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McCain Protest Rally In Tucson

TUCSON - An estimate crowd of 100 turned out Monday, August 30, to protest Sen. John McCain's participation in a fund raiser for the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA). Covered heavily by local media, the event lasted over 1 1/2 hours.

In Portland, Senator McCain's remarks were enthusiastically received by an estimated crowd of 320 people paying $30 a plate. The event, at the Holiday Inn-Airport, was picketed by about 30 protestors outside. Gay activists in Oregon point out that the small crowd may be due to "burnout" of the Lesbian/Gay/Bi communities and the death on Sunday of a prominent member of the community in Portland.

When McCain returned to Arizona, he was asked about the protest by Gay right supporters at his Tucson office McCain said, "I was a little bit disappointed, I was not very overjoyed at that, but I have a dialogue with some in the Gay community, and I will continue and maintain that dialogue."

A spokesperson for the OCA said the money raised would go toward legal fees incurred by civil lawsuits in which the OCA is a defendant, plus the legal challenges to the several ballot initiatives the OCA spearheaded recently. "We have several legal bills to pay,' the spokesperson said.

When asked if McCain's presence constituted an endorsement of the OCA's position on civil rights for Gays/Lesbians/Bi's, OCA spokesman, Phillip Ramsdell stated that Senator McCain "doesn't have a position on Gay rights." "We didn't ask, he didn't tell," said Mr. Ramsdell, who serves as the State Political director for the OCA.

The speech, "could have been read this way or that. He made the safest speech possible. He was very careful of what he said. We understand he was under a lot of pressure from Arizona. But we're grateful he came, any other Senator except for a few would've canceled."

"Senator McCain was asked to come out about six months ago when we (OCA) met with McCain and Sen. Phil Gramm (of Texas) in Washington. If it was a payback then it was a long time coming. We don't get much help here. We told them (McCain and Gramm) we need help or we'll strike out on our own. A lot of conservative Republicans would lose then because the base of the party would be gone."

When asked about the strength of the OCA within the Oregon Republican Party Mr. Ramsdell said, "we probably have a majority at the precinct level. In fact, the opening prayer was said by ORP vice-chair Marilyn Shannon, a former national committeeman for the Republican party."

"We have a saying around here, 'to the victor go the spoils.'"

[The information for this story was also provided by "Just Out" of Portland, Oregon, the Arizona Daily Star of Tucson, and KVOA-TV 4 of Tucson.]

Army To Run Large Scale Test Of AIDS Vaccine

WASHINGTON, D.C., (AP) - Large scale testing of an AIDS vaccine, opposed by federal health officials after it was lobbied through Congress by a drug company, will start early next year under the direction of the Army, the company announced.

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, which tested the drug in earlier, smaller trials, will direct a study that will involve 5,000 to 10,000 patients who are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, said MicroGeneSys, a Meriden, Connecticut company.

Federal officials have said the vaccine does not show enough promise to justify the expense of a large trial by itself. And an official said that a proposed trial including other vaccines was scuttled by the refusal of the company to donate its product.

But Franklin Volvovitz, chairman

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4 Gay Tucson Couples Challenge Arizonas Same-Sex Marriage Law

by Tessie Borden

TUCSON - Four homosexual couples sued the Pima County Superior Court clerk, saying they were denied the right to equal protection when he refused to grant them marriage licenses.

The lawsuit, filed by Paul Gattone and two other members of the National Lawyers' Guild, challenges an Arizona law banning same sex marriages. It names James Corbett, clerk of the Pima County Superior Court,as the sole defendant.

"We believe it's illegal to make this denial," Gattone said, adding that it violates the couples' rights to privacy, equal protection under the law and due process.

Corbett said he believes the law is clear.

"The statute prohibits me from recording a marriage license unless the marriage is between a man and a woman," he said. Corbett said he sought the opinion of Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods and "he agrees with me."

The plaintiffs in the case, Jerry Callendar and Antonio Muniz, John Duran and Stephen Baker, Eileen Maura Jutras and Lizbeth M. Petrucci, and Kathy Greaves and Aileen Jacinta McMurrer, have applied for and been denied marriage licenses, according to the lawsuit.

The suit seeks an order forcing Corbett to issue the four couples marriage licenses, an order striking down arizona's law banning same-sex marriages and an injunction prohibiting the future denial of marriage licenses on the basis of that law.

Gattone said there are two Arizona statutes that govern marriage licenses. One does not refer to sex, but the other says there must be one male and one female person for a marriage license to be granted.

"Marriage is a fundamental right for all people regardless of sexual orientation," Gattone said.

The right to marry is more than an emotional benefit, Gattone said. Legal rights of spouses are also involved.

For example, homosexuals who are not allowed to become spouses do not have access to tax breaks or insurance benefits married couples have and cannot make decisions for their partners in the event of an emergency, Gattone said.

Gattone said the lawsuit could have been filed in federal court because it involves civil rights violations. However, Gattone said he chose to file the suit in state court because he fears conservative bias in the U.S. Supreme Court, should the case make it that far.

Gattone said no states have laws recognizing sam-sex marriages. However, Hawaii's law banning same-sex marriages is being challenged in that state court on the basis of sex discrimination.

In a May ruling, Hawaii's Supreme Court justices called marriage a basic civil right and said Hawaii's laws deny that right to homosexual couples.

The court sent the case, brought by three homosexual couples there, back to a trial court for review.

Gattone said he wants the arizona Supreme Court to go even further and strike down the ban on same-sex marriages.

If that happens, it could have national implications.

"I feel like what we are doing here is part of a nationwide movement to strike down bans on same sex marriages," Gattone said. "A valid decision here could have an effect on cases in other states, maybe not setting a precedent but still providing support for similar actions in other states."

[This is a reprinted story from the Arizona Daily Star.]

1 of 2 Studies for Aspin Urged Lifting Gay Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - An independent study commissioned by Defense Secretary Les Aspin last April and made public last Thursday, August 26, recommended that Gays be permitted to serve openly in the military, a conclusion Aspin eventually rejected.

The study by the Rand Corp., a research group with longstanding ties to the Defense Department, cost $1.3 million.

After President Clinton told Aspin last winter to prepare a draft executive order "ending discrimination" in the military on the basis of sexual orientation, Aspin ordered two reports, one by a group of senior military officers and the other by Rand.

Neither report had been made public before.

The Clinton administration policy, announced July 19, was built on the recommendation of the officers' report, which stated that while sexual orientation is a private matter, openly declared Gays should be barred from the military.

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UPDATE

Lambda Democratic Caucus Meeting

TUCSON - The September meeting of the Lambda Democratic Caucus is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. The time of the meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It will take place at the Fourth Avenue Social Club. This event is also being co-sponsored by the Young Democrats.

The meeting will be a "Meet the Candidates" night. Persons attending will have the opportunity to meet the Democratic candidates for the City of Tucson September Primary election. There are three City Council seats up in this year's election. They are in Ward's 3, 5, and 6.

Expected in attendance are Council members Steve Leal (Ward 5), and Molly McKasson (Ward 6), who are running for re-election, and candidates Tom Saggau (Ward 3), David Fossdal (Ward 3), and Don Coleman (Ward 6).

There will be a no-host bar and refreshments at the meeting. For further information call 791-7000.

AIDS Activist Named Achievement Winner

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., - An AIDS activist who spoke at the Republican National Convention was picked by Miss America Leanza Cornett for the pageant's $50,000 Woman of achievement award.

Mary Fisher, a Florida artist who has the virus that causes AIDS, urged an end to partisan politics in the search for a cure. She also called during her convention speech last year for greater tolerance of people with AIDS.

"I'm honored and grateful for the award," said Fisher. "More than that, I'm hopeful that this means institutions we've identified with true Americana...are recognizing the tidal wave of AIDS and beginning to address the epidemic candidly."

Fisher said she will use the money for a non-profit organization she founded to raise awareness of the disease.

