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NGLTF's Bray Warns About Impending Anti-Gay Amendment In Arizona. Urges Gay And Straight Coalition To Fight

TUCSON - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 'Fight The Right' Coordinator, Robert Bray, is shown above with Tucson Human Rights Coalition officer Terri Bibbins following a meeting held last Wednesday, Dec. 29. A native of Tucson, Bray informed the local community about what to expect with the impending Colorado-style anti-Gay amendment in Arizona.

Bray, who has experienced both the Oregon and the Colorado anti-Gay initiatives, is well versed in how to best fight these anti-Gay zealots. He spoke to over 100 persons who packed Cactus Gallery to hear his talk. Attendees included representatives from many organizations, both Gay and straight, who are very concerned about the proposed amendment.

Because of the importance of this amendment and its effect on the state's Gay and Lesbian community, we present his talk nearly in its entirety because of the urgency of the situation.

The Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) is still in formation stages and persons who are interested in fighting this terrible attack on the lives of all Lesbians and Gays are urged to call 791-7000 for more information on what is needed and how you can help. Act now!

"I Read about the hate initiative, (proposed by Frank Meliti), in Lukeville, Arizona, (which is located in western Pima County). "My reaction to the proposal was, 'my god it's come home. So we have a lot of work to do.'

"The purpose of this overview and discussion, is to address what is happening in Arizona, in particular with the announcement of ballot signature collection of a new anti-Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual initiative in this state.

"What I will do tonight is give you an overview of the Christian Far Right. What it is doing here in Arizona and around the country. So that you get an idea where Arizona fits in the rest of the nation.

I will also talk about the Far Right. Who are they? Where are they from? Where do they get their money? And why are they targeting Arizona?

And then we will talk about possible actions to take action against the Far Right.

"First, thank you all for coming to the meeting. First I would like to ask you (the audience) a few questions, 'How many of you are out to family, friends, work etc.? How many heterosexuals do we have here? (applause by audience to the show of hands) How many Bisexuals? How many Transgender? How many people of color? How many students? How many Christians? The reason I asked these questions besides giving me an idea the makeup of the audience I am speaking to is point out that there is a role for every one in this battle against the radical Right. All must be empowered to defend their community against the agenda of the Radical Right. All must have a role in this battle.

"Here is what going Arizona and around the country. There are between 8 and 12 states that will have an anti-Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Initiatives. Those states are: Arizona, Maine, Michigan, Florida, Ohio, Missouri, Idaho, Washington, Colorado, Oregon, probably Montana and California.

"There are 25 states by the end of next year that will take negative action against Gays and Lesbians. (through the state legislature, initiative, and city initiative.)

"This will be a national referenda on homosexuality. And that's what we are facing.

"These laws and in particular, the one introduced in Arizona, repeal existing anti-discrimination, civil rights protections based on sexual orientation, such as Tucson's, one of the oldest in the country.

"It would overturn those existing ordinances. It would prohibit the state, state agencies, counties, municipalities, workplaces from enacting any sort of civil rights or anti-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation. No other city in this state could pass a Gay rights law.

"It would ban any legal recourse against discrimination by Gay, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

"It would nurture a climate, hostility, intolerance and harassment and most likely violence against people who are Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual or perceived to be so.

"And in the state of Colorado, after the passage of their initiative, we saw a 19% increase in bias crimes against Gays and Lesbians.

"In my mind, it would deny Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals is the democratic process in this country. Just being openly Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual, will and can get you fired from your job, evicted from you apartment, throw out of any public accommodations, including restaurants, transportation, hotels, and you have absolutely no recourse against this.

"But it also means actually more than that. It also means that no state funds could be used in any to promote homosexuality. What this means is libraries, cinemas, state media, school programs or curriculum that addresses homosexuality in a positive way has been interpreted to promote homosexuality and therefore no funds could be used. For those in academia and the arts, think how this would this means for you.

"The initiative that we are seeing pop up around the country, initially were very extreme, take Oregon for example that we defeated by less than 10 percent. That initiative linked homosexuality to bestiality, perverse and abnormal behavior. It created an exaggerated context around homosexuality.

"But the Radical Right has become more sophisticated in its crafting of these initiatives. They have refined their rhetoric, their toning down their extreme sensationalistic language. Instead, what they do, is write more sophisticated language. They couch these initiatives in "protected minority status" and "no special rights. Remember these phrases.

"First of all, just so you all know, 'special rights' do not exist in this country. It is not a legal term, it is not a legal reality. It is a completely conceived of, concocted and architected rhetoric by the Radical Right to deny a class of citizens civil rights protections, there is no such things as 'special rights.' But it invokes affirmative action and quotas. Protected minority status and special rights. You will here this over and over throughout this state, 'no special rights.'

"Is the right to walk down the streets and not get bashed because your are Gay a special right? Is the right to hold a job and to get promoted in that job and earn a living a special right? Is the right to dine in a restaurant and treat your lover a special right? These are not special rights, these are basic fundamental human rights that all citizens and in particular in this state deserve and that is what they are trying to take away.

"How they do this is by invoking the phrase, 'protected minority status' which is in the Arizona initiative. How this works is very fascinating. What it does is: 1. Is play a racist card to white Americans by suggesting yet another minority, 'homosexuals', are going to steal rights from you, there are going to not be able to be fired from their jobs because of 'Gay quotas'. It also plays a race card for people of color, especially African-Americans. The White Christian right will go to into African-American communities and churches and suggest to people that 'you hard earned civil rights that you fought so hard for are being watered down by homosexuals. They are hijacking they civil rights train from Selma to Sodom.

"Second, it advocates 'no special rights' and 'protected minority status' by very carrying their sophisticated message

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UPDATE

Desert Voices Start Spring Rehearsals

TUCSON - Rehearsals for Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian chorus will start on Monday, January 10, for the 1994 semester. Chorus members will gather at 7 p.m. in Room 148 in the School of Music Building on the U of A campus.

Desert Voices invites you to attend this rehearsal. If you would like to sing with Desert Voices, even if you did not audition with Artistic Director James Gall last month. You may sit in on this rehearsal and arrange with Jim to have an audition for formal admission to the chorus before the following Monday's rehearsal. We are especially interested in having additional Bass singers join us.

After a highly successful, sold out Holiday Concert at Pima College, the chorus members are enthusiastically looking forward to the spring and summer concerts to be performed at the Center for Performing Arts at Pima College on March 26, "Celebrate Us! Celebrate Life!", and June 18, "A Salute to Sondheim." We will also join the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale for their June concert in Scottsdale.

The chorus is growing, both in musicianship and size. It is expected that 60 Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, along with others who support our lifestyle, will be on hand to begin work on the March and June programs. These two concerts are already half sold out! Desert Voices wishes persons interested to join them and become part of this growing chorus, "Singing Proud" in Tucson and Phoenix this year.

