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Clinton Condemns Rash of Hate Initiatives Nationwide

Gays Praise Presidential Support Against Referendums

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Leaders of national Lesbian and Gay organizations heralded President Bill Clinton's strong statement against the anti-Gay initiatives occurring in 11 states around the country. The President said, "I am committed to the fight for equality for all Americans."

Clinton responded to a request from Gay and Lesbian groups with a strongly worded statement lending his support to defeat anti-Gay initiative campaigns fueled by the Far Right. Campaigns are already underway to compromise or eliminate Gay rights gains in Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington.

The President made it clear that he was on the side of the Gay groups: "All people in our society must enjoy the opportunity to be judged on their own merits. Sadly...this simple principle of justice has come under assault in several states this year. Those who would legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other grounds are gravely mistaken about the values that make our nation strong. The essential right to equality must not be denied by a ballot initiative or otherwise."

The President's support was delivered in the form of a letter to William Waybourn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, who wrote on behalf of the Victory Fund, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Waybourn implored the President to support the campaign, "We need your help. There are now at least 11 states considering ballot measures that would either prohibit recognition of Lesbian and Gay rights or legislate discrimination against us. Our basic rights are under attack in these states, and more ballot measures will be added if we don't act quickly," he said.

"Mr. President," he said, 'We respectfully request your participation to help us keep human rights from being decided at the ballot box; otherwise, we will lose not only our dignity, but our ability to participate as full citizens in this country." Waybourn continued, "Mr. President, we are not talking about 'special rights." These initiatives would deny us our basic rights."

The President commended the broad based coalition of leaders from the religious communities, labor unions, environmental groups, Gay and Lesbian organizations, women's groups, senior citizens, communities of color, Republicans and Democrats and many other groups who have united to oppose these ballot initiatives.

"You have demonstrated through your actions and you diverse membership that this is not an issue of 'special rights' for any one group. This is a battle to protect the human rights of every individual," Clinton said.

The letter was released in a national press conference held in Washington. In announcing the President's support, Waybourn said, "The President's backing brings a measure of hope to those who are fighting in the trenches every day to defeat these anti-Gay measures. It will sustain them through this long battle. We are not alone,' Waybourn said.

"Lesbians and Gay men are victims of a holy war," he said. "We have been subjected to an epidemic of violence, hatred, bigotry, discrimination and prejudice. The radical right claims we seek special rights.' That is a lie. We seek equal rights. But as we attempt to gain the freedoms that every American is supposed to enjoy, we are marginalized as extremists, portrayed as radicals and discounted as militant activists," he said.

Waybourn said obtaining the President's support was crucial since the Victory Fund, which supports openly Lesbian and Gay candidates for public office, has candidates running for office in eight states where there are referendums scheduled.

"We are a community that seeks inclusion, but finds intolerance. Intolerance in Colorado, where the Far Right managed to pass Amendment 2.

Intolerance in Michigan, Missouri, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and other states where legislation is being considered that prohibits these states from enacting laws that recognize Lesbian and Gay men and legalize discrimination.

Intolerance in Tyler, Texas where a man was brutally beaten simply because he was a Gay man. Intolerance in Ovett, Mississippi where Lesbians seeking only to share the spirit of their lives are threatened and harassed every day," Waybourn said.

"We are tired of it. We shall be tolerant no more," he said.

Waybourn said, "We're drawing

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1994

Mr. William Waybourn
Executive Director
Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Waybourn:

Thank you and your colleagues for your letter of February 9, 1994. Like you, I am committed to the fight for equality for all Americans.

All people in our society must enjoy the opportunity to be judged on their merits. Sadly, as you point out, this simple principle of justice has come under assault in several states this year.

Those who would legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other grounds are gravely mistaken about the values that make our nation strong. The essential right to equality must not be denied by a ballot initiative or otherwise.

I commend the broad-based coalition of leaders from the religious communities, labor unions, environmental groups, gay and lesbian organizations, women's groups, senior citizens, communities of color, Republicans and Democrats, and many other groups who have united to oppose these ballot initiatives. You have demonstrated through your actions and your diverse membership that this is not an issue of "special rights" for any one group. This is a battle to protect the human rights of every individual.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

State Legislature Attempting to Change HIV Testing

S.B. 1314 Going Through Senate State Legslature

by Mark Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

PHOENIX - If proponents of S.B. 1314 have their way, the HIV testing procedure would be dramatically changed forever in the State of Arizona.

S.B. 1314, would remove the requirement for consent for HIV testing to be written. It would require oral consent for HIV testing to be documented in the patient's chart. It would also require the consent for anonymous testing to be oral.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Austin Turner (R-Sun City), and is co-sponsored by Senator Matt Salmon (R-Glendale); Senator Tom Patterson (R-Tempe); Senator Lester Pearce (R-Mesa); Representative Russell Bowers (R-Mesa); Representative Bob Burns (R-Glendale); and Representative Winifred Hershberger (R-Tucson).

Speculation has arisen on the reasoning behind this piece of legislation. Everything from questioning of the competency of health care workers to attempts by health care officials who oppose anonymous HIV testing has been raised. Sen. Austin Turner, the principal sponsor of S.B. 1314 was unavailable for comment as of press time.

The historical background of the present requirements for HIV testing in Arizona goes back to 1990. Arizona Statute 1990, Chapter 335, provided a prohibition against an order to perform an HIV test without receiving the specific written informed consent of the test subject or a person legally authorized to consent for that individual.

Also, the public health department offers anonymous HIV testing. According to statute, however, consent for these tests must be written.

S.B. 1314 was initially assigned and heard through the Senate Health, Welfare and Aging Committee. The bill was passed by a 6 to 2 vote.

Sources stated that the Republicans on the committee were swayed by testimony by Dr. Steve Englander, former Director of AIDS Programs with the Arizona Department of Health Services and an outspoken opponent of anonymous HIV testing.

S.B. 1314 was then sent to the Senate Rules Committee, where it was

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UPDATE

Lambda Democrats Feb. 24th Meeting Cancelled

TUCSON - The monthly meeting of the Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus, which was scheduled to be held at the Fourth Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Avenue on Thursday, February 24, at 6 p.m. has been canceled.

A new date for the Lambda meeting will be announced in the near future.

Pope Assails Europe's Stance On Gays

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II assailed a resolution by the European Parliament that homosexual couples should be allowed to marry and adopt children, saying that it would legitimize "moral disorder."

The pope urged the national parliaments of the European Union to ignore the resolution.

The non-binding resolution was adopted on a 159-96 vote in the European Parliament, which is largely an advisory body for the 12 nation EU.

In weekly remarks to a crowd in St. Peter's Square, the pope said a real family cannot be built around the relationship between two men or two women. Such unions would cause grave damage to adopted children, because they would not have "a father and a mother but two fathers or two mothers," he said.

Sydney Surgeon Accused of Passing AIDS to Patients

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - A surgeon accused of inadvertently passing the AIDS virus from an infected patient to four other patients has been given permission to keep working, a health official said.

For women were infected with HIV when they underwent minor operations at the surgeon's Sydney clinic on the same day in 1989. One died of an AIDS-related illness last month.

The surgeon has tested negative for HIV. An investigation found the virus came from a male patient he treated the same day. The man died soon afterward. No one in the investigation has been named.

Exactly how the virus was transmitted has not been determined although investigators theorized that strict anti-AIDS precautions, such as instrument sterilization, might not have been followed correctly. The investigation is continuing.

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Dahmer's Father Takes Partial Blame For Killings

MILWAUKEE, Wis., (AP) - The father of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer says he dreamed of committing murder as a child and that he shoulders at least part of the blame for his son's atrocities.

"I have come to believe that some of the compulsions that overwhelmed my son may have had their origins in me," Lionel Dahmer writes in his newly published autobiography, "A Father's Story."

In the book, parts of which were quoted in a recent edition of the Milwaukee Sentinel, Lionel Dahmer said that he was obsesses as a child with fire and bombs, and that he had a recurring dream about murdering someone.

The book also recounts the childhood of Jeffrey Dahmer, who is serving 16 life sentences for the mutilation murders of young men and boys.

The elder Dahmer said he blames himself for not recognizing his son's problem's earlier. He said he once found a small wooden box that his son refused to open. He later learned that the box contained the head of one of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims.

"I dwell on the small, pink hands and in my mind I watch them grow larger and darker as I think about all that they will later do, of how stained they will become with the blood of others," Lionel Dahmer writes.

Jeffrey Dahmer, who was arrested in Milwaukee in July 1991, confessed to killing 17 young men, having sex with the corpses, mutilating and even eating some of them.

The book is dedicated to Jeffrey Dahmer's victims and their relatives. Lionel Dahmer has pledged to donate a portion of the proceeds to benefit the victim's families.

College Draws Quaker Ire On Homosexual Meeting

RICHMOND, Ind., (AP) - Earlham College is hosting the second annual Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay College Conference, but not without resistance from the group that helped form the college 147 years ago.

The Society of Friends Indiana Yearly Meeting says the majority of its members do not support homosexuality and are upset the college is letting students sponsor the conference.

"It seems clear to me, we need lovingly to help (homosexuals) out of this sin as we would any other and help them get their lives on the right track," David Brock, superintendent of the group, wrote in a protest letter to college President Richard Wood and members of the yearly meeting's ministry and oversight committee.

The Indiana Yearly Meeting appoints five members of the 20 member Earlham College board of trustees, but does not financially support the school.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIE WEYANT

Willie Weyant, born in Quincy Illinois. Formally of Kansas City and a resident of Tucson since 1981, passed away on Valentine's Day.

He will be remembered by all his friends for his zest of dancing, and his love for flowers and gardening.

During the fall months, Willie worked feverishly on his Christmas lights, which blazed brilliantly during the holiday nights, lighting up the neighborhood, in what became a holiday spectacle and tradition.

A farewell gathering will be held at the end of Speedway at the trailhead leading to the hiking trails of the Rincons and the Saguaro National Monument, on Sunday March 6th, at 8:00 a.m.

Those interested in attending, please contact Bill Schober at 795-8881.

Britain Cuts Gay Age Of Consent To 18

LONDON, U.K. (AP) - The House of Commons voted to lower the age of consent for sex between men from 21 to 18, angering Gays who'd lobbied to cut to age to 16 to conform with laws for heterosexuals and Lesbians.

"Eighteen is not a compromise. It's discrimination," said Peter Tatchell, a spokesman for the Gay rights group OutRage. The Commons first narrowly defeated an amendment to lower the age to 16, then voted 427-162 to lower the age of 18.

The proposal to lower the age to 16 was sponsored by Conservative lawmaker Edwina Currie, and backed by the opposition Labour Party and the British Medical Association.

"I am not for Gay rights. I am for equal rights for all," Currie told a crowded Commons chamber. Many lawmakers felt that 16 was too young, saying 16 year old boys are too impressionable to know their sexual orientation and could be influenced by older men.

At 21, Britain had the highest age of consent for Gay sex in the European Union. The age of consent for both heterosexual and homosexual activity is 15 in France and 12 in Spain.

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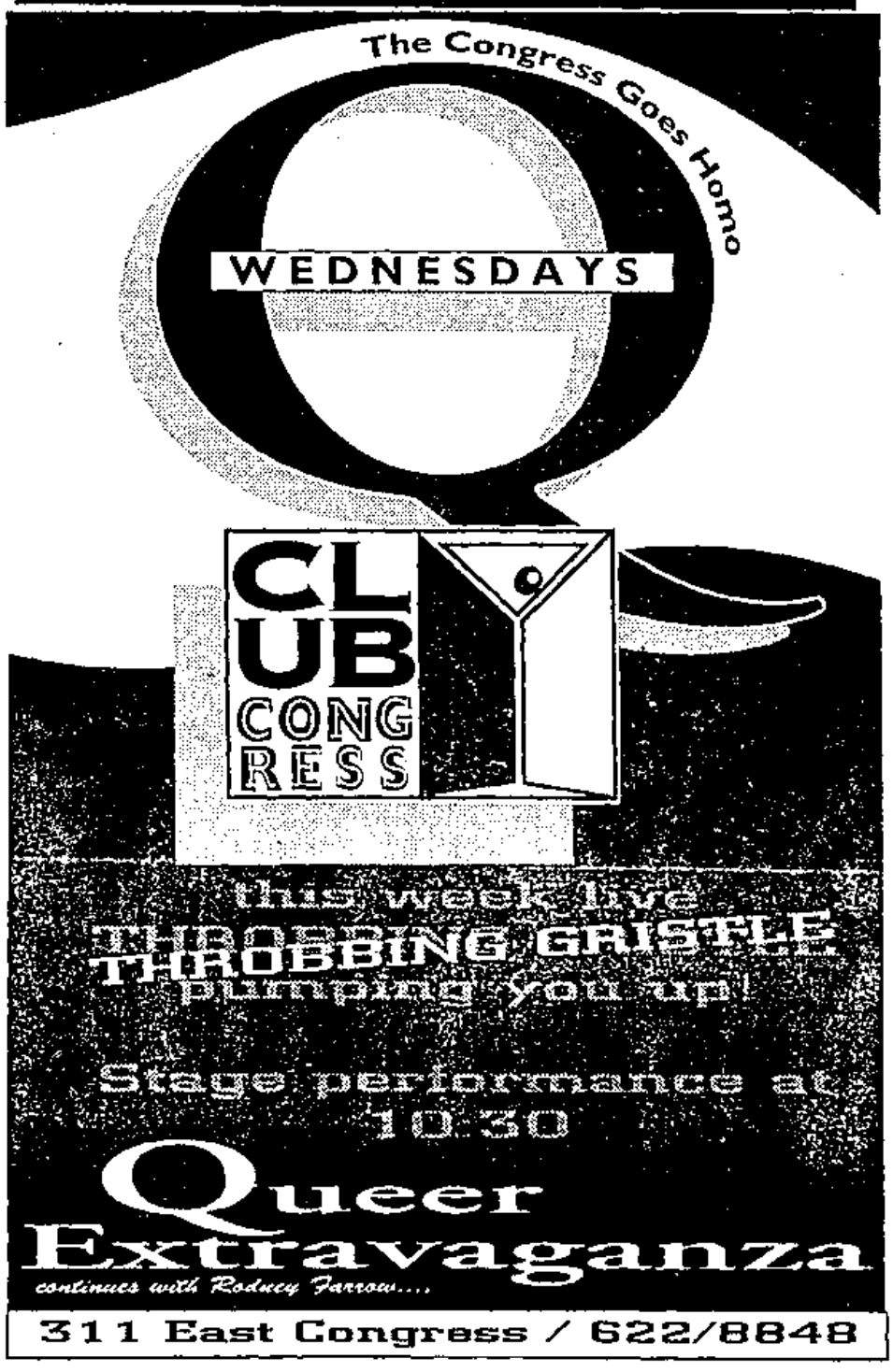


Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

AGRA CALENDAR

Sunday, February 27, AGRA "Hoedown" party, Hours. 2:00 p.m until ??? Rodeo volunteer sign up.

