, but I am saying that it is not necessary or constructive in our community to do so.

There were no real losers in that competition. Everyone worked hard for one common goal, which was the production of our Gay Pride Picnic in June. All should be congratulated and none should be criticized. Think about it. It looks pretty petty for people to waste their time, energy and efforts in a negative way towards this year's crown holders.

As I have always said in the past, let the people from without the community busy themselves with their criticisms with us, but let us within our community be more understanding, tolerant, and accepting of one another. If a process does not work, then please make active, constructive suggestions as to improving that process. People that just sit around and bitch without any constructive suggestions to back those criticisms are useless. This whole contest was meant for camp fun and not for the seriousness which many have attached to it. It is also a sign of appreciation to the top money raisers. I would support any of the four, no matter who had won, because of hard work always deserves honor and recognition. Let's now prepare for a pride picnic on June 20th and show what kind of people we really are; united, yet diverse.

You would be quite surprised as to some of the comments I have received as a result of a week before last's column. That was a column that I discussed people taking responsibility for their own actions. lord, the number of people who have a hard time with that issue. I was told that I was being unjustly critical by saying that people had to be responsible for themselves and what they do. Several people dug deep to find what they believe to be examples of justification of putting blame on responsibility outside their own personal sphere. I respect their rights to their opinions and as Voltaire said, to defend their rights to their opinions and to express those.

However, I still stand by my personal belief that each of us are personally responsible for their actions and the results of those actions. Self empowerment, to many people is still a very foreign concept to believe that we have a control over our destiny and actions is quite unbelievable to many. This is sad. I rejoice each day in my self empowerment because I am in control to the most part of my own happiness and I am lucky enough to have friends, acquaintances, and business associates who enjoy the same belief.

For many people who are under the misconception that the majority of our Gay brethren are practicing safer sex, you are sadly misled. According to all studies and surveys, the majorities are still not engaging in the use of condoms for intercourse. Various excuses have been given, such as being unavailable, unaccessible, or uncomfortable. Our local AIDS organizations through the Think Positive Project have undertaken the task of a condom distribution in our bars to make condoms and instructions more readily available. If you see these people offering little packets of condoms and lube, please don't be shy, snatch one up. You may need it later.

Unfortunately, the realities of HIV/AIDS are not fully understood by many until they have personally experienced some aspect of its devastation. HIV and AIDS is not what should be feared, but rather the ignorance surrounding it. There are still people who do not fully understand what they are dealing with and many highly educated people still need to be educated on the subject. The number of physicians alone that are informationally ignorant in various issues and treatments surrounding HIV and AIDS is amazing and it is not the fault of those physicians, if you take into account all of the vast knowledge necessary to be a general practitioner. That is why I have and will always suggest that people with HIV/AIDS should seek out physicians who have a history and working knowledge of HIV and AIDS. Do not be shy in dealing with your physician. It's your life; you have put it in their hands.

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Till next week: Sean.

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The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

Tucson's First May-Day No-Tap was an unqualified success boasting both a robust prize fund that was divided among the days top bowlers and a nice deposit towards H.I.T.T.s 1993 fund-raising goal. Congratulations to Tucson's own R.J. who captured 3rd place in the singles competition. In doubles, Bill Close & Bill Richards cashed in 18th place, and Greg Bennett & Scott Swift (Phx) finished in 21st. Congratulations to Michael J. who held the winning 50/50 ticket which netted $250. Special thanks to Michael Bennett for the wonderful buffet provided by Club 2520 for the awards ceremonies.

The Tucson Desert Coyotes Summer league begins one week from tonight, Wednesday, May 19th. There will be a brief meeting at 8:00pm to discuss any rules changes, vote on fees, and help match up bowlers who aren't part of a full team. Bowling will commence at 9:00pm. As always, we're encouraging new bowlers to join us and become part of the fun. The Coyotes bowl at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. For more information, please call Geoffery (881-7501) or Mark (743-3303).

We're looking for interested bowlers to become part of a Tucson team to compete in the Liberty Bell Invitational, to be held over July 4th weekend in Philadelphia. Other upcoming tournaments include the Chicago Pride Week Invitational (June 17-19), the San Diego Invitational (Aug. 6-8), and the 10th Anniversary of the Las Vegas Showgirl Invitational (Labor Day weekend). For more information, stop down on league nights and look for the tournament application display.

Good luck to Greg Bennett, Chuck Ingram, and the 'Guys With Guts,' Dennis, Mike, Randy, and Mark as they compete in IGBO XIII in Atlanta over Memorial Day weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lois Y. who rolled a fantastic 256 scratch game this past week. She's already up on Golden Pin's Wall of Fame. Good bowling, Lois.

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It's "B"-minus 9 days and counting until the kickoff of the Halloween Invitational Tournament '92. Tournament registrations closed on October 16th with 192 bowlers from all over the Southwest, plus Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, and Honolulu.