For further information, cal the chorus line at 791-9662.

Babs Puts Tycoon In Generous Mood

BEVERLY HILLS, Ca. - Billionaire Kirk Kevorkian is so excited about Barbra Streisand's first paid concerts in 27 years that he's donating $3.5 million to her favorite causes to mark the occasion.

The Lincy Foundation, founded by Kerkorian, is contributing to more than 15 organizations selected by Streisand, her spokesman, Dick Guttman said.

Groups receiving up to $500,000 in grants include the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the UCLA School of Medicine, where the money will be used to set up the Streisand Research Fund In Women's Cardiology.

Bequest of Home and Estate to PACT for Life

TUCSON - Mr. Michael Stefan, upon his recent death due to complications of AIDS, left the majority of his estate, including a small home, furnishings, appliances, and the balance of his personal accounts to benefit clients of PACT for Life.

The estate, once ownership is transferred to PACT, will be used to provide a family or individual with HIV/-AIDS a place to live as part of PACT's housing program.

Currently, the People with AIDS Coalition provides independent housing to over 45 people, including 5 families with a total of 12 children. Along with an apartment, clients receive HIV and related counseling, and other assistance a needed to cope with living with HIV.

PACT for Life also provides Early Intervention and education, client services such as Food for Life, Buyer's Club, a bimonthly newsletter, and Speaker's Bureau. PACT also works in conjunction with the Pima County Health Department to offer anonymous HIV testing and risk reduction counseling, the Tucson AIDS Project to provide Case Management, and El Rio Health Center to provide access to medical care and nutritional information and counseling.

Re-Hearing On Gay Midshipman Sought

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The administration sought a rehearing of courts orders to commission Gay midshipman Joseph Steffan, but sidestepped the larger battle over whether banning Gays from the military is unconstitutional.

The Justice Department, filing the petition on behalf of the Defense Department, focused instead on the narrower issue of whether the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals exceeded its authority in ruling that Steffan be given his Naval Academy diploma and be commissioned as an officer.

The court, it said, raised "the gravest legal questions" in regard to the principle of separation of powers that holds that military officers must be appointed by the president and approved by the Senate.

The three federal judges on November 16 ruled that expelling Steffan solely on the basis of his sexual orientation violated the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution.

The court considered the old policy banning homosexuals in the military, but its ruling also could raise constitutional questions for the somewhat more liberal policy the Clinton administration has put into effect.

IN MEMORIAM

LOS ANGELES, Ca., (AP) - Michael Callen, a composer, singer and prominent AIDS activist who was among those to survive the longest with the disease, died of complications from AIDS. He was 38.

Callen, was diagnosed in 1982 as having the disease that later was named acquired immune deficiency syndrome, said his companion, Richard Dworkin.

Callen never took the commonly prescribed AZT and received alternative chemotherapy for AIDS related cancer, Dworkin said.

"He tried to keep in motion to present a moving target for the disease," Dworkin said. And he never took AZT. He thought that was another reason he was around for so long."

For more than a decade, Callen worked to improve the quality of life for people with AIDS and promoted buyers' clubs providing low cost access to AIDS treatments. He urged use of the term "people with AIDS" as an alternative to "AIDS victims" and was an early advocate of safe sex practices.

A member of the New York City Mayor's Interagency Task Force on AIDS and the New York State AIDS Institute, he testified before state and congressional committees and published several works on the disease.

Yoga & Spirituality Workshop Jan.15

TUCSON - A series of yoga and spirituality workshops will be offered by Sara Scholl, MA, a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor and licensed massage therapist.

The workshop will begin on Saturday, January 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 West Picture Rocks Road.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the suggested donation of $25 includes lunch. Call 744-3400 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays for further information.

NYC Needs Parents to Ok to Issue Condoms

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The city's public high schools cannot give condoms to minors against the wishes of their parents, an appellate court ruled.

The HIV-AIDS Education and Condom Availability Program has distributed condoms in school to high school students since February 1991.

Two sets of parents and a member of the Board of Education sued in November 1991, arguing that distribution of condoms was a health service and violated the law because it didn't require parents to give their consent.

In a 3-2 ruling, the State Supreme Court's Appellate Division said providing condoms was a health service and students who are minors must get the consent of their parents or guardians.

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Tucson's Stonewall/Eagle Rises From The Ashes

TUCSON - Shown in the accompanying photo, are Ken Sullivan (l) and Gerry Geller, in the colorful foyer leading to the Stonewall. They are the owners of Tucson's newest disco & leather/levi nightclub. The Stonewall/Eagle opened its doors quiety Dec. 30. The club has been under construction for over one year.

On the site of the old Joshua Tree/Back Pocket at 2921 N. 1st Ave., one would recognize very, very few reminders of the 'old bar'. The "all new" establishment features a large game/drinking bar named the "Eagle" on the west end of the building while in the "Stonewall" the latest in high tech lighting and sound greet the customers who are into dancing and drinking at the unusual zig-zag bar in the East room. There is a large outdoor pation connecting the two bars that includes a chic patio bar.

Congratulations to Ken and Jerry for a great (and expensive) job of refurbishing the burned out hulk and lilterally, like the Phoenix rising out of the ashes, with great flair.

Little Sentiment For Anti-Gay Initiative In Idaho Survey Says

IDAHO FALLS, Id., - A state wide survey of Idaho's 105 legislators shows only nine support a ballot initiative to limit Gay rights.

The Idaho Falls Post Register, who conducted the poll, reported in a story that 60 legislators said they oppose or leaning against an anti-Gay initiative sponsored by the Burley based Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA).

The Legislature could play a key role in Idaho's anti-Gay rights debate. If voters approve the ICA initiative in November 1994, it will be up to the 1995 Legislature to put it into law.

While a majority of lawmakers indicated they strongly oppose the ICA initiative, more than a quarter remain undecided.

Some lawmakers say they agree with the group's stated goal, preventing Gays from getting additional civil rights. Some say they want to take a closer look at bills, including one from Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon.

The paper said all nine legislators supporting the anti-Gay initiative are Republicans. They include Sen Rex Furness, Rigby; Rep. JoAnn Wood, Rigby; and Rep. Michael Johnson, Rexburg.

Others are Sen. Jerry Thorpe, Nampa; Sen. Denton Darrington, Declo; Sen. Dennis Harrington, Soda Springs; Rep. Ron Crane, Caldwell; Rep. Robert Schafer, Nampa; and Rep. Dan Mader, Lewiston.

Sixty legislators, 31 Democrats and 29 Republicans said they are opposed to the initiative, and 29 GOP lawmakers said they were undecided.

