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Meliti Targets Tucson Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

PHOENIX - Tucson's Human Rights Ordinance will be the first target of a court challenge by the same group that is backing a ballot initiative to ban such laws.

Frank Meliti, head of the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, said his group will file a court challenge "very shortly" alleging that the Tucson ordinance is unconstitutional.

"First we're going to file an injunction to put the ordinance on hold and then we're going to file a constitutional challenge," Meliti said.

The legal challenge is one part of a three pronged strategy, Meliti said, that includes the petition drive to put the issue on the November ballot and a legislative effort to refer the issue to voters. (See accompanying story.)

"We're hitting on three fronts. We're sure to knock this thing out," Meliti said.

Tucson passed its anti-discrimination ordinance in 1977. The ordinance states, "Ordinance 4616 Section 17-1 Declaration of Policy states, "it is the policy of the city of Tucson to eliminate prejudice and discrimination due to race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, age, physical handicap, national origin, sexual or affectional preference or marital status in places of public accommodation, in employment and in housing."

The Coalition plans to challenge the Tucson Ordinance first, then the Maricopa Community College District policy and then the Phoenix anti-discrimination ordinance.

Tucson's ordinance has not been challenged in recent memory, said Laura Brynwood, an attorney in the City Prosecutor's Office.

"In five years as a supervising prosecutor, I am not aware of any challenge to that ordinance on constitutional grounds," Brynwood said.

EDITORIAL

Not very often does this happen, but a letter was sent to the Observer this week that really frosted my behind! It was signed by a representative for Wingspan and the Lambda Democratic Caucus.

It is true that there is very important litigation going on in Tucson that is using our Human Rights Ordinance to bring about fair play with a Gay person being fired for being Gay. The litigation is filed against a local hotel.

The case and names are being withheld by the Observer to allow the case move along in an orderly fashion, without outside interference, to allow the defendant to answer the charges; and to cause no more agitation among the litigants and/or members of the community. Some apparently think that nothing is being done, or that they can get the job done better by doing it themselves!

However, this case is being followed closely by many of Tucson's "Gay Establishment". When and if the time comes to call for help from the rest of the community, rest assured, that call will be made. For the present, things are going along as well as can be expected, thank you very much. Stay tuned for more info though!

If things begin to sour, we'll be the first to ask for your help.

This situation is very reminiscent of a similar case in 1991 which was filed by a Gay man, Ken Reed, who was fired because he was Gay. The action was against AMPM Mini Marts, a subsidiary of the Atlantic-Richfield Corporation.

The case was heard by the Tucson Affirmative Action Division. They determined that the case had merit and sent it on to the City Prosecutor's Office. In this instance, the Gay man decided to take his cause to the media before the case was prosecuted. The story hit the Associated Press wires, was covered by local TV, radio and newspapers including the Observer.

A boycott was called against AMPM, and the action had community support. Things look good!

Even though city prosecutors thought Reed's case warranted prosecution, when it was taken before a City Hearing Officer, he disagreed and the case was lost and never appealed. So much for the huff and puff of the community both Gay and Straight. Sometimes, things run better when there isn't too much grease on the wheels.

The President of our local Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Ken Godat among others has called upon us to attack the hotel in question with threats of a Gay boycott, and our own city officers (who are already familiar

with the action) and push them for action on this case even though the Hotel has until January 28th to answer the city's complaint. This sounds a lot like deja vu to me.

I believe Mr. Godat and the Caucus could better spend their time gathering community volunteers and get them organized to fight the Right rather than fight the city, or an employer who has not had a chance to answer the charges. The City has only heard one side of the story.

In this country we are presumed innocent until proven guilty. At least that's the way I thought it was. But, things nowadays may have changed. Michael Jackson is just one example of the hysteria that comes about without all of the facts being known.

"Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community depends on the evenhanded, unbiased reporting we have grown to expect from its community publication, the Observer" Mr. Godat states. And that's the way it is, that's the way it has been for seventeen years, that's the way it always will be as long as I am alive! There is no news until there is news.

And until the news gets to us, there will be no call to arms, no media attacks on anyone, and no vitriolic postures against anyone or anything until the facts are known. This is not a scandal sheet, not a bar rag, nor is it the New York Times. We are a publication for OUR community, and it will continue to be.

Now on to another very important matter. This is 1994. After years of work and sweat getting a little break here and there in the Gay/Lesbian movement, the religious Right is coming out of their closeted sanctuaries and declaring war on us.

In particular they are declaring war on cities, counties and states that have laws protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination. Tucson, as you know, has a human rights ordinance and in 1977 the words 'sexual preference' were added to the groups of people who are protected from discrimination.

Now they are coming to take that away from us. NOT! I remember the old phrase that told of apathy of different groups of people who sat back and watched everyone taken away and sure enough, it became their turn!

We will fight these people tooth and nail and get them back to Orange County to deal with victims of earthquakes and other things that God has wrought!

The right to privacy and the pursuit of happiness is as much ours as theirs!

A Call To Action! Arizona Legislature Considers Their Own Hate Initiative!

PHOENIX - State Rep. Russell Bowers, a freshman Republican from Mesa has filed legislation to put an Hate Initiative before the voters on the November 1994 ballot.

H.C.R. 2015, "Equal Privileges and Protected Status for Homosexuals" would place a "Colorado Style" amendment on the ballot which would prevent local governments from adopting laws that give homosexuals minority status or allow them to claim discrimination.

"I believe to allow a civil statute or protection for a behavior is anathema to the Constitution and it should be prohibited," Bowers said.

H.C.R. 2015 is co-sponsored by Rep. Jeff Groskost (R-Mesa), Rep. Don Aldridge (R-Window Rock) and Rep. Dan Schottel (R-Tucson).

House Majority Leader Brenda Burns stated that the bill will be heard in the House but was unsure of what committee it will hold the initial hearing.

We must act and have our voices heard now! We must call our state legislators and urge them to vote no on HCR 2015. The toll free number to call is

1-800-352-8404. Here is a list of our State Representatives to call and urge them to vote no on HCR 2015:

District 9: Rep. Lou Ann Prebble and Rep. Bill McGibbon.

District 10: Rep. Carmen Cajero and Rep. Phil Hubbard.

District 11: Rep. Elaine Richardson and Rep. Jorge Luis Garcia.

District 12: Rep. Winifred Hersberger and Rep. Dan Schottel.

District 13: Rep. Andy Nichols and Rep. George Cunningham.

District 14: Rep. Ruth Solomon and Rep. Herschella Horton.

So in addition to the petitions being circulated for the proposed Hate Initiative, it could still reach the November ballot with the approval of the State House and State Senate and without the governor's signature. So it is important that we defeat this hate legislation so call and state your opinion on the bill. "NO! ON HCR 2015!" If we don't, we have had it.

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Arizona's Religious Right Plots Political Return

TUCSON - A group of Christians who have been battered and embittered by recent defeats, is regrouping to launch a comeback in local politics.

The local religious right are pinning their hopes on the Pat Robertson led Christian Coalition, a national group that wishes to bring a Biblical influence on public policy.

A Tucson chapter of the began organizing with a meeting of 35 activist from the Republican party, ministers and anti-abortion activists. A statewide organization of the Coalition is still in the formation stage.

But these Christians who attended the local meeting bear the scars of many losing campaigns.

In 1992, their attempt to pass a statewide initiative that would ban most abortions was soundly defeated. Doug Wead, a former television minister and Republican presidential advisor lost by wide margin, in his bid for the new 6th Congressional District seat in 1992. He was beaten by Karan English, a Flagstaff Democrat. And Kate Lynch, Chair of the Pima County GOP was ousted by party moderates 2 weeks ago.

Activists at the meeting have expressed their frustration with politics, GOP politics especially. Joyce Oldfather, a GOP stalwart said in an Arizona Daily Star interview that the moderates withheld financial support until it was broke, and then offered to help financially only if Lynch was removed as chair. "Kate Lynch took a bloodbath for 30 pieces of silver," she said.

Another veteran anti-abortion activist, Helen Seader, stated she is tired of politics. "We've been hurt too many times. I don't trust anyone."

Local Republicans have offered to make piece but not at any price.

Mike Hellon, the GOP national committeeman, stated that Lynch was removed because she was alienating party members and was publicly criticizing GOP elected officials.

Hellon also stated that the local dispute reflects a national conflict between moderate Republicans who want to win by forming coalitions and Christian activists. Hellon added that there have been fights with Christian activists on the National Committee and moderates.

