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An Open Letter To The Community

TO THE COMMUNITY:

We invite you to join us this Saturday for AIDS Walk '93.

The day promises to be one of the most hopeful in our long struggle with HIV/AIDS, as people from throughout southern Arizona join together in a large, visible community effort to heighten HIV awareness and to raise money to serve people with HIV and people who need prevention education.

For four years, the AIDS Walk was a mainstay of fund raising for the Tucson AIDS Project. Last year's walk raised more than \$50,000 for TAP. After reviewing the growth pattern of its walks and the history of AIDS Walks in other cities, TAP decided to open the walk to other agencies and to hire an outside consultant to oversee the walk.

"From All Walks of Life - AIDS Walk '93" represents the first time a Tucson AIDS Service Organization has invited the three other primary AIDS Service Organizations to participate in a previously established major fund raising event.

Arrangements for this collaborative effort were reported in the *Observer* last January. Because we've heard of concerns in the Gay/Lesbian community in recent weeks about the coordinator's fee and the proceed split, we want to remind the community of those arrangements. And while we can appreciate the concerns, we continue to believe that the arrangements we devised are equitable to all and the most likely to result in a Walk that will be, by far, the most successful AIDS fund raising event ever held in our community.

Jim Toevs was hired to work ten months as a consultant to put the walk together for a flat fee of \$40,000. Toevs' responsibilities have included soliciting major corporate sponsors and underwriters for the event, to cover his fee and other costs, and recruiting teams of walkers.

We project raising \$250,000 from this year's walk and having 2500 walkers. Both the individual walker and the team that raise the most money will receive prizes. The prize for the individual raising the most money, whether walking as an individual or as part of a team, is two round trip airline tickets between Los Angeles and Sydney, Australia, donated by Qantas Airlines.

The net proceeds of the walk will be divided between the four agencies as follows, 70% to the originating organization, the Tucson AIDS Project, and 10% each to the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson, El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora, and the Shanti Foundation. This method of proceeds splitting of AIDS Walk is typical of what happens in other cities: the originating organization receives 70% to 80%, and a varying number of other groups split the remaining proceeds.

As the Executive Directors and Board Presidents of the four participating organizations, we are excited about AIDS Walk '93, which represents our first collaboration on a major HIV/AIDS fund raising activity, and we encourage the entire community to support it enthusiastically.

Come demonstrate your support for all of us and for a community walking together to respond effectively to AIDS:

Sincerely,

Jerome Beillard, Executive Director, PACT for Life

Danny Blake, President Board of Directors, PACT for Life

Enrique Gomez, Executive Director, El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora

Ana Estrada, President Board of Directors, El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora

Anne Maley, Executive Director Shanti Foundation

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Hundreds Gather in Midwest to Battle Right Wing Initiatives

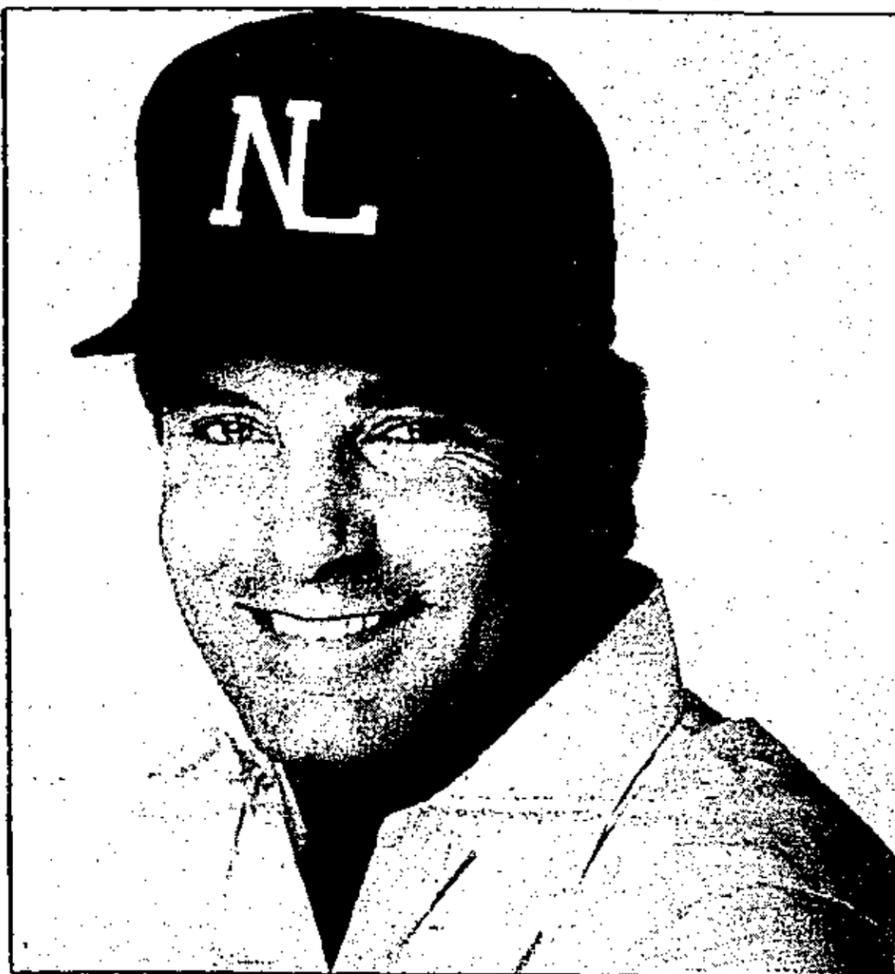
CINCINNATI, Oh., - More than 300 activists gathered in Cincinnati Labor Day weekend to plan strategies to defeat anti-Gay initiatives on the state and local levels in the Mid-West. The Fight the Right Mid-West Regional Summit, held September 4 and 5, was co-sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Stonewall Cincinnati, a local Gay and Lesbian political organization.

Following the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado last November, Far Right groups announced plans to pursue similar anti-Gay initiatives across the country. Activists from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin met at the summit to learn skills and share information to battle those initiatives.

Following an opening address by Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF Deputy Director of Public Policy, summit participants offered regional reports on Right Wing activity in their states and cities. The summit featured a dramatic plenary session entitled "Civil Rights vs. Special Rights,"

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Team Arizona Plans Fundraisers For Tucson and Phoenix



Pictured above is former major league umpire Dave Pallone who was thrown out of organized baseball for being Gay. He will appear in fund raising events hosted by Team Arizona in both Tucson and Phoenix. See related story below.

TUCSON - Team Arizona, the state-wide organization of Arizona's Gay and Lesbian athletes that is working toward participation in Gay Games IV, has announced that they will be sponsoring a three-day series of events called "Unmasked in Arizona" over the opening weekend of the World Series. These events will feature nationally acclaimed former major league umpire, Dave Pallone. Pallone was thrown out of organized baseball for being Gay. His New York Times best selling book, "Behind the Mask, My Double Life in Baseball", has been inspirational for Gay athletes nationwide.

Pallone was a professional umpire for eighteen years. As a National League umpire for ten years, he was the third youngest umpire in baseball history at the age of twenty seven. His abilities were so respected that he was selected to umpire the 50th Anniversary All Star Game at Comiskey Park in 1983. He was behind the plate in 1985 for Nolan Ryan's 4000th strike-out, as well as for Pete Rose's record tying base hit. Pallone attracted major public attention when Pete Rose shoved him in a 1988 Mets-Reds games, igniting one of the most controversial incidents in baseball history.

As a Gay man living in the macho world of baseball, Pallone's visit will give a candid look at the behind-the-scenes workings in baseball as a moving account of coming to terms with his own sexuality.

On Friday, October 15th, a "Kick off to the World Series party" will be held at the swimming pool patio at THE WORKS, 7223 East 2nd Street, Scottsdale. For a recommended donation of \$20, guests will view on screen an account of Pallone's participation in some of baseball's most historic moments, while enjoying hosted cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 16th, an "Opening Night of the World Series Party" will be held in Tucson at the Casa Luna Bed and Breakfast Resort, 4210 N. Saranac Drive. The party begins at 5:00 p.m. in time for the opening pitch of the World Series. For a \$20 recommended donation, guests will get up close and personal with Pallone and also enjoy hosted cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. To finish off the weekend, a brunch is scheduled for Sunday, October 17th. TEAM ARIZONA athletes will be present at all of these events.

Gay Games IV will be held June 18-25, 1994 in New York City. TEAM ARIZONA, as a state-wide organization, has been very active in fielding teams for the 33 different venues that are part of Gay Games IV. For more information about TEAM ARIZONA and the Gay Games and to RSVP to all the world series events please call in Phoenix, 264-2645, or in Tucson, 323-7461

UPDATE

Desert Voices To Sing At AIDS Walk

TUCSON - The first appearance this fall of Desert Voices will be at the staging area for the AIDS Walk this Saturday morning at Rincon High School Stadium at 9:30. The chorus is now well under way as it rehearses for the new season each Monday evening with over 50 members, and preparing for this event has been the main part of our work together the last few weeks.

Desert Voices will present three numbers in its first outdoor performance. The members are excited and pleased to be participating in this important event, and to have an opportunity to showcase the work we are doing in creating a prominent choral arts ensemble in Tucson representing the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community.