Four legislators refused to state a position, Sen. Roger Madsen, R-Boise; Rep. Dorothy Reynolds, R-Caldwell; Rep. Dolores Crow, R-Nampa; and Rep. Sylvia McKeeth, R-Boise. A fifth, Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Nampa, refused to participate in the Post Register's survey. Two other lawmakers could not be reached.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Back to the grind stone. Club meetings are starting up, beer bust also, and two weeks of holidays are behind us for another year. These past two weeks have really gone by faster than I would of thought possible. Yet, all in all, they were good and I have fond memories from them.

As for the Christmas holiday, I hope Santa was good to everyone and brought each of you that special gift you wanted. And as the New Year baby made his appearance, I hope your hangover wasn't that big.

I spent the day, New Years, sitting with a few others at the Graduate watching the best football game I've seen the Wildcats play in a long time. It was kind of special also since the basketball team won over Michigan a couple nights before. And speaking of the basketball team, tonight they play ASU. So who cares, but some of us that do follow these games.

Believe it or not but this weeks article kind of slipped up on me. I found a note from the other day, one of those TBBS's I manage to acquire by listening. Well, guess what, thanks to a cheap pen, I was not able to read all of it so everyone on that one is safe. All I could make out was something about Art telling IP he looked like the Surpreeeeems. As for the rest of that one and something about Hopi, no luck in figuring out.

Next Saturday, Jan. 16, at TKO's beer bust, there will be guest bartenders from the Leatherlords tending and dispensing the suds. This Saturday, the beer bust will be over at the Venture-N with DL serving.

Also speaking of TKO, I have not, as of this writing, received the final total on their benefit for the Make-A-Wish foundation. They have their meeting this Friday evening, at which time a full report will be given so I will be able to pass the final figure on to everyone next week. But again, TKO wishes to thank everyone who helped and supported this years benefit.

In my travels, looking at the pictures on the walls in the Graduates mens room, it is interesting the ones people have picked on to demolish. All I can say is we have some strange people with strange pleasures.

As you can tell, not too much for this week but I'll leave you with a wish for another beautiful warm week.

A special welcome goes out to everyone over at the Stonewall/Eagle. Good luck in your ventures and daily operations for 1994 and we will all see in more in the coming weeks.

Terry Miller won the $100 Christmas Tree Raffle at the TKO Make-A-Wish Benefit held at the Graduate Dec. 18. Doc is show presenting the check to Terry who didn't know what he was going to do with the money!

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by 'door to door', 'church to church', 'precinct to precinct.' They do this by direct outreach, by mass distribution of video tapes such as 'The Gay Agenda' and 'Gay Rights, Special Rights.'

"And it connects homosexuality not only special rights and protected minority status, but to pedophilia! Not only do we want special rights and protected minority status, so we can take your jobs. But, we want the right to recruit and molest your children.

"This is behind the rhetoric of the Christian Right and it's advocacy of special rights initiatives. This process has been extremely effective. And they now export their tactics to other states

"The Rev. Lou Sheldon of Anaheim, California, head of the Traditional Values Coalition travels around the country, works with conservative churches and 'concerned citizens' groups to create an arch-conservative base, to gather ballot signatures.

"The very fact that we are holding up the equality of a minority to public vote in this country, that the quality of a class of citizens, no matter what they are, in my mind is unconstitutional and against the very principles of this country.

"No one has been granted civil rights protection by popular vote. But now, in the 1990s, we are seeing the exportation to very cities and states of this strategy. For example, the group Coloradans for Family Values donated $390,-000 to Cincinnati's anti-Gay initiative group to pass their anti-Gay law. The Oregon Citizens Alliance, last year, raised $800,000 to pass their initiative, they lost. They used $300,000 to pass the law. They are using the rest to pass other conservative repressive laws.

"It is clear what they are doing in the Christian Right. They are raising millions of dollars off of queers to fund a broader agenda of repressive ideas.

"Who are the Christian Right? The Christian Right is the most powerful grassroots organizing group in the country, (per Time Magazine). After the defeat of George Bush, they shifted their tactics from national advocacy to grassroots organizing, no community is safe. They are penetrating communities through the anti-Gay initiatives.

The groups we have encountered, Focus on the Family of Colorado Springs, Colorado, 'Ground Zero' of where the first initiative passed. Focus on the Family has new $40 million tower, employees between 400-500 and has its own zip code because it is so big. The Christian Coalition, Pat Robertson's group and which is giving money to the Arizona initiative. Concerned Women of America, Beverly LaHaye, bring political advocacy into prayer groups, 1-5 million strong. The Oregon Citizens Alliance, headed by Lou Mabon. Coloradans for Family Values, headed by Kevin Thibedeaux, and the Traditional Values Coalition, headed by the Rev. Lou Sheldon.

"The Traditional Values Coalition are the 'stormtroopers of the Christian Right.'

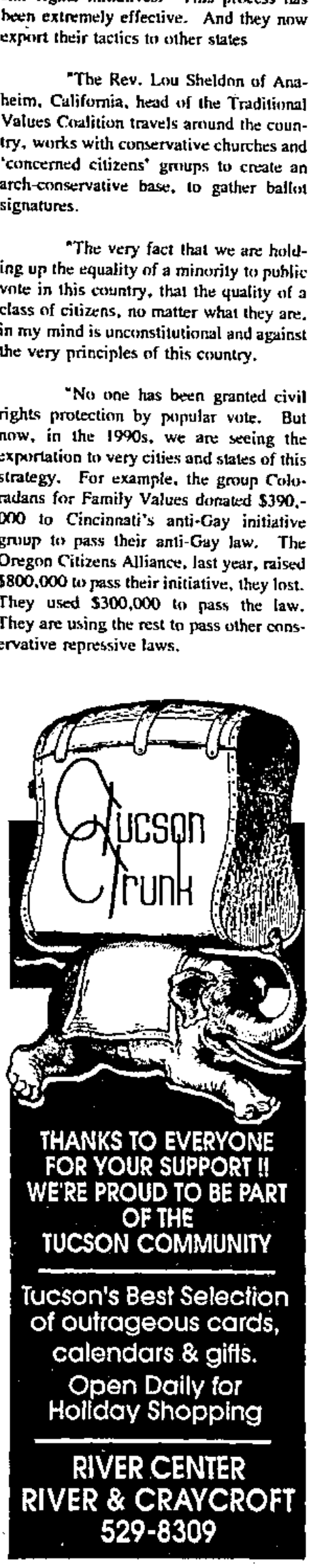
"What we are talking about a theocratic takeover. This is not just a Gay issue all people of conscience would be affected. People in this community are cleared agitated and vulnerable to water the Right are doing here, especially after the Martin Luther King holiday controversy.