Members of the religious community, said Hellon, must "learn to be a part of a coalition."

The Christian Coalition does not intend to compromise, but it does plan to be heard.

The coalition will not be affiliated with the Republican Party and won't endorse candidates.

But its members will try to influence local officials, school board and council members, and supervisors and members of Congress, said Rick Malkin, who was elected chairman of the Tucson chapter.

"We're not interested in pleasing a lot of people just to get them in our group. The Bible is our standard," said Malkin.

The coalition will be choosy about the issues it takes on.

Shane Wikfors, vice chairman of the Tucson chapter said the coalition has not decided whether to back an anti-homosexual ballot initiative being pushed by the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona.

They "oppose the homosexual lifestyle," said Wikfors, but worry that the initiative will touch off a bitter battle that could spill over into other issues.

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Arizona Elected Officials Comment On Hate Initiative

PHOENIX - Reactions by elected and party officials to the proposed Hate Initiative by Frank Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition have been swift and negative to the proposed constitutional amendment.

State Senator Peter Rios, D-District 7, assistant minority leader in the State Senate said in a statement that "a battle over Gay rights in Arizona would be a drastic mistake."

He went on to add that, "after the battle over a Martin Luther King paid holiday, former Governor Evan Mecham, Charles Keating and AzScam would be another black eye for the state."

Rios also stated that this is just an effort to attract right wing voters to the polls in November.

Phoenix Mayor, and potential gubernatorial candidate, Paul Johnson, called the proposal, "neanderthal and bad for the city and the state."

Gov. Fife Symington also denounced the issue as "divisive" and "not needed in the state."

As the governor denounced the proposal, the state GOP is cautiously trying to skirt the issue.

"I do not want this issue turned into a 'Republican issue'," Dodie Londen, chair of the Arizona Republican party stated. Londen added, "I wish it weren't happening. We don't need it or want it."

Senator Dennis DeConcini, said the Traditional Values Coalition is making homosexuals scapegoats for the breakdown of America's moral and family structure.

"If we are going to rebuild the social and moral framework of our nation, we must find ways we can all work together," DeConcini said. "Initiatives such as this one do nothing but drive us all further apart."

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

AN ANNOUNCEMENT!

Well, a month ago this column reported that Congressman Sam Coppersmith would be running for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate to succeed Dennis DeConcini who is retiring.

Well, it is official! (God, I just love a scoop!). This past Tuesday, at the University of Arizona, Coppersmith told a gathering of friends, family and supporters that he will be a candidate for the United State Senate saying, "Arizona deserves a Senator pledged to take the independent spirit and values of our people to Washington."

Coppersmith was joined by his wife, Beth and their three children.

When asked about what influenced him to run he stated that he had been urged by many, but it was his family that influenced him.

Coppersmith stated that his principal issue in 1994 will be "security."

Coppersmith was asked about his reputation in Washington as a maverick and independent, he said that he just tells people, "Well, I come from a state full of independent, no nonsense mavericks. Arizonans expect me to do what they would do, not what the Washington insiders want."

Rejecting the old political labels of liberal and conservative, Coppersmith said he prefers to simply tell people what he believes in.

"I believe in expanding jobs and opportunity, not government," Coppersmith said, "I believe that as citizens we have both rights and responsibilities. I believe in community and that we truly are "all in this together." I believe in hard work. And I believe that our nation cannot succeed if we allow failure."

Rejecting what he called "old, stale, ideology that all government is bad," Coppersmith said there is a new solution to broken government.

"Fix it, reinvent it, and make it do what it is supposed to be doing," said Coppersmith. "Use government to help create the kind of country we want this to be."

Coppersmith was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and attended public schools. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1976 and received his law degree from Yale in 1982.

Before his election, Coppersmith practiced business and real estate law in Phoenix. He served as assistant to the Phoenix Mayor and served in the U.S. State Department.

POLL RELEASED

This past week, the Phoenix based Behavior Research Inc released their first poll on the Democratic contest for the U.S. Senate. Here are the results:

Sam Coppersmith	19%
Richard Mahoney	16%
Cindy Resnick	9%
Kathy Eden	4%
Undecided	52%

When asked about the poll, Coppersmith downplayed the results. "I think the early poll shows that Arizona Democrats like the work I've been doing and I appreciate their early support," Coppersmith said. "But it is a long road between now and the election."

And so it goes!



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Tucson Men's Study Begins Third Year

TUCSON - The Tucson Men's Study, currently one of the largest studies of Gay/Bisexual men in the United States, is beginning its third year of data collection. The Tucson Men's Study is jointly sponsored by the University of California-San Francisco, the Tucson AIDS Project and the Think Positive Project. The financial support for this project comes from a federal research grant to the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California. No money from Tucson

agencies has been used to support the Tucson Men's Study.

The project is designed to study how Gay/Bisexual men are dealing with the AIDS epidemic, how sexual risk patterns are changing over time and how HIV+ men are accessing medical treatment. As the study director, Dr. Ron Stall pointed out, "Currently, almost everything that we know about how Gay men are dealing with the AIDS epidemic comes from samples in cities like San Francisco and New York. This study is one of the few opportunities that we have to learn how Gay men who live outside of these cities are coping with the AIDS epidemic."

Data from the survey are available to all Tucson AIDS agencies to help with planning and evaluation of services and to help compete for grants to fund needed services. In addition, data from the study are now being analyzed to address issues having to do with the effect of HIV status on Gay couples, contexts and predictors of AIDS risk taking among Hispanic Gay men, and the extent to which HIV+ men access early intervention treatments, among other topics. Two papers from the study were also presented at the IX International Conference on AIDS in Berlin this summer.

As has always been the case, confidentiality is guaranteed for men who participate in the study. No names, addresses or any other identifying information for any of the men who participate in the study will ever be reported.

If participants in the study have questions about it, these can be answered by Ron Stall at the University of California-San Francisco. Also, questions can be directed to representatives of the Think Positive Project in Tucson. Their names and telephone numbers are: Enrique Gomez, El Proyecto, 602-770-1314, Jerome Beillard, PACT for Life, 602-770-1710, Ann Maley, Shanti Foundation, 602-622-7107, Craig Snow, Tucson AIDS Project, 602-322-6226, Chris Brown, Tucson Health Dept., 602-740-8554, Floyd Meeks, Tucson Health Dept., 602-622-1118.



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by Frank Hartigan

Homesick For Nowhere

Yesterday I awoke to the stories of the Los Angeles earthquake. I was surprised at the shock and horror I felt listening to the news; my memories of the 1989 San Francisco quake are still overwhelming. My beautiful city lay broken and burning; for weeks afterward the damage confronted me everywhere I went.

Overnight, though, the memory of trauma gave way to a profound longing for San Francisco. I dreamt of the city as I slept, and in my dream I cried from the pain of being separated from it. I walked, dreaming, from the Embarcadero to Ocean Beach and from Potrero Hill to Fisherman's Wharf.

I fought the crowds on the Municipal Railway and went to work at 155 Fifth Street. (Don't ask me why, but I went to work in a nun's habit made of navy blue chalk-stripe wool gabardine.)

In my dream I felt reunited with a lost love, at ease, and at home. I dreamt that I decided to stay in San Francisco even if Steven came back to Tucson. I awoke dry-eyed, with the frustrated feeling of having cried in dreams without the emotional release of crying while awake.

Later today I thought of my friends in California, my favorite restaurants, and the wondrous views that present themselves around every San Francisco corner. Then I cried for real. Steven held me, asking no questions, as I wept from homesickness.

This afternoon, after more tears, I began to wonder why I had been so deeply affected. In daylight I remembered the traffic, the crowds, the thousands of homeless and/or crazy people on the streets, and how much I hated my job at the bank. Yet I couldn't shake the feeling of separation from my home.

It's been more than four years since I packed up my stuff and headed for Tucson. I've made friends, worked fairly steadily, and been in love. The city is comfortable, the desert is awe-inspiring, and the pace is reasonable.

No more \$650 a month for 450 square feet of bare floors at the top of three flights on a dirty, noisy street. No more getting up at 5:30 to move my car to avoid a street-cleaning ticket. No more Thunderbird bottles on my front steps. No more of the things I hated about living with 350,000 other people in 49 square miles of concrete.

Then what was I crying for? Why was I homesick for a city that drove me nuts?