Sunday, March 13, AGRA State Meeting, Club 2520. Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. General membership meeting at 5:00 p.m. Rodeo kick off party, Club 2520, at 10:00 p.m. Rodeo volunteer sign up.

March 18-20, Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson Rodeo Grounds and Ramada Inn Downtown.

In April, AGRA Trail Ride. Date and details TBA. Public invited.

For more information on the above and other AGRA events and activities, please call the AGRA Hotline (602) 323-0805.

Let's party Tucson! Hours presents the AGRA "Hoedown" on Sunday, February 27, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and continuing throughout the evening. Don't spend an otherwise boring Sunday sitting at home with nothing to do! There'll be a great line-up of both local and out of town entertainers, dancing, raffles, games, auctions, a cookout, AGRA bake sale, and drink specials. Come hungry, thirsty, and ready to have a good time!

The AGRA State Meeting is hosted by AGRA-Tucson and Club 2520 on Sunday, March 13. Please see the AGRA Calendar for exact meeting times. Come and join your fellow members for the meeting, stay for the steak fry and get to know one another, then hang around for the 10:00 p.m. rodeo kick-off party put on by Club 2520. The plans are for some juicy fun! There'll definitely be a new twist to the traditional "strip"! Don't miss it! This party and fund raiser is being presented totally by Club 2520 to benefit AGRA.

Thank you Stonewall/Eagle! We appreciate all the warmth and hospitality shown to AGRA at the February 20 meeting and Beer Bust. You guys know how to make people feel at home! Your support is appreciated so much.

Thanks to Armando and R.T. for working the Beer Bust and helping to make one of our most successful bar specials.

Time is short for this week, please look for every coming article to stay abreast of all activities leading up to the rodeo. And look for the special edition of The Observer coming just before the rodeo. We want all of you in the community to know every detail so as to completely enjoy and not miss a minute of rodeo fun.

Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

Let me begin this week's article by stating that some of the dates and locations written here are <u>not</u> written in stone. Some of these may change along the way or they were merely recorded wrong by yours truly. However, this article is still being printed so that this general information can reach everyone in the community. Should you need corrected or up-to-date information about these events call our Vice Chair Bear Wayne at 887-3115 before 9 p.m. (I'll let you know which parts I feel skittish about next week's article will be more definite.)

This week's Bear Business meeting will definitely be held at Venture-N on the patio, Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Of course, the first Thursday of every month, meaning Thursday, March 3, the Bear's General Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Venture-N, with a Bear Bust to follow at 9 p.m. There will be a 50 cent drafts until midnight, so join us.

A video party will be held at Troy & Bob's house on Saturday, March 12. (Don't hold me to that date). I solemnly swear that I will not bring any weird movies so long as you promise to bring some of your own. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

Also, bring some of your best homemade spaghetti sauce. The Bears will once again be serving a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the Venture-N's Hides of March celebration. March 18-20. Bring your sauce to the video party an we'll see who makes it for the dinner.

Another thing happening this month is the Renaissance Festival in Casa Grande until March 27. Some of the Bears may be heading up there one of these weekends. This is not official Bear event, but it does promise to be fun. Contact one of our Bears for more details.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't say greetings to some of our Bear brothers. First, welcome back John Clark from Bear Expo '94! We'll be grilling him for details on his trip as soon as we can wipe that stupid grin off his face. We're also welcoming some British Bears from Bearhug UK who are visiting Lindsay and David for the week. Since they are visitors from a foreign land, be sure to speak slowly yet loudly so that they might understand you (Yes, I'm kidding).

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Ronstadt Transit Center, particularly the bus drivers.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

SB 1314 call to action! SB 1066 update. "Icky Dicky's" pacified. Furman announces. Kyl on Meliti. Basha news. Here we go:

SB 1314 CALL TO ACTION!

This bad piece of legislation, offered by the Radical Right of the G.O.P., which would alter how HIV testing is done, removing the safeguards of written permission for oral consent (can you see the trouble brewing with this!).

SB 1314 is flying through the State Senate and we must act now to stop this bill! Please call our southern Arizona State Senators TOLL FREE at 1-800-352-8404 and urge them to vote No on 1314. Get your friends and lovers to call and show their opposition to this homophobic piece of legislation.

Here is the list of Pima County Senators to call: Sen. Keith Bee (LD 9); Sen. Victor Soltero (LD 10); Sen. Peter Goudinoff (LD 11); Sen. Ann Day (LD 12); Sen. Patti Noland (Dist 13); Sen. Cindy Resnick (LD 14).

If we do not, are fate will be in the hands of people we cannot fully trust!

SB 1066 UPDATE

As you may have read, SB 1066, "the Archaic Law" criminal code revision, that passed the Senate Judiciary Committee is still stuck in the Senate Rules Committee. But, there is some good news to report. Sen. Stan Furman (D-Phoenix), stated in an interview that a parliamentary procedure will be tried to get the bill moving again through the process.

What will happen, is that SB 1066 will be "re-offered" on a House Bill with a "strike everything" amendment. That means a House Bill, with the permission of the sponsor, will be gutted and SB 1066 will replace the language of the former House Bill. This procedure can only be done in Committee. More on this later.

MAHONEY 1, CITY OF MESA 0

Yes, our "modest" Secretary of State, "Icky-Dicky" Mahoney was victorious in his battle with the City of Mesa over their sign code ordinance. (Gee, temper tantrums do pay off!)

As first reported in this column, Mahoney had put his political signs up, for his Senate bid, all over Maricopa County. Well, the City of Mesa cited Mahoney for violation of their sign code, which states campaign signs can only be put up 60 days prior to an election.

Mahoney "sobbed" that his First Amendment rights were being violated with this law, threatened legal action. (Two points here, isn't Mahoney, our Secretary of State sworn to uphold all election laws, and why didn't he challenge this sooner, say like the first four years of his term as the Chief Election Official?!)

Well, the City capitulated and amended their code, so Mahoney's signs stay up.

FURMAN ANNOUNCEMENT

One of the best friends the Gay and Lesbian community has in the State Legislature, St. Sen. Stan Furman (Dist. 16), makes his announcement today,in Tucson, of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State.

Furman, a two term Senator from Phoenix is expected to be challenged by St. Sen. Peter Rios (Dist. 7). The winner will face the Republican candidate, former Speaker of the Arizona House, Jane Dee Hull of Phoenix.

KYL ON MELITI

The anointed Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Congressman Jon Kyl, (Who?), responded recently in an interview in another publication about anti-discrimination ordinances and the proposed Meliti Amendment.

Kyl stated, "My view is that all Americans need to be treated equally, they all ought to have the same rights, and nobody should have any greater rights than anybody else." (Sounds like he supports Meliti!)

BASHA NEWS

On Tuesday, March 8, the Eddie Basha for Governor campaign will have their grand opening of their southern Arizona headquarters.

The headquarters is located at 4433-A East Broadway, (near the intersection of Broadway and Columbus). The time of the event is 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information call the campaign at 881-1994.

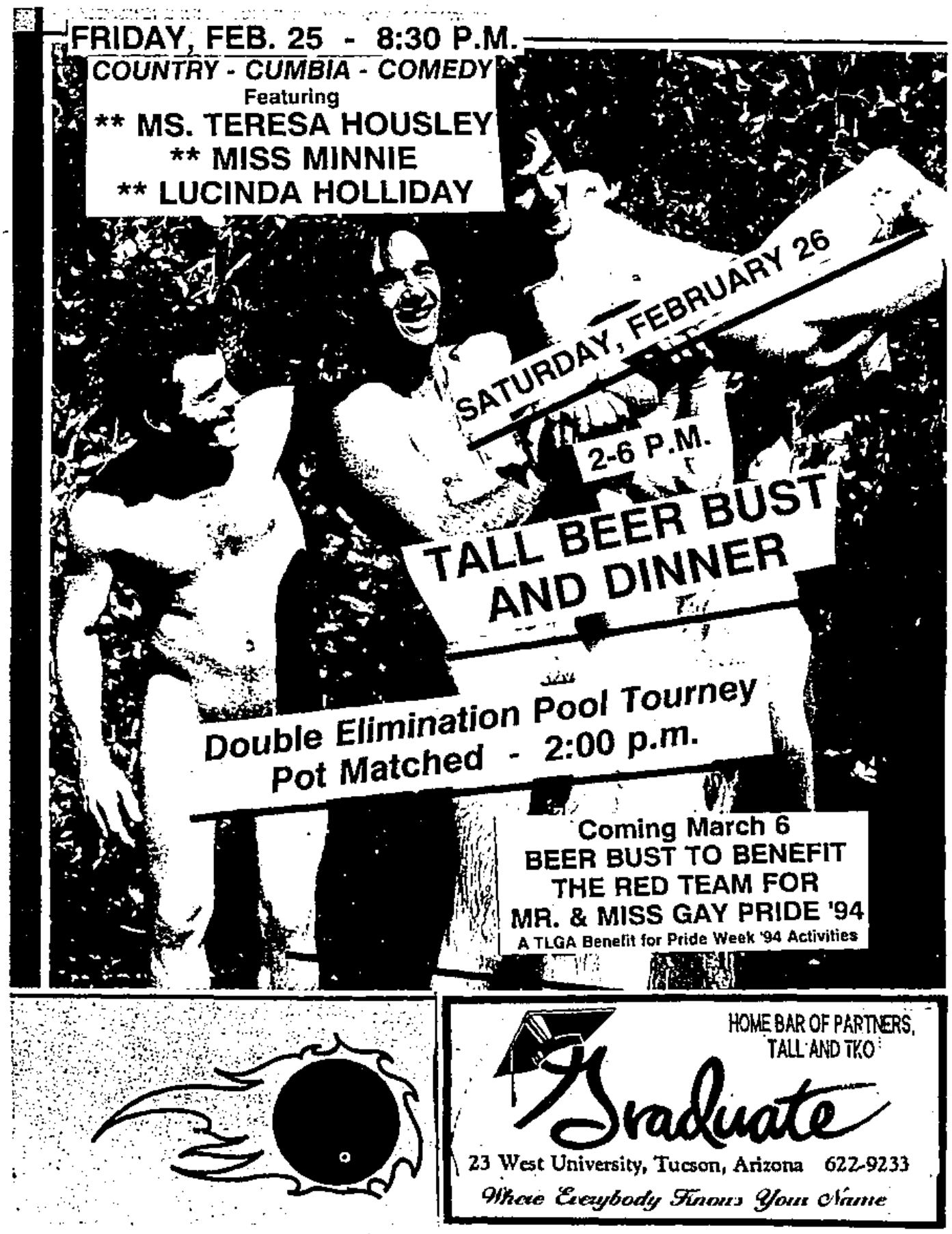
And so it goes.

Civil Rights Complaint Filed By Local HIV/AIDS Patients

TUCSON - Attorneys representing several AIDS patients and HIV infected individuals filed formal complaints with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, located in San Francisco. The complaint challenges the actions of several administrators at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center (UAHSC) in Tucson, which resulted in the dismantling of a clinical AIDS program at the facility. Named in the complaint are James Dalen, M.D., Dean of the College of Medicine, as well as Joseph Alpert, M.D., Harry Greene, M.D., and Eskild Petersen, all from the University's Department of Internal Medicine.

