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Shanti Gets Surprise Donation

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation received a surprise donation last week when the phone call came in and the caller revealed that he had just moved to Tucson and was impressed with the community and its HIV/AIDS organizations and wished to make a donation.

Ralph Geror, treasurer of Shanti is shown above on the right accepting a check from ex-Houstonian David Doyle for $1,500. Doyle is shown with his companion Gary Fowler and another ex-Houstonian, Jim Dondson, owner of the popular Leather bar, Venture-N.

A nice surprise for Shanti. Welcome to Tucson David and Gary.

Advocate Magazine Interviews Barry Goldwater

PHOENIX, Az., (AP) - Crusty and plain spoken, former Senator Barry Goldwater is again is shooting from both hips over Gay bashing and any other attitude that curtails freedom.

"There has always been homosexuality, ever since man and woman were invented," the 85 year old former presidential candidate told The Advocate, a national magazine for homosexuals, "Don't raise hell about the Gays, the blacks and the Mexicans. Free people have a right to do as they damn will please."

Goldwater, who has spoken out on the issue several times recently, said he's had only about 100 letters in response, and they were split about evenly.

"Someone once came up to me and asked, 'Would you fly with a man you knew was Gay?'" he said. "'Hell, yes' I said, 'as long as the son of a bitch could fly.'"

Goldwater served in the U.S. Senate from 1952 to 1964 and from 1968 to 1986. He ran for president in 1964 and was defeated by Lyndon B. Johnson.

"The Republican Party should stand for freedom and only freedom," the forthright party patriarch said. "To see the party that fought communism and big government now fighting the Gays, well that's just plain dumb."

Goldwater told The Advocate that his grandson, Ty Ross of Scottsdale, and a grandniece are Gay. Ross is quoted as saying his grandfather never made a fuss about him.

"I'd bring my boyfriends around to his house, and he never said anything about (my homosexuality)," Ross told the magazine. "I think it was then that he realized that there are *normal* people out there who are Gay and it's just a regular occurrence."

In a telephone interview with the Arizona Republic, Goldwater had told that he and his wife Susan had attended a posh party recently at a resort. Only after he arrive, he said, did he realize it was a Gay party.

"I was absolutely amazed at the number of people," he said. "I was really amazed at the people I had known all my life who were Gay."

Goldwater has said repeatedly that President Clinton should simply order the military to accept Gays.

"The president of the United States is the commander in chief of the armed forces, and if he says to drop the ban, by God, everybody should do an about face or get out of the service," Goldwater told The Advocate.

An Open Letter To John McCain

by Kenny Jacobs

Matthew 26:15-16

"What are you willing to give me to deliver him to you?" And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.

And from then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray him.

I know politics is a dirty business where everyone has some mud on their Sunday best, but how low is someone willing to go? And should that standard change when one becomes U.S. Senator? I think the standard should change, John McCain, apparently does not. I never saw myself as an upper case invective writer (like Larry Kramer or Michelangelo Signorile) but I'm angry, upset, and can't get the leverage to remove the knife planted firmly in my back. If you look, there's a knife somewhere in your anatomy, too.

Lon Mabon is the head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a right wing religious fundamentalist group with financial backing from every loonies' sugar daddy, Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition.

In 1988, the OCA got the state of Oregon to rescind Gov. Barbara Robert's executive order barring discrimination against Lesbians and Gays in state jobs. In May of 1992, the OCA hoodwinked the town of Springfield into passing an ordinance prohibiting municipal funds to "promote" homosexuality.

When Colorado passed their "Hate Initiative", Oregon barely defeated a ballot initiative that would've given Hitler a warm, fuzzy feeling inside. The OCA mustered 42% of the vote in favor of Measure 9, a constitutional amendment.

If Amendment 9 had passed:

ALL anti-discrimination laws concerning Lesbians and gay would have been VOIDED;

LIBRARIES would have been required to remove ALL BOOKS ABOUT GAY LIFE;

ALL BUSINESSES that appeared to "condone or promote" homosexuality (bars, therapists, hairdressers, retailers with a Gay clientele, etc.) WOULD LOSE any and all appropriate licenses to conduct business;

ANY TEACHER that didn't teach all students that "homosexuality is wrong" would be fired;

Any school guidance counselor that didn't tell young Lesbians and Gays that they are "perverse" would be fired;

ALL LESBIAN AND GAY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WOULD BE FIRED;

Gay parents would automatically lose custody of their kids because they would officially be "abnormal."

Forty-two percent of the voters of Oregon endorsed the idea of legal, institutional discrimination!

During the campaign an ugly environment of intolerance mushroomed in the northwest.

People who placed No On 9 signs in their yard found them gone when they returned from work. People who placed their No On 9 signs in trees to prevent theft found their trees had been chopped down while they were away.

Homes and businesses that had No On 9 signs were vandalized. Churches that were against 9's discrimination were torched. Crosses and swastikas were burned in the yards of homes owned by Gays and Lesbians.

Three men living in a trailer were shot at on several occasions. Lesbians and Gays were taunted an threatened all over the state.

IN SALEM, A LESBIAN AND GAY MAN WERE MURDERED WHEN A FIREBOMB WAS THROWN INTO THEIR LIVING ROOM.

John McCain is going to Oregon to raise money for these scum on AUGUST 30th. Why? Because blood money is thicker than ethical water in political "families". McCain's phone number is 670-6334.

Lon Mabon was going to run a challenger against Republican Bob "Scratch-n-Sniff" Packwood in the primary. Apparently Packwood didn't pass muster with the moral OCA, after all he denounced Measure 9. So in the name of unity and brotherhood, Mabon was called to Washington to meet with McCain and others to see what the man behind the curtain wanted. He wanted McCain. Strange bedfellows this mix of power and money create.

McCain has sold his name to the OCA for the silver of a Packwood victory. At least McCain keeps his promises. But McCain, when you take the podium in Portland, you wear blood on your hands.

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What can you expect from a man

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UPDATE

Frontrunners Walk/Run

TUCSON - Tucson Frontrunners announces the addition of a Thursday Walk/Run to its regularly scheduled runs. This will be a short, easy run, or walk around Himmel Park, designed primarily for those wanting to start or re-start some kind of exercise or running program.

Interested parties will meet Thursdays at 6 p.m. in front of the Himmel Park Library (east side) near the corner of Treat Avenue and First Street. Frontrunners is open to all: women, men, kids, and pets. Come get motivated! For information call Mitch at 326-3555.

Camp Pendleton Porno Operator Fears for Life

OCEANSIDE, Ca., (AP) - A man who says he ran a mail order pornography operation from his home that included photos and videotapes of Marines says he has burned his erotic materials and is leaving town.