The first appearance kicks off our new season: Desert Voices, Singing Proud, Here Us Out This Year! Be sure to arrive early enough at the stadium on Saturday morning to hear this performance.

Church Action Blamed on Exposés

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - A Mormon feminist scholar says she has been excommunicated for writing about alleged abuse by church leaders. Lavina Fielding Anderson, 49, is one of six scholars and feminists to face church disciplinary hearings over the past 10 days and the third to be excommunicated. The action came months after Elder Boyd Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles identified feminists and homosexuals, "so-called scholars" and intellectuals as the three dangers facing the 8.4 million member church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Fight The Right Conference In Phoenix Oct. 9

PHOENIX - On October 9, 1993, The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) in conjunction with LEGAL (Lesbian and Gay Action League) at Arizona State University, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will present an all day, free Fight The Right conference.

Scot Nakagawa and Robert Bray of NGLTF will fly specially to Phoenix to present the nation's most effective and up to date workshop on how to combat the right wing elements threatening to pass a "Colorado-style" anti-Gay initiative in Arizona. They have presented these workshops in several "key" communities currently targeted by the right wing.

The conference will be held at Arizona State University Student Memorial Union Building, (room number to be announced). Registration will be 9-9:30 a.m. and workshops will continue until 6:00 p.m. There will be a one hour break for lunch and several breaks during the day as needed. The conference agenda is enclosed.

The conference and materials are free to all participants. Anyone wishing to obtain NGLTF's 230 page Fight The Right Action Kit, should bring a \$10 donation for NGLTF. The only other things you will need to bring are pens and a notepad.

NGLTF, LEGAL, and the Arizona Human Rights Fund hope you will be able to attend this very important conference. Pass the word, tell your friends and get the word out. This may be our last chance to develop as strong an organizational background for what lies ahead.

For more information, the exact location and to RSVP for the conference, call Jeff Ofstedahl at (602) 266-0550.

Tucson Awareness Project Meeting Oct. 4

TUCSON - The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project Arizona/Tucson is off to a great start, with membership on the rise. The Project is clarifying our mission and establishing goals.

The next meeting, will take place on Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Wingspan. The meeting's agenda is the election of a Chairperson, and a Secretary/Treasurer, also the formation of the following committees: Public Relations, Fund Raising, Education, and Community Outreach, and the election of committee chair's. All committees are open to any and all interested parties. Let's get involved Tucson! The Project wants your ideas and input.

The first project is in the works. On October 11, there will be "The Coming Out Day Parade." This event will start at 10:30 a.m., at Wingspan. The march will then go down 4th Avenue to Catalina Park. We encourage Tucson's Gay and Lesbian groups to march together and show your unity. Join us and experience the energy.

For more information call 326-3492 or 742-1535.

Workshop to Improve Your Relationship Offered Oct. 16

TUCSON - The Reconciling Congregation Program of St. Francis Church is sponsoring a full day workshop, Personality Differences in Gay and Lesbian Couples. This workshop on Saturday, October 16, from 9 to 4:30 p.m., features the highly regarded personality indicator, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. This profile, which each person will take in the workshop, brings into focus the personality differences that we don't understand very well to help people understand and overcome the hassles that these differences seem to create in their personal relationships.

As Dr. Bill Harrison, who is conducting the workshop, has noted, "no matter how well you know and love your partner, your ways of being and living are sometimes irritating, painful and confusing. Personality differences add texture to our relationships, but these same differences can also limit intimacy until we understand them better."

This workshop will help you turn the hassles you experience due to these patterns of differences into more harmoniously ways of understanding, communicating, and appreciating each other. Couples will especially benefit from attending together, but singles will also benefit and are encouraged to attend.

This is not a confrontational experience; rather it is engaging, safe, and enjoyable. "You'll be surprised," Bill notes, "at how quickly you can increase your interpersonal relationship skills when you learn about your personality types through the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator."

The fee for this workshop is \$55 per person. Advanced registration is recommended and requested to assure a place. It will be held at St. Francis Church, River and Swan Roads. Some partial scholarships are available.

For more information and to register, call 577-3481. Call soon; space is limited!

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National Coming Out Day Celebrates 6th Year on October 11

WASHINGTON, D.C. - National Coming Out Day, October 11, is an annual event recognized by Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and their supporters as a day to celebrate the process of accepting and being open about their sexual orientation. Commemorating its sixth year, National Coming Out Day festivities will be held across the country encouraging people to take their next step in the coming out process.

This year, the first since National Coming Out Day merged with the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political group, events are being planned in major cities across the United States.

*In Los Angeles, thousands are expected to participate in a multi-faith spiritual service "Come Out in Faith" hosted by Rev. Troy Perry of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Rev. Dusty Pruitt, and Rev Malcolm Boyd.

*In Dallas, Rob Eichberg, one of the founders of National Coming Out Day, will be the keynote speaker for "A Celebration About Truth and Living Powerfully." The event will be held at the Cathedral of Hope, the church of Mel White, former ghostwriter for Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Oliver North and other prominent Christian right political figures. Joining Eichberg and White will be special guest Hedi de Jesus, U.S. Air Force, who is currently fighting a discharge for homosexual conduct.

*In New York City, the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center of New York is hosting "In Our Own Write" an event featuring "Kiss of the Spider Woman" author Terrence McNally and writers Cheryl Clark and Paula Martinac.

*In Washington, D.C., a dance for Lesbian and Gay youth is being sponsored by the Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual student groups of Georgetown and George Washington Universities.

*In Las Vegas, a festival featuring noted veteran Miram Ben Shalom, author Michaelangelo Signorelli and Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Roberta Achlenberg has been planned by the Las Vegas Pride committee.

*In Sunnyside, New York, the organization Queens, Lesbians and Gays United will host "Coming Out Story Telling - an Open Microphone Event."

*In White Plains, New York, a National Coming Out Day benefit concert for "The Loft" will include performances by comedians Bob Smith and Lynn Lavner.

*Additional National Coming Out Day events are planned in Atlanta, Chicago, Pasadena, Denver, Omaha, Santa Fe, Seattle and many other cities.

National Coming Out Day has an internal appeal. In Montreal, Quebec, a dance marathon and film festival will take place. Switzerland's events mark that country's third year celebrating National Coming Out Day.

National Coming Out Day merchandise is a very powerful and visible

way for Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals to show pride in themselves. The profits from merchandise sales help provide funds for organizing events and expanding the number of NCOD events across America. "National Coming Out Day shirts, hats, posters and buttons have become very popular because of the wonderful and colorful pop-art design," said Cathy Nelson, Membership Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The NCOD logo, a multi-color original design from the late artist Keith Haring, depicts an individual taking that first important step out of a closet. National Coming Out Day t-shirts, posters and hats are available at Don't Panic stores located in Los Angeles, Provincetown and Miami. They may also be ordered through the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Don't Panic is the official retail sponsor for NCOD merchandise this year.

National Coming Out Day is held on October 11 to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights. The march was a milestone for more than 600,000 individuals who attended it and for the community nationwide. October 11 also commemorates the inaugural visit of the Names Project (the AIDS Quilt) to the nation's Capital.

The first National Coming Out Day was held in 1988 as a positive and pro-active statement of pride on the part of the Lesbian and Gay community and received media recognition from over 41 mainstream and 58 Lesbian and Gay publications as well as attention from the Oprah Winfrey show, USA Today, and National Public Radio.

Several celebrities and prominent figures have come out this year and made it easier for others to take that first step and come out. "When people like tennis great Martina Navratilova, singers k.d. lang, Janis Ian and Melissa Etheridge, media mogul David Geffen, and former Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia Bob Jackson-Paris come out, they send a strong message to those in the closet that coming out and being honest about who you are is a better and happier way to live," says Rob Eichberg. "Each of us who comes out also has a tremendous impact on those around us. Closeted Lesbian and gay family members who find out their 'favorite Aunt Sarah or Uncle Jim' is also Gay, immediately adopt a better sense of self worth and optimism about living a happy and productive life free of the deceit and shame they face in the closet. Heterosexuals who find out family members are Gay rapidly learn the negative stereotypes they have of Lesbian and Gay people are false. It's important to provide them with those role models."

"Coming out and having a political impact are integrally linked," says Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Every polls show that American voters who know a family member, loved one or someone close to them is Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual support federal protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Coming out to the people who love and respect you is the most important political act you can do."

For more information on National Coming Out Day, or to help organize an event in your local community, call Deborah Massa at (202) 628-4160.

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I'm writing this on Tuesday, the 28th day of September. Today I can realize again that progress comes in steps not in Star Trek, style warp jumps. You see, today there were three very important votes in the U.S House of Representatives.

The votes all were on the Defense Authorization Act for FY '94. The Senate last week voted to send an authorization (budget and spending bill) to the President which had word for word the "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" language of Sen. Sam Nunn. It forbids asking "the question" but would allow it in the future should it be deemed necessary, say if Bob Dole is elected president. (by the way, McCain voted for it, duh, DeConcini against)

When the bill came up in the House there were two amendments proposed; a pro-Gay amendment by Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.), and an anti-Gay amendment by Rep. Duncan Hunter of California.

This was not as partisan a battle as one would expect. Many Republicans voiced support for the Meehan amendment and several Democrats against. In fact, I'll go so far to say that Democrats killed the Meehan amendment. Over 100 Democrats voted against it.

