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TAP Responds To FYI Queries

TO THE EDITOR:

Big John's recent "FYI" column on the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) requires a response.

The column is replete with inaccuracies, insinuation and innuendo. It is particularly unfortunate that Big John will not identify his sources and will not contact the agency for accurate information prior to publishing. The latter practice particularly is not consistent with sound journalistic principles.

To deal with some of the specific issues he brought up:

"What does TAP do?"

TAP provides more HIV-related services than any other agency, public or private, in the state of Arizona: more than any other ASO, more than any county health department, more than the state Department of Health Services.

The Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded review of all HIV services in Pima County said "In terms of HIV-specific services, only the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) is providing Level 3 case management."

In that same public document, Level 3 case management is defined as "the highest level of case management intervention." A Level 3 case manager is a "professional (who) makes an assessment of the physical, psychological, and practical needs of the client, possibly utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach to determining needs and assisting the client in developing a plan in living with HIV. The case manager in this context is the care coordinator and may take the responsibility for coordinating the services of outside providers, if the service cannot be provided within his/her service network."

Level 3 case managers are expected to be knowledgeable about and competent to provide services in or refer clients to outside providers in the following areas: Housing, Medical Care, Insurance, Spiritual Support, Legal Assistance, Practical Support, Social Security, Substance Abuse, Emotional/Psychological Support, Long Term Care, Home Health, Medications, DES Programs, and other community resources.

Allow me to point out that the HRSA report said, "An ideal case-load for each care coordinator at Level 3 is about 40 clients." During the 1992-93 fiscal year, TAP's three full-time Level 3 case managers and part-time volunteers served 405 on-going clients with HIV/AIDS. They are projected to serve more than 6500 clients during this fiscal year. An additional 160 affected persons were served through brief intervention services last year. The case manager's typical case load has been as high as 75 people at any

one time.

In addition, TAP provides an array of support services for people living with HIV, their partners, and their families.

Services for HIV infected persons include: one to one advocacy; individual family, or group counseling; financial planning; help in applying for public assistance programs; legal referrals, emergency food assistance; emergency financial assistance; in-home support services; therapeutic massage; transportation; health maintenance education; support for addiction recovery.

Services available to affected care partners or family members include: counseling and support groups, respite, spiritual support, and information and referral.

The FACTS program provides comprehensive services to children and families with an HIV infected family member, including assessments, counseling, workshops, education and skills trainings, substance abuse information, skill building for families, and the opportunity for families living with HIV disease to provide support for each other.

Fully half of TAP's budget is attributable to education/prevention activities, which last year provided direct interventions to more than 18,000 people, and has programs specifically targeting young Gay men, Gay Latino men, high-risk adolescents, high-risk women, adolescents in school settings, and substance abusers, as well as the general population.

It is important to provide prevention services to keep uninfected community members safe. Tap plays a critical part in that effort.

What we do should come as no surprise to the community since we publish a list of services every other month in our newsletter, On TAP.

"TAP Spends Too Much Money on Salaries"

Using figures from our tax return for the 1991-92 fiscal year, Big John pointed out that \$546,000 of TAP's \$740,000 goes to pay salaries. What he did not point out was that most of that figure covers the salaries of care and service providers within the agency, including the case managers and education outreach workers. May I point out that if Big John believes these service providers should not be paid, he should be totally consistent and insist that nurses, counselors, and doctors providing HIV-related services should also not be paid.

The real question, which Big John has ignored, is how much of TAP's bud-

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U.S. House Votes To Codify Anti-Gay Military Policy Hunter Homophobic Amendment Soundly Defeated

by Mark Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (OBS) - The U.S. House of Representatives voted to set into federal law an anti-Gay military policy, a virtual replica of the 50 year old Defense Department policy.

The policy, put forward in an amendment by Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) and Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), this amendment, a combination of President Clinton's directive, and amendments by Sen. Nunn, one of which could re-open the policy of questioning recruits about their sexual orientation at a later date.

The amendment is part of the 1994 DoD authorization bill that President Clinton is expected to sign when the bill reaches his desk.

During the debate on the Nunn-Skelton amendment, the House proposer, Rep. Skelton of Missouri stated: "In offering this amendment, I and the Committee on Armed Services seeks to finally close the door on this painful issue. It is a matter of conduct, it is a matter of unit cohesion, it is a matter that strikes at the very heart of success in combat. Second place does not count on the battlefield. I hope that we will be able to put an end to this debate and the issue today."

The opposition to this amendment, led by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), stated their opposition to the amendment. Del. Norton, in her speech on the House floor stated, "That she doesn't support the compromise with the Joint Chiefs on Gays and Lesbians in the military now in effect. The Meehan amendment, however, at least blocks action that would take the services back in the direction from which they have just come.

"The Hunter amendment and the Nunn/Skelton Amendment still allow the sexual orientation question to be asked and scare resources to be spent chasing Gays and Lesbians for private consensual acts and speech.

"If the military wants to get into sex business, let the military police chase the documented, widespread sexual harassment that pervades much of it's ranks.

"This issue has been tortured enough. It adds insult to torture to codify Hobson's choices for people whose generosity and patriotism lead them to volunteer to serve their country."

Rep. Barney Frank, (D-Mass.), ended the opposition debate by stating,

"The question is this: Take a young Gay man or a young Lesbian who wants to serve his or her country, who is motivated by the same patriotism, the same desire for self-improvement, the same love of country and love of adventure and willingness to sacrifice that any other individual has, and let that individual have the same opportunity that anyone else has and subject him or her to the same rules.

"If he or she behaves inappropriately toward any other, kick him out. But if that individual is prepared to come into the military and put on the uniform and abide by every rule of conduct while on duty, is prepared to be wholly scrupulous in his or her respect for the rights of others, and then on leave, off the base, on his or her time, which is free, decides in the privacy of her home, in the quietude of his social gathering place to express love for another individual that some people here do not approve of, let us kick him out; let us declare that anyone who dare express affection for another human being discreetly, privately, consensually, on private property on a weekend in his or her own home, let us punish that person that person by degrading them and kicking them out of the armed services of the United States no matter how patriotic, no matter how committed to country, because that is the policy you are being asked to approve.

"That is indisputable. We are not talking about allowing anyone to behave inappropriately. We are talking about these young people who want to behave appropriately, who are prepared, in fact, to make a sacrifice, to confine their own expression of their sexual orientation to moments of privacy away from others, and they are being denied even that.

"Do not deny patriotic young people the same opportunity I had."

The vote on the Skelton/Nunn amendment was 301 in favor, 134 against. [The Arizona delegation voted as follows: Yea: Kyl, Stump, and Pastor. Nay: Coppersmith, English and Kolbe.]

There were two other amendments on Gays in the military being considered along with the Nunn/Skelton Amendment. The first was the amendment proposed by Rep. Marty Meehan, (D-Mass.), which would have stricken the codification amendment from the bill.

During the debate, Rep. Shays of Connecticut said in his speech, "Barry Goldwater is right. It is not the Government's business what one's sexual preference is. What matters is their conduct..."

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UPDATE

P.A.C.T. Receives Federal Housing Grant

TUCSON - It was announced last Monday, Oct. 4, that the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson is the recipient of a \$1.3 million grant to fund construction of 25 units of new housing for low-income and physically disabled persons.

In making the announcement, U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, D-AZ, said, "P.A.C.T. provides a much-needed service in Tucson. I am pleased that this grant money will help them to continue their mission in helping AIDS patients and people who are HIV positive lead productive lives in a supportive environment."

The \$1,268,800 grant was awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Among its services, PACT for Life provides emergency shelter and transitional and permanent housing for AIDS patients and their families. PACT Executive Director, Jerome Beillard said that this was the third time that his organization wrote the grant requesting the funding and "I guess the third time was the charm," he said smiling.

"We can now begin looking for suitable land to build the 25 unit complex; and begin with architect services etc. I believe that we are looking at approximately two years before completion date of the units and by that time we are sure that all 25 units will be filled," Beillard said.

"I envision this complex as a 'home' for AIDS patients. They will be admitted and can call the apartment their home, never having to move out because of inability to pay or physical or mental reasons," he said, relieving that person of a great deal of stress and worry."

Beillard, who just returned from a housing seminar in Chicago when he received the news, was elated that the long awaited project could now go ahead.

Awareness Project Update

TUCSON - At the recent meeting of the Awareness Project, Colette Barajas was elected Chair and Karen McDonald was elected Vice Chair. The position of Secretary/Treasurer is still open. Officers will serve for terms of one year.

