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An Open Letter To The Gay and Lesbian Community From U.S. Congressman Barney Frank

I am writing this to explain why I proposed a compromise on the question of the right of Gay men and Lesbians to serve in the military. For several years, I and other members of the Gay and Lesbian community have been working without exception to get the ban repealed. I have spent much of my time trying to persuade people in the Gay and Lesbian community and our allies that lobbying Members of Congress to support the President was our single biggest goal. Unfortunately, with less than two months to go before congressional committees begin voting on this, I believe we have to face a stark fact: if the choice before the Congress is instant equality or a statute which enacts the complete ban into permanent law, Congress will choose the latter.

Our lobbying efforts have not been nearly as successful as those of our opponents and time is running out. When Members get large amounts of mail and phone calls from particular groups of their constituents, they feel pressure to answer. What has happened over the past few months is that significant numbers of Members of Congress have committed themselves to oppose the total repeal of the ban which will mean voting for the ban.

I felt we were heading towards a total statutory reimposition of the ban or an unacceptable compromise which would still leave Gay men and Lesbians in the military vulnerable to having their careers destroyed if they were seen, overheard or otherwise "discovered" while expressing their sexual orientation off duty and on their own time.

My decision to move now to try to prevent this situation from hardening against us was triggered because we are about to run out of time and the issue was very close to locking in against us.

It was for this reason that I decided to try to promote a compromise that would be far better than the very limited proposal known as "don't ask, don't tell", which proposal would have left Gay men and Lesbians totally unprotected for any activity they engaged in which expressed their sexual orientation on their own time, off base and off duty.

I had four criteria in trying to find a compromise. First, I obviously wanted one that would give us the maximum of what we are trying to get, given that we cannot get 100%. Second, and equally important, it had to be one that could be sustained by a vote of both Houses of Congress. I have long ago lost my taste for glorious, principled defeat. I think it is my responsibility as an elected official to try to move our agenda forward.

While it isn't always possible, I think it is irresponsible not to try. The third one is that we find a solution which had as its logical core a recognition that Gay men and Lesbians were not the problem, but that the problem we were dealing with had to do with prejudice from some of the straight majority. Finally, I wanted a compromise that would leave us in a position to make further improvements.

The proposal I have advanced, which is still unformed and needs to be flushed out in negotiations among various parties, is the one that I think best meets these needs. What it says essentially is that the military will not ask people of their sexual orientation, will not investigate them for their sexual orientation, and will pay no attention to things that happen when people are off base, off duty and out of uniform which may express their sexual orientation. In return for this, the Gay men and Lesbians joining the military would have to accept a restriction on their ability to express their sexual orientation while on base, in unform, or on duty. I regret some restrictions, but I believe that providing Gay and Lesbian service members with freedom to express their sexual orientation while off duty is a considerable improvement over the situation that we would otherwise have. I should add explicitly that under my proposal, if someone were "reported" to the military commanders because he or she had been observed going to a Gay bar, or because someone noted that he or she lived with a same sex lover, the response of the military would have to be "none of your business". That is, off base activities of Gay men and Lesbians would simply not be relevant to their careers. This is where the proposal differs from the "don't ask, don't tell" proposal because under versions I have seen of that proposal, people who were seen going into a Gay bar, or whose mail was read, or who are overheard talking on the phone, etc., etc., would be kicked out.

In fact, until recently when a number of brave people volunteered their sexual orientation to help us in this fight, this is how the overwhelming majority of Gay men and Lesbians were in fact victimized. They were not people who on the whole made any declaration of their sexual orientation. They were people who were going about their business and who were spied upon on their own time, either by official investigative forces of the armed services, or by vengeful or nosy individuals. This practice would be banned.

It is also important to note that the problem is not Gay men and Lesbians, but the prejudice they may encounter among some straight people. That is, accepting this proposal would mean acknowledging the fact that Gay men and Lesbians were perfectly qualified to serve in the military, and that people who serve in the military were entirely free on their own time to live the life of a Gay man or a Lesbian. It makes clear that the problem is that the military believes that some significant percentage of straight people would react in a disruptive fashion to the presence of Gay men and Lesbians. I think they have greatly exaggerated that, and I believe that experience will show that this is the case. But I also know as a fact that they have been sufficiently persuasive in their argument with a majority of my congressional colleagues and with large segments of the public so that we have no chance of defeating that outright.

To some extent we are in the position that the Supreme Court was in 1954 when it ruled unanimously that racial segregation was wrong, and that young black children were entitled to go to school with whites. But they also noted that the accumulated weight of white prejudice against blacks was so strong that it would not be possible to order immediate integration. This was a negative statement on the prejudiced state of mind of the white majority, not a negative comment on the black minority.

I think a similar analysis applies here. I believe we can adopt a policy which would allow Gay men and Lesbians to serve, with some restriction on their personal freedom while they are on duty but with no restriction while they are off duty, and with the other non-Gay related restrictions on those who choose to serve in the military.

I also believe that this is a first step. My view is that if we had this situation, a certain percentage of straight people would soon figure out who was Gay and Lesbian, since people's private lives are not entirely secret from their colleagues. And I believe the result would be in the military as we have found it to be in civilian life, that as straight people have learned that friends and coworkers were Gay and Lesbian, they have easily adjusted.

Thus, I believe that my proposal meets to the best that I can think of all of my criteria — it gives us the personal freedom that we are able to get for Gay men and Lesbians for the near term; it can pass the Congress; it is explicitly based on the assumption that the problem is not with Gay men and Lesbians but with the prejudice that exists against us in some elements of the straight community; and it offers us the basis for moving ahead.

One other analogy seems relevant. Have we adopted the position of all or nothing with regard to women in the military, there would now be no women in the military, and none of the gains that

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Sailor Gets Life for Killing Gay Shipmate In Japan

The Associated Press

Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP) - U.S. Sailor Terry Helvey was sentenced to life in prison for killing homosexual shipmate Allen Schindler, concluding a case that fueled debate over Gays in the U.S. military.

When the sentence by the military jury was read, the victim's mother, Dorothy Hajdys, sobbed: "Thank you." Helvey was impassive.

Helvey, 21, of Westland, Michigan, had pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit great bodily injury in the killing. The plea was part of a pretrial agreement under which a possible charge of premeditated murder, a crime punishable by death, was dropped.

Prosecutors had demanded a life sentence. The defense declined to recommend a specific sentence, but urged that 20 years be "a baseline for discussion." The case had gone to the panel of eight Navy and Marine officers.

Helvey will be turned over to federal authorities and the military said there was no specific date for when, or if, he might be eligible for parole.

The case received widespread attention, coming as Washington debates lifting a ban on homosexuals in the military. Gay rights activists say Schindler's slaying is an example of what they see as pervasive hatred of homosexuals int he U.S. armed forces.

Schindler, a 22 year old shipmate of Helvey's on the USS Belleau Wood, was beaten to death in a public restroom neat the ship's home port in Sasebo, Japan.

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UPDATE

T-Squares 9th Anniversary

TUCSON - Tucson's Gay and Lesbian square dance club, the T-Squares will be holding a dance in celebration of their ninth anniversary on Saturday, August 28 at Club 2520 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a live caller calling all levels from basic to AI. Between tips there will be line and couples dancing and food brought by club members.

The community is invited, especially those who may have danced with the T-Squares in the past. Those dancers from Tucson and Phoenix who went to the International Gay Square Dance Convention in Seattle this summer will be filling those unable to attend on the goings on there and of course, there will be usual T-Squares silliness and forgetting the steps. To defray the cost of bringing in a caller, there will be a nominal charge for those square dancing.

A special invitation is extended to those who may be thinking of enrolling in basic level square dance classes which are due to start, Tuesday, September 14. These classes, which will be taught every Tuesday evening in conjunction with the more advanced classes at the T-Squares' club sponsor Club 2520, will be offered at sa bargain rate of $10 for the first ten lessons.

After ten lessons, the rest are part of the package of T-Squares membership. While the teaching arrangements have not been finalized yet, they will probably be taught tag team style by Maxine Smitherman who has taught the T-Squares from the beginning and recent up start Curt Stubbs.

Sailor

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The beating was so severe that military medical authorities likened the injuries to those that would be suffered in a high speed car accident or even a low speed aircraft accident.

Helvey said he did not kill Schindler because the victim was a homosexual, but the defense gave no other motive for the attack.

A psychiatrist testified earlier that abuse Helvey allegedly suffered as a child might have triggered violent rage. Helvey's brother, Wade, testified that their stepfather had beaten the children.

Desert Voices Concert June 19

TUCSON - Tucson Desert Voices are saying in songs, "We're in a time when we must look into the hearts of others". That's what Tucson Desert Voices are doing for their Summer Concert. As sisters and brothers we will sing with one another in celebrating our Gay Pride. Hand in Hand we'll be the strongest we can be. Come share with us our songs on June 19, 8:00 p.m. at Pima College, Proscenium Theater, West Campus. Tickets are going fast so hurry. For more information and tickets call 791-9662. There is limited availability of box seating with lots of amenities that can make this special evening more memorable, but they're going fast so call now!

Army Panel Recommends Discharging Lesbian

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - An Army panel has recommended an honorable discharge for a Minnesota National guard veteran because she is a Lesbian.

The decision marked the first time a Minnesota Guard member was recommended for discharge based on sexual orientation.

Capt. Pam Mindt, 33, said the Army panel "missed an opportunity to do the right thing" when it recommending against her while a federal decision is pending on whether to lift the ban on Gays in the military.

"They could have chosen to wait until President Clinton made his decision. They chose not to," she said.

The Army began investigating Mindt last summer, after she told her commanding officer she is a Lesbian. The decision to discharge her followed eight hours of closed door testimony and discussion at the National Guard Armory.

Capt. Ken Kohler, the board's legal advisor, refused to comment. Panel members left the hearing without commenting.

Mindt will continue her duties as a mental health officer until a final decision is made at the Pentagon.

In Memoriam

KEVIN NEVISON

Kevin B. Nevison died May 25, 1993. He was 39. Kevin was the son of the late Sylvia McKerlie Nevison. He was born in Tucson and graduated from Catalina High School in 1971.