Next came the Hunter amendment, which would have reinstated "the question" and turned aside the meager gains of the spring. This amendment was written by a Republican, but denounced by many in his own party. Even the Republican whip rose in opposition to the Hunter (sorta' an appropriate title, you know?) amendment. Yet over a hundred and ten of the party of Lincoln voted to codify the beginning point of institutional homophobia. Why? Because Gay and Lesbian Republicans haven't made themselves a necessary constituency within the GOP.

Two weeks ago Greg Vogt took the time to write a written reply to one of my columns. I get plenty of less formal response but the idea that someone would care enough to take the time to write out a letter is gratifying. Now if Mr. Vogt

had taken the time to actually get what I was saying, that would've been stupendous.

Greg Vogt and those like him are a major reason why John McCain and his buddy Jon "me too, me too!" Kyl think they can do the things they do. Mr. Vogt said it himself, "I voted for McCain and will probably do so again."

Talk about identifying with your oppressors! Where do you think McCain is on HIV/AIDS funding and education? Where would he have been in the early eighties when this disease became a political target of the Pious Right? I respect the people who are members of the various Log Cabin Clubs around the country. I admire the openly Lesbian and Gay precinct committee-people throughout the Republican party, they are the ones who will eventually change the psychotic tilt-to-the-right that has tripped McCain and Kyl. I fear it may have slipped-up some of our own. Please be active and open in the party of your choice. We can match the progress of the Democratic party in the Republican party as well. We possess the more compelling argument of individual rights, not religious intolerance.

Lincoln was asked to join the anti-catholic Know-nothing (that was their name, really) party of the mid-1800's. He refused. His reply is paraphrased here but was similar to: "Why would a man who champions the cause of freedom for the slave support the subjugation of classes of freeman?"

Lincoln was right, McCain and Kyl are wrong, period. One cannot champion the cause of liberty for a few, nor enjoy the privilege of selected rights. It shall be, "With liberty, and justice for all." Even if some don't want to fight for their birth right.

[Comments, rebuttals or pithy remarks are welcome, send them to:

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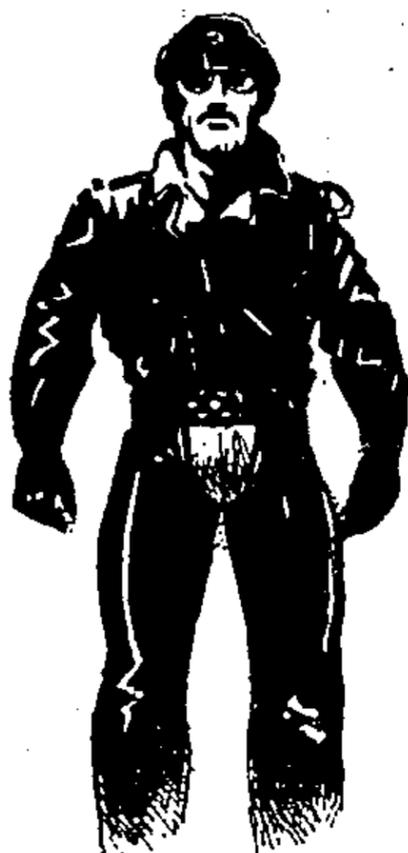
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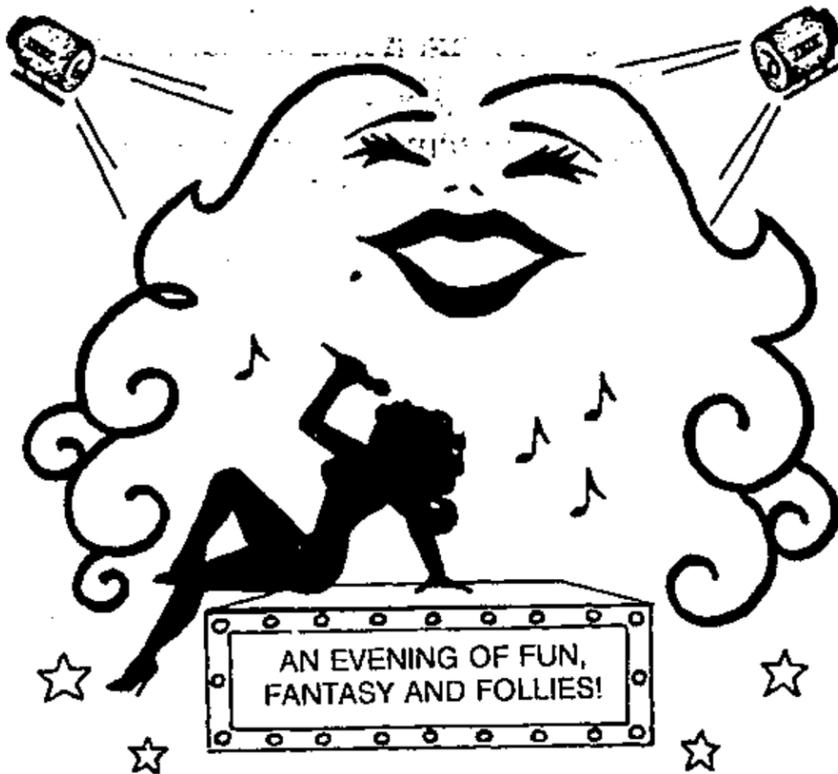
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FYI

by Big John

AIDS - Dollars 1993

Most individuals in our community don't know any of the specifics regarding AIDS funding in Pima County, so I thought I would share some facts and figures with you. This topic is especially appropriate since AIDS WALK '93 will be taking place this next weekend (Oct 2nd) with the expectation of raising \$250,000 for Tucson's AIDS agencies.

First, at least four community AIDS service organizations (ASO's) exist in Pima County. The Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) was the first organization to get rolling back in about 1985 and was initiated by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) health committee. A year after TAP started, the Tucson SHANTI organization was founded using the San Francisco Shanti model to train volunteers and show them how to provide emotional support for persons with HIV or AIDS. Today, the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) and El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora more directly represent the needs of persons with AIDS or HIV infection, and people of color.

It's unfortunate that money for AIDS has become such a "sacred cow" that we no longer take a close look at what the local AIDS agencies are actually doing with the money they raise from our community. We might speculate that the same problem occurred with a national organization like the United Way, where the common perception was that such an "old" organization with a "good" reputation couldn't possibly do anything wrong - until they got caught! The national United Way organization was caught paying its Executive Director a six-figure salary, mostly from local agency funds. The director also flew to conferences on a "first-class" basis, and only on the very expensive supersonic "Concorde" when traveling to Europe. Since the United Way salary story got out due to scrutiny by the press, the situation changed dramatically at United Way!

I've asked some of my friends with AIDS or HIV infection to describe what services they're receiving from the Tucson AIDS Project. Most of them do not even know what services TAP offers, let alone what they themselves might be eligible to receive. One individual was aware that TAP had a case manager, but thought he worked mostly at the hospitals. Another said TAP spends most of its time "raising money," going to meetings and answering telephone questions from the community. Most persons with HIV that I spoke with were not very impressed by what TAP had to offer the HIV community.

One unhappy individual with HIV even gave me a copy of an IRS tax document showing that TAP has an annual budget exceeding \$740,000 of which \$546,000 goes to pay salaries of TAP executives, administrators, fund-raisers, program coordinators, case managers, outreach managers, prevention managers and other office staff. Only \$14,600 was identified as "direct patient support." To me this is almost criminal, since a large percentage of people who contribute to the AIDS epidemic believe they are assisting people with AIDS or HIV infection and not just adding personnel to TAP's payroll. Guess again!

And I wonder how contributors to TAP would feel if they knew about the many AIDS patients in Tucson who do not have medical insurance and cannot afford

simple prescription drugs like AZT, Bactrim, Aerosol Pentamidine and Fluconazole. Remember, to qualify for AHCCCS, Arizona's "wonderful" indigent health care program, a person with AIDS must have an income of less than \$270 a month. Time for a "Reality Check" people - because with income that low they might be living in a boxcar or under a bridge.

I believe this community at large should define where the AIDS dollars go - for example, by specifying "restricted" as opposed to "unrestricted" use of funds. It is your right as a charity giver to restrict the use of your money, so earmark it for "direct patient services" only. And it should not be proper for "share bears," a wonderful concept in fund raising, to just turn over all the money raised in our bars every month to the various AIDS agencies to do with as they desire, (i.e. to help pay Craig Snow's salary of \$43,600). For those of us who are unaware, Mr. Snow is TAP's Executive Director. We should all be alarmed by this kind of disparity in the use of our community dollars, and we should not be charitable to the extent that our donations pay the salaries of agency staff instead of supporting the people who are sick and dying of AIDS in our community and who really need the same dollars for food and medication, or for rent subsidy.