Committees are underway with Chairs being elected for Education Committee, Michelle Yakovich, and Community Outreach, Jane Cripps. Public Relations and Fund Raising are still open. Committees are open to all, interested parties call 742-1535 or 326-3492. The next meeting will take place, Monday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan.

The Awareness Project would like to see you all at The Coming Out Day Parade, Monday, October 11th, 10:30 a.m. starting at Wingspan. Come out wherever you are!

"Friendly Competition In The Park"

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship is sponsoring a "Friendly Competition in the Park" Day, Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Lakeside Park, Ramada #2 (one block south of Golf Links, on Stella, just east of Pantano). Food will be provided by Cornerstone Fellowship.

Everyone is invited to join us for a day of fun. Flex your muscles, stretch your legs, loosen up your throwing arm, test your running speed, sharpen up your relay skills and throw your weight into the tug-of-war. The day's events will consist of team sports, relay races, individual events and more. Team and individual prizes will be awarded.

Bring your running shoes, your appetite, your best friend and your sense of humor and come join us for a day of friendly competition in the park. (Please, no alcohol.) For more information and reservations call Cornerstone Fellowship at (602) 622-4626.

Lambda Democratic Caucus Meets Oct. 7

TUCSON - The Lambda Democratic Caucus will hold a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the 4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Avenue.

Tucson City Councilman and Democratic candidate to retain his council seat in the November election will speak to the group as will the Hate Crimes officer of the Tucson Police Department.

All Lambda members are encouraged to attend as are any other interested persons.

Cronies Holiday Trip Deadline Oct. 29

TUCSON - Cronies-Prime Timers, Tucson's over-40 male organization is planning a two-day, December 11 and 12, one night trip by escorted private coach to Arizona's fabled red rock country. Included is a majestic Verde Canyon rail excursion.

The cost is \$150 per person (2 in a room); \$171 single. A \$25 deposit is due now with the balance of \$125 due by October 29, 1993.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, an early morning departure from Tucson will take you through Arizona's dramatic countryside to Clarkdale, Arizona to board the Verde Canyon train on which you will experience a part of the Southwest only accessible by rail. Relax in pullman seating for four exciting hours, enjoy lunch on board, and watch breathtaking scenery unfold before you. Bring a camera and lots of film! There is an open-air observation car for fabulous photo opportunities.

Upon returning to the depot, hour private coach will whisk you to your hotel in Sedona - the Railroad Inn. After check-in and a rest, a bountiful dinner awaits you at the hotel's own restaurant. After dinner, board your coach for sightseeing in Sedona and Laquepaque. Countless candle luminarias illuminate the mid-winter darkness.

Sunday, Dec. 12 enjoy a leisurely continental breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast and check-out from the hotel, you will board the coach and head into town for leisure free time. Pick a restaurant or cafe representing various cuisines and budgets and enjoy lunch on your own or with your new found friends. Meet back at the coach and you are on your way back to Tucson bringing home memories of Arizona's fabulous Red Rock country.

The \$25.00 deposit is due immediately with the balance of \$125.00 due by Oct. 29th. A \$25 cancellation fee applies. You will get a full refund if not enough sign up for the trip and it has to be canceled. Make checks payable to Compass Travel and mail to George Kaplan, 405 E. Wetmore #117-104, Tucson, AZ 85704-1743.

The \$150.00 fee includes transportation by private luxury coach, round-trip Verde Canyon Rail Excursion, Box lunch on board the train, lodging at the Railroad Inn in Sedona, dinner at Prickly Pear Depot restaurant & Cabaret, after dinner night-time sightseeing trip, continental breakfast Sunday morning plus sightseeing and shopping in Sedona.

This trip is open to all Gay men over 40 and their mates.

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U.S. House Votes To Codify Anti-Gay Military Policy

Rep. Edwards from California stated in his remarks that, "I would have hoped that by this time in our history, discrimination would only be a bad dream of the past and that we would judge people in this country by their conduct and not by their personal and private inclinations..."

Rep. Hansen of Utah, opposed to the Meehan amendment, said, "that the Meehan amendment is not only bad policy, but it would also put Congress in the position of relinquishing its role under the Constitution to make rules for the regulation of military forces..."

The vote was 169 in favor, 264 against, 5 not voting. [The Arizona delegation voted as follows: Yea: Copper-smith, English, and Pastor. Nay: Kolbe, Kyl and Stump.]

Also considered was an amendment proposed by Rep. Duncan Hunter, (R-Calif.), his amendment would have reintroduced the practice of asking recruits about their sexual orientation. Republicans and Democrats lined up to speak out against the amendment.

Rep. McCurdy, a Democrat from Oklahoma, said, "The Hunter amendment undermines the bi-partisan consensus that we have achieved, and, in my opinion, will invite a successful legal challenge."

Rep. Furse, another Democrat from Oregon flatly stated, "We should never, never support discrimination."

Rep. Gingrich, Republican from Georgia, and the Republican Whip in the House, stated that, "A very tough and specific policy was adopted. It is in the case if this committee bill for which I

commend the chairman and the ranking member. To go beyond the position stated in the Nunn/Skelton amendment strikes me as radically too far, unnecessary, and inappropriate."

Rep. Edwards, a Republican from Texas, stated, "The Hunter amendment would not only be ineffective, it would be counterproductive."

On the other side, Rep. Barton, a Republican from Texas, said in his speech that, "Homosexuality is an abomination. We should vote to codify the ban against homosexuals serving in the military."

The amendment sponsor, Rep. Hunter stated, "If we want to protect the children of the families who sit around the breakfast table and send their kids to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, vote yes for the amendment." Hunter also mentioned earlier in his speech that the ban did work, "because we had homosexual activities with non-consenting young people going up at a rapid rate."

The amendment was defeated overwhelmingly. The vote was 144 in favor, and 291 against. [The Arizona delegation voted as follows: Yea: Stump. Nay: Copper-smith, English, Kolbe, Kyl, and Pastor.]

Reaction to the votes was swift. Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said, "The vote in favor of the Meehan amendment, and against the Hunter amendment were encouraging..." "The White House completely acquiesced on this, allowing supporters of the ban to carry the day, and pass the Nunn/Skelton amendment. With White House support, the Meehan amend-

ment would have passed."

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund said in the following statement: "Congressman Meehan's amendment to remove 'Lie and Hide' policy received 169 votes, including 11 Republicans. This is substantially more votes than our opponents expected us to get."

Moreover, we marshalled a strong 291 to 144 vote in opposition to the amendment of Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), that would have reintroduced the practice of asking recruits about their sexual orientation. These votes demonstrate that a growing number of House members are willing to go on record in opposition to anti-Gay and Lesbian discrimination."

McFeeley in his statement called the codification, "...unconstitutional, unworkable, and unlikely to resolve the demand of fair-minded Americans that people be judged by their conduct and not their status." He also added that HRCF will continue to press for an end to discrimination in the military and in American life."

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education fund stated "Although the politicians may hope that they have put the whole matter behind them, we see the national discourse as having just begun. By bring lawsuits in federal district court, we aim to make sure that the battle is broadly understood as one of civil rights."

Congressman Gerry Studds, (D-Mass.) commented through a statement. It stated: "Having fought for many years to overturn the ban on Lesbians and Gay men in the military, I am deeply disappointed

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in the action of the House. The majority has chosen to enact into law a policy of overt discrimination that rests on a single unsubstantiated claim: that the mere presence of Lesbians and Gay men in the military will provoke such hostility against them as to destroy unit cohesion and morale.

"That claim is flatly contradicted by a mountain of objective evidence, much of it assembled at the behest of the Congress and military itself. Study after study has confirmed that sexual orientation is irrelevant to military service

"The vote to codify an even more restrictive version of that policy is a vain attempt to halt further social advances. But wise leaders know that such legal barricades cannot stop the march of progress. The unprecedented national debate on this issue has set in motion a process for which there is no turning back.

"Despite our disappointment at this temporary defeat, we must not lose heart. Every civil rights movement has been an incremental progression, with setbacks and compromises along the way. We will lose some battles, as we have on this vote. But our cause is just, and we shall prevail. Our country shall yet rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed."



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WHAT'S UP DOC???



