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TUCSON - Well, Tucson, it's finally here! The whole town has been waiting for the biggest and best weekend of the year and we don't have to wait any longer as rodeo week has arrived.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) has worked long and hard for this, raising money, planning contracting, arranging, and the other one million details necessary to bring an event to town with the scope of our rodeo. AGRA invites all of you to come on out and experience a weekend far out of the norm for Tucson.

Gay men and women are coming from all over the country to join the Tucson Gay Community in a weekend of fun. Don't miss this! All the details of the rodeo are included here so you won't miss a minute a fun. Let's rodeo!

WHERE TO FIND ALL THE ACTION

The rodeo events and accompanying festival parties take place in two different locations. The fabled Tucson Rodeo Grounds, located at 4863 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson, is the scene of all the daytime activities including of course, the non-stop rodeo action, and afternoon dancing and entertainment under the festival big top.

The rodeo grounds ticket office opens on Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. with events continuing on until close to dark. The Grand Entry events (don't miss it!) take placed at 12 noon and the dancing and entertainment also kick-in at this time. Come early and stay late! There'll be a big variety of things to do and see in addition to the arena action.

When night falls massive crowds will gather at the Ramada Inn Downtown for the biggest and best party of the year. The Ramada Inn, the rodeo host hotel, is located at 475 N. Granada and just off the interstate at St. Mary's Rd. The nightly cocktail show begins at 7: 30 p.m. So don't be late.

There's so much happening it can get a little confusing, so here's a summary of the action: Ramada Inn Downtown - Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, beginning at 7:30 p.m., (Sunday at 6:30 p.m.), Tucson Rodeo Grounds - Saturday and Sunday, all day. See you there!

RODEO TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the rodeo are $12.00 per day for Saturday and Sunday. Children twelve years and younger are free. Admission to the nightly dance and entertainment party at the Ramada Inn Downtown is free with the advance purchase of the Rodeo Events Ticket. If attending the Ramada Inn events only, the admission is $6.00 per night. Parking at the rodeo grounds is $2.00 per vehicle per day so grab your friends and car pool down to the rodeo grounds.

RODEO FOOD AND DRINK

Come hungry to the rodeo as there'll plenty of good food at extremely moderate prices: As with most large public events food prices can get a little steep but not at this year's rodeo. AGRA has taken extra measures to ensure that good quality food will keep you all energized without a dent in the pocket book.

There'll be traditional American fast foods such as barbecue sandwiches, burgers, hotdogs, and a nice variety of Mexican/Sonoran foods such as traditional burros, fajitas, nachos, etc. There'll even be breakfast foods and good strong coffee available for the early rodeo goers and contestants. And what would a rodeo be without ice cold beer! Tons of cold beer will be waiting for you to wash down great food. You'll find the food booths in the festival area next to the stands.

SHOWS GALORE AND DANCING TO BOOT!

One of the most fun parts of the entire rodeo weekend is the vast array of entertainment brought to you by AGRA. The variety will keep everybody clapping! And what would a rodeo be without dancing! There'll be enough dancing to wear your boots down this weekend!

Dancing begins at noon on Saturday and Sunday under the big top at the rodeo grounds and continues throughout the day. For your pleasure the dance is located in the festival area just next to the stands and is comfortably placed in a huge tent, Entertainers will periodically mix with the dancing to keep you tappin' and clappin'. So when your bottom gets antsy from sitting in the stands just mosey on over to the big top and catch a show or dance a few turns.

When the sun sets and the stars come out so will one of the hottest Gay entertainment line-ups ever seen in Tucson when the Ramada Inn Downtown evening activities get going. The cocktail shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. This is really worth jumping in the shower early and whipping out the curling iron. Come early as the entertainment during the cocktail show will knock your socks off! Live vocalists will be performing some great numbers to get you in the mood for the incredible parties that follow. And of course the best in female impersonators will be doing periodic numbers throughout the evenings. And with a few exceptions, dancing will continue non-stop as all the numbers are hot country western and the biggest dance floor in Tucson is just awaitin' for you! When you see the size of the dance floor you'll think it's a roller rink instead of a dance, it's so huge so that everyone can dance the night away!

Sunday night's cocktail show will be the third and final night of a whirlwind

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Pictured above are AJ Walz and Teresa Housley, two of a long list of entertainers who will be performing at the AGRA Saugaro Regional Rodeo and at the Ramada Inn afterwards this weekend, entertaining the Gay rodeo crowds expected in Tucson this weekend.

UPDATE

Girth & Mirth Of S.D. Ensenada Cruise

SAN DIEGO, CA - Girth & Mirth of San Diego (GMSD) will be sponsoring a day cruise to Ensenada, Mexico, on Sunday, April 17th, 1994 aboard the Pacific Star Cruise Ship. Ensenada is located 100 miles south of San Diego. The cost is $74.50 including all port charges and taxes. This is a $15 savings over a single weekend passenger rate. Board will begin at the foot of Broadway and Habour Drive at 9 a.m. and arrives in Ensenada at 2 p.m.

While at sea there will be three all you-can-eat buffet meals and for the gambler, casino gambling. There will be a 4 hour port-of-call with duty free shopping in Ensenada (only a short walk from port). The Pacific Star also includes live entertainment, a Karaoke Lounge,a sun deck, hot tubs and a pool. A few private state rooms are available for additional $85 (you must reserve these now at (619) 338-1777). There will be door prizes if more than 20 people go. The Pacific Star will arrive back in San Diego between 10 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday evening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance to get the special rate. Your check, payable to GMSD for $74.50 must reach GMSD by April 1st. Mail it to: GMSD, P.O. Box 86822, San Diego, California 92138-6822. For more information call, GMSD's information line at 1-619-563-9900 ext. 4673.

Call A Killer: Gacy Has A 900 Line

CHICAGO, IL (AP) - Serial killer John Wayne Gacy is offering his thoughts at $1.99 a minute on a 900 telephone line that prosecutors want to disconnect.

Gacy is awaiting execution May 10 for killing 33 men and boys.

Callers can hear a 12 minute recorded interview in which Gacy call himself "the 34th victim" and claims someone else committed the murders and buried the bodies in the crawl space of his suburban home.

Gacy also answers what he calls some of the most asked questions about his trial and the slayings, which occurred between 1972 and 1978.

Lesbian & Gay Retreat April 8-10

TUCSON - "Accepting Our Blessing II", the second annual weekend retreat for Lesbians and Gays April 8-10 at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, examines the recent progress we have made as a spiritually motivated people, and directs us to an appreciation of how our special call contributes to world ministry.

Registration begins Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m., and the retreat concludes Sunday, April 10, after lunch. The suggested donation of $75 covers all costs. For additional information on programs or masses, call 744-3400 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Nation's Largest Lipstick Lesbian Gathering Set For Palm Springs March 25-27

PALM SPRINGS, CA - Club Skirts, San Francisco, and Girl Bar, Los Angeles, host their fourth annual Dinah Shore Weekend events at The Hotel Riviera, March 25-27, 1994.

Once a quiet weekend reserved for golf enthusiasts, The Dinah Shore Weekend is now heralded as the premier Lesbian event in the nation. Over 20,000 Lipstick Lesbians are reported to descend upon Palm Springs, California for three days of fun, frolic and golf.

Club Skirts and Girl Bar, the nations top women's promoters, set the standard for parties surrounding the golf tournament. Taking over the Palm Springs Riviera, also home of Sonny Bono's famous restaurant, the promoters boast over 1800 women staying in their resort alone!

Saturday night, at their largest party, this year's "Disciples of Desire" attendance is estimated at over 5,000 women. The Saturday night event has been the subject of Fox News, channel 11, The Village Voice, The San Francisco Chronicle, LA Times, Buzz Magazine, The Desert Sun, and many other prominent news publications.

Club Skirts and Girl Bar host an all star comedy show Friday Night, billed as "The Queens of Comedy," followed by a dance party at Bono's, called "Mediterranean Magic." Saturday's "Disciples of Desire" also features a "concert style" laser light show, international recording artist Lonnie Gordon, and both clubs famous Go-Go dancers.

Sunday's pool party, billed as "The Isle of Lesbos," features two female rock bands,a BBQ, The Jagermeister Girls, and more than 1500 bikini clad women. Sunday Night, Club Skirts and Girl Bar host "Love Hangover" a benefit for women's health services and features a live performance by Chastity Bono's band, Ceremony.

Club Skirts, located at the Oasis, is a local favorite with Bay Area Lesbians. Owned by Mariah Hanson, who founded the club five years ago, she also operates the famous "Girl Spot," at the ENDUP on Saturday nights.

