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Ferrari Publications Responds To ACT UP Allegations

PHOENIX, Az. - Ferrari Publications, award winning publisher of Gay and Lesbian travel guides, has become the latest victim of an unsubstantiated boycott by the militant Gay organization, Act-Up Phoenix. Act Up Phoenix has declared war on Ferrari Publications without so much as contacting the company for its side of the story.

It is unfortunate when an organization that claims to champion human rights issues resorts to Nazi style persecution tactics. Not only did Act Up fail to contact Ferrari Publications to discuss its allegations, it also refused Ferrari's requests to meet with Act Up representatives, so the company could defend itself against the false allegations. The actions of Act Up Phoenix shows a reckless disregard for truth and this is the type of behavior which gives the Gay community a bad image.

The flyer Act Up is currently circulating advocates a boycott of Ferrari Publications based on false information. Inaccuracies include:

1. Act Up alleges Ms. Ferrari "openly admitted that 'it was clearly a case of discrimination on her part.'" This is not true. In response to this allegation, Ms. Ferrari makes clear that neither party admitted any wrong-doing and that the parties have resolved their differences. Act Up is simply printing false information without checking its facts.

2. Neither Ms. Yahner, nor

anyone at Ferrari Publications, has ever made such an outrageous statement as the one attributed to her. The boycott flyers claims that this quote was witnessed by employees sometime after June 8, 1993. This is yet another lie easily refuted, Ferrari employees from the period of June 8, 1993 to August 13, 1993 have provided affidavits declaring that none of them ever heard such a statement from anyone associated with Ferrari Publications, let alone Ms. Yahner. It is shameful that this boycott flyer is attacking a person who happens to be associated with Ms. Ferrari.

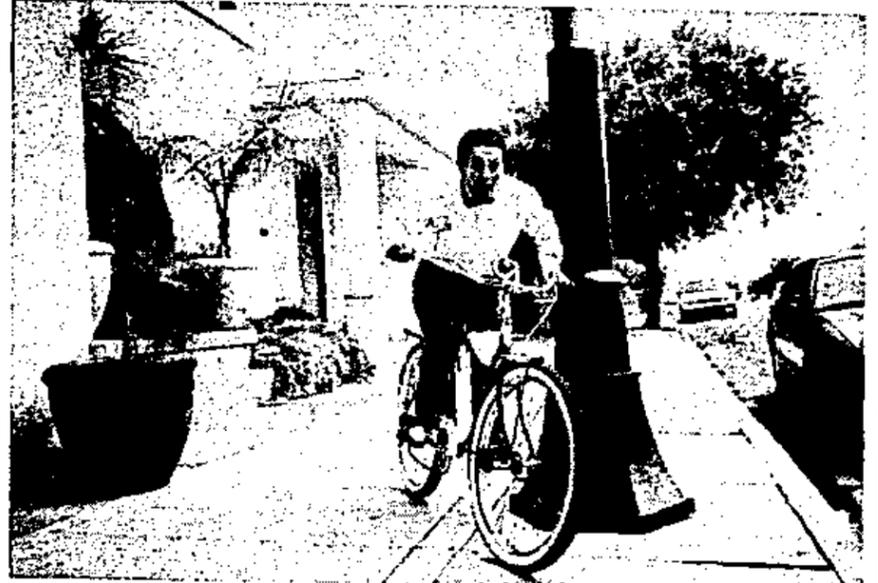
As a result of the Act Up boycott, an Arizona Gay publication has run a largely one sided story on this matter. A little known fact about the article is that it was orchestrated by an employee of the magazine who is a former employee of Ferrari publications and who left one less than friendly terms. His hostility toward Ferrari clearly demonstrates his bias. This raises the issue of what constitutes responsible journalism.

Act Up has obviously chosen to interpret Laughlin & Ferrari's private resolution of their differences as an admission of guilt by Ferrari, in spite of the fact that both have publicly stated that they have resolved their differences and that neither party admitted wrongdoing.

Ferrari Publications has been active in AIDS advocacy since the early 1980's. Since the advent of AIDS hot-

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"A Bike To Die For" Raffle for THRC



TUCSON - The Tucson Human Rights Coalition is just getting started to battle the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, an ultra right-wing organization that seeks to place an amendment on the ballot similar to the one that passed in Colorado to take away any Gay and Lesbian rights. If passed it would take away the current Human Rights Ordinance that Tucson has enjoyed since 1977 and do away with the recently passed ordinance in Phoenix.

The Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) has been meeting on a regular basis getting organized, looking for office space, telephones and all the myriad of things that must be done to effectively fight the fundamentalist right wing. And all these things cost money. But the job must be done!

THRC's first fund-raising effort is the raffle of a vintage 5 speed bicycle. "The Bike To Die For" is a 1961 5-speed Schwinn Cruiser Custom Classic. It's black and chrome so when you roam, you're tool cool!

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 donation and are now available at Antigone Books, Cactus Gallery, IBT's, Club 2520, Graduate, Venture-N and Hours.

The bike can be seen hanging from the ceiling at the 4th Avenue Social Club this month, and they also have tickets. Everyone is encouraged to take a chance and be the envy of everyone. The drawing will take place on October 31st - Halloween of course!

Colorado's Amendment Two Stems From A Sense Of Lost Entitlement

by Molly Ivins

DILLON, Colo. - Poor old Colorado really has gotten itself into one of the worst political/legal pickles you ever did see, although it still falls short of the epic 20 year battle in Texas to figure out a far way to finance public schools. (Texas, as we all know, often has a hard time figuring out things to get in a trice.)

The problem in the Rockies is Amendment Two, an initiative passed by 53 percent of Colorado voters last fall that was advertised as a measure to prevent homosexuals from being granted "special privileges" under the law.

Unfortunately, the understanding of 47 percent of the voters that the amendment actually denies equal protection has so far been borne out by the courts. And that, of course, is highly unconstitutional.

The Colorado Supreme Court, by a 6-1 vote ruled that the amendment cannot be put into effect pending trial in a Denver court this October on its unconstitutionality. The ruling in favor of the injunction against Amendment Two gives a rather large hint as to how both the district court in Denver and the state supreme court ultimately will rule.

So the governor and the attorney general vowed to take the mess to the U.S. Supremes. This is pretty silly, given that the U.S. Supreme Court is unlikely to take the case before it has been properly tried in state courts.

Meanwhile, the "majority voters," those in the 53 percent, are expressing great outrage that the Colorado Supreme Court can overrule the will of most of the voters.

This is one of those depressing moments when you realize that a great many Americans have no understanding of how our system works. The purpose of the Bill of Rights is to secure fundamental rights that cannot be removed even by the majority. The whole history of this country is there in a nutshell.

The way this great flap came into being in the first place is that three places in Colorado had passed local ordinances forbidding discrimination against homosexuals. One was Aspen, one of the nation's woo-woo centers and also notorious as the playground of kinky rich folks. Another was Boulder, the Alfalfa Sprout and Political Correctness Capital of the Universe. And the third was Denver, which one must admit has a positively

Midwestern kind of common sense to it: Grace Lichtenstein of The New York Times called Denver "Omaha by the Mountains," and that's pretty much what it is.

The state social conservatives took alarm at the notion that being ordered to stop discriminating against Gays could lead to all manner of special extra-constitutional rights for them. So the political fight was over "special privileges" versus equal rights.

Much of the energy for it came out of Colorado Springs, which was always a conservative place and has in recent years become a nesting ground for assorted right-wing, loony fringe groups from other parts of the country. The lead coalition group on Amendment Two was Colorado for Family Values, which a Denver columnist calls "California for Phantom Values," a particularly low blow since Californians have now surpassed Texans as the foreigners Coloradans must love to hate.

The experts think the U.S. Supremes will pass on this imbroglio for now. Law professor Robert Drain of Georgetown University was quoted a saying, "I think they (the U.S. Supreme Court) will be inclined to let Colorado sort out the

mess. Nothing is getting hurt in the meantime except some tourism." This is the kind of statement that leads Coloradans to conclude that all Easterners are nincompoops.

Nothing except tourism? Tourism is the state's largest industry. Great controversy continues here over whether the boycott against the state is helping the anti-Amendment Two forces. Anything that hurts tourism hurts Colorado, but Coloradans also are stubbornly independent, resent outside pressure and, for some reason, do not feel in need of moral instruction from Barbra Streisand, hard to imagine though that is.

Since this "special privileges" vs. equal rights question is apt to be played out in other states, the right wing having noticed it can raise more money for anti-Gay causes than for anti-abortion causes, it would be helpful if in-depth polling could determine if the boycott is actually making anyone here rethink Amendment Two.

Politically, Amendment Two plays directly to a growing white middle class sense of resentment over what is

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UPDATE

IN MEMORIAM



JASON MALLONEE

February 18, 1945 - August 12, 1993

Empty your mind of all thoughts.
Let your heart be at peace.
Watch the turmoil of beings,
but contemplate their return.

Each separate being in the universe
returns to the common source.
Returning to the source is serenity.