Let me now get back to AIDS WALK '93. It was reported by more than one reliable source that Jim Toevs was being paid \$40,000 by TAP to coordinate the walk this year. After Toevs fee and the cost for brochures, T-shirts and other expenses are subtracted, then 70% of the net proceeds will go to TAP, with the remaining 30% split among the other three AIDS agencies, or 10% each. Assuming that the AIDS WALK achieves its financial goals, the arithmetic goes something like this:

AIDS WALK '93 goal:	\$ 250,000
less Jim Toevs amt.	-40,000
less expenses (est.)	-10,000
Net amt.:	\$ 200,000

Distribution of net funds:	
-TAP receives	\$ 140,000 (70%)
-PACT receives	20,000 (10%)
-Shanti gets	20,000 (10%)
-El Proyecto	20,000 (10%)

The issue here isn't that Jim Toevs' name is attached to the \$40,000, it's an issue of anyone making that kind of money out of a part-time AIDS fund raising project. I choose to use the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) as a model, where you will find that Jerry Lewis gets 1.5% of any funds raised during his telethon, while Toevs is making roughly 16% of AIDS Walk funds. A fair percentage of net funds raised seems to be a more reasonable way of recompense than to arbitrarily pay \$40,000 of AIDS receipts to a coordinator. What if the walk were to only raise \$39,000? Does that mean that the AIDS agencies owe Jim Toevs \$1,000?

Since Jim Toevs stands to make twice as much out of this AIDS Walk than PACT or the other non-TAP agencies, my activist friends and I believe it is time that some of us with HIV start getting more informed about what's really going on in this community regarding all the AIDS dollars raised, and start speaking up, and getting counted as the only "valid" constituents. It seems that we've been sitting

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In His Own Image

I was channel-surfing on a Friday night. Without cable TV, this is generally an incredibly unproductive process. As I whizzed from 4 to 23 and back again, I was presented with four (4) images of man/woman couples kissing and/or groping.

Four pictures out of a possible six showed straight people's bizarre mating rituals. I shut off the TV, saying "Yuck! Blatant heterosexual display."

At first I just felt slightly put off. After all, we are bombarded with images of sex all day every day; we eventually screen them out. Though we may find opposite-sex screwing repellent, it is used to sell us everything from toothpaste to Tomahawk missiles. What else is new?

Then I got angry.

Where are the hugging, kissing, groping same-sex couples? Where are the scenes of queer family life? The Lesbian first-love stories? The Gay Dating Game? Why do I never see two men holding hands on that goddam box, much less naked between the sheets?

My next-door neighbor got her panties in a wad when I hung out a rainbow flag. She said she was offended and God was offended and why did I have to put that out in front of everybody?

Here's why. When I was twelve, I read David Reuben's Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex... *but were afraid to ask.

I knew I was Gay and I also knew that it wasn't something my mom wanted to hear. I thought that maybe Dr. Reuben would tell me it was going to be okay, that I wasn't a freak.

Instead, he told me that I had no future beyond tearoom sex and sticking eggs and light bulbs and zucchini up my ass. He told me that I was unnatural and would never be happy. He described a queer man as a sort of Diogenes, doomed to search forever for "the penis that pleases."

I threw the book back under my mother's bed and tried to forget the supposed truths I had learned. It was five more years before I could overcome the terror David Reuben instilled in me.

I looked in my junior high-school library for more information about being queer — yeah, right. Also the public library — more of the same: nothing. The Missouri Western State College library — zip.

This was the year after Stonewall.

Gay Liberation was not reported in the St. Joseph News-Press and Gazette or in the Buchanan County Farmer. All I had to go on was my mother's vague warning about those men I might meet in the bus station bathroom. And David Reuben.

In high school it was no better. Actually, since there was gym class complete with showers, it was much worse. I went to fifth-period American History sweaty and smelly rather than get naked with my gym class, much as I wanted to. After ninth grade I faked a medical excuse and never took another step in that locker room.

If I had had the nerve to talk to the vice-principal (the nun everyone called Sister Mary Butch) I might have found some solace with a kindred spirit. I knew that the parish priest at Immaculate Conception was fooling with the altar boys, but I could never tell a priest I was Gay. Besides, I was jealous as hell that he was the one touching Danny Chappell and not me.

Still, the only book I had ever seen that even contained the word homosexuality was (you guessed it) Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex... *but were afraid to ask. I slammed closed many doors that could have helped me accept myself ten years sooner, and all because of David Reuben's misinformed bloody masterpiece.

Bitter? Who's bitter?

Just because I spent five unnecessary extra years in the closet due to one man's profit-grabbing sensationalist drivel?

Just because I thought there was nothing for me but the priesthood and sanctified celibacy? (Little did I know how much sex happens behind rectory and monastery doors!)

Just because my mother believed that crazy bullshit too, and thought of me as her penance, her mistake, and her punishment, until the day she died?

Just because I walled off most of my soul for ten years after reading that hopeless prognosis?

My neighbor demanded to know why I have to fly my rainbow flag "out here in front of everybody."

I used to think that I put the rainbow bumper sticker on my car and the pink triangle in my lapel to make myself visible to the straights.

Guess what? Straight people don't recognize our symbols. They don't want to see them any more than they want to see us. They don't care.

Those symbols are for me at twelve, for my friend Gilda at fourteen, for every queer kid digging desperately through the card catalog. We may not be widely visible in the media (except for AIDS, two queer Congressmen, and the occasional stereotypical sitcom gag), but damn it, the fact of sane, healthy, loving queer existence can at least be seen on my bumper and outside my front door.

That, neighbor Ginny, is why the rainbow flag is there. You can get as offended as you like. So can your God. I don't care, because your God is a fake. Your God is the David Reuben of deities, telling you lies.

Want to keep me out of your God's Heaven? Not to worry. To quote the endlessly amazing William Blake:

"The Vision of Christ that thou dost see / Is My Vision's greatest Enemy. / Thine loves the world that Mine hates, / Thy Heaven Doors are my Hell Gates."

Go to Heaven, Ginny. Take Dr. Reuben with you (assuming your God allows Jews in Heaven).

I'm so glad I shut off the TV that night and sat at the computer instead. Too bad shutting the TV off is the only way to see an image resembling myself on the screen.



POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

Senator DeConcini makes announcement. An election took place, a few people voted, and the tax payers flipped the bill, (and it was not run by the County Democrats!). So here we go:

Senator Dennis DeConcini shocked the political establishment when he announced, in a press conference in Phoenix, that he would not seek a fourth term. In his announcement, he stated that the chore of fund raising was the main cause of him deciding not to seek another term, and also that "he was tired of the B.S."

after. And every potential Senator wannabees, started forming exploratory committees. (Due to the lack of space for the column, I can not mention every name, and let me tell you, it is a huge list!)

The most notable, Arizona's "ambitious" Secretary of State, Dickie "Yes I do support the President! Really!" Mahoney, looking extremely happy and relieved, stated he was 99% sure that he is going to run. He also stated that he has picked up support from a lot of the Senator's former supporters.

When interviewed on Arizona Illustrated on KUAT-TV, Mahoney said that things between him and DeConcini will be patched up. Don't count on it Dickie, Senator DeConcini stated flatly, in his press conference, that he will not support Mahoney, due to his actions, and betrayals.

I was very saddened by Senator DeConcini's announcement, and his deci-

sion not to run. I frankly thought he could win, it would have been tough, but he is a tough campaigner. DeConcini's voting record was mixed, I'll admit that, but it showed that he was of an independent mind. People always mentioned the controversial votes, the rocky periods, the bad judgement calls, but there is no such thing as "perfect politician", they don't exist.

But, I'll remember the good about our Senator, he has done a lot of the Grand Canyon State, he has done things for Tucson, and he has done things for the Gay/Lesbian community. Now, the seat is up for grabs, and it will go to someone from Phoenix, (the evil city of the north!). Tucson and southern Arizona will lose what little pull we had in Washington D.C. because of DeConcini's decision.

Senator DeConcini, thank you for 18 years of serving Arizona in our nation's capital. You will be missed, and frankly I will miss you as Senator.

On September 21, an election took place, (Really, despite the media blackout!), and the progressive coalition won, and won big!

The City of Tucson held their primary elections for Council seats in Wards 3, 5 and 6. The City Clerk reported that 8% of the eligible voters turned out to vote. Lack of interest, and the lack of contested races, (2 in 3 party primaries), were the main cause of the paltry turnout.

The two contested primaries, in Ward's 3 and 6, were no contest, the Observer endorsed candidates won by substantial margins.

In Ward 3, Tom Saggau won the Democratic nomination for the Ward 3 Council seat, by trouncing his opponent David Fossdal by a 64% to 34% margin. (Bet olde George and Roger are happy about this one!).

In Ward 6, incumbent Councilmember Molly McKasson, trounced businessman Don "I hate signs!" Coleman by a whopping 3 to 1 margin. The expected battle, earlier in the campaign, turned out to be a joke. (Too bad TBC, you lost again!)

Until next time.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

GRADUATE - It's Wildcat football time and Hopi, the head cheerleader, will be holding cheerleading classes at 4:00 p.m. It's always a wild time at the Grad when the game begins and the cheers and chants get going. It's an experience! By the way, the winning ticket number for the Indian Sand Painting was #281393. (I only missed it by 177!).

RUMORZ - The Fabulous Falsies begin their Saturday night shows here beginning at 9:37 p.m. with Mr. Dan Reid, Kenneth Blake, Alotta Whoremones and Mama Reyna. No admission charge and reservations are suggested for good seating.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - A great brunch every Sunday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. \$7.95. T-Dance 2:30 until 6:30 Ronnie Rio DJ-ing. Drink specials. 7:30 until 11:30, live dance band "Friendly Fire". \$2.00 cover goes to the band. The club is located at 424 N. 4th Avenue.