OK! Yes, once again when trying to give a overall picture of something, I failed to check my facts or re-read what I typed. And this time, on one of my more knowledgeable subjects, the Tucson club scene, I forgot one club, the "new kids on the block", The Bears of Tucson. Sorry guys, it was not intentional and I have now placed at least your clubs name on the same list as all the other clubs I keep handy for reference or address.

he is the one who signs the paychecks so who would complain. Now it has come to my attention that, that particular bar owner was observed by both his employees and a few customers **DANCING IN THE BAR**. And the music I'm sure was something along the lines of the "Tennessee Waltz". I just could not picture him dancing in the first place but to Rap, Country or Disco - **NEVER**.

It, to me, is kind of funny because each week, I not only look over my own column, (yes, to catch late errors) but read others as well, including your clubs weekly. Here is one, let me call it a feather in your cap, my column is not strictly written on the club scene, but does cover many other areas also. THE "Bears" column, when written is the only true club column, appearing on a more regular basis than any others. Keep up the good work and I promise - the next time I try to talk or say anything about clubs in Tucson, your club will also be listed.

Tucson will be a little quiet this coming weekend since the Wildcats are not playing and there will be some club members traveling over to Albuquerque for the balloon festival. But, things (as always) will be jumping at the Graduate. It is time for TKO's beer bust and another pool tournament. Stop by for some fun and laughs.

That will be it for yet another week. I hope everyone is having a beautiful and loving week. And - above all - smile!

EDITOR:

In my column #478, 9-15-92, I was talking about the Wildcats and made the following comment, "Of course, and we who do follow the Wildcats, have seem them go from games similar to their last two and come out the following week like fire crackers." Well, after watching them the last two games, I'm not sure what to say. But, you can bet I'll be watching and listening, even looking into the price of roses.

Recently in Doc's column he was talking about some of the social clubs here in Tucson. How, I consider Doc a friend, but I think his recent birthday brought on a slight case of senility. He mentioned that there are four clubs, but he seemed to have forgotten there is another club which I personally like and am proud to be a member of: The Bears of the Old Pueblo. True, we are a new club having just celebrated our first anniversary, so I guess Doc can be forgiven: this time. Let's hope his next birthday doesn't affect him too much.

And, it seemed almost like old home week what with the game on TV and Hopi (head cheerleader) and others there watching and cheering the team on. I'm sure as the season wears on closer to the Rose Bowl and if we (Wildcats) are still on the undefeated track, and if another game is televised, the cheering crowd will be larger and Hopi will be leading the crowd in cheers.

Sincerely, Patrick E. McCurdy

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

CAP water shut off by vote by Mayor and Council; how did it happen? Phoenix Mayor eyeing Gubernatorial bid in Tucson next week. Results from the Phoenix City Council races and some dirt as well! The race for the Democratic nod for Senate heating up, and I have some news! Pima County Demo's hold fund raiser. Here we go:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson voted by a 4 to 3 margin [The vote went as follows: To shut off: Council members Wheeler, McKasson, Leal, and Haggerty. To keep flowing: Mayor Miller, and Council members] to shut off CAP water to customers in the City. CAP water had been causing problems for 84,000 customers since it began flowing into homes over a year ago.

This vote was considered a surprise since 5 weeks earlier, the Mayor and

Council, voted by a 6 to 1 margin, to keep the CAP water flowing, and to try a chemical procedure to clear up the "brown" water.

How did the change occur? I have the story. In an exclusive to the Observer, sources in city government told me that a phone campaign was waged by constituents affected by the "brown" CAP water, to change the mind of a council member, namely Steve Leal. And some persuading, and bargaining was done, to convince Haggerty to vote in favor of shutting down the CAP water. McKasson had stated earlier that she would vote in favor of shutting down the CAP water.

Well, some people are not too happy about it, namely Mayor Miller (olde George), and the Governor, (the Fifester). Who have called for a special meeting of the Mayor and Council for today at 3:30 p.m. The Governor plans to go before the Council and try to persuade a change in the vote. Symington stated on television, "...that the CAP water will go to other states if it is not used." Sources tell me that the vote looks strong, as of press time, and that Tucson will go back to ground water. (The results of the meeting in next week's column.)

Guess who will be in the Old Pueblo next Friday? The Mayor of Phoenix, Paul Johnson. Johnson, eyeing a potential run for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will be in town to test the waters for support for a possible run. The event will take place (tentative scheduled at) at the Ramada Inn-downtown, on Friday, October 15th, at 9:00 a.m.

Well some news to report from our state capitol. The City of Phoenix had their primary elections for 4 Council seats, Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8. Some surprising early results to report, (as of press time).

In District 2, incumbent Frances "Gays and Lesbians should not be included" Barwood, one of the evil three who voted consistently against Gays and Lesbians, was leading in her race.

In District 4, incumbent Craig Tribken, a friend to the Phoenix Gay and Lesbian Community was defeating his Christian Coalition opponent, Ron Gaw-litta, by a 2 to 1 margin.

In District 6, Kathy "expired license tags" Dubs, one of the "evil three", was trailing one of her opponents, Sal DiCiccio.

In District 8, a fight for an open seat has ensued, with 8 candidates running. The leading candidate so far is Cody Williams. The seat was held by Calvin Goode, who decided not to run for another term.

The Phoenix elections are non-partisan. If a candidate does not get a majority of votes in the primary, the top two candidates will face off in a runoff election in November.

Some dirt to report. My Phoenix sources tells me allegedly that City Council member Frances Barwood has been trying to persuade a Phoenix Gazette reporter to do a story on Council member Craig Tribken's sexual orientation. Barwood has been unsuccessful in efforts to smear her fellow Council member.

Some Senate news to report. It CONTINUED ON PAGE FIFTEEN

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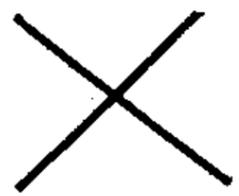
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FYI *by Big John*

There truly seem to be so many issues and not enough newsprint, or was it "so many men, and not enough time?" Thank you for paying attention Tucson, its been a fast couple of weeks for me and there's much more to come. I'm thrilled to be involved in the winds of change and apologize for being such a late bloomer, but now that I have, you need to know that my finger pointing is not personal in nature and comes from a sincere interest in fair play. No organization, politician, or medical treatment program is too large or too small for my scrutiny, particularly if their impact is not in the best interest of our community as a whole.

First. About CONFIDENTIALITY:

I'd promised to get back to you all in a couple of weeks regarding the issue of HIV confidentiality at Dr. Eskild Petersen's Immune Deficiency Clinic at UMC. You may recall that many of our friends with HIV received letters from Dr. Petersen and were outraged by the fact that they were not even put in envelopes. They were simply folded and mailed with an adhesive label, with the return address printed as the "Section of Infectious Disease" at Arizona Health Sciences Center. Many were mailed to incorrect addresses, home addresses, or where they could be looked at by someone other than the intended HIV+ person on the mailing label.

I told you I wanted to address a larger issue here than just a lack of privacy for HIV infected patients receiving UMC's 3rd class mail. It is the fact that Dr. Petersen is known to be keeping the names of HIV infected individuals in his own computer system which is not part of the UMC medical records department. All HIV+ patients ever seen at UMC are thought to be in this computer system. That's why some of my HIV+ friends got Eskild's letter even though they were never seen by him or his medical staff. Several weeks ago I asked "how did he get all of our names? And why is he keeping a separate database which includes HIV status?" I still do not know the answer to these questions, since Dr. Petersen was out of the country for the entire month of September while this article was being written.

My associates and I did have the opportunity to check with two different attorneys about the issue of confidentiality of medical records, and both confirmed to us that the "law" as applied to medical records stipulates that anyone not directly involved in your medical care must have a written, signed consent form before they can access your UMC hospital or laboratory records. To get access to your files or HIV information otherwise, and without your written consent is illegal.

If I had direct access to Dr. Petersen, I certainly would inform him that, unfortunately, we do not live in an open and progressive country like Denmark, where homosexuals can serve openly in the military and condom ads are routinely seen on television. We live in "Mecham land" where organized efforts are underway to duplicate the abolition of gay rights and protections that were struck down in Colorado, and attempted to be blocked in Oregon. We still have an occasional "cross burning" in the Deep South, and plenty of bigotry to go around - enough for the whole country.