Top Army Civilian Faces Shoplifting Charge

WASHINGTON, D.C., - Acting Army Secretary John W. Shannon has been charged with shoplifting a woman's blouse and skirt at a post exchange near the Pentagon.

Shannon, was given a ticket ordering him to appear October 22 before a federal magistrate in Alexandria, Virginia, on a federal misdemeanor charge of theft of government property, authorities said. The charge carries a maximum penalty of a year in prison and a $100,000 fine.

Shannon was stopped by a store detective at the Army PX at Fort Myer, Virginia, said Army spokesman Col. Steve Rausch.

He was taken to the manager's office and a military police officer was summoned, Rausch said. Shannon was given a ticket for shoplifting and allowed to leave the store he said.

Rausch said the Army would have "no further comment during the ongoing legal process." Suspects in such cases are routinely issued tickets and given a mandatory court date, authorities said.

Shannon, who has served since January 20 as the Army's top civilian official pending the confirmation of anew Army secretary in the Clinton administration, was placed on administrative leave at his request.

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Bit of the Old South

by Sean Thomas

People who claim to speak as experts or represent a particular group, should either be a part of that group or have an empathy for the issue. You all know that something must have sparked Sean this week. And you are right.

The topic was Living with HIV/-AIDS. The panel of experts included an HIV negative administrator, a social worker, a woman with AIDS and an HIV positive activist. Can you guess which two did not belong?

The experts on Living with HIV/-AIDS as many physicians will tell you are the people living and experiencing this virus. There is no way, no matter how well intentioned a person may be, that they can begin to understand the experience without physically living it.

The general community needs to have a better understanding of the experience, but they must get the information from experts (PWA's). I do not mean to belittle the great accomplishments of the volunteers and social workers. They are much needed in this battle. But speak to what you are qualified to address. There were many people (PWA's) who resented and were highly offended by the two gentleman who presented themselves as experts by being on the panel. In my heart I don't believe that was an act of maliciousness, just a lack of understanding of the issue at hand.

There is enough for a PWA to deal with, without feeling represented in the general community. Please stick to what you know best and what you do so well and leave the representation up to those who are qualified (The PWA Community). My statements are mine and mine alone. Please remember to look for this week's FYI by Big John.

Till next week: Sean 323-1017.

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.

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Lodato's "Book of Harsh Geometry" Opens At a.k.a. Theatre

TUCSON - Victor Lodato returns to a.k.a. Theatre with a new play, entitled "A Book Of Harsh Geometry". This production Is part of a.k.a.'s Mainstage Series and will run for four weeks, Sept. 1 thru 25 (Wednesday through Sunday evenings).

"Geometry" is Lodato's sixth original work to open in Tucson. His past works include "A Making Of Angels", "Please Be Tender When You Cut Me Down", and "The Cutting Garden".

"A Book Of Harsh Geometry", a one-man show written and performed by Lodato, is an intense exploration of schizophrenia. Compiled from a year of research and interviews, the play traces a single character's descent into madness. This emotionally-charged journey examines both the terror and poetry of schizophrenia.

This production has been funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Rockefeller Foundation.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, 16 and 23, there will be post-performance discussions at approximately 9:30 p.m. This open forum will give the public the opportunity to speak with the artist, along with Ginny Jordan, an advocate for the mentally ill at the Arizona Center for Clinical Management.

Showtime is 8:00 p.m. for all performances and there is a special ticket price of $8.00. Reservations may be made by calling 623-7852. a.k.a. Theatre is located at 125 E. Congress.

VICTOR LODATO

Student Drops Complaint Against Tom Paniccia

TEMPE, Az. (AP) - A college student says death threats are forcing him to drop sex charges against a former Air Force sergeant who was kicked out of the service after announcing his homosexuality on national TV.

Arizona State University student Anirban Bhattacharya, 23, told police he wants to drop the complaint he filed July 23 against Thomas Paniccia, said Kay Golkovich, the university police detective who is handling the case.

Bhattacharya's phone is unlisted and he didn't return calls to his mother's home.

But he told the State Press, the campus newspaper, that he wanted to drop the case because of the death threats.

"My life has become a nightmare," the sociology major said. "I have been harassed and my parents have received death threats directed at me. All I'm trying to do right now is keep a low profile to avoid any physical violence."

Bhattacharya accused Paniccia of grabbing his genitals through his pants in a university restroom after the former airman delivered a speech in February. The student reported the alleged incident months later, he said, to ensure Paniccia never would be reinstated to the service.

Paniccia denied the allegation and said he welcomed completion of the investigation.

"I want my name to be cleared," Paniccia said.

His lawyer, Mark Freeze, said the student's action proves the claim is without merit.

"I think it just vindicates our position all along that this is totally fabricated," Freeze said.

Freeze said he hadn't heard about death threats, but wasn't surprised.

"Tom gets death threats on a regular basis," Freeze said. "Anyone who takes a stand on this issue will get some very nasty phone calls."

Paniccia, an 11 year veteran, was discharged from his post at Davis Monthan Air Force Base after disclosing his homosexuality during an interview on national television. He has sued the Air Force in federal court seeking reinstatement.

Golkovich, the investigator, refused to say exactly when Bhattacharya asked to drop charges, but said it was within the last two weeks.

Golkovich said she plans to brief the Maricopa County Attorney's Office on the case. The county would then decide whether to prosecute Paniccia, based on evidence aside from Bhattacharya's testimony, said Bill Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the county attorney.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Well, I haven't seen or heard of anyone falling off of a bar stool this week and have not picked up on any juicy gossip so I guess this column for yet another week, is of no value to the Tucson Gay Community. But, I will try to improve. Maybe, if more people would not take everything so seriously, the Tucson Gay family would be able to laugh at themselves, even when times are not as rosy as we would all like for them to be.

My first news item to put forth this week, hopefully beneficial to some, is something very special coming up next weekend at TKO's beer bust. They will be holding a RECYCLED VIRGINS BIRTHDAY PARTY. This party is open to all virgins around the Tucson community and we encourage as many guest as can squeeze into the Graduate. Of course, not one of us are asking for gifts but if you wish to contribute money, it will be welcomed. Remember, the round trip air fare to the Virgins is expensive.

Now I know I do not have the large numbers of Virgins names here in Tucson but, at this time I would just like to wish the following a HAPPY BIRTHDAY - David Z., David G., Doris, Art L., Terry M., Hank S., Tommy M., and Neil D. Now I hope if I have over looked you and you also fall into the category as a Virgin, you will stop by the Graduate on Sept. 11 and lets all have a big birthday party together.

TALL has asked me to let you know that their Old Pueblo Run has been cancelled. I am probably just as guilty but the reason, again, they have had to cancel is lack of people to sign up for it. Come on you other club members, and some of the Tucson people who enjoy club runs, why isn't this run supported?

Appearing elsewhere in this issue of the Observer are just some of the pictures from this years City of Rocks run. I know of at least 4 different cameras taking pictures at this run so I'm sure there will be more pictures coming. I am going to try to gather them all up and place in a photo album for the Virgins Birthday Party beer bust. So, at this time, I'm asking all who have pictures from this run, may I please borrow them for this one day and return them to you after?

A long past tradition will be returning to the Graduate this coming Saturday. It will be "Wildcat Football" time with the head Cheerleader Hopi directing all the festivities. At the time of this writing, I haven't heard if the game in on regular TV or not but who cares. All previous Wildcat parties have been a lot of fun and the games that are televised on local channels even more enthusiastic.

Some of us that have been going to these parties can remember special attractions that appeared during the games. One year Lee R. came as a ASU cheerleader (we were playing them that year) and before the game was even into the second half, he changed clothing. Hopi has brought along different U of A items to wave, the fight song, that I might add puts who gives the tending bartender fits, because at each intermission of the game Hopi starts screaming to play the song. Yes, each televised game brings on a new atmosphere into the bar and all in attendance gets into it in high gear.