In addition to the bowling activities, tournament participants will have a full weekend of Halloween-themed, non-bowling events as well including a Welcome to Tucson registration party at Club 2520, H.I.T.T.'s (in)famous Pumpkin Carving contest, a black and white Halloween Party at IBT's, and a special after-hours Ghost Town hosted by AGRA-Tucson. None of the weekend events are private so that the out-of-town guests get the opportunity to meet, mingle, and ??? with the non-bowlers among Tucson's gay and lesbian community. (The complete tournament weekend schedule will appear in next week's Observer.)

The HITT Committee is still looking for volunteers to assist with tournament weekend activities. Bowling experience is not a necessity and any amount of time will be helpful. Call 743-3303 if you'd care to assist.

At The Closet Door

by Frank Hartigan

Isn't it odd that we never seem to feel comfortable unless there is someone we can despise? The Serbs have the Croats, the Northern Irish Catholics have the Protestants, the Greeks have the Turks, the Arabs have the Jews: everybody seems to need somebody to whom they feli inherently superior. Of course simply everyone hates the queers. We are seen as the last acceptable prejudice; I am here to tell you that it is no longer acceptable.

Before black became beautiful, African-Americans lived by a hierarchy of skin color: the lighter, the better. Black Power theorists emphasized that all skin colors of African Americans were beautiful, and that distinctions among them were false. While any black child can still recite "Black, stay black; brown, stick around; yellow, be mellow; white, you right!", African-Americans in general stigmatize one another less based on skin color than thirty years ago. Now is the time for Lesbian and Gay liberation to do the same kind of housecleaning.

How does our hierarchy go? It isn't as simple as skin color; there are many categories with their own values. In general, though, among Gay men (I can't address wimmin's intramural sexism): Male is better than female. White is better than non-white. Rich is better than poor. Young is better than old. Pretty is better than plain. Thin is better than fit. Vanilla is better than kink. Mustached is better than clean shaven. Hirsute is better than bald.

I tell you these distinctions are false. They disgust me not only because I am a working poor, middle aged, fat, kinky faggot, but because they demean all of us. They separate us and set us against

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, MAY 15

CLUB 2520 - AGRA holding a big Steak Fry here from 5 to 8 p.m. with a plate of steak, beans, baked potato for only $4.50 and cheesecake for an extra dollar. Entertainment by Mary Murphy and Kristen and 727

GRADUATE - Partners Monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Always a good time with these folks.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

HOURS - a BIG Post-March Party from noon until 6 p.m. with a potluck at 2 p.m. (Bring a dish). Everyone is welcome- Those when went to Washington are encouraged to bring your snapshots. The C-Span coverage of the activities on the mall will be shown on their big screen. 'Tell us who you saw on local TV - Hear about our blisters; share food and stories'. Sponsored by the March on Washington Committee, Southern Arizona Chapter.

IBT'S - The Sunday BBQ here will benefit PACT and MCC. Come on down and get a delicious meal and help a couple of good solid beneficiaries. 3 to 6 p.m.

RUMORZ - A Cabaret Variety Show with lots of live vocals as well as some female illusionists. 9:30 p.m. It's a benefit for Pride Week so come on down and help the cause with pride!

SUNDAY, MAY 23

GRADUATE - AGRA Board Meeting at 2 p.m. and General Membership Meeting at 4 p.m. Beer Bust 2-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, MAY 30-31

IBT'S - Stand by for a big Memorial Day Celebration here. Watch for details.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15

Arts and Crafts Yard Sale at MCC/Tucson, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to have a booth to sell their own arts and crafts for a small donation for the space. MCC/Tucson will have another of their Bake Sales during the Yard Sale. Then later in the day, MCC will host another "No-Host" Bingo Party starting at 7 p.m. Bring a prize for one of the games and play Bingo all evening, if you are unable to bring a prize, come anyway and enjoy yourself.

Tucson/Pima County Community Profile volunteers invite all citizens to help plan for Pima County's future by attending the Community Profile Fair from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Park Mall, 5870 E. Broadway. The Community Task Force members will be on hand at 22 fair booths to talk with people and gather input on a variety of topics, including Gays and Lesbians.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

St. Andrew's Bach Society presents Roy Johnson, organist performing works by Clérambault, Mendelssohn and J.S. Bach on the Schoenstein organ. Admission $7 ($5 seniors and students). 545 S. 5th Ave. Bach Society concerts help support Frenadorff House, a residence for People Living with AIDS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Tucson Desert Coyotes summer league begins. Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. 8 p.m. tonight, 9 p.m. each week thereafter. Short season, only 12 weeks. Lots of fun. New bowlers welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

A benefit performance for P.A.C.T. of the 1986 award-winning musical comedy "Nunsense" by the Invisible Theatre. The Little Sisters of Hoboken put on a fundraiser that will tickle your funny bone and leave you laughing 'nunstop". 2p.m. at Invisible Theatre, 1300 N. 1st Ave. For ticket information call PACT, 770-1710

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

A meeting to be held at 6:30 at Cactus Gallery to update the Hate Crimes problem. The group hopes to elect officers to the Tucson Rights Committee which is sponsoring the meeting with the Lambda Democratic Caucus.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

A special performance of "Evita" will be held to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. The performance will be held at Centennial Hall on the UofA campus beginning at 7 p.m. All tickets $36. For more info call 322-6226.