Goldwater Grandson Has AIDS Virus Magazine Reveals

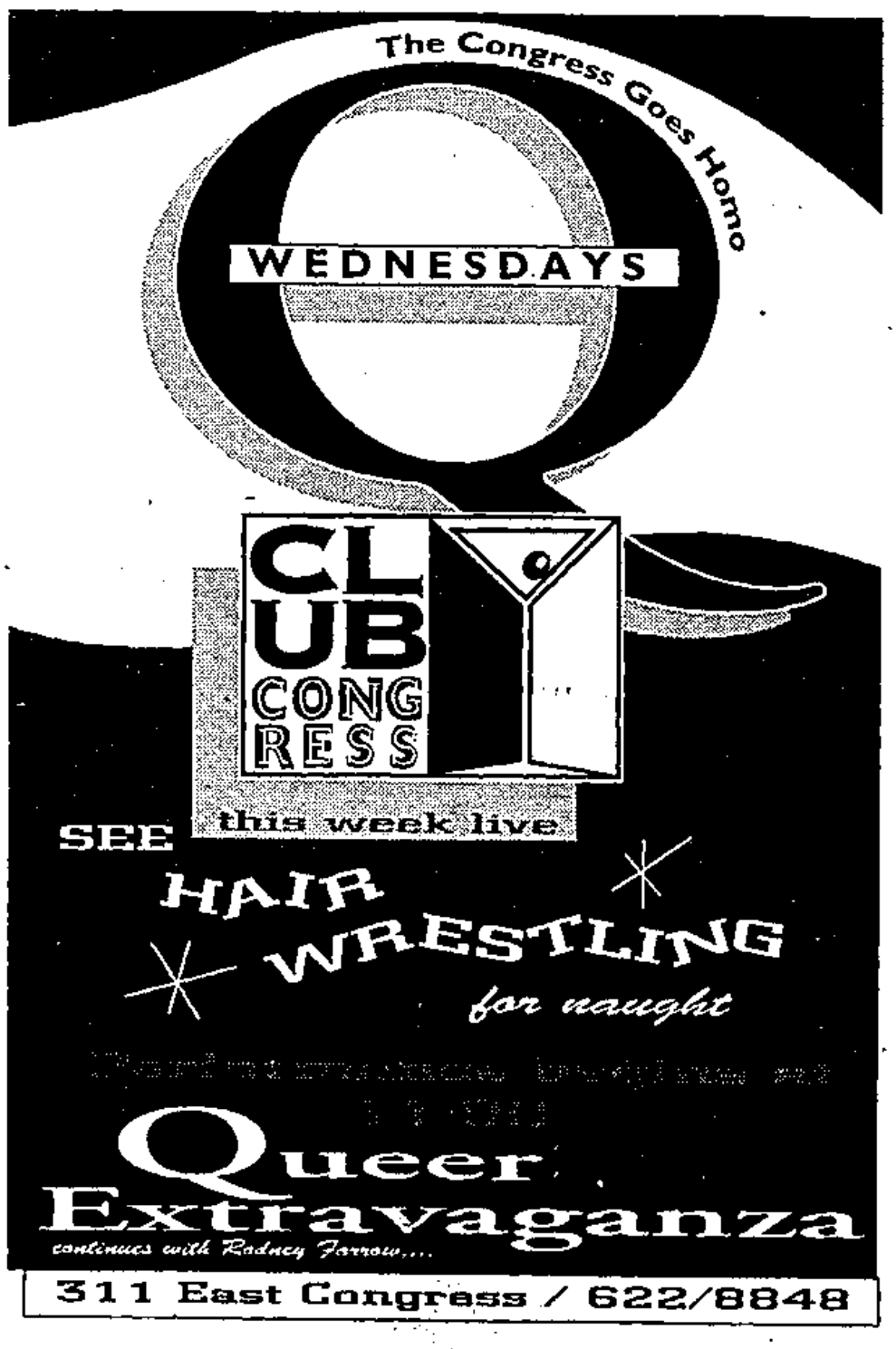
PHOENIX (AP) - Former U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater's grandson has the AIDS virus.

Ty Ross, of Scottsdale makes the revelation in an interview to be published in the first issue of POZ, a national magazine for people infected with HIV, or the human immunodeficiency virus. The frank interview is accompanied by nude photos of Ross.

Goldwater's wife, Susan, told the outspoken Republican of his grandson's diagnosis, Ross says in the interview.

"He and I never talked about it. I can tell by the way he looks at me, though, that he knows that I could be gone tomorrow," Ross says.

POZ Editor Richard Perez-Feria, formerly of Esquire magazine, said Ross, an interior designer, was chosen for the interview and accompanying photo spread more for his looks than his pedigree.



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'Healing Homosexuality' On UA Campus Stirs Debate

TUCSON - A speaker who opened a debate on homosexuality last week on the U of A campus has sparked a debate on free speech.

A campus student group brought a controversial lecturer on "healing homosexuality" to the U of A March 2 has been told to return the money student government gave it to sponsor the event.

Evelyn Clark, the president of the UA branch of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, said the demand was made because the speaker offended and angered homosexuals.

Members of the board of Associated Students of the University of Arizona, which made the decision, said they asked for the return of the funds because the speaker made discriminatory statements.

Student groups requesting university funds for events and activities must go through ASUA, which controls those funds.

The speaker, Richard Cohen, director of the group, International Healing Foundation. He described himself as a former homosexual and a psychotherapist and preaches that homosexuality can be cured.

His speech resulted in two protests the evening of the event. Activists representing Queer Nation; the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance; Wingspan and other Gay rights organizations compromised the majority of the audience. They reacted to Cohen's more controversial statements with booing and retorts.

ASUA, which gave CARP $215 to bring Cohen here and authorized another $292 for expenses, recently told Clark she must return the $215 and will not receive the $292.

Clark said the money is no longer the issue. Free speech on campus has become the issue. They "want to promote diversity as long as it supports their own ideas," Clark said.

ASUA Board Member Joel Kodicek said the decision was made because Cohen made statements that were deemed discriminatory. For example, Cohen said Gays should not be given the same rights as minority groups because their condition is not genetic. Cohen is also alleged to have said that homosexuals should not be allowed to teach.

"We are perfectly open to funding controversial speakers" as long as they stay within the bylaws of ASUA, Kodicek said. Those bylaws include an anti-discrimination clause.

In fact, it is "very important to bring controversial speakers (to UA)...In order to foster a diverse amount of viewpoints," Kodicek added.

Court Lets Gays March In Boston's St. Pat's Day March

Sponsors Then Cancel Celebration

BOSTON, MA (AP) - The state's highest court ruled that homosexuals can march in Boston's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, but event organizers said they would cancel the parade if forced to admit Gays.

Without a sponsoring group, the March 20 parade would have to be canceled, Mayor Thomas Menino said. A St. Patrick's Day celebration would be held March 17 at City Hall instead.

A judge ruled in December that the parade is a place of public accommodation, making it illegal for its organizers to discriminate against any group based on sexual orientation.

The state Supreme Judicial Court upheld the December ruling without comment.

If the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, which has sponsored the parade since 1947, must allow Gays and Lesbians to march it will cancel the parade, said John "Whacko" Hurley, parade adjutant and council spokesman.

There isn't enough time for the city to sponsor the parade this year, Menino said. He said Boston would sponsor a parade next year.

The council's attorney, Chester Darling, said the group would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In it's lawsuit, the council accused the Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston and the city if Boston of violating the council's free speech rights.

That argument worked in New York City, where a federal judge ruled last year that the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a Roman Catholic fraternal organization, couldn't be forced to include in its parade a group whose beliefs conflicted with its own.

But a Superior Court judge ruled that the veterans council acted only as administrators of the parade and were not using the parade as an exercise of free speech.

Lucie Blue Tremblay In Tucson March 26

TUCSON - Reserve Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 p.m. to hear one of the most exciting singer/songwriters currently touring the United States. Lucie Blue Tremblay will be performing at the Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Avenue.

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AGRA CALENDAR

March 18, 19 and 20. Saguaro Regional Rodeo at Tucson Rodeo Grounds and the Ramada Inn Downtown.

April 16, 5:00 p.m. AGRA Trail Ride. El Conquistador Stables, dinner follows.

For more info call the AGRA Hotline at (602) 323-0805.

Thank you Peter Sittig and staff of Club 2520 (especially Daniel O'Sullivan) for hosting the state AGRA meeting and the rodeo kick off party last Sunday. The generosity and hospitality shown to AGRA are highly appreciated. A nice crow from Phoenix came down to join the Tucson group for the meeting followed by a great BBQ dinner donated to AGRA by Peter. The kick off party was a hoot. Candy, Dolly and David Silver did a wonderful job of entertaining and helping to raise much needed funds for the rodeo. Candy, you're one heck of an auctioneer, thanks! That was one of the most successful auctions ever.

The spring trailride is coming up next month and promises to be a great time again. That's April 16 at El Conquistador Stables. For only $35.00 you get your horse and a ride up the mountain you won't forget. As soon as the ride returns there'll be a chuck wagon dinner waiting with a choice of chicken or ribs plus all the fixins. You can even BYOB! And if you're not able to make the horse ride you can join the group for the dinner only at the end of the ride for only $15.00 tickets are available at the rodeo at the AGRA booth or through any AGRA Board Member. Spaces are limited this time to only 50 riders so don't delay if you're hot to go.