If you don't realize the source,
you stumble in confusion and sorrow.
When you realize where you come from,
you naturally become tolerant,
disinterested, amused,
kindhearted as a grandmother,
dignified as a king.
Immersed in the wonder of the Tao,
you can deal with whatever life brings you
and when death comes, you are ready.

(Tao te Ching verse 16)



WILLIAM H. "BILL" NEAL

A long-time member of the Tucson Community, Bill passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 11. He is survived by his mother, Glenna, four sisters and two brothers and several nieces and nephews and many, many friends that he made in his short lifetime.

With a wonderful outgoing personality, Bill will be remembered for the number of laughs he gave his customers during the days when he was a bartender at the Graduate. Later, Bill worked in nursing where he again provided his patients with laughter through his marvelous sense of humor.

Bill will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all.

Services were held at MCC on Saturday, Aug. 14. Remembrances may be made to P.A.C.T.



BRUCE L. MEYER

January 31, 1960 - July 29, 1993

Dear Chuck,

Looking back
on the memory of
the dance we shared 'neath the stars
above
For a moment all the world was right
How could I have known you'd ever
(have to) say goodbye.

And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end, the way it all
would go
Our lives are better left to chance, I
could have missed the pain
But I'd of had to miss "The Dance".

Holding you I held everything
For a moment wasn't I a King
But if I'd only known how the King
would fall

Hey, whose to say you know, I might
have changed it all.

Yes my life (was) better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd of had to miss
"The Dance"

Love Always,
Bruce

("The Dance" recorded by Garth Brooks)

Awareness Project - Tucson

TUCSON - The Awareness Project held an organizational meeting at Wingspan on August 17.

The Awareness Project is a nationwide effort to present positive images of Gay and Lesbian people to those Americans who may only have stereotypical pictures of who Gays and Lesbians are, how they look and what they do.

The local chapter of the Awareness project is just getting underway and the local group is looking for interested persons who would like to participate in this important project. Interested people should call Wingspan, 624-1779

Desert Voices Orientation August 30

TUCSON - Hey, hey Tucson! Our summer vacation has come to an end, and we're here to tell you: That the Desert Voices are back, and the Valley will be filled with our sounds of music.

August 30, 1993 Monday at 7 p.m. Church of Saint Frances In The Foothills 4625 East River Road (cross street Swan Road).

Orientation for our old/new members will start our season off. Come one, come all. For more information 791-9663. See you there.

Thompson Addresses Lambda, Wingspan

TUCSON - Floyd Thompson, the City of Tucson Equal Employment Opportunity officer, addressed a joint meeting of the Lambda Democratic Caucus and Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian/Bi/Gay Community Center, at the 4th Avenue Social Club on August 10. Mr. Thompson's topic was "How to Recognize Discrimination — And What To Do About It".

Mr. Thompson, accompanied by his wife, spoke about his role as the EEO officer for City of Tucson employees. He also serves in a newly expanded role as the enforcement officer for the Tucson human relations ordinance. This ordinance guarantees equal access to employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations to persons of any sexual orientation or marital status (among other things). Of thirty-nine current complaints before his office, four involve allegations of discrimination based on sexual orientation or marital status.

While the power of his office ends at the City limits, Mr. Thompson encouraged openly Gay and Lesbian persons to seek City employment and to inform him of their applications, since he must personally review all job applications not selected for hire by the City. He stresses the fact that he cannot investigate discrimination if he is not made aware of it.

Employees and citizens of the City of Tucson enjoys the fullest protection against discrimination based on marital status or sexual orientation of any Arizona city. All public and private employers in Tucson, no matter how large or small, are required not to discriminate on these bases.

This protection would be eliminated under the proposed ballot initiative put forth by the Arizona Traditional Values Coalition.

Bears of the Old Pueblo

Last weekend's movie night was fun! We gathered a few Bears in my den to watch some "very interesting" movies. One was a comedy and the other was a drama. Both were foreign films. (They were "Personal Services" and "The Crying Game".) Not everyone has seen either of these films. We started to watch a third movie but decided to call it a night. Of all the events we plan, I enjoy this one very much.

At the end of the month is the Bear Festival in Phoenix. I hope to get there for some of the events. The next Business meeting is on Aug. 26th. At that time, we'll see who can help out with rides to Phoenix. I will see about overnight lodging with another Bear group up there.

The next big holiday is Labor Day. I hope to meet up with some Bears to do something, like tubing on the Salt River or overnight camping up in the mountains. The weather is cooling off and the recent rains have filled up the streams. I have seen many photos of Arizona around this time and want to take a few of my own.

Our anniversary as a club is coming up in September. We are sure to have some type of celebration to remember it. Be sure to add your contribution by talking to John or Rich. At the General Meeting we'll announce the exact date. Take care. Hugz, Rich.

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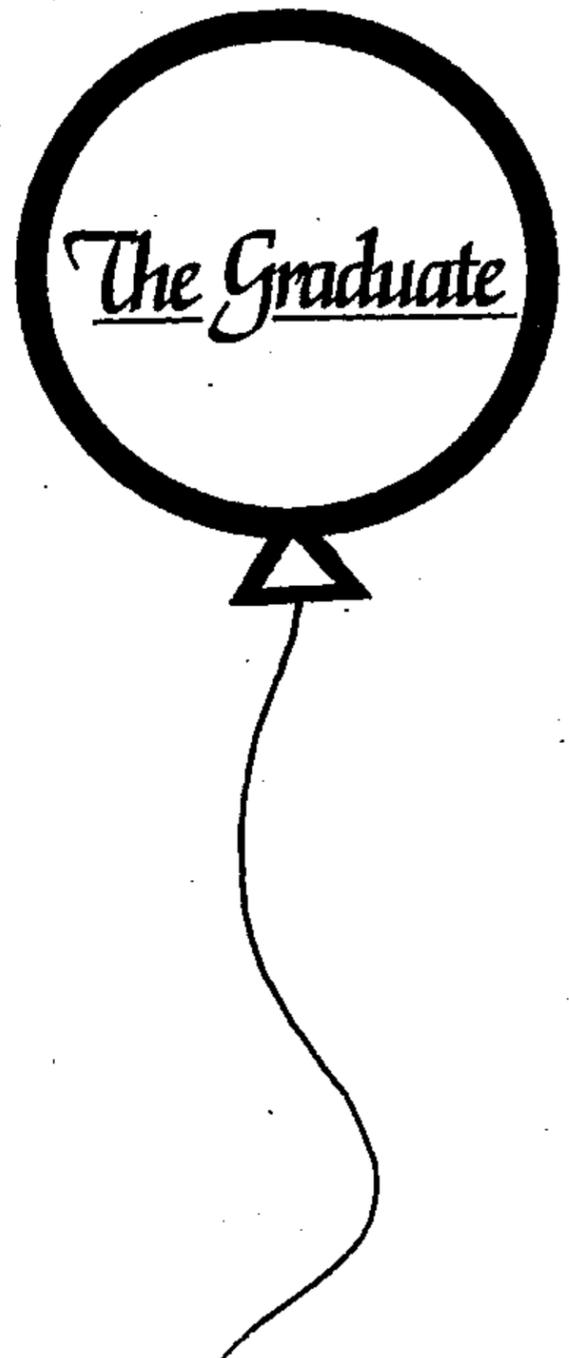
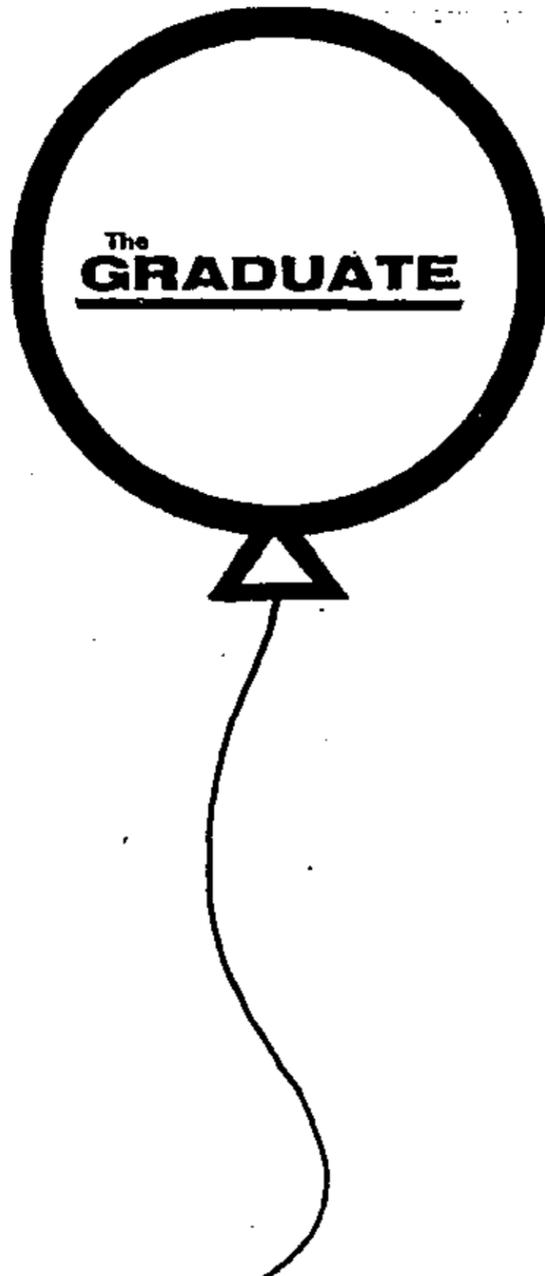
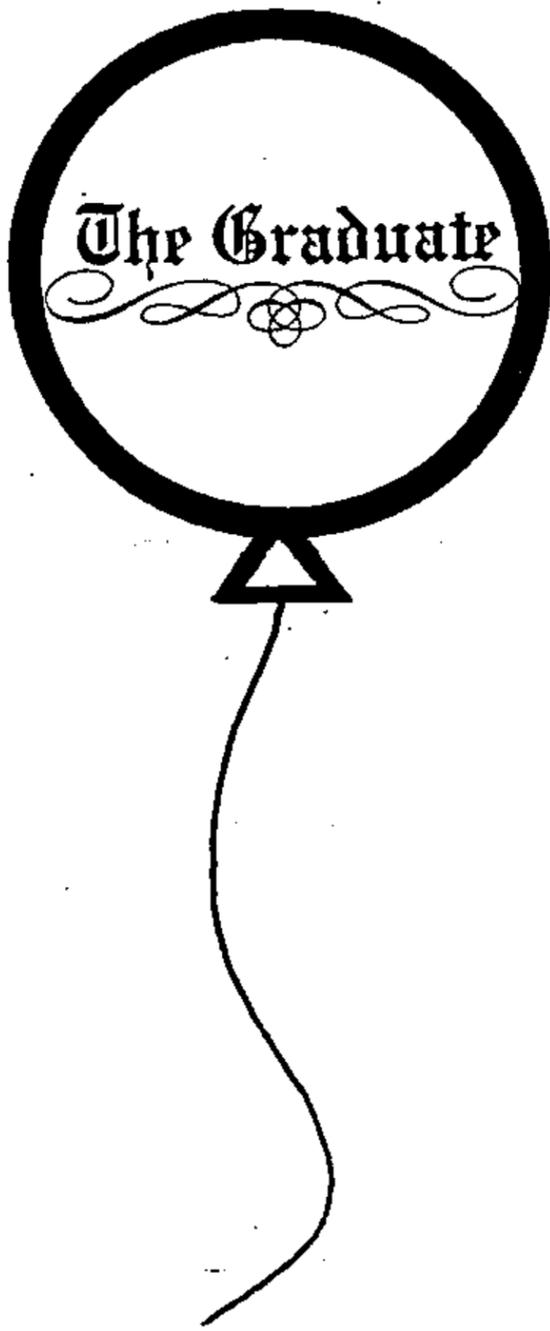
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Comedy Abounds At 1-in-10 Theatre