"Warnings to look out for. Initially, there will be high publicity by Sheldon and his co-horts in the state, you will see it go underground for a bit. What you will see is an arch-conservative coalition forming, primarily of church groups, primarily out of the Glendale/Mesa area, they will also be in Pima County if they are not already here. You will see outreach to people of color churches. The community at large will be flooded by propaganda, in particular videotapes. You will also see 'no special rights' events staged for the media. They will also try to find example of 'special rights' for homosexuals. Police harassment may increase. They will try to promote Gays and Lesbians to child molesters.

"They are defining who we are, and what is our agenda to the community at large."

"The action that we, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual takes should be as follows: We should put our Christian bashing aside. We should not call the opposition 'nazi's' and 'fascists'. We must emphasize that this proposal is pure discrimination by outsiders that have come in and spread intolerance and bad will. We must be proactive and aggressively respond to the Right. We must work together with a unified and united message. We must reach out to other groups, such as people of color. We must come out of the closet to show voters that they now people who are Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual. We must stress our agenda, "liberation and equality."

"Lastly, we must defend our community. We can not all move to New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco. We must organize and Fight the Right and defeat the initiative."



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AGRA CALENDAR

January 14-16, Phoenix "Road Runner Regional" Rodeo, Corona Arena, Phoenix.

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 17, 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 call the AGRA-Tucson hotline 323-0805.

Now's the time to make your plans and reservations to head on up to Phoenix for the rodeo on January 14-16, the host hotel is the Quality Hotel Park Central, located at 3600 North 2nd Avenue, Phoenix. The telephone number is (602) 248-0222 and a special rate is available at $60.00 plus tax for 1-4 people per room. The Days Inn Camelback also has a rodeo rate of $56.00 plus tax for 1-4 people per room. Their phone is (602) 264-9290. When making reservations at either hotel remember to mention the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association or you won't be offered or given the special rates arranged for you by AGRA. Don't just come for one day, get a room and come for the entire weekend!

The Phoenix Gay Rodeo is held at the Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds on the southeast corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline Road. The telephone at the arena is (602) 237-3303. The fun begins on Friday, January 14, at 7 p.m. with entertainment and partying.

On Saturday, January 156, the ticket office opens at 9 a.m., the Grand Entry at noon, and rodeo performance begins at 1 p.m. And of course the hot party is from 7 p.m. until midnight. Scheduling for Sunday is relatively a repeat of Saturday.

The Corona Arena is a great facility with plenty of space for the great shows and dance parties held right there on the grounds. Get ready to party till you drop!

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Next week's column will unveil all the hot plans for the coming Tucson rodeo. Watch for next week and get your calendar's ready, the biggest and best weekend of the year is coming soon to Tucson!

AGRA members, don't forget the meeting at 5 p.m. on January 23 at Venture-N. Please show up with your sleeves rolled up and a willingness to pitch in. See you there!

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

THE YEAR OF THE IGUANA?

Yes it's 1994! It's election time again! Candidates and wannabees running amuck pretending to be human beings. Political signs and literature polluting the landscape. Plus the best thing of all the television and radios that will be broadcast 25 hours a day, 366 days a year!

Lock your doors, bar your windows, and hose down the family! The year of the political junkies has started! Well, enough of that crap so here we go:

A REVIEW OF '93 WHAT DID OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION DO?

Good question! In 1993 there were several proposed pieces of federal legislation of concern to Gays and Lesbians that were considered.

In this column, we will look at the House of Representatives. There were bills ranging from funding for Domestic Partners in the District of Columbia to "don't ask, don't tell." Plus there was the all important H.R. 431, the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights bill that was introduced, but is stuck in committee (go figure!).

Just a reminder, our members in the U.S. House of Representatives were: Sam Coppersmith (D-CD 1), Ed Pastor (D-CD 2), Bob Stump (R-CD 3), Jon Kyl (R-CD 4), Jim Kolbe (R-CD 5) and Karan English (D-CD 6).

The bills that were voted on were as follows numerically: 1. To prohibit funding for the District of Columbia to implement their Domestic Partners policy. 2. To strike down "don't ask, don't tell." 3. To keep the questioning of recruits sexual preference. 4. To codify "don't ask, don't tell" into law. 5. To increase AIDS funding. 6. H.R. 431 to co-sponsor.

Here is how our representatives voted or acted on the 6 abovementioned items:

D.C. Domestic Partners: Yea - Coppersmith, Pastor, English and Kolbe. Nay - Kyl and Stump.

Strike down "don't ask, don't tell": Yea - Coppersmith, Pastor and English. Nay - Kolbe, Kyl and Stump.

To keep questioning recruits about their sexual orientation: Yea - Stump. Nay - Coppersmith, English, Pastor, Kolbe and Kyl.

Codify "don't ask, don't tell" into law: Yea - Kyl, Kolbe, Stump and Pastor. Nay - Coppersmith and English.

AIDS funding: Yea - Coppersmith, English, Pastor and Kolbe. Nay - Kyl and Stump.

Sponsoring H.R. 431: Pastor.

LANG 1, BOARD OF SUPS 0

Well, Lang won the second round of the battle between him and the "Dictators", a.k.a. the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

In their weekly meeting which took place this past Tuesday, the Board rescinded their proposal that Lang find a $900,000 Surety Bond to protect the county from potential liability due to his actions as Assessor.

Why? It seems attorneys the county had hire to represent them in the court suit Lang had filed, found some "holes" in their initial action which would have thrown the proposal out by any judge.

So, this past Tuesday, the Board voted to rescind (Oops, we goofed!) their first proposal and will try to force Lang to get a bond again during their January 25th meeting, where they requested, (get this), that Lang show up again for questioning by the Board. (Yeah right! Do you think Lang is going to show up for the meeting! Can we say, Nope!)

RECALL NEWS!

Well, since the Board really goofed, we must continue with the recall process. The people will be the ones to get rid of Lang and Ed Moore. Here is a update on the signature count.

The group which is coordinating the recall drive on both, Total Recall, announced that they have gathered over 14,000 petition signatures for Lang, and 2,900 petition signatures for Moore.

They need to get 60,201 valid signatures to force a recall of Alan Lang, and over 11,000 valid signatures to force a recall of Sup. Ed Moore.

A G.O.P. HIGH NOON

Yes, today sources tell me that the Pima County Republican party will be making a major shake up of their officers in a meeting that took place at noon.

Sources tell me that the reason behind the coup d'etat is money, the Pima County G.O.P. is broke, flat broke, due to the fact the party big-wigs, moderates, are not giving money to the county party, which is controlled by the ultra-right. (Heads are going to roll). More next week!

PONDER A WHILE/BUT DON'T FILE!

An elected municipal official, deemed on their way out in a year, is going to try to be in for the next four. Another elected official "$$$ and trust violator" is looking at a municipal run in the next year. What group have literally borrowed 1994 away? And what elected official cares more about "couples" than the taxpayers they represent?