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Tucson CALENDAR

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

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.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Contest for community organizations 3-6. Male Strippers - Body Hot 9:15

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw 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. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 well 8-1 + Mouse Madness "Buckets". 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 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays 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 Pesters $2.75 8 to 1. 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 $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 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Also country/western night with Tom Mann. Lessons 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 9 pm to closing.

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

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. or Tacos @ $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 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Seasonal short specials 8 pm to midnight. Glamazons - female impersonation troop 9:15.

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. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.

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 $1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Electric Iced tea $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. Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.

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 am. 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. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Linda Pinkale 10-1.

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. 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 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 am.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Coronas 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Pinkale VJ/DJ 10-1.

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

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

It may sound like a scratched record but the winner of TKO's UNO championship game this past Saturday was Annie. She also won when TKO played Partners over at Club 2520. And also, Mary Ann again came in second. Both of them told me that when they play at home they always lose. Well they both made up for it and TKO congratulates them.

IP was playing for TALL, and I might add, lost BIG TIME. After, he was telling me that even cheating, looking at the cards of the players on each side of him, he still couldn't win. See -cheaters never win but you did put on a good showing.

TKO would also like to mention at this time that due to some changes in their upcoming Spring Fling XIII, the run fee will be reduced to $25, instead of the $45 as stated on the run applications. If anyone has already sent in their applications, a refund will be given to them at the registration on May 28 or 29.

And as if that change is not enough for now, be sure to check my column next week because I have a feeling there will be some changes to this year's First Ladies Run also. I'm not at liberty to mention anything at this time because there will be a First Ladies meeting, tonight - Wednesday, over at the Venture-N. After, then I'll be able to bring everyone up to date. You people up in Phoenix, be sure to pass the word around also next week.

Some people never know just who they are going to run into when going on different runs. It seems Stan, at this year's Satyricons run, was sitting there and met a long-time-ago-lover. Then after introductions of the other's new lover, Stan and him sat and talked for over an hour. I wonder what notes they were compairing after all this time apart.

This coming Saturday, it will be Ben and his earring again as Partners holds their monthly beer bust. Stop in an have some fun with everyone there.

I know of two different entertaining shows being planned presently. One of them will be at the Graduate and the other, over at Rumorz. As I get more information of both of them, I'll be sure to pass it on to you. One of the shows, the one at Rumorz, I am working on but at this time I do not want to say anything. I still have a lot of work to do on it before it can be announced. I will say this about it, it will be held during Gay Pride Week.

Short on the BS this week but you can bet I'll probably make up for it next week. I've even put away the TBBS's I have for this week, I must be getting soft. Have a loving and safe week and I'll see you around.

Before closing, at this time I want to say hello to Lynn, up in Phoenix and hope you enjoyed yourself, along with Pam, up in Las Vagas.

PERSPECTIVE

by Father Tony Smith

Living and Loving with Dignity

The great days of the March on Washington are behind us, and it's been terrific to run into people at Wingspan, after meetings, even in church so energized by the experience! Ann Quinlan, in one of her recent perceptive columns, noted that it wasn't so much the numbers of the crowd on the Mall that day, but the power of one, of each one coming out that makes the difference. Now, we have faces. 1993, the year of our advancement.

But, with the advance there's going to be a backlash. We are down to "one or two percent." Retired top brass of the military fulminate against us. Jerry Falwell, minister of a gospel full of hate, buys time to fume and rail against us. Just last week, a group of "Concerned Parents" tried to stop me from addressing a teen rally at the Tucson Convention Center. They failed, but called to say "they are not going to go away." "Honey, have I got news for you," said I, "'cos I ain't going away neither!"

To stay, to be out, to explore who we are takes the power of one. But, we must stand together when the backlash comes. In DIGNITY, we stand together as Catholics letting the church see our faces. On Sunday, May 16, those faces will gather again at Picture Rocks Retreat for our May Mass at 6:00 p.m. Following Mass, we will have a Potluck Dinner, so be prepared to bring some dish! Call Max at 293-9545 for more information. At the Mass, I'll tell you more about what the hateful homophobes are up in the diocese, and what we can do to dialogue and reach out to them.

The dialogue and reach out continues with our first ever Lesbian and Gay Spirituality Weekend at Picture Rocks, May 21-23. Titled "Accepting our Blessing", the weekend program is open to all faiths, and all friends of DIGNITY/TUCSON. It will be led by Lynda Canfield, MS, Father Dick Mevissen, MA, and I'll be around to share and support with all. it promises to be a fantastic weekend. You can choose to stay the weekend with us, or commute to all or part of the program. We do ask you to pre-register for "Accepting our Blessing" by calling 744-3400. After all, some of the Catholic homophobes might try to get in too! It will be good to know who is coming to share in this great experience, calling on our higher power within, and standing together to share the Catholic face of love that will not diminish, and will not go away, even in time of backlash!