AGRA has received generous support from the City of Tucson in permitting us to use city owned vendor booths to improve the vendor opportunities at the rodeo grounds. We appreciate this kindness from our city government.

Please see other areas of the paper this week for rodeo news. It's time to rodeo!

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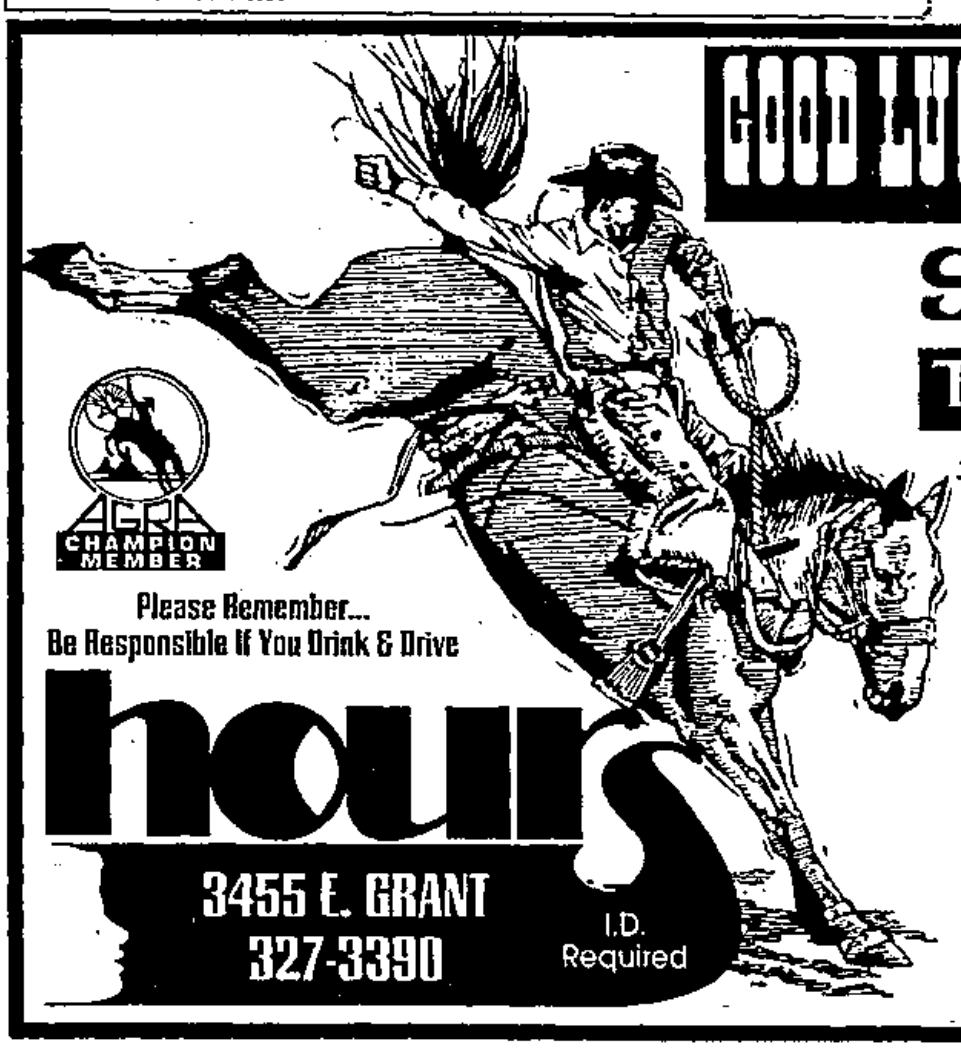

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weekend. The cocktail show begins at 6:30 p.m. so you better hurry home from the rodeo and put on your party duds and don't be late for the show. Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Chorus will give a mini-concert as the closing act for the 6:30 p.m. cocktail show. Compass Travel is sponsoring this great group of local entertainers to put the frosting on the weekend. Don't miss this! Desert Voices will really surprise you if you've never been lucky enough to hear them. 75 voices of professional perfection!

Many entertainers are coming so you'll just have to show up at every event to not miss anything. The photo spread includes only a few of the many talented people who'll be working hard to make sure that the time you spend rodeoing" will prove to be the best and biggest weekend of the year.

RODEO SHOPPING MINI-MALL

The 1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo is the site of great shopping opportunities for Tucson's Gay community and visitors as a great number of both local and out of state businesses and organizations will be present with a vast variety of merchandise. With any rodeo there'll be

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CHARLIE'S RENEGADES

Pictured above are a few more of the nearly 30 performers who will appear at the Rodeo grounds and the Ramada Inn during the AGRA Saguaro Regional Rodeo this weekend. In addition, the 58 voice chorus, Desert Voices, Tucson's premiere Gay and Lesbian Chorus, will make a special appearance at the Ramada Inn during the Cocktail Hour show on Sunday at 6:30. This group is being sponsored by Compass Travel.

At The Closet Door

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I Can't Do That!

With all the bigotry, hatred, and hassle that many queer people face, it often seems that other people are our worst enemies. The truth is, though, that we often do ourselves more harm than any slavering fundamentalist reactionary ever could.

For one reason or another, we tell ourselves that we can't do certain things. Then we forget about them and go on about our lives, to our detriment.

That "I can't do that!" reaction has cost me much happiness and success. Fortunately, some things have happened recently that have caused me to take another look at what I can and cannot do.

Way back in my freshman year in university, I declared a major in theatre. I wanted a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. I'd been the best actor in my high school and really enjoyed it; a degree in theatre seemed natural.

Then I got a C on my Acting I final because my duet acting partner forgot her lines. I was shaken; I'd never gotten a C in my life. I decided that I couldn't get that BFA because I would have to rely on other people's work to keep my grades high enough to continue getting scholarship money.

I changed my major to social work. I sat through years of the most stultifying, narrow-minded, knee-jerk liberal, and content-free classes in pursuit of a degree I didn't want. I ended up dropping out, but that's another story.

Fifteen years later (January of this year), my friend Julia called me to come to callback auditions for a play. I fought with myself over whether or not I felt up to it, then I went. After all, they called me to come in after they had seen the first round of actors. I figured I probably wouldn't get cast, but what did I have to lose except face?

As I write this, the play opens tomorrow night. I got the part and have been in rehearsals for two months. I've still got it: I can still create a character, make him believable, remember my lines, and take a bow. I've been having more fun than I've had since I left the BFA program fifteen years ago.

(The play, by the way, is *He Who Gets Slapped* by Leonid Andreyev. The company staging it is Metatheatre; it's running March 16 through April 2 at the Studio Y Theatre in the Historic YWCA, 5th Avenue and University. Please come see it; call One In Ten Theatre at 770-9279 for reservations.)

When the set for the play was being built, I volunteered to help paint. I never figured myself to be a set painter, but I figured I could fetch and carry. I caulked and sanded, filled holes, and did some of the base-coat painting.

One of the characters in the play (which is about a circus) carries a large staff in the opening scene. It was just a plain piece of wood that he used in rehearsal. Then one day it was time to paint the stick.

The man in charge asked if we had any ideas for the staff. The only thing I could think of was a pole with a vine climbing up it, which I thought was kind of a dumb idea. They loved it! The head man handed me the stick and said, "Go do it."

I was dumbstruck. I stood there with this plain wooden rod in my hand, thinking that I didn't know how to paint a vine, much less leaves. You see, Sister Lucille told me in tenth grade that I didn't know how to paint leaves — then I dropped her class.

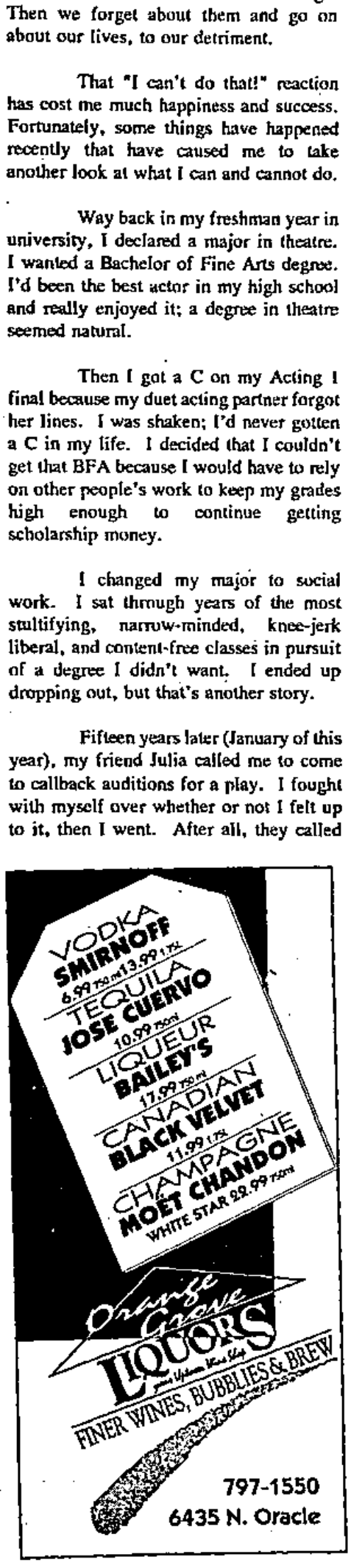
After I stood there for a few minutes thinking, "I can't do this," I decided to go ahead and try it. I put aside the conviction that I would fail because I'm not an artist, because I can't paint, because I'd never done it before. And I did it. Everybody thought it was wonderful; I was amazed, happy, and proud.