IBT'S - Uncle Fester will be playing rock 'n roll music from 4 to 8 p.m. while the Patio Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust goes from 3 to 6 p.m. The beneficiary for this week's B-B-Q is the Shanti Foundation.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

RUMORZ - Back by popular demand, Female Strippers here and the show begins at 9:30 p.m. Get here early for a good seat.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

RUMORZ - Rumor Fabulous Falsies will appear here beginning at 9:30 and every Tuesday and Saturday evening at the same time. Featuring Mr. Dani Reid, Kenneth Blake, Alotta Whoremones and Reyna.

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.

RUMORZ - Fabulous Falsies here beginning at 9:30 and every Saturday evening at the same time. Featuring Mr. Dani Reid, Kenneth Blake, Alotta Whoremones and Reyna.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

IBT'S - H.I.T.T.'s Turkey Day at IBT's. "Buy The Cup" Beer Bust 3 to 8 p.m. Special Turkey Day cookout and the return of Turkey Bowling. This final fundraiser for the pre-Halloween Invitational Tournament will have something for everyone including several raffles for great prizes such as a free round-trip airline ticket and free weekend lodging at the Scottsdale Ramada Valley Ho resort.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Men Meeting Men party 7 to 10 p.m. A unique way to make new friends. Call Marc at 881-4582 for info and reservations.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

Cronies-Prime Timers, the 40 and over club, will hold their October planning meeting at 7 p.m. at the MCC church, 3269 N. Mountain

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a family picnic at Agua Caliente Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. All parents, partners and children are invited to attend. The park is located at 4002 N. Soldier Trail. Meet at the tables marked by the Rainbow Flag. Call Mary at 690-1634 for info and directions.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

An Acoustic Night at Club Congress benefit for Tucson AIDS Project. Featuring Terry Pollock, Al Perry, Tonya Lamm and Zanier. Admission \$5 requested.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Lambda Democratic Caucus meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the 4th Ave. Social Club, 424 N. 4th Ave. An officer from the Hate Crimes Division of Tucson Police Dept. will address the issues of what constitutes a hate crime and what action victims of hate crimes should take. For more info call 91-7000.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) in conjunction with the Lesbian & Gay Action League at Arizona State University and NGLTF will present an all-day, free "Fight The Right" Conference. Scott Nakagawa and Robert Bray of NGLTF will present the nations most effective and up-to-date workshop on how to combat the right wing elements threatening to pass a "Colorado-style" anti-Gay initiative in Arizona. The conference will be held at the ASU Student Memorial Union Bldg. (room to be announced). Registration 9 to 9:30 a.m. and workshops will continue until 6 p.m. or more information call 791-7000.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Club 2520 with two important items on the agenda. (1) appoint Liaisons to the Tucson Police Department and (2) nomination of TLGA officers for the coming year.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - COMING OUT DAY

"Coming Out Against Discrimination", Parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. All interested people who want to eliminate discrimination are invited and encouraged to participate. Sponsored by Gay & Lesbian Awareness Project, Tucson Chapter.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

A workshop for Gay men and lesbians to strengthen your relationship skills based on the Myers-Briggs Type indicator. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis church, River and Swan. Fee is \$55 per person and is presented by William T. Harrison, Ph.D.. To register call 577-3481.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Men's Massage Group meets at 5 p.m. They will be meeting on the patio. Reservations required. Call Marc at 881-4582.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

The Third Annual TORCH Awards (Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help). Ramada Inn, 475 N. Grande beginning at 6:00 p.m. Awards, Hors d'Oeuvres. Cash bar available. Recognizing those dedicated individuals who make a difference in our world in Tucson and the world at large. Your presence is requested to join in honoring these heroic individuals. For ticket or other information call PACT for Life 770-1710.

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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Rained 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 Rio 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 all 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. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music played by Uncle Fester.

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, 30 entry fee. Club prints. 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 + Music Madness "Backstr". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 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. McFlow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well + 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. "Mammoth Beer Nite" 25oz can of Foster's \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Squads Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Rock Light Party begins at 9 pm.

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

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

IBT'S - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$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. "Upstons" head turn 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 cabaret 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 Maxx. 7-9, Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. Salas/Modern Dance Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas Chips & "Fris" 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 9 pm. DJ's 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. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to them in their underwear.

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 V/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 pm.

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. V/DJ Jeff Strickles 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. 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, \$1 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.

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The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

Now that October is upon us, we bowlers are gearing up for the busy season. Most weekends through the holidays have an event of some sort to enjoy, help with, or simply bowl at. It is sometimes difficult to write this semi-regular column and not sound repetitive and my success at this varies. If this column provides the necessary encouragement for just one person to come out and see or join in, it's worth the time since that's how Gay/Lesbian bowling has grown over the past three years... one person at a time.

Evidence of how far we bowlers have come will be apparent this Saturday at AIDS Walk '93. We're proud to be walking as the H.I.T.T. team(s) and support this worthy event. Look for us sporting the H.I.T.T. logo.

Many bowlers from the Tucson Desert Coyotes & Tucson Lambda Lizards will be heading to Phoenix the following morning for People & Person's October No-Tap tournament. This event will take place at 1pm and will be our opportunity to thank our PHX neighbors for their unending support of our events here in the Old Pueblo.

The following weekend (October 9th & 10), the Halloween Invitational will wind up their fundraising efforts for our own H.I.T.T. '93 tournament with one last blow-out weekend. On Saturday (October 9th), Rummage Round-Up Two will take place from 6am - 2pm. We've taken in lots of new merchandise (books, housewares, cloths, electronics, you name it!) and are all set to meet or beat any deals you might see at the swapmeet. The location for Rummage Round-Up Two is 1049 E. Grant Road, corner of Grant and Fremont, between Mountain and Park.

(Additional items may be donated for the sale by calling 743-3303 to arrange for free pick-up).

Following the Rummage Sale, H.I.T.T. will be hosting a Bottomless Cup Beer Bust at the Venture-N from 2pm - 6pm on the patio. Now that the afternoons are cooler (OK, under 100o anyway), the Venture's patio is a great place to meet and greet friends. We're looking for a big bowler turn out (i.e. lots of bowlers, not just the BIG ones!), so come join us.

On Sunday (Oct. 10th), it's H.I.T.T. Turkey Day at IBTs. We'll be featuring our famous bottomless cup beer bust and special benefit cookout from 3pm - 7pm. In honor of the day, we'll be offering a complete Turkey Dinner (Roast Turkey and the trimmings) instead of the usual burgers & dogs. Plus, back by popular demand, TURKEY BOWLING! That's right, we'll be offering turkey bowling on the IBTs Lanes with prizes for the top turkey-keglers. We'll also be selling raffle tickets for free airline tickets on America West, free weekend lodging at the Ramada Inn, and a regular 50/50 cash back raffle. The day will be topped off by a fabulous show featuring IBT's own incredible Glamazons. Showtime is 8:30ish and will include the drawings for the tickets & cash plus some very special surprise guests.

If you'd like additional information on any of these events please call the HITT line at 321-8538 or you can reach me by calling 743-3303. (Reminder: league bowlers, regular or substitutes are still needed!!!! Come join the fun at Golden Pin; stop down Wednesdays at 9pm or Fridays at 6:15 or call us for more information.)

FYI

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around taking the "crumbs" that might fall to the ground after the AIDS agency has taken its share of the community AIDS dollars (almost a million dollars per year!) It also seems that a lot of non-HIV people are on the payroll of some of these organizations, making very "fat" salaries, while some of our brothers and sisters with AIDS and HIV are going without the basics in health care, medications, food, lodging, and day-to-day needs. Maybe it's time to re-allocate where the money goes, and how it gets spent.

Who "appointed" TAP to be the lead AIDS agency in Tucson, anyway? Why not PACT, since it is governed by, represents, and serves the interests of people with HIV? Could it have anything to do with the early years at TAP when some Pima County employees were actively involved in obtaining funding for the agency from State and County government sources? Do any of TAP's big-name board members really know what the AIDS community's needs are? Do they know what the HIV community's perception about their agency really is? And do they care? Does the band still play on?

We're not quite finished with this topic yet, and more will follow! By the way, the TAP Board of Directors meets this next Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at 5:30 pm, at 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252. If you have an opinion that something is wrong with AIDS funding in our community, you might just "show up" and express yourself.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Marriage (from the Latin word **MARITARE** which is from the word **MARTIUS** meaning **HUSBAND**.) Modern law regards marriage primarily as a civil function of marriage is to regulate the relations between sexes as a secure situation in which children can be reared. Marriage in early times was regulated by custom rather than by formal laws. Modern marriage laws are the product of Hebraic, Roman and Teutonic practices, modified by the impact of Christianity. A marriage, as defined by ancient and modern laws, is a contract between a man and a woman to unite them into a formal family.

may not marry in the Southern States.

There is no provision in any law on record for the marriage of two people of the same sex. Many Christian churches deplore same sex unions as immoral and condemned by God.

We have seen and read recently of our present laws being challenged. Marriage laws provide legal sanctions for inheritance, health and death insurance and many other legitimizes.

The Rite of Holy Union, the union of two people of the same sex, has been established in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. This Rite is the spiritual joining of two persons in a manner fitting proper by a duly authorized clergy of the Church. Since there is no law regarding the union of two people of the same sex, it is neither legal nor illegal. At MCC-Tucson there were two Holy Unions performed this past weekend.