Nevison was a free lance photographer who spent most of his life shooting photos for travel books. In 1986 he competed on "Wheel of Fortune" where he won nearly $40,000 dollars and a new car.

Kevin moved to southern California after attending Pima Community College, and he graduated from Columbia College in Los Angeles. After his mother's death in 1992, Nevison returned to Tucson and planned to resume his career, but he became ill.

Nevison is survived by his uncle, Donald McKerlie and cousins Steven and Michael McKerlie, all of Tucson; cousin Kimberly Roberts of Phoenix and many friends in Tucson and southern California. Services were held on May 29 with committal to cremation following.

TLGA Seeks Past And Present Military For Pride Picnic Color Guard

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is seeking persons who are presently serving or who have served in the nation's armed services to participate in the annual color guard ceremony at this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic to be held on Sunday, June 20 in Himmel Park.

Because of the focus on Gays in the military this year, TLGA deems it important that past and present members of the armed forces participate in the short ceremony. This year is the 16th annual Pride Picnic which was attending by over 10,000 persons last year including members of the Tucson City Council and other political and non-political leaders of the Tucson community.

TLGA will hold it's next meeting on Monday, June, 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Club 2520. Interested persons may come by the meeting for more information or contact Bert Hoop at 292-9151 (message) or 410-0815 (digital).

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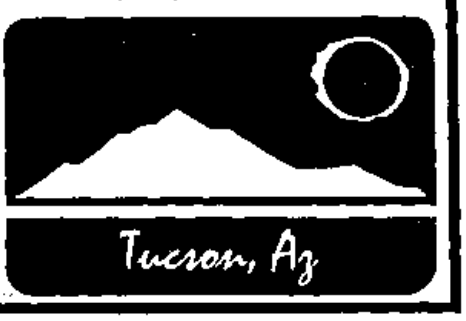

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ART ATTACK '93

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is currently planning for this month-long art exhibit to open Monday, June 21 and close Monday, July 19. The juried exhibition will take place at the Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Avenue, Tucson.

The Alliance invites Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual artists from ALL media to participate. Artists will be limited to a maximum of 5 entries each. Depending upon the number of entries, that number may be reduced.

Entries will be received at Cactus Gallery beginning Monday, June 7. Deadline for entries is Thursday, June 17.

Beside Ribbon Awards, TLGA will offer cash prizes in each media. Watch the Observer for more information, or call Cactus Gallery.

Local Victim of Attack Needs Help

TUCSON - On Wednesday, May 19, 1993 a twenty five year old from Tucson was abducted by two men in Sonora, Mexico. The victim, Bert, (not his real name), was beaten and put into his car where he war restrained by one of the men while the other drove his car. They took his to an unknown place in the desert. They tied his T-Shirt around his head, stripped him of every piece of clothing and proceeded to stab him nine times with a screwdriver and an ice pick. Bert gave up fighting and pretended to be dead.

The two men took Bert and threw him through a barbed wire fence and over a cliff. When Bert regained consciousness, he crawled toward a light from a home. He was taken to a hospital in Mexico. His injuries were so severe that they transferred him to another hospital in Mexico. After surgery Bert was flown by Medivac helicopter to a local hospital in Tucson. He was treated through trauma center and put into ICU. Because of a punctured lung, Bert also developed pneumonia.

The men who abducted Bert have his car, money, clothes and part of his life. Bert's car was not covered by his American insurance and has a three thousand dollar balance yet unpaid. He has not been back to work and therefore has no income. He can not pay for food or rent. His hospital bills are far beyond his income ability. Bert's employer does not provide any medical insurance.

Friends of Bert are asking for your help. Any donation of any size will help him. They have started a fund for Bert through First Interstate Bank. Checks or money orders should be made payable to BERT, First Interstate Bank Account #3083-83469. The many Friends of Bert thanks you for giving him a chance and a hope for a brighter future.

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women have made or are about to make in the military would be possible. I am strongly supportive of legislation that would remove the restrictions on what women are allowed to do in the military, and I believe Secretary Aspin is going to move in that direction. Had women followed the advice that some in the Gay community are giving, that is either get it all or take nothing, they would not be in the position as they now are to be integrated more fully in the armed services.

I believe my proposal offers us the best chance to do that, especially since under my proposal, there would be no statute locking in any particular set of rules, but rather a modified executive order. The alternative is a statute which takes the policy of total and complete exclusion with all of its negative symbolic, monetary, and practical implications and writes it into law. I cannot think of a worse outcome than that and it is this particular disaster that I am working hard to avoid.

Rep. Barney Frank

Nunn Denies Blocking Gay Ban Compromise

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The Senate Armed Services Committee chairman rejected suggestions that his criticism of a compromise on lifting the ban on homosexuals serving in the military is a roadblock for President Clinton.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said in a speech last week that he opposes a plan that would allow Gay service members to be open about their lifestyle off duty but would prohibit open declarations of sexuality on base.

Nunn said the plan proposed by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., one of two acknowledged Gays in the House of Representatives, would create a "safe haven" for homosexual acts that occur off base.

But violators of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, such as drug users or those guilty of sexual assault at the Tailhook Convention would continue to be punished.

Nunn's remarks came on the same day that Clinton said he was very close to a compromise with critics of his vow to end the ban - one of whom is the Georgia senator.

Clinton, in an interview with Georgia radio stations, said he thinks he is "close to a compromise based on the suggestions Senator Nunn has made" on Gays serving in the military.

Frank, who was criticized by various Gay groups for his compromise, said in an interview that he was disappointed in Nunn's speech, especially since various sides were moving toward an agreement.

"It sounds like he's having fun with this issue and doesn't want to have it peacefully resolved," the congressman said.

Frank said Nunn has spent more time on hearings on Gays in the military than other military issues. "I hate to say it, but I think Sam is obsessed with sex," he said.

"He's not willing to move to the table and help the president," Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund said. "He's throwing up roadblocks."

Nunn, in an interview, denied the claim.

"I completely dispute that what I said in the speech was a roadblock," said the senator, who contends that those who see it that way are misinterpreting Clinton's remarks.

"Anyone who believes that what I said prevents the president from moving is wrong," he said.

Nunn said he had been working on a response to the proposal from Frank for four or five days. The senator also said he spoke to Clinton within the past week and briefly discussed the Frank proposal.

Frank proposed a compromise that would allow homosexuals to serve and do as they please off base as long as they keep their sexual orientation secret while on duty. (See full story on page on of this issue of OBSERVER).

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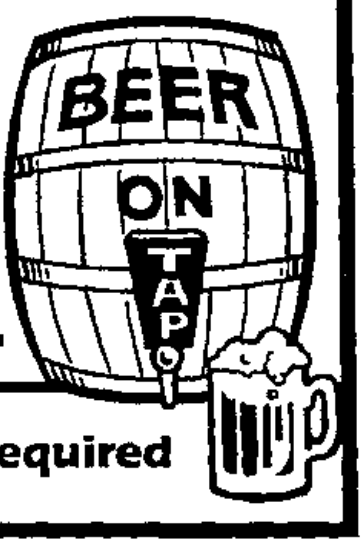

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EDITOR:

Well, Gary Clark has expressed his opinion again with his cartoon, "As I See It", in the May 26th issue of The Observer. It is his opinion and I respect it, no matter how uneducated and ignorant it is. I suppose that if Mr. Clark is attempting to start a controversy he has succeeded.

No, Gary, the Bible is not your "Greatest Enemy". It is the zealots who take their own interpretation of the Scriptures and then preach that interpretation as the true meaning. It is the translators who take the original writings and "revise" those translations to their own interpretation. A study of the Scriptures themselves would be helpful, instead of listening to what someone else states that is the meaning.

I don't feel that this last "As I See It" is actually your opinion at all. It is the opinion of someone else's and you believed them and accepted it as your own.

Ben Corbin

EDITOR:

I have this pleasure I wish to share with all, this is my pleasure I have found in a delightful space called HOURS. The owners and patrons have somehow become part of my life and I am not sure that this was their plan. But, oh well!! I want to thank them for the time and lives that were shared.

I was a pain in the ass. Still am, but now it is different. Even though I take three steps forward and get kicked back two, I am still making bit of progress. As my friends have been telling me, one step at a time is better than none taken at all. Gee, how did they know?

I wish to thank those friends who saw what I was missing and who had faith in me when I didn't.

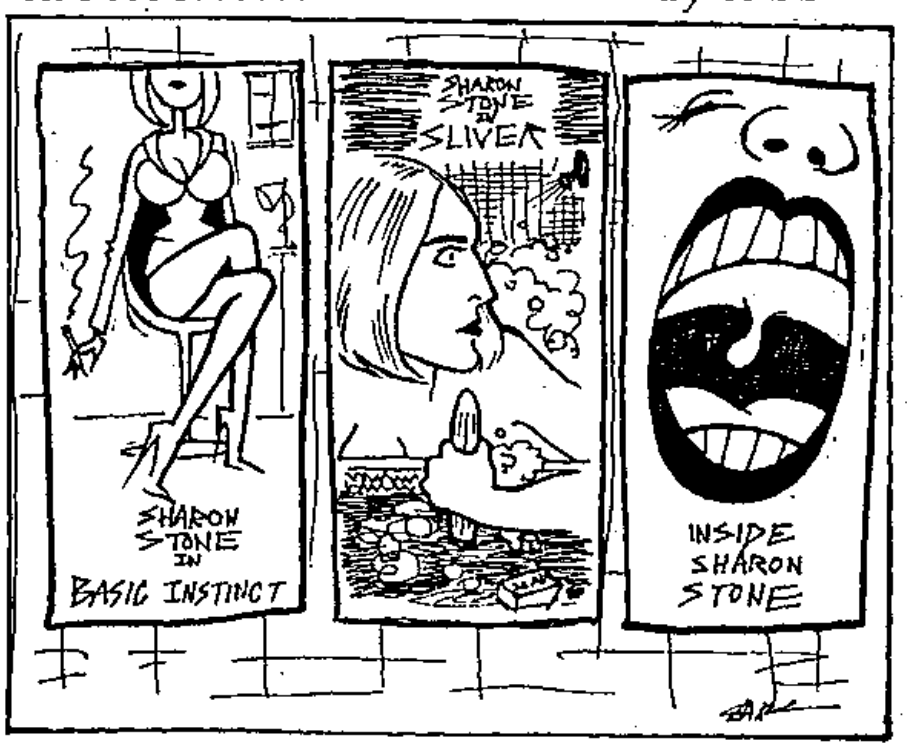
I love you guys and thanks: Lee, for the constant kicks in the ass. Eddy, for coming out to play (even if I did get a baby beer and a spoonful of water). Tracy, for being that bothersome person that just would not go away. James, for Cassandra and the "flitting". Carolyn, for the unwanted kisses. Paula, for being the littlest star that shines the brightest (and not eating meat). Rob, for the special catering services. Sandy, for trying so hard to make everything work (and the personal baseball glove). Janet, for some of your advice (since your not my real friend). Janette, for never being around (since you are my real friend). And finally, a special "gesture" to Cindy. Who, if she had not been what I thought and not acted in the anticipated manner, I would have lost my self confidence.