After that, I painted all kinds of set pieces, I came up with ideas for colors and designs, and I learned that all I had to do was ignore that voice telling me "I can't do that!"

I surprised myself with my ability to act and paint. Now I'm wondering what else I can do that I never thought I could.

A year ago, my Steven started looking at motorcycles. He had always wanted to ride "someday." He bought a bike, joined a motorcycle club, and just put down money on a new Harley. He never thought he'd be a biker, but now he is. It still surprises him, but he loves it.

Ignore the voice that tells you that you can't do something. If you think you can't have a full, happy life out of the closet, *you can*. Try it — you may surprise yourself.



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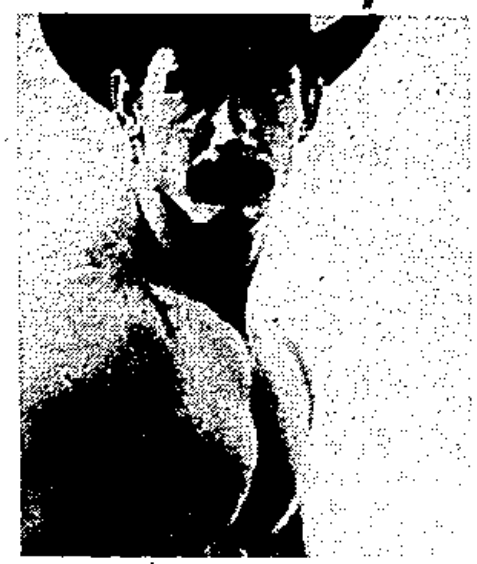

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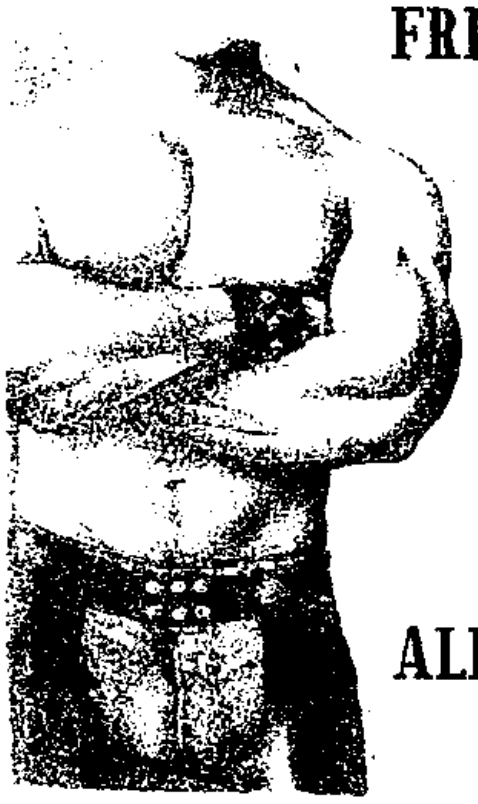

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LETTERS

EDITOR:

For once, it appears that the "Good News" Magazine actually contains some good news! On page 24 of their March issue, publisher Adam Colwell points out that the ballot initiative to dispose of Gay rights laws is in trouble and unlikely to be approved. Colwell's article bears the title, "It's not the right timing". Of course he's absolutely right; they are about 25 years too late!

The article then goes on to quote Cathi Herrod who is Arizona representative for the right wing group Concerned Women for America:

"There are several dynamics in Arizona. The homosexual community, on the most part, is not made up of radical activists like it is in other parts of the country, so they don't incite opposition from mainstream people. ACT-UP is not out defacing buildings or throwing condoms in church services like they are in California and New York. That makes it harder to oppose them, from a political strategy point of view.

Sometimes we can learn much from our enemies. The Gay movement needs to realize that for progress to occur, we need to convince those mainstream people that we're decent and respectable. Militancy and arrogance are not effective tools for winning friends and influencing people.

Paul S. Lotsof

EDITOR:

I would like to thank everyone who helped put on a fun rodeo kick-off party last Sunday especially all the entertainers and LJ from Charlie's in Phoenix. A special thanks to Daniel, Rob, Vanna and Donald, Mark McCrory and Michael Allison.

Peter Sittig - Club 2520

TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY:

As a person who has been close to the HIV epidemic in Tucson, I would like to offer a different perspective on the current debate over ASO's in this community. I worked with Pima County Health Department's AIDS Program from its inception in 1987 to April 1993. For four of those years I supervised the HIV Counseling and Testing Program. As a straight, HIV negative person I would never presume to speak out on Gay issues or what it means to be HIV positive, but I feel I can legitimately speak about my observations while working with the various ASO's.

I have worked closely with PACT/Early Intervention Center for several years; both as supervisor of PCHD staff and as an HIV Testing Counselor, as well as a volunteer. On a daily basis I have observed the staff at PACT/EIC put in long hours to try to acquire and provide direct services for people with HIV. Most notably however, I have observed Jerome Beillard to be one of the most selfless, dedicated advocates for people with HIV that I have ever known. I have observed him put in countless hours of time to acquire funding and to provide the best possible services for the clients of PACT/EIC and the HIV community. I feel that to judge all director's of ASO as equal is tragic. I believe Jerome and PACT/EIC have done an excellent job in utilizing the funding for direct services. Unfortunately, the medical component of EIC is extremely costly, and to my knowledge uses up a large portion of the budget. This has prevented more utilization of its funds for other direct services.

There are several paid employees of PACT/EIC, but employees of most non-profit social service agencies, as a rule, receive only modest salaries, even though many have worked hard for advanced degrees. Social service professions generally are quite underpaid for very stressful work. Society has never valued these professions as it has basketball and movie stars, or even doctors and lawyers. As for Shanti and El Proyecto, to my knowledge, both are and have been largely volunteer organizations with an extremely small paid staff who have worked tirelessly for people living with HIV. Natalie Perry is a prime example of this. I encourage everyone to evaluate each of these organizations and their directors on their own merit. To equate all ASO's and directors as the same, is a gross injustice to people such as Jerome, the late Chuck Mayer, Natalie, and many of the volunteers of all the ASO's who have virtually devoted their lives to better the lives of people living with HIV.

Sincerely, Lyn M. Butler

DEAR FRIENDS:

As you have heard by now, I have recently purchased the rights to the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. I have also purchased the rights to the entire Arizona Pageant System from Norma Kristi Inc., owner and Pageant promoter to the National Miss Gay America Pageant. I am very excited about this business venture and am looking forward to bringing our City and States Pageants to the highest caliber that is expected by Norma Kristi Inc. I believe that Arizona has the talent and the ability to perform and compete with those at the National level. Norma Kristi Inc sets very strict rules, that if followed correctly, can produce these qualities in a performer.

My job as a promoter is to prepare our city and states representatives to compete and do well as the National Miss Gay America Pageant. My job does not end at the end of the pageant night. It's a continuous job that I am looking forward to doing. With the support of the Board of Directors and our community, I feel confident that this job will be done efficiently and will bring the excitement of Miss Gay Tucson to what it once was.

I have made a few changes that I hope will draw more people, not only to

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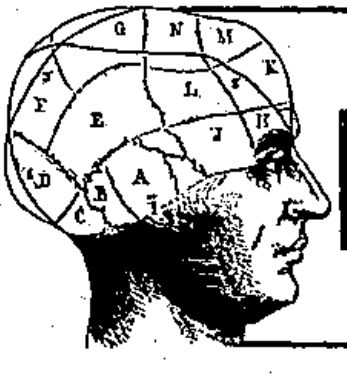

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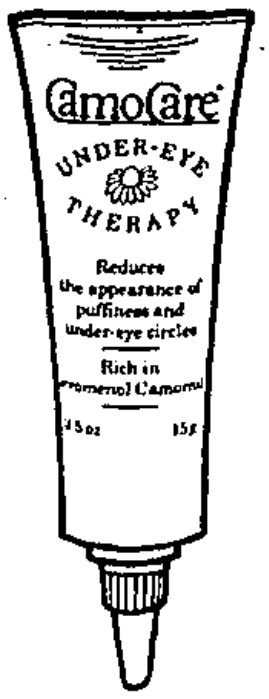

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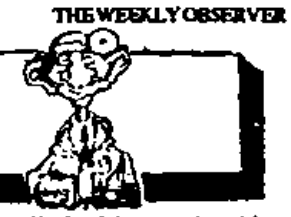

HAPPY

ST. PATRICK'S

DAY

Yes, here today is yet another holiday for everyone to celebrate. This is that one day a year some of us find that we have a leprechaun or two watching over us, bringing a few of those good old Blarney Stone kisses. I hope the day brings to everyone all the love and kisses of the spirit of this day.