Thought for the week: The test of a happy couple is when they can say, "I love you" more often than "Do you love me?"

Marriage laws are brought into being by politicians; requirements, prohibitions and divorce of marriages are the products of these laws. These laws are governed by the customs of the population and not by any theological morals. In the United States; laws in 29 states require an examination for syphilis prior to a marriage, only 8 states do not require some evidence regarding freedom from venereal infection. In the United States; 30 states prohibit interracial marriages, in general, whites and Mongolians may not marry in the Western states and whites and Negroes

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Are you familiar with the phrase "In these troubled time"? If so, you are in the company of millions of other people spanning more than a generation. While this phrase itself will not be familiar to every generation throughout history, troubles certainly have been. Technology moves ahead, circumstances change, and the details of our lives today are not as yesterday, but turmoil and strife have always been, and still are, a part of life of earth.

This isn't to say we shouldn't strive for peace or attempt to promote brotherly love. Jesus was the embodiment of brotherly love when he lived and

walked upon this earth. The Bible tells us to "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10) While these are noble goals to pursue, we must not let them cloud our perception of reality and the nature of humanity.

Much of the world's thinking today has been filtered through Eastern philosophy, which views life as a circular existence in which each individual progresses towards spiritual perfection through continuous lifetimes, experiencing countless birth and deaths. It is said that this cycle can only be broken by achieving complete inner righteousness and godliness. For this theory to have any validity, there should be certain visible evidences of it in the world. The New Age movement, which bases itself in this philosophy, claims that humanity is becoming more loving and peaceful as this spiritual evolution progresses. They cite as evidence the settlement between Israel and the PLO. Granted, there are historic events of our time. But let's keep it in perspective. Throughout history there have been totalitarian systems that have risen and fallen. There have been treaties that have been signed and later broken. There have been kingdoms that have assimilated lands and later lost them through either war or peace. There have been leaders promoting peace and those promoting war. Are these recent events evidence of the spiritual evolution of humanity?

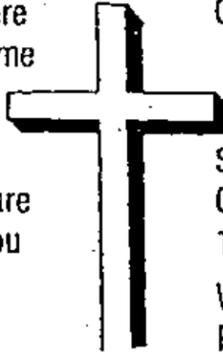
Let's take a realistic look at today's world. Just 20 years ago would you have been as fearful that your child in junior high school might be gunned down by a gang member of the same age? Would you have expected your local school board to discuss gun control in the high schools? Technology has helped humanity in many positive ways, but it has also provided many people with more sophisticated ways to injure their fellow humans.

Jesus told his disciples what the world would be like as the time grew closer to his return. He told them about

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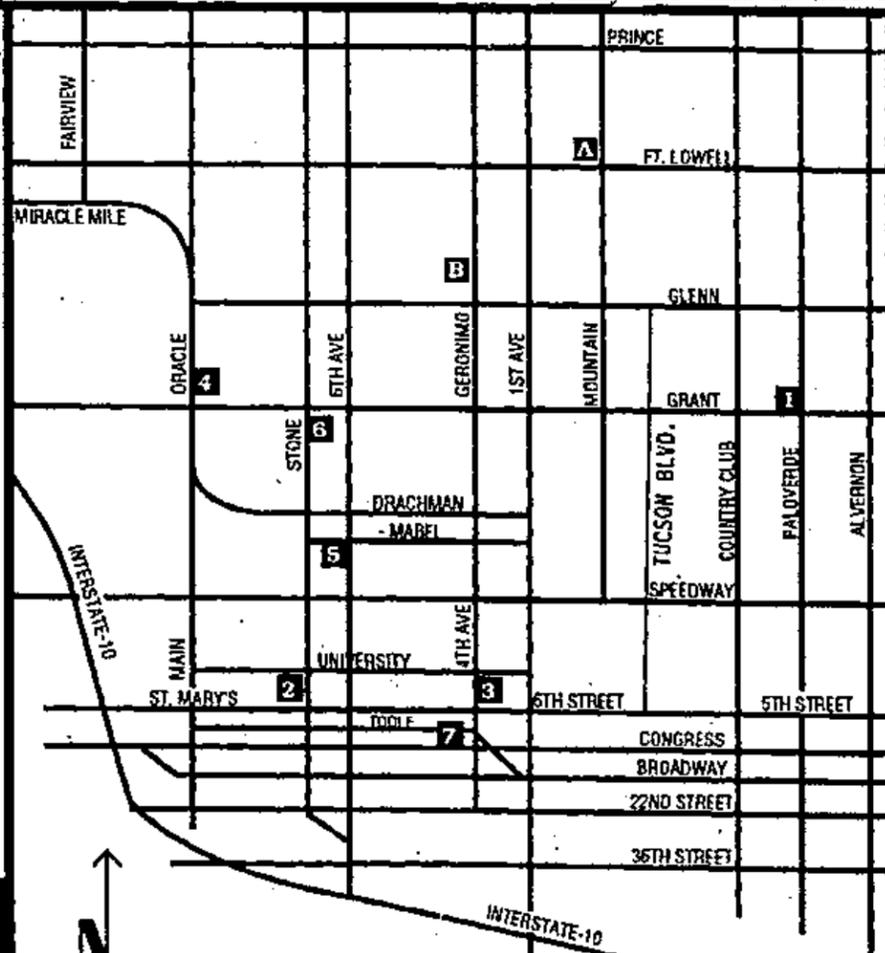
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That week off was not long enough, I need another. But, if I had another, then I'd probably ask for another and so on until I ended up not having a column. What does all that mean, hell I don't know, it was just something to get the cobwebs out of my head and to get started on this weeks column.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

The first thing I would like to take this opportunity to bring to everyone's attention is, this coming Saturday, October 2, over at the Venture-N, the *Desert Leathermen* will be celebrating their 8th birthday/anniversary. At this time I extend my congratulations to all of you, those that have been on the scene from day one, and the new members and look forward to having your club in Tucson for many more years, working in the true meaning of Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

For anyone who is not a club member at this time - if you think getting just to 8 years is easy, sit down with a DL member and talk about everything that has gone on over this period, just getting to this point of time!

Tucson presently has 4 clubs that I am personally familiar with. In the past, many of us were members together in one club or another. With the present set up (4 different clubs), there are four different avenues each travels. There are two leather clubs (one a levi and leather club), one mainly for couples and the final, a melting pot of all. Each is seen mostly at their respective beer bust monthly but some of the behind the scene work they do, people only read or hear about.

If being in a club, regardless of type, was only showing up once a month for a meeting and once for a beer bust, hell, everyone in Tucson could be club members. Over the years of the club scene here in Tucson has seen a wide range of different clubs come and go. I might brag a little since I was one of the originals in the Tucson Knight Owls, back in 1979, Tucson's longest running club. Some have come about almost as a spin-off from another club, the Tucson Knight Owls - somewhat of a spin off from the Sons of Apollo, and the Phoenix Thunderbirds, both are now just history in memory books.

Some of the present members of local clubs have left TKO to start their own clubs, Desert Leathermen and Tuc-

son, Arizona Levi/Leathermen. The other club in Tucson, Partners, just came along when a few couples got together and decided they also needed to have themselves a club too.

One club, who we all remember, started as a good time or joke during one of the TKO's Spring Fling celebrations at the Graduate. That club, the Sisters of Sonora (SOS), got together and formed a club that dealt with helping others in financial situations. They also are in the history books of past Tucson clubs.

Yes, I'm into the club scene here in Tucson and I've seen the work each has done of the years. Whenever they were called upon to help raise money for a needy organization, they were all in there lending both bodies for the work and support, and also financial. In a selfish way, I feel the Tucson clubs are just some of the unsung heroes when it comes to the overall big picture of fund raisers of Tucson. No, I am not taking anything away from all the show people who also have all worked hard whenever called upon so don't go writing letters to the Editor to complain.

I could go on and on but my message is plain and simple, YEA FOR ALL THE TUCSON CLUBS!

TBBS: Yes Jeff - you were the hit of the party at Rumorz last Monday afternoon. By the way, did you ever get over to your sisters house to help her son with his homework? I will not say that much concerning the Gypsy tending bar the same day. What could be said that hasn't already been said. I do have one question for him, as your T-shirt advertised - what type of food do you use? (People - you would of had to see the T-shirt to understand that one.)



Now for a question, I'm sure will get me into trouble, who is the "Taco La Bell" over at Rumorz?

I guess that is enough for this week. In closing, I would highly recommend as many as possible joining the Desert Leathermen over at the Venture-N this Saturday afternoon and help the celebrate 8 years. I've heard it was a black tie affair but I'm sure no one will be refused.