The complaint alleges that several respected faculty members were drummed out of their positions at the College of Medicine due to their efforts at providing clinical care to large numbers of AIDS patients. As a consequence of the actions of these University administrators, the caseload of HIV infected patients seen at the University faculty has dropped from a number greater than 1,000 patients in 1992, to less than 200 patients today. Many of the individuals previously seen at the facility are now experiencing difficulty finding primarily care physicians int he community who are competent to treat patients suffering from the AIDS syndrome.

The individuals who filed this Civil Rights complaint allege that the University's Health Sciences Center has no formal AIDS program, and by their actions, these few University administrators destroyed a volunteer AIDS clinical care program that had been in place for approximately nine years. Since the University of Arizona has the only research oriented medical school in the state, the complainants are asking the office of Civil Rights to investigate and force compliance with non-discriminatory clinical treatment of AIDS patients in a formal, well financed, and supportive setting at the University's Health Sciences Center.



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INVITATION TO THE WEDDING

By

William L. Ladd

February 16-20,23-27 and March 2-6

Laughter, tears, squabbling families, cold feet...just another wedding, right? Not when two men want to marry. There will be more than rice being thrown, as One-In-Ten Theatre Company proudly presents the World Premiere of *Invitation To The Wedding—Father of the Bride* was never like this!

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

After all this time, here is your chance to get even. And yes, I will type them or any others you submit. What am I talking about, you are asking.

Well, and I do hope I'll be able to explain it in words everyone will understand. I am adding a new section to my column. At this time I have not come across a catchy name for it so until I do, I'll just head it up with Other's TBBS's, AND caption below.

This will be a paragraph or two, similar to those TBBS's that I've used and printed over these many, many past issues, only this time from you about someone else.

Of course, even editing must be done to eliminate certain BAD words according to those who censor written material because they feel some of the material is either obscene or objectionable. They just do not have the sense of humor most of us do, BLAAAAAA!

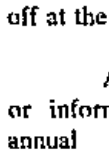
And, this will not be an area that you can place anything derogatory or mean, about someone else, just because you have a pet peeve against them. It is just for the fun of it - period! A sample of these appears below.

If you have one or two, drop them off at the Graduate. I'll have a envelope on the bulletin board for them. To protect the innocent (?), if you do not want your name printed, or the name of the one you are getting a dig at, write it up accordingly. I'll print what is written so be careful.

I'll leave it at that for now, so get those pens out and lets gather some information on those who so far have slipped the scrutiny and observations from me. Even with volunteer spy's, those that have brought me different tid bits about others, there are probably many that should be reported, so lets do it. If you have any questions on this, or suggestions, (and not where I could shove it), talk to me.

TBBS: In my travels Monday afternoon, I was able to catch, or whatever you want to call it, the following. Over at the Venture-N - Grover, where were you when the lights went out? Probably in the chain link room, plugging in his extension of his rediant personality. Then, the Gem show must have been good for Rex. Have you see that glitter, sparkle, sequined hat he was wearing? I wonder if he is going to wear it at one of the Leather Nites?

After departing there, I decided to go visit Roland, because he always gives me something to report on. This time I did ask him just what juicy thing he wished me to report on. His comment, "How can you report on anything concerning me when I am so sweet, young and innocent?" One out of three is not good odds. With that I said time for me to hit the road so I left him standing there licking and eating his chicken.



Other TBBS's: Which "witch" bartender suggests that customers wipe there own Bud buttles? Not once but twice the filthy bottle was not replaced free of charge. Is it Buds fault or management — Filth?

And, it seems Ernie H. reported off sick from work last Thursday but was fully recovered Friday evening for the trip to the book store.

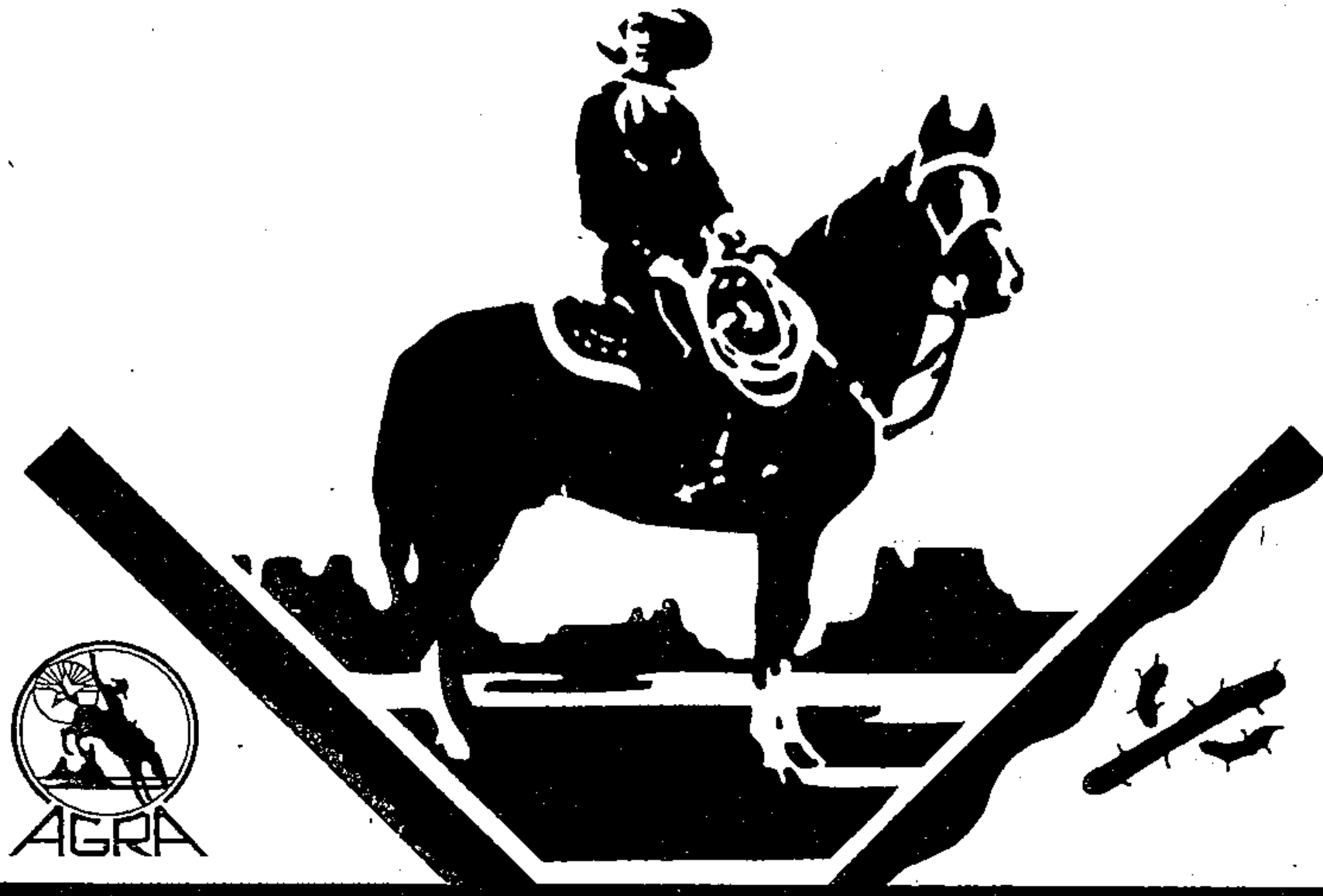
Saturday will be time for TALL's beer bust. And of course, Cheffett Kenny will have one of his special meals for everyones delight.

And for a change, with the pool tournament also going on, GOOD NEWS - Larry will not be allowed to play in this one, he has already won two in a row. This will give all you other pool sharks (just kidding gang) a chance to win. But over at the Eagle, he is winning.

Just a little special to a little friend of everyone's. We do miss you and look forward to your return. I do hope you got the cookie I sent to you. Who am I talking about - MISS WIPPERETT OF 1994, Jimmy. And just for your information Jimmy, the Graduate has received a complaint from the Clydsdale horses, the Bud consumption has dropped off at the bar since your vacation.

And to give you some pre-news or information on an up and coming annual event, the Venture-N has announced this years Hydes of March will be Mar 18-20. As the weekend draws closer, watch their adds for more information.

As I See It *by Clark*



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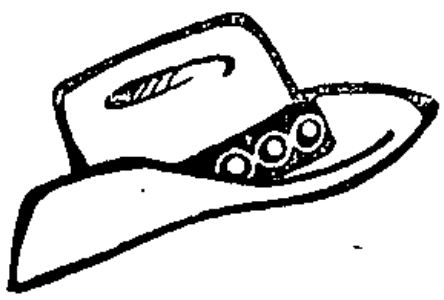

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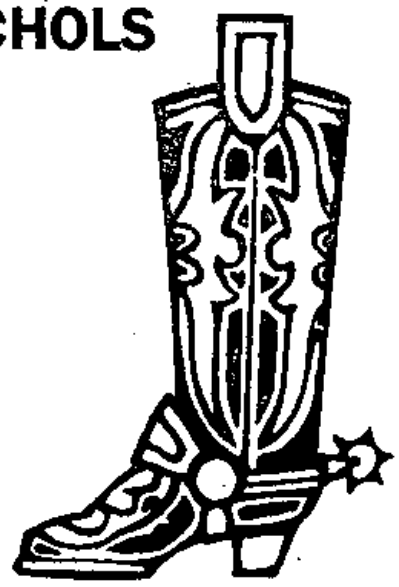

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DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to your letter to the Board of Directors of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) inquiring about Horizon House, 612 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Does your organization own the building and land located at 612 S. 6th Avenue?

Yes.

2. If so, what Grant was provided for the purchase of this property?

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Section 8. AZ20-K004-005, July 19, 1993.

3. How was the remodeling paid for?

Included in the mortgage. (see question 2). Additional improvements funded by Pima County Community Block Grant 13-39-T-116959-1092 dated October 21, 1992.

4. Were there any restrictions involved in the Grant received? Were the 8 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms part of the stipulations of the Grant obtained?

The Horizon House is a single-room-occupancy, permanent home for eight previously homeless persons. At least eight (8) bedrooms were required by the grant. Each resident has a furnished bedroom, and shares two common bathrooms, a common kitchen, and a backyard garden.

5. Who manages the place? How do they get paid?

The facility is managed by HME, Inc., who pays a non-resident manager to oversee the facility. TAP pays HME the manager's salary; they, in turn, pay the manager. (Half the funds for the manager's salary are from the grant money; the other half comes from TAP's community fund raising dollars.) The garden is under the care of a community volunteer and the residents.

6. Who screens the people to live there?

Screening is done first by TAP case managers, then by City Section 8 staff, and then by HME, Inc.

7. What are the qualifications for the tenants to live there? Is this housing strictly for PWA's (HIV+)?

We cannot discriminate against other homeless persons who want to live in Horizon House. The target population is HIV+, and they would have first priority should there be a waiting list.

8. Who collects thee rent from the tenants? And what is the total monthly rent from each of the tenants?

HME collects the rent from the tenants. Each resident pays one-third of his/her monthly income; HUD pays the remainder to equal the base rent. The rent is determined by Section 8 regulations: In this case, it is $350.21 per month (including utilities).

9. Who furnishes the place?

Furnished through community donations.

10. Who takes care of the tenants who can't take care of themselves?

We hope to be able to put in all needed homecare services, but we are not equipped to take bed-bound persons as new residents without ample time to arrange such services. Currently, one resident is receiving in-home care.

These services are available to all disabled persons through Pima Health System, Arizona Long Term Care, or one of the program Hospices. (TAP would continue to provide case management.)

We will do all we can to maintain clients as they become more disabled in the home.

Sincerely, Richard D. Nast
President, Board of Directors
Tucson AIDS Project

DEAR EDITOR:

Thanks for the party! I'd like to express a very heartfelt thank you to all the people who contributed to the BIG Birthday Party last Sunday. In particular, I'd like to thank David and Frank at IBT's for offering their bar as a setting for such a Blow-Out! Also, many thanks to Peter, Rodney and Scott for keeping customers happy. And, Big Thanks to Big John and Barbara for the g-r-e-a-t food and fabulous music...

Lastly, thanks to all the old whores and friends I've met this first half a century who came to the party. It was a BLAST FROM THE PAST! Thank you all, and I hope to see you on the boardwalk!!!

Much Love, Mike Griffin

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION
AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 1994

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		JAN.	DEC.	NOV.		JAN.	DEC.	NOV.		JAN.	DEC.	NOV.	
APACHE	61,591	7	7	7	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0
COCHISE	97,624	26	27	27	12	6	6	5	0	41	42	43	3
COCONINO	96,591	18	18	18	12	0	0	0	0	17	17	17	0
GILA	40,216	8	8	8	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
GRAHAM	26,554	7	6	6	4	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
GREENLEE	8,008	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,844	5	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	7	6	6	1
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2297	2279	2279	1413	485	483	477	50	1782	1779	1766	78
MOHAVE	93,497	38	39	39	21	5	5	4	1	26	25	26	3
NAVAJO	77,658	12	11	11	8	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	1
PIMA	666,880	677	666	663	391	86	82	80	11	529	535	537	42
PINAL	116,379	33	33	33	23	5	5	5	0	33	33	33	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	8	8	8	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	34	34	35	21	4	4	4	0	31	31	29	2
YUMA	106,895	39	39	39	21	7	7	7	1	57	56	56	3
UNKNOWN		4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	117	117	117	0
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** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 1,876 PERSONS HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION.