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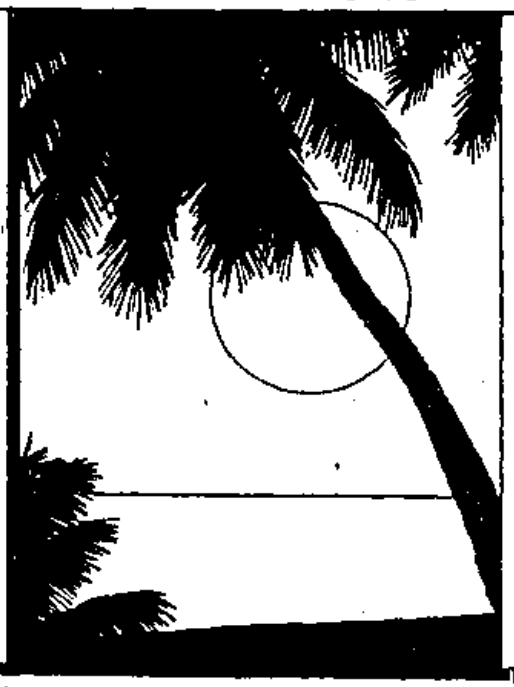

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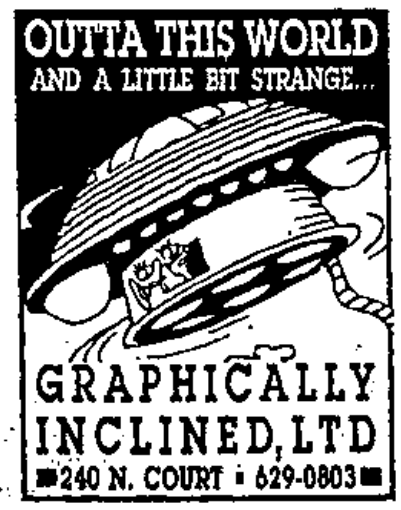

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Last Sunday afternoon, MCC-/Tucson had a special service dedicating the Memorial Rose Garden to the Tucson Community. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony which allowed the entire congregation into the rose garden while Rev. Eduard Perry and Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey made a blessing on the individual rose bushes. During the blessing, the names of those to which the rose was dedicated and the donor were read. It was an impressive dedication with many tears being shed for their lost loved ones.

The Memorial Rose Garden is a permanent garden and each rose bush will receive perpetual care. If, for any reason, the bush expires, a new bush of the same cultivar will be planted in its place. At the base of each rose bush is a plaque which states "In Memory Of" with the name of the person to be remembered and the name of the rose bush. A donation of $20.00 is requested for each rose bush. Requests for new bushes are being accepted, but the next planting season will be in January 1994. The Memorial Rose Garden is open for public viewing during the daylight hours.

This week, from May 10th to May 19th, Rev. Eduard Perry will be on vacation. If there is an emergency need for Rev. Perry, call the church and leave a message on the answering machine. These messages are checked into daily and Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey, the Deacons or a member of the Board of Directors will be able to reach him.

The Deacons will be having their Arts and Crafts Yard Sale here at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, this coming Saturday, May 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to have their own booth to sell their own Arts and Crafts. A small donation for the space will be requested by the Deacons. Call the church at 292-9151 for complete details.

The Social Committee will be having another one of their "No Host" Bingo parties, also this coming Saturday, May 15th. The games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a prize with the value not exceeding $5.00 and play the entire evening. If you are unable to bring a prize, come on and join in the fun anyway. There will be plenty of prizes for every game played.

Thought for the week: Everything is funny as long as it is happening to Somebody Else. Will Rogers

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Relationships! If you are now, or ever have been in a relationship, you know how fragile they can sometimes be, and how much work they always are, like growing a beautiful, rare and delicate flower.

But, like raising that special flower does not seem hard work, so if you are in love, the work involved with the relationship seldom seems like work. However, the effort still has to be expanded. After the seed shows through the earth, the shoot has to be tended, watered, fertilized, watched over. Usually there are periods between all this when you can just sit back, relax, and enjoy.

But in the back of your mind, you are always thinking of protecting your plant from destructive pests and unhealthy environments. Then one day you come home from work and find some varmit has gotten onto the patio and wrecked havoc with it! It's gone. Ruined. Destroyed.

Many of us have had the same experience in our relationship with God. We started out somewhere in our earlier years with a blossoming love affair with him. But we didn't have the maturity of years behind us. We never knew that the very people we loved and trusted would ever lie to us. We never gave it any thought that they could be vicious or unloving.