The man, who asked to be called "Bobby," says he has had sex with 500 to 800 active duty Camp Pendleton Marines, but won't name names.

"I think I'm going to San Francisco," Bobby said. "I'm done. I'm leaving."

Bobby, 39, told the Blade Citizen that he fears Marines may try to kill him to keep him from passing on secrets that could end their military careers.

Police detectives and Camp Pendleton authorities say they have identified Bobby as the man who allegedly ran the mail-order pornography operation from his home, the newspaper reported.

At least two dozen, and perhaps as many as 200 Marines were paid to pose and have sex in the mail order material, the newspaper reported.

Police have not filed charges. Investigators were unable to confirm allegations that minors were involved, or that the materials were sent through the U.S. Postal Service in a way that violated federal law.

Florida Plans to Segregate AIDS Patients

ORLANDO, Fla., - (AP) Florida's prison system is planning to segregate inmates in the final stages of AIDS. A civil rights advocate calls the plan a step backward but prison officials defend it.

"The goal is to provide high quality care as cost effectively as possible," John Burke, chief health services administrator for state prisons said.

A prison near Orlando is being converted for those seriously ill with AIDS. It is scheduled to open next summer and will have normal prison security, said Dr. Charles Matthew's the state prison system's top doctor.

"This is an excuse to separate prisoners with AIDS and remove them from the population, out of sigh, out of mind," said Jackie Walker of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project. "They'll become a throwaway population."

Yoga Sessions for HIV

TUCSON - Gentle Hatha Yoga for beginning and intermediate students who are immunologically challenged will begin Tuesday, Aug. 31 at St. Francis in the Foothills, room 32-33. The sessions will run from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. every Tuesday. The classes are ongoing, so you can join anytime (as space allows). Beginners are encouraged to start at the first class of an eight week session. New sessions will begin every eight weeks.

Six classes are $36, or $7 for each individual class. Classes must be taken within 8 weeks. A sliding fee scale is available.

Marie Schloss, RNC, ANP, is a certified Hatha Yoga instructor specializing in classes for beginning and intermediate students as well as the physically challenged. Yoga and Guided Meditation is now used as an adjunct to other therapies for immunological strengthening and to promote a general sense of well being.

Beginning and Intermediate Hatha Yoga classes will show you ways to relax the mind and body, improve flexibility and balance, invigorate and recharge your energy. Instruction will include breathing, meditation and relaxation techniques. These enjoyable classes will give you an opportunity to practice yoga with friends in an understanding environment. For more information and registration call Marie at 293-7008.

Desert Voices Orientation

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's Lesbian and Gay chorus, will hold an orientation gathering on Monday, Aug. 30 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River Road. The orientation is for old and new members and will kick off the fall/winter season. September 13 is the last day to enter the chorus for this season. The group will begin rehearsals for their Holiday Concert on Dec. 4 at Pima College.

Everyone is welcome to join the Desert Voices. For more information call 791-9663.

Louganis Off Broadway

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - Olympic superstar Greg Louganis has traded his swimsuit for a "Cats" costume.

No, he's not going into Andrew Lloyd Webber's long running feline musical on Broadway, but rather will appear in "Jeffrey," the off-Broadway comedy as a chorus boy who works in "Cats."

The 33 year old Louganis, who won four Olympic gold medals for diving, joins the show, now playing at the Minetta Lane Theater, on August 31. "Jeffrey" by Paul Rudnick is about a Gay man looking for love in the age of AIDS.

"Jeffrey" is Louganis' New York stage debut. Since retiring from diving competition, he has appeared as the Prince in a Long Beach, California, production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella."

Get The OBSERVER Habit

Bears of the Old Pueblo

Last week I went out into the rain to cool off. It felt wonderful on my skin and in my hair and my beard! This year's monsoons are erratic and pitiful (from what I am told). The cooler Fall weather is just around the corner and I can't wait.

There is a business meeting on August 26 and the General Meeting i son September 2 at the Venture-N. We'll be getting ready for September. One of the things we'd like to celebrate is the club's One Year Anniversary. Yep, it has already been that long! This should be a great get together for everyone. A site is TBA. Bring your suggestions to the General or Business meeting.. Or else let John or myself know through telephone.

I have not forgotten about the things we've put on the "back burner." One is the club questionnaire. This will be sent to everyone to see what you would like to do. The fall is generally a good time for outdoor stuff like camping, hiking, and tubing. Another favorite of mine is to do more barbecue cooking. Look for this questionnaire in your mailbox sometime soon.

Next week or so, Lindsay will be hosting some Bear friends of his from London. Hopefully we'll get to meet them at the General Meeting. Making friends from all over the world is always fun. Right now we correspond with their group, Bearhug London. I am sure that they will want to see what the Southwest is all about. Lindsay and David will have further details.

Ross and I are ready to take any stories and tidbits that you all want to put in this month's newsletter. I am one step closer to getting pictures in there for us. If you have any good photos, let me borrow the negatives for a while. Remember, this newsletter is sent to other Bear clubs and a picture or two which could persuade them to come over for a visit. Take care. Hugz, Rich.

GA Anti-Gay Resolution Sparks Pro, Con Rallies

MARIETTA, Ga., - Gay rights supporters held a "Queer Family Picnic" and church groups staged an opposing rally after leaders of this affluent Atlanta suburb declared homosexuality incompatible with community values.

Authorities managed to keep the peace despite three bomb scares and an occasional verbal clash between participants in the two rallies.

But the protests might not be over: Cobb County commissioners are scheduled to vote tomorrow on a proposal to use "family oriented standards" to determine who receives county arts subsidies.

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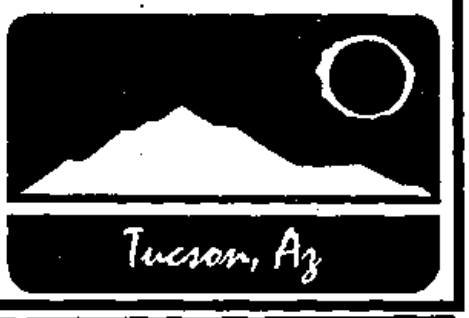

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Informing the Community
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Graduate Celebrates 30th Anniversary

TUCSON - Last weekend, the Graduate celebrated 30 years of a continuously running Gay bar, believed to be the oldest in the state. The venerable establishment is located at 23 West University just north of the downtown area. The place has had a couple of name changes since it was first opened as Mr. Jim's, and has had several owners since that time, but it was always a Gay bar and it has served thousands of Gays and Lesbians in those years.