At The Closet Door

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Use and Misuse

One of the worst side effects of being in the closet stays with us long after coming out. The isolation and detachment of the closet force an unnaturally self-centered view of the world. Constant self-monitoring distorts our perspective; over time we become enfolded in layers of psychic armor which force our attention inward.

Other people fade into caricatures, minor characters in our personal dramas. We lose sight of the deep and complex nature of the people who surround us; they become flat, two-dimensional. After years of relegating others to the wallpaper of our lives, it becomes easier to treat humans as objects for our use.

As we become accustomed to using people, human beings become the means to an end, instruments of advancement, or disposable toys for physical pleasure. Our emotions and our respect for others retreat into the egocentric inner closet into which we lock the voice of conscience.

Twenty-five years after we undertook our liberation, after the communes and consciousness-raising groups, we still use each other for pleasure and profit. With all the consensus-building, politicking, and processing we've done, we still treat each other like meat.

Under an urbane, genteel veneer, we hold our own homophobia — the ugliest legacy of the closet. Our outward sophistication is shallow; the inner devaluation of ourselves and others like us goes to the core. As a result, we deal with one another in the most superficial, facile, and callous of ways.

We don't treat each other as full human beings. Instead, we see one another as a moustache, a face, some arms, a chest, a basket, some breasts, some hair, or a butt.

This sexist dissection of a person into unrelated parts utterly ignores the spirit or personality that integrates those parts into a human whole. Have you ever heard one person in a queer bar remark to another, "He has a huge heart," or "What a beautiful mind she has!"? I think not.

I am as guilty of this tasteless behavior as anyone. After all, I came out and came of age before AIDS, when the proof of how liberated you were as a Gay man was how much sex you could have with how many hot men. You were only as hot as your last trick, and if external appearances were what got you laid, who cared about an inner life?

Our liberation made it okay to be open about having sex with each other, but for years we were able to deal with one another only as potential sex partners.

Many Gay men still see each other only as tricks. Unless we feel immediate sexual interest in another person, we all too often write that person off entirely. The ethos of the bathhouse has moved out into the community: be hot or begone.

I recently met a handsome and interesting Gay man who shared a few minutes of conversation with me. I gave him my telephone number and asked him to have coffee (not sex, not a date — coffee) with me. He thanked me and stuck the number in his pocket.

I never heard from him again. I figure my phone number ended up in that stack of little slips of paper many Gay men have: the phone numbers that will never be called. He couldn't see me as a sex partner, and therefore couldn't see me at all.

I wasn't really upset about him not wanting my body. What pissed me off (and still rankles) is that he couldn't be bothered to either get to know me or tell me honestly that he didn't think he would be calling. He gave me a bright, dazzling, phony smile and said, "Sure!"

In effect, he treated me as an object or a not-too-appetizing piece of meat. He showed me no respect. He had no real interest in knowing me at all other than as a trick. Since I'm not his physical type, he didn't have time for me at all. I would rather hear an honest "no" than all these lies told through smiles.

Although I have faced the reality of the consequences of promiscuity, I must ashamedly admit that I, too, still see men as made up of beautiful or exciting assorted parts. Often I show little or no regard for the person who lives in an attractive body. I think the least I can do is try to keep my mouth shut when I see something (note: some*thing*) hot. Getting beyond that superficial way of seeing men will take a lot more work from me.

The epidemic that has taken so many beautiful men has forced us to start to see each other as whole people. When that gorgeous hunk you've lusted after for ten years weighs 65 pounds, is too weak to walk, blind, and covered with KS lesions, you have two choices: either you can see beneath the external and love the inner man, or you can reject the outward appearance, turn away in denial and disgust, and look for those who are still pretty.

For the last couple of days (since I started thinking about this) I've tried not saying anything about hot men I see at the store, on the street, or on TV. This habit is hard to break. Words like "nice butt!" spring to mind unbidden. So far I've kept my mouth shut, but training my mind to rise above this instantaneous evaluation is going to be harder.

If you recognize yourself in that last paragraph, I've got a proposal for you. I'm determined to confront the sexism and homophobia in myself that drive this behavior; why don't you join me?

I figure the best way to stop treating each other as meat is to think about the feelings of the people we're judging. Remember how you felt when you were simply dismissed by someone else because they couldn't see you as a person.

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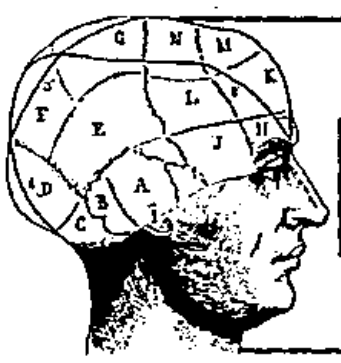

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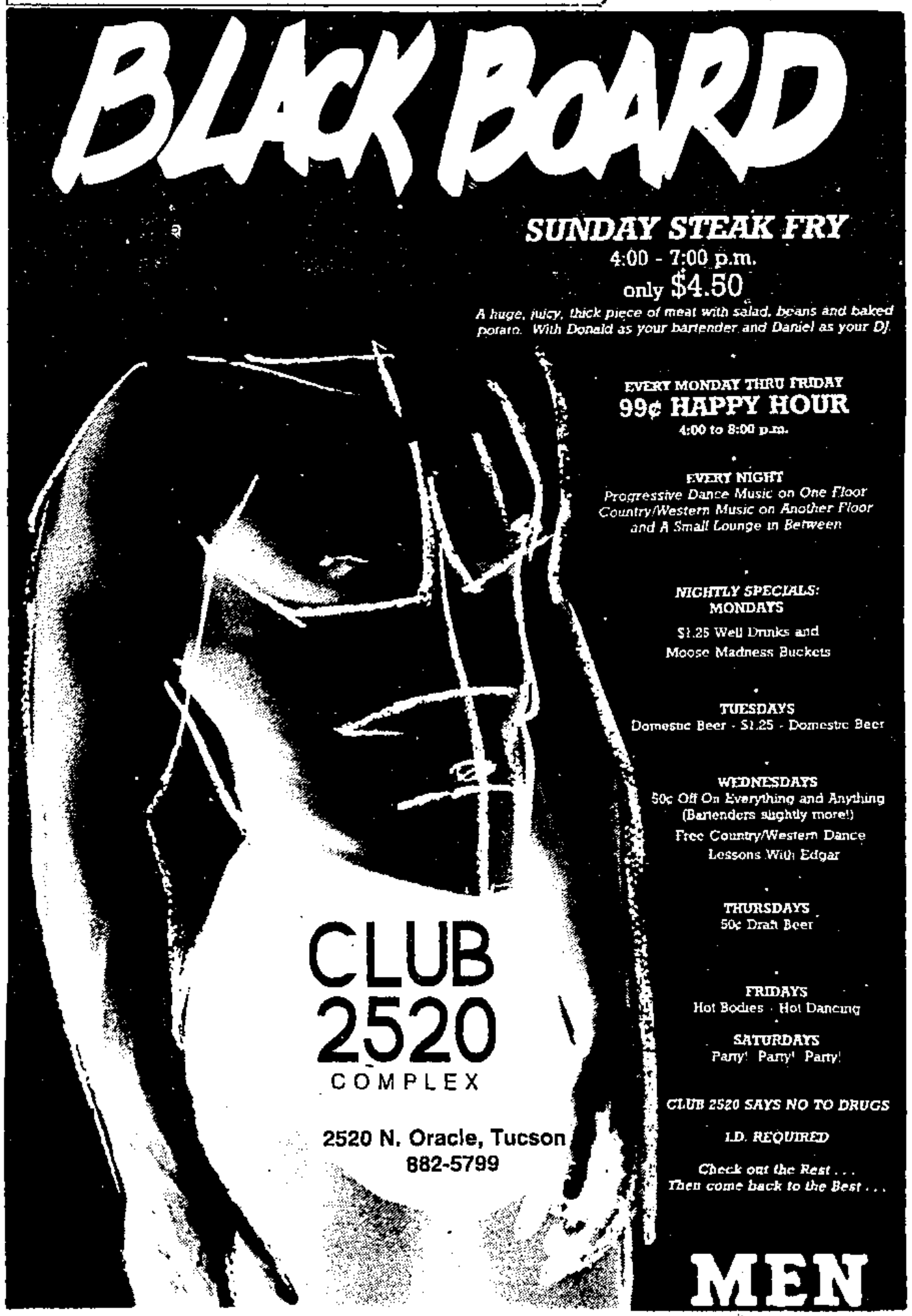

Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

Of Mountains, Molehills, and Getting on Top of the Heap

What is leadership? Who assumes it? How long does it remain? Why bother?

Arthur pulled a sword out of a stone for it. Jesus got nailed for it. Gandhi marched for it. Rosa Parks wouldn't sit for it. Bill Clinton wouldn't inhale for it. Rush Limbaugh airbags for it. Anita Hill and Janet Reno stood up for it. I still don't know how the Pope gets it.

Different causes, different paths, different outcomes. But first some unfinished business.

Chris Deile must not be very bright. He was given ample opportunity to take the HINT (Homosexual Inferiors, Never Talking).

A Gay man was murdered and the phrase "sexual and affectional preference" (or words to that effect) were added to the Human Rights Ordinance. Nearly twenty years of basking in this amazing accomplishment (it was the 70's you know) have given Tucson a false sense of liberal tranquility. It ain't true. Not once has this Human Rights Ordinance been successfully applied to our concerns. Can you take the HINT?

Twenty five years after Puerto Rican drag queens kicked up their heels and tossed them at dazed and confused cops we are still running from the same weapon. We have seen the enemy and it is us. Can you take the HINT?

Four decades of amazing progress in our struggle and we have come full circle to the source of our oppression, the closet. The closet was offered to Chris Deile as a condition of his employment (don't talk about volunteer work at Wingspan, don't talk about boyfriends, don't talk about your life). It sounds like "Don't tell, don't ask" and it happens all over town.

Just because a company has a large LesBiGay work force doesn't mean they are "progressive" or "enlightened". Access is not the same thing as influence. Access is a step, not a destination, and influence is the product of a mutual, satisfactory relationship. Just because a company screwed up doesn't mean they can't be brought "into the light" as it were. It certainly can't be done by ignoring the situation.

So, what do we do? I have a few ideas near the end of this piece. But first, a word about leaders.

I think a lot of Lesbian/Gay/and Bi people are not comfortable with themselves and consequently we're not comfortable with our leaders (people with visibility) and our accomplishments. Before someone jumps my case about "comfortable" let me explain.

Those of us who are "out of the closet" feel a great deal of stress from a culture that would prefer us to remain "closeted" and less visible. Those in the "closet" fight inner-stresses urging us to be ourselves. We come to these struggles from different places and thus deal with these stresses differently and, unfortunately, separately.

This column is being printed in a paper that on its' masthead reads, "Observing the Tucson and the Greater Arizona Community". Just what does that mean? I think it assumes that we are in fact a community, an assumption not supported by the facts. Lesbian/Gay/Bi people are NOT a community, we are a coalition. This is not a statement of fault, just facts. I would rather be part of a successful coalition than an unsuccessful community. We are multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-gendered, multi-orientated, multi-statuses, multi-abled, and ambi-open. We need to start organizing, operating, communicating, and thinking as a coalition and ditch the unsuccessful model of community.

The only thing we have in common is our oppression. The only reason

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FYI

by Big John

Round Two at UMC . . .

Already, let me correct myself, this is not really round two at UMC - it's a continuation of the "Something Rotten in Denmark" soap opera. UMC is only the hospital, while UPI represents the doctor's billing agency, and the College of Medicine is the teaching part of the building. The whole place is called the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center (UAHSC). This column discusses a complaint filed last week at the U.S. Office of Civil Rights on behalf of several AIDS/HIV patients in Tucson who were being seen at the Arizona Health Sciences Center at the time of the "purge" of several well known AIDS doctors last summer. Let me begin by sharing with my readers the press release that was given out earlier this week to all major newspapers and television stations in the state.

PRESS RELEASE...

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT FILED BY HIV/AIDS PATIENTS

TUCSON, ARIZONA--Attorneys representing several AIDS patients and HIV infected individuals filed formal complaints last week with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, located in San Francisco. The complaint challenges the actions of several administrators at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center (UAHSC) in Tucson, which resulted in the dismantling of a clinical AIDS program at the facility. Named in the complaint are James Dalen, M.D., Dean of the College of Medicine, as well as Joseph Alpert, M.D., Harry Greene, M.D., and Eskild Petersen, M.D., all from the University's Department of Internal Medicine.

The complaint alleges that several respected faculty members were drummed out of their positions at the College of Medicine due to their efforts at providing clinical care to large numbers of AIDS patients. As a consequence of the actions of these University administrators, the caseload of HIV infected patients seen at the University facility has dropped from a number greater than 1,000 patients in 1992, to reportedly fewer than 200 patients today. Many of the individuals who used to be seen at the facility are now experiencing difficulty finding primary care physicians in the community who are competent to treat patients suffering from the AIDS syndrome.