What with this addition on Saturday afternoons now, there is going to be some interesting mixes at the bar. First off, the regular pool tournament, then one of the clubs beer bust, and now football games.

I guess I've just about gotten everything into this column for another week that may or may not be of interest to you the reader, so with that - TOOLE-OO!

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Dr. Scott Gorman To Leave U.M.C.

TUCSON - It was revealed last week that Dr. Scott Gorman, one of the Gay community's leading HIV and AIDS health care providers will be leaving University Medical Center (UMC) and Tucson next month to assume a new position in the Phoenix area.

This revelation brought great disappointment to his many patients who feel they have received excellent care from Dr. Gorman at UMC over the past ten years. Due to his exceptional dedication to AIDS and HIV infected patients for many years Dr. Gorman received several community awards, including CAT awards in 1990 and 1991, the Observer's "Man of the Year" award in 1989, and a Torch Award for Outstanding Health Provider last year. As a teaching faculty member, Dr. Gorman also received several awards at the College of Medicine for his excellence in teaching medical students, interns, and residents.

Dr. Gorman is the third HIV physician provider to depart from UMC in the last year, leading many to wonder about the institution's commitment to HIV primary care. Some speculate that HIV research is the primary goal of UMC, and not HIV primary care.

Dr. Michael Darragh, the first physician to depart, relocated to the North Hills Clinic at Oracle and Ina last August. Dr. Kevin Carmichael, the second to depart, left UMC this July, and is now head of the HIV program at El Rio Clinic.

Disruption of HIV care at UMC began last fall, when Drs. Darragh and Gorman, both highly respected University of Arizona faculty members, were forced to move from their offices near the 6th floor clinic where they saw most of their AIDS and HIV infected patients. Dr. Darragh was moved to the North Hills Clinic, eleven miles from UMC, while Dr. Gorman was moved to a temporary building away from the main UMC clinical complex. The relocation of these physicians coincided with the departure of Rubin Bressler, M.D., long standing Head of the Internal Medicine Department.

The events of the last year are believed to have played a role in Dr. Gorman's decision to take a few months of personal time away from work this past May. It was during this time away from UMC that he apparently made his decision not to return.

Many of our friends, both alive and deceased have been well cared for at UMC because of the volunteer spirit and dedication of Drs. Gorman, Darragh, and Carmichael. Today, however, these experienced HIV primary care providers are no longer at the University Medical Center. Fortunately, patients are still able to see Dr. Carmichael at the El Rio Clinic, and Dr. Darragh at the North Hills facility. But Dr. Gorman will be sorely missed.

Travel Around The Compass

by Michael Allison

In case you haven't heard. There will be a Gay Travel Expo to benefit the Shanti Foundation on Monday, September 13, 7:00 p.m., at Club 2520. I promise you a fun evening! Admission is free and there'll be several Gay travel organizations with video presentations and info on great vacation ideas designed just for you, the Gay and Lesbian traveler.

Many door prizes will be given thanks to the generosity of local businesses and some very special grand prizes will be raffled off. Morris Air, Tucson's newest airline arriving in October, has donated four roundtrip tickets for two to four different destinations within their route system. Shanti volunteers and supporters are now selling the raffle tickets and of course, tickets will be sold at the Expo.

At the conclusion of the program there'll be an hors d'oeuvre buffet prepared by Michael Bennet of Club 2520, and an opportunity to visit with the various travel companies for questions or specific information. Watch the Observer ads for more details and mark your calendars now. Don't miss it!

For this week's column I want to deviate from t he norm of showcasing destinations designed exclusively for Gay travelers and use this space to welcome Morris Air to Tucson. As a travel agent, I welcome Morris Air with open arms because of the incredibly low fares we're about to be blessed with. And as a member of the Gay community I'm thrilled with Morris Air for the wonderful attitude of "caring" they're arriving with.

In putting together the Gay Travel Expo I had to go begging to the airlines to get some free tickets which we could raffle off to benefit Shanti. Morris Air was the only carrier who cared enough to participate.

Morris Air bent over backward to help us. With only a quick phone call, I managed to get through to the Chairman of the Board and was absolutely astounded by their response. Eight round trip tickets arrived by mail within a matter of days. I applaud Morris Air for caring!

Morris Air arrives in Tucson on October 14, and in the beginning will initiate non-stop service between Tucson and Salt Lake City. On November 18, non-stop service begins to San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and the bay area. Connections will get you to 21 cities served by Morris.

Morris's fares will be upsetting the apple cart down at the Tucson Airport! I think all of us in the Tucson market will be in for some very pleasant surprises as the new kid on the block undercuts the established Tucson carriers. Fares between Tucson and San Diego, Los Angeles, or Las Vegas will be from $49 each was. A special $39 "Family & Friends" fare will be available to groups of two or more traveling together. Fares to Oakland (San Francisco) will be only $69 each way. Won't it be wonderful to get bargain fares without that horrid drive to Phoenix!

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(Editors Note: Michael Allison is the Director of Sales & Marketing for Compass Travel. Tucson's Gay owned & operated travel agency.)

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TO THE COMMUNITY:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank One in Ten theatre company for encouraging me to become part of a dedicated and talented group of individuals.

Special thanks to the Director, Cast, and Crew of "The Ghost and Mr. Taylor"; Gregg, Scott, Tom, Kay, Knute, Craig, Diana, John and Beth for all their encouragement and support. To Glenn and Bill for all the patience to show someone new how to do it right and have fun doing it. Also to Robin, Kim, Rhonda and Mary, even in the short moments we have met, you have made me feel that my time and effort are greatly appreciated.

We here in Tucson are very fortunate to have this theatre company dedicated to bringing Gay and Lesbian theatre to the community. Support the arts and your community see the show, have fun and most importantly LAUGH!!

Sincerely, Michael J. Vining

TO THE COMMUNITY:

A special thank you to ALL that attended the Clark Roast, (158), you were incredible. Our hats are off to you.

Our bartender Al, and waiters, Bobby, Bruce and Maria did an excellent job. While we were laughing our little buns off, the were working there's OFF. They made over $300 in tips, which they donated to the M.P.S. Society. Thank you, we appreciated your professionalism and we love you.

A very special thank you goes:

To Ricky, Scott, Bob, and Clark, we bonded for life.

To Dani Reid, you're a class act.

To Becka & Willie, same time, same place next year.

To Dave Shafer, you were at your best.

To "Happy B-Day" Shafer, your voice carried us all.

To Martin, the decorations were tasteful setting the tone for Clark's "Grand Entrance."

To the Roasters, you were the best Tucson has seen.

To Tish and Barry, you should be in Hollywood.

To Mark the D.J., Ricky hasn't stopped raving about your talents.

To Erin, Matthew and Woody, for the raffle sales.

To Michael and Peter, you ready for us again next year?

To Lucinda & Gilda, for entertaining us.

We raised $3,500 for the M.P.S. Society. All who volunteered and attended deserve a standing ovation. Thank you for caring and supporting our Family.

A final thank you to Natalie Perry. She guided me every step of the way. She knew what would work, and what wouldn't. I must admit there were times when I questioned her judgement, needless to say, I don't anymore. Thanks again, you are the love of my life.

Beth E. Tullis-Perry

TO OUR PATRONS & FRIENDS:

I would like to thank everyone for attending our Anniversary Weekend. I would personally like to thank my staff; Stan, Denver, David, Richie and Jim for their hard work. A special thanks to Richard Villa for arranging the entertainment. Teresa and Holly, your were both wonderful. Mr. Ed, thank you for your help. And to Candi, thank you for your help also!!

See you all in another 30 years.

Love, Kenny Anne

P.S. Thanks Frank, and to all who sent flowers too!

DEAR EDITOR:

When Congress reconvenes on Tuesday, September 7, it will very quickly vote to codify a Congressional version of the Clinton "Lie and Hide" policy for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual military personnel. The version of the policy Congress will vote on would seriously worsen the Clinton policy.