Kenny Holder, manager, is shown above with some of the congratulatory floral displays they received. Owner, Art Lewis, was out of town for the photo session. Observer extends its congratulations and best wishes for another 30 years of pleasant service to the Tucson community.

Compass Travel and Club 2520 Set Travel Expo

TUCSON - September 13 has been set as the date for the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community's First Annual Gay Travel Expo which will direct benefit the Shanti Foundation. Michael Allison, Director of Sales and Marketing for Compass Travel, is the creator and organizer of the event and has arranged what will prove to be something very new and exciting for the community.

"I'm so excited as some small plans have bloomed and resulted in a fun program which will be so much larger and exciting than I ever dreamed possible. Anyone in the community will find this to be a fun evening," Allison said. Representatives from the Gay travel industry will be in attendance bringing film presentations and information on fabulous worldwide travel opportunities and destinations geared exclusively for the Gay and Lesbian traveler. "What makes it really worth while is that we'll be able to channel some much needed funds to the Shanti Foundation."

Compass Travel, one of Tucson's Gay owned and operated travel agency is dedicated to supporting the community through the various charitable organizations for AIDS support. They will dedicate 10% of its profits to any organization, that a customer designates. In the case of the Travel Expo, the donation will come from any travel arrangements made as a result of the event, and will go directly to Shanti.

Ann Maley, Executive Director of the Shanti Foundation is thrilled with the plans and the potential of the Travel Expo. "I want to personally express my heartfelt thanks to Michael Allison and Compass Travel for all the work and effort which benefits all of us in the community, and for caring enough to get involved in the fight against AIDS! The key to a successful fund raiser is the element of "Fun" and this will definitely be a fun event," Maley said.

The Travel Expo will be held at Club 2520 on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. In addition to many door prizes donated through the generosity of local businesses, there will be four very special Grand Prizes, Morris Air, Tucson's newest airline, arriving in October, is donating four roundtrip tickets for two to four different destinations. These fabulous prizes will be raffled off at the Travel Expo.

Shanti volunteers will begin selling tickets within the next several days. At the conclusion of the program, there will be refreshments and an opportunity to meet with travel representatives for questions or specific information.

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Ghetto II

A woman told me that I shouldn't have referred to Fourth Avenue (Tucson's answer to Haight Street) as a nascent Gay ghetto. It wasn't the Gay part she minded, this semi-closeted Lesbian acquaintance, or necessarily my wishful thinking, but her business interests on Fourth Ave. which caused her discomfort with the word ghetto.

I sat and thought about her objection. The distinction is that a ghetto does not have to be a slum.

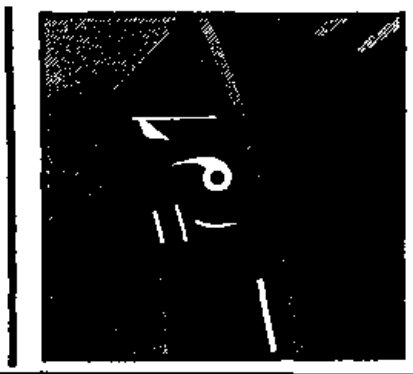
The queer ghetto I referred to in San Francisco is one of the cleanest, best taken care of, most active, economically soundest, and safest parts of that city.

When the Jewish ghettoes of Europe were islands of literacy, intellectual inquiry, music, law, and philosophy. the rest of Europe looked fairly barbaric by comparison.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in WWII was an immortal act of bravery and nobility under deadly oppression.

I admit that the Near Northwest ghetto of Detroit was not any such place. When I lived there it was black and poor and dangerous — and that was before crack cocaine. I suspect my Tucson Lesbian acquaintance has this neigborhood or one like it in mind when she objects to the g-word.

My Steven is on his way to Toronto for his sister's wedding. He will ride subways, walk the waterfront, immerse himself in an all-queer subculture. He'll visit Chinese, Jewish, and Gay neighborhoods, among others, over the next two weeks. (What is Chinatown but a ghetto?) I'm so jealous I could spit.



I've written about loving Tucson and being glad I live here, but right now I am missing the big evil city. I miss Hunan smoked ham and string beans, Palestinian shawarma, walks on Ocean Beach, and brunch at the Patio. I read a column in the ECHO about a trip to Provincetown. Although I've never been to P'town, the description of a happy queer ghetto made me homesick to the point of tears for San Francisco. I've felt what it's like for a faggot to be able to relax and be himself. Once you've tasted that freedom, you can't go back.

If my reticent acquaintance has spent any time in the loving center of a queer ghetto, she must realize what a compliment it was to Fourth Avenue. We should be so lucky.

So what else is new, you ask? Ten days ago I underwent a rite of passage; I had both of my nipples pierced. They're healing nicely, thank you; I couldn't be happier. It was the best thing I ever did for my body.

The rite of passage was to mark my entry into middle age: last Friday was my thirty-fifth birthday. I, of course, expected the world to at least slow down to acknowledge the occasion. The world was blissfully oblivious. My family also chose to ignore the occasion. It was humbling.

It helped that Annie and Diane took us out to dinner as promised Monday night. It was yummy and fun and a good send-off for Steven's trip. The family we make is the one that counts.

I'm a bit under the weather (an unfortunate run-in with an overheated radiator and coolant fumes) and don't have a lot more to say.

If you go to San Francisco, don't send me a postcard; I don't think I could stand it until this heat is gone.

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

I'd like to begin this week by acknowledging the start of what I hope will be an on going column by Big John (F.Y.I.). The subjects he plans to cover are important to our community as a whole. Did you know that less than half the Gay male population has been tested for HIV. Did you know that there are probably about two thousand HIV positive people in the community that don't even know that they are positive? Why? FEAR!

By the efforts of concerned members of our community such as Big John and others we can make a difference. Education and action are vital to being effective. It is nice to see someone willing to be effective in our community, rather than just gossiping and letting the community know who fell off a bar stool this week during happy hour. For one thing, who cares? That is why I wish the best of luck to you John and always hang in there.

This last Sunday was wonderful. Why? The Roast of Mr. Gary Clark to raise money for the MPS. I have never been to a roast so well put together. The entertainment was wonderful, food was delicious, and the roasters quite witty. Beth, Natalie and little Woody, I wish you the most heartfelt positive energies. I really do love you kids. You were there for me and I'll always remember that. Thank you. And of course this event was an obvious Ricky Norman production with the surprising wit of Mr. Dani Reid. Wonderfully entertaining, guys. Thank you for a truly fun evening.

I am presently working on a column on the subject of the hidden epidemic; the drug problem in Gay Tucson. It is worse than you think. The dealers are blatant and in some circles are even admired for their crimes against our community. We know who they are, they never hide. I am speaking of powders and pills. I personally am a strong supporter of the legalization of Marijuana, but I really have no tolerance for the leaches that are sucking the life out of many members of our community. But enough about that for now.