I want to say that if there was ever a best place to call home, HOURS will remain the second best. I will always enjoy the time spent at my second home. Thanks for finding the life in me, and making me see it again.

I really do. Love Ya! Mean It! Thanks again, from my heart.

Alison

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



One-In-Ten New Production Opens June 16

TUCSON - One in Ten Repertory, Arizona's Premier Gay & Lesbian Theatre Company will be putting on their latest production, Adam & The Experts.

The play, written by Victor Bumbalo, is the story of a man whose best friend is dying of AIDS and his overwhelming desire to be a friend. It is a celebration of the will to live, and of average people whom circumstances turn into heroes.

The production will premier June 16 and run through to July 4. The play will be seen Wednesdays through Sundays during this time. The production can be seen at the Historic "Y" Theatre, 738 North Fifth Avenue, in Tucson. Tickets will run $9, the tickets will be available at the door, in advance at Antigone Books on Fourth Avenue, or by calling One in Ten Theatre at 770-9279 for reservations. Discount and season passes are also available. Call 770-9279 for more information.

Transsexual Loses Discrimination Case

OLYMPIA - Washington's state Supreme Court has ruled that Boeing Co. did not discriminate when it fired a transsexual employee for wearing excessively feminine attire before he had a sex change operation.

"Jane Doe" filed a handicap discrimination suit against Boeing after her firing in 1985, contending the company had not accommodated her gender dysphoria, discomfort with her anatomical sex, while she was still a male.

The Supreme Court disagreed, saying "Boeing did not discharge her because of that condition."

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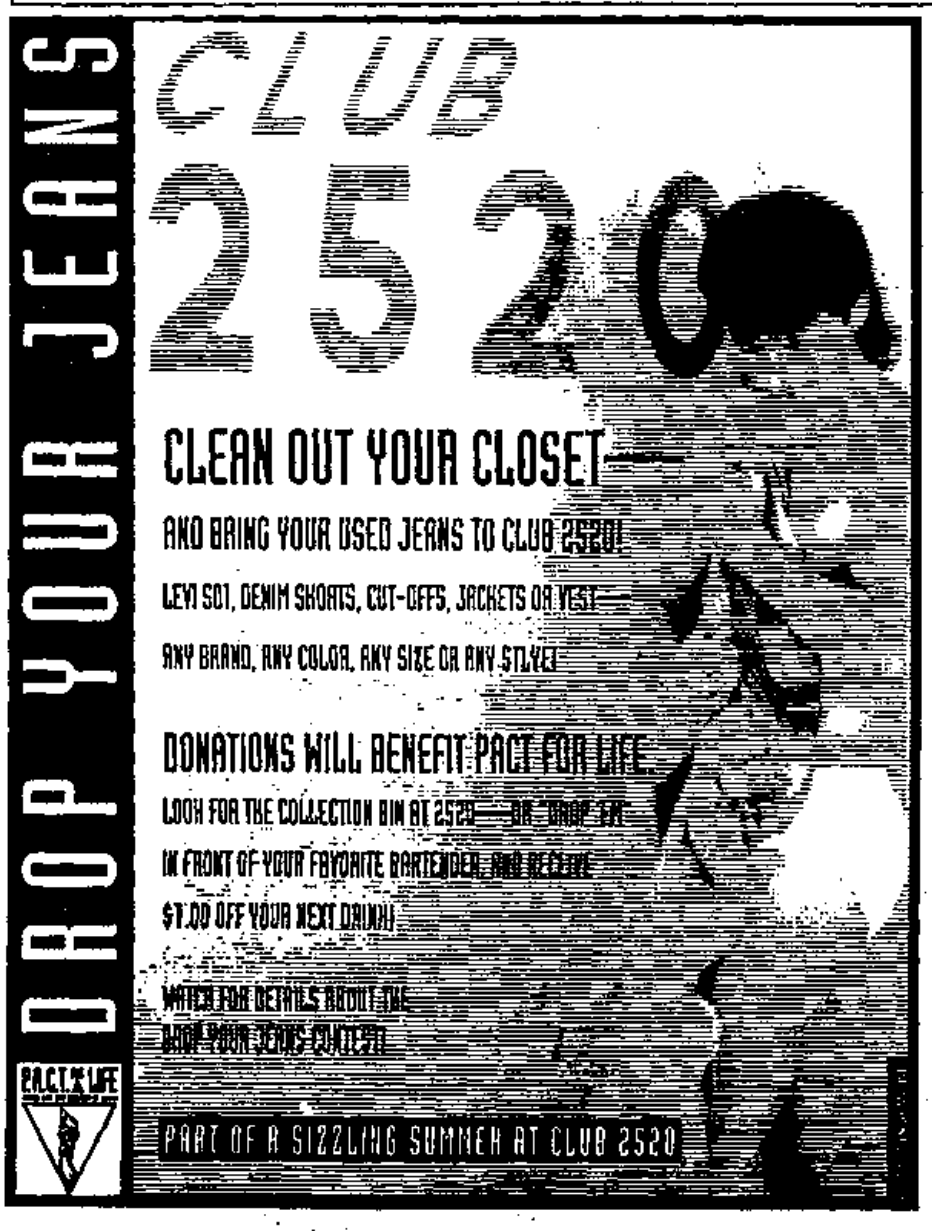

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

All throughout our lives we are instructed as to how to live and conduct our lives. From the time of birth to the time of death, people seem to kind of enjoy directing our lives.

Those of us who are independent minded try hard to break the shackles of society's guidelines. One of these areas which society has intruded upon is that of one's right to self termination. Some people like to refer to it as euthanasia and those that do not approve of it call it suicide.

There is a tremendous difference between the act of suicide and the right of self termination. Suicide in it's true form is a waste of life in an act of desperation. Self termination is a well thought through end to a very painful experience.

The reactions that I have gotten from numerous people when broaching the subject has been surprisingly negative, but I must say that unless one is faced directly on a personal level with the situation, they cannot fully understand nor comprehend the experience.

That is why this week, I am offering to you a piece of literature that was written over a year ago and I have held until now to protect the innocent. This is an account of what transpired between two best friends. For obvious reasons, no names were used and a few things have been changed out of consideration for others living and gone. The account is offered as is to allow people to come to their own opinion below:

Day One. It's finally time. The doctor said that no more can be done and has placed him in a hospice. It seems that two years worth of struggle are near an end. I knew this day would come, but it just feels strange. The doctor gives him only hours to live. We have discussed this before and now we wait.

Day Two. I finally brought myself to insist on his living will put into effect. He agreed. He can't walk anymore, but still has the strength to argue and be his normally disagreeable self. It was always his way of dealing with things. He tells me not to just sit around and watch him die. He said to make myself useful.

Day Three. He drifts in and out and he is in pain. I went to the nurse and insisted she give him morphine. She does. I sit and hold his hand and brush his hair. He can't grasp my hand the way he could yesterday.

Without medication for his CMV, he's going blind. I know he's scared. I whisper into his ear that I am here for him. He softly tells me, "I hurt, I'm tired. Please end it." All I could say was, "I love you, I'm here," and I began to cry. I kept asking myself, "Is he asking me what he seems to be asking me? Why am I hesitating? Can I really go through with it?" I'll sleep on it.

Day Four. He's blind. He can barely speak anymore. I have a hard time understanding him. I know he is getting upset with me but I just can't always understand him anymore when he tries to speak. I laid down next to him in his bed, holding him close. I want to make it better, but I can't. It's not fair.

Day Five. His eyes have turned steel blue and are fixed open. He can't speak, move, or see. I kiss him on the cheek and tell him that I am there. He takes a deep breath. I knew he is suffering. How can I go on calling him my friend and telling him that I love him and let him suffer this way. I lean over and tell him, "It will be okay, baby. I'm here. It will be over soon. I promise." He took a deep breath, I kissed him and left.

Day Six. It's time. Originally, the doctor said he wouldn't last but hours. It's been six days. All of my upbringing and religious beliefs tell me I can't even consider what I'm considering. But my mind is made up. His last wish will be honored.

I was busy the night before reading and researching. I know he wouldn't want me to get into any trouble. it made it easier that he had requested to be cremated. I entered his dimly lit room. his mother was sitting by his side, holding his hand. I told her that she could go to get a bit of air and have a cigarette. She thanked me, gave me a hug and hurried out to the courtyard.

I sat on the bed next to him and held his hand. It was ice cold. I kissed him and whispered in his ear. "I'm here, baby. It's time to go." He took a deep breath. "Take another deep breath if this is what you really want," I told him. He did. I knew he wasn't able to swallow. So I had obtained the right amount of injectable drug from the street. I had it capped and in my pocket. I pulled it out and inserted it into his catheter. I had been assured that he would just drift away. I quickly recapped the syringe and put it into my pocket. Just then, his mother reappeared. I told her I had to go but to let me know if anything happens. I gave him one last kiss and told him to save me a place and that I loved him.

A bit later, I received a phone call. "He's gone." Even though I knew, it still hurt. I know that there are those out there who believe I was wrong or even that i will burn in hell. There is no way any of those people could conceivably understand. And in a way, I hope they never have to make that choice. I really don't care what others may think. I'm at peace with myself, my baby, and yes, even my God.