TUCSON - He looks like he never took no for an answer, or gave it! Look out Maine you didn't know you had a Gay pirate ghost living in your midst. Well we didn't know if they actually do but One In Ten Theatre Company's new production "Suave Succubus of The Ghost and Mr. Taylor", certainly suggest just that.

tries to save the young man's life.

This uproariously funny comedy opens with a young heterosexual couple arriving at their new summer cottage. Much to the dismay of Betsy, played flawlessly by Diana Skolnik, her husband Mark, played by Craig Marshall, has purchased a huge gothic mansion on the coast of Maine and "oh, Newport is so nice this time of year...." whines Betsy. Craig gives an outstanding performance.

Laughter abounds in this Gay comedy written by Clint Jeffries and directed by Artistic Director Gregg Smith-McCurdy. In the first scene Miss Oriley, the maid, tells us the tale of how Renard became a ghost one dark and stormy night. A tale destined to send you into a frenzy of laughter while Ewy hops about the room telling the yarn you know she's told a hundred times.

Smith-McCurdy has asked us not to reveal that there is a murder and that Mark and the ghost do hit it off. Just how much and how far, you'll have to see for yourself. Set designer, Todd Karelskein, creates a solid looking 18th century mansion, the quality of which can only be seen at Arizona Theatre Company.

We soon discover that Betsy, a real Alexis Carrington-Colby bitch, is planning to kill her husband and run off with his best friend a sleazy, Harvey Korman like stock broker played by Knute Lockwood. Enter Renard, the Gay pirate ghost, comically played by Scott Smith-McCurdy, One In Ten's Technical Director. Renard, who has an eye for the deck hands, takes a fancy to Mark and along with the wacky Irish maid, and New England handyman, and sheriff, played hilariously by Kay Ewy and Tom Turner

One In Ten's new hilarious, sure to be a hit, comedy opens tonight at the Historic "Y" theatre at 739 North 5th Avenue, on the southeast corner of University and 5th Avenue. Show's run Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. until September 5, 1993. Tickets are \$9 and are available at Antigone Books or at the door. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at 770-9279.

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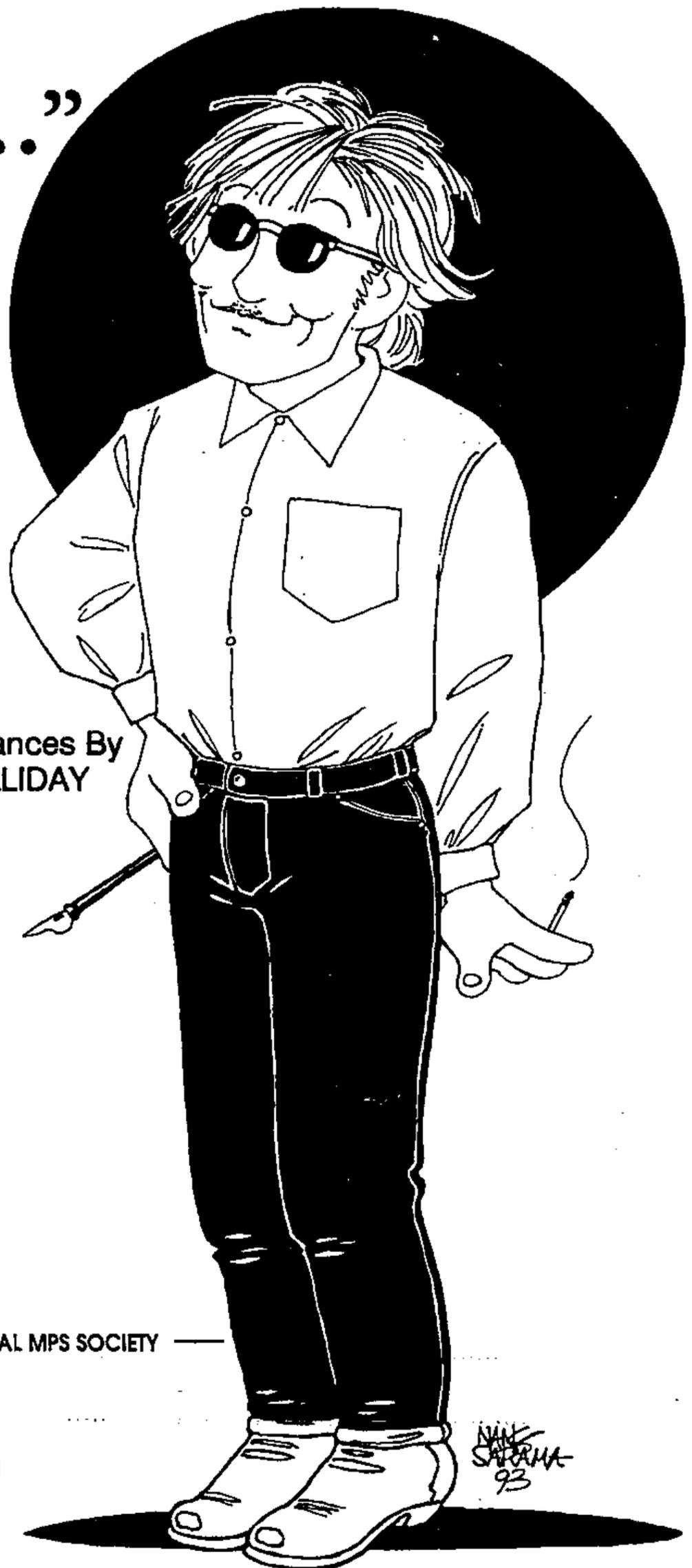
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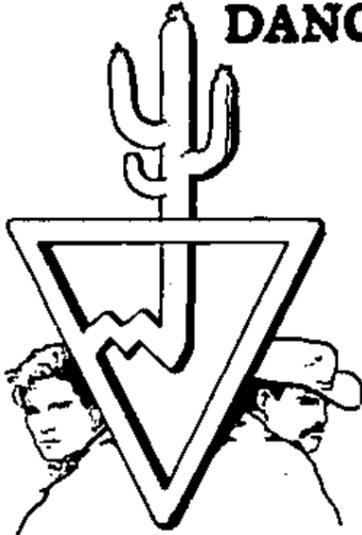
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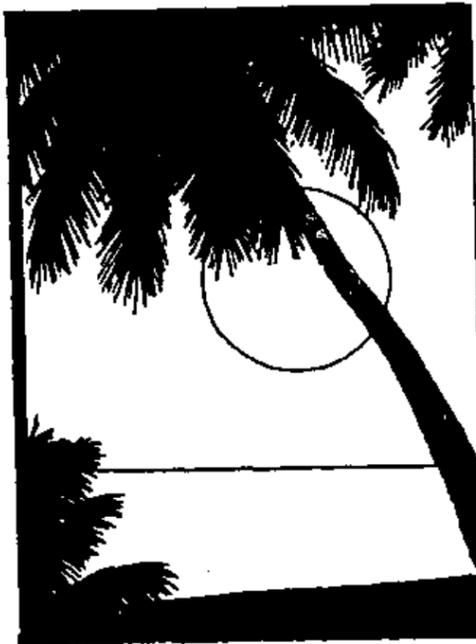
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The Bowling Beat by Mark Rosenbaum