And so it goes!

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DEAR BRUCE FOWLER:

In response to your request that readers of "The Shanti Corner" send in "questions, concerns, observations," etc., I should like to correct several items in your column that were significantly incorrect.

First, you seem to have made an error in stating that TAP emerged first, followed shortly thereafter by PACT, and then by Shanti. The true facts are that while TAP was the first ASO to have a loose organization or "CORE" group, it did not incorporate and become a formal organization until August 26, 1986, several months after Shanti was incorporated on March 18, 1986. PACT did not incorporate as the Troy Stephenson Foundation until two years later (Aug. 26, 1988.) So the true chronology of ASOs is TAP, then Shanti, then PACT.

Next, you indicated that Natalie Perry and I both experienced the Shanti training in San Francisco and then offered a Shanti training locally. If you wish to be accurate, the true facts are that I was the only person that went to San Francisco to experience the training offered by the Shanti Project, and I did that as TAP's volunteer coordinator - as a member of TAP's CORE group. When TAP refused to authorize bringing a Shanti trainer to Tucson to help train volunteers I left TAP, set up a corporation called the Shanti Foundation of Tucson - as sole incorporator, and invited Marg Baker, Natalie Perry, and Dr. Scott Gorman to serve as the first three Shanti Board members. Natalie Perry then became Shanti's second Executive Director when I gave up the position in 1987.

Third, you state that since "there were no models after which to pattern an organization at that time...we invented the model ourselves." That statement couldn't be further from the truth! I spent several weeks in San Francisco studying the way Shanti Project conducted its business - workshops, matching teams, weekly support groups, etc. The model I brought to Shanti Tucson was patterned almost identically to the San Francisco organization. And everyone in the Tucson organization in those days heard me say repeatedly "...since the San Francisco Shanti model works so well, we are not going to deviate from it at all."

I resigned from the Shanti Board in 1988 to devote full-time effort to completing an advanced degree, which I finished in 1989. While I had offered to go back and serve on the Board in 1992, and to help with fund raising, I was only asked to return to help "oust" my dear friend Natalie Perry from Shanti, but not to serve on the Board. I consider that a major deviation from the original model, as well as common courtesy, and I wonder what other significant changes your Board has made in recent years.

Please don't hesitate to contact me about any other "facts" pertaining to the first few years of Shanti - the organization I started in 1986. And if your intention is to pen a regular column for the organization, I suggest that you focus on research and accuracy of information.

Sincerely, Mike Griffin

TO THE MEMBERS OF D.L.:

I want to give you my personal thanks for your invaluable help throughout the year. Through watermelon patches to circus clowns, through mushroom filled beef bourginion to Christmas cheer, and to all the little things, I wish once again to thank you all.

It is always a pleasure to be "playing with the BIG boys", and I know we all look forward to finding more big boys to play with...SOON!

Thanks again for everything you have done in 1993, and be ready to work your butts off in 1994.

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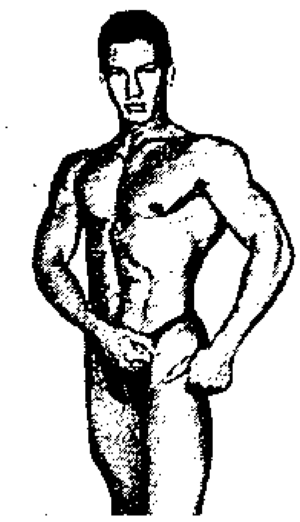

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CALENDAR
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

IBT'S The Glamazons are back with your hostess, our reigning Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X, and starring Gilda Fatalé, Lucinda Holliday and Blaze plus a spotlight guest. 9:00 p.m. Sharp!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo "Beer Bust" tonight from 9:00 p/m. to Midnight. Stop on by.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

GRADUATE - TKO holds their monthly Beer Bustr here from 2 to 6 p.m. A great time is always had by all!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

IBT'S - Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust to benefit the Tucson Human Rights Coalition sponsored by Desert Leathermen and Gilda Fatalé.

RUMORZ - Touché is running for Miss Gay Indian/Tucson and there will be a benefit show for here here beginning at 9:30 hosted by Christina de Alexis and an all-star cast. Good Luck Touché.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

IBT'S - A special kick-off party for Gilda Fatalé in her run for Miss AGRA. Showtime 9:00 p.m. and starring the Amazing Glamazons, Madame X, Angelica West, Lucinda Holiday and Blaze - plus - special guests, Mr. Dani Reid, Raven, Adrienne Alexander and Kristio. Please join in this special show!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

GRADUATE - The live vocal talents of Ms. Teresa Housley will begin at 9:30. Get there early for a good seat.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

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

Non-Bar CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

1-IN-10 Repertory Theatre Company is performing "Hannah Free" by Claudia Allen. In the tradition of "Fried Green Tomatoes", this heartwarming play is about two women, separated by family and nursing home staff, who struggle to see each other one last time. Remaining play dates are Jan. 5-8 with performances at 8:00 p.m. at the Historic 'Y' Theater, 738 N. 5th Ave. $9 General Admission, $8 for seniors and students. Tickets available at the door or in advance at Antigone Books or by calling One in Ten Theatre, 770-9279.

The fine artwork of Mr. Robert Bray will be on display at Cactus Gallery during the month of January.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network goes skating at Skate Country North from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All parents, kids and other family members are welcome for open skating at 2700 N. Stone Ave. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information and directions.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) Pride Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. The agenda will discuss the upcoming meeting with the Tucson City Manager concerning plans for Pride Week '94. Persons interested in joining TLGA for this sycar's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in June are urged to attend. There's a lot of work to be done.

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, JANUARY 15

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network meets for a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The meeting begins at 4:00 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.

..... 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 Sinmon 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

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.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7pm. 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 3-9pm - All Short Well Drinks $1.00.

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11am - 2pm; Tea Dance with Ron Rios 3:30-6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30pm (usually a cover for the band)

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-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 Noon to 6pm. Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Eagle Opens at 10 am on Sundays and the Stonewall opens for dancing at 8pm

VENTURE-N - Open 10 am. 301 Dart Tournament 4pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7pm, B-B-Q 5-7pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Mouse Madness "Buckets". 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.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7, also, 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1pm until 8pm $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8 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.

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

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 a free sub sandwich 8 to 10. T-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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks $1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for pisces. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well $1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow 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 Falsies show at 9:30pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 9am to 8pm with $1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side open at 8pm for dancing.

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

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 Jager 7:30-9:30.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Farrow's 'Queer Extravaganza' here from 8pm to 1am, featuring caged dancers.

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.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Mata, 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 & 'Pico' 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.

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

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 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 Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25, Heineken or Corona $1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear 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 VJ/DJ Linda.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 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.