Have a Safe, Clean and Passionate Week: Sean 323-1017.

Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Tucson's Gay Pride - take a bow!

Sunday's Community Roast of Gary Clark (benefit for the National MPS Society) brought together a tremendous amount of talents, sharing and giving, an attribute Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Community is well noted for every time a worthy cause needs help.

The well choreographed evening saluted organizational abilities spearheaded by Natalie and Beth and their hard working committees. Hats off to Mr. Dani Reid, Roast Mistress, for a job well done. All the roasters, entertainers and crew can be proud of what is definitely one of Tucson's best social events. It was great to see many friends laugh at the all too funny perceptions we have of Gary Clark.

Congratulations to all for one of the funniest and most memorable evenings.

Special thanks to Bucky, Hank, Jeff, Jeffrey and Rumorz for hosting AGRA's First Chuckwagon Breakfast. Bucky, you out did yourself in you usual great style.

Everyone attending was treated to a great meal.. Volunteers always show a spirit of caring and giving and the following are more than appreciated: Jim Baran, Randy McLean, Ron Shaw, Bob Janssen, George Kaminzki, and Lyle Marcks.

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POLITICS '93

by Mark Kerr

The high(low) lights of the week in the wacky world of politics; McKasson holds town hall meeting about C.A.P., this event was also referred to as "The Crucifixion of Michael Tubbs, Tucson Water Department Director." A new version of "The Letter", starring former State G.O.P. Chair, John Munger. Olde George and Roger are getting into the primaries. "The Attack of the Killer Campaign Signs" premiered last week, we'll have a review of it Some end notes, and here we go:

Last Wednesday, Ward 6 City Council member, Molly McKasson held her town meeting, which she has been faithfully doing since the beginning of her term in office. Well, this meeting took place at Peter Howell Elementary School, and the main subject of the meeting was the C.A.P water, and the troubles Tucson Water customers have been having with it.

Well, close to 400 people attended this meeting jamming the auditorium, also present were the Mayor George Miller, (literally sitting in the back row), City Manager Michael Brown, City Council members Bruce Wheeler, Steve Leal, Molly McKasson, candidate for the Ward 3 Council seat, Tom Saggau, and most importantly Michael Tubbs, head of the Tucson Water Department (to answer questions).

People were present to voice their anger, opinions, responses, frustrations, (and they were frustrated to say the least!) about the C.A.P. water and the problems. The mood of the audience was angry, and Mr. Tubbs answering questions did not make the situation any better.

When asked by an audience member about why more houses in affected areas were not being tested. Tubbs stated, "...the Department did not have the resources." When asked about why the problem was blamed on the gas mains and Southwest Gas. Tubbs answered "...gas mains were lined up with the water mains when they were initially laid into the ground." Then Tubbs, and Jim Tatum, the Southwest Gas Representative, passed mutual admirations (and the buck!) and stated that the first response to the problem was a miscommunication. (Okay!)

Also to note, throughout the meeting Tubbs was also presented with jars of tainted C.A.P. water, by three persons, and was asked to drink it, he refused each time. (Talk about confidence!). His performance did not go over at all with the audience and some high ranking city officials.

Other questions posed by audience members, ranged from who is going to pay for the damage gas and water pipes, to bill adjustments, and about information allegedly have been sent out about the quality. Then the important question was finally raised of why we had to use the C.A.P water, Craig O'Hare, aide to Molly McKasson, cited the Ground Water Act of 1980, passed by the State Legislature, (yes, Phoenix did it to us again!). O'Hare stated that we must use the water, because the agriculture lobby pressed Phoenix legislators for this bill, because C.A.P would be too expensive for them to use. (So agriculture wins, we lose!)

Many persons were leaving the meeting, were not satisfied with the answers they were given, one gentleman was so adamant, he said loudly, as he left the auditorium, "...get the tar and feathers for them!" McKasson towards the end, stated she was going to call for a special Council meeting to resolve this problem. She called the problem "intolerable, and something must be done about it!"

Last week, it was revealed that a fund raising letter was sent out on behalf of City council candidates David Fossdal, and Don Coleman, who are Democrats. The letter was signed by John Munger, former state Chair of the Arizona Republican Party. Munger stated his commitment was through only the primaries, but didn't rule out a possible endorsement in the general election. Munger also stated that he feels the Tucson elections are becoming non-partisan.

Speaking of the Council races, Mayor George Miller, and Ward 4 Council member Roger Sedlmayr have decided to support David Fossdal in the Ward 3 Democratic primary, reversing earlier pledges to stay out of this year's Council races.

Miller and Sedlmayr had said previously that they would stay out of the three local races, but decided to endorse Fossdal, owner of a local shed building company. The seat is open because incumbent Council member Mike Haggerty is not seeking election to a full term.

All of this is not going over with Fossdal's opponent, Tom Saggau who is also running for the Democratic nomination. Saggau noted that Fossdal had been registered as a Republican for 11 months before changing to the Democrats in May of 1992. Saggau also stated that the Mayor may be holding a grudge from 1991, when Saggau challenged Miller for the Democratic nod for Mayor.

When reached for comment, Miller stated that he was impressed was Fossdal's ability to build a successful small business.

Saggau stated he believes Sedlmayr and Miller have another motive. if Coleman and Fossdal are elected to the council, they will have a four vote, pro-business majority. "I think Miller and Sedlmayr are out to buy two more votes," Saggau said. "I'm not anyone's puppet." (You tell them Tom!)

Yes, "The Attack of the Killer Campaign Signs" premiere this last Saturday, and the winners were Tom Saggau, Democratic candidate for the Ward 3 Council Seat, and Ward 6 incumbent, Molly McKasson, who had their signs up on Saturday, and I must say "looking good!"

McKasson and Saggau get four big stars for signs that clearly display their name, the office their running for, that they were placed in their respective Wards and that the signs were professionally done. So far, they are the only two who have their signs up, as of press time. (Guess endorsements aren't helping their opponents!)

END NOTES

A party, fund raisers for the State Democratic party were being held all over the state on Thursday, these were called "A Birthday Party for Bill." To celebrate the birthday of President Bill Clinton.

Well, I managed to get an invite to one in Phoenix, (guess I haven't pissed everybody off!). Unfortunately, health problems prevented me from attending, but I did get a report of which I am relaying to you now.

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FYI

by Big John

Hello again.

Well, as you might know when I'm not acting like I'm counting beats per minute in my booth. I'm usually around my pool working on a melanoma and examining myself for lumps. But hey, what about the stuff I can't see?