This Friday, August 20th will mark the start of the Fall bowling season in our community as a brand new Friday night gay/lesbian league kicks off the season with a free night of bowling at Golden Pin Lanes. Following many requests last year for an earlier starting time, this new expansion league was formed to meet the demand. This Friday's get acquainted night begins at 6:15pm with a brief meeting to establish fees, rules, etc. followed by open bowling until 8:45 at no charge. Official league play begins one week later, Friday, August 27th. Interested bowlers needn't have a complete team nor be highly experienced or high average bowlers. Like the Wednesday night league, the new league will be handicapped and will be open to all levels of experience, even brand new bowlers.

On Wednesday, August 25th there will be a similar get acquainted night for the Tucson Desert Coyotes Wednesday night league. Also at Golden Pin Lanes (1010 W. Miracle Mile) the Wednesday free bowling get together will begin at 8pm with an informal information sign-up session in the meeting room followed by free bowling until 11pm. For information on either league, please call Geoffery (884-8443) or Dennis (743-3303) or see the green & purple sign-up flyers posted in the local bars.

Also on Wednesday, August 25th the Venture-N is sponsoring Bowler Appreciation Night from 9pm until closing. It's the Venture's way of saying 'thanks' to the bowlers for stopping in after bowling on Wednesday nights. Drink specials all evening and Big John's special brand of hospitality will be on hand. John and the boys are hoping for a spirited turn out and asked me to encourage you to wear your best (or tackiest!) bowling shirts, bring your bag, and stop down.

San Diego Invitational results: Five members of the Tucson Desert Coyotes attended the S.D.I.T. two weeks ago and four of those five placed and brought back cash. Although not able to repeat their 1st place performance of '92, the Pigs in Paradise placed (individually and in pairs) in both the singles, doubles, and optional scratch events. Congratulations to Bill Richards for 26th place in singles with a scratch score of 673. Bill also placed 10th in doubles with his partner Bill Close. Dennis Russell placed 28th in singles (672) and, overcoming the less-than-stellar performance of his doubles partner (yours truly), placed 16th in the doubles event.

Upcoming Events: On Sunday, August 29th the Halloween Invitational Tournament committee will sponsor a 3 game no-tap tournament at 1pm. This is a one-event FUN tournament where knocking down 9 pins with the first ball is scored as a strike. The entry fee is very low (\$10) and the tournament will be followed by an awards party at Club 2520. This will coincide with H.I.T.T.'s infamous 'bottomless cup beer bust' from 2pm to 8pm also at Club 2520. To top off the evening, the beer bust will be followed by a special benefit show at 8pm starring the incomparable IBT's Glamazons. Please join us!

1st Annual HITT Rummage Sale: HITT is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Saturday & Sunday, September 11th & 12th from 7am - 4pm each day. There will be all types of merchandise, some treasures, some trash, and lots of items that you'll undoubtedly not be able to live without. There will be refreshments available, as well as chances to win two free weekends for two at the Phoenix Ramada Inn and the Ramada Downtown Tucson. If you'd like to rid yourself of any unwanted items, we'll be happy to pick up all donations at your convenience. To make a donation or for more information, please call 743-3303.

Attention Bowlers, Rodeo Fans, and Alamo-lovers: This coming Veteran's Day weekend (November 11-14), IGBO (the International Gay Bowling Organization) will be hold it's Mid-Year Tournament and meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Tucson's bid to host the '94 Mid-Year will be voted on at this meeting and we're sending a large delegation to help make the formal presentation. In order to help make the trip more affordable, plans are underway to charter a bus for those planning on attending. On-board service will include a cash bar, food service, and lavatory facilities as well as entertainment and the requisite oxygen mask safety demonstration. In addition to the IGBO tournament (with an estimated attendance of 500 gay & lesbian bowlers and their guests), San Antonio will play host to the Texas Gay Rodeo that very same weekend! You can bet that the Alamo will be the Gay place TO BE for Veteran's Day. We are anticipating some extra seating beyond the bowling delegation and are inviting our friends from AGRA as well as other interested Tucsonans to join us on what promises to be the Tucson Queer Excursion of the year. The estimated cost is \$125.00; final costs should be available soon. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call 743-3303.

As I See It by Clark

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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Family Values

My mother would not allow the word "nigger" to be uttered in her house. The first time, she warned you; the second time, your butt was out the door, no matter who you were. She once faced down and threw out Father Ryan, the pastor of our parish, because he used "the word" a second time.

When I was about twelve, she told me, "I don't care if you want to marry someone who is white, black, red, yellow, green or purple: as long as you love her."

She fought with my dad and his brothers for years to get them to drop the n-word from their speech. They called her a "nigger-lover" for the first year of her married life. She finally got them to understand that she would not tolerate that term — from anyone.

In Missouri in the 1940s, asserting the equality of African-Americans was not a popular or particularly safe thing for a white woman to do. No matter; my mom could not be intimidated into silence. She had learned firsthand about being excluded because of race.

Mom was called "white trash" by the children with whom she went to the Jesuit mission school on the Crow Reservation in Montana. She was the only white child in the school, as well as the youngest. Her parents had sent her to her Jesuit uncle's boarding school from their home in Saint Ignatius on the Salish (Flathead) reservation. It was the Depression; her father had too many mouths to feed and his brother had too few students.

She was Irish in an otherwise entirely Crow community. She was Roman Catholic on the turf of the APA, the American Protestant Association. She was female amid two patriarchal cultures. It was a hard and lonely time for her, but she learned to stick up for herself.

She and her family moved to the big city: Missoula. Her cattle-rancher dad taught her to ride, to cook a steak, and to ask for salt when she ordered a beer "because then the bartender will know you're a real beer drinker."

She joined the Navy as one of the first WAVES and became — what else? — a yeoman, meaning secretary. In the service she met women from all over the country. (Forty years later she spoke yearningly — suspiciously so — of how much she loved her girlfriends in the Navy.)

She also met a hot young Army Air Corps flyer with a mustache and a middle-class doctor father. Very soon thereafter they were married (in uniform) by the bishop in his home town.

My dad was the very spoiled eldest son of a kindhearted physician and a social climber from Brockton, Mass. He was sent to military school in tenth grade because his mother could not get him to stop wearing his sister's clothes.

He continued to cross-dress after his marriage. He was an optometrist and an amateur photographer who would often stay late at the office, put on his favorite dress with gloves, shoes, bag, and hat, and photograph himself. At every Jaycees or Knights of Columbus costume party he and my mother both came in drag.

Mom avoided seeing her family for fifteen years for fear that someone would walk in on him shaving in his panties, garter belt, and stockings. She began to drink quite a bit and to find reasons to take terpin hydrate and Empirin with codeine.

The public image, however, never wavered. They both worked: he in his optometric practice, she as the promotion director for the only television station in town. They were the perfect up-and-coming professional young Catholic couple. Ward and June had nothing on Aileen and Frank.

By the time my dad was my age, he had been president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and held a seat on the City Council. He had a beautiful young wife and three kids, a home, a business, and a red 1957 Buick Special.

In 1960, my mother wrote a jingle for the Home Show and won an Esther Williams swimming pool. It was installed just in time for the beginning of Daddy's campaign for Mayor. It was, after all, the year of the Kennedys, and things had never looked so good for young handsome Catholic politicians.

The only problem was the Democratic Party. They already had an incumbent mayor who was not about to step down for some mackerel snapper. So my Dad, sure that he was still the better candidate, announced as a Republican. He was beaten miserably and pissed a lot of people off. He got hate mail calling him a turncoat, saying his father was turning in his grave.

His baby brother's wife told him that she hoped he died a long and horrible death for the trouble he had brought on the family. In 1962 he obligingly developed pleural mesothelioma, lingered dramatically for a year, and died two days short of his 41st birthday. I was five years and three weeks old.

When I dropped out of university at age 21, I went to my mother's house and told her I was gay. She said, "Oh, I've known that for years. Now I've got one for you — your father was a transvestite." She knew how to upstage a person. She swore she would never tell a soul about my being queer. After I left, she got out the vodka and called everyone she knew.

Before the booze and cigarettes killed her, she told her therapy group that she was an alcoholic because she had a Gay son and a Lesbian daughter. I never saw her again after that.