My major concern regarding a list of HIV positive individuals is that such a list might fall into the wrong hands, and

then be used to find all HIV+ persons and "quarantine" us. Considering that Arizona was a major quarantine area for Americans born of Japanese ancestry during the 1940's should also cause us to remember that "history frequently repeats itself." While California has always been an anonymous testing state for purposes of HIV testing and clinical care, Arizona still has a reporting requirement that stipulates that the only place you can get anonymous HIV testing is at a few County Health Department sites. However, if you test positive at your doctor's office, or are known to be HIV infected, your physician is required by Arizona law to send your name to Phoenix and the Arizona Department of Health Services on a little pink slip.

My guess is that the State Health Department gets lists of HIV+ individuals wherever they can, and then cross checks them. The official "explanation" from state and county health employees is that the numbers of HIV+ persons affects the amount of AIDS money the state gets from the Feds, so they need to keep an "accurate" count of all us HIV+ persons. Again, unfortunately, not much of that state money ends up directly benefiting persons with HIV, so why make it easier for them to get our names? In my estimate, the dangers far outweigh the benefits, ten-to-one! And this AIDS epidemic is far from over!

Basically, that's why we are printing a copy of a formal letter that can be sent to Dr. Petersen to have your name and all associated information, including HIV status, removed from his computer database-especially if you are no longer seen at UMC as a patient. While this letter is a form letter, it has been reviewed by an attorney aware of HIV confidentiality issues, and new protection for HIV+ persons under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passed by Congress and implemented last year.

This letter to Dr. Petersen is found on page 11 and should be very simple to complete. The wording of this letter leaves no choice but for Dr. Petersen to remove your name and all your information from his database, and you should receive no more unsolicited HIV mail from UMC, especially if you have concerns about confidentiality. Just cut out the letter on the dotted lines, fill in the blanks, stamp it and mail it (yes, in an envelope!). If you prefer, you might make several Xerox copies of the letter from the Observer and distribute them to other HIV+ individuals who might also want to get out of Dr. Petersen's computerized database.

Again, based on conversations with persons who received Dr. Petersen's mailing, I believe anyone with HIV who has "ever" been seen at UMC is in his computer database. I will also provide copies of this letter to several HIV health care providers in the community and will ask them to distribute the letter to their HIV+ patients as a courtesy and to protect their confidentiality. Be sure to keep a copy of your letter for your own files to make sure that Dr. Petersen complies with your request.

Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC)
Now I would like to cover for a moment what I should be calling the "disease of the week." Since I tend to be wordy I'll attempt to be brief.

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About Bill Harrison

Bill is highly regarded for his effective, enteraining, and personable style of training and counseling. He is a therapist working with both gay and straight clients, as well as working with the gay & lesbian reconciling support group program at St. Francis Church.

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TO ALL THOSE WHO TOOK THE TIME:

This is a letter to all those who took the time to care. To all those who took the time to share themselves, their families, friends, lovers and memories with me not only on the phone, in the office and at the walk, my life is richer because of all of you who took the time.

When asked by Jim to run the AIDS Walk '93 office, I didn't hesitate because I wanted to help, I don't have what it takes to work directly with clients through the different agencies, so I work as a volunteer in other ways, making phone calls, asking other people to help. That's my expertise getting all the giving, generous volunteers to give-up their time to help others. And what I got in return was apparent last Saturday: A heartfelt experience, so I wanted to say thank you to everyone who touched my life and heart in such a special way. I reach and am unable to find the appropriate words to tell all of you the enormous gift you all have given. Thank you for allowing me to share with you your loss and pain, and let me acknowledge your courage to give of yourself through your grief.

With warmest & fondest wishes and peace, thank you, Colette

DEAR OBSERVER:

As the mothers of five children we are trying to raise our children to be charitable. To give of their time and money if possible to assist others, our four year olds understand that concept.

So we visited the AIDS Walk headquarters twice. Speaking with the people at the office, and the literature given to us, lead us to believe the office was staffed by, and run by, and organized by volunteers.

So we choose AIDS Walk '93 as one of our ways of helping the community, this year. We called upon our friends and co-workers to donate money. We even had to convince several skeptics that this wasn't an organization that is administrative heavy. Our older children asked their school friends and family for donations.

Getting five children, four strollers, and four adults to the walk was work in itself. But we finished the entire walk. The volunteers the day of the walk we're very nice, and a great help.

We all went home with a great feeling of accomplishment. Finding out Mr. Toevs was paid \$40,000 for his part in AIDS Walk '93, was disheartening to say the very least. \$40,000 is much more than anyone makes in a year. We suspect more than most of the walkers in AIDS Walk '93 make in a year.

We wonder what qualifies Mr. Toevs to be paid that amount of money. Does he have a background in fund raising? How many hours did he put in? Were there other paid "volunteers"? It's very discouraging. Then if the money came out of corporate sponsors money, it is money that could have been spent on things, like education, and direct support for people with AIDS.

We will now spend the next week answering questions to friends and family about why Mr. Toevs was paid this amount.

We're afraid we have no answers. We only know that next time, we ask for, or am asked for a donation. We will hesitate, wondering is this money truly going where it belongs or to go to pay the salary of an overpaid coordinator.

J. Sebring, K. Figueroa

TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY:

This last Saturday, From All Walks of Life - AIDS Walk '93 was held at Rincon High School Stadium.

As the Executive Directors of the ASO's benefitting from this walk, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community for their warm and most appreciated support.

We'd like to thank the Desert Voices for their inspiring performance the day of the walk, Bob Ellis for so generously inserting AIDS Walk brochures in the issue of September 1, Colette Barajas and all the volunteers who staffed the AIDS Walk office, John Gordon for his eloquent presence, and most especially Tucson's entire Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community.

Thank you for being there.

Sincerely,

Jerome Beillard,
Executive Director, PACT for Life

Enrique Gomez,
Executive Director, El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora

Anne Maley, Executive Director,
Shanti Foundation

Craig Bradford Snow, Executive
Director, Tucson AIDS Project

TO THE COMMUNITY:

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who not only made AIDS Walk '93 the most successful AIDS fund raiser in the State of Arizona, but also a tremendously empowering day for everyone who participated.

There are so many individuals and groups to thank. The Boards of Directors, Executive Directors, Staff members and volunteers of TAP, PACT, Shanti, & El Proyecto who believed in the vision of AIDS Walk '93, and without whom it could never have happened. Bob Ellis and The Observer for allowing the walk brochure to be inserted in the September 1 issue. Colette Barajas and all the volunteers who staffed Walk Headquarters, and Desert Voices for raising their voices and everyone's spirits with an outstanding performance at Opening Ceremonies.

On Saturday, October 2, 1993, a lot of healing took place in our community. John Gordon's willingness to tell his story not only touched everyone at the walk, but thousands more who heard and saw it on KVOA Eyewitness News.

To everyone who walked, to everyone who worked, and to everyone who gave money and moral support, a hearty thank you! It was a great joy and privilege for me to serve as Walk Coordinator these last ten and one half months.

Sincerely, Jim Toevs

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Dr. Petersen:

You are hereby instructed to permanently remove my name and all other information associated with my name from any and all of your Section's computer database(s) which may also have information such as my HIV status associated with it. I am referring to any database(s) which may be separate from UMC's main computer system (MIS) for maintaining patient records.

My name may have found its way into your database(s) accidentally because I was seen by one or more physicians at UMC, or due to the fact that I had specific lab work done at UMC. Also, if I had previously consented to filling out a data blank for your computerized database(s), I now rescind that consent, formally and permanently.

Due to problems regarding confidentiality, I do not wish my name, or any other demographic information, such as my HIV status, UMC hospital number, age, ethnicity, or drug habits to be in your computer(s) and used by you for any purpose whatsoever-including statistical tabulations. Failure to follow these instructions will be construed by me to be a violation of A.R.S. 36-661 (et seq.), which regulates HIV confidentiality and my privacy.

Also, printing my name on a computer list identifying my HIV status may constitute a violation of the above referenced law if persons not associated with my direct medical care are made knowledgeable of my HIV status. Such persons include data managers, student clerks, secretaries, administrative assistants, or any other persons not providing me with direct medical care.

I, and my attorney, will reserve the right to inspect your database(s) at some future date to determine compliance with this request. A failure to remove my name permanently may subject you to litigation and civil damages pursuant to A.R.S. 36-668. Also, nothing in this letter should be construed to release the Arizona Health Sciences Center, UPI, or UMC from legal responsibility for previous violations of confidentiality. Finally, I expect written confirmation from you regarding completion of permanent removal of my name and other information from your database, and that you will properly dispose of this confidential request in a document shredder.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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cc. File/atty copy
 Robin Perin, UPI Risk Mgmt.

CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

CLUB 2520 - Kevin Andrews presents his famous "First Class Male" revue here beginning at 9:30. We know this is short notice but they were booked at the last minute during a break in the cross-country tour. Experience the ultimate in the #1 production male revue in the U.S. No charge and get there early for a good look!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

HOURS - Starting off their 3rd anniversary with a promo night. Come in and try something new and see the new look on the dance floor - really hot! Live vocals by Teresa Housley this evening around 8:30 too!. Complimentary gifts, and dancing. Fabulous new light show.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

GRADUATE - TKO monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. with games and camaraderie, not to mention the Cash Pool Tourney which always draws a big crowd.

HOURS - Third anniversary party continues with music, dancing, door prizes, drink specials and fun in celebration of three great years.

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

VENTURE-N - H.I.T.T. Bottomless Cup Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Special raffles for airline tickets, theater tickets and a 50/50 cash-back. Come spend the afternoon with the bowlers on the patio.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

CLUB 2520 - 9:30 show time in the disco featuring Jahna Steele, from Las Vegas billed as the most publicized and glamorous transsexual in show business, and 1991-92 "Most beautiful showgirl on the Vegas Strip". Be there to see this show. It promises to be something else. Then on the Country/Western side, Beto Castañeda, Mr. AGRA candidate from Tucson will do a benefit show for TAP beginning at 9:30 p.m. Phoenix AGRA will have a fun day with brunch from noon to 2 p.m., B-B-Q 2-6 p.m., body painting and auction 4-6:30, entertainment 9:30 starring Christina de Alcia and an all-star cast.

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 featuring a roast turkey and trimming, and the return of Turkey Bowling. This final fundraiser for the pro-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. Special benefit show by the Glamazons begins at 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

IBT'S - The Glamazons return with another new, great show beginning at 9:00 p.m. and featuring Gilda Fatalé, Angelica West, Blaze, Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X and a special spottite guest.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

GRADUATE - The live vocals of Ms. Teresa Housley beginning at 9:30 p.m. A Tucson favorite. Don't miss her.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

CLUB 2520 - One of Tucson's favorite country/western vocalists is coming back to the club - Dena Kaye will be performing here beginning at 9:30 on the Country/Western side. Don't miss this chance to see one of the best.

IBT'S - Tucson AGRA Board meeting 3:00 p.m., General Member ship meeting 5:00 p.m.

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"Demons of Death" haunted House open October 1 through 31 and Nov. 5&6. (Closed Oct. 11). Sunday-Thursday 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 6 p.m. to midnight. Adults \$6, Children 6-11 \$4. Location, Old Shirley Rysans, 5302 E. 22nd (22nd & Craycroft). Also at 5851 E. Speedway, next to Apollo Carpet (between Craycroft and Wilmot). Portion of proceeds to benefit Tucson AIDS Project.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Lambda Democratic Caucus meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the 4th Ave. Social Club, 424 N. 4th Ave. City Councilman Steve Leal will be there as well as an officer from the Hate Crimes Division of Tucson Police Dept. who will address the issue of what constitutes a hate crime and what action victims of hate crimes should take. For more info call 791-7000.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) in conjunction with the Lesbian & Gay Action League at Arizona State University in Tempe, 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 pm. 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.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month at 4 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents are invited to attend at St. Francis in the foothills, River and Swan, Room 31. A play area is provided for children adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

"Friendly Competition in the Park" day at Lakeside Park (Pantano and Stella). Sponsored by Cornerstone Fellowship. everyone welcome. For more info and reservations call 622-4626.

A combination "Columbus Day and United Nations Day" will be celebrated at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the suggested donation is \$15 including lunch. Calls 744-3400 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

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. Grand beginning at 6:00 p.m. Awards, Honors, d'Oeuvs. 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.

Healing Service at 6 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Everyone welcome. for more info call 622-4626.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Saled Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00. 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Branch 11 am - 2 pm; Tea Dance with Ron Riss 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 Screw Drivers \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 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, \$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 + Moon Madness "Beckets". 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 porn 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

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

IBT'S - Open noon to 1 am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks from open to close. 25¢ extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well \$1 hamburgers 5-7.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3 to 9 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 to close.

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wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. "Uptown" beat 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.

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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 Marx. 7-9. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa/Moderne Dance Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas Chips & "Flux" salsa.

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thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Muz's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.

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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. \$1.75 Well and Domestic Beer to those 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 VJ/DJ Linda.

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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 7 pm, 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. GoGo dancers 10pm. 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'Oeuvs. VJ/DJ Jeff Strickles 9:00 to 1:00.

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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, \$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 4:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Fialda VJ/DJ 10-1.

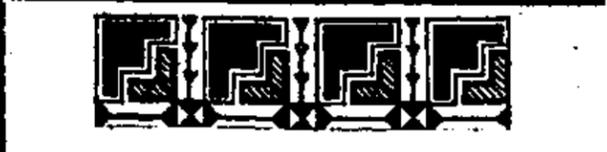
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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

A Matter Of Honor

There's a woman at my office named Nance. She's a temp, like me. A couple of weeks ago she offered to set up a date between a girlfriend of hers and one of the firm's employees who had been complaining of loneliness.

He told her no, thank you; he is interested in men.

That afternoon she asked me if I had had any inkling that this man was uninterested in the female persuasion. I told her that since I was queer too, it was fairly obvious to me.

Yikes! Two in one day! She took this double whammy in stride, although both of us surprised her.

I waited to see if her attitude would change into that I'm-so-liberal, some-of-my-best-friends-are, it-doesn't-matter kind of facade. I'm happy to say that she really doesn't give a damn who I sleep with. We've gotten to be friends.

There's also a man at my office named Ron. He's kind of a cross between Fred Flintstone and Al Bundy, who likes to comment on the physiques of women in the office. He thinks that going to Hooters is an elegant night out. He's nice enough, but then again, he doesn't know that the guy at the next desk is...that way.

Ron is in charge of some production control files which I need to use about once a month. The files are very near Nance's desk.

This week I was looking through Ron's files and chatting with Nance when Ron walked by and said, "Poking around in my drawers again?"

After he had walked away, I muttered, "You should live so long."

Nance overheard and started shrieking with laughter until I thought she was going to wet her pants. Every time she saw Ron or me for the rest of the day, she started to laugh.

Before going home, Nance stopped by my desk and said, "I'm honored that you let me in on that." I told her it was no big deal and that I was glad it made her laugh.

That night I told my Steven about what happened. He said that a couple of his co-workers had expressed similar gratitude after he had made some offhand, unguarded (i.e., openly queer) remark.

I thought about that for a while. Why should straight people be grateful for seeing us as we are?

I guess my camouflage is better than I thought. I'm always amazed when people are surprised to learn I'm Gay. The protective coloring has become second nature. I don't hide, but I must blend into the background better than I thought.

Still, when I went to my last job in a flattop haircut, biker-type mustache, and a leather jacket, most of my co-workers still had no clue that I might be non-heterosexual. I'm certain some of the folks at work can see my piercing jewelry through my shirt, but nobody has ever mentioned it. People see what they want to see.

Or do they? Why, then, was Nance "honored" (what a term!) to be let in on one little camp joke?

Maybe she wanted to see the real me all along, but my damned camouflage kept her from it.

Maybe my camouflage is protecting me too well. Maybe the automatic internal monitor I've been aware of since about age seven is overdoing its job.

Let me tell you a secret: I haven't made a point of coming out at this job.

When I last had a "permanent" job, I made sure everyone knew just who they were dealing with. I screamed bloody murder at any remotely anti-Gay remark. I had a rainbow flag on my desk next to the picture of my boyfriend.

My temp agency (my actual employer) knows I'm queer; why does it feel wrong to not-hide-but-not-flaunt-it at the company to which I'm assigned?

I make excuses to myself: being a temp is tenuous enough, why stir the soup? Being queer has nothing to do with my assignment, so why antagonize the straights? The atmosphere in the accounting office is already stifling; why piss off the boring fundamentalist women who work there? The (hunky, hunky, hunky) man I report to is a right-wing Christian macho type; is it worth jeopardizing my income to tell the truth?

Those excuses sound hollow — ludicrous, even — to me, now that I write them down. Even more so after what Nance said. She was honored to really see me. I know there are people who would not be so honored, but are they the majority?