All of a sudden we found ourselves in a tug of war between what our heart told us on one side: God loved us very much and always would, no matter what; and the slander of all our trusted loved ones on the other side: God couldn't, wouldn't love us, no matter what. We were evil, we had no chance of a relationship with our most important lover, Jesus.

Or so we thought. The relationship may have been badly damaged, but it is still alive. There is something you can do to restore it. First, forget everything negative you have heard. If you were in a relationship with the "perfect lover" and "friends" tried to come between you, you'd probably chase them off with a shotgun! I would! Rumors, lies, exaggerations would all be ignored. I'd stand side by side with my lover and fend off all enemies.

Now, listen to the good news I have for you. It's not all over. You have not been cast aside by God. Jesus is standing at the entrance to your heart, with big tears running down his face and his arms outstretched, and he is waiting longingly, patiently, hopefully for you to open the door. He says in Revelation 3:20a, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."

You see, as much as he has loved you all these years, he is a gentleman and respects your rights, so he won't come in until you invite him. But his ears are fully tuned to every sound, his eyes see every light that comes on in a window, his being senses every signal of life inside, and he gently knocks and calls, "Bill", "Sue", "Bob", "Sally". "I'm still waiting. I'll not go away. I don't believe you don't love me. Please open the door and let's talk."

If it's been too long and you think you have forgotten how to talk to him, or you have been afraid for some reason, I understand because I've been there too. But I know how to talk to him because a long time ago I heard him at the door, opened it, and invited him into my heart.

He is still there, and now I know how real my relationship with him is and that none can ever separate us again. I'll be glad to talk to him for you or help you talk to him. If you need someone to hold your hand as you approach him, just call Cornerstone and ask for Jesus' friend. I'll be glad to help you open the door. You'll be glad you did.

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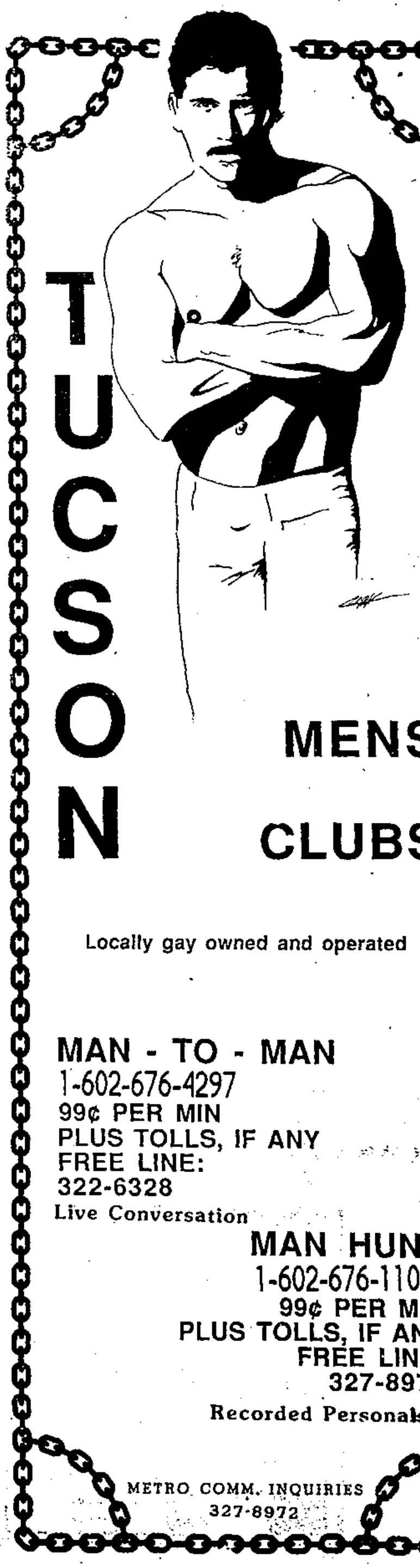

HOROSCOPES by Daryl

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

This week finds you consumed with an added bit of energy which does not go wasted. Your social calendar saps it all up. Be prepared for some unexpected news that changes all your plans instantly. Keep a cool head and approach it with wisdom and an even temperament.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 20

Having you feet firmly planted on the ground has a certain attraction and lands someone in your sandbox. This could be a potential romantic situation or the discovery of a soul-mate. Your intuition will guide you every step of the way and make that decision for you. Open up the lines of communication with family members as some close to you wishes to confide and relate a secret or two.

GEMINI
MAY 21- JUNE 20

Your desire to have money and spend it leads you to a rather clandestine means of obtaining it. Sometimes you can successfully pull off these under cover schemes if you make sure to watch your back and your friends. On the social side you are as entertaining as ever except for the surroundings in which the stage is set. Your diverse selection of friends has you exploring different avenues and going places.

CANCER
JUNE 21- JULY 22

Your mood swings get the best of you and begin to taper off as the week progresses. You enjoy a modicum of attention but; your way of getting it comes into question. Focus on personal betterment and shift the spotlight to self inspiring activity. You may receive a phone call from quite an unexpected source. Go with the flow and enjoy!