No doubt you wonder what all this has to do with the title.

If I learned one thing from my imperfect parents, it is to tell the truth.

They told some truths, regardless of the consequences. They were afraid to tell others, and their secrets made them miserable. In the end, their secrets helped kill them both before their time. Their masks fooled no one but themselves.

I don't believe that my family's values are very different from those of any other family in this country. Others may be better at keeping up appearances, but I

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IBT'S - It's underwear Nite here from 10:00 until 1:00 a.m. and for those wearing underwear well drinks and domestic beer is only \$1.25!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUG 20-21

GRADUATE - A three day celebration - each day to celebrate a decade! Yes, it's the 30th Anniversary for the Graduate and they're planning a wix bang of a time. There will be shows both Friday and Saturday beginning at 9:30 p.m. Check out Sunday for more good news. The bar has had several owners during that period of time but it has remained a Gay bar throughout all those years. Hard to believe - the big Three OH!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB 2520 - "As We See It" a benefit "Roast" of Observer cartoonist Gary Clark in a benefit for the National MPS Society a Norman Production hosted by Beth and Natalie and Mr. Dani Reid will MC. Nearly 20 "roasters", including some on video, will have Clark squirming in his seat. He claims to have his revenge at the end of the evening. Entertainment too, starting from Phoenix, Mr. Barry Conyers and his marvelous puppets and the ever popular Miss Tish Tanner; From L.A. the exquisite Brenda Starr, and, of course, our very own Mr. Dani Reid, Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday. Open bar at 5 p.m. with the Roast starting at 6:00 p.m. Watch for more details on this fun event and urgent benefit. Word is out that this benefit is already sold out, so check with Club 2520 to be sure. Tickets are \$20 and for a very worthy cause.

GRADUATE - Last day of the 30th Anniversary celebration and it will feature complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres, an anniversary cake during the afternoon and then the raffle drawing at 10:00 p.m. Happy Anniversary guys.

IBT'S - This Sunday's benefit bar-b-que will be IBT's choice. It runs from 3 until 6 p.m. It's also rock 'n roll with Uncle Fester from 4 to 8 p.m.

RUMORZ - AGRA's 1st Annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast will be held from noon to 3 p.m. featuring the culinary talents of Bucky and his fantastic "Omelette Bar". \$3.99 a plate. An auction will be held at 3:00 p.m. with auctioneer Roger Whitehead.

RUMORZ - "Dreamland" is coming! It's a benefit to help Christine De Alexis in her quest for the Miss Gay America title. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

CLUB 2520 - T-Squares, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Square Dance Club, will be celebrating their 9th anniversary with a dance at here from noon until 5:00 p.m. It's open to all, but especially to former members and those interested in basic level classes that will be starting Sept. 14. There will be a small charge for those dancing. The caller will be Seth Levine from Phoenix. Food by T-Squares.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

CLUB 2520 - The Club gets H.I.T.T.1 The Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson is sponsoring a "Bottomless Commemorative Cup" beer hunt from 2-8 p.m. They'll also be selling chances for a free round-trip air travel and complimentary weekend hotel accommodations at the Ramada Inn Phoenix. At 8:00 p.m., it's IBT's Glamazonas hosting a benefit show. Something for everyone.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CLUB 2520 - Basic level square dance class begin tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The classes, which are offered by T-Squares, will be held every Tuesday night. There will be a \$10 registration fee to cover cost of the materials. New registration ends at 9:00 p.m. Sept. 21. Instructors will be Maxine Smitherman and Curt Stubbs with the help of the rest of the T-Squares.

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a.k.a. Theatre Hosts Victor Lodato's production of "A Book of Harsh Geometry", an intense exploration of schizophrenia and mental illness. Show runs Wednesday through Sunday evenings Aug. 25 through Sept. 18. All shows are 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$9. a.k.a. Theatre is at 125 E. Congress. Call 623-7852 for info.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

New Lesbian and Gay Bowling League "Get Acquainted" night at Golden Pin Lanes (1010 W. Miracle Mile) starts at 6:15 p.m. This new earlier league will be offering a free bowling event until 8:45. There is no obligation and information about the league and assistance in forming a team will be available. For more info call 884-8443.

The Men Meeting Men party will be at 7:00 p.m. It is a good way to make new friends. It is a structured evening of activities that makes it easy to meet others and develop friendships. Call Marc at 881-4582 to reserve a place.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

New Volleyball League is forming to play in the Tucson City League and possibly the Gay Games IV in New York in 1994. If you are an experienced volleyball player and are interested in playing, show up at the St. Francis Volleyball Court at River Road and Swan at 10: a.m. For more info call 323-1223.

Prejudice Reduction Discussion Group meets today from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Come discuss with others in the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community how our own prejudices keep us from progressing to our full potential. Meeting at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Call 529-6001 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

The Tucson Desert Coyotes Gay and Lesbian bowling league will kick off their 3rd year at Golden Pin Lanes with a free bowling and get-acquainted party beginning at 8:00 p.m. Information on the league and sign-up assistance will be available. Come see what Tucson's largest Gay and Lesbian group is all about. No obligation and no experience necessary. For more info call 884-8443.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Borderlands Theatre is presenting a benefit night for the Tucson AIDS Project of their new production, "Heros & Saints" a searing new drama named "best play" of 1992 by the Bay Area Critics of San Francisco. Time: 8:00 p.m., Tickets: \$10.00 available at the Pima College Center for the Arts, 2200 W. Anklam. For more information call 882-8607.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Healing Service at 6:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Everyone welcome. For more information call 622-4626.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

MCC/Tucson, under the direction of the Social Director, Edna, is planning a trip to Kitt Peak National Observatory. There will be car-pooling at the church, 3269 N. Mountain at 10:30 a.m. Bring your picnic lunch - there is no fee at Kitt Peak. Call Edna or leave a message at 292-9151.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Invisible Theatre presenting a benefit performance of "Mrs. California", at 2:00 p.m. at the theater, 1400 N. 1st Ave. A Comedy of social mores from the Lucy & Desi era of the '50s. \$10.00 Call 882-9721 for more information.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 & 12

H.I.T.T.'s the Tucson Mid-Year '94 Committee is sponsoring a gigantic rummage sale all weekend (7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Go treasure hunting, bargain hunting or just plain hunting at this convenient central Tucson location (exact location to be published later). Refreshments will be available and a whole lot of great merchandise. Forget the swap... come shop til you drop! Donations gladly accepted... free pick-up. Call 743-3303.



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GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$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. Cooked 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, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

Monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well B-1 + Music Machine "Buckles", 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 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. Female Dancers 9:30 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

Tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster Beer Nite" 25c cup of Posters \$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 Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 15c 7 to close
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Maza. 7-9. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Red and Red Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3 to 9 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. "Upturn" local thru dancing at 9 pm with resident and guest DJs from L.A., SF and beyond. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.
CLUB CONGRESS - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Seasonal short specials 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa/Mexico Dance Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas Chips & "Pico" salsa.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

Thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nite - 50c 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 Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Roccio food tops \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. 9:30 p.m. Liquid Flesh - a unique dance experience. Dance! Dance! Dance!
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 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 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). 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 Hour 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am with DJ David Z.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Flava D'Ouvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Stricklen 9:00 to 1:00.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

Saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. 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 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Pizdale 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???



I'm looking forward to 9:30 AM, this Friday morning. I, along with others will be loading into vehicles and departing for the City of Rocks, TKO's annual run. This year I might even skip the ice run into Deming, HA! A couple years ago, this side trip netted David G. his first ever dress. Maybe this year we can find one for David Z. I'm sure Jimmy D. (Miss Wipperett) will find one, but who wants to see the final results?

Yes, I will be bringing some of what happens among those rocks (nature's style) back with me for your enjoyment. And, if I'm able to get some sneaky snapshots, printable type, I'll slip them in next week. Of course, not all can or will be published, they do have censorship rights over this column, and "heavens to mergatroid", I wouldn't think of even trying to publish something a wee bit slanted or nasty that I've witnessed or overheard.

Well, next weekend will be time for Partners beer bust. From some of their members talking, they say they will be on the City of Rocks run also. Now, I'm officially warning Tucson's OLDEST club President - leave your ghetto box at home. Also, Joe, if you have any knee pads, it is suggested you bring them along.



TBBS: Are we having fun yet? I know, these past few weeks have been for me and the following is more of those all important BS items I've picked up over this past week. I'm sure everyone is just tickled pink when reading their names under this column. I'm also sure not everyone understands my humor but what the hell, I and many others do, so there.....

Here is a scary thought. I wonder what Walt Disney would do if he walked into Rumorz and saw Mickey Mouse working behind the bar, in the form of Tucson's oldest flame twirler, Bucky.

Since speaking of Bucky, I hear he has a *bare skin rug* at his house, in the form of Ray. Boy, would that be a sobering sight to see in the morning. And I'm not saying anything about anything beached.

A special from Ray, Bert: he would like to have his blue drawers back and if you are still wearing them, please wash them first.