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

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 Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 8pm - 1am

IBT'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 DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Strickler 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks $1.00. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Fiedale VJ/DJ 10-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Eagle opens at 9am and the Stonewall opens at 8pm.

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

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NEW YORK, N.Y. - In a groundbreaking sexual harassment case, a Manhattan man is suing the Union Club and its former director, charging he was demoted after rebuffing the director's sexual advances.

Craig Owen has filed a $30 million suit against the 158 year old club and Eugene Scanlon, who retired recently as the club's general manager after a glittering career as a world famous chef and manager of the posh Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The former worker charged that Scanlan repeatedly grabbed his buttocks and tried to kiss him during a six year campaign of unwanted wooing.

He said Scanlan even promised to make him assistant club manager if he complied with his "demands for sex."

But Owen said he rebuffed the advances and in February was demoted from valet to dishwasher because of "Scanlan's anger with (him) for not engaging in sex."

He said in papers filed in federal court that he was forced to quit in June because of "the hostile and intolerable working conditions, harassment and discrimination" created by Scanlan and club officials.

Union Club officials refused to discuss the case, and Scanlan, who lives in Queens, did not respond to requests for comment.

The prestigious Union Club, a marbled mansion was a prime target of women's rights groups in the late '80s for its refusal to allow female members.

Owen said in court papers that he was falsely accused of stealing money from the club's office safe during last New Year's weekend. No charges were filed.

He said he had been working at the club a year when in 1988 Scanlan asked him for sex after taking him to dinner at the Bull and Bear Restaurant in the Waldorf.

Owen quoted his boss in court papers as telling him on numerous occasions that he was "sexy" in tight jeans and charged that Scanlan repeatedly made "vulgar and obscene comments" about sex and sex between men.

Owen said he also had filed charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which gave him to go-ahead to sue last month.

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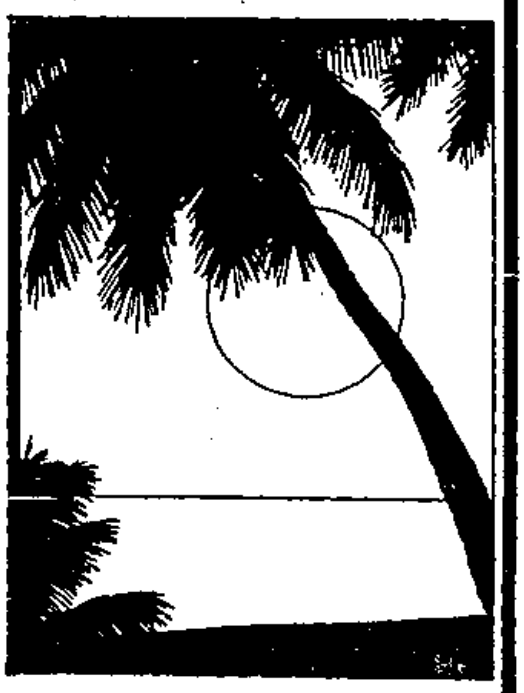
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Why Is There So Much Hysteria Against Gay Rights?

by Judy Carlock

To anyone convinced we must pass a law that bans anti-discrimination ordinance for Gays, I have one question.

What is it to you?

I'm fairly sympathetic to some aspects of the conservative agenda known as the New Right. For example, I can see the point of view of prolifers. Anyone who legitimately believes abortion is murder has a right, even a duty, to speak out.

But why the special attention to laws protecting homosexuals? Such measures are under fire by a coalition of moralists who have launched a petition drive to put the question to state voters.

They say homosexuality is against biblical principals. Well, fine. I'm not sure what principals they're referring to, most likely the books of the Old Testament that also say it's against God's law to eat ostriches, wear blended fabrics or touch a woman who's menstruating. But's it's sort of OK to have sex with a slave, as long as you sacrifice a ram in atonement.

As I recall, Christians acknowledge a second part of the Bible known as the New Testament. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," from Leviticus, was replaced with "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also" and "Judge not, that you may not be judged."

And particularly, when an adulteress who would have been stoned to death under the law of Moses was brought to Jesus, he said, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

Some anti-Gay crusaders who invoke the Bible are remarkably without sin, so righteous that they feel free to cast stones in any direction at all.

What is it to them?

I'm genuinely mystified. Even if God himself, or herself, descended into the newsroom and announced in no uncertain terms that homosexuals would burn in hell, it wouldn't matter.

We are not a Christian nation, or a Jewish nation, or a Judeo Christian nation. We are a secular, not a religious, state.

What was that they said in grade school civics class? Something like, "My right to swing my fist ends where your nose begins."

Organizers of an anti-Gay rights petition drive say their position is strong because the state has laws banning sodomy, "the infamous crime against nature."

I'm not even sure what "sodomy" is. I do know it has something to do with which body parts are inserted where. I have no idea why this is any business of the state's. And I seriously question why anyone would care. The really kinky folks are the ones obsessed by what goes on in strangers' bedrooms.

The conservative line is that homosexuals don't deserve protection because theirs is a lifestyle choice. Many homosexuals fell that they were born that way.

Guess how much it matters? Not at all. Christianity is lifestyle choice, too; but discrimination based solely on religion is illegal.

Now, I do see an argument if laws protecting homosexuals grant them special privileges. For example, should there be affirmative action for Gays? Should an employer be required to hire a homosexual person over a more qualified heterosexual candidate simply because the applicant is Gay? I don't believe so.

But should competent employees be fired solely because the applicant is Gay? I don't believe so.

And maybe this is the crux of the argument: special privileges vs. the standard protections held dear by Americans of all stripes.

I detect fear of some mysterious calamity that would arise from official tolerance of homosexuality. But what, exactly, is the anti-Gay lobby afraid of? That homosexuals will breed, eventually contaminating the entire population?

I remember some time back a flap involving homosexual teachers. Somehow, fear arose that these degenerates would pass their wicked ways on to innocent children, converting them to homosexuality and undermining the moral fiber of the nation.

Or words to that effect.

It is inappropriate for any teacher to drag his or her sex life into the classroom. Gay, straight or whatever sexual variation they embrace.

I used to resent outspoken Gays. Just keep quiet, I thought; I don't care what you do, but don't flaunt it. My opinion has changed some.

While I still would be perfectly happy not knowing the details of someone's sex life, committed homosexual partners shouldn't be forced underground, denying who they are. Many times, partners who make that kind of commitment want the world to know.

Should homosexuals be allowed to marry? I'm not sure. Could they simply enter into a civil contract, granting each other power of attorney, etc.? This might work.

Should insurance companies be forced to cover life partners of a Gay policyholder? Well, no, just as they do not cover unwed heterosexual partners.

But the bottom line is: I'm befuddled by vehemently anti-Gay activists. There are so many problems in our country. Violence. Child abuse. Pollution. Budget deficits. None of them has anything to do with an individual's sexual preference.