So this week we will cover questions, and answers about T-Cell counts.

What are T-Cells?

T-Cells are white blood cells which are a very important part of the immune system. There are several types of T-Cells including; T-helper cells, (also called T4 or CD4 cells), and T-suppressor cells, (also called T8 or CD8 cells). A T-Cell count measures the number of T-helper cells present in one cubic millimeter of blood.

What is a normal T-Cell count?

Even in healthy HIV negative people "normal" T-Cell counts can vary a great deal. Counts will change depending upon amount of sleep, stress and presence of other infections. Even the time of day the blood was drawn (Counts are usually highest in the afternoon.) The labs may also have different procedures of doing the count of T-Cells.

Given all the variables, it is generally believed that a count between 500 and 1,800 is normal for adults.

It is important to get 2 or 3 counts done, over a period of several months. Seeing whether the count is going up or down, or making no change, will give you important information about the health of the immune system than any single count can.

What does a low T-Cell count mean?

A count between 500 and 200 indicates that the immune system is somewhat suppressed. But usually not dangerously so. People with counts toward the lower end of this range may have some symptoms. But will rarely contact opportunistic infections, (with the exception of Karposi's Sarcoma), you may benefit from some anti viral treatment.

A count between 200 and 50 indicates that the immune system is severely suppressed.

Most doctors would urge that people with counts in this range take prophylactic treatments to help prevent opportunistic infections from developing, as well as taking anti-viral drugs.

As of April 1, 1992, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) of AIDS includes anyone who is HIV positive and has a T-Cell count of 200 or below. This change helps the government count how many people's immune systems have been severely damaged by HIV. Even though many people in T's below 200 still feel healthy and many show no symptoms.

A count below 50 means that a significant part of the immune system (that part controlled by the T-Cell's) is basically not functioning. Studies show that most people who dies of AIDS related causes have T-Cell counts under 50. In this range, there is a very high risk of illness and treatment (both anti-viral and prophylactic) is strongly recommended. However, there are a small number of people with very low T-Cell counts of 40, 20 or even 0, who still feel healthy.

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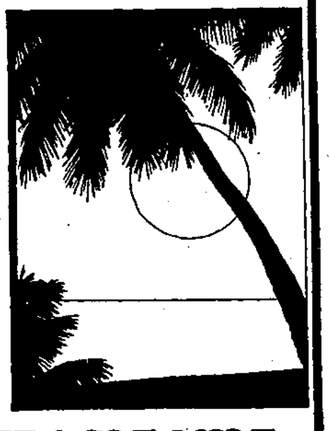

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

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!

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.

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust and dinner from 2 to 6 p.m. Kenny is preparing Chicken Salad Sandwiches for this bust. Great food for the hot weather and great company to share the suds.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

CLUB 2520 - The Club gets H.I.T.T.! The Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson is sponsoring a "Bottomless Commemorative Cup" Beer Bust 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 Glamazons hosting a benefit show. Something for everyone.

IBT'S - Bar-B-Que Sunday here and the proceeds from the food will go to the UofA Gay scholarship fund. Always a great place to spend a Sunday afternoon.

RUMORZ - "Dreamland", a benefit to help get Christina De Alexis into the Miss Gay America Pageant begins at 9:30. Show will star Mr. Dani Reid, who is also hostess, Shilin, Kristin, Linda Fizdale, Aletta Whoremones, Mr. Kenneth Blake as well as Christina De Alexis. Come on by and enjoy a great show and help Christina who wants to bring the Miss Gay America crown to Tucson.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBT'S - Those fabulous Glamazons are back for another great show. Always new material and always a great performance. Catch it.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPT. 5&6

IBT'S - Labor Day celebration here. A "Beach Party" is planned. Watch out for further details.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

CLUB 2520 - Compass Travel and Club 2520 will present a Gay Travel Expo with proceeds to go to Shanti beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be some fabulous door prizes, including trips to everywhere and raffles with some more fabulous prizes and refreshments, exhibits. Watch for more information on this unusual and informational and fun evening.

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.

SEPTEMBER 15-19

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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Aug. 18 to Sept. 5, One in Ten Theatre Company presents "Suave Succubus" by Clint Jeffries; an outrageous comedy of piracy and seduction. A swaggering Gay pirate ghost with a raucous reputation creates havoc for a young couple who have just moved into their new summer home. Shows Wednesdays through Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at the 1-in-10 Theatre in the Historic 'Y' theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave. $9 admission. Tickets at the door or in advance at Antigone's. Call 770-9279 for information or reservations.

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 Sept. 1 through Sept. 25. All shows are 8:00 p.m. Tickets $9. a.k.a. Theatre is at 125 E. Congress. Call 623-7852 for info.

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

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 323-1226.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Desert Voices, Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Chorus, will hold an orientation beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4626 E. River Road. The orientation is for the old and new members and will start the season off Sept. 13. It will be the last time to be able to join the chorus this season.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Gentle Hatha Yoga for beginning and intermediate students who are immunologically challenged (HIV, CFS, EBV, etc.). Marie Schloss, RNC, ANP, is a certified Hatha Yoga instructor. Classes are ongoing, so you can join anytime (as space allows). Beginners are encouraged to start at the first class of an eight week session. New sessions will begin every eight weeks and are held every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills, at River and Swan, in rooms 32 & 33. $36 for six classes or $7 for each individual class. Sliding fee scale available. Call 293-7008 for more info.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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, 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 for the Tucson AIDS Project with a 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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 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. 501 Dart Tournament 4 pm, $3 entry fee. Club prices. Patio Bar Beer Bust 5-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Movie 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. $1 hamburgers 5-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ 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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. 'Monster Beer Nite' 25oz can of Foster $1.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 5-7. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Mann. 7-9. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Bud and Bud 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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. "Uptown" host thru dancing at 9 pm with resident and guest DJs from LA, SF and beyond. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod 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 Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's choice 7 to close.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 5-7. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa/Modern Dance Nite 9 to close. $1.50 Margarita Chips & "Pizz" salsa.

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

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 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 $1.00

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 5-7. Electric Iced Tea $2.50 8 pm to midnight.

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. 99¢ 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 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. $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. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Strickfen 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 Fizdale 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???

OK! Yes, there were two different errors in my column last week. The only excuse I can give at this time is, both were "OE". For explanation - OE stands for Operator Error, and guess who that is. But, as for the one in the very last paragraph, they say it pays to advertise. One of the first things people are taught while taking computer classes is to "Save your material".

Well, I survived the road trip to and from, the heat, wind, rain, dog bite, and whatever again, the total City of Rocks Run. And yes, once again another vehicle breaks down in Deming, N.M. I think I'll go by way of Silver City next year. This years vehicle was "Ricky", Sadies car.