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Planning and organizing is a big part of your life this week. This may fall under the areas of personal or professional. You enjoy heading up social events which may parlay into preparing for a company party or recreating outing. Make sure to remember to get everyone on your list and group together those that will compliment each other.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Your characteristics involving excess will be enforced this week. you may eat too much, shop too much, drink or have too much sex!?! Behave yourself as you have a reputation to maintain which could be tarnished. Perfect solution, socialize with close friends who know you too well to criticize and even if they do, you know how to handle it. Proceed with caution, and make the most of your entertainment.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Your gregarious nature has more than one set of alluring eyes cast in your direction. review the situation as you may have you pick of the litter. Splurge and enjoy your new moment if it sparks you fancy. Someone you know as a good friend blows the whistle about something you did that wasn't quite up to snuff. You would not normally suspect them. Be on the alert.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 22

You feel the need to step ahead this week to get things done. Those around you that move at a different pace and seem to zig when you zag. Just on the highway, pass that driver to move along swiftly towards your goal. One thing to look out for is hurting people in the process. Your attitude is right on track but needs to be tempered with a judicious stride. You will be most productive and money becomes an interesting tool to work with.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

Old debts seem to be chasing you around this week. Around every corner there is something from the past to remind you. You need to get away from this madness and rise above it. Family also places untimely demands on your schedule. Perhaps having someone step in and speak on you behalf, may end up squelching all the white noise. Find time for you and exercise it.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Your quick wit and intellectual adeptness pushes you into a pivotal position which makes you popular with new acquaintances. The trick is now is to endure with your initial impression. Grasp the gold ring and seek out that special someone in the crowd which could be a match for your brains and humor. Wish yourself the best.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Your bubbly nature and ability to bring out the best in all types of people battles them at the same time. They question you sincerity and conviction. Throw caution to the wind and go on as usual. You are loved. It may be necessary to stroke your other half this week because they fell as though they are emotionally left out in the cold. Zap them with your sensual charm and strength.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Some of your dream states will have to go in to rest at this time and saved for the future. This week finds you in demand for facts, figures and files. Think on your feet and produce quick, accurate and finite responses. In the real scenario, no one will be able to occupy much of your time unless you want them to. Get things done efficiently so it won't require any follow up and you will be free of the restraints once again.

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Sailor's Story

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commanders, it produces a repressive climate much worse than civilians can imagine.

One night soon after my piece appeared, Mr. Meholick called from the brig to tell me that a local San Diego television station had done a story on him. And shortly after that, I was contacted by a producer for the CBS magazine show "Street Stories" who wanted to get in touch with Mr. Meholick. I made the arrangements and subsequently that producer and a Los Angeles-based field producer for the show spoke to Mr. Meholick on the phone several times. It would be hard to overstate the effects these developments had on Mr. Meholick's outlook. "It looks," he told me with a upbeat tone I had never heard in his voice before, "like people will finally be able to see how bad this is.

Mr. Meholick spoke too soon. In a subsequent call, he told me that whereas formerly he could move around the facility relatively unsupervised, he now was being kept under a close watch. He was unable to use the copying machine, which prevented him from sending copies of my article to members of Congress. In fact, Mr. Meholick told me there was another change" a guard standing right next to him while he was making the phone call to me.

Then I didn't hear from Mr. Meholick for a while - until I got a call from him (about two months ago). He told me that he'd been taken off his regular prison job, had his regular phone privileges suspended, was put in isolation and was told that he was about to be shipped to the Army's maximum security prison at Fort Leavenworth. Shortly after that call, Mr. Meholick, a model prisoner, was indeed moved to the Kansas prison.

This might make some sense if the Miramar brig was about to be shut down or it were full. But it's not and it isn't. On the other hand, consider what a very depressed Larry Meholick told me when he called from Fort Leavenworth: In handcuffs attached to a belly chain, he was escorted to the San Diego airport by three guards. One of the escorts told Meholick that if there were any cameras at the airport, they were taking him right back to the brig. When none appeared and it became clear the transfer would go through, this same jailer said, "Maybe now the administration at the brig won't have to do so much letter-writing to senators."

I think it's fair to say that Mr. Meholick's transfer to Leavenworth is suspicious. But there's a larger point that's beyond question: The military's ban on homosexuals inevitably leads to gross violations of individual rights.. You may not approve of Meholick's lifestyle. I don't. But the true definition of sexual perversion is the policy that put him in a maximum security prison.

[ED NOTE: This article is a Special to the Washington Post from which this is repr. The writer is a contributing editor of Washington Monthly. Persons wishing to contact Larry Meholick can wrote to: Larry A. Meholick, Box 75800, Drawer A, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027-7140. Citizens Against Gay Exclusion (C.A.G.E.) has been working with Larry for two months. The group feels the more mail Larry receives, the better it looks and by re-printing his story and his address would help him, and be a positive stand for Gay rights.]