As homophobic California Representative Bob Dornan said, Congress's version is not just an anti-Gay ban, "it's a ban plus."

For example, it would weaken the "don't ask" provision of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." It would also eliminate all provisions for equal enforcement of military codes of conduct for heterosexual and homosexual violations, thereby encouraging a vicious double standard of enforcement to continue.

For these reasons,we do want Congress to pass its own version of the military's Lesbian and Gay policy. I hope your readers will write or call both of their senators and their representatives in Congress. Tell them that you want them to vote against codification of any version of the anti-Gay military ban.

Also, when the U.S. Senate reconvenes on September 7, it will vote on the confirmation of Dr. Joycelyn Elders to be Surgeon General. She is compassionate and outspoken advocate of honest education about sex and AIDS. The Far Right is using the entire month of August to mount a ferocious grassroots campaign against her.

They will succeed in defeating her unless our senators hear from her supporters. Please write a quick letter to both of you senators and tell them that, as one of their constituents, you want them to vote to confirm Dr. Joycelyn Elders as U.S. Surgeon General. Writing is more effective than calling, but you may want to call their offices as well.

Here are the addresses and phone numbers: The Honorable Sen. DeConcini & Sen. McCain, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510. The Honorable Rep. Ed Pastor or Jim Kolbe, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 205-15. The Senate switchboard is (202) 224-3121, the House switchboard is (202) 225-3121. Also, please spread this information to your friends and ask them to do the same thing.

Sincerely, Tim McFeeley
Executive Director Human Rights Campaign Fund

THINK Positive PROJECT

COMMUNITY OPINION LEADER INTERVIEW

JOHN HAASE

TPP: What is your perspective on how the epidemic has effected the Tucson Community?

JH: Lots of denial, from the medical profession on down.

TPP: Will you please elaborate?

JH: Well, there is no coverage in the local news regarding treatments, etc., nor is there coverage on our local governments position on the crisis. Regarding University Medical Center, you have a major medical facility that has just recently rolled two heads out the door, Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Gorman. Through internal pressures, one left under the illusion that is was a personal choice and the other because no one bothered to ask him to stay. Just about everyone I know was seeing one these two doctors. The great fallacy at UMC is that they act like they have a HIV center, which of course they do not. At one point, in 1986, they founded a clinic on paper. This clinic was to provide consultation to those infected with HIV, to be located on the sixth floor and operated on Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

They asked for donations for research, headed up by Dr. E. Peterson. What they have, in actuality, is a research clinic for experimental drugs. If you or I do not meet the particular protocol required to be in a study, we're out of luck. With the removal of Dr. Carmichael and Gorman, you now have Dr. Peterson involved with HIV patients and basically doing damage control and picking up the slack left by the other doctors. Dr. Peterson should not be considered a first choice of practitioners, after all, when you are sick you want your doctor to be available, not off in Zaire, Africa for thirty, sixty or ninety day intervals and leaving your care up to someone you don't even know.

TPP: What changes have you seen in your contemporaries?

JH: In reference to sexual behavior, people are more masturbatory and verbal, as opposed to participating in fisting, anal intercourse, etc.

TPP: What kind of changes have you made in your personal behavior?

JH: I do not participate in anal sex and I will absolutely not swallow.

TPP: How has the epidemic affected your relationship?

JH: We're still together and functioning after fifteen years, that might not have happened if we hadn't been challenged by the AIDS crisis. I still find the man in my life to be sexually provocative and exciting. I do not find the need to add on.

TPP: John, what would you like to say to the Community regarding AIDS, safer sex, etc?

JH: I've recently started a column in the Observer called FYI, dealing with a broad view of HIV related diseases, preventions, medications and experimental treatments. The column is still in its formative stages. In the future, I plan to discuss very candid ideas about how to develop a relationship with your medical practitioner that empowers you so that you are in charge, and not just some equation in a "Bristol Meyers" trade-mark study. Future columns will cover "Safer Sex", so you'll just have to stay tuned.

Bears of the Old Pueblo *by Rich*

It was a drizzly night for the business meeting last week. A few of us braved the weather and sat under the trees. We talked about the upcoming events for September.

This weekend is the All-American Bear Festival in Phoenix. There is some information and a schedule of events posted in the Venture-N by the newspapers. I think it will be a good time for all who can make it up there.

Again, the General Meeting is this Thursday, September 2, on the patio of the Venture-N at 7:30 p.m. We will go over the items for September and the future. This week's article is smaller is in anticipation of the Labor Day Weekend. Everyone take car.

For anyone interested in what the Bears of the Old Pueblo are doing, drop us a line at: The Bears of the Old Pueblo, P.O. Box 40021, Tucson, Arizona 85717-0021. We'll give you a growl back. See ya later! Rich.

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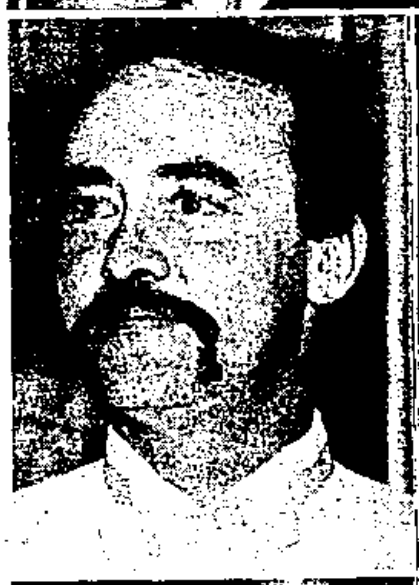

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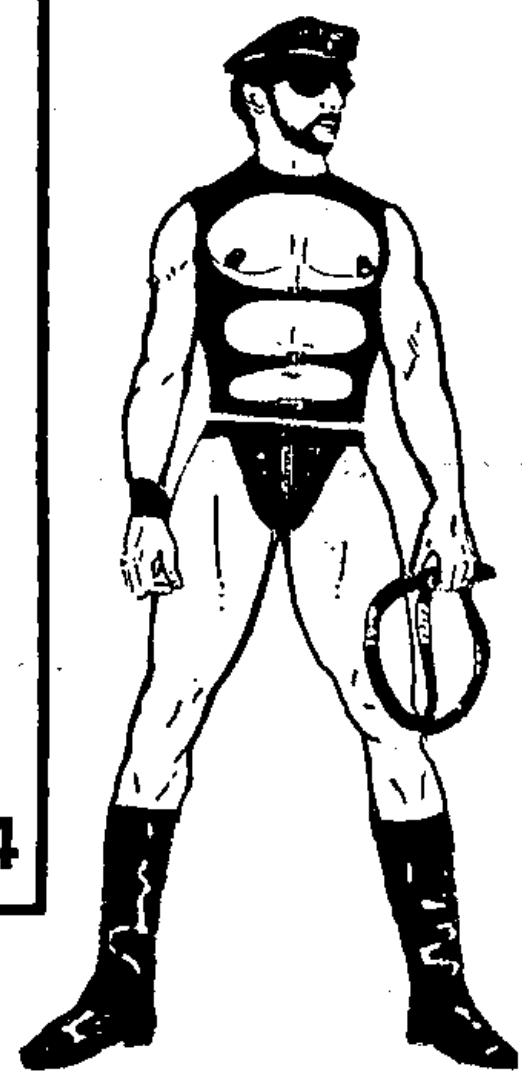

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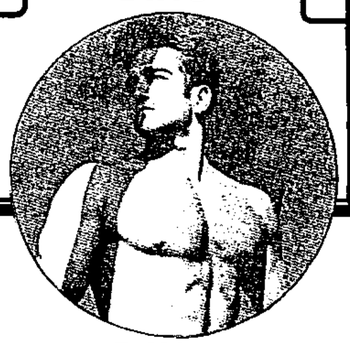

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of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBT'S - Those fabulous Glamazons are back for another great show. Show stars Madame X, Gilda Faizlé, Paula Sha and a special Spotlight Guest. Always new material and always a great performance. Catch it.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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!