This afternoon I realized that, while I miss San Francisco's beauty and variety, what I wept for was the feeling of being able to relax.

In San Francisco, it's possible (even easy) to immerse yourself in a totally queer culture. The presence of Gay and Lesbian people is so accepted that being queer ceases to be an issue. It's unnecessary to look over your shoulder before taking your lover's hand on the street or sharing a kiss. You can be out of the closet without feeling like the sole representative of Gays and Lesbians

everywhere. While there are still queer-hating people who present a danger, if you have a problem, the authorities will actually do something about it.

Among my friends, there was a saying: there's the real world, and then there's San Francisco. The City's 150-year tradition of tolerating, even celebrating, all types of people made it possible for me to be exactly who I wanted to be (that day). For the first time in my life, I was at ease. I was free to be myself and ignore the voice that worried about what others would say. I was at home.

When I moved to Tucson, I was sure that I could carry that internal ease with me. I had gotten so used to being out of the closet that I knew I would never be afraid again.

Today I cried to realize that I have felt that old, cold fear again. I have started to ask "what if?" again. What if the hate initiative passes? What if I never get another job where I can be out? What if the owners of my apartment complex decide they don't want to rent to queers? What if AIDS continues to take my friends and lovers until I'm alone? What if I have to go back into the closet? Can I live in there again after twenty years outside?

I miss San Francisco, but I also miss Kansas City and even Detroit. What I'm homesick for, though, is not a place, but a feeling. If home is where the heart is, then home for me is that clear, clean, fearless place where it genuinely doesn't matter that I'm Gay. I have found that place, now and again, in different cities all over the country. I had found it in Tucson, but I'm afraid it's gone.

Even before Frank Meliti's campaign of hate is fully under way, it has harmed me. It has robbed me of my home. Any other consequences will be less harmful than what has already happened. I've already lost the most precious thing in my life. I can no longer relax, listen to my inner voice, and follow where it leads me. I have to worry about what people think, what the law says, and whether being myself is worth the risk of losing housing, employment, or what remains of my civil rights.

Earthquakes are scary, but over quickly. With preparation, survival is probable. They affect everyone equally; there is no discrimination among those who live on the fault line. The shift in Arizona will not cause as sharp a jolt, but it will be much more dangerous. All it will take is convincing enough people that I have no right to live my life as I wish; the social landscape will open up and swallow every openly queer person in the state.

Just as it is impossible to hide from an earthquake, there is no concealment from the hate initiative, no matter how comfy your closet. It will turn you out of your home, whether you lose your house or not.

Ignoring an earthquake fault is a foolish, potentially fatal error. Ignoring what is happening in Arizona and other states is just as deadly. If we don't get ready to fight for our survival, the shock wave will knock our houses down on our heads.

Fight Against Homosexual Rights Being Waged Nationally

by Julia Angwin

WASHINGTON, D.C. (SNS) - The conservative movement to repeal Gay rights laws in Arizona is a small part of a larger fight being waged throughout the nation.

Having essentially lost the political battle over abortion rights, the religious right has turned to anti-Gay sentiment to rally its troops, observers of the movement said.

Last November, three U.S. cities voted down ordinances protecting homosexual rights, and Colorado's anti-Gay constitutional amendment, which was declared unconstitutional by a state court, is being appealed.

In Arizona, the Traditional Values Coalition is working to put an initiative on November's ballot to strike Gay rights language from local ordinances.

The religious right's 10 year head start in organizing voters has forced Gay rights advocates to play catch up.

But Robert Bray, of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is trying to turn the tables. Bray, a San Francisco Gay rights activist, trains citizens to fight the religious right's political agenda.

Bray visited his hometown of Tucson last month to mobilize members of what he called the largely invisible Gay and Lesbian population in Arizona.

"The right realizes we are a vulnerable minority (in Arizona)," Bray said. "Many (Arizonans) don't think they know somebody who is Gay. Our challenge in Arizona is to get Gays to come out and to educate the public at large about the broader agenda of the far right."

The religious right, Bray said, hope to use its anti-Gay rhetoric to gain mainstream credibility so that it can slip its positions on issues such as abortion and school prayer through the back door.

Whether Arizona proves to be fertile ground for the movement remains to be seen.

"Ultimately, it's a matter of who organizes the voters the best, who has the best mailing lists and computers, and organizes to get people out to vote," said Skipp Porteous, a former Christian fundamentalist who now studies the religious right.

"The biggest problem is voter apathy. We take democracy for granted," said Porteous, president of the Massachusetts based institute for First Amendment Studies.

Regardless of their future political viability, anti-Gay activists hope to use the issue as "a wake up call" for the nation,

said the Rev. Louis Sheldon, founder of the Traditional Values Coalition.

"The silent majority is being made aware of its role in public policy issues," Sheldon said in an interview.

To educate his followers in 15,000 churches nationwide, Sheldon distributes a videotape called "Gay Rights, Special Rights," which, he said, debunks the myths about Gays and Lesbians.

"We felt homosexuality is a destructive factor to the civilization, that it's a dysfunction behavior," Sheldon said. "These people need help, not encouragement."

Videotapes like Sheldon's demonstrate how religious right movements are orchestrated by national groups, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Observers point to the Colorado based group, Colorado for Family Values, that mobilized support for anti-Gay constitutional amendment. The group sells \$95 campaign start up kits and contributes in other states.

Since 1989, about 12,000 members of the religious right have been elected to school boards nationwide, said Porteous, of the Institute for First Amendment Studies.

[This is a reprint of an article which ran in an edition of the Arizona Daily Star.]

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FYI by Big John

Well, what a week for reading huh! The Tucson Weekly finally got "the picture" but printed a bad one at the bottom of the page. Craig Snow claims that Mr. Toevs salary came out of corporate advertising accounts (that's a new one on me). However, the people at U.S. West say that they had no idea they were paying money directly to Mr. Toevs. They must have been confused and thought they were donating money to AIDS Walk '93.

Mr. Toevs was quoted in the same article as saying he's still owed \$3,000 from TAP and that "some Gay people in our community are like piranhas and not comfortable with their sexuality so they go after someone who is comfortable with his sexuality, someone like me, who is successful."

Give the Observer "man of the year" plate back to Ellis, Jim! I ask you directly, if you're comfortable with your sexual identity why did you and Colette tell quite a few people during your political campaign that you two were married? If "success" means you get more money from the AIDS Walk than three agencies serving the AIDS community, then you're a "loser" in the eyes of everyone I know. Did you win a seat in Congress? Did you win at your bed and breakfast? And what did you win by getting more money than Proyecto, PACT or Shanti from the Walk?

TAP doesn't owe you anything more than "don't let the door hit you on the ass as you leave, pardner." Perhaps you should sue TAP for non-payment of the \$3,000 and then the rest of us can get answers to some hot topics I've been grilling TAP about for almost four months. But "successful" Jim probably won't do that, because... it would make my day!

TAP ran an advertisement in the

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classified section last Sunday for Tim Janes' position as Development Director. Too bad, I had hoped Tim would come out on top and be the heir apparent to replace Craig Snow. Sorry Tim, I hope you aren't the scapegoat in this, but we all knew something had to give. And obviously, Craig Snow won't.

GREAT NEWS!

At long last, I finally found a TAP client last week who's been enrolled with their case management program for almost three years. What's really interesting here is that every month he fills out paperwork and mails it off to TAP, but he hasn't seen or talked to his case worker in 8 or 10 months!!!

I asked why he would falsify documents and not call TAP and ask where his case worker had been all these months. His response was sincerely out of concern and a desire not to cause trouble for anyone like his case manager. He believes his worker has AIDS and didn't want to interfere with his ability to receive a paycheck - or to interfere in his case-worker's personal problems.

I don't need to comment on what this means for the two people just mentioned. They have a relationship, certainly out of the ordinary - but what does it say about TAP's ability to keep an honest record of clients and staff? Can we all say the word "supervisor"? Who's watching whom here?

Is this typical where a TAP case manager is being paid to see no-one, a phantom patient? Where is he when he's supposed to be seeing the person I interviewed? How many more phantom clients are there? Call Mr. Successful Toevs - I'm sure he has some "winner" response. This all nauseates me and I don't for the life of me know how any of these people sleep at night.

I'm off to San Francisco to bury yet another dear old friend. That makes three for me in 18 days. I'll have no comments next week, but fasten your panty hose when I get back!