I hear David W. is taking dance lessons from an instructor out of the Wag-on Wheel, who by the way wears spurs when teaching. Is David really getting into those kinky areas lately? Also David, keep your hands off the Chef at the Double Tree, his wife may not be too thrilled over the scene. Also, with John now working there, you both may have a good run for the golden c-ring.



Chapter #4: The other day at the Graduate I overheard someone saying after watching Stan walk down the bar, "I've seen turtles move faster." Some good has come from these weekly words on Stan, in the form of teaching. It seems he goes over to Rumorz and Bucky is trying to teach him the art of good bartending. Before I mentioned the fact to not order when he (Stan) has his vitals, after witnessing him the other day, do not even try to order when he is checking in a liquor order received. Remember, people with one track minds can only work on that one track, so lets not derail him.

With that, this will be the final chapter of the never ending saga on Stan. After all, how much more can I, or for that matter, anyone else say that hasn't already been said. Sooner or later everything becomes repetition and you do not want to keep beating an OLD DOG when he is down, especially with the same stick, with a cat of 9 tails - maybe. With this, the ending, I do hope you will still keep going in and visiting Stan, and have patience, he will get to you eventually.

Adios for this week. See you when I return from the City of Rocks run this weekend. AND DO NOT FORGET, AS OF TODAY - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, I WILL TURN 39 AND AM A PROUD, HAPPY VIRGIN, and I might add, many - many years younger than a fellow Virgin also celebrating today, Neil.

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Ferrari

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lines, Ferrari has devoted significant time and resources to compiling and listing these numbers from throughout the world in its guide books. The guide books even contain unique listing of AIDS cafes. These cafes, which cater to the needs of the HIV positive community, are springing up across the globe.

Ferrari Publications remains confident that this radical, one sided and unsubstantiated attack will be seen for what it is, a smear campaign based on false allegations. According to Ms. Ferrari, "We will not let this divisive incident sway us from our conviction to Gay rights, AIDS education and quality Gay and Lesbian journalism."

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Closet

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think my family's experience is much closer to "traditional American values" than present-day moralists would care to admit.

The last few years have shown us that publicly holy people are just as screwed up in private as the rest of us. People do stupid, hurtful things. Many people take refuge in pointing out the imperfections of others. Then they are surprised that they don't feel better. After all, they have shown they're better than someone else.

Like my parents, we fool no one but ourselves. We waste energy cowering in all sorts of closets. Nothing will change as long as we hide.

The real family is the one we make ourselves. The real values are truth, love, and acceptance.

Telling the truth may threaten people who are afraid to hear it or to face it. Forget them. What have you lost if they stop speaking to you? Nothing but their lies. As soon as you tell the truth, it becomes impossible for anyone to use it against you.

Come out. Be your real self, whoever that may be. The truth is the truth.

Politics

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I accept the above mentioned statements as such. I had reported much lower figures in a column approximately a month and a half ago. Well, the "Buck Stops Here." If I report something that turns out to be erroneous, (365 days in 1988, which was a leap year, and Mike Haggerty announcing his re-election, which he didn't) and I am called on that, and shown valid proof, as I have been in this case, I accept my mistake and will publicly admit I goofed.

To the County Recorder, I do accept the documentation that you sent regarding the June 29th event as such, and admit I made a mistake in reporting this event. I accept your word, and documentation as the truth and I hope you will accept my apology as such.

I end with this note about this column, this is a political column that will not promote one side over another, endorse candidates over other candidates, and talk about frivolous events. If you make a mistake, it will be reported. If you do something good, it will be reported. This is a column and I am a reporter, and that will be the way it is.

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DESERT VOICES has grown in recent years, to the point where it has become necessary to hire an Assistant Director of Music and an Accompanist. The following requirements are needed to achieve the goals and mission of Desert Voices:

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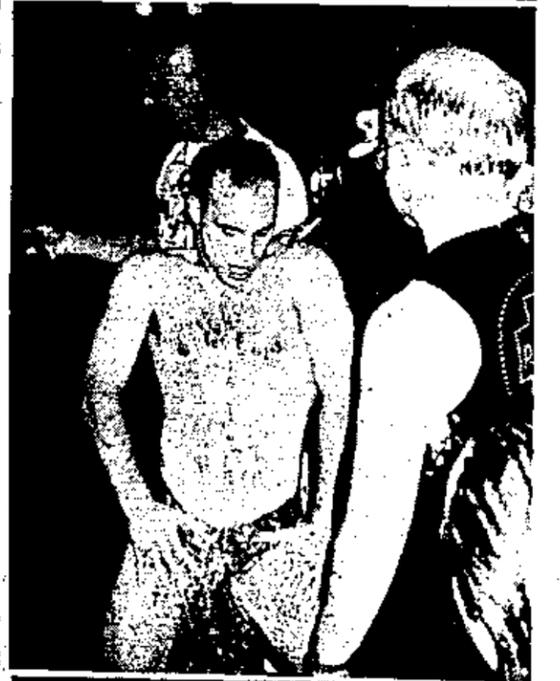
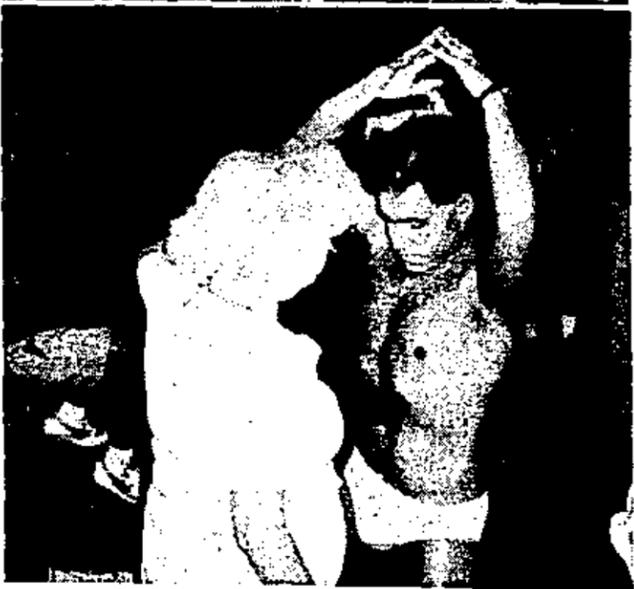
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

The Deacons of MCC-Tucson are now having a raffle. The first prize will be a T-shirt with the "Gay Pride Flag" design; the second prize will be a large "Gay Pride" flag; there will be three third prizes of small "Gay Pride" flags. Three tickets for \$1.00 are now being sold by our Deacons and members of MCC-Tucson. The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at a Pot-Luck Supper just prior to the Deacons' Worship Service which starts at 6:30 p.m.

This coming Saturday, August 21st, the Social Committee under the direction of Edna, will have another Bingo Party starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a prize for one of the games and play Bingo all evening. If you can't bring a prize, come and play anyway, everyone is invited to join with us for a fun evening.

The UFMCC believes in the

Priesthood of all believers and our last Sunday Morning Worship Service was conducted by members of the congregation. Different members of MCC-Tucson read the Scriptures, preached the sermon and offered Holy Communion. Our Pastors, Rev. Perry and Rev. Terlisner-Willey were a part of the congregation during this service.

Rev. Eduard Perry is on vacation this week until Wednesday, August 25th. If Rev. Perry is needed for an emergency, please call the church at 292-9151 and the message will be relayed to him. Our Deacons and Rev. Nita will be available this coming week for any concerns and information.

Thought for the week: Injustice is not inflicted deliberately but because people do not take the trouble to think things through.

A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It's been over a month now since we moved and there are still boxes everywhere! Since both my partner and I work full time it seems like there is never enough time in the day to do the routine things of living like grocery shopping and washing clothes, let alone the sometimes tedious and very time consuming details associated with moving, like deciding where each piece of furniture should go and notifying all our correspondents (mostly book and magazine publishers) of our new address. And then there are the boxes! Most of the remaining contain books, but even though the book cases have been placed where they belong in the appropriate rooms, we can't just empty the boxes and place the books on the shelves. No, if we ever hope to find a specific book we must have some sort of system for organizing them, and we just haven't

taken time to do that yet. But a week ago we gave our first party in our new house! It wasn't a large gathering, just four other couples we invited for a swim and barbecue. That's right, in spite of the unfinished state of our house, we went ahead and had a party! We knew if we waited until we felt everything was "just right" in our new home we probably would invite anyone over!

I wonder, are any of you putting off doing something until you think you are really ready? Maybe some of you have heard about Jesus and honestly believe that he died to be your saviour, but you don't think you should accept him just yet. You think you still have too many sins in your life; you want to wait until you "get your act together" before receiving him as your saviour. Or maybe you are already a Christian, but God is asking you to do something for him. Maybe you have gone away from him and you know he is calling you to come back to guarantee this: if you wait until you are "ready" you will never make that decision you should make! There will always be something else you think you have to do first! The Bible reminds us in James 4:14, "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." Since this is true, it is important to do whatever God is telling you to do while you still have the opportunity to do so.

I'm not sorry that I invited some of my friends over before I felt my home was completely ready for company, and I'm sure that you won't be sorry if you do what the Lord is asking you to do right now!