Inquiring minds, mine, really want know. Just what is going on here?

If anyone out there can answer my question, without invoking the prohibitions in the Bible against such abominations, I'm interested in knowing, when it comes to what consenting adults do in their own beds: What is it to you.

[Judy Carlock is an assistant city editor at the Tucson Citizen from which this piece is reprinted.]

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

We are now into our first week of the New Year and everyone at MCC-Tucson is already busy preparing for 1994. The Board of Directors had their last regular monthly meeting this week prior to the Congregational Meeting which will be held on Saturday, January 29, 1994. The Board of Directors are planning to initiate some new functions for the church and more details will be announced as those plans to start to take effect.

Our Congregational Meeting will be an all day affair on the last Saturday of January which will complete our fiscal year. Two seats of the Board of Directors are up for election which are for three year terms. The position of Lay Delegate is also up for election for a two year term. These are important positions which will have an effect on all of the church activities in the future.

The next big event planned is our Spiritual Renewal on March 4th, 5th and 6th. Rev. Elder Freda Smith of U.F.M.-C.C. will be here in Tucson bringing messages of great importance to each and every one. More complete details will be announced as the time approached and the final plans have materialized.

The first issue of the church newsletter, The Beacon, for 1994 has just been completed and mailed. If anyone would like a copy of this publication mailed to them, please call the church at 292-9151 and you will be placed on the mailing list. This mailing list is confidential and is not given to anyone or any organization.

This is the time of the year for the planting of the new rose bushes in the Memorial Rose Garden. With the new donations received, the rose garden will just about double in size from last year. Extra bushes have been ordered and any one wanting to donate a rose bush in memory of a lost loved one will be able to have it in the garden immediately.

Thought for the week: The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children. King Edward VIII

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE PART III

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication and going after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." (Jude 7; King James Version)

An obscure Bible passage often found in the anti-Gay litany of misinterpreted Scriptures is from the book of Jude. Jude is a very short book, with only 25 verses, which immediately precedes the book of Revelation in the New Testament. Verse 7 contains a brief commentary ont he destruction of the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Anti-Gay zealots will often use this single verse to prove without that these cities were annihilated by God because of their homosexuality. They are convinced that "going after strange flesh" can mean nothing else except pursuing same-sex relations. (This phrase is not found in the New International Version, but is referred to as "perversion."

In order to understand the author's intent, we must look at the original Greek text. The words "strange flesh" are translated from the Greek phrase "sarkos heteras." Sarkos means "flesh" and is the root word of many medical and scientific words referring to skin. Heteras means "different," which is where we get the word "heterosexual." Thus, this phrase literally means "different flesh." In King James English, "strange" meant different. Therefore, the translation is accurate, but its interpretation as a reference to homosexuality is far from correct.

If Jude was trying to describe homosexuality, he probably would have used the Greek word for it, provided the word was in his vocabulary. Lacing knowledge of this word, his next logical choice would have been to use a combination of Greek words to illustrate his point. The obvious phrase would have been "sarkos homos," which means "same flesh." Jude's choice of words,however, indicate that he must have had something else in mind.

The fact is, "different flesh" shows Jude's understanding that the visitors whom the men of Sodom were trying to gang rape were angels sent by God to warn Lot and his family of the pending doom of his city. Jude realized that the angels are from a different order of creation than humans, just as animals are a different order of creation. He saw this behavior as a total breakdown of civil morality and the epitome of human depravity. While Lot may not have known that his guests were angels, Jude knew this very well, having the Genesis account to draw from.

Jude's coupling of this attempted angel-rape with the Sodomites' propensity for sexual immorality is meant to show two major reasons why God chose to burn these cities to the ground. The appearance of these two thoughts in the same verse cannot be construed as an indication that there are inextricably linked as a single factor, especially when compared to other Scripture passages, such as Ezekiel 16:49-50. Next month, we will look at the account of Sodom and Gomorrah in more detail, which should shed further light on this topic.

If you would like to know more about what the Bible really says (and doesn't say) about homosexuality, please call Cornerstone Fellowship at 622-4626, or stop by to see the Pastor or an Elder. We'd love to talk with you. If you need a Bible to study these passages for yourself, we have plenty to share.

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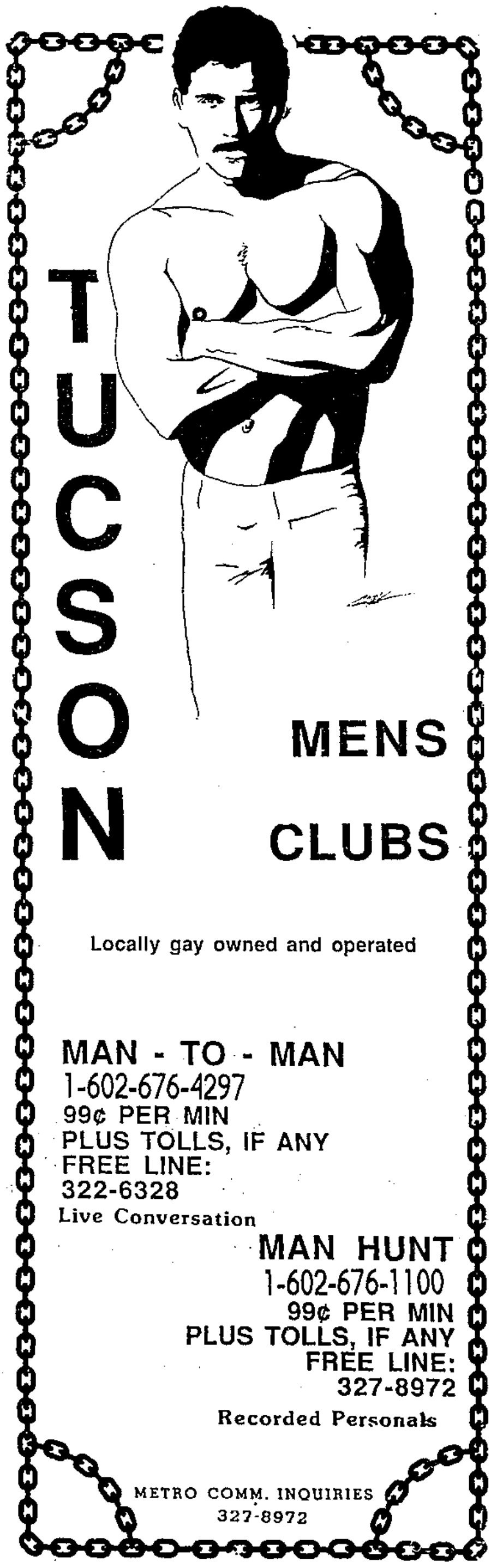

HOROSCOPES by Daryl

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Your emotions seem to govern you more than usual, with this change in expression you discover that you are indeed vulnerable and subject to matters of the heart. Be sure not to dissuade professional commitments from investing in your future.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

You will need the comfort of a confidant this week. There is a bit of unrest in your domestic and professional life which may cause the earthiness in Taurus to become quite disgruntled and stubborn. No one despises change one the home front more than you!