Love, His Bigness

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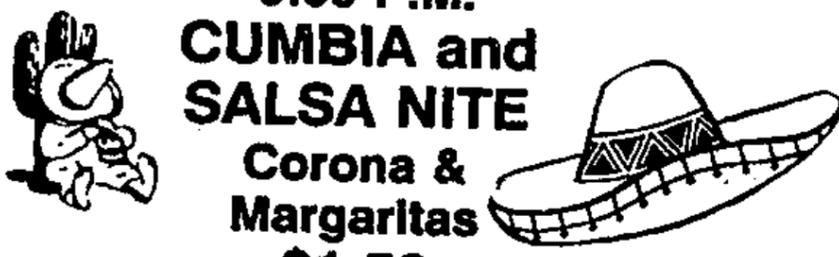
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VENTURE-N - AGRA Beer Bust on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funds going to help produce the Tucson rodeo coming up in March. Your help is needed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

RUMORZ - An All-Live Vocal Show featuring the talents of Jackie and Pez with Anne Marie and Jet and Pix entertainment. Showtime is 9:30 p.m. SHARP!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

GRADUATE - Join the gang as they watch the Super Bowl Game with a party that is always packed with football fans and fun.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Plan to watch the Super Bowl here on the wide-screen television with sound. There'll be drink specials and other refreshments.

VENTURE-N - Super Bowl party here with special drink prices and Candis will be your bartender plus a Super Bowl-Snack-A-Rama hosted by Hopi.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

The ongoing 12-Step Spiritual Recovery Series "Healing The Spirit" continues from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road. This session led by Fr. Bob Stumon and Lynda Canfield, will deal in depth with the decision to turn over our life and our will over to God. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the suggested donation of \$15 includes lunch.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

TLEGA (Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance) will hold a meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. at LIT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue on the patio, to take nominations of new officers for the upcoming year and discuss Pride Week activities.

Lesbian Art Group for beginners and experienced artists. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Call 624-1779 for info.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

"How To Deal With Personality Differences In Gay And Lesbian Couples" is a workshop for Gay men and Lesbians to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, River and Swan. The workshop is designed to strengthen your relationship skills based on the Myers-Briggs-Type Indicator and is facilitated by Dr. Bill Harrison. The fee is \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. (Partial scholarships are available). All materials and refreshment breaks are included. Advance registration is strongly recommended to assure your place. To register call 577-3481.

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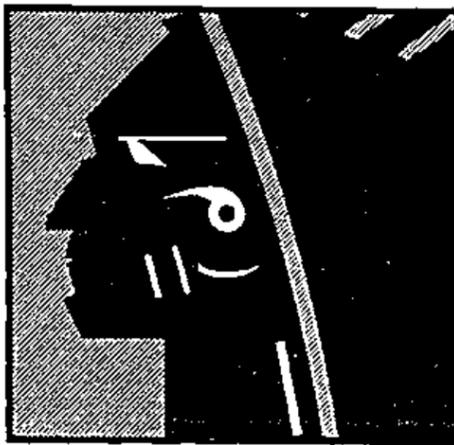


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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salsa Bar and Western Salsa. Fry 4 to 7pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$3.79 and Progressive Dance Music 8-11.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
SHAWNEE/SOUL - Club B - Branch 11am - 3pm: Tex Dance with Ron Rice 2:30-6:30 and Open a live band from 7:30 to 11:30pm (usually a cover for the band).
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 till 7pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-9pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBL's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Brews B & Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from 5pm to 6pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10 am on Sundays and the StoneWall opens at 8pm.
VENUE/N - Open 10 am. 301 Hart Tournament 1pm. \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Power Beer Deal 3-7pm. \$4 Draft; Best Burgers 5-7pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well & 1 + Moose Madness "Buckley". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm 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 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50 Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBL's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. \$1.50 3pm to midnight. \$1.50 draft beer. Meow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1.
RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 3pm until 8pm \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 3 to closing. Domestic Beer \$1.75.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 9am to 8pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. StoneWall side opens at 8pm for dancing.
VENUE/N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & Well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm.

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8pm to close. \$2.50 Pitcher of beer and get 3 free sub sandwich 8 to 10. 1-5 squares. Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close.
IBL's - Open noon to 1am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for juicers. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Meow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Ladies show at 9:30pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 9am to 8pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. StoneWall side opens at 8pm for dancing.
VENUE/N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm.

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30. 1-5 squares. Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco music 8 to 1.
IBL's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal that specials 8pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Vizza 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9pm to close.
RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "1 Lix" salsa.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 9am to 8pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. StoneWall side opens at 8pm for dancing.
VENUE/N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7 pm. Happy hour prices for "I got a lady" Nite 7pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite. \$1.50 draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.
GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hotdate or Corona \$1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.
IBL's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. 1 hamburger Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.
RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30. High Tech Music follows with V/DJ Linda.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 9am to 8pm with \$1.50 well and domestic long necks plus a special on domestic can beer for \$1.25. The StoneWall opens at 8pm nightly for dancing.
VENUE/N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Feather Nite from 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leathers. Pool Tournament at 7 pm. \$3 entry fee.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 8-11.
IBL's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9pm to 1am with PJ David & Co.
RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hoot Dancers. V/DJ Jeff Strickland 9 to 1.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the eagle from 9am to 8pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. StoneWall opens at 8pm for dancing.
VENUE/N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & Well. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2pm. \$3 entry fee, pot match.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8pm to 1am.
IBL's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 3pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z, and GoGo dancers begin at 10pm.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Fildale V/DJ 10-1.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Eagle opens at 9am and StoneWall opens at 8pm.
VENUE/N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm. Power Hour 5-6 pm \$1 longnecks & Well.

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N. phoenix **DADDY TYPE**: looking to meet yng guys who are looking for daddy type, leave msg & I'll get back. #1123

Phoenix **I LIKE OLDER MEN**: 19 y/o, 135lbs, 6', looking for serious people for good times/friendship/rel/ prefer 35-48, dark hair, & facial hair. #1742

Arizona **GROUP FUN**: 33 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, avg/med. build, seeking gwm, 25-37 for poss. get togethers/group fun, like outdoors, movies, all the usual stuff, call anytime. #4109

Tucson **WILDCAT**: 24 y/o, college guy really looking to have fun. #6247

AZ **PUMPING IRON**: looking for builders for massages. #7064

Phoenix **YOUNG AND BUILT**: 19 Y/O gbm, 6'2, 170lbs, enjoy sports, running, working out, seeking gwm, 18-23, well built & nice personality, if interested call for page number. #8665

AZ **ARIZONA MAN**: 39 y/o, 160lbs, 6'2, blond, blue, mod. hairy, interested in dancing, darts, cycling, looking for my age or older. (prefer hairy) #1627

Mesa **HEY BI-GUY**: looking for bi-guys call anytime betwn 6pm-10pm. #8375

Scottsdale **CUTE**: 21 y/o, pre-med senior, 145lbs, 5'9, enjoy roller blading #8398

AZ **ARIZONA LATINO**: 24 goodllg, latino, french/spanish seeking white tp 20-30 for fun times. #1418

AZ **ROMANTIC**: attrac. gbm, enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, quiet evenings, seeking other romantic types. #1577

AZ **DESERT FOX**: 6', 250lbs, dark brw hair & eyes, smooth body, intell, humorous, seeking blonds 18-28, around 5'8, 180lbs, for long term., monogamous rel. #1641

AZ **JUST COMING OUT**: 21, animal lover, looking for very open minded guy 21-25 [preferably fit, attrac. wm] #1902

AZ **BRIT/AMER**: 29, 170lbs, 6', into sports, tennis, soccer, basketball, looking for someone into sports, building, music, travel, please leave msg. #1921

Phoenix **NO WEIRDOS**: 18 y/o, new to area, seeks 18-25 y/o for fun times. #2764

AZ **EASY GOING**: Are you looking for laid back male? Fun loving, gbm, 195lbs, searching for that right one. #2906

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AZ **PISCES MAN**: seeking dom. tp scapio #1507

Tempe **BLACKBOARD**: 18 y/o, brn, seeks white or hispanic males in area for good times. #4661

AZ **INTO LEATHER**: 23 y/o, looking for ht leather types, please call today. #3319

AZ **HARD BODY**: 19 Y/O, blond, hard body, into racquet ball, all sports, I'm open minded & willing to learn. #3589