Twenty-four people took part in this the 12th annual TKO/HDS Brotherhood Run. As always, the conversations varied from total class to raunchy, and yes - tacky. And, some of the different outfits worn around the campsite Saturday afternoon, well, I'm at lost for words for a change. I saw two who claimed they were in their wedding dresses, and one Madam. About the time for dinner (Saturday) and the fashion show, Mother Nature decided she had seen and heard enough so she sent in the rains.

Now I could ramble on and on about this trip but for once I will not. Yes, there were a lot of funny different comments, sights, and everything that once can witness of campouts but for the most part, you would have had to been there to get the punch line out of them. And yes, everyone from Tucson came to me and said, "Be nice to me because I really haven't done anything."

One person's name I shall not reveal, stated he would not let a certain other person suck his c**k because he was afraid it would get caught between the front teeth, and not because of it's size. I was told by the "Z-man, "Besides Doris, we have two other women at the campsite, Sadie and Tommy." Another one, that I will get even with Geo for was, Geo asking me if Doris was my Sister or Mother.

Russel, the Venture-N, won the Sunday morning Beauty Award. Richard (Dwarf-Madam) won the President's Owl award (which Sadie tried to steal), and yes, Ron B. won the equivalent of the trash award again this year. As for the regular games, "For children 5 and above", Jimmy D. won first place, Z-man won second, and Mark (Ron B.'s one day wife last year, who this year played in different tents) won third.

I'm sure you will be hearing a lot more talk about this run at the different bars, especially from those that made this trip for the first time. I know Monday morning over at the Venture-N was alive with most of those on the run being there, with Russel still wearing sparkle, bartending.

These two groups will be getting together again in October at this years balloon festival. TKO will be traveling in that direction on Oct. 8th. If you think you might want to go along on this run, when the date draws closer, ask a TKO member for more details. And, as on almost any run, there will be limited transportation.

This coming weekend will be time for TALL's beer bust at the Graduate. I'm sure, as always, the pool tournament will be going one, possibly the tournament of champions, plus comments about the City of Rocks run. This is also a very good time to hear more about TALL's annual Old Pueblo Run, held over the Labor day holiday weekend.

With that - for yet another week - ADIOS.

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Gosh Again -

No words can describe Sunday night. The Roast, the roasters and the entertainers - Brenda Starr, Dani Reid, Barry, Tish, Lucinda, Gilda were all extraordinary.

Special thanks to Rick and Scott for their wonderful production, to Martin for the decorations and the countless hours that Beth and Natalie put into this evenings event that made it such a grand success.

And, again, to all the wonderful, caring people in the Gay community of Tucson who made this fund raiser a memorable one.

To all, my deepest respect.
Michael Bennett, Club 2520

P.S. To my friend Woody,
thank you.
Mike

Travel Around The Compass

by Michael Allison

Hear the words "Club Med" and immediately images of Palm fringed beaches luxury resorts come to mind. Now imagine that same luxury resort filled to the brim only with other Gay people for one of the most wonderful weeks of their lives! That's Club Med after Atlantis events, Inc. takes over and provides the Gay traveler with a vacation unlike anything you've ever imagined.

For three separate and special weeks Atlantis at Club Med resorts will transform an entire resort village into a private paradise exclusively for our community. There you can explored the unfamiliar, new places, friends, activities, and ways to have fun till you drop. Participate in endless activities or spend a week just basking in the tropical sun. Meet new friends or get to know old ones a little better. Or simply enjoy the freedom to be yourself in some of the most beautiful places on earth!

Imagine a private beach at Playa Blanca on Mexico's gold coast. This charming, authentic Mexican village emerges from the lush foothills surrounding Chamela Bay. Playa Blanca is a secluded, intimate resort filled with non-stop music, activities, and laughter. You can relax on the tranquil blue shore hugged by Playa's own coconut grove and do absolutely nothing, or be especially adventurous and jump into the resort's own scuba school. Nightfall brings dinner under the stars and dancing on an outdoor, seaside dance floor.

If that doesn't make your start stuffing your Louis Vuitton, imagine warm Caribbean breezes and crystal blue water gracing the shores of Punta Cana, an incredibly beautiful, isolated resort on the eastern most tip of the Dominican Republic. And as always, very luxurious and very Gay!

Want to get away without venturing too far from home? Then Sonora Bay Club Med will be just right for you. Calm shores and white beaches surrounded by purple desert mountains create the captivating magic of Sonora Bay. And it's only a few miles from Guaymas, Mexico is darn close to Tucson. Air fare is not an arm and a leg! Indigo mountains, cobalt blue sea, and miles of powder white beaches set the stage for Atlantis Club Med's largest and most active resort.

These are only the highlights of some fantastic adventures available to you. Space doesn't permit the specifics but you can learn all the exciting details of these three fabulous travel opportunities by attending the upcoming Gay Travel Expo sponsored by Compass Travel to benefit Shanti at Club 2520 on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. A film presentation and color brochures will be available. Mark you calendar now to attend!

(Editor's Note: Michael Allison is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Compass Travel)

POLITICS

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The event was headed by Joe Della Rocca, State Affirmative Action Chair, (and rumored candidate for Mayor of Phoenix), and Don Slutes of the Legislative District 25 Democrats (of the smart set!).

Well, 60 persons attended the party, most of which were prominent Gays and Lesbians of Phoenix. Also, present were Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson, gubernatorial candidate and former Mayor of Phoenix, Terry Goddard, State Senator Chuck Blanchard, and State Representative Kathy Eden.

Well, they did a terrific job, raising over $500 from their one event alone, also they did the impossible for Democrats (at least in Pima County), they got positive, (or any), media coverage for a fund raiser! Good job guys!

Until next time, something will happen!

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Welcome to Tucson, all of you out-of-town students. We know that your extremely busy getting settled into your living quarters, getting those schedules worked out and getting use to your new surroundings here on the desert. These first few weeks can be hectic and we sympathize with you. If you find yourself feeling lonesome and need that embrace of friendship, MCC-Tucson is here to help make you feel wanted, and needed.

Our Worship Services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. every Sunday. If you are living on campus or near the campus at the U of A, then we are your next door neighbor. We are located on Mountain Avenue just north of Fort Lowell Road. Our address is 3269 North Mountain Avenue and our telephone number is 292-9151. Give us a call for information or join us at our worship service.

In just a little over two months, we will be hosting our Southwest District Conference. The Southwest District consists of all of the UFMCC churches in Arizona, New Mexico, Southern Nevada and Southern California. The Southwest District Conference will be a four day conference the first part of November and there will be representatives from most of the churches coming here to Tucson. The Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn where the first service of MCC-Tucson was held nearly 23 years ago.