As I See It..... by Clark

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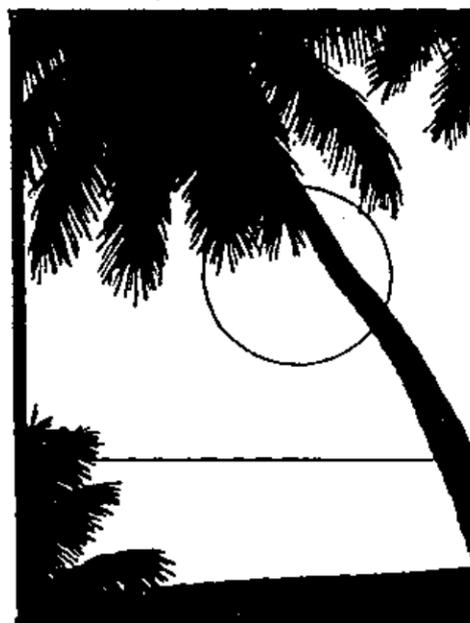
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		AUG.	JULY	JUNE		AUG.	JULY	JUNE		JULY	JUNE	MAY	
APACHE	61,591	7	7	7	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0
COCHISE	97,624	23	23	22	11	5	5	5	0	43	44	44	2
COCHIZO	96,591	17	15	15	10	2	1	1	0	17	17	18	0
GILA	40,216	7	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
GRAHAM	26,554	6	5	5	4	0	1	0	0	5	5	5	0
GREENLEE	8,008	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,844	4	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	6	7	7	1
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2206	2180	2173	1274	467	477	461	47	1748	1738	1721	69
MOHAVE	93,497	38	37	36	20	4	5	4	0	24	26	27	3
NAVAJO	77,658	11	11	11	8	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	1
PIMA	666,880	622	602	602	339	82	79	74	13	542	536	534	42
PINAL	116,379	31	30	27	16	4	5	4	0	31	31	31	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	8	8	8	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	34	33	35	22	4	4	3	0	30	32	32	2
YUMA	106,895	36	35	34	19	9	9	9	3	57	60	60	2
UNKNOWN		3	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	117	118	118	0
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Tucson NEWCOMERS WELCOME: 6'2, 210lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, look for inexperienced guys and anyone curious enuf to call. #3263

Phoenix WE TALK WE MEET... the chemistry's great! Yng Smooth good shaped, 5'11, 160lbs, new for Chicago, desiring the above mentioned. Call my box. #2844

Arizona ATHLETIC 31, hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, musclr, goodlkg, educated, masc, seeks fit WM, #4231

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Tucson YNG ATTRAC. HISPANIC: 19 YR OLD: 5'8, 130lbs, blk hair, enjoy shopping, cruising, going out, cuddling up, seeks guy 19-24 for my area. #4580

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Tucson SELF-EMPLOYED: CUTE hairy, 38, 5'10, blond, 170lbs, enjoy C & W, camping, just wanna have fun, [no co-da's pls.] #3827

Phoenix ALL EXPENSES PAID: for right travel partner: 38, prof. GWM, seeks 18-25 yr old, to travel with at no expense. Call for details. #3861

Arizona OVER 35? 28, brw hair, hairy, 6'1, 180lbs, looking for guys over 35, for fun no matter when. #3887

Arizona WE SHOULD MEET: 28 yr old, 5'6, 150lbs, blond blue eyed, hairy chest, seeks friendship/rel./male bonding. #5049

Tucson EXOTIC 21 YR OLD ASIAN MALE: 5'5, 130lbs, seeking someone 18-25 for friendship maybe more. #5131

Phoenix I PREFER HISPANIC MEN, & long haired guys too. I'm fun, attentive and a connoisseur in all rooms of the house. #5183

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Arizona OPEN ENDED REL.: 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg. built, want to get together on monthly basis w/ guys for regular get togethers. #3413

Phoenix RU NICE & HUNKY? Versatile, nice looking 34, 6', blue eyed sandy blond, seeks local or visiting hunky guys who would like to have a good time. #2782

TUCSON, JUST DESSERTS. GBM 23, masc. athletic, interested in meeting guys mid-30's who are masc. attrac. into good times. Give a call. #2766

PHOENIX, STOP GUYS! LET'S GET SERIOUS! GM 30, 6', 230#, masc. husky, attrac, tired of being alone sks White or Latin close to my age or younger, serious, trusting, stable, attrac, w/ht prop. If your tired of bars and searching ads, call me. #2908

TUCSON, ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS. Airforce veteran GBM 35, thin, 160#, 6'3", prof. clean-cut, HIV-, like cars, music, radio scanners, sks GWM 25-40, mil. vet, for friendship/relationship. No drugs or fml impersonators. #2902

PHOENIX, FRIENDS ARE A RARE FIND. GWM 20, Bln/Blu, 5'11", 31w, looking for friends. Please call and get my hm number. #3167

PHOENIX, FOR GOODTIME FUN. Very gdllkg GM 33, 5'11", 155#, Brn/Blu, moust. & masc., looking for masc. man early 20's. Give me a call! You won't be sorry. #4274

PHOENIX, UNBREAKABLE BODY. GM 28, 6'2", 185#, Blu/Lt. Brn, smooth body, workout 5 days wk, looking for other guys in the area for fun. Into sports, the outdoors. Thanks. #4597

CONSTANTLY WORKING OUT! GM Ital/Span. 29yrs., 5'9", 160#, Grn/Dk Brn, very attrac., 43c, 29w, sensitive. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's get some good hardbody fun going. #4688

FLAGSTAFF, PREFER HAIRY, FOREIGN A PLUS! Grad student at NAU, 6', 175#, Br/Blu, interested in safe fun with disc. educated male. Looking for friendship, like travel, outdoors, computers, good conversation and good fun. #5097

TUCSON, COUNTRY LIVING AND LOVING. Good-looking cowboy looking for muscular guys in the area. Give me a call. #5251

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MASTERFUL MAN WANTED: 34 yr old GWM, sub. 155lbs, let's play. #4297

PHOENIX LOOKS UNIMPORTANT: 28 yr old, 6', hairy, brw hair, should have 2 ears and one heart. #4337

PHOENIX I LOVE TO PHOTOGRAPH: 28, 5'11, very toned, very visual. #4475

CHUBBY CHASER? 5'8, 210lbs, brw hair, stached, hairy chest, call for hm number, what the hell, it could be fun. #4854

PHOENIX AGGRESSIVE HISPANIC, 34, 5'10, 160lbs, attractive, clean shaven, seeking masc. top man. #1333

VERY SINCERE: Half Mexican/white: 5'10, 150lbs, professional, dark hair/eyes, trim beard, good build. #4879

Tucson VESTED INTERESTS: seeking TV or TS that would like to be treated as a woman in a one-on one affair. #4907

ARIZONA READY FOR EXCITEMENT: 34 yr old, brw hair/green eyes, take a chance! #1199

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LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP: wanted by 26 yr old, 5'11, blond, 150lbs, bitm, prefer hairy body, enjoy long walks/fun #2415

Phoenix CAN I BE OF SERVICE? young 6', 180lbs, moustached bitm seeks fun time guys #2045

Phoenix VERY HANDSOME: CLEAN SHAVEN & smooth: 5'8, 155lbs, blk hair seeking endowed top man/ any race, #2813

Albuquerque AVAILABLE ATTRACTIVE, hispanic, 25 seeking all types, call soon #3133

White couple, 40s, clean discreet, want clean discreet black men to party with, all pleasurable activities anticipated #2254

Phoenix, Desert south west male looking for top quality friends. I'm 42, 6'1", 180, muscular masculine, well built, military hair cut, enjoy hiking, swimming, photography. #5525

SPANISH 19 yr old, seeks friendship and romance with white male 21-28 leading to rel. w/top man #2023

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

A GOOD HOT TIME is what I want. I'm a 28 yr old, 5'9, reddish blond hair, hazel eyed stud #1774

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

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

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

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

Santa Rosa Area, 34, 5'9, 160lbs, 52, chisic, into bicydes. #5521

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

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

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

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

Arizona A SMOOTH BODY TO MAKE AN HONEST MAN NERVOUS! GM 5'10", 180#, Blk hair, Brn eyes, smooth body, clean-shaven, sks individual to get to know to start a

ALBUQUERQUE, MOUNTAINTOP ROMANCE INCLUDED. GBM 22, 6'5", 210#, Br/Br. I like hiking and anything out in the mountains. If you're interested in good times and someone who is "no nonsense", give me a call. #2688

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

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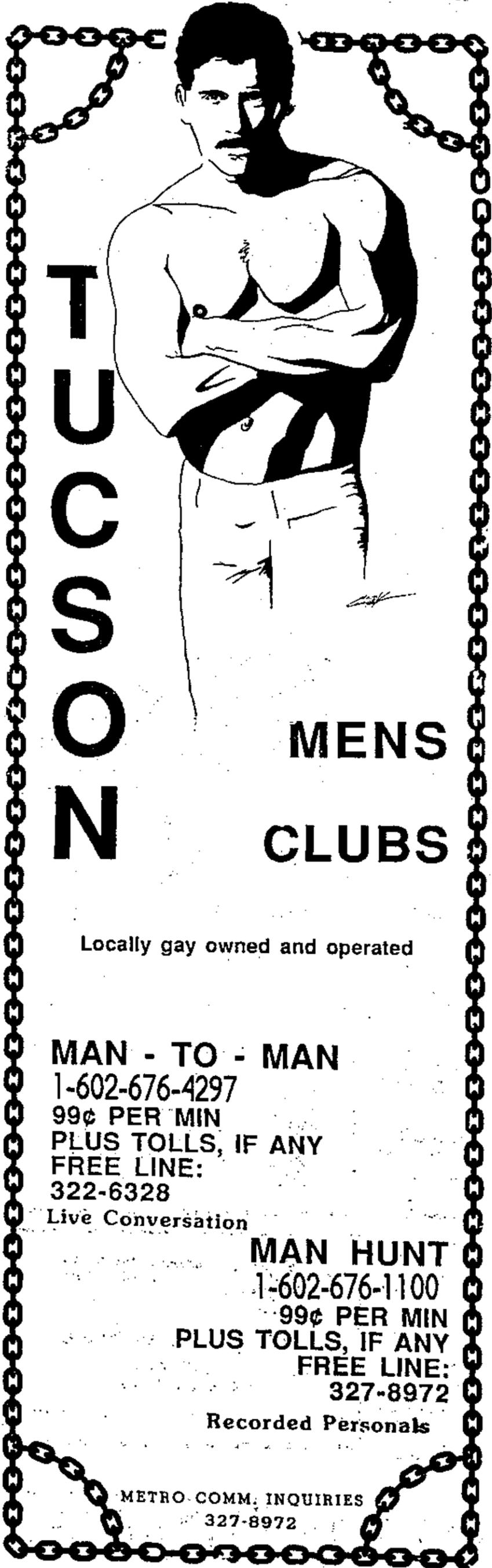
HISPANIC, brw hair/brw eyes, 6', 185lbs, looking for guy into fun, movies. #1895