Research shows us that people who know an openly Lesbian or Gay person are more likely to accept queers as normal people, as fully human, as their equals.

We all know that sometimes coming out causes big problems, even violence. But more often, people are pleased we choose to tell them the truth. They are honored to be trusted with our real personalities.

I am just beginning to realize how I have cheated myself over the years.

I isolated myself from my family, assuming that they wouldn't accept me after I came out. I dropped old friends (especially the males) rather than trust them to keep loving me after they knew I was queer.

In university, I tried to walk out of my friend Janusz's life. He made an offhand queer joke and I blew up, came out, and went home. He called me up and said, "Like the song says, Hartigan, I love you just the way you are." I cried. I went back to his apartment, hugged him, and talked nonstop for sixteen hours.

Jan was my first loving straight friend as an openly Gay man. Less than two years later he was dead, shot to death in his car on an island in the Detroit River.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

October is here but from the recent weather that we have been having who would know it. Autumn officially began on September 22nd but here in Tucson it is still like the middle of summer. I guess that is why so many of us have made the decision to live here as permanent residents.

The Memorial Rose Garden is still in full bloom. Some Rosarians contend that the fall blooming is more spectacular than the spring blooming. Donations and requests for rose bushes to be placed in the garden this coming year are now being accepted. For a \$20.00 donation, a standard size rose bush with a memorial plaque will be placed in the garden for the lost loved one of your choice. The color of the rose will be the donors choice. For a \$10.00 donation, a miniature rose bush with a memorial plaque will be placed in the garden, again, the color of the rose will be the donors choice. The garden is open daily, during the daylight hours, for viewing.

be a day of fun and games; a Pot-Luck meal will be served, there will be a special Worship Service, a Holy Union will be performed and it will be a special time for every MCC'er in Arizona to get to meet and know one another. MCC-Tucson will be joined by members of Oasis MCC and Gentle Shepherd MCC, both of Phoenix. Anyone wishing to learn and understand the true meaning of the faith of this demonstration is invited to attend.

Our Southwest District Conference to be held here in Tucson is just around the corner. On November 12, 13, and 14th, all churches of the U.F.M.C.C. Southwest District will meet for their annual business meeting. The Southwest District will meet for their annual business meeting. The Southwest District includes the entire states of New Mexico and Arizona, with the southern portions of California and Nevada. This Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn-downtown, where the first service of MCC-Tucson was held nearly 23 years ago.

A day of celebration by all of the U.F.M.C.C. churches in Arizona will be here in Tucson on October 23rd. It will

Thought for the week: No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. Eleanor Roosevelt

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

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As I See It.....

by Clark

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POLITICS

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seems that State Rep. Kathy Eden, and Virginia Yrun have formed exploratory committees to test the waters. They join Dickie-Poo Mahoney in the exploratory stage. Congressman Ed Pastor is thinking hard about a possible run for the Senate. Sources tell me that he is being persuaded by national groups to make a run for the seat. Pastor will make a decision in January about a run. More on the race when it comes in.

The Pima County Democratic party held their annual Hall of Fame Dinner this past week. The soiree took place at the Hotel Park Tucson. Over 130 persons attended the dinner. Some of those honored were former Recorder Ida Mae Smythe, former Rep. Steve Emerine, former Sen. David Bartlett, former Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy.

At the event, the traditional "posing and posturing" for elected seats began, with everyone planning intrigues about running next year.

One person to note, State Senator Chuck Blanchard of District 25, was present at the event. (Yes in Tucson!) Rumor has it he is eyeing a run for Attorney General.

The talk at the fest centered around the embattled Assessor Alan "six guns and lawsuits" Lang, whose actions has made his term so far very turbulent, and has embarrassed the County Party. (Guess the talk to Lang to straighten him out didn't help!)

Speaking of the A.G., Grant Woods, rumors are flying that he is contemplating a run against the Fifester for the G.O.P. Gubernatorial nod. (Who knows!)

Until next time, the Dodgers suck and they will not win one game against my beloved Giants next year, NOT ONE!

Closet Door

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Thank the gods he wouldn't let me walk away from his friendship. He taught me about loving and honesty and about losing friends to death before the advent of AIDS. He honored my truth with the gift of his love.

There's that word again. It was an honor to be Jan's friend, an honor to come out to him, an honor to grieve for him. It is an honor to feel the pain of his loss fourteen years later.

Maybe this really has little or nothing to do with coming out or even with being queer. Maybe what made Nance feel honored was just seeing my real face. It's a rare enough gift these days.

Monday is National Coming Out Day. Let us honor one another by lowering the facade, if only for a day. Let's give each other the chance to accept our truths. Let us drop the camouflage and show the world our happy, angry, loving, tear-stained faces.

FY!

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MAC is caused by a very common bacterial organism related to (but not the same as) the organism which causes tuberculosis. This organism is so common that most people in the U.S. have already been exposed to it; however, MAC disease does not develop unless the immune system is very severely suppressed. Among people with AIDS, particularly those who live for several years following their diagnosis, MAC can develop outside the lungs. This condition is called "disseminated" MAC and is increasingly common.

A recent study found MAC in 75% of people who survived up to four years after an AIDS diagnosis. Even among people with AIDS, MAC rarely develops unless the T-cell count drops below 50.

Symptoms:

High fever, night sweats, and weakness are the most common symptoms of MAC. When in the GI tract, diarrhea and stomach pain are evident. When MAC is in the lymph system enlarged lymph nodes and spleen are common. Respiratory symptoms and lung involvement are not very common in AIDS-related MAC.

Diagnosis:

Disseminated MAC can usually be diagnosed with blood cultures. Occasionally, a bone marrow study or liver biopsy is also needed. Chest X-rays and skin tests normally used to diagnose T.B. are not sufficient to accurately distinguish between T.B. and MAC.

Prophylaxis/prevention:

Since bacteria which cause MAC are carried by wild birds and are virtually everywhere in the environment (dust, soil, water, dairy products) there are no known ways to avoid infection. However, if antiviral drugs or other measures can keep the T-cell count above 50, MAC disease is unlikely to occur. Experiments are underway to identify a medical form of prophylaxis; clarithromycin, bifabutin, and clofazamine are all being tested. Household precautions or person-to-person precautions are not necessary.

Standard treatment:

Ethambutol, rifampin, ciprofloxacin, amikacin, and clofazimine are most common treatments for MAC and are often used together. Sometimes one or more of the drugs must be eliminated due to side effects, but the treatment, once started, must be continued indefinitely.

The most damaging effects of MAC is its ability to cause severe wasting. Unfortunately, the available medications don't cure the disease, though they often relieve some of the symptoms. Drugs which partially restore the immune system may also be helpful.

Experimental treatments:

Rifabutin in place of rifampin in the above regimen; ansamycin, gamma interferon, TLC-G65 (lyposomal gentamycin) are also being studied.

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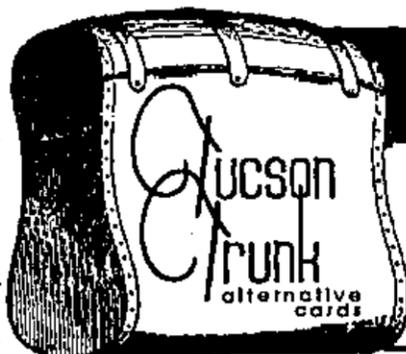
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Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

A Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, in a not-so-distant kingdom, there lived a young prince named Peter. Peter lived in Tucson, an old word meaning "rusty water and dry heat". Now Peter was very handsome, and as princes go, he was quite charming.

Most princes are both handsome and charming, but when Peter was around no one could quite match his glimmer. In fact, he was so handsome and charming that maidens throughout the kingdom lined up at the castle just to catch a glimpse of him.

This was quite a sight to see, for very nearly every maiden in the kingdom would be there. Now maidens (young ladies of virtue and purity) were hard to find in these times because of the standards of maidenhood. If young men had to match these standards they all would surely fall short, except perhaps for Peter.

Peter was quite different from his brothers. While they were out enjoying princely things like hunting and jousting, Peter preferred to stay at home and read or draw. Sometimes he could be found in the garden, content and humming, doing the sort of things that the gardening servants were paid to do. During one of these times his father came upon him, "I wonder why he so enjoys the garden? I envy the look on his face. For once he seems more happy than charming."

For several months now, his father, the king, had been trying to convince Peter that it was time for him to marry. As the eldest son of a king, he would one day take the throne and it was important that he, in turn, have a son who would one day do the same. It was his duty.