VENTURE-N - Bear's Beer Bust from 9:00 p.m. until midnight.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

RUMORZ - A combination birthday party for Hank and Jeff at Rumorz and Richard of Let's Talk Flowers. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities. 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

GRADUATE - Tournament of Champions in the Saturday pool tourney's will be held at 2:00 P.M. $5.00 entry and the winners will receive trophies.

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Y'all come!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - A newer spot on the entertainment scene will present brunch every Sunday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and feature hot entrees, seasonal fruit, fresh baked pastries and made to order omelettes - $7.95. Then from 2:30 until 6:30 and old friend and favorite disk jockey of many Mr. Ronnie Rios returns. Ron has been on hiatus for a while, will be playing the hottest dance music for these regular Sunday afternoon T-dances there are drink specials also. Then from 7:30 until 11:30, the live dance band "Friendly Fire" will be performing. $2.00 cover for that. The club is located at 424 N. 4th Avenue. Everyone should take in this unique establishment.

IBT'S - Two-day Labor Day celebration here. A "Beach Party" is planned. Tropical drinks and bar-b-que on the patio. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m. there will be a video tape showing of the Clark Roast. Everyone is invited to join Natalie and Beth and relive that wonderful evening. Then at 9:30, also on Sunday evening there will be a wild Wet Jockey Shorts Contest with the winner collecting $50. Come one down!

RUMORZ - Bucky will be behind the stove with another of his great Omelette brunches from noon until 3 p.m. then at 9:30, there will be a special Labor Day show starring Touché, Christina de Alexis, Misti Malone and some special guests from the East coast.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - LABOR DAY

GRADUATE - The bar will open at 10:00 a.m. today in order to get ready for a Labor Day Show which will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. and will feature Aviva Diamond and the live vocals of Ms. Teresa Housley. There'll be a complimentary buffet after the show.

HOURS - Join the gang here for football on the big screen Drink Specials include 50¢ draft and touchdown shots! Bar-B-Que on the patio too!

IBT'S - Labor Day "Beach Party" continues on the patio here with barb-que and fund and games.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day cookout on the patio here from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

IBT'S - This will be the new night for IBT's free Country/Western dance lessons from Tom Maza. The lessons will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

RUMORZ - Fiesta De Independencia. Watch for it!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

HOURS - A big show here featuring the live vocals of Teresa Housley. It all begins at 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

HOURS - Starting off their 3rd anniversary with a promo night. Come in and try something new. Complimentary gifts and raffles.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

HOURS - Third anniversary party continues with music, dancing, door prizes, drink specials. More later.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

Aug. 18 to Sept. 5, One in Ten Theatre Company presents "Suave Succubus" by Clint Jeffries; an outrageous comedy of piracy and deduction. 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.

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network is having a Potluck beginning at 2:00 p.m. All parents, partners, and children are invited to attend. Come have fun and meet other folks and families like you! Call Lisa or Sabrina at 323-2946 for directions and to coordinate a dish.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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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.

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11 am - 2 pm; Tea Dance with Ron Rios 2:30 - 6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. (usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookout for community organizations 3-6.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 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 + Mouse Madness "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks $1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $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 cut 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 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. 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. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Maza. 7-9. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa/Modern Dance Nite 9 to close. $1.50 Margaritas Chips & "Fixx" 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 teas $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 a.m. 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 3 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 Strickler 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 6 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 Fiedale VJ/DJ 10-1.

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

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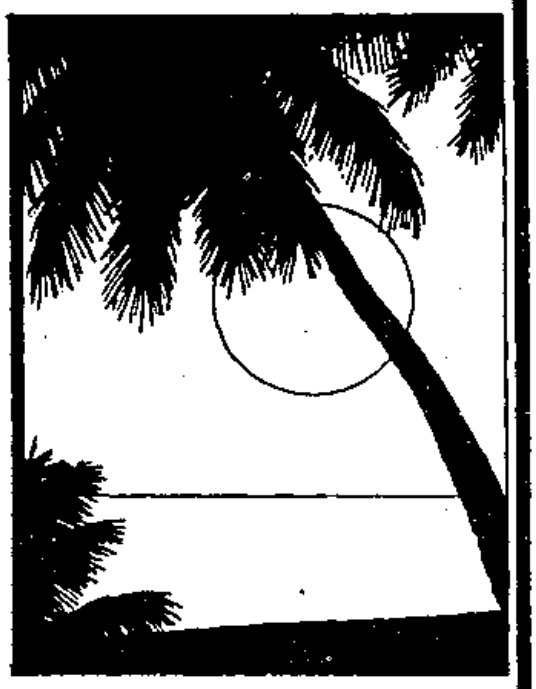

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HOROSCOPES by Daryl

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Beneath that cool, calm, collected composure is the Mars driving aspect of your sign. Your energies abound this week and imitate the same power you pour into your stubborn periods. Keep your perspective to maintain control over all your affairs.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Although it's not your nature to actively seek out friends and visit, this week is the most ideal time to do some unexpected socializing. Keep it to a minimum if you find you are trying to hard. Your quiet nature will be the saving grace in all your endeavors and journeys. Give the family a surprise boost.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

This week you will catch someone's eye and the infatuation will be returned in spades. Unfortunately, by the time they get around to communicating with you on an intellectual basis you are already bored. if you interest is truly peaked, try to hang on and hear them out before you pull the plug.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

What a week this is for you with the lunar cycles dominating for a few days and hurling you into a flight with no end. Careful about your landing gear and prep yourself for yet another venture into the unknown. Close friendship will be very important to you now.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Fireworks are in the picture which could be the expression of utter joy or emotional strife and anger. Prepare yourself for lots of action. As lord of the manor, your strengths will be challenged. Cherish all that is important to you and exercise wisdom.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

This week social engagement will change your agenda geographically but not the comfort of some long time friends and celebrations. You are feeling less hampered and out of a usually disciplined schedule you find time to cut loose and allow yourself some liberties and fun!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You are benefitted by some interesting gossip and channel it to all the proper people to make it effective. Your popularity is remaining steady and you possibly will make a new friendship through the work place. Remember to keep business and pleasure separate and all will go along fine.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Bouts with a very serious nature makes you self analytical and reflective. As always you are too hard on yourself. Stretch, jog or go swimming or something otherwise you will self destruct thinking you have to solve everything at once. Take a break and everything will fall into place and in some situations the solutions will find themselves out. This is a good week to lay low.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

Be careful what you say this week as the time is ripe for you to pull off some verbal blunders. If you are careful to monitor yourself you avoid embarrassment in large groups of people at work or at play. Foot in your mouth is not really becoming. Your social commitments are brimming and you feel like you are on a roll.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

Your capability for respect and admiration in your career shows signs of opening new doors of opportunity. Your superiors are definitely watching you for advancement. Maintain your dignity and good rapport with co-workers and anticipate a lofty ascent. Be sure to impress your financial ideas upon the right people. Good job!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Well, this is your week to have a little deviant behavior. You especially target some people who have known you for a little while but, do not know what you are capable of. Go easy on them, it's their first time! Whatever you do, it winds up being a good time for all.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Children are figured heavily this week. They always seem to enjoy time with you rather than being with their parents. Volunteer to babysit for family and friends to rejuvenate your imagination and expand your dream qualities. Lunar cycles leave you somewhat confused this week and tamper with your psyche. Ignore it, it'll go away. Give some extra attention to your feet, perhaps a massage!!!?

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming Saturday, September 4th, MCC-Tucson will have a field trip to Kitt Peak National Observatory. There will be car-pooling at the church parking lot, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, at 10:30 a.m. A picnic lunch is all you need to bring as there is no Entrance Fee at the Observatory. A tour will be made of the facilities and then a picnic will be held. Call the church at 292-9151 for more information.