On Saturday, September 4th, our Social Committee, headed by Edna, our Social Director, will have a picnic and a tour of Kitt Peak National Observatory. There will be car pooling at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, at 10:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch and join with us for a fun day. There is no entrance fee at Kitt Peak, so this can be a really inexpensive outing for everyone. Call the church for complete details.

Another big event coming up very soon will be our hosting the Phoenix churches, Oasis MCC and Gentle Shepherd MCC, to a day of social activities on Saturday, October 23rd. It has been a long time since all of the Arizona churches have gotten together for a time to get to know each other. During the day there will be games, a special worship service is planned and there will be a picnic. Everyone is invited to join with us on this very special occasion.

Though for the week: There are people who make things happen, people who watch things happen and people who don't know that anything is happening.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Most people at one time or another in their lives have pondered their existence. Why am I here? What is my purpose? Am I special in some way, or "just another number" in humanity? There are those who would tell you that your purpose is to realize your inner divinity, and that throughout many lifetimes of refinement you can reach that goal and become part of an ever changing God force. Is this really an acceptable explanation? Does it make you feel loved, fulfilled, or unique in any way? What's the difference between being "just another number" in humanity and "just another number" in divinity?

The truth is that you were created by a personal, loving God; the one and only eternal God who not only gave you life and his love, but purpose and direction as well. Your role in God's plan us unique to you. King David of the Bible realized this when he said, "I cry out to God most high, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me." (Psalm 57:2)

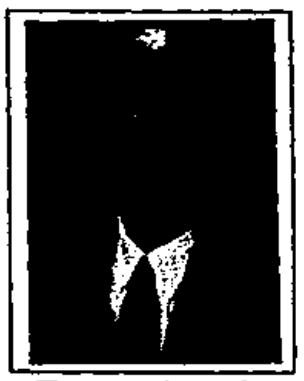
If a machine, for example, is designed for a specific function, it can be adapted to serve other purposes, but until it is used for what it was intended, its full potential is never realized. A machine has no control over its use, but God did not make human beings as machines.

Although he is truly in control of all things, he wants us to love and worship him because we have chosen to do so from the heart; therefore he has given each individual a free will. We can choose to follow the path of an endless search for personal divinity that will never be realized.

A machine cannot feel fulfilled, but we can. The only way to find your true purpose in this world is to know the one who gave that purpose to you. God has a plan for your life that is in accordance with his will. Jesus tells us, "For my father's will is that everyone who looks to the son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)

For those who have accepted the son of God, Jesus Christ, as their savior, all the tools are provided in order to fulfill their part in carrying out God's will. The apostle Paul tells us that, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." (I Corinthians 12:4-6)

A machine has no regrets, but we can. If you haven't already, I urge you to take this one life that you have to live and accept the gift of salvation freely given to all those who believe in Jesus Christ as their savior and Lord. For those who earnestly seek, your purpose will be shown to you and your path laid open.



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QUALIFICATIONS: The person must have sufficient professional training to competently rehearse and train a chorus; display a willingness to function within the capacity of all tasks assigned and display a positive willing attitude towards achieving the goals and mission of Desert Voices.

ACCOMPANIST

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Accompanies the chorus during all regularly scheduled rehearsals, performances and retreats. Performs related work as assigned by the Director of Music to whom he/she will report.

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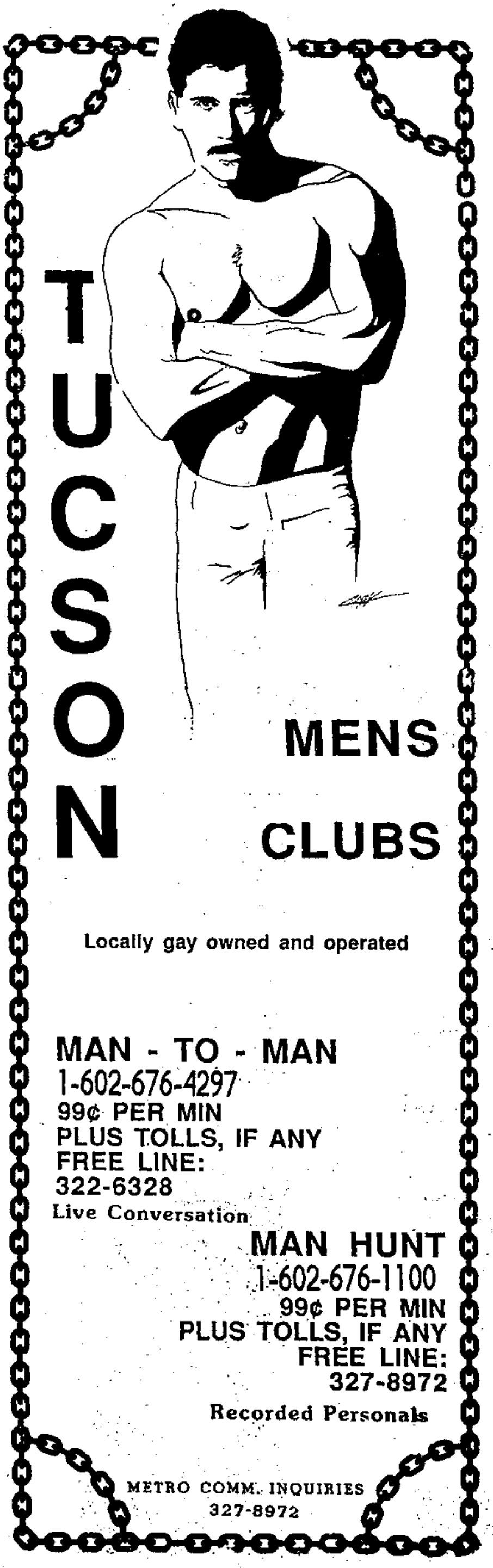

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Somehow a forgiven situation dominates your regular game plan this week and makes for a most disruptive puzzle to solve. Use your usual sense of self to sort out all the craziness. Friendship moves to center stage to reassure you that all is not lost in the perspective of reality.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Accent is not on family this week. All you major concerns lay outside the boundaries of the family circle. Focus on causes which you deem necessary and worthy. Charity is at the forefront. You are known for giving a long rope to causes that you believe in.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your ability to satisfy a diverse group of friends stretches your ability this week. Although you are an expert in this field personal situations tip the scales and depend on your over riding qualities to equalize the insurmountable..