Peter could easily have taken his pick of any maiden in the kingdom, after all, who would not want to marry a prince? Especially one as handsome and charming as Peter. Well actually there were a couple of maidens that didn't care to marry Peter, but that is for another tale.

Much to his father's dismay, Peter had no interest in marrying any of the maidens who had been presented at court. In fact, he hadn't shown any interest in marrying at all.

After some thought on the matter, the King had an idea. He had heard tell of a certain Princess Anna in the next kingdom who was so beautiful that no mortal man could resist her. Anna was from a place called Phoenix which is also an ancient word meaning "place where brown air meets pink skin". So, the King sent a messenger to the next kingdom to tell the Princess Anna all about Peter.

The messenger soon returned and told the King that Princess Anna has requested that Peter join her and her family for dinner the following evening. Needless to say, the King was ecstatic. He called for Peter to tell him the good news.

When Peter entered the room, his father embraced him and said, "My son, I have found you the perfect wife. Not only is she the most beautiful woman known for miles, but she's also a princess. You have been invited to dine with her and her family tomorrow night. I know that as soon as you eye her being, you will fall completely in love."

Peter thought for a moment that

he might tell his father that he really wasn't interested in meeting Princess Anna, no matter how beautiful she was. But seeing the joy in his father's face, and knowing that he had a duty to fulfill, he simply smiled and thanked his father.

The next evening, Peter arrived at the castle where Anna and her family lived. He was led into a large dining hall by a servant who told him that the Princess would be along momentarily.

Peter stood there, along with his thoughts in this huge room. He was pondering what excuses he might make to his father as to why he could not marry Anna when suddenly, he felt the presence of someone else in the room.

When he turned around, the very thing which Peter was certain would not happen, happened. He fell completely in love.

to be continued....

Bears of the Old Pueblo

(There was a two week lapse of Bear articles because of problems with my computer and modem. I have worked them out and will be more prompt with this article for everyone.)

September was full of pleasant surprises. We celebrated the anniversary of our Club. A hearty "thank you" and giant Bear Hug is given to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to make everything work smoothly I am sure that we will remember this for at least another year.

At these celebrations, most of us got a chance to see and visit with others (that they have not seen in some time). A comfortable feeling was prevalent. This weekend should set the standard for upcoming events.

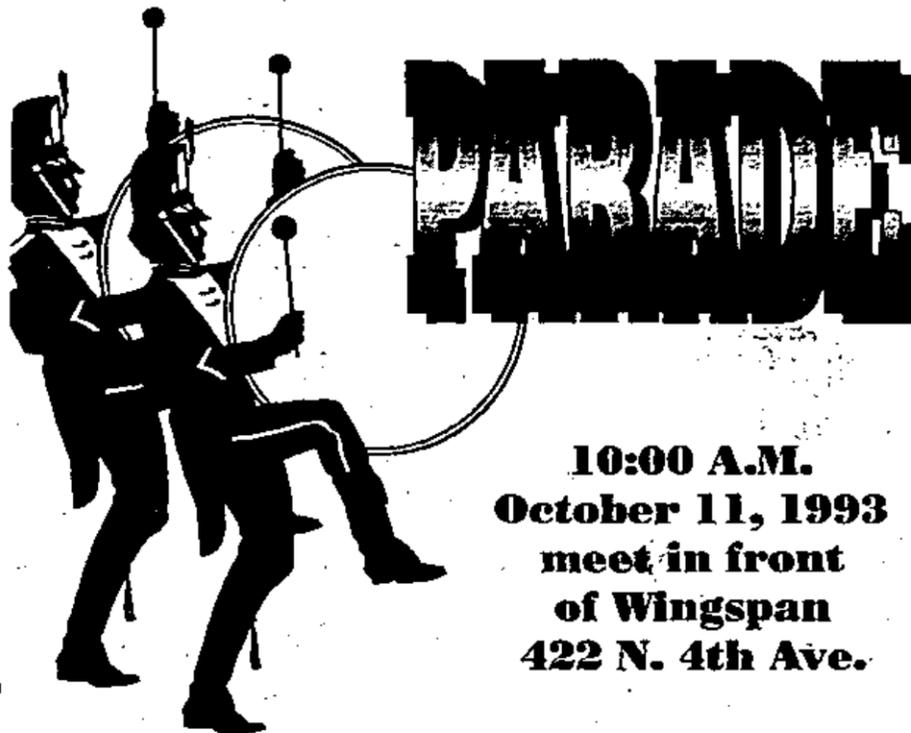
The next item listed on the Calendar of Events is the OktoBearFest in Denver, which John and Bard got together and went to Denver this last weekend. It should have been a blast! This has been in the works for several months and advertised through many channels. Lots of Bears attended last year's (ask John) and more are expected this time. There should be plenty of Bears, Growls and Hugs up in the Mile High City. John will have to give a rundown of how it was when he returns. ("And don't forget to bring back some photos for our newsletter John!")

At different times that I catch up to members for stories and photos for upcoming newsletters. I think I have finally found an affordable way to put photos in our newsletter (and still not look as grainy as my first efforts). If you can contribute, let me or John know as quickly as possible.

The General Meeting is on October 7th. This is the first Thursday of the month. The fall is here and the nights are getting a bit cooler. I have heard it is still months away until the outdoor fireplace is going to be lit. Yawn!! I feel a bit of hibernation coming on, maybe even a camping trip or two. Hugz, Rich.

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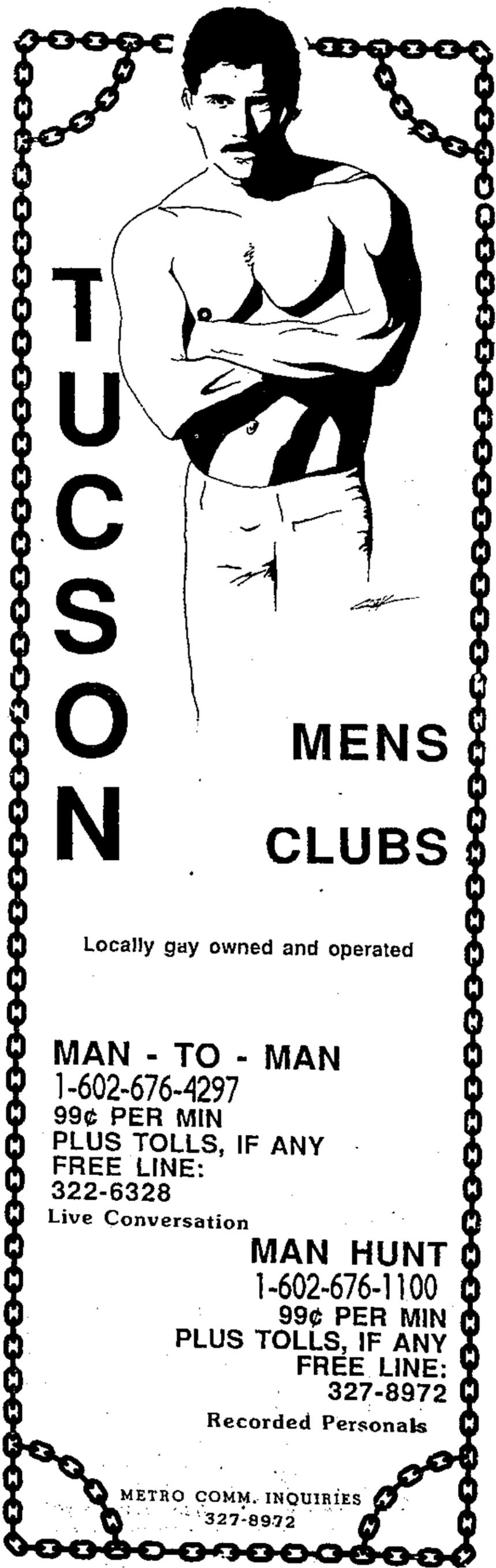
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TAURUS
 APRIL 21 - MAY 20
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GEMINI
 MAY 21 - JUNE 20
 You are very restless and need to vent your mis-directed energies. A new approach to a very old habit may be your outlet. Social & work scene is very active and demanding. Look up a special friend whom you have been thinking about.

CANCER
 JUNE 21 - JULY 22
 The demands you evoke this week may be improperly placed. Pause a moment and let the thought process take over before acting rashly. Family & friends alike try to change a gloomy mood and succeed in lifting your spirits.