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32 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, looking for gwm, 24-37 for group get together, call for more information. #2769

Flagstaff, **TAME ME**: masc. 6'1, 180lbs, brw hair, stached, good shape, seeking masc. hairy dark haired male. #3784

Phoenix, **TWO STEPPIN' DADDY TYPE**: 46, 6', grey hair, attrac., like rodeos & dancin', seeking intimacy w/o immed. commitment. #7652

Phoenix, **FOOTBALL PLAYER BUILD**: old fashion 6'1, 200lbs, brw hair & eyes, seeks rel. #4708

Phoenix, **LET'S PARTY!** 34 y/o, 6'2, tp, 170lbs, gwm, looking for party types/group fun. #4800

Phoenix, **VERZATILE**: gwm, 31 y/o, brw hair, eyes, 6', 250lbs, vers., btm, seeks gwm, 18-30 for poss. rel. #7996

Tucson, **WM Prof, hiv - tp, UR clean cut discreet masc btm seeking caring? (inexper ok** #4865

Tucson, **LOVE TO WORK OUT**: 6'2, W/ brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, tattooed, seeking attrac. guys under 25, new comers a real plus, I'm N2 just about anything w/the right guy. #3263

Tucson, **B-HISPANIC**: 31, 6'3, discreet, seeks workout partner. #2035

Tucson, **DOM. TALL MALE**: 6'3, 185lbs, tp, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy, seeking subm. males, in tucson area. #7990

Tucson, **VERY CUTE**: 31, seeks musclr men for workout partner, any race, live alone, enjoy sunsets, evening together. #6663

Tucson, **BODYBUILDER N2 LTRER**: seeks man 30-35! appreciate most scenes so call. #7071

Farmington, **26, 155LBS**, hazel eyes, 32" waist, enjoy long walks/talks/madonna/cuddling, rainy days/fire places. #6607

Farmington, **GOT ANY SECRET FANTASIES?** 20 YR OLD, would like to meet you & talk about it. OK? #5797

Arizona, **32, GWM**, 5'11, 160lbs, into travel, computers, & goodtimes, seekin guys 28-48 #6747

Arizona, **YOUNG LOOKING**, 45, clean, safe & honest, not into bars, lookin to meet guy 21-30, #7356

Arizona, **MAKE MINE BLACK**: WM seeks BM: 5'9, 165lbs, regular guy, masc. acting, into shooting pool, having fun. #3357

Arizona, **GETTING OFF CAMPUS**: 22 y/o, college student, new to area, looking for other guys my age to go out for a social drink or whatever. #2018

Arizona, **46 INCH CHEST**: 25, college student, 6'2, sandy blond, 200lbs, 46" chest, seeking bodybuilding enthusiasts around my age. #4843

Phoenix, **BLACK TOP 30**, seeks btm, 20-35, attrac. & in excellent shape, w/hairy bodies, if this is you please respond. #6919

Scottsdale, **FILL MY PRESCRIPTION**: 5'8, 150lbs, blond/blue, into anything & everything & love to have fun, the wilder the better. #1945

Tucson, **MACHO MAN WNTED**: 6'5, 180lbs, blue eyes, dark hair, work out, seeking hockey type guy for good times, macho types only please. #1078

Arizona **GROUP/GROPE**: 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg. built, dark hair, looking for avg. kinda guys 26-38 for group get togethers. Call anytime. #5672

35, who keep themselves in good shape, like to stay on top of a good time. #4318

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

Beauregard City **ANYONE** with a **PULSE**: 6'4, dark hair, turquoise

call. A Call is worth a thousand words. #3171

Tucson **CURRENT AFFAIR**: 6', 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, hairy chest, looking for indoor xcitem't & discreet times during the daytime. #4547

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



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Tucson **PERSONAL TRAINER SOUGHT: HISPANIC**, 5'10, 180lbs, brw hair, love racquet sports, looking for guy who likes to work out & have fun. #6367

Arizona **V. STRONG GBM, 31, DESIRES** similar or hispanic for rel., if serious call. (you'll be surprised by the results.) #1817

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, goodllg, educated, masc, seeks ht WM. #4231

Phoenix **SHY BOY**: longing for others into the comforts of swimwear, & lingerie, call for my address, espec. if you match my interests. #4071

Tucson **RIGHT STUFF**: 33, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, looking for men 25-

eyes, looking for anyone alive, call for hm # [prefer WM]. #3171

Phoenix **B AND DEVOTE**: dynamic 44, 5'10, hairy, w/black hair, seeks, exceptional yng man for sub. times. #3688

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

Bowlhead **STILL LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT!**: 6'4, 185lbs, where are you WM? dying for your call! give a

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 gdllg 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

BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES A PLUS! GM recently moved to area 21yrs., 6'5", college student interested in seeking soulmate relationship with someone my age. #2025

DON'T WANT YOUR EMOTIONS, BUT I DO WANT YOUR MUSCLE! Looking for studs under 30, smooth, long hair, to come over and turn and burn! I'm 28, Br/Br, roady to rock & roll! #2072

TUCSON, **JUST OUT FOR FRIENDS**. Give me a call, looking for other Bi males in the area. Give me a call, get my hm number. #5363

TUCSON, **BIG ARMS! THE BETTER TO HOLD YOU**. Insh-American 36, young-looking, 5'8", 180#, Brn/Blu, clean-cut, clean-shaven, stocky, muscular, lot of weight-training. Looking to meet guys in area, especially dom. #4824

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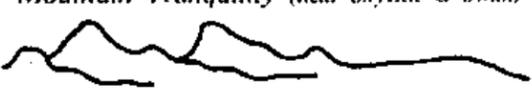
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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson
by Michael Allison

AGRA CALENDAR

Sunday, January 23, AGRA Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. General Membership meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Venture-N. Beer Bust from 3 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26, AGRA Banquet at Charlie's in Phoenix. Cocktails and election voting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Banquet, (donated by Charlie's), follows at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 27, AGRA "Hoedown" party at Hours. Details coming soon.

February 18-20, Chicago Gay Rodeo, "The Windy City's Illinois Regional Rodeo". Call local AGRA for Chicago contact phone numbers.

March 18-20, Tucson's "Saguaro Regional Rodeo". Tucson Rodeo Grounds. Details to be published soon.

For information about these and upcoming events and membership in



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AGRA can be very proud this week as the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix was a success, (see story). Obviously a lot of hard work went into the preparation.

Tucson's own Gilda Fatale was crowned Miss AGRA for 1994. We're all very proud of you, Gilda! Thanks for all the hard work and fund raising.

Special thanks to the Tucson members who worked hard this last weekend to help make the rodeo a success: Bill Darnell, rodeo secretary and Ron Shaw, assistant rodeo secretary. R.T. Stacked who managed beverage sales. Bob Janssen and George Kaminsky who assisted Ron Trusley, the rodeo director. Mark McCrory, rookie chute coordinator. Stoney Burke, chutes. Ken Gleason, cameras. Jim Baran, Randy McClean, Bill Conn, Bob Rue, Michael Allison, and Greg Bennett, bartenders. Also non-members, Rick Ashworth, bartender and David Hartzler, cameras. If we've missed anyone please forgive us as the rodeo was a big place and it's possible to overlook a certain area. Please know that everyone who worked is highly appreciated.

Special thanks to the large contingency from the general Tucson Gay community who made the trip to Phoenix to share in the fun. Thank you for your support. Many said it was the most fun they've ever had at a Gay event.



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Notes From Desert Voices

Desert Voices Tune Up For A Busy Spring

Desert Voices, Tucson's own Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual chorus, has begun rehearsals at "full steam ahead" for the Spring semester of the '93-'94 season. Sixty five men and women, including continuing, returning, and new members are preparing for an outstanding set of shows for the Tucson and Phoenix communities.

The board members of Desert Voices met recently in Tucson with board representatives of the Phoenix based Grand Canyon Men's Chorale and the new "TLC" women's chorus in Phoenix. These two groups will join Desert Voices in its March 26 concert, "Celebrate Us! Celebrate Life!" This exciting program, featuring music of Gay affirmation, will again be performed at the Pima College Center for the Arts.

If you heard the men and women of Desert Voices last June at our "Pride" concert, or last month at our Holiday concert, you know that the combined talents of this group along with the Phoenix Gay men and Lesbian choruses, over 100 voices, will provide a fabulous evening of entertainment and affirmation for our community. Get your tickets early for "Celebrate Us! Celebrate Life!" This concert, like the last two, is expected to sell out quickly. Tickets will be on sale starting February 4 at Antigone Books on 4th Avenue and at The Tucson Trunk card shop, River and Craycroft roads.