The author of this piece, because of society's prejudices and the law's restrictions, must remain anonymous. It is a sad and pathetic thing that society not only tells us how to live, who to make love to, how to make love to them, and the purpose of making love to them and even try to restrict us on how to die.

Until any of us are ever put into the situation of having to make a choice, it is easy to make the choice for others. My personal belief is that each of us has a god given right to live to our own pleasure without the restrictions of people's prejudices as long as we do not hinder another's right to the same. Just as I believe that each of us, if faced with unending pain and misery, have the right to self termination. We will never have total agreement in our society on this issue, and I know that. But that does not change my unswerving belief in a person's right to personal decision on self termination.

Until next week, Sean, 327-6086.

At The Closet Door

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On The Average

I used to wonder what was wrong with me. Not because I was queer, you understand (I accepted that as normal at age 3), but because I was somehow out of step with mainstream American life. In school, I was the kid everybody hated for screwing up the bell curve. I haven't fit into my category on those "height and weight" tables since I was eight years old. I stopped thinking about being a statistical anomaly when I was about twenty one, but recently the idea of the "average American" has been bothering me again. Unlike the touchy word "normal", average is definable with little difficulty. What scares me sometimes is the distance between me and the averages. I am finally happy with the way I am. I'm concerned about the average American, though. Here are some examples:

I don't follow sports. In fact, I resent the amount of money and energy devoted to college and professional sports. I see them as time killers, wastes of money, marketing opportunities, or the games they were meant to be; the average American man knows more and cares more about sports than about religion, politics, history, literature, or art. The average American man cannot hold a conversation except about sports (ask any woman); I can converse about practically anything but sports.

While I really enjoy Coca-Cola's current ad campaign (especially the polar bear commercial), their ad money is utterly wasted on me. I simply don't like the stuff. I never have. I used to like Pepsi, but as I get older, my taste for sweet things has lessened. I prefer my bottled water or seltzer to be water flavored. Budweiser (and most other American beer) tastes like brackish sugar water to me. The average American loves that swill; the proof is in Anheuser-Busch's profits. Yuck! Make my chocolate bittersweet, please.

I drive a seven year old Hyundai with dents and dings and a broken dashboard from the time someone tried to steal my stereo. It's dirty and generally full of trash, but it gets me where I need to go. It isn't air conditioned and is starting to show its age. I feel no need to replace it until it falls apart. I like the fact that I can leave it unlocked: no self respecting car thief would give it a second look. The average American does not hold onto a car for six or eight years or more, but wants the "new" model as she/he can afford it.

My taste in music has baffled people for years: straight ahead jazz, minimalist opera, old blues, punk, classical, Tom Waits, Laurie Anderson, Gregorian chant and the Bulgarian State Women's Chorus. Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, and Abbey Lincoln are my idols; the average American has never heard of them, much less their stories and their music.

I'm queer and out of the closet. I have three nipples. I am uncircumcised. My IQ tests as 139 or so. I enjoy S/M sex. What else can I tell you? I don't fit the pigeonhole that contemporary American society has designed for me. The averages just don't apply.

Why is this important. After all, there is no accounting for taste, and most of my examples are simply matters of personal preference. (Note to the religious right: Being Gay is not a choice. Being open about it is.) Yet in the America of the late 20th century, genuine opinions of any kind are not welcome. One may pick which sports teams to cheer for, which church to attend, which cola to drink, or which TV show to watch. What will get you into trouble with any of these choices is attempting to answer "none of the above."

Freedom of religion no longer seems to imply freedom from religion, especially the evangelical varieties. You will not be popular around the water cooler if you favorite TV program is "off". If you can't talk sports, most American men will be unable to say more than hello. Even other queers will think you're sick if you go in for the kinky stuff.

What it all boils down to it this message. Don't ask questions. Don't make waves.

That, it seems, is the fundamental difference between me and the "average American": I have questions, and I ask them. I do not accept whatever it is I am told to think, believe, buy, wear, or do. I do not trust institutions. I am contrary and perverse enough to oppose "popular culture" (an oxymoron) on general grounds, much less specific matters of taste and behavior. I have opinions and I express them, and gets me in trouble every time.

I insist that there is no such thing as received truth; each person must discover the truth alone and without Cliff Notes. The average American seems to swallow "the truth" whole without questioning the source, and then want to force that "truth" down my throat as well. I maintain that the most fundamental American characteristic is the right and desire to be left alone. Do what you like with your life; I truly do not care. My mind and my body (and what I do with them both) is simply not anyone else's affair. I will see to my spirit as well, thank you, without help, proselytizing, or coercion.

What we have here are the makings of a curmudgeon. Ah well, it could be worse. Instead of inhabiting one end or the other of every bell curve onto which I am placed, I could be perched firmly at the pinnacle of "averageness". I cannot imagine a worse fate.

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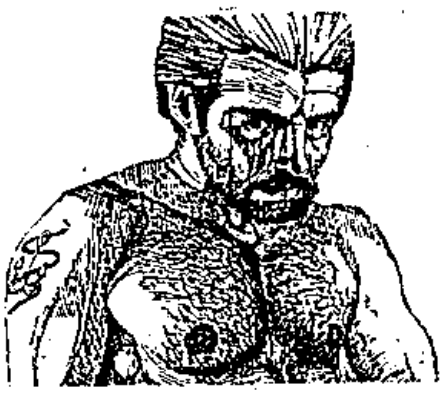

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What About The Lesbian?

It's been a while since I stumbled onto the Picket Fences "Lesbian episode." I watched with that sense of hope and dread with which many of us view mainstream depictions of homosexuality, and for days I wasn't sure why I found the seemingly benign, sometimes positive show to be so depressing.

The plot was simple. Lisa, Kim's best friend, suggests that they kiss for curiosity's sake, and Kim enjoys the kiss enough to be terrified. Then Lisa expresses her delight in the kiss, and in Kim. Kim says, "I like boys," but doesn't deny having "felt something" from the kiss. Kim's brother eavesdrops on the conversation, then informs their mother that Kim is a "lesbo." Someone overhears Kim's brother, and soon the whole town gossips that Kim and Lisa are Gay. Kim's boyfriend interrogates Kim, and when she doesn't deny kissing Lisa, he stalks away in anger.

Kim's mother tells Kim's father, and they do the "was it my fault" routine, then chide themselves on their illiberality. However, although they know that homophobia is bad, they want their daughter to have an easy, i.e., heterosexual existence. They finally decide to talk to Kim, who says that, yes, she is scared that she might be Gay, particularly since her biological mother once had an affair with a woman, and isn't it genetic? Kim then talks to the bio-mom, who explains that, for a time, she was a political Lesbian and recommends that Kim take time to understand just what her feelings are before acting on them.

Meanwhile, Kim's parents call in Lisa's parents and tell them about the kiss, and Lisa's parents have a major fit. Kim's parents guilt trip Lisa's parents, supposedly calming them down so that Lisa and Kim can still be friends.

Finally, Lisa and Kim meet to talk (while Kim's adopted and bio-mom sit downstairs scared that Lisa and Kim are doing it!). Lisa tells Kim how much she loves her, then gently strokes her hair. Seeing that Kim has no response, Lisa bravely says, "Well, I guess we both learned something about ourselves."

There are many things that could be said about this show; depictions of homosexuality are still so rare that each holds great weight. However, this column focuses on two of the themes that depressed me: the depiction of male-female relationships and the general point of view.

When Kim's bio-mom tells Kim about her long-ago political Lesbianism, she explains that women are gentle, sensitive, and emotional, while men are neanderthals. The show echoes this belief system through its depictions of Kim's boyfriend and of Lisa. The boyfriend is short tempered with Kim, and his "caress" seems more like an abrupt wrestling move, while Lisa listens to Kim, respects Kim, and approaches her with loving tenderness.

Considering all of this, how can this show then argue, with a straight face, that it's "easier to be heterosexual"? Yes, Lesbians suffer from oppression, and yes, we're often out of the mainstream (a plus in my book), but why is a show known for its quirkiness preaching that it's worth giving up sensitivity and love to be average? Looking at the real life women I know, I find it simple to make a case that it's easier to be a Lesbian. Amazingly enough, Picket Fences makes the same case, after all Lesbianism spares you life with a neanderthal, but the show doesn't listen to itself.

What really galled me about this TV hour, however, was that it totally ignored the Lesbian point of view. Lisa truly loves Kim, but no attention is paid to the facts that she gets rejected by the first person she ever loved; that she loses the privacy to come out in her own time; and that she will have to deal with her parents' responses to her Lesbianism before she has the chance to deal with her own. The writers of Picket Fences don't care about Lisa; she's just a prop for a storyline about Kim's parents' response to the possibility of their child being Gay.

This interpretation is backed by Kim's bio-mom's discussion of her involvement with a woman. Not once does she mention who the woman was or what she was like. Nor does she express regret at having used the woman for her life experiment; again, the Lesbian is not a person but a prop.

I suspect that the creators of Picket Fences meant well and would be surprised at my criticism. But, at best, the message was, "It's okay to be Gay, particularly if you're someone else's kid and you don't mind playing second fiddle." Is this progress? I think not.

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Frank Hartigan

Thursday, June 3 is the General Meeting night for next month. We will meet at 7:30 PM on the patio of the Venture-N. This meeting weill include a very important agenda. We will be selecting a new secretary and a new road captain. All members are urged to attend.

After the general meeting, there will be a Bear Beer Bust, which has been lots of fun the last couple of months. We will sell draft beer for fifty cents; proceeds go to the Bears. Thanks (as always) to Jim and his crew at the Venture-N for their support. Agenda items for the meeting will include upcoming video nights, the pride picnic, and a June camping trip as well as some interesting surprises. Your attendance is encouraged.

Our newsletter editor would like to remind us that submissions for the newsletter should be turned in this week. Call the number below for more information on how to submit material.

Do you have anything you would like included in this column? Members, this is your space. Call Rich at 790-9419 by Monday evening to place items for that Wednesday's paper.