Boycott

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lost in canceled conventions from the state's annual $6.4 billion tourism industry. But heavy snowfall attracted record numbers of skiers and summer bookings are ahead of this time last year, said Deborah Cornelius of the Colorado Tourism Board.

Osborne, who called the boycott an "unqualified success," said that she would spend the weekend in Colorado considering the boycott's fate.

Bray said the boycott's goals are unchanged, to overturn Amendment 2 and to send warnings to other states considering anti-Gay rights laws.

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James, 5'8, 140lbs, friendship first, I like outings in the country, HIV positive, let's have fun ¤1356

Mike, 25, 6'2, blond, 180lbs, handsome ¤9281

Mark, 35, 5'8, 170lbs, masculine, travel alot ¤9135

Arizona, Mixed up and New to the scene, Larry. ¤5903

Santa Rosa Area, John, 5'9", 160lbs, 52, athletic, into bicycles. ¤5521

Take a Risk on me, I'm Tim, 24, blond, hairy. ¤5443

Santa Rosa, love outdoors, bike riding, I'm a discreet GWM for you if you are looking for new experiences. ¤5420

Chuck, 6'2", white male, workout daily. ¤5431

Rub You Right, Phillipino, love swimming, music, movies, 5'6", 160lbs., attractive, seeking GWM 35-40 for friendship. Call me tonight and let's exchange vital statistics. ¤5435

AZ, Rick, 6'1", 170lbs, well built, tall lean muscular, enjoy photography, military, levi men, tank tops, cut-offs. ¤5321

Tucson, AZ, 19, student, looking for men my own age for friendship, relationship. ¤4842

Phoenix, Versatile, southern man, workaholic, looking for quality friends. I'm 6'1", 180lbs., love talking over the phone. ¤5181

Arizona, chuck, 6'2", brown hair, work-out a lot. ¤5263

Wanted: Real Men, Youthful gay male, 42 (Capricorn), 6'1", 175lbs, moustache, seeks friends Bi-or Gay 18-35 nationwide masculine and versatile preferred. Photo and Phone Number for first answer. All will be answered with a letter. ¤5181

Phoenix, AZ, Southwest Man, muscular, farmboy, no drugs, seeks same. ¤4747

Arizona, Trace, 6' 142, blond, monogamous looking for Fun. Ext.2430

Arizona, 31, blond, blue eyes handsome. Ext.2475

Arizona Mike, green eyes French, very fit, seeks masculine men. ¤2397

Arizona Very Friendly, Brad very well built, 6'1, sandy blond. ¤2709

Daniel, 6'1, 290. ¤2679

Hispanic, 5'9, 40's, like affectionate masculine type 35-60. Enjoy country western dancing. ¤2645

ARIZONA AREA

ALBUQUERQUE, IN GOOD SHAPE, AND YOU? GM 5'11", 170#, black hair, Lt. grey eyes, looking for guys into good times. ¤1912

GUY-NEXT-DOOR. Hey guys! I'm an attractive, masc. male seeking other attractive guys 18-40. Why don't you give this neighbor a call? ¤2035

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Albuquerque: Tired of the bar scene? me too: Jeff: 28, 6', 150lbs seeking 25-35 to party with and eventually have rel. ¤2488

Albuquerque, QUALITY FRIENDSHIP for quality times Goodlooking, 40, blond, 6'1, blond, good body, versatile, HIV+, ¤2612

Albuquerque: PASSIONATE Gay hispanic male, late 30s, would like to meet for friendship or 3 ways My mbx 2014

Sante Fe: Like Hiking? I'm a very open minded 6'1, 175lbs, masculine, goodlking, comfortable w/myself type a guy call soon Mbx 2349

Albuquerque: 6'1, 180lbs, fin. secure, must be smooth, clear of mind, ¤2263

Albuquerque: Slim Goodlking? well built men up to 37 wanted for wild excitement; anything goes call soon for grp get togethers ¤2195

Santa Fe NM: GOOD TIMES indoors & outdoors. Very Muscular /cut, 30 yr old, 5'8, 145lbs, hard, musc, hairy, seeks guys 18-35 call for hm number ¤1882

Albuquerque: COMPETITIVE? INTO WRESTLING? Dom. aggress. Top man, 42, 6'1, 215lbs, hndsm, brwn/grn eyes, two out of three anyone? ¤1873

Albuquerque: Boy next door type 18, 5'9, blue eyed blond ¤2037

Albuquerque: 18, male 135lbs, green eyes, seeking top men to possess me ¤1203

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets 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.

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

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., 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. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. 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, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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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 Oberlecff, Ph.D. 623-3390 or Liz Glerigen, M.Ed. 293-7886.

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NUDIST, GWM-61 with travel trailer to live in and small dog, wants to rent trailer space where I can live naked. James, Box 342, Tonopah, AZ 85354. 460

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POLITICS '93

by Mark Kerr

"F." speaks, but do people listen. Jesse "The Signs" ain't running, and the City elections are going to be a yawner. Dickie Mahoney having trouble raising moola to challenge Dennis. These are just some of the "highlights" from last week.