Desert Voices chorus members

will travel north on June 11 for their first out of town appearance. They will perform with the two Phoenix choruses at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts in a moving choral program titled "Testament of Freedom."

On June 18, Desert Voices will perform "A Salute To Sondheim" with an exciting musical program that will be the grand finale event for this year's Gay Pride Week in Tucson.

The board members also started planning for Desert Voices and the other Arizona choruses who are members of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) to be part of the GALA Chorus Festival in 1996. Slated to be held in Tampa, Florida, the Tucson chorus will be one of 80 GALA choruses from all over the world joining together for a week-long festival of singing. This will be an extraordinary experience of sharing, learning, and empowerment for all; contributions to the Gay community here in Arizona. A lot of hard work and fund raising is starting soon to be sure the chorus gets to Tampa in '96.

So, Desert Voices is "on the map" and singing out loud this year promoting an ongoing, positive Gay and Lesbian presence in the Tucson community. For further information, call the Desert Voices information line at 791-9662. Let your voice be heard too, proud and strong, in support of this high quality choral ensemble!

Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

I hope that this issue of the Observer gets the highest circulation in its history, because I am going to answer the most often asked question of any Bear group.

"What is a Bear?"

A Bear is a large and/or hairy and/or bearded/mustachioed Gay man. He can be one or all of these things. A Bear can be aggressive or shy. He can come from any cultural background and any class. He is any age and can be either masculine or effeminate. And, of course, a Bear can be very cuddly or very kinky. Basically, it comes down to one thought; if you think you might be a bear, you're probably a bear.

With that in mind, all of you bears, and those of you who enjoy their company should be aware that the Bears of the Old Pueblo are holding their basic membership drive until February. This means that Bears from last year and all newcomers should contact the Bear Treasurer, Brad Spaulding, at 882-4149 for information about membership. Annual dues are \$20 for new members, \$15 for renewing members.

Of course, there will be those of you who will want to see what the Bears do together before you join. Well, by all means, attend a few of our events, and find out what we are about. All prospective Bears are welcome.

Speaking of upcoming events, our

dear friend Andrew is hosting a video party at his place on Saturday January 22, at 7 p.m. Bring a dish of whatever you make best (make sure there is enough to go around) and one or two of your favorite videos.

On Saturday, January 29 at 7 p.m., you're invited to the ultimate get-to-know-you party. Troy and Bob will be hosting the first Bear Hug of 1994 at their home. Come and see what Bears really do in the woods. Bring something to eat at this party too. The cost is \$5 for members (from last year), and \$10 for non-members.

Also, let's not forget that those special little Thursday's are coming up again. On Thursday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. is the Bear's Business Meeting at the Venture-N, and on Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. is the Bear's General Meeting and Bear Beer Bust afterwards with 50 cent drafts at the Venture-N patio.

Nominations for Secretary are still open, so call our Vice-Chair Bear, Wayne, at 887-3115 for details about this and other Bear events.

Finally, according to my "Bears '94" calendar, Friday, January 21 is, honest to God, "National Hugging Day." What better way to get to know your fellow Bear. Go ahead, ask him, he may just give it to ya.

Until next week, happy hunting.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

That time of the year has arrived again, the planting of the new rose bushes in the Memorial Rose Garden. Many new donations have been received the past year for this planting and extra bushes have been ordered to have in the garden for anyone wishing a rose bush in memory of a lost loved one without having to wait until the planting season in 1995. There will be many different colors to choose. A \$20 donation will cover the cost of the bush, the memorial plaque and the planting for a standard sized rose; a \$10 donation will cover the cost of a miniature rose bush. Call the church office at 292-9151 to reserve a rose bush. A special memorial service will be held on Memorial Day weekend to bless the new rose bushes.

weekend with Rev. Elder Freda Smith as our guest speaker. On March 4-6, MCC-Tucson will have a full schedule of services and workshops for this event. Rev. Elder Freda Smith will be preaching on Friday and Saturday evenings and at the Sunday morning Worship Service. As a special treat on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, we will have "Reveille" from San Diego. "Reveille" is a musical group of young and talented singers who will not only entertain you with their singing but will lift you up in a spiritual blessing. Everyone is invited to attend these worship services, regardless of your religious background, there will be something for everyone.

Thought for the week: Try praising your loved one, even if it frightens them at first.

Only six weeks from now and we will be having our Spiritual Renewal

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

A friend of mine just called to say she'd been taking her dog for a walk and had seen a shooting star. This was a beautiful one which made a long streak across the sky. Seeing shooting stars in the city limits is unusual. One time when I was camping up at Lake Powell the night sky was lit up with a meteor shower. I was so amazed that I slept outdoors with my glasses on so I could watch it! I don't think I've ever known anyone to act bored about shooting stars. We might take a beautiful sunset, a crashing lightning storm, or a flooded river bed for granted, yet we'll stop in mid-sentence when we see falling stars.

Bible to stars. At Christmas time we see the Star of Bethlehem on cards and in manger scenes. That star was a new star that shined so brightly the night Jesus was born that the shepherds were frightened. This star led the Wise Men to where Jesus was. Scientists and astronomers today still discuss that star.

Did you ever try to recall what the constellations were? When I was in Scouts we learned them but forgot them after our badge was earned! In the Bible in Psalm 147 David says, "He (God) determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name." (verse 4) The stars that existed in the night sky thousands of years ago can still be seen by us today. They can guide us when we're lost and enthrall us at other times. They're always there, always constant, and most will be shining brightly long after anyone reading this is gone.

The stars are but one small aspect of God's creation. He knows them by name even as he knows each of our name. He gave the stars a purpose and he's given each of us a purpose and a reason to exist. Nothing is created as an afterthought or an accident. If that were so, the creation of the world would be in chaos. The only chaos that has occurred is not because of God, but because of what human beings have done with his creation. God created a perfect world that lost that perfection due to sin. But he also created a way for humans to be able to be restored to a perfect standing with him. That way is through Christ Jesus.

Look at the stars tonight. God knows their names even as he knows your name. Don't forget that. Don't let any other human being tell you that you're a mistake of creation. God doesn't make mistakes! He's just patiently waiting for each of us to turn to him. Look at the stars and let them remind you of his love for you. You're important to him.

If you don't know how to find God out there, talk with a Christian. All of us had to find out about Jesus too. If you don't know any Christians, come to Cornerstone Fellowship. We'll be glad to share his love with you.

And if you or anyone you know is HIV+, join us at noon on Tuesday's as GLIA hosts its weekly luncheon. There is always plenty of good food and fellowship.

There are many references in the



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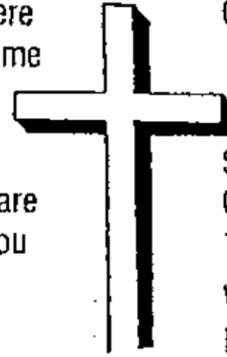
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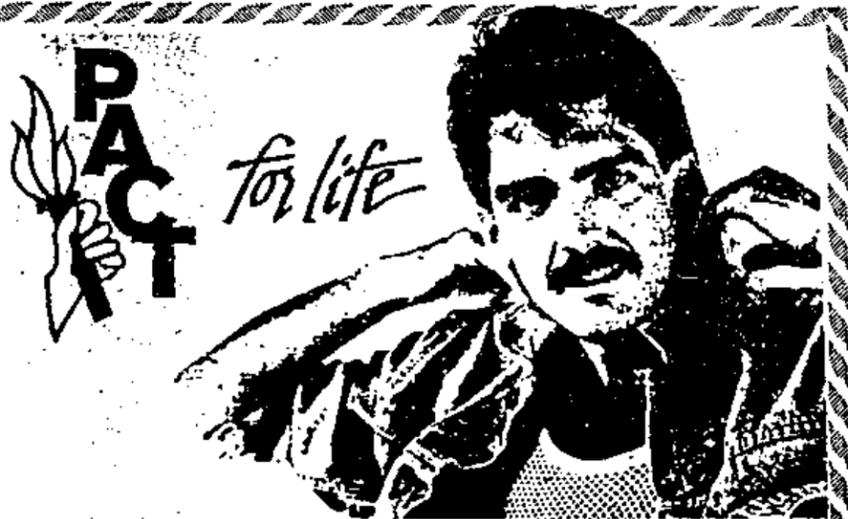
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TUCSON - Jamie Anderson, singer, songwriter, comic and parking lot attendant, is on tour to celebrate the release of her new recording *Bad Hair Day!* She'll be in concert in Tucson on Saturday, February 19, at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 4831 East 22nd Street.