The individuals who filed this Civil Rights complaint allege that the University's Health Sciences Center has no formal AIDS program, and by their actions, these few University administrators destroyed a volunteer AIDS clinical care program that had been in place for approximately nine years. Since the University of Arizona has the only research oriented medical school in the state, the complainants are asking the office of Civil Rights to investigate and force full compliance with non discriminatory clinical treatment of AIDS patients in a formal, well financed, and supportive setting at the University's Health Sciences Center.

For a copy of the full seven page complaint, please call Liberty & O'Neill at (602) 792-0006.

SEVEN PAGES OF DIRT...

Anyone who takes the time to read the full seven page complaint filed with the OCR, explaining the details of what happened at the UAHSC last summer, will find that lots of dirt was swept under the carpet, not to mention a few boldface lies, and some otherwise questionable ethical behavior by some of the individuals mentioned in the press release. I'm sure the "official" response of UAHSC will be "...those wonderful doctors who departed left of their own accord." The truth of the matter is that it seems they didn't have much choice, in part, due to the actions of Dr. Harry Greene.

It is reported that when Dr. Greene assumed the role of Section Chief of General Medicine three years ago, the group was breaking even financially, and might even have been operating profitably. Today, Dr. Greene's section is reportedly suffering from "tons" of red ink - and is apparently going to be shutting its doors. Finances for the Department of Internal Medicine are also being managed by another department at UAHSC, possibly due to irregularities surrounding a $500,000 gift to the department by Keith Waterbrook, UMC's Chief Executive Officer, and to a dramatic drop in revenues for Internal Medicine. It is probably no coincidence that the red ink started to flow when the AIDS/HIV patients were driven away. It seems like a certain kind of poetic justice... dump our AIDS patients and their doctors, and your Department goes "broke."

Last week, in response to petitions by Medical students to keep several of their General Medicine faculty members around, Colleen Bagnall of KGUN-9 did a television piece on problems at the 6th Floor Outpatient Clinic, where our AIDS patients used to get such excellent care (a few years ago). This program aired on Friday at noon, and probably just scratched the surface of the problems at UMC/UAHSC.

EXCERPTS FROM THE COMPLAINT...

The following paragraphs marked by quotations ("...") are taken directly from the seven page document filed with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, with only a couple of deletions of a physician name if they were not a target of the complaint.

"Background: From 1985 through early 1992 the Arizona Health Sciences Center provided leadership in HIV/AIDS Clinical Care by a few dedicated clinical track physicians and research programs through the Immune Deficiency Clinic. During this period of time (8 years) patients came to the UAHSC for AIDS care from other cities in Arizona (Phoenix, Yuma, Nogales), as well as from the neighboring states of Texas, New Mexico, and California. The HIV patient load thereby increased at UAHSC from approximately one hundred in 1986 to over 1,200 by 1990."

"(1) Due to what may have been concerns about having so many AIDS patients cared for in the Outpatient Internal Medicine clinic, the above referenced UAHSC administrators, both collectively and separately, did make willful decisions that totally dismantled, and effectively eliminated HIV/AIDS care at UAHSC - and also eliminated the above named Primary Care AIDS Clinicians from the institution."

"(2) By October of 1993, none of

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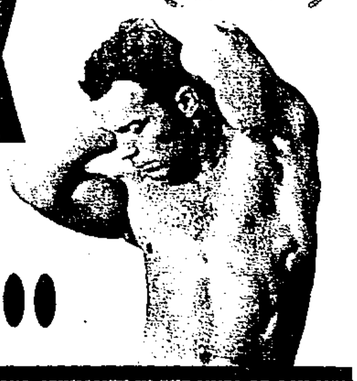

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GRADUATE - Country-Cumbia-Comedy is the order of the evening here featuring Ms. Teresa Housley, Miss Minnie and Lucinda Holliday. The fun begins at 8:30 p.m.

RUMORZ - It's Karaoke here beginning at 9:00 p.m. and it's hosted by "Crash". This has proven to one of the more popular events here always with a large number of budding vocalists. It's fun, come on down and try.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust and Dinner will go on from 2 until 6 p.m. along with the regular Saturday Pool Tournament. Good food, good drinks and great friends.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

HOURS - AGRA will host the annual S.O.S. Hoedown here beginning at 2:00 .m. It'll be a day of fun, music, dancing, entertainment, food, raffles, auctions, a bake sale and more! The entertainment will be hosted by Gilda Fatalé and Victoria London, and will feature talent from both Phoenix and Tucson, including Bill Travis, Jerry and Friends, Sunburst Squares, Teresa Housley, Lori Lee, Madame X, Blaze Dante, Brian Nichols, Mary Murphy, Charlie's Renegade Cloggers. ID is required and don't you dare miss this extravaganza.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust this Sunday on the patio from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. All proceeds go to P.A.C.T. this Sunday. T-Dance from 4 to 8 p.m. also.

RUMORZ - "Fiesta Mexicana con las Chicas Mink" show starring Miss Gaby, who just won the title of Miss Gay Carnival at Guyamas and Miss Teresa, who was Miss Gay Latina 1992. The show will also feature Biby, Sasha, Alejandra, Claudia and Carolina. It begins at 9:00 p.m. so get there early for a good seat.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

IBT'S - Those glamorous Glamazons are at it again here with a brand new show that is bound to please. A very professional group always with new material. Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X hosts. Don't miss it. 9:00 p.m. Sharp!

MARCH 4 - 13

CLUB 2520 - A weeklong series of events to celebrate the club's 2nd anniversary. Plans are being firmed up and they sound terrific. Party!

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

It's time to begin raising money for Prided Week activities this year and two contestants for the King and Queen of Gay Pride are hosting this Beer Bust with proceeds going towards their candidacy and eventually going to the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance to defray costs of putting on Pride Week including the Picnic.

FRI.-SAT.-SUN., MARCH 11-12-13

IBT'S - It's Spring Street Fair time and if the weather holds it promises to be the biggest and best yet. Thousands of folks all cruising up and down 4th avenue right outside the bar. Inside it's always cruisy too. Make it your headquarters for this huge street fair.

Non-Bar
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

You are invited to a performance of "Invitation To The Wedding" by William L. Ladd and presented by the One-In-Ten Theatre Company as a fund raiser for the Love & Justice Lawsuit currently underway in Pima County Superior Court. Tickets to this benefit performance are $12. For more information call 770-0279

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at IBT's at 3:00 p.m. to plan Pride Week '94 and the fund-raising events leading up to those days. This will be the first meeting with the new officers officiating. Anyone interested in becoming involved with plans for Pride Week in Tucson is urged to attend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

UBGLAD - United Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians with Dignity, the Gay/Lesbian/Bi group on the Pima Community College campus will hold their monthly meeting from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in RC-5. For more information call Wayne or Nicole at 884-6562. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month during the school year.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Lambda Car Club will meet at Club 2520 at 5:00 p.m. for their monthly social and dinner to follow. For more information call Bill James 622-3808.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

A benefit concert for the Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) will be hosted by nationally renowned singer/.recording artist Jamie Anderson. Details will be forthcoming. Check this calendar.

FRI.,SAT., SUN., MARCH 18-19-20

It's time for the annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds hosted by the Tucson satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. It's three fun-packed days of dancing, eating, fun, entertainment and of course, plenty of rodeo action. Check the posters and flyers for complete schedule of events. Make plans to see it all. It's a wonderful event with lots and lots of out-of-town people coming.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will meet today at IBT's at 3:00 p.m. This is the final call for candidates for King and Queen of Gay Pride. Candidates may run individually or as couples. The candidates raise money to produce Pride Week activities including the annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic '94. All candidates must attend this meeting to kick off their campaigns.

There will be an ecstatic Loving Men's workshop at 1:00 p.m. for four hours. This workshop is about becoming more in touch with yourself and others sensually, better communication, more intimacy and better relationships. Sign up by Wednesday, March 16 by calling 881-4582 for more information.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 1 & 2

Lambda Car Club will host a club weekend as part of the Suburban Car Auction. For more information call Bill James 622-3808.

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 8-1

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HEAVENLY SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11am - 2pm; Tea Dance with Ken Rice 2:30-4:30 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 with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 2pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust. Stonewall opens for dancing at 5pm

VENTUREN - Open 10 am. 301 Dart Tournament 4pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm, 50¢ Draft; Beer Burgers 5-7pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Minor Madness "Hackett". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well drinks $1.25, Draft 75¢, Schnapps 75¢ 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 4-8 pm, $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 10am to 2pm with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. $-1 Western Night Specials on well and domestic beer to those in western attire.

VENTUREN - 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 a free sub sandwich 8 to 10. T-Square Advanced Group 7pm, Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25, draft 75¢ schnapps 75¢

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 juices. 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 Falcles show at 9:30pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 10am to 2pm with $1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to those in leather.

VENTUREN - 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.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25, draft 75¢ schnapps 75¢

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 Matz, 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 & "Fixx" sales.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 10am to 2pm with $1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. $-1 specials on well and domestic beers to members of bowling teams and leagues

VENTUREN - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 longnecks & well Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Beer Chest Nite from 7 pm. Happy hour prices for "Upwardly Naked" nuts.

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. Darts Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25, draft 75¢, schnapps 75¢

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 10am to 2pm 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. Uniform Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to wearing military, police or other uniforms.

VENTUREN - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 longnecks and Well Patio Bar opens at 7 pm. Leather Nite from 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. 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 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25, draft 75¢ schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7, Go Go dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9pm to 3am with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Stricklen 9 to 1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy hour in the eagle from 10am to 2pm with $1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTUREN - 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 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25, draft 75¢, schnapps 75¢ Pool Tournament 2 pm, $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 10am. All day special on screwdrivers made with fresh orange juice. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTUREN - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm. Power Hour 5-6 pm $1 longnecks & Well.

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the three Clinicians mentioned in Background above were left practicing at the Internal Medicine Department at UAHSC, and two had permanently left the institution due to overt administrative pressure. The third physician departed from the main facility to practice at a UPI satellite facility. Today there are two newly trained half-time physicians providing regular HIV care."

"(3) The drop in patient load at UAHSC from early 1990 to late 1993 changed from approximately 1,200 AIDS and HIV infected individuals to less than 200 patients, for a loss of around 1,000."

"(4) The net result of these actions by the UAHSC administrators cited in section II above, is to deprive the HIV+ parties listed herein, and the entire HIV/AIDS community of Tucson and Pima County, Arizona, the services of very experienced, accessible and trusted AIDS primary care physicians at the UAHSC, which is a major University research center in the Southwest, and the only such facility in the state of Arizona for AIDS research."

"**Motivation:** What was the motivation for removal of all these AIDS patients and primary care physicians at UAHSC? It is now believed that cramped and outdated UPI facilities in the Outpatient Clinic, as well as poor UPI finances for expansion, caused Administrators to decide to forfeit AIDS patient care at the facility rather than give up cramped space needed by many other patient groups at the clinic. It was also evident that AIDS patients were receiving more and more outpatient clinical care, such as DHPG infusions, intravenous Acyclovir, and packed red blood cells in the Outpatient Clinic rather than at UAHSC's hospital over these past two or three years. Because of this, it is believed that a choice became necessary on what kind of patients would continue to receive care at UAHSC, and we believe that a decision was made to forfeit the care of AIDS patients. For an institution receiving many millions of dollars in Federal and State support, we believe this is evidence of direct AIDS care discrimination."

"**Summary:** Systematic administrative decisions at UAHSC in the past sixteen months resulted in (1) a total destruction of existing AIDS/HIV clinical programs at the institution, (2) the departure of all three major AIDS Primary Care Providers, and (3) has created a serious hardship on the complainants as well as almost one thousand other AIDS/HIV patients in the Tucson and Phoenix area."

HOW TO SETTLE THE COMPLAINT...

"(1) We believe the major disservice to these physician-providers should be addressed first. It was they who volunteered tremendous energy to help meet the AIDS care challenge when most physicians turned their backs on AIDS patients. UAHSC should be directed to provide a proper working environment for physicians such as these, with adequate support staff, office space, clinical space and nursing staff to care for AIDS patients. After all, this is the only state owned Medical School in Arizona, and it should assume a leadership role for AIDS care - rather than the overt destructive role that it has recently completed."

"(2) Further, we believe that a proper and formal AIDS Clinical Care program should be initiated at UAHSC immediately, rather than several years from now. After all, we already had excellent clinical care by these volunteer physicians for the past eight or nine years already - until now. A formal plan for an AIDS Clinical Care Facility by Dr.___ was given much praise in June of 1992, and then filed away for posterity. It should be resurrected and used."

"(3) Physicians with the same number of years of experience as those volunteers who have departed from UAHSC should be recruited to staff the formal AIDS Clinical Care program specified in #2."

"(4) We feel that UAHSC Administrators owe a public apology to both the physicians and AIDS patients they have so adversely affected by their administrative actions, as employees and officers of the state of Arizona."

"(5) Rather than giving token support to other community AIDS agencies, UAHSC faculty and staff, including the University Hospital, should contribute to a formal and successful program at UAHSC as their primary commitment. Their contributions for the past eight years to other agencies, while noteworthy, has contributed to the major deficit in a formal AIDS care program at the UAHSC facility - the lead research facility in Arizona."