The Bears of the Old Pueblo is a social club which exists to provide a safe place for bears and big men and those who enjoy their company. Membership is open to all. No membership dues are collected; all monies come from fund-raising efforts and donations. If you would like to know more about the Bears, call us at 327-8781 or write to us at P.O. Box 40021, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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POLITICS '93

by Mark Kerr

New list with potential candidates for 1994. Terry Goddard makes it official, again. These were the high(low)lights of the week:

Recently at a State Democratic Party meeting, a list of names mentioned for running in 1994 for various elected offices was given to State Executive Committee members. Yours truly managed to obtain a copy of this "hot sheet", and some of the names mentioned are a little surprising.

First off, in the State House, Leslie "Those God Awful Hats!" Whiting Johnson of Glendale, Evan Mecham's mouthpiece will not be seeking another term. Johnson, a Republican, plans to spend 1994 campaign for her initiative to bring back the tax on food. (Gee! A Republican wanting to raise our taxes!) Democratic house member, Bob McClendon of Yuma is just leaving, he doesn't want another term.

Some House and State Senate members are going to try for a higher state job next year. For Secretary of State, you have 4 members trying for the post which will be abandoned by the ambitious Richard Mahoney, when he challenges Dennis DeConcini for the U.S. Senate next year. Those four members are Reps. Cathy Eden (D-Dist. 25), Rep. Jane Dee Hull (R-Dist. 18), Sen. Stan Furman (D-Dist. 16), and Sen. Patti Noland (R-Dist. 13).

In the A.G.'s race, the "golden boy" of the Senate, Sen. Chuck Blanchard (D-Dist 25), is named as a possible challenger to Grant Woods. For Superintendent of Public Instruction, the incumbent, Democrat C. Diane Bishop will be tested next year. Expected to challenge her for the Democratic nod will be State Senator Lela Alston (D-Dist. 20). On the Republican side, State Senator Bev "I'm for veterans" Hermon (R-Dist. 27) is one of three Republican challengers to the winner of the Democratic tracas.

For Congress, it will be a donnybrook for some Districts. In C.D. 1, where Republicans have 50%-36% edge in registration over Democrats, candidates are lining up in groves to challenge the Democratic incumbent, Sam Coppersmith. They G.O.P. contenders are Rep. Matt Salmon (Dist. 25), Rep. Pat Blake (Dist. 29), and former House members Stan "I got caught" Barnes, and William Mundell.

In C.D. 4, the Republican District, people are lining up to succeed Jon Kyl, who will be the Republican candidate to challenge for the U.S. Senate next year. The wannabees range from House members; Sue Gerard, John Kaites, and Ernie Baird; State Senator Tom Patterson; Maricopa Supervisor Jim Brunner; Goldwater endorsed John Shaddegg, and raging homophobe, and former House member Trent Franks.

In C.D. 5, former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy, and State Senator Cindy Resnick are mentioned as Democratic challengers to Republican Jim Kolbe. In C.D. 6, the Republican "name" mentioned to challenge Rep. Karan English is State Rep. David Schweikert (Dist. 28).

The surprise was the Arizona Corporation Commission race. On the Democratic side, the name mentioned as the standard bearer is none other than former State Senator David Bartlett (Dist. 13). (Gee, I thought he was through with politics! Guess not!)

As you probably read, former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, made it official. He is running for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The two other characters planning to run, Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson and Eddie Basha will get into the raise later, (Basha in June of this year, Johnson in January of 1994.)

Until next time, do we care?

PERSPECTIVE

by Dan McDonald

Now is the time for all good Gay men and Lesbians to form the NATIONAL STONEWALL PARTY through out the United States. A party of our own to thwart the intolerance raging against us. A party to promote our interests. A party to consolidate our votes to effect the preferred outcome in local, state, and national elections.

John Dos Passos writes: In times of change and danger when there is a quicksand of fear under men's reasoning, a sense of continuity with generations gone before can stretch like a lifeline across the scary present. Our 'continuity' reaches beyond millennia; more recently, twenty three years back to the Stonewall uprising in New York City, June, 1969. The 'scary present' will remain long after the euphoria over the Clinton election subsides. From Stonewall we drink at the font of courage to stand up for ourselves; in the 'scary present' we remain ever vigilant for new incursions on much deserved rights fairly won.

Galebis (a neologism compressing Gays, Lesbians, & Bi-sexuals into one word) face danger in placing too much faith in the promises of a given candidate, even a successful candidate. Two such promises are currently etched on the national consciousness: Lifting the ban on galebis in the military and the appointment of an AIDS czar. Yes, they will come about in some form; likely not as quickly nor as comprehensive as you might expect. Further, executive orders issued by one president can be rescinded by another, even overturned by Congress. if Bill Clinton is a one term president and, worse, another Reagan-Bush type assumes office again in 1996, we're back to square one. And still unorganized.

Political wisdom has it that third parties will play an increasingly important role in the nation's politics by the turn of the century. Several reasons are given, three stand out: 1) Widespread disenchantment in the much touted sameness of the two major parties. 2) The possible fractioning (and/or takeover) of the Republican Party by the religious right. 3) The changing role of the media and information technologies (Election '92 was an end run around the established, orthodox media). Throw in the economic crisis and the fact that several polls indicate that more than 50% would welcome a new party and you have the recipe for radical change. Seize the moment. Because we are, potentially, ten percent of the electorate the National Stonewall Party has the opportunity to become the largest and most effective of the third parties.

Let us ride the winds of change,

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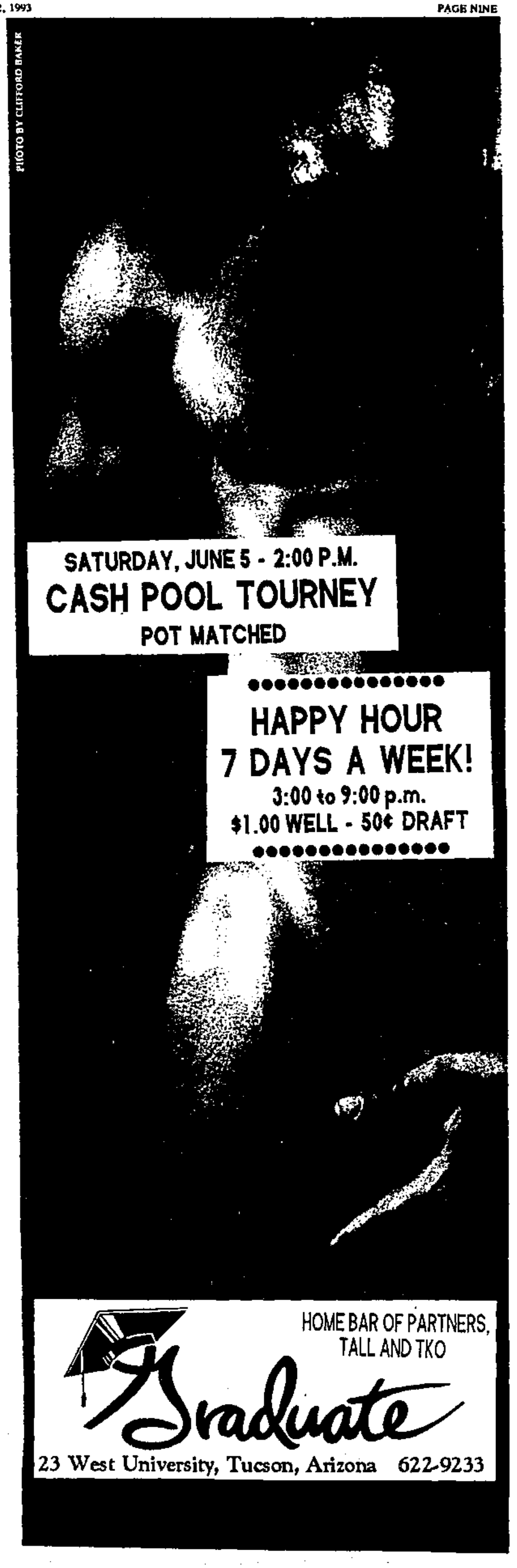

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San Francisco Gas Chamber Awaits Killer Of Gay Man

SAN FRANCISCO - The next person scheduled to die in San Francisco's gas chamber was dubbed by the press as the "Gay Slayer."

Edgar Hendricks, 39, was convicted of murdering four Gay men in 1980 in that city. His case, although largely ignored by the Gay media, involved many issues faced by Gays nationwide: alcohol and sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and the psychology of Gay bashing.

According to trial transcript and other court records, Hendrick's pathology toward Gays began when he was 13 years old when he was living with his brother in Detroit, after having been passed from relative to relative following the death of his mother. His father didn't want him.

At that time, Hendricks met an older man who promised him work at a car factory. Instead, the man took Hendricks home with him and raped him.

In a 1981 interview Hendricks explained that this was the genesis of his "hatred of homosexuals."

"I had all this rage against homosexuals for everything they had done to me. All those years, I had been a time bomb, and then I was exploding," he reportedly said.

Hendricks exploded in the summer of 1980, murdering four Gay men in a three month period.

He had come to the West Coast in 1979, but was unable to find himself work. Despite his aversion to Gay men, he became a male prostitute.

He robbed and killed two Los Angeles men who picked him up before moving to San Francisco.

Hendricks attracted men seeking the company of a well built and masculine African American 26 year old. He was a total topman, an active partner in anal sex and a passive partner in oral sex.

Victim Harry Carter, 79, housed Hendricks in his apartment for about two weeks. It was testified that when Carter ordered Hendricks out, Hendricks responded by murdering Carter, by repeatedly stabbing him in the neck with a kitchen knife.

Victim James Parmer was shot in the back of the neck.

Hendricks told the court that Gay white men looked at him as a sex object, and failed to treat him like a human being. "They didn't look at me as a person," he said.

Each of his victims was a white man.

On September 14, 1980, Hendricks met Joseph Nelson.

Nelson, an admitted alcoholic, had a history of getting drunk and picking up hustlers. Nelson convinced Hendricks to come to his house for a sexual encounter for which he'd pay $50. That night Hendricks engaged in one sexual encounter with Nelson and in two encounters with Nelson's roommate James Parmer, who told Hendricks that Nelson would pay for it.

Hendricks believed he was owed $150 for the evening, but Nelson only paid him $20, claiming that was all the cash he had. Nelson said he would pay the balance on the next day, a Monday, when the banks opened. But he only paid an additional $50 at the time.