Tickets are \$8 in advance at Antignone Books, 403 E. 5th, and Hear's Music, 2508 N. Campbell or by mail from Tsunami Records, P.O. Box 42282, Tucson Arizona, 85733. Advance tickets are available until 4 p.m. the day of the show; tickets are \$10 at the door. Buy your tickets early, last year's concert sold out. Also on the bill is singer-songwriter Lisa Koch. The concert will be interpreted for the deaf and the concert area is wheelchair accessible (the restrooms are not).

Jamie Anderson has been touring nationally since 1987. Known for her sometimes outrageous songs and personable stage manner, Jamie has performed in over 80 cities and at almost every women's music festival in the U.S. Last year, she played at the National March for Gay and Lesbian Rights in Washington, D.C. (with over one million people in attendance). Her performance was featured on CNN and the NBC Network News; she figures she's out to everyone now. Jamie is a native Arizonan and currently makes her home in Tucson. This will be her fifth major concert in Tucson. Last year's concert was standing room only.

Sharing the stage with Jamie is Seattle artist Lisa Koch. A wildly irreverent singer/songwriter/comedian, Lisa began her performing career in Oregon. She has since been spreading her contagious blend of song and silliness all over the U.S. and Canada for the past 15 years. As a member of several hundred (okay, maybe 10 or 12) duos, trios and rock bands, Lisa honed her skills as a guitarist/bassist/vocalist/van driver. This self described demented singer and songwriter has shared the stage with a diverse group of artists, from Steve Martin to Holly Near.

Joining Lisa will be keyboardist/vocalist Julie Wolf. A graduate of the Cornish School of Arts, she fronts her own Julie Wolf Quartet, tickles the ivories in numerous hands, and is highly respected member of the Seattle jazz scene.



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My column - so my bragging period. In last weeks column I was happy to announce the 20th anniversary of Dennis and Harold. In the paragraph, I mentioned something concerning people together for long periods of time, myself included.

Well, would you believe that after reading it, some people misinterpreted what I was saying when it came to me. To set the record straight, last Tuesday, January 11, Keith and I celebrated 7 happy years together and both look forward to more. I'm sure some of you out there probably are thinking of sending Keith a Well Card - forget it. I do love him and plan on being with him for as many years possible.

Also in last weeks print, I mentioned the fact Partners were having a beer bust and a bake sale last Saturday. Guess what - WRONG! True they had a beer bust but it was also their anniversary, no bake sale. When looking through the little slips of paper - notes, I'd gathered for the week, I found the one concerning their anniversary but, with all the juicy news I had for BC and George, I overlooked that one.

To correct that at this time, I wish to extend my hardy congratulations to Partners and wish them many more years of frolicking around the old May pole, led by ANNIE. A special congratulations goes out to the newly elected officers and may your year of reign be smoooooooooth. And from now on when I advertise or mention their beer

bust, I'll do it as follows: Partners will be having their monthly beer bust this Saturday - PERIOD.

Is there a new trend starting up here in the Old Pueblo. For two beer bust in a row, there have been guest bartenders from the Leatherlords, out of Phoenix. Guest bartending this week at Partners beer bust was Curt and Rob.

Now with TALL's beer bust coming this Saturday, will we again have Phoenix guest bartenders? I guess we will all just have to be on hand to see. Last Sunday found TALL over at the Stonewall/Eagle, having a beer bust with the proceeds going to PACT.



TBBS: Tucson's earring totten Ben, who again was sworn in as President of Partners last Saturday, was supposed to either be absent or late for the beer bust. Well, he asked

Stan to stand in for him. Guess what - and this was quoted by someone else but I felt just too good to pass up. "Stan Brennor from the Queen & I." Between him and Bob both wearing one of Ben's earrings, they both could of fit that part. But, Ben did show up and save the day, and believe or not, did not put a earring on.

I guess for this week that is about all the BS I can come up with for now. Enjoy this warm weather we are having presently and be glad you are not living

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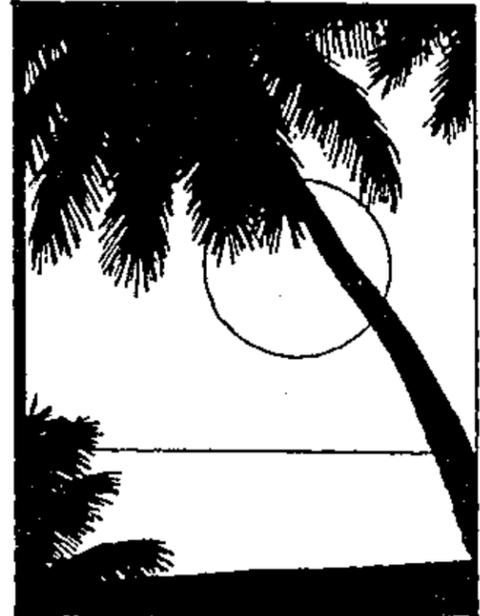
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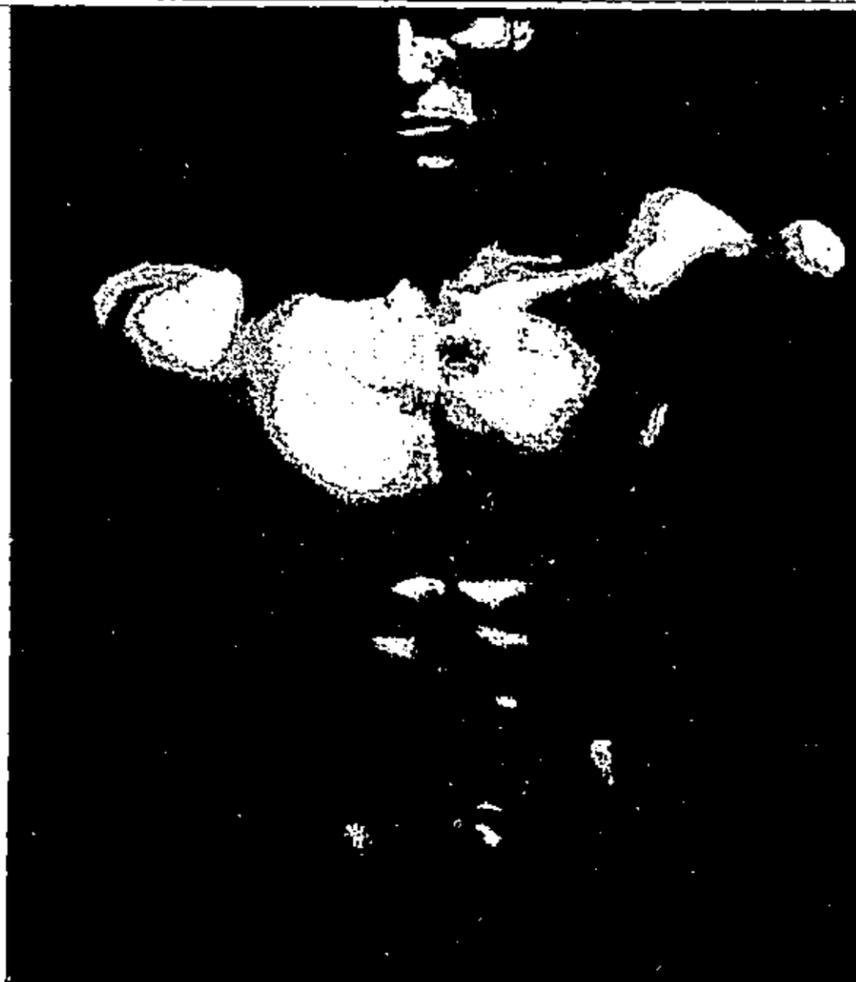
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A New Years Resolution by Wes Combs, NCOD

As the new year arrives, we tend to reflect on the past year and set our priorities for the new year. In 1993, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community was faced with the grim reality that our lack of visibility directly affected the outcome of the military ban.