The Deacons are now having a raffle. The First prize will be a T-shirt with the Gay Pride Flag as an emblem on the shirt. The Second Prize will be a Gay Pride Flag. There will be three Third Prizes of small Gay Pride Flags. The Raffle Drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at a Pot Luck Supper just prior to the Deacons' Worship Service which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale by the Deacons at three tickets for $1.00 If you are interested in purchasing a few tickets, call the church.

The Wednesday, September 1st, our Mid-Week Worship Service will resume at 6:30 p.m. This is an informal service of prayer, praise and Communion. For a mid-week spiritual boost, join us at this service.

This coming weekend is celebrated as Labor Day around the country. It is another of our three day weekends to give all Laborers a chance to rest up. Labor Day is considered the close of the summer season in most parts of the country. School terms have started, many public swimming pools are either closed on the hours have curtailed and it is time to start preparing for the cooler weather. In observance of this holiday, MCC-Tucson will be closed all day Monday, September 6th. The answering machine will be on and the Pastoral Staff can be reached in an emergency by leaving a message on the machine.

Thought for the week: Why think at all? Let someone else do it for you, that way it is easier to criticize.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Did you ever watch little kids playing and wish you were kid again? Most of us have at one time or another. We'd like to be free from the burdens of adulthood and the sadness it may bring our way. Little kids have a certain kind of joy that we lose as we mature. And too often adults think there's not much to be joyful.

A little child is joyful over a pretty rock they find, or the colors of a prism, or a butterfly that lands on their hand. They see some things that we adults often overlook. And there's a joy they have that you can feel when they express it.

One morning as I walked into work I was singing a song to myself. A secretary asked me what I had to be so joyful about. I stopped, unaware that I'd even been singing, and then told her that I had a lot to be joyful about. She caught me off guard and I never told her the real reason I was joyous. But I want to share it with you.

The Bible says that the joy of the Lord is our strength. (Nehemiah 8:10) What does that mean? Well, it doesn't mean I'll never have a sad day. It does mean that I have a level of peace, happiness, and understanding because God is in control. He gives me that joy because I've given him my life. And that joy is the strength that gets me up to face life each morning. I'm joyful because no matter what life brings my way I can call upon God for strength.

Would you like to experience that same joy? it's actually easy to find. First you have to accept Jesus as you savior. And then you have to give God control over your life. That doesn't make you a mindless person without any responsibility in what you do. It does make you a person who suddenly has a direction and a purpose. That is a joyful thought. God can give you a reason to get up in the morning, to face a new sadness, to help someone in need, to take another breath.

You say you would like to know more about this joy? Talk with a Christian about it. If you can't find one, you're welcome at Cornerstone Fellowship. We have two services on Sunday, as well as a Sunday School, and a Wednesday night Bible study. On Tuesdays, our GLIA (God's Love In Action) provides a time at lunch for food and fellowship for our friends who are HIV positive and their families. Stop by some time for a Bible and read what the Lord says.

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

Information about absentee voting. (Oooh!) Total Recall hold grand opening gala for the office. (Wow!) Endorsements announced for City Council candidates. (Can't wait!) Some thoughts about the proposed landfill, and the meeting that took place. So here we go:

Yes, the City of Tucson primary election is just around the corner. It's Tuesday, September 21st. Registered voters, (about 1 in 4 actually will), in Wards 3, 5 and 6 will go to the polls to pick candidates for the three City Council seats.

Well, if you can't get to the polls on the 21st, you can vote absentee. Here is how you can do that. First, you need to call, (or write) the City Clerk's office at 791-4213 and request an absentee ballot, and they will mail you one.

You can go to the City Clerk's office, located on the 9th floor of City Hall, and request, get a ballot and then vote, or if you receive a ballot in the mail, and you want to drop the ballot off, but not at the City Clerk's office, you can go to City Hall-Main Lobby, the Columbus Library, the Randolph Rec Center, and the Woods Library, (depending upon where you live), and drop your ballot off. For your location call 791-5532.

A deadline to remind you all of, the last day to request an absentee ballot is Friday, September 17th! You try to request one after the 17th, forget it!!!

Now, you ask who can vote in the primary? Those who are registered with a recognized, (by the City Clerk), political party and with a twist. The three recognized political parties are the Democrats, Republicans, and Libertarians. The twist is that the Libertarians have opened their primary up to persons who reside within the three Wards, who are registered independents, or no party, non-partisan. Those citizens can vote in the Libertarian primary.

Total Recall, the group, (well intentioned but underfunded), trying to get rid of Supervisors Ed Moore and Mike Boyd, had their gala opening of their headquarters. The soiree took place on this past Saturday. A relatively good crowd came out for the event.

Here are the pertinent details, the office is located at 1011 E. Broadway, near the intersection of Broadway and Park. The office is across the street from Muller Organ & Piano. The phone number is 623-1478.

If you wish to make a contribution write to: Total Recall, P.O. Box 43061, Tucson, Arizona 85733. They will accept donations up to $250 and if you wish to give, you need to state your occupation. (them rules!)

Also they are looking for volunteers and petition circulators, (must live in Dist. 1 or Dist. 3). For further information, give them a call at 623-1478.

Two groups last week, announced their endorsements in the City Council races. The Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Tucson endorsed incumbent Ward 6 Council member Molly McKasson and candidate for the Ward 3 seat, Tom Saggau. The only contested primary races are on the Democratic side. The other group, TBC, the Tucson Business Coalition or "the biggest crybabys", endorsed McKasson's primary opponent, Don Coleman, and Ward 3 candidate, "George's and Roger's fave!", David Fossdal.

Yes, they had a meeting last week about a proposed landfill to be placed on the southside, (Section 15 by the airport) or by Rita Road, (Yea, right in Paul Marsh's district, he is a Republican, and he won't stand for that!).

This was a scheduled public hearing on this, (by the book, legal and all that and approved by the entire Board!), so that citizens could register their opinions on this, (two supervisors would hear it, but the "Gang of Three", Marsh, Boyd and Ed Moore, and their henchmen Manoj would not. Why, it is multiple choice, because they do not care about the southside, "trash is trash!"

Or as Dan Eckstrom put it, "they're gutless." They did not show up to the meeting, and here are their "reasons." Moore just hates the southside, (Kino hospital still stands!), Marsh wanted facts, not emotion. (Guess what, facts were presented!!!), and Mike Boyd states it really wasn't a legal meeting. (But it was Mike, it was!)

Instead they sent their henchmen, Manoj, who really did not pay attention, in fact he hid behind the plants, drapes and Judge Roylston, the chair of the meeting. The judge frankly did not have the stamina, voice, or time left to do this meeting. (Some audience members thought he had passed on on a couple of occasions).

Well, Ed and his two puppets will meet in secret as they have for everything else, to decide a site. The site that they already paid a cool million of our tax dollars for. The listed price was only $736k. (Somebody made a profit!). That site is the airport, so once again the GOP controlled Board, will stick it to the southside, with a dump. What next you ask? How about closing Kino Hospital, they are trying too!

Until next time, Letterman rules!!!

FYI by Big John

Well, here I am in Column number 3 and no feed back! Hello! Is anyone out there?

I thought perhaps I should cover treatment approaches and prophylaxis. There are three main treatment approaches:

1. ANTIVIRALS. Treatments in this category attempts to prevent H.I.V. from reproducing inside the body. AZT ddI and ddC all interfere with virus' production of reverse transcriptase, a protein it uses to infect new cells. Unfortunately, there are currently no known antivirals which can permanently rid the body of HIV.

2. IMMUNE BOOSTERS. Treatments in this category attempt to bolster the body's ability to fight HIV and/or fortify the immune system against the HIV attack. This approach is still in the experimental stage, and there are currently no approved treatment of this type.

3. TREATMENT & PREVENTION OF SPECIFIC OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS & DISEASES. Although there is still no cure for AIDS itself. Many of the individual infections which make people with AIDS sick, can be controlled. Category #3 will be the focus for the next several months.

Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (P.C.P.) has certainly been responsible for the largest number of AIDS deaths. There are no 3 medications available which are extremely effective in preventing P.C.P., and prophylaxis has become standard treatment. Most doctors recommend that anyone with a T-cell count below 200 start treatment. More conservatively it should start between 200-300.

Until recently, aerosol pentamidine breathed directly into the lungs was wide used. Now most doctors suggest trying a systemic prophylaxis (pill), such as septra, also called bactrim or trimethprim or dapsone first.

Here are some pros and cons of each:

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2. Can only prevent P.C.P. the area of the lungs it reaches, therefore the upper parts of the lungs,as well as other organs remain at risk.

3. Cost $100 to $300 per month (covered by insurance or governmental programs).

*SEPTRA & DAPSONE

1. Approximately 20% of people cannot take these medications due to allergic reactions and other side effects.

2. They work systemically, and effectively prevents P.C.P. infection throughout the body.

3. Cost is about $10 to $15 per month.

4. May prevent other infections, such as toxoplasmosis as well.

Now that P.C.P. is close to 100% preventable, researchers are focusing, and identifying treatments to prevent other AIDS related diseases, including MAI, CMV and TOXO. Many of these treatments are currently through clinical trials.

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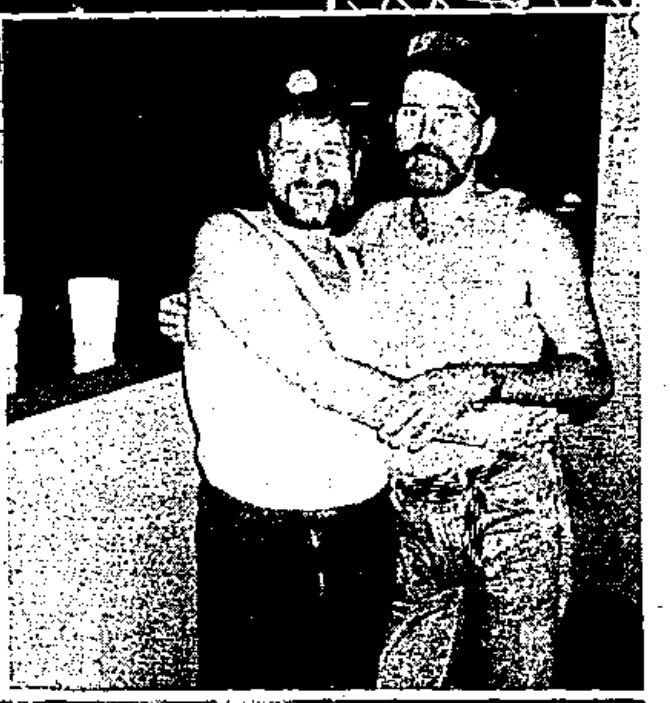

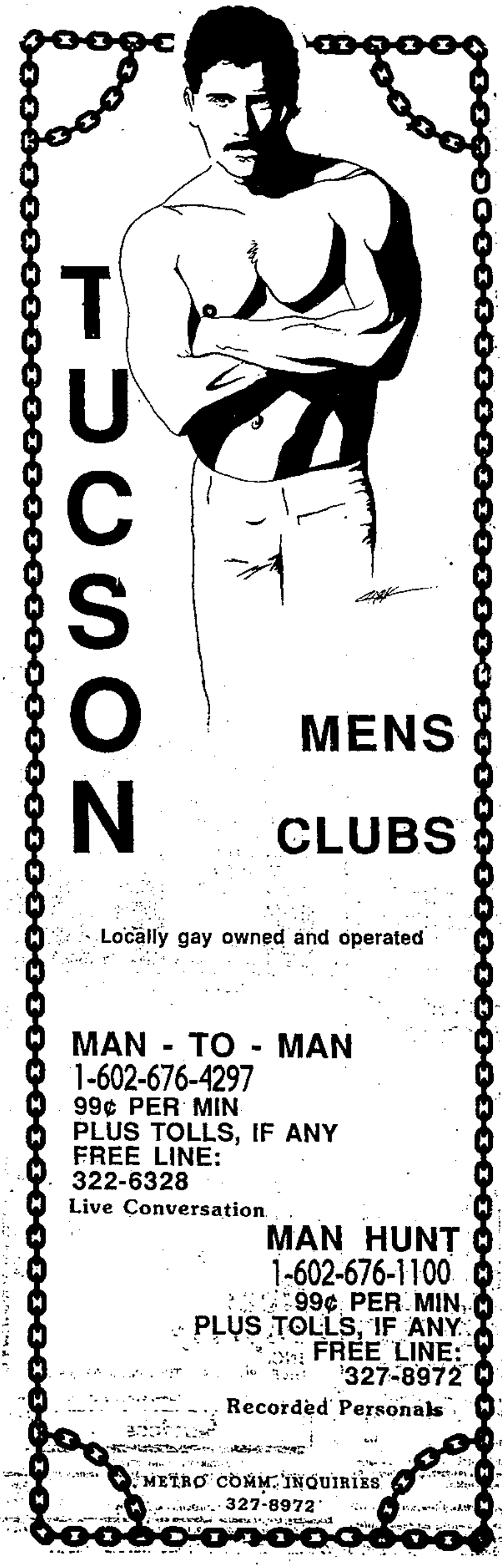

At The Closet Door

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Prize Fighting

I saw Lon Mabon on the local news. The Tucson local news. This is a very bad development. He is the man who put together the Oregon Citizens' Alliance, the group behind the ongoing erosion of Gay and Lesbian rights in that state.

On the same newscast I saw Tucson citizens protesting our Senator McCain's decision to give a speech to the OCA's fund raiser at a Portland airport hotel. McCain took their money (honorarium is such a dignified word) and supported their cause.

The only point Lon seemed able to make was that there are more of them than there are of us. (This is news?) He mocked the vigil outside McCain's Tucson office. Mabon has that slightly off-plumb fanatic charisma thing happening — kind of like Charlie Manson.

My own elected representative (neither of us may like it, Senator, but you do represent me) flew out of state to speak to a group whose only purpose is my continued oppression.

My people gathered to light candles in memory of the Lesbian and Gay housemates whose home was firebombed in Salem, Oregon during the OCA's hate campaign.

They have given us more queer martyrs. We don't want any more, but they keep giving them to us. We remember the ones we have.

As I write this, the TV is on: PBS reshowing Eyes On The Prize. The firehoses and dogs didn't stop the people's march to freedom.

Bull Connor could not hold back the civil rights movement. Lon Mabon and the OCA (and their handlers in Orange County, California) cannot hold back the progression of that movement.

Or can they?

Would you walk into a phalanx of police with dogs in order to defend your rights? How about firehoses? Bullets?

Or, since you have the choice, would you just bang that closet door shut and call out for pizza?

It's a lot easier to pass for straight than to pass for white. All you have to do is look at the people who made you; most of us do not have queer parents. We all get practice in acting straight for years and uneasy years.

We know the closet. Ain't no police dogs in there. What's the worst that could happen? If it gets too risky to go out to queer bars, you could always scan the personals for your straight-looking, straight-acting, no fats or fems dream lover.

If things get out of hand, we can instantly, effortlessly fade into the background ("Did you just hear a door closing?") We have that choice.

After all, Eyes On The Prize presents what it calls "America's Civil Rights Years" as a period piece. It's meant to instruct the generation that has apparently missed out on this country's "civil rights years".

Why rock the boat when we can hide? What's the worst that could happen?

Harvey Milk and George Moscone were murdered before today's teenagers were born. Have they seen the story on TV? Will their kids know about it?

If we do the easy thing and fade into the tasteful wallpaper, our Gay and Lesbian kids and their kids will think they have no history.

They will find themselves in an apparently 100% straight universe and think they're alone. Like I did.