As mentioned in last week's column, our favorite "elected" official "F.", was scheduled to speak at the weekly gathering of the Democrat's of Greater Tucson. Her topic was her first 100 days as County Recorder, (The Recorder's Office Held Hostage!). In her speech, F. stated, as one of her big accomplishments, she had visited every high school in Pima County, all 28 of them, to talk to the students about voter registration. (Gee, I thought she had gotten same day voter registration, as she promised, or update the computers in the Recording division, as she promised, and came out with a plan to increase voter registration, as she promised!)

F. then quizzed the audience about facts regarding Pima County. (What a waste of time!) F. also talked about the fact that she had no furniture in her office, due to Mike Boyd taking it when he became a Supervisor. She also stated that she supports having registered independents being able to vote in the Democratic Party primary (If she was a real Democrat, involved in the process, she would not favor this proposal!) F. also stated her displeasure with people stating that she acts more like a Republican. (Stop hanging around G.O.P headquarters, stop pandering to the right wing "Beehler" mafia, stop waffling on the women's right to reproductive choice!) The highlight during question time when F. got into a heated discussion with the Chair of the Pima County Democratic Women over deeds, and why the Recording Division would not answer her questions, (F. also could not answer her question as well!).

"F's Co-hort", Jesse "The Signs" Lugo, announced he is withdrawing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Ward 5 City Council seat. He sighted potential problems with his residency and registration that could derail his campaign if challenged in the courts. He sighted the case of the Libertarian, Kimberly Swanson, who wanted to run for the Ward 6 seat, but was ruled off the ballot because of her registration. The City of Tucson Charter states for a person to run for office, they must be a city resident for 3 years, their residence in their respective Ward must be for one year, and their voter registration also must be in the Ward for one year.

Our Secretary of State, the ambitious Richard Mahoney, who wants to challenge the incumbent, Dennis DeConcini, for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate is having trouble raising funds to mount this quest. Mahoney is going through his list of contributors and asking them to give to his unannounced campaign. He is finding out, much to his displeasure, a great deal of the names on that list are DeConcini supporters and don't plan to give. Well, Mahoney's mom is coming to rescue, with a birthday party, his 42nd. Momma's bash will cost guests $100 a pop to wish Dickie a happy b-day.

Until next time, politics is "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds!"

Pride Picnic Booth Information

TUCSON - The booth policy for this year's Gay Pride Picnic has changed from last year. Although the booth spaces will be first come, first served as in previous years, the rules on vending are different due to chances in the Parks Department and the Health Department.

The most important change is that anyone wishing to sell anything must purchase a $10.00 vendor's permit from Tucson Parks and Recreation located at 900 S. Randolph Way. To be able to purchase the permit, one must be on the list that TLGA will be giving to Parks and Recreation on June 7. Therefore, the permits will be available from June 7 through June 18. To be added to the list, simply call Max Vosskuhler, prior to June 7, at (602)293-9545 and ask to be placed on the TLGA list.

An additional permit is required of anyone wishing to sell food, and that is a Temporary Food Booth Permit from the Pima County Health Department. The cost of the permit is $21.00 and is available at 150 W. Congress. If you wish to sell food, you must get the Health Permit prior to going to Parks and Recreation as they will want to see the Health Permit when they issue the vendor's permit.

For any additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact Max at 293-9545.

The Closet Door

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one another. They make our enemies' work easier by diverting our attention and diluting our strength. They cause us needless pain. They allow us to treat each other as objects rather than human beings, which adds to our oppression. They perpetuate stereotypes which robs us of our individual selves.

I sat with a group of people living with AIDS a couple of months ago. Among these, today's lepers, I found a hierarchy of causation: those people who got the disease through sex talked contemptuously about those who got it from IV drug use. What better example of false distinctions separating a group that has at least one devastating, overwhelming thing in common? Can you show me a group that has more need to stick together? Why, then, even among the despised of a society, do we have this urge to look down on someone else?

I am not saying that all Gay men are the same, precisely the opposite. I do not advocate that we treat all Gay people as family; closeted Gay people can be your worst enemies. I am saying that the criteria one might apply when choosing a lover (physical characteristics, financial state, erotic proclivities) do not apply when relating to another Gay person as a member of a political entity called "the Gay community". The camp tradition aside, it is not in our best interest to waste energy trashing one another.

We sell ourselves short. We exist in all the beauty and diversity of the human race, in every corner of this nation, at every socioeconomic level. Tying ourselves to any stereotypical image of what Gay people are like limits us all. Most of all, sneering among ourselves over superficial differences hurts each of us. Let's drop this bitchy infighting and accept one another. Let's come out to the wider world in all our diversity. Let's show those who despise us that we, at least, are unified in being ourselves. Come out. We need you.

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