According to his testimony, Hendricks had learned that Nelson had a reputation for paying hustlers less than he'd promised and he felt like he had been taken advantage of.

Hendricks broke into Nelson's apartment the next day to demand payment while the two roommates were still at work. Parmer returned home first, and a fight ensued between the two men.

"You weren't any good anyway. You weren't anything in bed," Hendricks testified that Parmer told him. "I don't think Nelson should pay you a cent."

Hendricks said that he and Parmer were standing nearly face to face when he pulled out his gun and shot Parmer six times. Parmer was hit twice in the head and four more times laying on the floor.

Hendricks, determined to get the money owed him waited for Nelson to return, the Washington Blade reports.

Upon Nelson's arrival Hendricks said, "Lay down you fucking queer. I'm going to kill you." Nelson fled from the house, with Hendricks chasing after him. Eventually Hendricks fled.

Eight days later Hendricks was picked up by Charleston Haynes. The two men engaged in anal and oral intercourse. A fight began between the two when Haynes wanted to switch roles and h[illegible] Hendricks fellate him.

Hendricks and Haynes fought. Haynes reportedly reached under his bed for what Hendricks thought would be a gun. Hendricks then pulled his own gun and shot Haynes twice in the back of the neck. Haynes was still breathing, so Hendricks shot him three more times in the back.

Hendricks took Haynes' checkbook and loose cash then fled from the crime scene.

Nelson identified Hendricks from mug shots in November 1980. He arrested in March 1981.

Hendrick's trial occurred just after the controversial light sentencing of former Supervisor Dan White in the shooting deaths of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and openly Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Here I go again. Whether or not it does any good, at least some of you reading this will understand my point and at times, maybe even help to correct. The Amber colored pitcher has departed from the Graduate.

Monday I attended, along with many others, the annual Memorial Day Show at the Graduate. I took a breather, walking outside for a little air. While standing there, out walked a group of people carrying at least 4 glasses and 1 pitcher of beer. They got into their vehicles and pulled off.

Before they left, I went over to one of the drivers, asking about those items, requesting they either take them back inside or give to me for return. I was told they had no idea what I was talking about.

Do they realize just what all could have happened both to themselves and the bar itself? I'm sure at one time or another all of us have tried to slip a drink out of the bar, myself included, but on that group - what I saw was plain stealing in a big way. It is a shame people will do these things, thinking they have gotten away with something cute. To me, placing the bar and all employees in jeopardy is not funny or cute. And as far as I am concerned, I hope they never return.

Now on to a happier note. The show at the Graduate Monday was, as always when Avia Diamond puts one together, very entertaining and in spots humorous. When you consider that those performers were up very early Monday morning getting ready for a show, they still gave 100% and those in attendance watching, enjoyed themselves.

The number 13 has always been an unlucky number for those who believe in superstition. High rise buildings often omit the 13th floor. Well the unlucky number 13 caught up to the oldest club in Tucson, the Tucson Knight Owls. This was their 13th annual Spring Fling and participation was missing.

But in the true spirit of the club, the run went on and this year even the club members themselves were allowed to play the different games scheduled, for possibly winning of trophies.

The games were simple, 10 questions from a tour of the zoo, 3 rounds of darts and 3 round of What Am I questions. After all games were played and the scores tallied, Tommy M. (TKO) walked off with first place, Patrick M. (Bears) walked off with second place and Keith K. (TKO) took home third place. The Trash award this year at first started out a tie, and believe it or not I (of all innocent people) was one of those tied for it. After the tie was broken and the winner determined, not me thank goodness, everyone watched the show.

As luck would have it and as those of us that have awarded trash awards know, something can just happen minutes prior to the award being presented. Yes, it happened this time and Doris S. (TKO) captured it with her performance with Lucinda during the show.

Another yearly award passed out during the TKO awards presentations is the Graduate's "Club Person of the Year" award. This year I was able to present both last year's and this year's. For 1992 the winner was Stan and for 1993 Rudi. Congratulations goes out to both.

The date is not set as of this writing, but Rumorz and TKO are teaming up to have a Closet Ball show over at Rumorz. This will be a Roger B. Cancer Research Benefit, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Research Center at the U of A. The format, rules and all have been changed this year, allowing anyone who is not a current crown holder to enter. Entry fee for contestants will be $5 each, also going to the benefit.

When all the final details have been worked out, I will publish everything in my column and also place over at Rumorz.
If all goes well, next week I'll have this information and be able to pass it on.

For now I guess that will be it for this week. Have yourself a beautiful and loving week.

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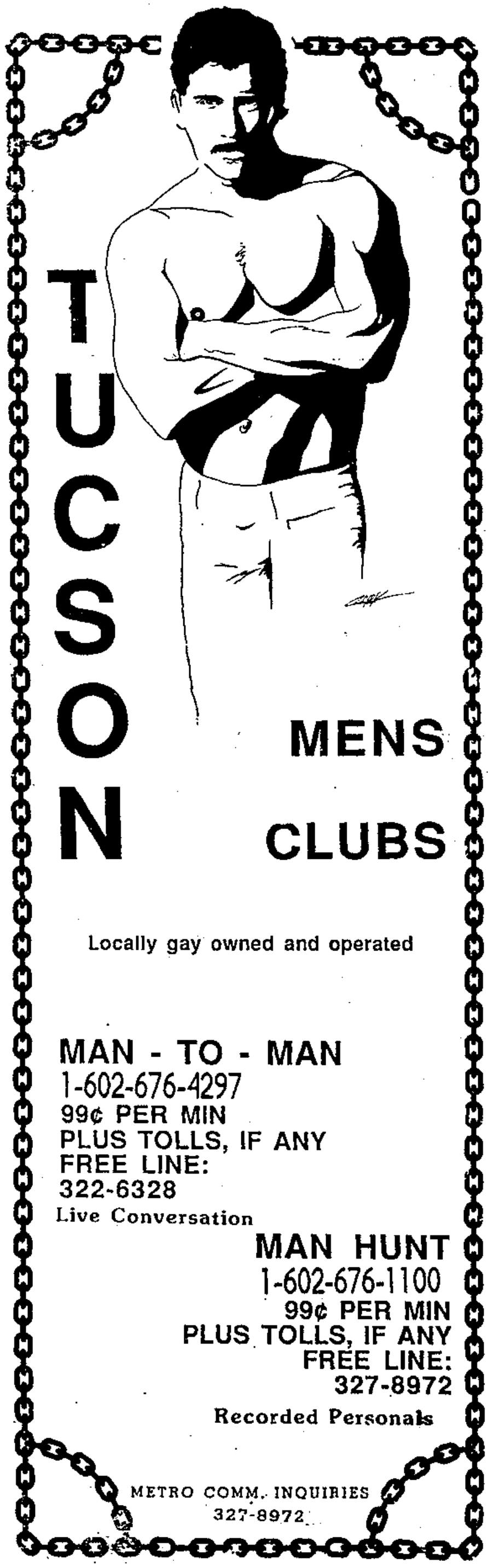

HOROSCOPES by Daryl

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Your frank way of dealing with things is always appreciated by those around you. You will feel extra social this week and it is part of the way your cosmos are directing you. There are many people who hold you in great regard and should be afforded some good times with you. Your sex appeal will court romantic liaisons and open up future opportunities.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 20

Most of your thoughts will be lucid and dreamlike. Your mind will not really be concentrating on the here and now. Thoughts from the distant past may be somewhat difficult to shake. If you find that this flashback helps to warm your soul, then go ahead and linger with the memory. Following your heart always leads you in the right direction.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 20

You have a great thirst this week for brain stimulation. If you are not satisfied with the activities around you, go out a stir up some legitimate events for local color and fun. Problems surround a close friend and make you feel indifferent towards the current path that it is taking. Best advice: Ignore the negative, capitalize on the positive attributes and proceed with directness and concise plans yielding to interpretation.

CANCER
JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Your business profile has had fresh air breathed into the whole of it. You assume the new definition with great pride as it only leads to your personal betterment. Social gatherings are spawning grounds for networking and seem to work to your advantage. Amour may be lurking in the wings if your interested. Use caution in realizing your new status which may separate you from yourself.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Energy abounds! The stars have Venus in Aries trining in Leo. This dumps opportunity, travel, nightlife and social situations right into your week. You relish every moment and make the most of it. Partners that accompany you enjoy the times more than ever, those unaccompanied will find it easier than ever to assume romantic encounters. Enjoy!

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

A self effacing attitude is one not wisely practiced this week. You will have to be very aware and detailed especially where finances are concerned. A mysterious encounter baffles you and strikes your interest beyond the normal. Romance circles your activities and pokes around to activate your senses and lure your heart.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Be ready for your friends to plan your social calendar and whisk you off to potentially romantic situations. Doing favors for people has not ever been a problem and someone wishes to reward you for your efforts. Be humble and be sure to accept graciously but, be sure to accept! You will also be yearning to feel the closeness that only occurs in a romantic partnership.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22

Although you prefer to be private about your personal life, people may wish to share some personal experiences on a very sincere level this week. Advances in your career appear to make you more affable and approachable. Friendships are often formed from work situations and could possibly lead to amorous situations. Be kind not to be sharply honest or highly critical.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

You make sure to enjoy yourself and simply have fun this week! By fate or happenstance you are thrust into a very sensual encounter which compliments you immensely. Be sure not to pepper the spicy situation with romantic inquiries. If it was meant to be it shall evolve. Get out and interact with your favorite type of instructional hobby which will benefit both parties in the short run.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Like it or not romance will have to take center stage this week. Some things cannot continue to run without being replenished and nurtured. Your love life is the mainstay of all your energy and sustains you through high pressured times. Your job will not feel a pinch, nor will your duties be shirked, as a result. Relax and share your dreams for a little while.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

The answer to dissatisfaction is not always an external solution. Introspection will help you overcome a particular difficulty in your relationship. Love is not all roses and is an exercise in humility and understanding. Before you attempt something you will regret, break it down to small portions, comb out the tangles, identify the obstacle and work through it. Happiness is loves greatest reward.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Creativity is your greatest resource at this time. Your career has been the result of many original ideas and fresh approaches resulting in admiration from peers and superiors alike. There is nothing wrong realizing that you are good and sharing your skills or making examples of them. Opportunities may arise from social encounters that may further advance your position in life.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This past week-end we celebrated memorial Day and Pentecostal Sunday. The Memorial Day Week-end is the beginning of the summer season. Public swimming pools are now open, public schools have now closed for the summer, vacations are now on the agenda for a lot of people and with the warm, no, hot weather, being here everyone just lies back trying to keep cool. Pentecostal Sunday is celebrated to commemorate the birth of the Church. Thousands were converted to Christianity in just a few days after Pentecost nearly two thousand years ago. So, at this time, most churches have conflict the same as MCC-Tucson. Attendance be much smaller at worship services during the summer months and at the same time it is a time for growth within the church.