LEO
 JULY 23 - AUGUST 22
 Your charm & charisma has really caught someones eye. It's hook line and sinker for your ardent admirer. Try to be tender and mask those gigolo tendencies, not all emotions run in the same in the same river. This could be the start of something great, great, great!

VIRGO
 AUGUST 23 - OCTOBER 22
 Your image is misunderstood by someone you want to get to know. Let your guard down and let them know what a pussycat you are. Concentrate on your job security. Look for an unexpected "thank you," to cheer your day.

LIBRA
 SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22
 Happy Birthday! Much celebration surrounds your week and has you accepting invitations right and left. Be careful not to burn-out before you can fulfill your wish list. You search for a lost article and discover it just as you give up hope.

SCORPIO
 OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22
 Money picture is very bright but, can be quickly diminished through frivolous activities. Monitor your spending and give yourself a chance to get ahead and feel some true satisfaction. Sex life is happening.

SAGITTARIUS
 NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21
 Socially you are feeling a little down in the dumps, dredge up those friends that have been lost in the whirlwind and spend some great quality time and live through them to achieve a good amount of inner strength.

CAPRICORN
 DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19
 You are really together this week more so than ever. This riveting attitude captures the interest of someone connected with an organization of which you will ultimately be involved with. Love may enter the picture through this association but, as always, no guarantees.

AQUARIUS
 JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18
 Your sense of freedom is snapped by a glimpse of something bigger and better. As always, you are not easily discouraged. Encouragement and fresh ideas come from comments collected through friends and the workplace. Execute your plan.

PISCES
 FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Intersected? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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PACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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San 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 323-8835.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcohol 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.

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

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get goes to administrative overhead. The same IRS document which Big John quoted answers that question as well: \$78,531—less than 11% of all expenses. That means 89-90% of all expenses are attributable to direct services. It is our contention that rate is comparable with or better than any other similarly sized social service agency in Tucson.

The \$14,600 figure cited by Big John as "direct patient support," is precisely that: direct cash gifts to clients to assist with rent and utility bills. To then imply that is the full extent of the assistance provided people with HIV is itself "almost criminal," as it ignores totally the extraordinary services provided by case managers and volunteers. The \$14,600 figure also does not include loans to people with HIV or in-kind support (food, care supplies, Holiday Project, etc.) which amounted to more than \$30,000.

Craig Snow's salary is \$42,500, not \$43,600 as cited. During fiscal year 1991-92 (the same period of time as the other figures Big John quoted), his salary was \$36,750. I invite the readers to contact any other agency in Tucson with a budget the size of TAP's (currently \$940,000) or with its complex array of services to inquire about the size of the salary of their Executive Director. Were you to do so, you would find that Mr. Snow's salary is significantly under the average.

"What are the AIDS Walk '93 Finances?"

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

We had hoped to raise \$250,000 from this year's walk and have 2500 walkers. Although we do not yet have final figures, it appears that we only raised \$100,000 directly from the walkers and \$82,900 in corporate underwriting. When we have final figures, we will submit them to the Observer for publication.

In his column, Big John ignored the corporate underwriting solicited by Jim Toevs, which was specifically designed to

pay his salary and expenses. Of the \$82,900 in corporate underwriting which Toevs raised, \$36,500 was in cash and \$46,400 was in in-kind contribution of services and goods. Toevs' fee will be paid out of the \$36,500. All other expenses not covered by underwriting will be paid out of TAP's share of the proceeds.

Big John also totally misrepresented the way the proceeds are split. When the Tucson AIDS Project invited the agencies to participate in a walk that we had nurtured and developed alone for four years, we did so with no expectation of financial or legal responsibility on the part of the other agencies. Each will receive 10% of the total amount raised by walkers.

Keep in mind that for four years, all receipts from the walk went to TAP. It's hard to believe that Big John actually believes that 10% of a \$100,000 is worse than 0% of \$50,000.

Should we have paid Jim Toevs \$40,000 to organize the walk? Obviously, we felt that there was a good shot at raising a quarter of a million dollars for HIV/AIDS services in Tucson. We were wrong. We don't yet know why we were wrong, though we'll be looking hard at that question over the next few months.

This is scant comfort, but I believe that the concept of an independent consultant organizing the walk as a year-long, full-time job still makes sense. The \$40,000 fee (which did not include benefits, or even social security) is a typical fee for the organizers of events on the scale we had hoped to reach.

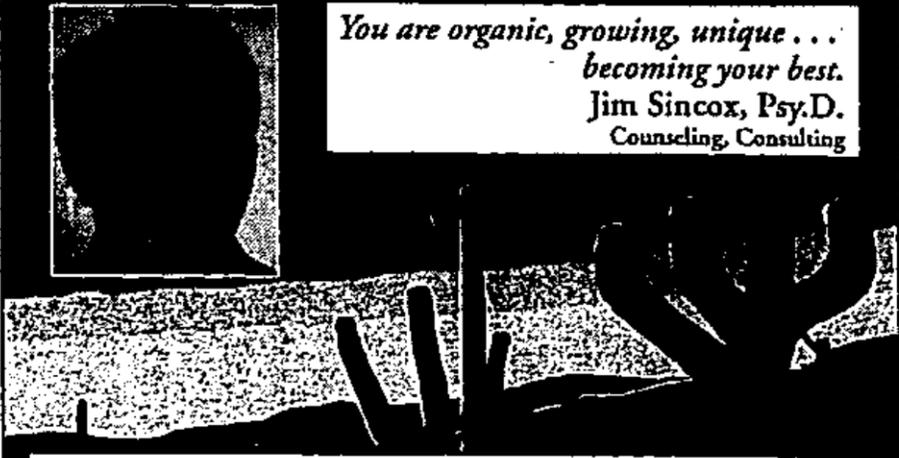
I believe, also, that Jim Toevs was a logical choice last November to take this position. Let us not forget that Toevs had significant name recognition within the entire community based on his campaign as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 5th District and that he had developed a team of volunteers for his campaign which we had hoped would also work on the Walk campaign.

In the inevitable post-mortems, I would encourage everyone to keep some things in mind. AIDS Walk '93 raised more money for HIV/AIDS services than any other event in southern Arizona's history. Each AIDS Service Organization received more money to provide HIV/AIDS related services than they had ever received from the walk before. And, finally, there were more than a thousand people on the street in the most visible outpouring of support for HIV/AIDS issues this town has ever seen.

At this point, this letter is almost as long as Big John's column. And, I appreciate that every question answered raises new questions. But I invite the readers to do what Big John refuses to do—ask us. We'll answer your questions.

Sincerely, Tim Janes
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HRCF, we look to you for strong, nonpartisan leadership. Unfortunately, the national battle to lift the military ban caught you napping. You hesitated to criticize Bill Clinton for his poor record as governor and inaction as president. Plus, you feared stepping on Sam Nunn's toes: for more than a decade, you concealed his firing of gay employees. Because you are more adept at hosting black-tie receptions than tackling homophobic bigotry head-on, activists derisively call you the "Champagne Fund."

Last month, in gay publications nationwide, we saw your ad-campaign. We applaud your search for new ideas. Because we expect results, consider these suggestions:

DEVELOP AN AGENDA

Leadership means choosing our battles—not simply reacting to each new antigay attack. With broad community input, HRCF must prioritize an agenda, then publicize a plan of action we can support.

For instance, HRCF should set a workable timetable for enactment of the federal gay and lesbian civil-rights bill, then develop a

strategy for a grassroots congressional lobbying campaign.

We need bold, outspoken, proactive leadership to achieve results on many more issues: AIDS, state antigay referenda, and sodomy-law repeal.

BUILD A GRASSROOTS COALITION

We need a true, grassroots coalition. No more inside-the-beltway isolationism! We cannot win until millions of us get involved. Let's energize the gay and lesbian constituency. Give us a plan for political empowerment. HRCF must tell us how to make a difference: publicize companies to boycott and politicians to lobby.

This new grassroots campaign should activate communities nationwide. We must mobilize existing local gay-rights organizations—and recruit leaders with proven track-records in their communities. These people will supply a nationwide network for letters and phone-calls targeted to elected officials.

IMPROVE DIALOGUE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

Most gays and lesbians are locked out of the decision-making process. HRCF needs a mechanism for community input, such as open town-meetings. Grassroots activists, on the front lines of our movement, deserve financial and innovative technical aid—not condemnation.

HRCF, you must do better. Let's win next time—together. Our lives depend on it.

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