TUCSON, PLAY WITH ME: 6'1, 220lbs, large & hairy, call me if you enjoy just being who you are. #1556

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

PHOENIX LOOKS UNIMPORTANT: 20, 6'1, hairy, desiring Good times w/ 20-45 preferred, #4073

Phoenix LOOKS UNIMPORTANT: 28 yr old, 6'1, 195lbs, gm eyes, hairy body, seeking traveller or local guys for fun & fratic. #4282



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"Marry-In" Collects Over 1,150 Signatures

SAN DIEGO, CA., - Over 1150 people signed a petition for equal marriage rights which reads, in part, "Lesbian and Gay couples who wish to form families are entitled under the United States Constitution to enjoy all the rights and privileges of marriage" and that "recognizing equal marriage rights, will not diminish the marital bonds of heterosexual couples."

These petitions will be delivered to judges hearing Lesbian and Gay marriage rights cases and presented at marriage license bureaus.

Dennis Lucarelli, Marry-In organizer, states that "Judges who would deny a couple the right to marry are only pretending to decide on principle. All the arguments against legal same sex marriage are founded on popular prejudice. They all boil down to citing a dictionary definition of marriage or selected passages of the Bible. But we are not a fundamentalist religious republic like Iran, where they behead Gays. Our legal system is based on the Constitution, which promises equal protection of the law."

PLA Tour '93

PHOENIX - The PLA Tour '93, a "traditional" USO-style show, is hitting the road on Sunday, October 3rd. Sponsored by Arizona Central Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Pride, Inc., the Tour is designed to entertain people living with AIDS (PLAs) and their caregivers.

Each show, using original props and staging, will be hosted by Ms. Markus, who holds the title Miss Gay Pride for 1993-94. Other entertainers will include Diane Daniels, Davee (as Dolly Parton), Franco, Tracy Hall, and Diana King.

After its initial opening at Phoenix Shanti, the Tour will proceed to other AIDS caregiving sites, as well as various Valley nightclubs. All tips and donations will be used for the purchase of refreshments, as well as teddy bears for attendees who are living with AIDS.

While the shows held at caregiving sites are closed performances, the first show open to the general public will be held on Sunday, October 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Winks, located at 5705 North 7th Street in Phoenix.

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natural disasters, wars, famines, and about people themselves. He said, "and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold." (Matthew 24:11, 12) He spoke of a world like ours today where violence is increasing and mortality decreasing.

The verse from Romans about brotherly love I quoted earlier in this article tells us to honor each other above ourselves. Eastern philosophy tells us to seek our own inner perfection. Brotherly love cannot be achieved by people who are buried inside themselves seeking their own divinity! Humans must "get over themselves" and realize that the only way to true righteousness is through Jesus Christ who paid the price for our sins on the cross. I urge you to take this one life you have to love and turn it over to him. That is the only way to salvation.

Battle Right Wing

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presented by speakers Suzanne Pharr of the Arkansas Women's Project, Scot Nakagawa, NGLTF Fight The Right Field Organizer, and Suzanne Goldberg of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Nine workshops followed, focusing on media advocacy, coalition building, grassroots organizing, opposition research, legal issues, campaign organizing, and direct action techniques.

Summit participants screened a new Right Wing anti-Gay video called, "Gay Rights, Special Rights," which includes interviews and footage from the March on Washington. Activists discussed ways to counter the misinformation of that video and others that circulate around the country during debates over Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

The summit was held as activists on Cincinnati are gearing up to defeat a local anti-Gay initiative on the November ballot. That measure, known as Issue 3, would repeal a section of the city's human rights ordinance, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation. The initiative would also prohibit future inclusion of sexual orientation in the human rights ordinance. Issue 3 is similar to Colorado's Amendment 2.

"The summit was a critical step in developing a cohesive strategy against attacks by Right Wing hate groups," said Betsy Gressler, NGLTF board member in Cincinnati and summit host committee chair. "Cincinnati and the Mid-West have emerged as key battle grounds in the fight to oppose anti-Gay initiatives."

"We can't have another Colorado," said NGLTF's Radecic. "Activists battling these initiatives need to work together and share information, strategies and skills. And the national Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement needs to support the activists on the front lines on these battles, because the results have impact nationwide."

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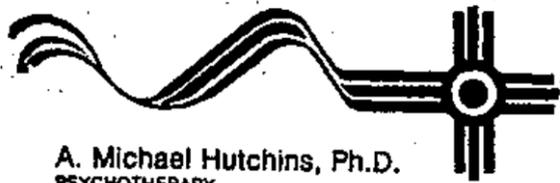
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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

I would like to briefly respond to the letter to the editor written some weeks back as a result of my column on the subject of PWA experts.

The gentleman who wrote the letter was obviously well intentioned and so moved. As a result of his letter, it was quite obvious that his experience in the PWA community is quite limited. The use of the term "victim", for example denoted a complete lack of understanding of the PWA plight. The use of the term "victim" in the opinion of many PWA's is the same as the derogatory ethnic terms used by ignorant people.

We are not 'victims' and will not be victimized. We have a slightly different perspective on this disease since we are living through it and it is understandable that this gentleman would be unable to fully comprehend the situation. I am saddened to know that he is dealing with heart disease. All life threatening illnesses can be devastating, however it is a completely different world living with HIV than living with a heart condition. The right wing of society is not organized against people with heart disease. There are no protests thanking God for heart disease the way we have people thanking God for AIDS. There are people who hate us for our infection and despise us for our lifestyle. There is no such thing in heart disease, so our battle of condemnation and rejection is completely difference than the experience of other life threatening illnesses.

There are many technical experts on various aspects of the academics of AIDS; however, there are only one group of experts on living with AIDS and again I say those are the PWA's.

In many ways, I am grateful that so many people cannot fully comprehend the experience, because they are HIV negative and I pray they stay that way. I applaud the gentleman for his letter and thank him for the opportunity to discuss the issue once more.

On October 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, there will be the 3rd Annual TORCH Awards. Those people who are interested in tickets, please contact Sean or Wayne at 770-1710. We're expecting approximately 500 in attendance. Seating is limited, so please snag up a ticket as soon as possible.

Thanks to the generosity of nine contributing agencies. This year there will be no charge for the event but a ticket will be required to attend. Come help us celebrate in appreciation the wonderful people in our community who have done so much for so many. The last events, if you have missed them have been incredible. Food will be provided and cash bars will be available. Hope to see you there.

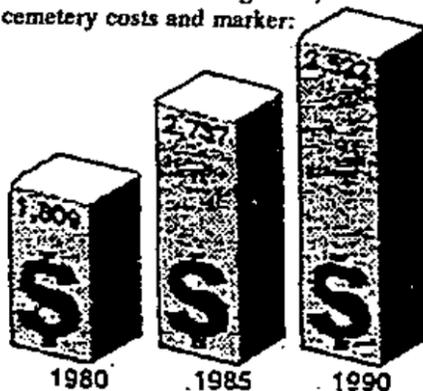
Yes, it's almost that time again to start preparing for the holiday season. There will be a number of projects in our community to make this a happy holiday for the various parts of our community. Everything from toys for children to the Santa Project for PWA's and others. If you can think of people who could use assistance during the holiday season, please let Sean or Wayne know by calling 770-1710. Let's make this year's holiday season the best ever and put a smile on all of our friend's faces who we can help this season.

Thank you, Tucson, for being you. Until next week, Sean 323-1248.

Costs of Funeral services rising

More people are planning and paying for their funerals in advance. Here's a look at costs and trends in the funeral industry:

COSTS:
 The cost of an average full-service adult funeral excluding vault, cemetery costs and marker:



Source: National Funeral Directors Association.

FUNERAL SERVICE TRENDS:

- * An increase in "aftercare" services including support groups, remembrance services, newsletters and community referrals.
- * More alternatives in types of funeral services, including ethnic and personal.
- * An increase in pre-planning of funerals.
- * More acquisitions and mergers in the industry.
- * More government regulations on the industry.
- * More women and minorities entering the funeral business.

FUNERAL SERVICE FACTS:

Funeral homes in the U.S. 22,000
 U.S. deaths each year: 2.1 million
 Funeral service industry income last year: More than \$5.5 billion.

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