LOCAL SACRED COWS...

My guess is that you'll probably not read or hear too much about this Civil Rights complaint in the Tucson news media due to the "sacred cow" image that the University has, and in particular, Dr. Jack Copeland's Heart Center. Tucson is kind of like a rural community that has only one grocery store, one bank, one gas station, and one diner - and nobody writes anything bad about any of them - or the citizens would burn down the newspaper office. So the local press waits for the "good" press releases from the University and avoids the negative ones. Unless, however, AIDS is worthy to be on the front cover again this week. So what's new? Are you willing to make bets?

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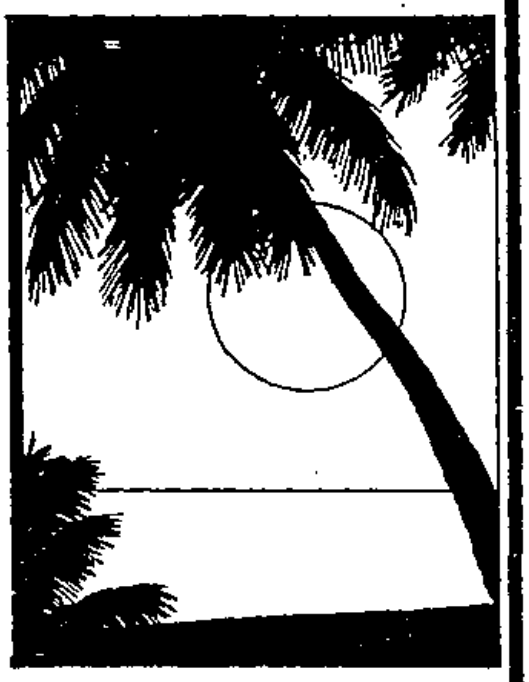
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is observed during the forty days preceding Easter; this starts on Ash Wednesday and includes all days except Sundays for six weeks.

Lent is observed by the Greek, Roman and Anglican church in preparation of Easter. Lent was originally observed for 40 hours prior to Easter representing the 40 hours that intervened between the death and resurrection of Christ. The 40 hours was extended to 40 days sometime during the 4th Century AD with the actual number of days varying in different churches.

Lent, in its present forms dates from the 9th Century AD. Lent is observed as a time for fasting and for penance (a rite involving contrition, confession of sins, the acceptance of penalties and absolution). Lent is concluded the week before Easter which is known as Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

In just two weeks, MCC-Tucson will celebrate their Spiritual Renewal Weekend. The special guest speaker at all services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be the Rev. Elder Freda Smith. Marsha Stevens will give a concert during the Saturday evening service and will sing at the Sunday Morning Service. The choir from Oasis MCC in Phoenix will be singing on Friday evening during the service. It is our understanding that about 40 voices will be in the choir for this special performance. For specific times of these services during this weekend see our special Ad in this issue of the Observer.

Thought for the week: Anyone can make a mistake, but only fools will do it again.

Bishops Offer Model Definitions for Two Controversial Terms

DALLAS, Tx., - "A self avowed practicing homosexual is a person who engages in sexual acts with a person or persons of the same sex, which are either witnessed or openly acknowledged."

That's one of two "model definitions" for controversial terms released by the executive committee of the United Methodist Council of Bishops.

Church policy bars "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from candidacy, ordination or appointment as clergy but the denomination's Judicial Council ruled that the term must be defined before it can be used to exclude anyone.

After that ruling, the Council of Bishops appointed a subcommittee to come up with a definition that could be offered as a "model" to annual conferences.

The subcommittee, headed by Bishop Robert E. Fannin of Birmingham, Alabama, was also asked to define the word status, which was recently added to a list of attributes (sex, race, etc.) that cannot be used to bar persons from church membership and participation.

The General Conference, the church's top legislative body, approved the amendment to Article IV of the church's constitution in 1992. It was subsequently ratified by a sufficient number of votes in the 1993 annual conferences.

Controversy quickly arose about what is meant by "status." Although proposers of the amendment said it refers to marital status, others expressed concern that it could refer to sexual orientation.

"Status," according to the second model definition released by the bishops here, is "a legal relationship or legal condition of a group of persons based on race, gender, or national origin."

In his written report to the executive committee, Fannin noted a lack of "evidence that the amendment, was intended to relate to behavior or orientation."

His committee concluded "the General Conference did not intend to override its established position about the candidacy, ordination or appointment of self-avowed practicing homosexuals by recommending the (constitutional) amendment,"

Regarding the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual," Fannin reported that "it is clear that the understanding of the (1984 General) Conference was that this legislation be related to 'practice,' not orientation. The prohibition has to do with behavior."

He also noted that "the responsibility to determine whether or not a person's behavior fits this definition is still the responsibility of the annual conference through the board of ordained ministry and the clergy session of the conference."

Bishop C.P. Minnick Jr., Raleigh, N.C., president of the Council of Bishops, said the definitions, created with the help of legal counsel, are not mandatory but are "suggested models" for consideration by annual conference leaders. They are being mailed to all bishops and boards of ministry chairpersons.

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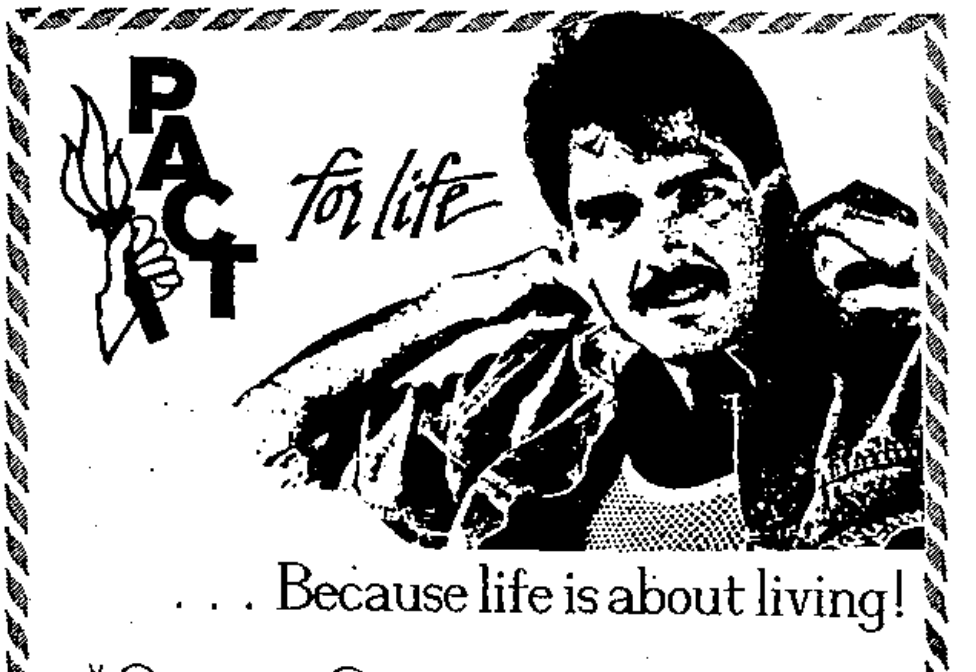

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passed and then put on the Consent Calendar to be considered by the Senate in its third and final reading this week.

The Consent Calendar is a "fast track" parliamentary procedure for bills to be adopted by the State Senate without amendments.

This past Tuesday, S.B. 1314, was removed from Consent Calendar due to the objections of Senator Stan Furman (D-District 16). With Furman's objection to the bill, it now goes to Caucus for discussion by the Senators from the two parties and then the Committee of the Whole, where bills can be amended for final consideration in the Third Reading.

When reached for comment, Senator Furman said S.B. 1314 is, "...a senseless bill. We have guidelines for written consent, which also makes it clear about the implications of testing. I see no reason to change a system that could be abused with oral consent proposed by S.B. 1314." Furman also added that efforts will be made to defeat the measure by Democratic Senators.

Local reaction to S.B. 1314 has been overwhelmingly negative. PACT for Life, in a written statement, said "Oral consent does not give the individual being tested for HIV a full understanding of the implications and consequences of testing. Therefore, the written consent must be safeguarded."

Local physician, Kevin Carmichael, M.D., a Tucson doctor who treats HIV/AIDS patients said, "I have concerns about S.B. 1314. Pretest counseling should be done before testing. HIV testing is too important an issue to be handled by an informal oral agreement." Carmichael also questioned why it was introduced, since the current system works and everyone understands that.

Craig Snow of the Tucson AIDS Project expressed his concerns over the bill. He stated, "Written informed consent is important with HIV because in Arizona, informed consent is not required for other medical tests. Oral consent is much more susceptible to manipulation by those who perform the HIV test. Oral agreements are more difficult to legally substantiate. We need to protect written informed consent. it is critical that this policy is continued."

Jerome Beillard, Executive Director for PACT for Life-Tucson when reached for comment, said, "Health care providers are lobbying for this bill because oral consent is more convenient to obtain than written consent. However, it is more likely that the patient will not understand what they are giving a consent to. A full understanding of testing is more important that the health care providers convenience."

An opposition campaign has begun to stop S.B. 1314. The Community AIDS Council and the Tucson ASOs in conjunction with the Pima County Health Department have set up phone trees to lobby Senators to oppose the bill. The Observer urges all readers to call the State Senate, toll-free, at 1-800-352-8404, to show your opposition to S.B. 1314 and to urge Senators to vote No on S.B. 1314.

[See Politics '94 column in this edition for list of Senators to call.]

Pioneering Gay Journalist, Randy Shilts Remembered In San Francisco Service

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., (AP) - Pioneering Gay journalist Randy Shilts was mourned by thousands of people at a service that was briefly interrupted by pickets from a fundamentalist church.

The Rev. Cecil Williams delivered a stirring eulogy at Glide Memorial Church, saying Shilts will live on through such work as the best selling "And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic."

"Yeah, the band played on," Williams said. "You were the drum major who told us to turn around."

Shilts, a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle who began covering AIDS before it had a name, died February 16 of the disease.

Inside the church, a crowd of more than 1,200 spilled into the aisles and corners. Among the mourners were public officials, newspaper and publishing executives and Shilts' colleagues and friends.

Outside, riot clad police stood guard over an additional throng of mourners estimated at more than 1,500 who listened to the service on speakers.

Many carried signs opposing the Rev. Fred Phelps, minister of the Westboro Baptist Church and Library in Topeka, Kansas, who had threatened to disrupt the service.

Phelps and his followers demonstrated last month at the funeral of President Clinton's mother to protest Clinton's stand on Gays in the military.

But the protest fizzled in less than a minute. About a dozen Phelps supporters arrived about 20 minutes after the service started, carrying signs with such slogans as "Shilts in Hell."

The demonstrators were pelted with eggs and fruit amid a deafening chorus of boos and quickly fled under a police escort in vans parked nearby. It could not be immediately confirmed whether Phelps was there.

The mourners carried white or pink carnations and carried signs urging tolerance.

"The judgmental philosophy they represent is totally contrary to God's word and the whole founding of America," said Steve Martin of San Francisco.

Shilt's 1987 book, 'And the Band Played On," documented the spread of AIDS, its impact on society, and the government's slow response to the burgeoning crisis.

He also wrote "Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military," and "Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk."

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Injustice At Miss Gay America Pageant

DALLAS, Tx., - During the week of November 15th, Norma Kristie, Inc. of Little Rock, AR conducted the 22nd Miss Gay America Pageant in Dallas, TX. What made this contest different from previous Miss Gay America Pageants was the results. The contest was marred by a serious theft that resulted in the apparent winner of the contest, Blair Williams being penalized in an entire category. As a result Blair Williams, representing the Miss Mid-East Pageant out of Roanoke, VA lost over 400 points and the contest.

On the final night of the pageant at the Majestic Theater, Ms. Williams led the top ten finalists by over 100 points as the top ten competition began . While Ms. was on stage someone stole her Russian Cassock hat that she used to accessorize her contemporary fashion. Miss Gay America rules state that contestants must wear the same clothes in top ten competition as they wore on preliminary nights. With the hat stolen she could not wear the hat for competition.

The rules only require the contestant to wear the same clothes. No specific penalty is outlined in the rules. The Miss Gay America Pageant has usually chosen to ignore the violation or on rare occasions has levied a 200 point penalty. However, on this occasion Norman Jones, the contest's promoter, decided to penalize Miss Williams by striking the winning scores the judges has given her (without the hat) and awarded her a zero for the contemporary fashion category.

This severe an action had never been taken before for this type of violation. At the same time, three other contestants who had willingly made changes in their top ten competition were not penalized even though they had also violated the rules. Furthermore, telephone interviews with each of the judges indicates that Mr. Jones took this action over the protests of four of the five judges.

The fifth judge indicated that even though he thought a penalty should be assessed, that a penalty in excess of 400 points was too severe. Mr. Norman Jones did not make a decision on the amount of the penalty until after he had looked at the totals for the top ten competition. Since Ms. Williams had won the contest by over 400 points, it was the only penalty that could have kept her from being crowned Miss Gay America.