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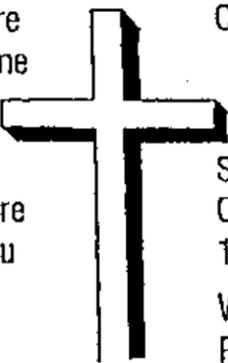
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Viewpoint

by KENNY JACOBS

The t.v. said it all. Again.

"A study released today by the National Institutes of Health gave the most compelling evidence to date that male homosexuality is not a matter of choice but is in fact predetermined at birth."

I looked over at my mother. She was trying not to laugh whenever she is confronted with the obvious or the terminally stupid. This happened to be a rare combination of both. The t.v. interrupted our America's Funniest Videos moment:

"Genetic material from the mother may be a determining factor in whether a person is Gay or not."

There are moments when it is best to not say anything. I usually discover these moments a day or two later, after the damage is done. As I looked at my now silent mother I toned in, "I knew it was your fault."

A pillow whizzed past my face, karoomed off the sewing machine and plucked the cat in the head. The cat jumped and walked over to my geriatric dog and boxed her on the ear. The dog did nothing, preferring to let this vicious cycle of violence end with her. She's very Ghandi-like that 'ol dog 'o mine.

There was nothing new going on here. I know my dog is a pacifist, my cat a satanist, my sexual orientation an in-born trait. What I didn't know was that my mother possessed a great pick-off move to first. She's very League 'o Her Ownish, that 'ol ma 'o mine.

I do know that being Gay is a human trait and not something anyone should be faulted for. My mom knows this too. She does, however, have problems with her "born-again" daughter. My sister thinks that I spent too much time in the theater, that somehow Ibsen and O'Neil conspired to turn her brother into a life-time embarrassment for an other wise up and coming Christian.

I can't help but feel sorry for my sister. She goes to church, tithes with devotion, and has built a spiritual life of such ferocity it has scared her husband. She has to listen to people every week say what an awful person her only brother is, and she pays them to do it!

I've been asked a lot of questions lately. Why I'm so public about being Gay. I've been asked why I told a FORMER advertiser in the "Good News" to put her mouth where her money was in regards to that right wing rag. Why would someone want to go on t.v. and talk to straight people about things many Gay folks don't talk about amongst themselves? I have a confession to make.

I do it for my sister.

You see, Pat Robertson isn't some nut in Virginia, he's my baby sister. Phyllis Schlafly isn't a 1950's throwback, she's the little redhead I asked to ride with me the first time I got to drive a car with my new license. The people of the "Good News" aren't a cabal of bogeyman, they're every memory I'll ever have of a person I'll always love, no matter what.

I want my sister back.

I know she lives two thousand miles away and won't see the t.v. news here in Tucson. But someone's little sister

or brother will see it, and maybe they will put their family together again.

My sister is out of touch with reality. She's in a cult. I don't mean a "Waco style" cult, but this cult has reduced my family to smoke just the same. My sister is a prisoner of the Pious Right. There are churches that are created to appeal to people like my sister. They look like shopping malls, are designed like movie theaters and explain life in simplistic terms that even Mr. Rodgers would find nauseating.

If something bad happens, it's the will of God. If something bad happens to someone you don't like, it's God's judgement.

All of this, this bible mill faith factory fraud is based on a flawed interpretation of a few scripture. Now we're receiving scientific information that Sheri's queer brother is the result of God's plan. Will the Pious Right change their tune.

Can you say, NOT!!!

No sooner had the ink dried on the "Gay gene" study then Adam Colwell (of the Good News) spoke about it on his program on KVOI radio. Basically he said science be damned. He knows what the word of God on this matter, case closed.

The Pious Right are like my cat, something doesn't go their way, they have to slap somebody. I'm tired of being an ecclesiastic punching bag. With apologies to my dog I have realized there are things and people worth fighting for, my sister being one.

If you go back east, and see a lady with curly red hair and the biggest brown eyes in the world, tell her that her brother loves her, and he always will. She just doesn't know how much.

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It may be helpful to realize that a charitable attitude toward orphaned and disadvantaged children is close to the hearts of many gay oriented people since many of us find ourselves orphaned by our families and friends when we come out of the closet.

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I would like to personally thank the entire community, Gay-Lesbian, Bi and straight, for your kind and generous support. Sincerely,

David F. Zinke



Travel Around The Compass

by Michael Allison

If you caught last week's column you're now aware that I'll be taking you around the world, on a weekly basis, to some of the hottest destinations for the Gay and Lesbian traveler. We'll be looking at where to go, how to get there for the least dollars, and what to do when you get there so that your vacation will leave a lifetime of positive memories. And as promised, this week we're heading down under to Sydney, Australia which is undoubtedly one of the hottest spots of all.

A few more years ago that I care to remember I spent a month in Australia as the guest of a former college roommate and I still get moist every time I remember the first sight of those world famous Aussie lifeguards (worth the airfare alone). But beyond all the bulges in the wet speedos, I found some of the most down right likeable people on earth. And for a lot of us Yanks who tend to be a little ethnocentric (we don't quite know how to handle people of a different language and culture) Australia won't send even the least adventuresome into culture shock. When an Aussie says "Come On Down", he means it. In more ways than one!

Sydney is a gutsy, world-class city, and in recent years has become one of the most vibrant and exciting Gay and Lesbian centers in the world. Sydney definitely has much Gay appeal, both to men and women. It's an incredibly dynamic city and its Gay life reflects this. Whether you go for a week or a month, open yourself to its raw, glamorous energy.

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I'd be proud to send any of my valued customers off with this group and I trust in the quality and value of their products and services. By the way, a representative from that company will be attending the upcoming Gay Travel Expo/Shanti benefit on September 13 at Club 2520. There will be a film presentation of the event so you can see just what's in store for you. Make a note on your calendar and watch the Observer for details as the date nears.

(Editors Note: Michael Allison is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Compass Travel, Tucson's Gay Owned, Operated, and out travel agency.)



Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

It's finally here! Our First Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast at Rumorz, this Sunday, August 22nd from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Join us and treat your taste buds to one of Bucky's famous omelets accompanied by potatoes, roll, orange juice and coffee, all for only \$3.99! An auction of valuable items begins at 3:00 p.m. conducted by auctioneer Roger Whitehead.

AGRA appreciates the effort and work done by Hank Stone, Bucky and Rumorz staff.

Natalie and Beth will host a special community roast for Gary Clark at Club 2520 to begin at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, and are still available (as of press time) for this benefit. Proceeds go to the M.P.S. Society.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Artie Michaels, Phoenix AGRA Treasurer. Get well wishes may be sent in care of St. Joseph's Hospital, 531 West Thomas Road, #303, Phoenix, Arizona 85013.

Congratulations to Art Lewis and his staff at the Graduate who are celebrating their 30th Anniversary this weekend. Art & Kenny A. have planned four days of activity for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Live entertainment will be featured Friday and Saturday nights. Hors d'oeuvres will be served Friday and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Anyone wearing blue

gets 25 cents off any cocktail. Raffle tickets will be given to anyone purchasing a drink for a CD player give-a-way, the drawing will be at 10 p.m. Sunday night. Anniversary cake will be cut Sunday at 5 p.m. See you all there.

Captain Hannum! Private Zippo requests party leave!

Colorado

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perceived as a loss of entitlement. The feeling tends to be particularly acute among young white men, who feel that the agitation over equal rights for women, blacks, browns, and Gays is somehow leaving them out in the cold. It's no use resorting to sarcasm. Feeling left out is no fun, and the combination of resentment and fear makes political poison.

A more useful way to untangle all this growing mass of resentments (immigrants are certainly on the receiving end of it, too) is to get the country back on track so there are enough jobs to go around.

(Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Her essays have been collected into a book, "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?")

FYI *by Big John*

In starting this column, I need to inject a few disclaimers and perhaps claimers too.

Claim #1 this column, however regular or irregular, its stems from community interest, not self interest, I'm sure, I'll refer to this opening statement many times as time passes.

Also, a nudge from the closing remarks in the 8/4/93 "Bit Of The Old South." column by Sean Thomas' "Stand Up & Say Something!" Thomas stated, "Get involved in the solution without your input, it will be business as usual, if not worse make a difference and say something."

Well! what a mouthfull. Anyone who knows me knows I've got a lot to say about a lot of subjects I'll challenge myself to "stick to the facts man, just the facts."

After all, it's "For Your Information." As a starting point I'll be a conduit of health information concerning descriptions, symptoms diagnosed by, prophylaxis/prevention standard treatments and experimental treatments of AIDS related diseases information supplied by San Francisco AIDS Foundation and San Francisco Project Inform. My mission is to

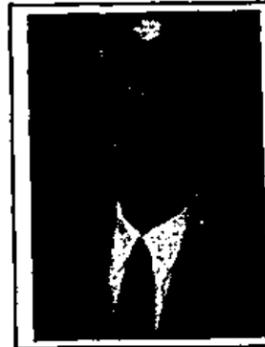
provide information about the most common medical problems experienced by people with HIV.

Only a doctor can tell you if you have any of these diseases this information is not designed to help you diagnose yourself. However, if you or someone you know has been diagnosed with an HIV related disease. I want to help you learn more about that diseases' transmission, symptoms and treatments. When possible, I will attempt to be optimistic rather than pessimistic.