Saturday found TKO at their monthly beer bust. From up North, up that long stretch of concrete (I-10), two members of the Arizona Rangers MSC drove South to the Old Pueblo. They were on hand as guest bartenders for TKO's beer bust. Arriving were Bill and Richard. It was decided that Richard would be the first in the pit, serving beer, and Bill would watch and learn.

First off, Richard stated he would not wash glasses, unless of course Stan put Palmolive soap in the wash sink. He really didn't plan on doing any glasses because when he did finally try, he broke the very first glass. He wasn't use to modern day technology, automatic scrubbing brushes. All in all, after his shift was over, he stated he wanted to stay on, thus Bill got to sit his shift out.

Richard also told everyone that he was behind the bar as a member of the "Macho Stud Club". From watching him poor beer, and serve, all I can say is that club most be very limited in membership numbers. Anyway, thank you Richard and Bill for being on hand for TKO's beer bust, you both added something extra and special to the day.

Now this weekend, it's Hides of March time over at the Venture-N. All festivities will begin this Friday evening with a check in period, of some type. From then on and until Sunday afternoon, it is going to be a hell raising party. With people arriving from Houston, Phoenix, and parts of California, you can bet there will not be a quiet moment.

It is true that most of the activities, meals and other entertainment, will be over at the Venture-N but, you can bet some of the fun will pour over to some of the other bars around Tucson, so everyone had better get ready. Check the bars add for other times and schedules for this weekend.

One of the possible side trips for those partaking in the Hides of March weekend, why not stop over at the Graduate. Partners will be holding their beer bust and of course, Ben will be on hand, just trying to keep up with everyone's orders. That ear ring he is always wearing, loads him down and he can't move very fast. It has nothing to do with Ben's age.

Also, for of the out of towners, check this week's Observer for some other activities going on at some of the other

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Tucson watering holes. Each will welcome you with open arms, and possibly supply with that special trick you made the long excursion to the Old Pueblo, just to find.

Also, the road to the final four, NCAA Basketball Tournament, has started, and if the U of A does not run into another one of those flukes, Santa Clara or ETSU, and maybe be playing on TV. Me, being a basketball fan, you can bet, festivities or not (Hides of March), I'll be watching the game. Of course, the first game for the U of A is Friday afternoon, and if they winn, their next will be Sunday afternoon.

As for the U of A losing to the Sun Devils, well I look at it as a gift to Bill Frieder, after a year of him getting the blunt end of all those slap stick commercials. It will also be a rude awakening for the Wildcats, hopefully that game was the first in the tournament this year, and now they will move on for better times.

TBBS: Some people seem to just go out of their way to make sure their name appears in this little section of my column. And, it is not that his name has not appeared enough, still he goes out of his way for either myself or others to catch him. READ ON

Last week, even before the papers were delivered to the bars, I was told of yet another juicy tid bit on Stan. It seems he was posing for a new poster, titled "Stan the Moon Man". Not that that was enough for one week, guess what then happened.

It seems Larry walked up behind Stan, put his hand down the back of Stan's pants, and believe it or not - Stan didn't even move. Well, when Stan finally stood up, a bunch of quarters fell out of his pants. Talk about a 2 bit whore, Stan - you take the cake. I guess he has progressed from those pennies from the bygone days.

This final TBBS is a special one requested.

Steve is fantastic!

With that I'll leave you for another week. Hope to see as many of you as possible this coming weekend. Everyone - have fun, play safe and by all means, when needed - use a designated driver.

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

Oh, Paul it's official! Lela makes it a three way! S.B. 1314 update. Lang follies. SRO for Basha H.Q. Polls. And some end notes!

Phoenix Mayor, Paul Johnson will officially announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Johnson will resign as Mayor effective Thursday to start his campaign.

Reaction to this development was swift. Johnson's predecessor and Democratic gubernatorial wannabee, Terry Goddard stated, "He (Goddard) is disappointed with Johnson's record and the direction Johnson took Phoenix." Eddie Basha's State Director, Rick DeGraw, said that "Now is Paul is a candidate that people who had privately expressed their support, but had dealings with the city, now would be more willing to join our campaign."

(Highlights from Johnson's speech will be in next week's column.)

State Senator Lela Alston announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State School Superintendent today at Pima County Democratic Headquarters.

Alston joins former Tempe Mayor Harry Mitchell and Democratic incumbent, C. Diane Bishop in the race. Bishop will be making her announcement within the next couple of weeks sources tell me. (Highlights in next week's column.)

S.B. 1314, as of press time, is being heard today by the House Health Committee. Sources tell me that a major compromise is being reached on the bill which will keep written consent.

Our "illustrious" Assessor, Alan Lang, was in the news twice this past week. (Holy Smokes!) Lang, this past week, hosted a morning talk show on Tucson radio station KTUC. Also on the program was Lang's Deputy Tom Naifeh and Lang's attorney, Stanton Bloom. The question about this is, "If Lang and Naifeh get time off to do this, or did county taxpayers pay for his D.J. experience?"

Also, Lang won a major battle with the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Yes, unbelievable as that one sounds, the Board voted to accept the Surety Bond Lang obtained, per the Board's request.

Remember those hearings? Well, the Pima County Taxpayers are going to fork out $126,000 for the legal bills and $350,000 for the Surety Bond. (Can we say RECALL!)

Eddie Basha, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, held their Grand Opening this past week of their southern Arizona Headquarters, which is located in Tucson.

Over 600 people attended the festivities, with speeches by Eddie Basha, Rep. Art Hamilton, the campaign's Treasurer, Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, Sen. Victor Soltero, South Tucson Mayor Shirley Villegas to name a few.

Two more polls to report about. As mentioned in last week's column, KAET recently released a poll which covered several political races and the approval ratings of the Governor and the President.

The poll showed that a majority of Arizonans approve of the job Governor Symington and President Bill Clinton are doing in office. Currently 56% of Arizona voters approve of Governor Symington's job performance with 44% disapproving of Symington's performance. President Bill Clinton received a 52% to 48% approve/disapprove rating.

Some end notes to report: Republican challenger to Fife, Barbara Barrett is reported to have bought some early media time to get her name out to the voters.

Current A.G., Grant Woods, is allegedly preparing to get into the GOP race for Governor, to challenge Fife Symington.

Sources tell me that State Senator, Chuck Blanchard, will announce his candidacy for Congress at the end of this month. Blanchard is trying to succeed Congressman Sam Coppersmith, whose running for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, to succeed Dennis DeConcini, who is retiring.

Terry Goddard is holding his grand opening of his Southern Arizona Campaign Headquarters on Sunday, March 20, from 2 - 5 pm. The office is located at 2225 East Broadway.

Lang was ordered by the Board to obtain a $250,000 Surety Bond or be removed from office. Lang somehow managed to get a $350,000 bond, which the Board voted to accept. Supervisor Raul Grijalva stated that the hearings and the bond were, "..a shot at removing him (Lang) and missed." And that, "this was a complete waste of time."

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COCHISE	97,624	27	26	27	12	6	6	6	0	40	41	42	2
COCONINO	96,591	17	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	7	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	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	7	7	6	1
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2329	2297	2279	1438	490	485	483	55	1779	1782	1779	89
MOHAVE	93,497	38	38	39	22	5	5	5	1	26	26	25	3
NAVAJO	77,658	12	12	11	8	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	1
PIMA	666,880	688	677	666	413	86	86	82	11	531	529	535	45
PINAL	116,379	35	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	35	34	34	21	5	4	4	0	31	31	31	3
YUMA	106,895	39	39	39	22	7	7	7	1	56	57	56	2
UNKNOWN		4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	117	117	117	0
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HOURS - 50¢ Green Draft Beer and specials on Irish Coffee and Green Drinks. Begorrah!

IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day celebration with Rodger's famous Corned Beef and Cabbage and New York Rye 4 to 8 p.m.

VENTURE-N - St. Patrick's Day Party begins here at 7:00 p.m. Lots of surprises are in store?

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

GRADUATE - Partners Beer Bust and Dinner will take place herein from 2 until 6 p.m. along with the regular Saturday Pool Tournament. Food, Fun and Games.

MARCH 18-19-20

VENTURE-N - It's 'Hides of March' time here. Check in on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Hot men, hot fun!