Every poll shows that Americans who know a family member, or loved one or someone close to them who is Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual, generally support fair treatment and oppose discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Having returned from the holidays with both my and my partner Greg's family, two events reminded us of the importance of making honesty and visibility a continued priority in our lives.

Even though both of our families love and accept us, we found that most of them did not believe that in the United States you could be denied a job or a place to live because of your sexual orientation. Even though we explained the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado, where the denial of protection for Lesbians and Gays against these forms of discrimination was actually passed into law in 1993 (recently overturned by the state Supreme Court), they were still shocked that this actually happens.

We also were challenged about the need to "flaunt" our sexuality in the workplace. We explained that the simple mention of each other in our office environments often conjures up sexual images in other people's minds about our lives. We were able to show that the same mention by heterosexual co-workers about their wives or husbands is almost always

accepted and not considered sexual at all.

This trip showed us that even those of us who are loved and accepted by friends and family still have to continue to educate already enlightened families. But there are too many more families that do not know people like us, who learn about homosexuals from the lies and half-truths spread by people who teach intolerance and hatred. Our families heard these same lies about Lesbians and Gays before they knew we were Gay. As it took us many years to accept and love ourselves, so did our families and friends come to accept us for who we are.

As the new year begins, I have made a resolution to no longer be silent and I ask you to do the same. In setting your priorities for 1994, keep our story in mind and understand the need for everyone to make it a priority to take your next step in "coming out of the closet," step by step, day by day.

It is through this process of being honest with yourself that we are able to show our family, friends and co-workers that they actually do recognize: we are their children, their friends, their co-workers, their parents, their bosses, and their fellow citizens.

We cannot sit back and criticize a president, a Congress, a county board member, a family member, a friend or a co-worker for not doing more for us than we are willing to do for ourselves. How can we blame others for not understanding Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues if we do not educate them.

There will always be excuses,

reasons not to be honest with yourself and others. If you live in states where initiatives against Gays and Lesbians will be on the ballot in 1994, those in Colorado whose voice was not heard should remind us of the cost of silence.

[Wes Combs is the manager of the National Coming Out Day, a project of the HRCF Foundation.]

WHAT'S UP DOG?

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back East. Of course we all know this is just too good to last so I guess it is time to get the long johns out. It is also a good time to cuddle with that extra special warm body. But when doing so and things seem to heat up, be sure when playing games, you play safely.

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TEN PERCENT meets every Wednesday on the UofA campus in the Student Union room 281 at 6 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual members of the community are invited.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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

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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 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alanon 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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ARIZONA NUDDR DUDES (ANDLES) is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDLES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044 or call Jim Farias at 297-9816.

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

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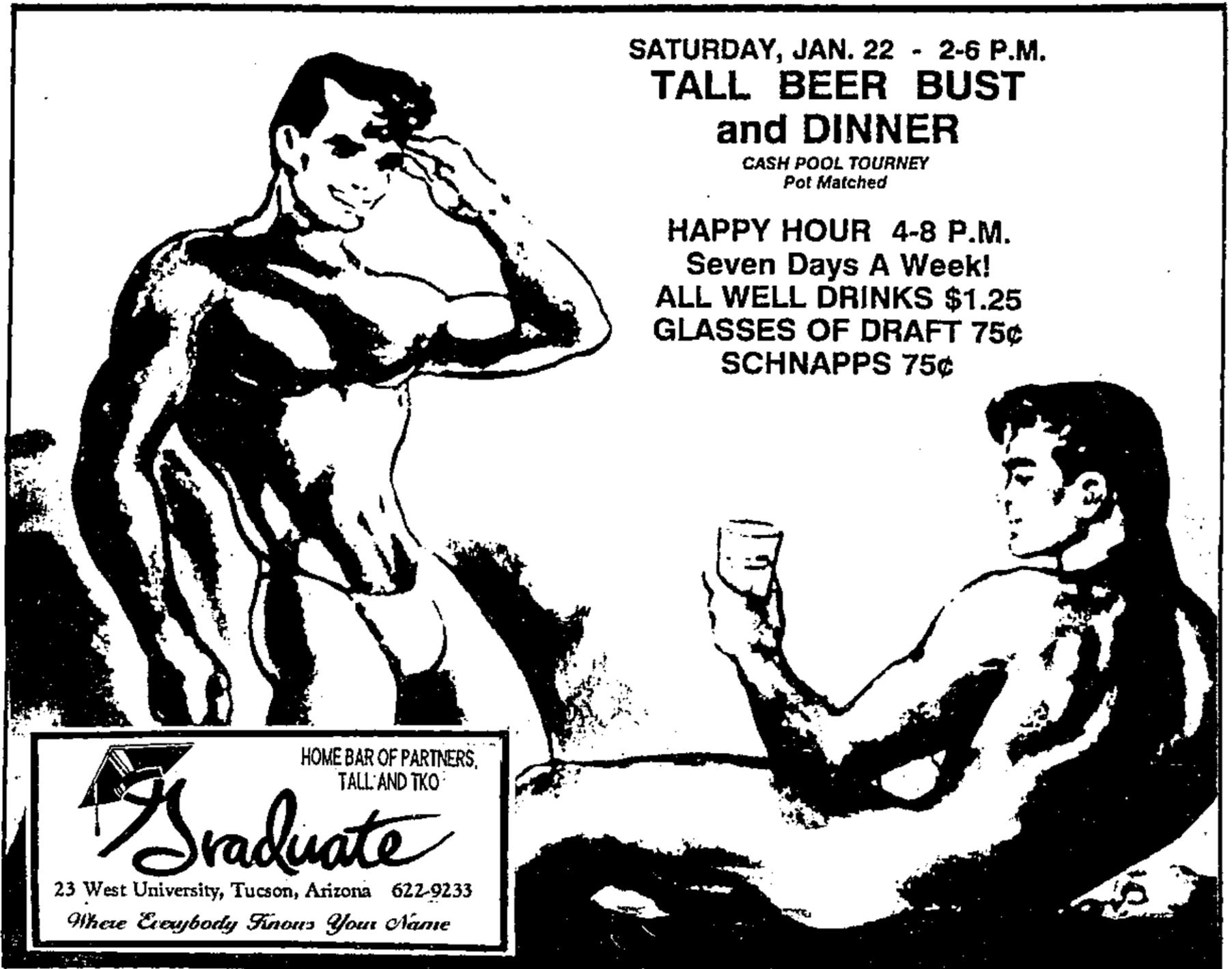
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Crowds were lined up at the gate on Saturday and depleted the printed ticket stock for that date early in the afternoon. Contestants and spectators came from all over the U.S. and Canada to join the Arizona Gay community in a full arena and an equally full party pavilion.

In addition, Gay businesses and organizations traveled from any distant points to participate with selections of Gay specialty merchandise and information. Entertainers from around the country kept the crowds on their feet with a well planned variety of singers, country cloggers and line dance troupes, and a hot line up of the best drag in the southwest.

The non-stop dance party stage was the center of attention for more than two thousand people and one of the biggest and best Gay events of the year. The oversized dance floor made it possible for everyone to join in the non-stop dance party and was the scene of continuous action throughout the weekend.

The Corona Arena grounds was filled on Saturday with the spectators continually entertained by hot rodeo action from early morning till night. Approximately 120 contestants composed the line-

up for the action packed events. In addition to the standard rodeo events, several Gay comic camp events brought howling laughter from the stands. First time rode attendees as well as seasoned rodeo goers said it was the best time they had ever experienced at a Gay event.

Tucson's own Gilda Fatale won the title of Miss AGRA and reigned over the festivities as hostess for several shows in addition to keeping the crowd in constant applause with a line-up of hot country western numbers. 1st runner-up for Miss AGRA was Pussy Le Hoot and 2nd runner-up was Candiss Barr. Bill Travis won the Mr. AGRA title with Ron Henderson 1st runner-up.

Miller Lite Beer was the corporate sponsor for the event as well as all International Gay Rodeo Association events held across the country. Without the generous support of Miller, it would be difficult to raise the needed funds to stage such a large event. AGRA members ask that the Gay community support Miller as they do so much to support our community.

AGRA members and supporters were thrilled with the great success and are very grateful to not only the Phoenix and Tucson Gay communities but the hundreds of people who traveled long distances to help bring Arizona the first of its two Gay rodeos for 1994. There was an incredible sense of pride which permeated the entire weekend. The experience was a positive one as Gay men and women came together for fun and fellowship.



Miss AGRA 1994 Gilda Fatale