AIDS even more than most diseases affects each person differently most of the conditions described here can be unpredictable. No one can tell you precisely what is going to happen to you. The good news, is that there are a variety of treatment options available for most every condition in feature issues.

If someone does not respond well to one treatment, or has trouble with side effects, there are often alternatives.

So with all that said, I hope I have your attention, looking forward to seeing you next week with what the rock group Duran Duran says, "Too Much Information."



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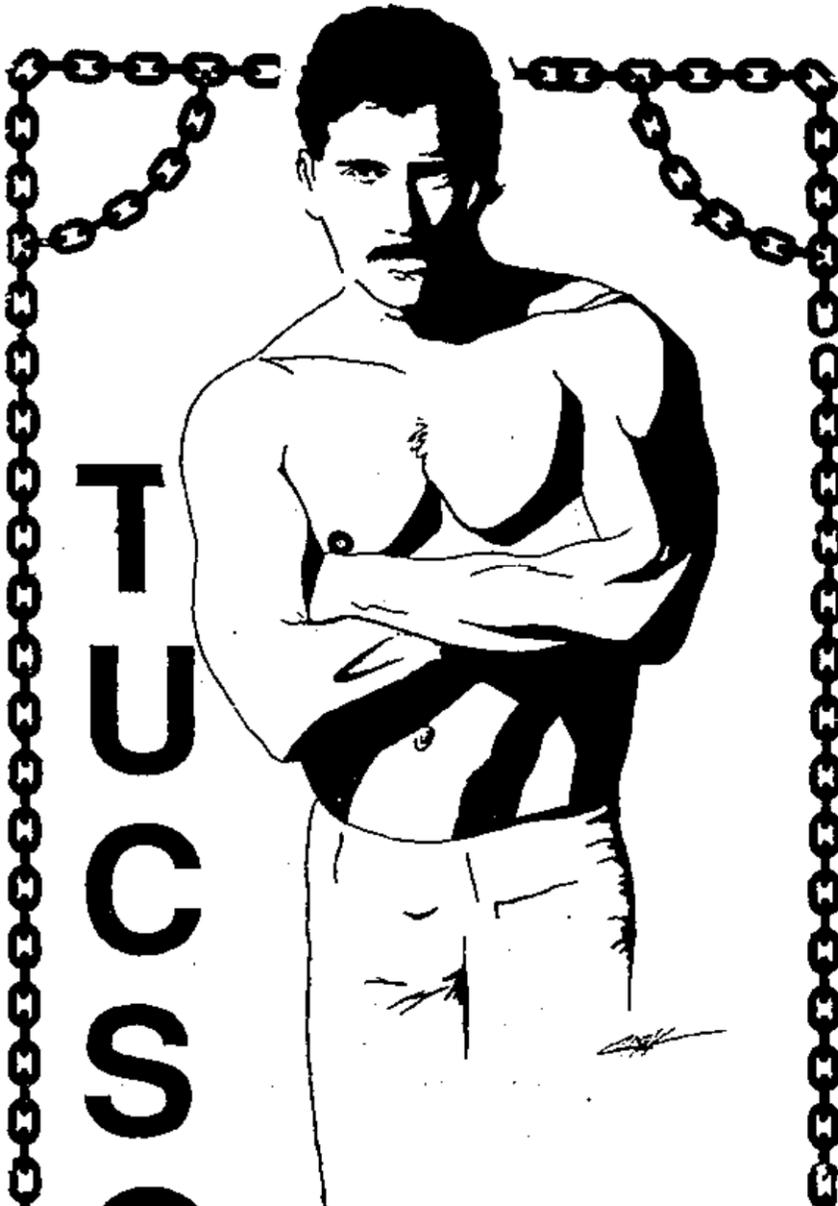
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APRIL 20 - MAY 20

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GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 21

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CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You feel as though you are riding the crest of the wave of popularity. Caught up in the undertow are all those people that will remain close to you over time. Take a moment not to neglect these moments.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Despite your penchant for center stage, the accent is on re-fueling and re-organizing friends. Prioritize your list and give way to the old and usher in the new recruits, life is too short to linger one anything more than "true blue friends".

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Passes that are usually ignored seem to be activated with no effort on your part. Sexuality flows in your direction and you flirt with the possibility of romance or a tryst. Look for a family member or confidence if things get out of control.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

In the work place things seem to be gaining momentum. You feed off the activity and welcome the challenge. An imbalance may occur on the home front which may mirror your devotion to one and not the other.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

Your confidence was shattered in the past week and a half because you made a decision to feel your oats. Although your timing was off you may venture into a situation now and be sure of the outcome. Be kind!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Social scene seems subdued, but it is enough to sustain the die hards. Your best bet this week is to enjoy spurts of being "social" enough to satisfy and then burrow into physical and spiritual rejuvenation. Bounce back anew!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

This week and next will provide you with inner peace which has been long awaited. Use the time and good response to fire future endeavors and possible career motivated situations. Your social acceptance is at an all time high. Enjoy!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Personal strength is a great value but, often needs to be directed away from yourself. Your job always takes priority and you are good at it but, other things need to be recognized. Family and friends cry out for your attention and they truly desire it at this point. Address the important issues.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

It has been quite a sobering look at life lately, not your favorite! Leave the rough areas to smooth themselves out as they always do. Draw all you can from close friends as the energy abounds and gives you good reason to become a receptacle for metaphysical empowerment. Go for it!



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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Breadbox). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV +; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Haitian) or 323-6226 (Administration).

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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, 5000 and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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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.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS ENPO LINE 842-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY ROBBO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0885 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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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. 293-7886.

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

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LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Eld: 581-8850 or Room 968-2384.

AT BASE AGAIN, A men's discussion group, meets at Wiggapan, 422 N. 4th Ave, at 7 pm every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome.

JOIN US! PLOC, Presbyterians for Lesbians & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993; PLOC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

ARIZONA NUDE DUDES (ANDES) is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044 or call Jim Paris at 297-9818.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Life, for the most part, can be a very difficult experience. Thanks to the efforts of various concerned human rights organizations, life becomes a little more tolerable. I don't mean to make it sound like life is a chore, but rather should be a very enjoyable and positive event.

Unfortunately, there are too few who are willing both to give time and effort to the endeavors of furthering human rights. People should understand that changes cannot be made without action. The instance of one's human rights cannot be maintained by the printed word, but by the actions of those that watch closely and monitor what is going on in society.

There is a level of hate that, unfortunately, is a product of a poor economic situation and a high crime rate. People who feel that they have no future and will lash out at society, themselves, or both. It is important that we understand the causes of human rights problems and not just to blindly through emotional bias be unwilling to see the picture clearly. If you do not fully understand what you are dealing with, you cannot correct it.

This is not to justify people's bigotries, but rather through dialogue and understanding, try to educate these individuals in the fact that the path they have chosen is one that is destructive and harmful to the overall general community. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for that very small number who are willing to give of themselves in the fight for civil rights for all people in America.

I honestly believe that every Gay and Lesbian is seriously concerned in their hearts of our civil rights and equality and if we choose not to be politically active, then we should, at least support those who are so inclined in their efforts in making those aware of what's going on in our community. Communication is the key to effective campaigns for civil rights.

In the old days, civil rights just meant equality for black people. Today it is seen as equality for people based on all colors, cultures, orientations, and gender.

No one deserves equal rights more than another or in application for civil rights, no one should be treated differently than any other. Equal rights is just that: Rights that should be administered and distributed equally among all people.

This type of opinion has been labeled by the far right as liberal babbling.

What is funny about this situation is that the Far Right will many times use our rhetoric to their advantage when they are being discriminated against by one method or another. At that time it is considered proper and American. People, to achieve support will drape their cause in the American flag, and the Constitution. These two things have been abused almost as much as the use of religion.

People need to go deeper than just surface information to find out the truth about things that are going on that will directly affect them. It is not that difficult to seek the fundamental facts in which a campaign or movement are founded upon. Please take the time to support some level of advocacy for our rights and the rights of the other people in our society who are oppressed.

Results will only come from persistence, aggressiveness and activism. It is my privilege to have known and to know some wonderful activists within our own community, but I caution all activists that many times the facts will speak louder than the emotion of the moment.

Tucson is a wonderful place to live in. Proof is that we have a city ordinance against discrimination based on orientation and employment and housing. Many cities do not have such equal rights guarantees, but these things are only accomplished as a result of the activists in the community who have put their reputations and lives on the line for the good of the community. I do not always support the methods used, but I always support the motive behind it.

Let us never be guilty of the same unfortunate and despicable tactics used by our enemies. We need not lower ourselves to that level. The truth and justice will ultimately win out, but only with a little help from our friends.

This Sunday, August 22nd, at Club 2520 will be the roast of Gary Clark to benefit MPS. If you have the opportunity, I would strongly recommend that you attend this event in support of the Gay community's efforts in fighting this horrible disease. Look within this publication for more information and details regarding this event. Hope to see you there this Sunday.

Till next week, Sean 323-1017.

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