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

IBT'S - Tea Dance 4 to 8 p.m. Benefit BBQ and Beer Bust on the patio. This week all proceeds benefit ARF: AIDS Relief Fund (for direct services) 3-7 p.m.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

"Aid For AIDS Sufferers and Families" benefit at Gargoyles, 3206 N. 1st in the Amphi Plaza Shopping Center. Proceeds go to Direct Patient Care through the Shanti Foundation. The fundraiser runs from noon until midnight and will feature five bands, comedians and raffles. The even is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Newman Student Center. Call 327-6662 or 575-8660 for more information.

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

It's time for the annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds, 4863 S. 6th Ave. It's being hosted by the Tucson satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. Check out this Rodeo issue of the Observer for full information. It's three fun-packed days of dancing, eating, fun, entertainment and of course, plenty of rodeo action. Make plans to see to see it all. It's a wonderful event with lots and lots of out-of-town people coming. For more information call 323-0805.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network meets for a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The March meeting will be held today at 4:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are invited to attend at St. Francis in the Foothills, River and Swan, Room 31. A play area is provided for children adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Today and every third Sunday of the month, Picture Rocks Retreat hosts a spiritual celebration for Lesbians and Gays with mass at 6:00 p.m. and a potluck supper immediately afterwards. For more information on Masses or programs call 744-3400 from 9am to 4pm weekdays.

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

One of the most exciting singer/songwriters currently touring the United States, Lucie Blue Tremblay will be performing at Tucson's premiere acoustic performance hall, Southwest Center for Musdic, 2175 N. 6th Ave. Lucie Blue has been making magic since she first burst on the music scene in Canada in 1984. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. All seating is reserved and i slimited. Tickets are $12 each and may be purchased with Mastercard or Visa by calling 884-4360 or at the Southwest Center for Music. For more info call 884-4360.

Desert Voices will present their spring production at Pima Community College West Campus. General admission tickets are $7 per person available at Antigone's. Their last performance was a sell-out so be sure to buy your tickets early.

Celebrate a traditional Passover Seder and see how its elements impact our Christian Faith at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner, music and fellowship. Reservations requested. Call 622-4626 to RSVP or for more information. $3.00 donation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 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. Perspective candidates interested in running for King and/or Queen of Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994 are urged to attend. Others interested in becoming involved with plans for Pride Week in Tucson is urged to attend.

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

TLGA, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will meet to pick the 1994 Pride Logo. The theme this year is "Stonewall 25: A Global Celebration of Pride". TLGA will offer a prize of $100 to the inning entrant. The logo will appear on all T-shirts and other souvenir products which will be on sale during and after Pride Week. Submissions may be made earlier, but April 3rd is the deadline, at this meeting which begins at 3:00 p.m. The tentative meeting place is IBT's. Watch the Observer in case there is a change.

FRI, SAT, SUN, APRIL 8-9-10

"Accepting Our Blessing II" the second annual weekend retreat for Lesbians and Gays at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, examines the recent progress we have made as a spiritually motivated people, and directs us to an appreciation of how our special call contributes to world ministry. Registration begins Friday, Apr. 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the retreat concludes Sunday, April 10 after lunch. The suggested donation of $75 covers all costs. For more info. call 744-3400 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FRI. SAT. SUN. MAY 6-7-8

Fiesta de Mayo Weekend. This is a major fund raiser for Pride Week activities including the big annual picnic. Watch for more details.

JUNE 12 THROUGH 18 - PRIDE WEEK

Watch for more details as the time draws closer.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

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

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

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11-2; Live music by Horton & Hill, Friendly Fire 7:30-11:30 (Usually a cover for the band)

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust. Stonewall opens for dancing at 8pm

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

monday

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $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. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8, $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing, Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing. 8-1. Western Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to those in western attire.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. $2.50 pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8-10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

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. White Tuesday - all white well drinks $1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well $1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer $1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Fabios show at 9:30 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 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.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all nite. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

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

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. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance lessons with Tom Maza, 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa Nite 9 to close, $1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fizz" salsa.

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. 8-1 specials on well and domestic beers to members of bowling teams and leagues.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm., Happy Hour prices for "upwardly naked" men.

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 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

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. Heineken or Corona $1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $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 3pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with DJ Linda.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with $1.50 well and domestic longnecks 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 if wearing military, police or other uniforms.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 longnecks and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, $3 entry fee.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Dance 9-1

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

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer, Hors D'Oeuvres, DJ Jeff Strickler 9 to 1.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens 7 pm.

saturday

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1.

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

RUMORZ - Open 3 p.m. $1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Pindale DJ 10-1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

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

Rodeo

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lots of hot western gear available but there'll be a big selection of merchandise from the general community.

At the rodeo you'll find everything from "Gay Gear" to custom western and contemporary clothing, art work to gift items, and everything else under the sun. Vendors along with informational organizations will be present at both the rodeo grounds during the day and in the evening at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Plan to bring along some extra cash and take advantage of the fun shopping opportunities AGRA is bringing you. Support the businesses who support the Gay community!

RODEO EVENTS

Tucson Rodeo Grounds, one of oldest and best known rodeo facilities in the southwest, continues it's tradition when the 1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo events kickoff on Saturday morning.

Rodeo is very deeply rooted in the traditions of Arizona, even more so here than in other parts of the southwest. But since many of us here in the Tucson Gay Community have moved here from large urban areas back east we might not be able to fully appreciate the actual rodeo events because we simply don't understand the "how and why" of what we're seeing.

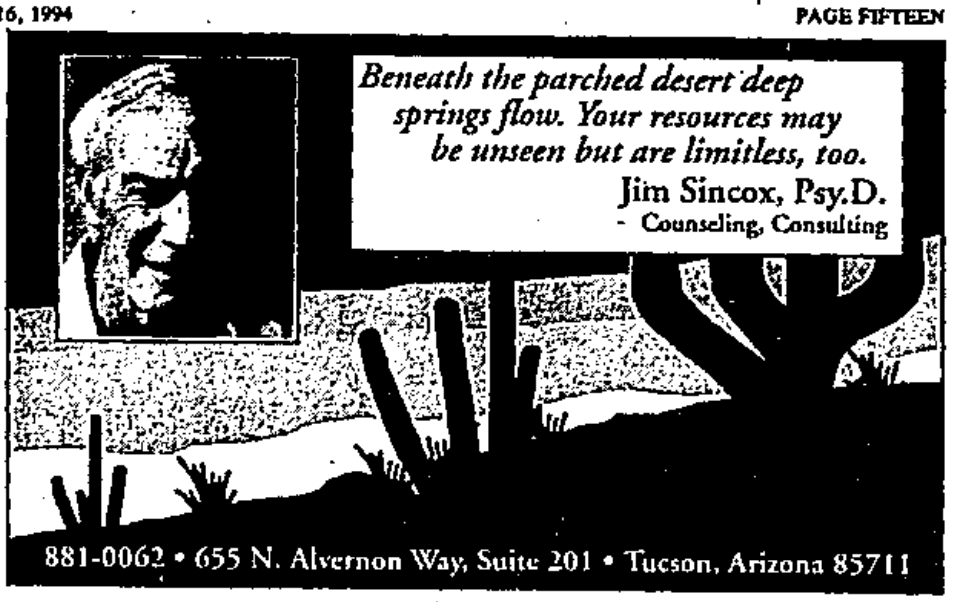
Gay Rodeo is essentially the same as all other rodeos except we've thrown in a few events of our own creation drawing from the humor and color of the Gay world. The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is only a part of a much larger organization, the International Gay Rodeo Association, or IGRA. IGRA Chapters span North America and include thousands of devoted members and contestants. The Saguaro Regional Rodeo and 20 other Gay rodeos held across the country are IGRA sanctioned and approved and held to very strict standards. This ain't no shabby little old home made rodeo! You can't imagine the amount of leg work that goes into what you see in the arena!

When you arrive at the rodeo grounds Saturday morning, please take out your program and take a few minutes to read the descriptions of the various events so you can have a basic knowledge and understanding of everything unfolding before you int he arena. Take the time to understand and you'll really appreciate what our cowboy and cowgirl contestants face when they enter the arena. Who knows, maybe next year you'll want to try it out for yourself, there's a first time for everyone. And the camp events are something anyone can try and have fun doing.

BOB ELLIS
1994 RODEO GRAND MARSHALL

When AGRA began looking for a Grand Marshall for this year's Saguaro Regional Rodeo, we envisioned someone who had a strong sense of community, a leader. Someone well respected, the type of person who would ride that extra mile need be. Someone like Bob Ellis.

AGRA proudly presents Bob Ellis as Grand Marshall - there's no one more deserving of the honor.



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LETTERS

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enter the pageants, but to also attend. I have raised the prize money for contestants, lowered the price of tickets and advertisements. My goals are to make the pageant night an entertaining one not just for the contestants, but for the audience alike. I am in the process of choosing a Board of Directors. A group of people who will give me suggestions and input on all levels to ensure a successful pageant system. I can only admit that I can not do this alone, and will need help. With the help of the Board of Directors the decisions will be made as a group and not just by one person. This, I feel, will allow me to see what as a promoter can do to get our entire community involved. As this is the main reason to taking on such as important job, and that is to work for and with our great community that we so proudly work so hard for all year around.