MCC-Tucson is planning many activities during the summer to help stimulate an interest in the family of God. The Social Committee is busy making plans and arrangements for these upcoming events. There are plans for picnics, outings, swimming parties and special events at the church. Watch for dates and details as these events are announced.

Rev. Nita is now on vacation in Maine. Rev. Nita will return to Tucson on June 29th. She will be spending this time with her parents. Rev. Ed Perry has regular office hours at the church, Wednesday through Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Deacons are at the church on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

At this time, our Sunday worship services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Our Wednesday Mid-Week service is at 7:00 p.m. There are no plans at this time to eliminate any worship services.

Thought for the week: As far as I'm concerned, being old is always being fifteen years older than I am now.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Every day I try to watch the TV weathermen Willard Scott or Michael Goodrich. They tell those watching what the weather is like in other states, what the Tucson temperature might reach, and whether to carry an umbrella. This time of year Michael usually tells us whether or not we can fry an egg on the sidewalk. The real weather seems to be occurring in other states where there are tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and hailstorms.

History books and the Bible tells us about a hailstorm that hit Egypt long ago. It was when the Israelites were Egyptian slaves and wanted their freedom. The Egyptians wouldn't let the slaves leave to go to a new land and wouldn't let them worship God. So God told Moses he's send a plague of hail on the whole nation of Egypt. Every Egyptian who was outdoors and all of their livestock were killed. All of the trees and crops were totally destroyed. The only portion of the country left untouched was the land of Goshen where the Israelites lived.

Now that was a storm worse than anything Willard Scott has seen! Can you imagine how a storm like that would be reported on the national weather? "A hailstorm within the boundaries of an entire nation. Hundreds of thousands of people and animals killed. Mysteriously a small portion of the nation was untouched." This would be beyond the Red Cross disaster aid. Everyone would be talking about God and his power!

Why does it often take a disaster to get our attention about the power of God? He is as all powered today as he was back then. He also is just as loving and compassionate. A lot of people aren't familiar with God, with his son Jesus, or the Holy Spirit. Even if you don't know him, the Bible says that God knew you when you were in your mother's womb. "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my uniformed body. (Psalm 139:15, 16a NIV) So, whether or not you know him, he knows you. He'd like to take care of you, bless you, and protect you just as he did the Israelites. It's up to you, though. Take that step, read the Bible, talk to other Christians. If you don't know any, come to Cornerstone Fellowship. We can teach you how God isn't just "the man upstairs" but a loving companion and guide.

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Would like to congratulate the following teams for their galant efforts in the "TOURNAMENT OF THE STARS" in Los Angeles over the Memorial Day weekend:

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(**DAVID, who were those 3 guys you met ..... and what did you say you did in the elevator!!!!!!!!!!)

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We would like to extend our appreciation and a big "THANK YOU" to Michael Bennett and Peter Sittig and Club 2520 for their support and hospitality during the TOURNAMENT OF STARS" Softball Tournament in Los Angeles held over Memorial Day Weekend. Your support definitely gives meaning to the Gay Pride Theme A FAMILY OF PRIDE."

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

IBT'S - The fabulous Glamazons are back with your hostess, Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X, Raven, Lucinda Holliday, Gilda Fatalé and Mr. Dani Reid. Showtime 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

GRADUATE - Beginning this Saturday and then every first Saturday of each month, Bucky will cook his fabulous egg omelettes here from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you haven't tried them, be sure to be here early!

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

IBT'S - GO GO Dancers with music by DJ David Z. Get here early and check out the bods.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

IBT'S - The Sunday benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Busts are back and this Sunday they money will go to PFLAG. It goes from 3 to 6 p.m. and there couldn't be a better recipient that the Parents and friends of Lesbians and Gays - PFLAG!

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

RUMORZ - Allotta Whoremones will present a variety show "A Disco Flashback" beginning at 9:30. It will be a fundraiser for TLGA and Pride Week events. Come on and help out - it's your Pride Week!

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

HOURS - Come voice your opinion - fill out cards for the Campaign for Military Service and then stick around for the live vocals of Teresa Housley with MC Lucinda Holliday and other fun surprise guestess. Showtime 9:00 p.m..

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

HOURS - Team Arizona meeting at 3:00 p.m. on the patio. Come join them. Anyone interested in the 1994 Gay Games? Team Arizona is looking for participants, volunteers and supporters. Find out what it's all about.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

HOURS Come join the gang at Hours after the Pride Picnic. Complimentary spaghetti dinner, music, entertainment and lots of fun. More later....

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

HOURS P-FLAG Pot Luck on the patio. Come and meet them and find out what they're about. Bring a dish and join the party.

Non-Bar
CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

The Campaign for Military Service/Tucson will conduct a letter-writing workshop at Wingspan Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave. Come view the video "To Support and Defend", produced by the Human Rights Campaign Fund which will be shown at 5:30 and 7 p.m., and write a letter to President Clinton or your legislator in support of lifting the ban in the military. The workshop is free of charge and writing supplies will be furnished.

Don't miss Lillian "Bird Dog" Jackson of tghe Rockford Peaches, and Betty "Twinkle Toes" Tucker of the Peoria Redwings, as they talk about their days in baseball and show a film of themselves in action. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was the inspiration for the popular movie "A League Of Their Own," operated from 1943-1954. They will be telling of their expeiences at Antigone Books, beginning at 7:30 p.m.. 600 N. 4th Ave.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Antigone Books will present Tucson's celebrated Nancy Mairs who will read from her new book, "Ordinary Times: Cycles in Marriage". According to May Sarton, "Ordinary Time is a radically original work. It will change lives... When I put this extraordinary book down, I knew I would want to read it again almost at once. In time I may grow into its dazzling truths. Antigone is located at 600 N. 4th Ave. The reading will begin at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Cronics/Prime Timers (the 40 and over club) will hold their june meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the MCC church facility, 3269 N. Mountain. The program will be a pot-luck supper followed by a talk by Cathy from Trinity Legal Documents.

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Tucson Desert Voicesm In Concert at 8:00 p.m. at Pima College in the Center for the Arts, located at 2202 W. Anklam. Desert Voices, Tucsons Gay men and Women's chorus will present of great selection of music from the fabulous 50s sto the present and will highlight the talents of several members of desert Voices with some outstanding solos and duets. Tickets are going fast so hurry. For more information and tickets call 791-9662.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

First Annual Pride Day Pancake Breakfast sponsored by H.I.T.T. Pancakes and sausage, OJ and coffee beginning at 7 a.m. at Himmel Park on Pride Picnic Sunday. Join us for breakfast as you set up your umbrellas and canopies.

16th Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic in the Northeast corner of Himmel Park. Free beer and soft drinks. Dancing, entertainment, pageantry, political speeches and a crowd of over 10,000 to peruse! Noon to dusk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Rashida Oji, whose music is an eclectic mix of rock, pop, folk and gospel, will be performing during Gay Pride Week twith a concert at Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community center. Performance begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $8.00 in advance and are available at Antigone's. For more information call 624-7376.

Tucson
CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad 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. Cookout for community organizations 3-6.

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, $5 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 + Music 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 2:00 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 Pointers $2.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 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 Mara. Free lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Bud and Bud Light $1.50 8 pm to midnight.

RUMORZ - Open 2:00 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

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Parrow's 'Queer Extravaganza' here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring exgoal dancers.

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 clinics 7 to close.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight.

RUMORZ - Open 2:00 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, Heinekin 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 2:00 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 with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 2:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Linda Fizdale 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 with DJ David Z.

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

This is Pride Week in Phoenix, and due to this very reason, the State Board and General membership Meetings scheduled to be held in Tucson this coming Sunday and Tucson's Board and General Membership Meetings scheduled for Sunday, June 13th, have been "flip flopped".

Club 2520 will host the Tucson meetings this Sunday, June 6th. The Board meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. The General membership meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. (Please note: By Laws stipulate all meeting sites must be published two weeks prior to taking place.)

Volunteers for the Gay Pride Picnic can contact Sean Thomas at AGRA's Hotline, 323-0805. Sean also needs volunteers for the Beer Busts, held in conjunction with the meetings.

AGRA will again participate for the third time in the Gay and Lesbian meet yourself conference scheduled for Wednesday, June 23rd, at the Doubletree Hotel from 7 to 10 p.m.

Do you know who your Directors and Board Members are? Do you know them by name or could you recognize them on site? Come meet the Executive Board, and the Board of Directors this Sunday at Club 2520. They are: Pres. - Bill Darnell; Vice Pres. - George Kaminski; Treasurer - Geoffrey Wilcox; Recording Sec. - Craig Coder; Corresponding Sec. - Mark Miller. The rest of the Board of Directors are: Bob Jenssen - Mobility & Logistics; Sean Thomas - Fundraising; Mark McCrory - Dance & Entertainment; Telvi Roybal - Rodeo Events. These Committee Chairpersons will give reports at the meeting, as they are required to do at all meetings.

Scheduled for this week's column was in depth interview with AGRA-Tucson Treasurer, Geoffrey Wilcox. Since he had to move from one end of town to the other, he graciously asked to reschedule for next week.

Poster Contest! You can win $100 by designing the poster for the third annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo. The rules for the contest are as follows: The design must include a Saguaro Cactus. The size must be 17" x 22". The only written words to appear in the design are "1993 Saguaro Unit Rodeo". Any additional verbiage will cause disqualification. The design must have a blank area for rodeo information. The design may be black and white or color. If color is used, original artwork or photography must be submitted. The winning design becomes sole property of AGRA. The Designer's name and address must appear in the upper left back corner.