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Your love life has been given a shot in the arm. Welcome the new challenge and understand that some life long decisions have been solidified by way of this new found relationship. Look in the mail for an endorsement to all your undertakings. God is by your side.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

It is now the time for vacations and realizing some year long plans, which may have already occurred. This time has to be carefully planned and tailored to outfit your budget and time. Whatever shape everything has taken, it all goes according to plan. Try not to dwell on your self enjoyment. Enjoy!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

As you begin to thrive in a new found relationship you may be unaware that this is a truly a precious find. Do not take anything for granted as all the goodness in the world comes to you in small little gold packages. Conserve and cherish anything that seems too good to be true.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Your interpretation of events may not always be correct. It is a good idea to consult all involved to shape your beliefs. Although you have the uncanny ability to purge a positive outcome to almost every situation, you may have tripped yourself up recently in a very tender matter. Make everything right by acquiescence.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

After a whirlwind week of social and beneficial events reality stares it harsh cold face at your door. Do your best to meet your obligations and commitments to satisfy the immediate. Let certain issues which have been on your mind concerning close friends lay low without disruption to discuss at a later date.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

Your sensitivity may go ignored sometimes because of your social adeptness and gregarious attitude. Try to protect your gentler side this week as it may get more exposure than usual. Truth is your salvation and with rescue you from any strange predicaments or altercations.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

Your love and devotion may be misdirected and unsure. Research your current relationship to the very end. Look to your friends for sound advice and clear options. Although you may be experiencing temporary blindness, nothing is finite until you know it's right.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Most of your efforts have been wasted as of late to no recognition of your superiors. Turn procedures around to exemplify your dedication and earnest efforts. By assessing the normal procedure and ratifying it, you stand out and become awarded for your endeavors. Make change simple and fluid.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

You social skills are at the forefront this week and very much in demand. With all the commotion and goings on , you almost prefer to be in the background and unnoticeable, much like a shadow. Despite your vast knowledge and experience, you still have problems with pressing the flesh. Let yourself down easy and seek consolation with your better half.

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John McCain

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who said, "Homosexuals should be merely tolerated like bigamists and child pornographers."

McCain, here's a clue for you, long overdue.

Twenty five percent (25%) of Gay people have suffered physical abuse or violence because of their sexuality, including me.

Another.

Fifty percent are in a monogamous relationship. Of the 50% not in a monogamous relationship, 1/3 wish they were. [SOURCE: DETROIT NEWS / OVERLOOKED OPINIONS 4/24/93]

In a USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll released 4/25/93 fully 80% of the respondents believed Lesbians/Gays should have equal rights in the workplace. The starting point issue for your blood brothers of the OCA.

Oh, and for good measure, I'd like to point out that of the 20% of American men who engage in anal intercourse, 90% are HETEROsexual. [GANNETT NEWS SERVICE-TUCSON CITIZEN 4/15/93]

So, McCain, as the drag queen said, "GET OUT OF ME!"

McCain, you claim to admire the OCA's fiscal conservatism, and morality; that you want to talk to them about tolerance. What a joke! A funny cruel joke. No one cares about the OCA's stand on your pretend concerns and supposed common ground. They are BIGOTS! They are famous, rich, slimy bigots! And you have as much relevance at a discussion of tolerance as Mother Theresa does at the Playboy mansion.

Did you or your staff contact a single Lesbian or Gay man (beside the closeted members of your staff, surprise!) about this speech? Have you attempted in any way to disguise this junket as anything more than pandering, money plug for the OCA?

What are you going to do about the HATE INITIATIVE here in Arizona? McCain, you drew first, now we must return fire. Did I mention your phone number is 670-6334?

Tommorrow, August 26th, the Tucson Human Rights Coalition will meet at the 4th Avenue Social Club from 7 to 8 p.m. All Gays and Lesbians should be there! If McCain's actions don't scare the hell out of you, then nothing will. This is what he'll do for out-of-state bigots, what will he do for his neighbors?

On Monday, August 30th (this coming Monday) there will be a rally at McCain's new office: 450 West Paseo Redondo, Suite 200 (near the downtown Ramada Inn) call 791-7000 for directions. The rally is from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Come when you can, for as long as you can, with whomever you can. We can't let this be business as usual.

Matthew 27:24

And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front the multitude, saying "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to that yourselves."

John McCain's phone number is 670-6334.

Fiesta Patrias Queen to Raise Funds for Shanti

TUCSON - Queen Minerva, the reigning queen of Fiesta Patrias, will begin a fund raising campaign for the Shanti Foundation. Minerva will be out and about at local Gay business establishments and bars selling red AIDS ribbons for your donation. So when you see Minnie coming, get out your change. It's going to a good cause and she's a hard worker.

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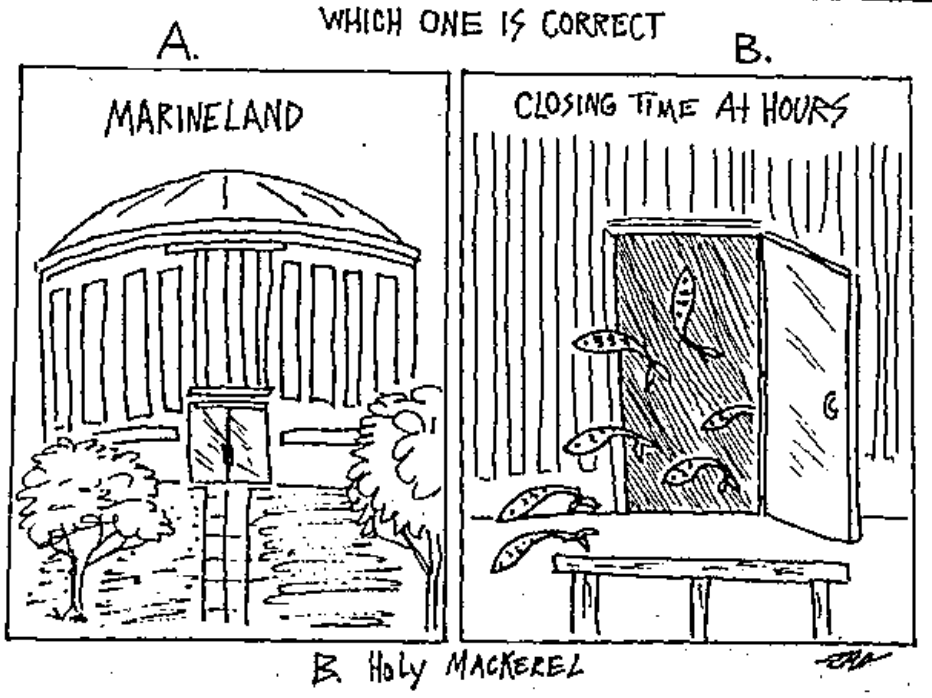

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