The 1994-95 Miss Gay Tucson Pageant will be held on April 16 and 17, 1994. All female impersonators that are interested are encouraged to attend the contestant meeting that will be held at IBT'S on March 27, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. This is an important meeting in that this will be the final day to submit your application without a late fee. Also there will be important information that each contestant enough time to prepare for that night. The contestant will also be able to submit their Talent Section as not to duplicate that number with another contestant. Submitting the application and talent section prior to the meeting is also encouraged. You may contact me for an application and further information at 628-1336. I look forward to seeing as many entertainers vie for a title that will again be the pride of Tucson, the community we love and work so hard for.

Thanks to those of you who have been there for me and will always be there, and for your continuous support. For those of you who are still skeptical, I can only hope to earn your support. I feel that together as entertainers and a community, this can be a very exciting time for us all.

Sincerely, Raven
Chairperson, Raven/Parker Prod.

EDITOR:

On March 12, 1994 members of the Tucson community came together to celebrate human rights. The benefit for the Tucson Human Rights Coalition was a spectacular evening of fun and inspirational music, poetry and theatre.

Over $2,000 was raised to assist the work of THRC in its educational efforts in the area of civil and human rights and to combat the radically right sponsored "anti-Gay" initiative.

I was proud to be a limited part of the evening's gathering and I am even more proud of the commitment and dedication of Tucsonans to this issue.

I want to thank the performers, Meikil Berry, Courage Sisters, Rus McCoy, Pastiche, Women of the Bloodhut

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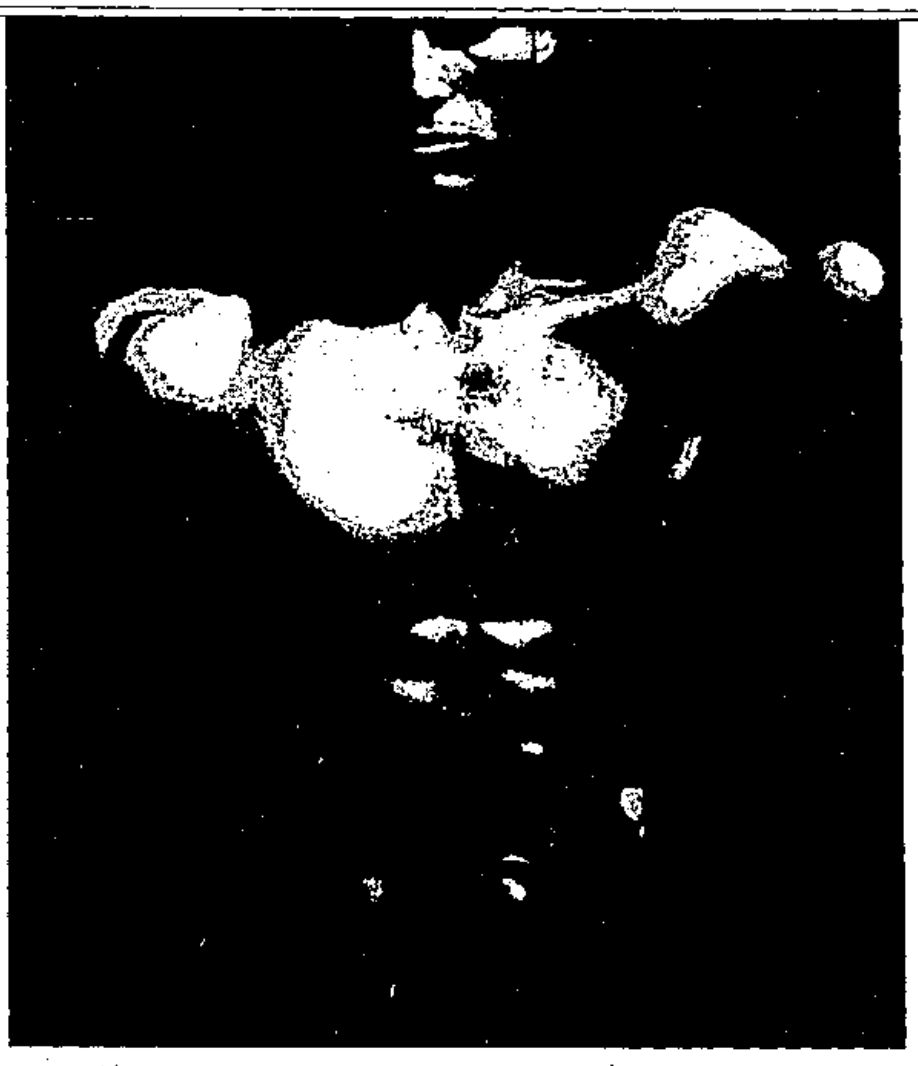

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Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

The latest issue of Bear Magazine has just hit the stands. There are some hot looking guys in their including one gentleman from Kenya. Flipping through the pages, I'm beginning to realize that what I've been telling people is very true: the Bears are a worldwide community, as united and diverse as the Gay community that is its foundation. We're also such an intimate and supportive group, but it's on such a huge scale that its almost mind boggling, as the new group, the Brisbane Bears in Australia, will tell you.

In Chicago, the Great Lakes Bears are sponsoring Bear Pride '94 on Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30. The registration fees are $25 before May 1, $30 after May 1, plus an extra $15 for the T-shirt. If this sounds like a good way to get away, just contact the Bears and we'll help you get together with the Great Lakes Bears to arrange a place for you to stay.

As for local events, the Hides of March will be at the Venture-N this weekend, and it'll be kicked off with a big Bear feast on Friday, March 18. We'll be serving Beef Stew and a tossed salad at 7 p.m. and keep it up until 9 p.m. Skip dinner and bring your appetites. Check the Venture-N ad in this paper for more info on the Hides of March weekend.

Don't forget that we're moving the Bear Business Meeting up a week to Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. It's going to be held at Troy and Bob's home so don't miss out.

Another thing you don't want to miss is the last day of the Renaissance Festival in Casa Grande. Head to your local Fry's Food and Drug to pick up your ticket, and then meet us at the Venture-N on Sunday, March 27 at 8 a.m. so we can car pool up there. All are invited: Bear, non-Bear, Bear-lover, or just plain Renaissance enthusiast.

And, of course, the First Thursday of every month is the Bear General Meeting with Bear Bust to follow. This one will be on April 7, be there.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Opening night at Arizona Theatre Company. Sophisticate Bears galore. Get your tickets now.

Until next week: Happy Hunting.

For further Bear event info: call Vice Chair Bear Wayne at 887-3115 before 9 p.m.

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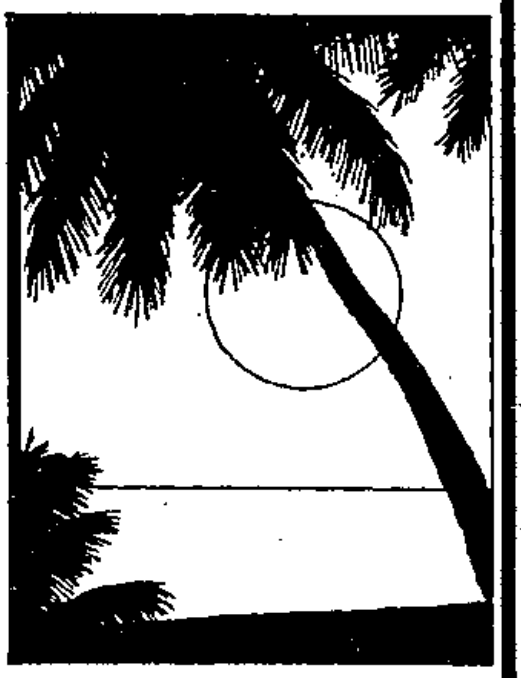
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The SHANTI Corner

By Bruce Fowler, President of the Shanti Board of Directors

We're a little late with this column this month (actually this should have been done in time for February). However, what's here is full of information and reports to the community.

Community General Meeting

Each year Shanti has held a "general meeting", open to everyone in the community. These meetings are hosted by the Board and the information gathered is used to help set future direction and goals. This year's General Meeting was held on January 24th at Temple Emanu-el.

Despite the fact that the meeting was open to all in the community and had been "advertised" as such, only board members, staff and a hand full of Shanti volunteers and clients attended.

Discussion centered on fundraising, stabilization of resources, inter-ASO cooperation, the possible need for a public relations effort on behalf of Shanti, evaluation of Shanti services (which everyone thought were being done in an excellent manner within the limitations of money and sufficient volunteers). Several people present thought that Shanti should provide additional services such as a more comprehensive transportation plan for clients, continued AIDS education and "interim" care for PWAs leaving the hospital and not yet able to care for them self at home. Several people also mentioned the need to hire a "Client Services Coordinator" (or some such name); a person to coordinate clients, services and community resources. The person hired would probably have to be well educated in the area of case management and of course, funds would have to be found to pay the salary.