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 18, 2:00 p.m. at Hours, the site of the July meeting.

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ARIZONA, SHOW ME YOUR WHEELS PARTY GUY! Slender party buddy to 35 wanted by graying 34 year old husky. Friendship first, then pos. relationship. Must be employed & have a car. ¤2259

TUCSON, FRIENDLY GLANCES FROM A BLUE-EYED STRANGER. GM 20, Dk brown hair, blue eyes, 130#, looking to meet people 18-28 who live in the area for a friendship and maybe more. Cast your eyes upon me! ¤2817

ARIZONA A SMOOTH BODY TO MAKE AN HONEST MAN NERVOUS! GM 5'10", 180#, Blk hair, Brn eyes, smooth body, clean-shaven, sks individual to get to know to start a relationship. Someone into outdoors, cuddling, honest & sincere. ¤2829

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ALBUQUERQUE, LAUGHTER IS A GOOD SIGN. Looking for guys in the area. I'm GWM 49, 145#, disc. prof. seeking friendship with other Gay men, masc., caring, loving, good sense of humor. ¤5007

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ENERGETIC 5'8, 140lbs, blond, blue eyed,40, ¤1159

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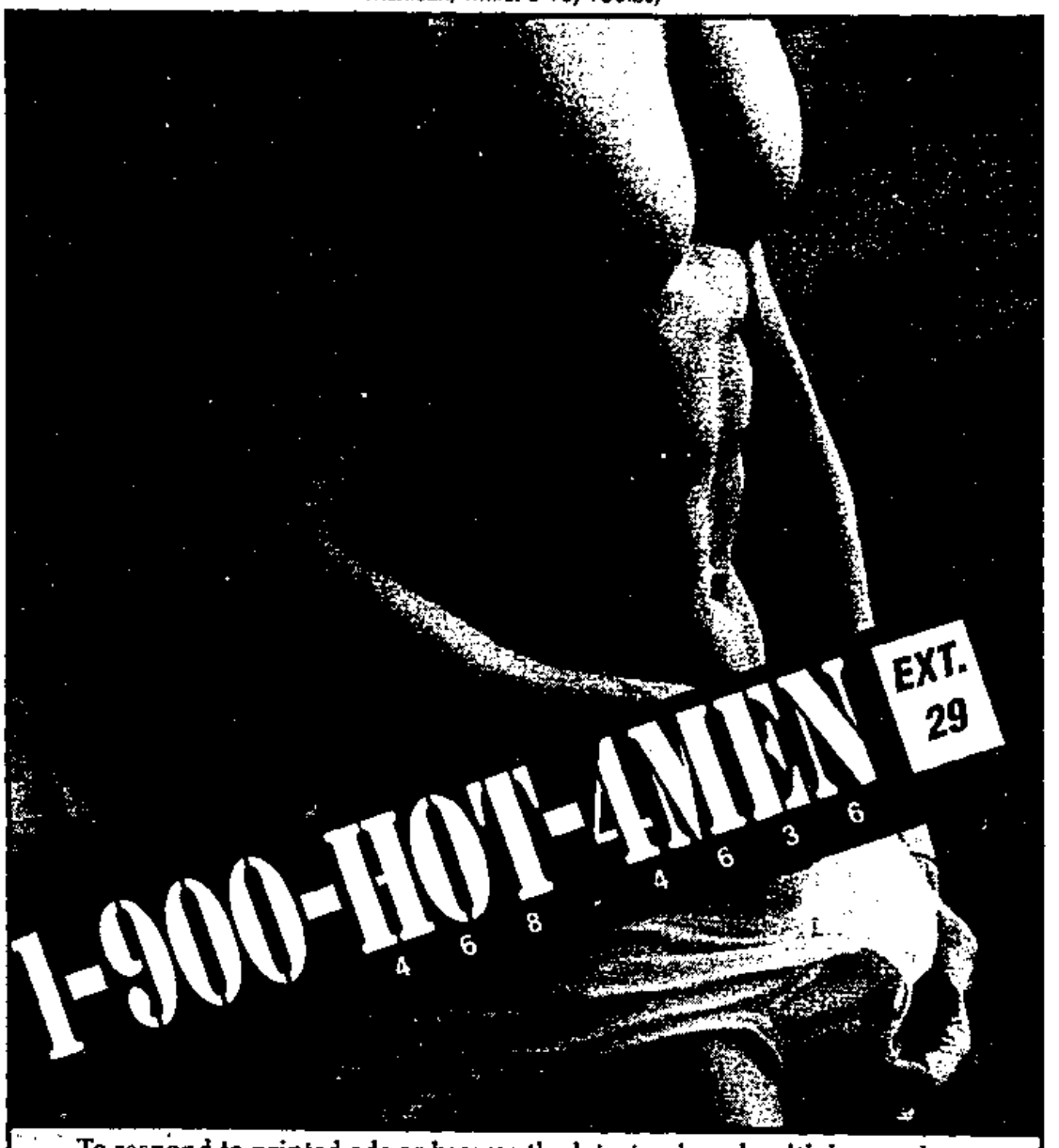

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Tall, trim, tight, smooth, 32 yr old, ¤2207

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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, 59", 160lbs, 52, athletic, into bicycles. ¤5521

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Daniel, 6'1, 290. ¤2679

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ARIZONA AREA

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

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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 Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3390 or Liz Garigan, M.Ed. 393-7886.

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Lesbianism Tends To Run In Families

CHICAGO - Lesbians and bisexual women are 2 1/2 to five times more likely than heterosexual women to have Lesbian or Bisexual sisters, a study says. But it's unclear whether it's heredity or environment at work.

J. Michael Bailey, an associate professor of psychology at Northwestern University, and colleague Deana S. Benishay studied the families of 84 Lesbian or Bisexual women and 79 heterosexual women ages 25 to 40.

The Lesbians and Bisexuals had 99 sisters, of whom 12 were Lesbians or Bisexuals, for a rate of 12.1 percent, Bailey said. The heterosexual women had 83 sisters, of whom two were Lesbian or Bisexual, for a rate of 2.4 percent.

"Female sexual orientation does seem to have a familial component to it," Bailey said.

The study, to be published in the February issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry, does not sort what influences female homosexuality.

Bailey, who led an earlier study based on male twins that found genes influence male homosexuality, is researching the roles of genes of Lesbianism.

Sheri Berenbaum, a psychologist at Chicago Medical School in North Chicago, said Bailey's study is the largest and best in a field sparse with data.

The study may contain some bias because subjects were recruited through newspaper ads instead of being randomly chosen, she said. But she added, "I would be pretty sure it doesn't account for the results."

The study was also explored whether Gay women were more likely than heterosexual women to have homosexual brothers, and it found that they were, but the difference was statistically insignificant, Bailey said.

The Lesbian subjects had 110 brothers, of whom eight were homosexuals, and the heterosexual subjects had 81 brothers, one of them homosexual, he said.

Tentative Pride Week Schedule

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has announced its tentative schedule for Pride Week activities this year.

Pride week will take place from Sunday, June 20 through Sunday, June 28. The following schedule is subject to change and readers are advised to check with later editions of the Observer or look for the official posters which will be put out upon completion of an updated schedule.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
Pride Picnic Himmel Park Noon to Dusk. After Picnic 6 p.m. Party and show at Hours, 3455 E. Grant Road includes Free Spaghetti Dinner.

MONDAY, JUNE 21
"Art Attack" opens to Gay and Lesbian artists from all media - photography, painting, ceramics, sculpture, etc.) Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. 7 to 9 p.m. Juried show with cash prizes. Show to run from June 21 thru July 19. Deadline for submissions June 17.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22
Pride event at Rumorz, 2222 N. Stone. Political Candidates night sponsored by Lambda Democratic Caucus. Site and times to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
"Tucson Meet Yourself" at Doubletree Hotel, featuring all Lesbian & Gay businesses and organizations showing their wares and information in booths in one of the ballrooms. Time TBA. Pride Event at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Ave.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24
Pride Event at Club 2520, 2520 N. Oracle.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25
Free Skate Night at Skate Country, 2700 N. Stone, 5 to 7 p.m. Donations accepted for PACT. Skate rental extra.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26
"Leather Pride" night at Venture-N, 1239 N. 6th Ave.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27
Pride Event at Graduate, 23 W. University.

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

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

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not be swept aside by them. Galebis politics has turned the corner. We are entering a new era. And our enemies force our attention to new area: Colorado, Oregon, Florida, and Maine. Soon to come are Ohio, Washington, Texas,a rerun in Oregon, and a "march through Dixie" with same banners of intolerance and misinformation about who we are and what we want.

With 600,000 followers in 250 chapters from a base of 25,000 churches nationally and a well financed war chest our foes are well organized. And, to quote a worker in the failed campaign to defeat an anti-Gay measure in Maine, "the Gay community is not organized for this kind of fight nationally." Despite defeats, the various facades of the Christian Coalition, vow to struggle on, their defeats, like the blood of martyrs, nurturing future efforts to redouble their activism. While the voices of hate continue unabated the voices of reason must, per force, be channeled into a single, united voice to silence them at every turn. Our politics of repudiation must serve to re-enforce the connections between politics and culture. We are who we are because we are. We will not be marginalized; we will not be recloseted.

I do not presume to write a platform for the National Stonewall Party. That is our work together. We can, however, begin organizing now. The off year elections tend to favor zealots with single minded intentions because turnout is lower. 1994 is just around the corner. Perhaps we can piggyback on the April '93 March on Washington as a venue for getting together and large scale recruitment. Those interested in policy, party formation, and establishing local chapters, please write me with your ideas, suggestions, etc., at P.O. Box 423684, San Francisco, California, 94142.

A closing word. Jefferson felt that constitutional democracy can only survive if people are well informed. Analogously, I submit that our freedom can only survive if we are well organized to insure that freedom. In less than two years we celebrate 25 years of the Stonewall uprising; at 2019, a golden anniversary. Some young galebis reading this today could be the presidential candidate from the National Stonewall Party in the 2020 elections.

And whose to say that America won't wake up on fine morning to discover two First Ladies in the White House? Or two First Men? Well let's not just imagine it, let's make it happen! See you in Washington.

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