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Competition is putting lightly for your "key word" this week. Although your methods may not be the best, you get the job done and done with the proper results. Caution against taking the credit too soon until you assess your enemies and your true benefits.

CANCER
JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Your interpretation of those around you, although positive, needs to be bolstered. Your direction is more clear this week and your sense of self creates a broader base for your goals. Solicitation of your intentions aids in rounding up the necessary people involved.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

With a renewed spirit after the holidays you begin the new year with a creative social schedule. Mixing business and pleasure on a casual basis trickles down to your factor. Remain safely behind the scenes but, promote the integration and new associations.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Your demands are great in the work place and you shuffle right along to keep up with them. Be sure to accentuate balance in your home life so as not to upset your springboard to the professional world. Brave new approaches occur with the efforts of your peers.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

You draw back somewhat this week to recuperate from the closing year festivities. Back to reality finds you removing your rose colored glasses and settling back into your comfort zone. A new friendship developed during the holidays which will become solid.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Your season of giving has you confused by commitment and dazed by duplicity. Gather all your energy and pull back to shore. Good intentions on someone's part has worn thin with you. Do your best to play the diplomat and begin the withdrawal process.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

After you have made your New Year's resolutions you realize that your goals were set too high. Being short-sighted in this case may work to your advantage. Get out and about to clear some of the clouds of indecision and strife which could become all consuming.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

If you journeyed during the holiday's you will be used to it because it is not over yet. Whether professional or personal your travels continue and bring to you s certain sense of accomplishment and gratification. Family approves and partakes.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Familial pressures over the holidays still have you reeling. Try not to concentrate on that one particular incident that left you cold. Many people are very fond of you and cannot understand how one person could so greatly effect your demeanor. Rise above it!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

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Notices

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

JOIN US! PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-8102

ARIZONA NUDE DUDES (ANDES) is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDES\Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044 or call Jim Farias at 297-9816.

MALE, FEMALE, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Info: Steve, 323-8436 or Wingspan, 624-1779.

FRENSDORFF HOUSE, a group living facility for people living with HIV/AIDS. Private rooms with shared kitchen and living area. Free cable. For more info call Paul, 622-1437. Contributions accepted for direct patient services.

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

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone) For students and the community. YAG, Box 8661, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on interpersonal blocks and self-esteem issues. Membership will be limited to 8-10 people. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3390

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 41141, Tucson AZ 85717 or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Venture-N patio.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 791-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a weekly meeting.

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"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-3808 Tucson.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ollie 581-8850 or Rosa 968-2384.

Personals

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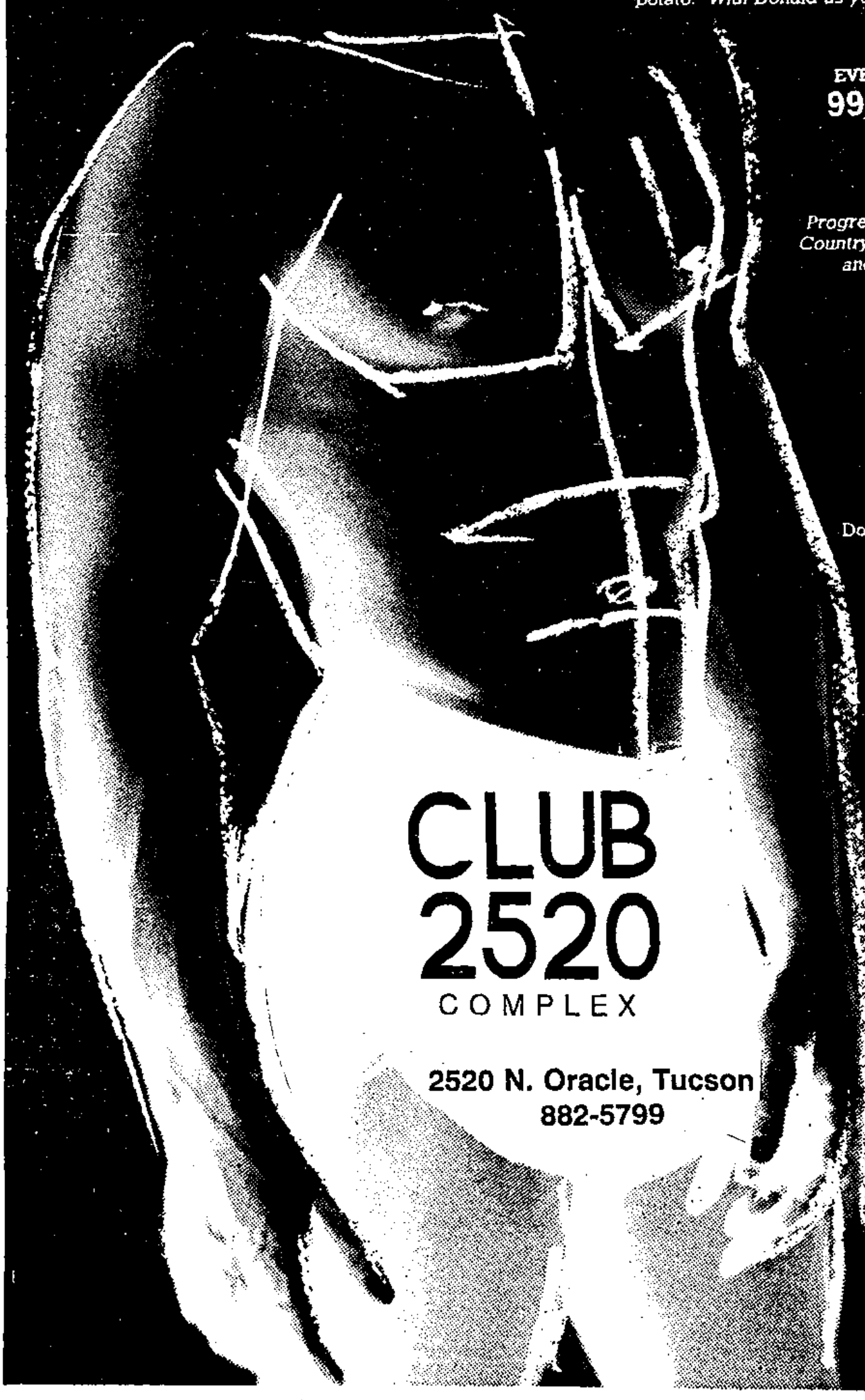

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