Ms. Williams appears to be the victim of a theft intended to keep her from winning Miss Gay America. What is curious is that Norman Jones, Norma Kristie, Inc. and the Miss Gay America Pageant have been complacent contributors to the idea that "fair play" is not enough to win. A thief has been successful in his attempt not only to steal a hat and deprive Blair Williams of the Miss Gay America crown but the thief has also deprived Ms. Williams of the $30 to $50,000 she would have made during her year as Miss Gay America.

This is a serious matter. Theft has been condoned and rewarded. A dangerous precedent has been set for the future of Miss Gay America when one individual can change the course of a week's worth of judging and support a criminal act at the same time.

For additional information contact: Larry Kidd, Pageant Enterprises, P.O. Box 1011, Greenville, NC, 2784 (919-355-1121) and Norman Jones, Norma Kristie, Inc., P.O. Box 4699, Little Rock, AR 72205 (501)666-6900).

Gay Doctors Publish Groundbreaking Legal Guide For HIV-Infected Health Care Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., - The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, the national organization of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual physicians and medical students, announced it's publication of "The Legal Rights und Obligations of HIV infected Health Care Workers."

The guide was a joint project of AAPHR and the National Lawyers Guild AIDS Network, underwritten by a generous grant from the BAPHR Foundation. Written by Oregon attorney Elise Gautier, the question and answer guide examines the many legal ramifications of being HIV positive and a health care provider.

The 47 page guide provides information on employment discrimination, state policies on HIV infected health care workers, informed consent law, privacy and confidentiality, and insurance issues. According to Gautier, "The purpose of the guide is to provide up to date information on the state of the law pertaining to HIV infected health care providers. Although the issue of HIV-positive health care workers has faded from the headlines, the fact is that discrimination persists and health care workers around the country continue to need assistance."

According to AAPHR's Executive Director, Benjamin Schatz, JD, publication of the guide was prompted by a flood of inquiries he received from HIV positive health care providers seeking legal advice. Schatz said, "Three years ago AAPHR launched the Medical Expertise Retention Program to provide a variety of support services for HIV positive physicians and other health care workers from all over the U.S. and Canada. Overwhelmingly, the main issues of concern to callers are their legal rights and responsibilities. This guide, the only one of its kind, will provide a valuable resource for those providers beginning the process of researching their legal rights."

The guide is available from AAPHR, 273 Church Street, San Francisco, California 94114, phone 4155-255-4547. The cost is $10.00 to the general public and $5.00 for members of AAPHR. Checks should be made payable to "AAPHR-MERP".

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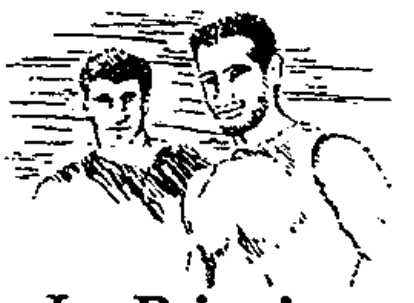

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 19
You have been able to acquire information that beats the public in the announcement. Play your cards right and talk to the right people and this will certainly advance your position. Do not be shy people want you to divulge everything.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20
Your natural manner connects with earthly beauty and as much as you tend to ignore this, many find you attractive. Get your nose out of your work and welcome the stimulation surrounding you! This week will have sparks flying and you'll become spellbound.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21
Spiritually you zoom to a centered place this week. A partner or someone that you have always desired leaves you confused and frustrated. Naturally, you have always have planned escapes and other doors to use when an obstacle appears. Break free and roam.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22
With the advent of the full moon you actually feel your energy surging. Your dream lover or potential mate is swept by your natural ability to please and charm. Try not to change your mood too quickly when the need arises. Easy does it!

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22
Sort of a strange week. Your short fuse bursts put a few times and you catch yourself "after the fact". Your overall job performance does not come into question but your personal life does. Time to be the handy man again and make it all right.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22
You have made a new friend this week. Astrologically this connection is sincere and meant to last. Your cautious sense has you in disbelief and on your guard. Get together frequently in the beginning to explore yourselves and save time by building a quick foundation.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23
It is the time for you to get some major things done on the home front. Your day is brightened by a fulfilling visit of a relative or close friend whose visits are sporadic at best. Your charitable endeavors are recognized and complimented.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21
Just coming back from illness you are strengthened by a new brand of nutrition and slight change in lifestyle. Although you are satisfied with your vocation, you will dream and point your focus to accepting possibilities and realizing potential.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21
Tardiness in the work place is tainting your job conduct. Social activity flourishes and sexual activity as well. Your brand of demeanor is the subject of a very humorous conversation amongst your friends. Family member tries to discipline you unsuccessfully.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19
A communication to a friend is acknowledged and has a very funny outcome. Your flirting has you content knowing that there are many whom would like to date you. A close friend that you look up to is actually looking up to you with great admiration and love.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18
You have a hankering to go out and really look great. Of course, this does not pose any problem for you or those you encounter. someone who made a personal loan to you comes to you to review the application of the funds and eventual repayment terms.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
Some type of exotic education plans surface as a possibility for the near future. A shift on the professional side may just enable this to take place. Try to maintain an even keel this week as you may hit a few rough spots where you may want to put your two cents in!

Clinton

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a line, a 'front line' of defense. The Victory Fund has trained the first wave of state organizers to go into battle. We will fight for every neighborhood, every township, every city and county and every state...because that's where we live our lives. And this is just the beginning."

Waybourn said the Victory Fund trained at least three organizers from each of the 11 targeted states and gave them the tools and skills they needed to return to their communities and manage campaigns against the initiatives.

AGRA/Tucson Needs To Borrow Equipment For Saguaro Rodeo

TUCSON - The Tucson Satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is in need of some equipment to help them produce a successful Saguaro Regional Rodeo March 18-20. The group would rather borrow this equipment rather than purchasing or renting in order to be able to raise more money for the local AIDS organizations who receive the major share of the monies raised at the rodeo.

AGRA/Tucson is in need of the following equipment: gold cart; water truck; large tractor; two water troughs, grease gun, fruit and fruit juices; bailing wire and twine; rakes, pitch forks; shovels and wire cutters.

Persons who are able to help AGRA with these items are asked to call 323-0805.

Triangle Traders Announces Winners

TUCSON - Winning numbers in Triangle Traders' Las Vegas Give-Away: First Prize #2364136; Second Prize, #2364079; Third Prize #2364122. Congratulations to the winners. Triangle Traders would like to thank IBT's, BGALA and the Graduate for their help!

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Viewpoint

by Tony De Ninno

Grail Gram II

Needless to say, my recent rebuttal, to Wingspan's Urgent Call To Action Letter, generated quite a response. Negative, from those who felt threatened by it; Positive, from those who have the good sense not to get caught up with the "Do Whatever You Want in the Name of Gay" brigade. I have concluded, there are a number people who are tired of being represented by a group of extremists who portray the entire GL&B Community as being like-minded.

The denizens of Wingspan had the harshest comments about the damage I had caused their effort of making a discrimination case against the Ramada. To hear them tell it, Ramada is actively pursuing a policy of Gay discrimination.

You know the Ramada: large Gay staff, actively seeks Gay business, hosts local Gay organization's events, provides lodging for out-of-town Gays, and openly advertises in Gay publications. Very supportive and accommodating (yes, that's what hotels do), when leaders of the Gay Community's organizations approach them with specific needs. However, I'd venture to say that, after a handful of extremists have attacked this supportive hotel, it will be a cold day in the Sonoran Desert before we find another hotel that will. In fact, I know of two already, which declined to do so. Can you blame them. Could you blame the Ramada if they no longer *actively* pursued the Gay Market.

So it is obvious, I support the Ramada's support of our community, and I'm not afraid to stand up to a few misdirected leaders who yell discrimination every time a heterosexual bats an eye. I sincerely believe, these people who think they are doing a service to the community, are effectively damaging our community's image. Not with their activism, but with their extremism in initiating boycotts of a hotel, and Gay organizations which use it, *amid charges* of discrimination. The *verdict is not in.* And even if it were so, one incident is not indicative of Ramada's overall behavior to Gays.

Most of the negative respondents, didn't even bother to address the issue the premature boycott effort. Or that my attack was actually aimed at Wingspan. The use of Debra Broner's name was proportionate to its usage in the Wingspan letter. Unfortunately, Ms. Broner took my assault on her stance over this issue as an attack on her very existence. Personally, I thought there was more to her existence than one issue. I think others would agree.

Ms. Broner called twice, and threatened to blacklist Empty Closet Productions because I am an Associate Producer. It would seem, if you confront these people, and your beliefs differ from theirs, then they won't stand behind you, Gay or not. Isn't it convenient that Wingspanners can so arbitrarily represent *and discriminate* against other Gays.

The question: What is Wingspan about? They claim to be a Gay Community Service Organization, but in the six times I have tried to visit it was only open twice. Of the four times I have called, all I got was a machine. Is it unreasonable to expect a community center to keep and post regular hours? Fortunately, whenever I need any useful information, the staff at the Observer has been gracious in supplying it even though it is not their function. Maybe, I was misinformed of Wingspan's purpose.

In addition, I would expect a Community Service Organization could provide information without getting caught up in the embroglio of events going on within the community. These people need to be informed of the difference between arbitrary and arbitration. I am referring to Wingspan's urgent letter, signed by Ken Godat. Is Wingspan a Gay Community Service Organization, or is it an arm of ACT UP and Queer Nation? If Wingspan is endorsing radical elements, in their attack on others within the community, then they no longer serve the community as a whole. I guess this could be expected of a political body, which, as I learned from Karen Davies, a Wingspan board member, only about twenty people participated in Wingspan's last election. Twenty out of thousands is hardly a mandate to speak for an entire Gay Community.

These people need to get a mission, and define it for the community, so that we can ascertain whether or not, we, as Wingspan's letter referred to us, the negligent, openly hostile and depressingly weak, want to support their causes. I do not wish to be aligned with immature heterophobic extremists, who share the mentality of the fundamentalists they purport to be against, and who have little respect for the people they claim to represent. Nor, do I want them claiming to represent me. Maybe if they could define what their mission is, they could set regular hours.

But lo and behold, Karen Davies called and offered to save me from the damage I had caused myself, in writing the rebuttal. I was told; I am wrong, I don't know what I'm talking about, and that I'm in league with Frank Meliti. But if I would retract the statements in the rebuttal through a letter of apology, then Wingspan would be there for me. I was left to believe, I would not otherwise have this support. I guess, I have been blacklisted by the zealots of Wingspan. (There is a God in heaven).

To exacerbate my feelings about the Wingspan mentality, I happened to suggest to Karen, that Wingspan should offer up, a library of sorts, on fundamentalist literature, so the Gay Community could access information on the hate initia-

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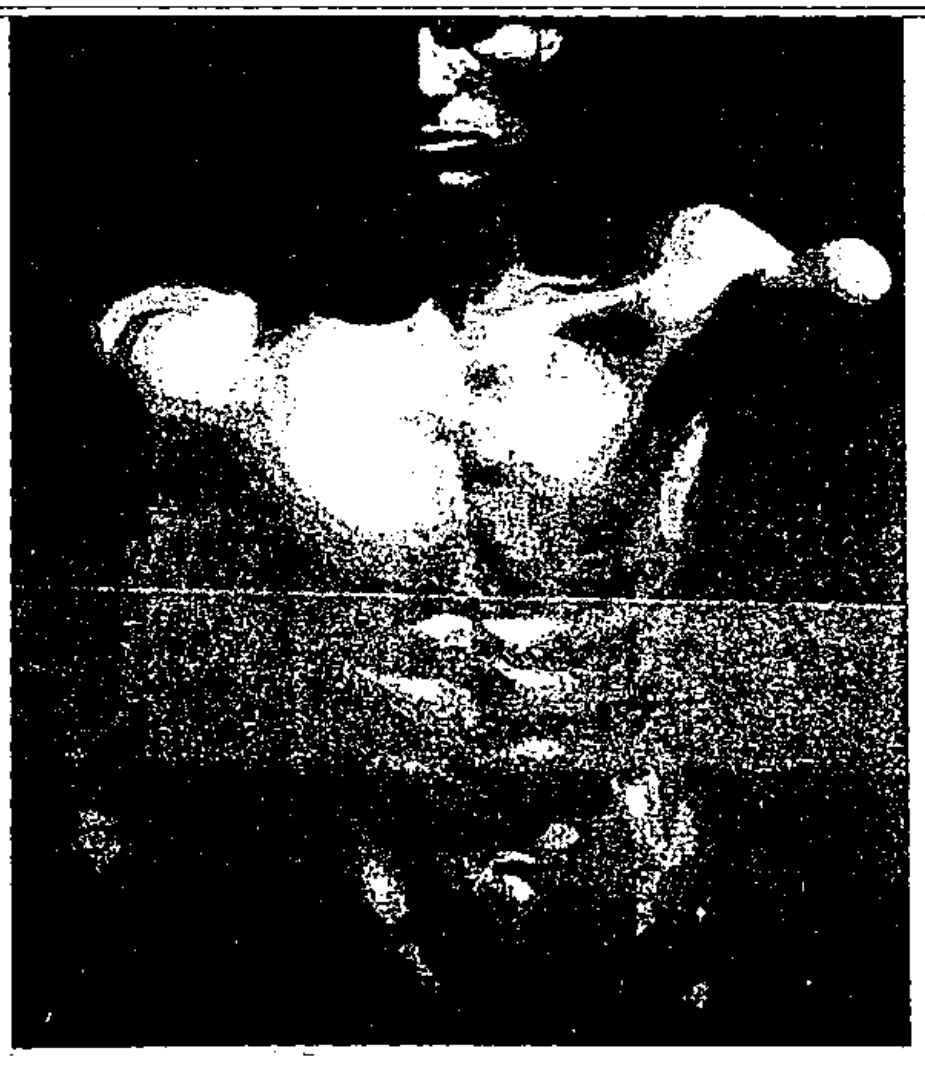

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the first annual Michael Bennett's Memorial Work for Life and the donation made possible by your collective efforts. We are pleased to have your continued support and remain committed to providing early intervention, housing, and client services to people with HIV & AIDS in our community.