No firm plans were made at this meeting as it was a time for gathering information, ideas and concerns only. The Board and staff will now work on these various ideas during the coming year.

Annual Meeting

The 1994 annual meeting was held February 9th, at the Ramada Inn - Downtown. Again, despite several announcements in the community that the meeting was open to anyone wanting to attend, no one attended other than the Board members and their partners, friends and families.

The agenda for this meeting included installation of new board members (1994-1996) and election of officers for 1994. Officers unanimously elected for 1994: Bruce Fowler, President; Sharon Kutzschbach, Vice President; Annie Richie, Secretary; Brad M. Palmer, Treasurer. In addition, current Board members also include: Jim Baran, Mark Schaye, Brian King, Jerry Rawlins, Gloria J. Valenzuela, Susan Gregory, and James Cooper.

There are currently eleven Board members with four seats on the Board remaining to be filled for a total of fifteen. Efforts are being made to fill those seats as quickly as possible with people who will represent the diversity of the Tucson community. Under the direction of the by-laws, two of those seats must be Shanti volunteers and two must be members of the community at large.

Community Food Pantry

The Shanti Community Food Pantry as been around for nearly a year now. During the past year we've discovered a growing need by members of the HIV community for basic food supplies. Many times that need can not be met by conventional resources. The Community Food Pantry is available to any HIV person needing food. All that is necessary is for the person to come into the office or phone and ask for food from the pantry. Shanti clients can ask their Shanti "buddy" to bring them food, if they would prefer.

The pantry contains can goods (eg. vegetables, fruit), dry boxed food goods (eg. macaroni and cheese, cereals), staples like sugar and floor, pasta, cake mixes, peanut butter, etc. and Ensure (a food supplement),

Supplies for the pantry are provided by donations from our wonderful volunteers and Shanti supporters and from some of the money donated for "direct aid" like the Share Bears collections.

The Community Food Pantry is in desperate need of additional food items such as those mentioned above. Please, canned or boxed goods only, we have no way to store fresh or frozen goods. People interested in contributing can do so by bringing the food to the office any Monday through Friday between 10am and 5pm. Call the office if you'd like to make other arrangements for a "pantry" donation.

Is there any local club or organization wanting to hold a fundraiser or collection for pantry items? We could sure use your help. Call the office for details.

Financial Report

In January we promised the readers of the *Observer* a full financial report for 1993 and a 1994 budget projection. We had a change of financial officers last fall and the transfer of records took longer than we anticipated. We continue to work on these reports and will soon get them in print here in the *Observer*.

Volunteers Needed

The number of clients continues to grow, requiring trained "buddies". In addition, the need for hands and hearts to do the work of Shanti becomes greater. Specifically, administrative help is needed to coordinate the ever increasing work load of Shanti services. We also need people to help in the office, at special events, with Share Bear collections, etc. Call Amy on Tuesday through Friday afternoons to discuss some of these possibilities.

Of all our needs for volunteer help, one of our greatest needs currently is in the area of volunteer buddies or counselors. While we have a sizeable and faithful number of women "buddies", we need more mature Gay men to come forward and volunteer. Many clients specifically request "an older gay male" for a buddy and there are not enough to "go around".

The 30 hour "Shanti training" this month, which can lead to being a Shanti buddy, is March 18 (6-9pm), March 19, 20 and 26 (9am-5pm). It's an intensive

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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 INTO 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.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1985".

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.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-O, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 41841, Tucson AZ 85717 or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Venture-N patio.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 1001 N. Wilmot.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE
Men and women both welcome. Office 624-8265.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-1808 Tucson.

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

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

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

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

AGRA-Tucson announces a Press Conference for the 1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo at 9:00 p.m. on March 16 in the Parkview Room at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Address: 475 N. Granada, Tucson. 504

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.

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

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SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772 504

LIGHTENING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 795-6051 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets at 8 pm 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. $2 at door (more if you can, less if not).

ARE YOU A GAY MAN 40 OR OLDER? Do you enjoy the companionship of your peers? Call Cronies 888-7264 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. 795-3610.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

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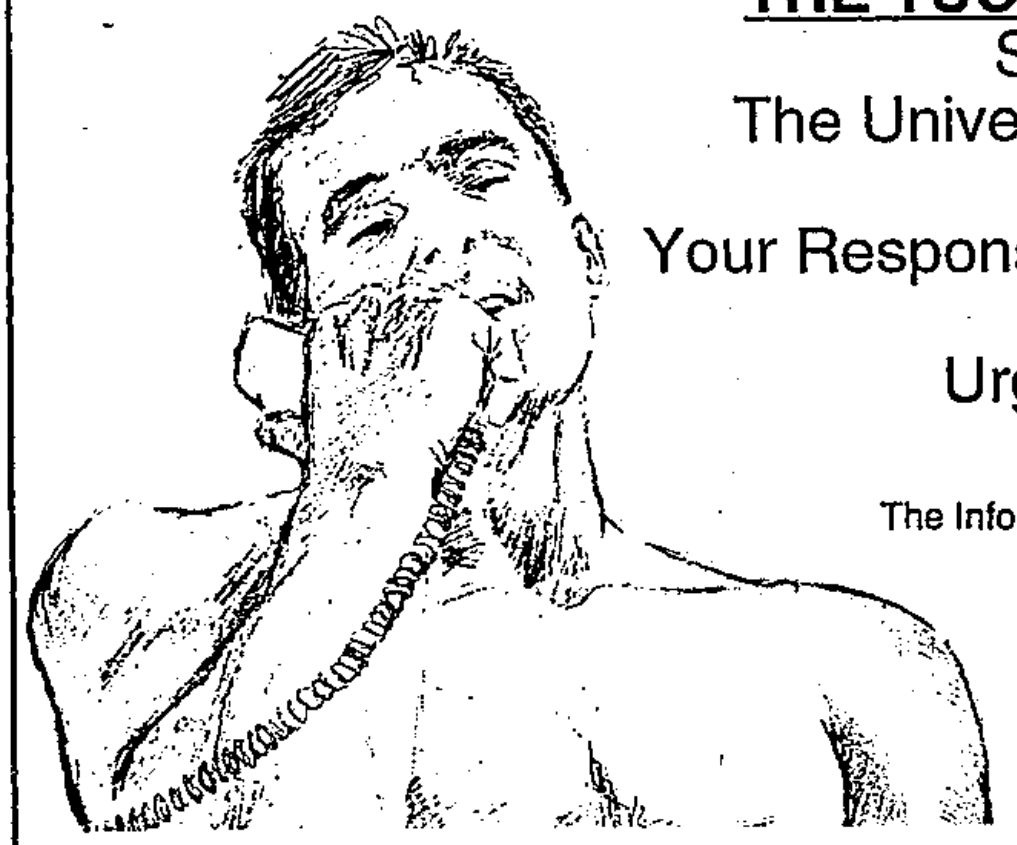

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and Jamie Anderson, all of whom donate their time and considerable talents to making this event truly memorable. I also want to thank all the volunteers and the well dressed ushers who assisted in all aspects of the evening's success. The Unitarian-Universalist Church donated the use of its space and the Cornerstone Fellowship provided the concert-goers with free refreshments. Thank you!

Finally I wish to give a heartfelt thanks to the producers of this wonderful event, Jamie Anderson and Beth Perry. Without their commitment, talents and hard work Saturday night's celebration would not have happened. I remain deeply touched, not only by the performances, but by the quality of the dedication of Jamie and Beth. THRC cannot thank them enough and neither can I.

Kathi Mayer,
Tucson Human Rights Coalition

Shanti

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training workshop, designed to introduce Shanti "buddies" and others interested, to the highly acclaimed Shanti approach to providing emotional support. Issues of HIV/AIDS volunteer work are discussed, as are other issues of caring for people living with life threatening diseases. Call the office for more details. By the way, the training workshop is presented every other month here in Tucson. If you can't make it in March, how about May?

If there's something in this column you'd like to comment upon or would like more information about, please feel free to contact the Shanti Board of Directors; we do care what you think.

Pride 1994 Logo Contest Deadline Nears

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) is not accepting logo submissions for the 1994 Pride Week. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 3.

The theme for this year is "Stonewall 25: A Global Celebration Of Pride". That theme slogan as well as the wording "Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994" must appear on the logo.

TLGA is offering a prize of $100 to the winning entrant. The logo appears on all T-Shirts and other souvenir products which will be on sale during and after Pride Week 1994 and up to the Pride Picnic which will be held on October 17 at Reid Park this year.

Submissions may be mailed to TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717 or may be brought to any TLGA meeting. Notices of their meetings may be found in the Observer Non-Bar calendar. For more information call 321-0985

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