That is exactly the worst thing that could happen.

The March from Selma to Montgomery finally took place after two bloody, dangerous, violent confrontations on the Pettus Bridge. Saint Martin Luther King wore a flower lei. A banner proclaimed "Hawaii Knows Integration Works."

Today Hawaii knows that queer families have value. Same-sex couples have been recognized by Hawaiian courts. The 50th state was right in the front of the fight for civil rights thirty years ago — and there it is still today.

The anti-sex Puritan missionaries who entered Hawaii in 1820 would no doubt be scandalized. Right on.

In Tucson, queer couples are suing for their right to marry.

I happen to know one of the couples. My friend and his lover want a marriage license, but there is the matter of the unjust law of licensing.

Those laws, those laws. Little land mines of hatred and bigotry and enshrined inequality. They go off all over the world and blow people's lives to bits.

The embarrassing ones, like the poll tax, that the current writers of history try to sweep under the rug. The giant ones like apartheid that cover suppurating hatred like a scab.

People die to defeat such laws. In the face of deadly oppression, resistance goes underground. Heroes spring up in the most unlikely places. Sometimes hiding keeps people alive. Sometimes the hiding is what kills them.

Do not think for a minute that Tucson queers are not fighting the same fight as blacks in South Africa or South Carolina. The rights of human beings are universal; laws restricting those rights are immoral everywhere such laws are in force.

Maybe the difference is having that pesky choice to make. In our out?

Coming out means becoming Family. It may not be pretty, but it's real, and you are a part of it. Family has to stick together, though. We can't let the bullies get away with talking bad about our sisters and brothers.

We can't let the State define our families. We can't let our kids grow up in the closet, to become adults with huge gaps in their lives.

We really are fighting for our lives; how many Lesbians and Gays must die before we see it?

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on. Hold on.

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ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tuners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tuners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

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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 Ortigas, M.Ed. 293-7886.

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Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6835.

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

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

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Randy 882-8946 or Lora 296-7990.

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

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. Information 624-1779.

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

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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. Ellie 531-8850 or Rena 968-2384.

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

JOIN US! PLOC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & 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 (ANDRS) is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDRS/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044 or call Jim Parins at 297-9616.

GAY MEN'S BODYBUILDING GROUP. This is a health-oriented, motivational group for people who seriously desire to build a better body. Meeting at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. every Thursday at 7 pm. Call 529-8015 for information.

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"All homosexuality is incompatible with military service," the officer's summary report, dated July 1, read. "The effect on combat effectiveness i snot limited to known homosexuals."

The Rand report, by contrast, concluded that while concerns about the possible effects of permitting homosexuals to serve are not groundless, "the problems do not appear insurmountable, and there is ample reason to believe that heterosexual and homosexual military personnel can work together effectively."

Clinton faced unanimous opposition to lifting the Gay ban from the six members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the president's most senior military advisers.

"Open homosexual military personnel are likely to be rare, at least in the foreseeable future," according to the Rand study. "Homosexuals in the military will be under enormous informal pressure to 'stay in the closet,' even without any explicit requirement to do so."

Liberal Democrats in Congress had demanded that the Pentagon release the Rand study before the House and Senate considers next year's defense budget, which includes language legalizing a restrictive policy on Gays in the military.

The House and Senate are expected to consider the defense budget when Congress returns from its August recess the week of September 6th.

Faced with vigorous opposition from the military and some lawmakers, Clinton abandoned his campaign pledge to lift the ban outright and instead announced the policy that makes few changes to the existing prohibition.

Clinton's policy ends the practice of questioning recruits and service members about their sexual orientation, and state that homosexual orientation is not a bar to service unless manifested by conduct.

In addition, commanders and agencies cannot begin investigations whose sole purpose is to determine an individual's sexual orientation.

However, the military will continue to discharge service members who engage in homosexual acts, state that they are homosexual or bisexual or marry or attempt to marry someone of being Gay.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee who had called for the report's release earlier this summer, said the Rand study is "such a clear, summer, said the Rand study is "such a clear ringing endorsement of the president's position."

"I wonder why they were so afraid to let it come out," she said in an interview.

Kathleen deLaski, a Pentagon spokeperson said the report was not made available earlier because it had not been put into its final published form.

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.

Army To Run Large Scale Test Of AIDS Vaccine

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of MicroGenesys Inc., disputed the latter contention as "completely dishonest."

The VaxSyn vaccine uses a genetically engineered protein that matches a protein called gp160, which covers the surface, or envelope, of the AIDS virus. In small, early trials, the vaccine was found to stimulate some responses in the human immune system.

National Institutes of Health scientists who studied results of earlier gp160 studies concluded last year that it did not show enough promise to justify a large trial.

But Army researchers disagreed, saying they got encouraging results with the vaccine. They proposed expanded trials.

MicroGeneSys hired former Sen. Russell Long, D-La., to lobby Congress for funding of a gp160 trial. A $20 million special appropriation calling for a drug trial was put into a $10 billion Department of Defense appropriation.

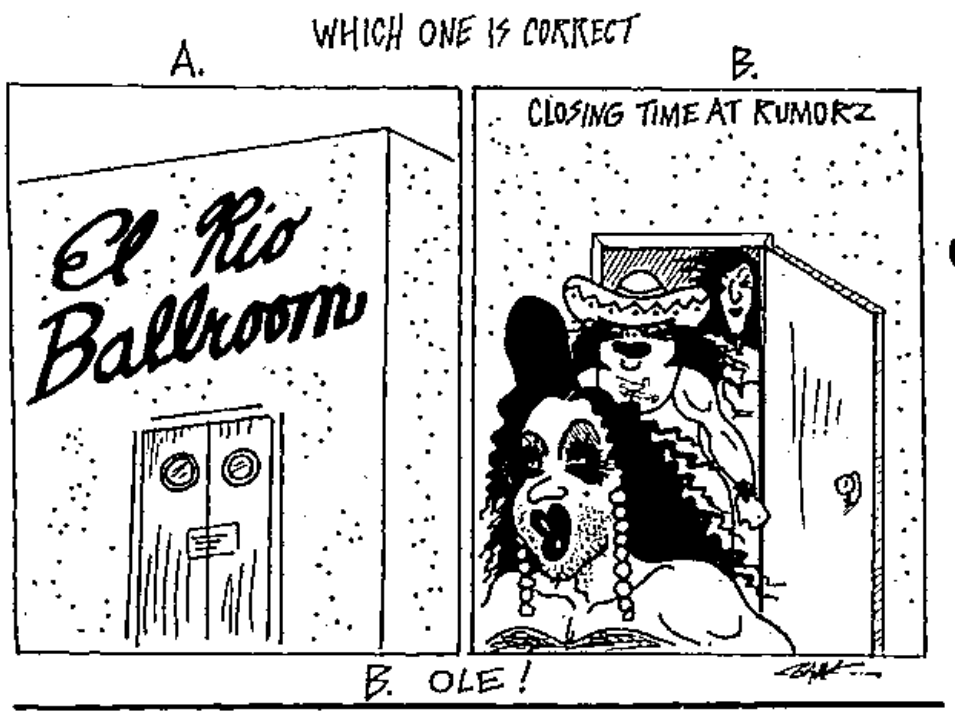
National Institutes of Health officials were outraged that the normal scientific channels for drug development has been bypassed. After a series of meetings, a blue ribbon panel of AIDS researchers, including some federal scientists, concluded that gp160 did not merit a drug trial when measured by classical scientific standards.

But the experts decided that there was scientific value in testing the drug against candidate vaccines made by other companies. The health agency called for a drug trial that would include at least three competing vaccines.

The Army agreed early this year that the health agency could use the $20 million for the multidrug trial.

Patients will be enrolled in the tests later this year, and the vaccine will be dispensed early in 1994. The patients will be monitored for up to four years, the announcement said, to test the ability of VaxSyn to delay clinical illness and increase longevity.

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



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