This walk is an especially nice way of remembering someone who gave so much of himself to help people in the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community as well as the HIV/AIDS community.

PACT also wishes to extend our congratulations and special thanks to Mr. Larry Moore, a.k.a. Miss Lucinda Holliday, "Ma", and everyone else who made this walk such a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely, PACT for Life

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing as a Tucson AIDS Project Board Member and as the TAP Vice-President for Program Evaluation. In these capacities I would like to address several of the recent articles and letters which have appeared in the Weekly Observer criticizing the Tucson AIDS Project.

The TAP Board realizes that not all of the needs of the AIDS community are being met in Tucson, or probably in any other city in the country. We regret that. However, the Board, through its oversight capacity, can state that TAP has been and is a responsible agency, both fiscally and clinically, and has conscientiously pursued its mission of providing services to HIV+ individuals and their loved ones, and of offering prevention and education services to the broader community.

Many complaints are being made about salaries of TAP staff. Social service agencies of any size cannot function without skilled and dedicated paid staff. The Personnel Committee of the Board has consistently been careful to make comparative studies of salary ranges for similar positions in other agencies and has kept salary ranges at TAP within these parameters.

I am especially concerned, however, about allegations that people with AIDS or HIV infection are not being served by TAP and/or are not pleased with services at TAP. TAP does not turn away people with AIDS or HIV infection, and people who do not ask for services cannot, of course, be given them at TAP. The agency has served and continues to serve a large percentage of the HIV population in Tucson. During the 1992-93 fiscal year, TAP served a total of 405 registered clients through Case Management and other Support Services. An additional 160 affected persons were served through brief intervention services or the F.A.C.T.S. Program for children of HIV infected parents or caretakers.

In regard to people not being pleased with the services, TAP has strong evidence that clients are satisfied with the services they receive from the agency. Client satisfaction has been a major concern of the TAP Board, as demonstrated, in particular, by the fact that a major Board Committee is the Program Evaluation Committee. It is rare for Boards of Social Service agencies to have such committees.

The Program Evaluation Committee has been conducting client satisfaction surveys for over three years, and the results have consistently shown that TAP clients report a high level of satisfaction with the services they receive. The Client Satisfaction Survey conducted in 1993 was sent to 200 current clients. This number is different from the total number of clients served for two reasons. First, not all clients wish to have mail sent to their homes or to be contacted by the agency. Secondly, at any given time the number of active clients differs from the total number of clients served during the year. Out of 200 surveys distributed, a total of 77 was returned. This is a 38% return rate which is higher than for many similar surveys. Clients were asked to rate specific aspects of TAP services and report on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 representing Dissatisfied, 5 representing Extremely Satisfied, and 2, 3, and 4 representing points along the scale. The following results will show the average (mean) levels of satisfaction reported by the survey respondents for various aspects of TAP services:

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I would also like to call attention to the fact that the 1994 survey has just been sent to TAP clients and the committee is instituting new procedures to try to obtain a better return rate. We are also starting another new procedure involving in-depth phone interviews, with those clients who are willing, in order to supplement the written questionnaires.

I express the view of the entire TAP Board that we are committed to the TAP goal of providing high quality services to the HIV community and we believe that divisiveness among those concerned about this population is counterproductive and not in the best interests of those individuals who are HIV infected.

Sincerely, Jean A. Baker, Ph.D.
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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 Monday 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 presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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GAY 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

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"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-3803 Tucson.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

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

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 Wayne, 887-3115.

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GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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

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

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

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Straight From The Hip

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we have that in common is because the leadership of the opposition is more sick then we are ourselves.

We're screwed, aren't we?

Not really.

We confuse personality with political accomplishment (an un-coalition thing to do), thus making visibility and success (leadership) within the "outside world" (straights) a reason for targeting the leaders (visible LesBiGays) from their "own world" (us).

Why do we do it?

We are all so caught up in being victims we forget who the real enemy. We're angry, frustrated, and fearful, and we have little outlet for these emotions. We develop an attitude that these feeling should go away RIGHT NOW! (quick fix) or we adopt the belief that we deserve to feel this way (internalized homophobia). Either was is the yellow brick road of potholes to the land of never-be.

These frustrations, which are really about repression, are sometimes misplaced onto our leaders (i.e.: Tony DeNinno). Our leaders (visible LesBi-Gays) are still few and far between. Their visibility gives them a double whammy; responsibility to the particular organization they represent, and the representation of an entire sexual minority to an uptight straight culture. (hey Big John, fix me a Judy Garland, will ya?)

I was on TV, last week (I know, AGAIN!), asked to respond as a spokes-person for the "community". I failed. I can't adequately represent people of color, women, aged, or even rich white males (being a poor, college dropout, piece of recovering white trash). But I'm visible. I urge everyone to take the opportunities presented by the Deile complaint, the Love & Justice lawsuit, and the Meliti Ballot Initiative to become more visible.

Some people think we should picket and/or boycott the Ramada. I think this foolish and naive. We should test our powers as a coalition and coalition builder. The Ramada has in their back pocket the two largest contracts from this coalition this year: the Saguaro Regional Rodeo (AGRA), and the IGBO bowling tournament this October (HITT). A boycott would do minimal economic harm (the rooms are booked, the contracts signed), and moral outrage is not sufficient cause at this time. I will tell you why.

Boycotts are imprecise weapons that tend to make the boycotters feel better and the boycotted more stubborn. Remember, we want to change employment practices at this particular business with whom we've had a long term relationship. A boycott may feel great and be a good expression of our frustrations, but it is a lousy way to communicate our goal. Self-expression and communication are not the same thing. (Chris Deile could have used that lesson and perhaps not been terminated) Another goal of a good boycott is to unite the supporters of the particular cause in question. A boycott of the Ramada would not unite us, it would split us, just when we have to fight a state-wide ballot initiative.

I say we should kick up our heels and party down with our rodeo folk and bowling buddies. Show Ramada what a "big ticket" Gay business is and can be. After the parties we should develop a plan of action with AGRA and HITT so 1995 won't see the same issues come up again. We can offer workshops in conjunction with Ramada management on prejudice reduction, and multi-cultural awareness. We can work with Ramada (and other businesses as well) to make it better for us and for others. We can communicate and accomplish our goals without shooting ourselves in the boot/bowling shoe.

Viewpoint

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tive. I happened to mention the "Rotten Fish List" and the "Good News", she wasn't aware of either. So much for informed leadership. This sort of thing makes it appear, all that one needs to be on the board of Wingspan is an empty head, so that the others can fill it with their ideological muck.

Additional flack from others:

Big John: Referred to me as opinionated. Yes I am; he's allowed his opinions too. He accuses me of swiping at respected leaders. Indeed, but some would argue the term respected. He refers to Empty Closet as "empty heads", if he can do better, then why doesn't he? My whiny three page diatribe was actually five pages, maybe he was referring to Wingspan's. He refers to me as a tunnel visionary. I suppose our *respected leaders* used great vision in instigating this mess.

Then there was that other guy, perhaps when he grows up, he'll be adult enough to make commentary without using four letter drivel, deserve some journalistic recognition, and be answered.

So far, only Kathleen Mayer put any real thought and leadership quality to her comments, in "The Search for the Holy Grail". Her gram portrays me unfavorably, but she offers up solutions. She is not aware that I have done anything for the community, except some camera work for Empty Closet.

My personal out-of-closet history spans two decades. If she would like to have an extended lunch, fine. Most recently, I worked, as much as time would allow, on the Military Campaign. In addition, I have, for the last ten months, been diligently involved in public access programs, often working side-by-side with some of the most anti-Gay, bigoted individuals one might never want to sit next to. All this to get the credentials to put together a "live" Gay weekly talk show program, so that people of all walks of Gay life, including herself, will have a forum in this media. I have maintained a low profile to get the apprenticeships I needed. The work is done, I am negotiating for regular air-time at TCCC. The show, "The Gay 90's, A Look Inside" will hopefully go up in June. Everyone will be hearing a lot more of me within the coming months. Some will probably not appreciate either my moderation, or a lot of what I am going to have to say to some of our *respected leaders.*

I am urging, that you and other leaders of Gay activist organizations, act responsibly and stop initiating a boycott of a supportive lodging facility over a "charge" of orientation discrimination; thus, inciting civil strife within our community, at a time when we need cohesion, The Ramada is not perfect, but then neither are we. At least they work with us. Go after those who won't. Give merit, where merit is due. Give legal processes a chance to work. Above all, if you want respect, then lead without deception and without being deceived.

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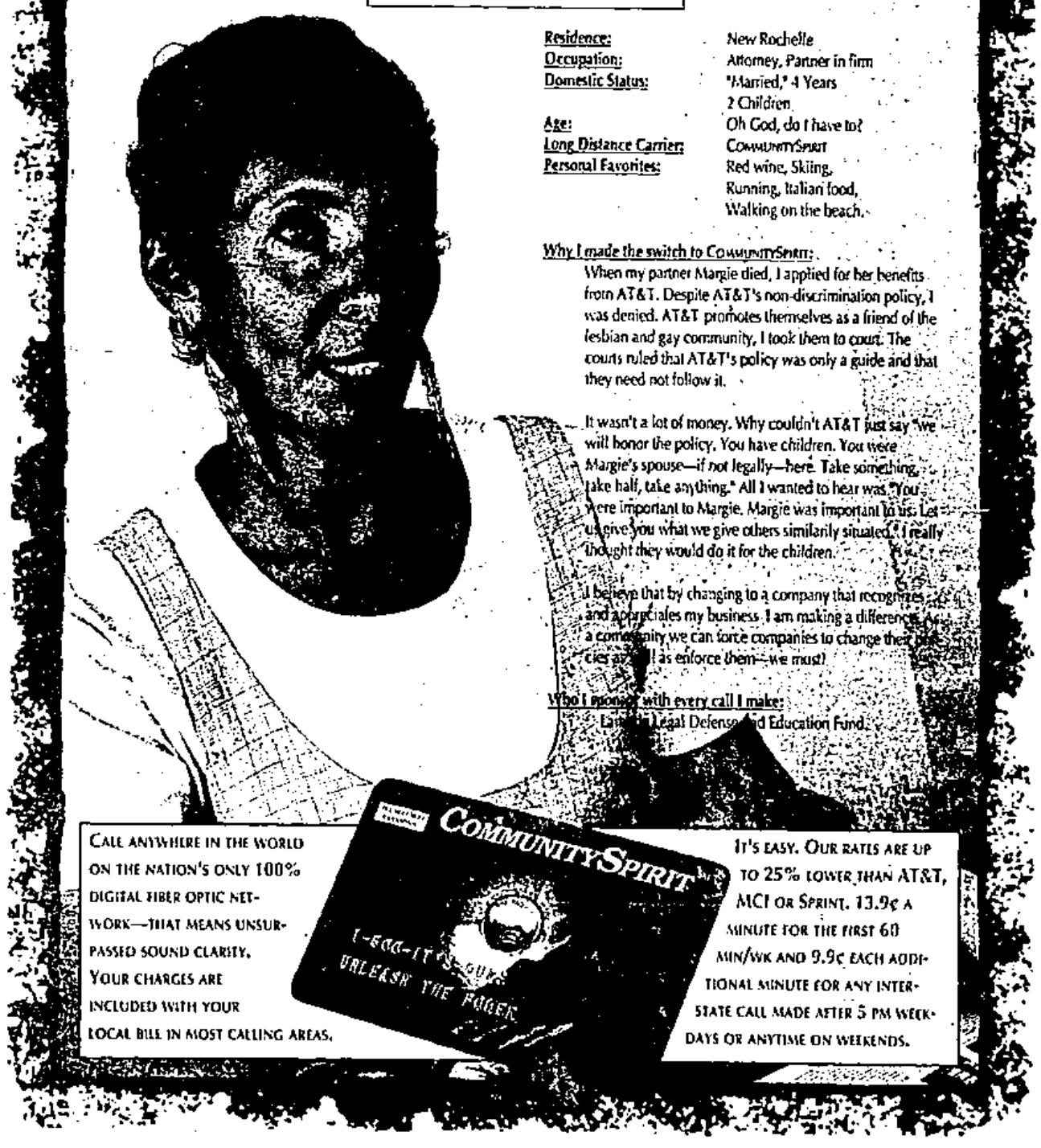

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