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John Wayne Gacy Executed After 14 Year Legal Battle

● CHICAGO, ILL (AP) - John Wayne Gacy was executed Tuesday morning, more than a decade after the discovery of a makeshift graveyard under his home led to his conviction for 33 murders.

Gay was executed by injection at the maximum security Stateville Correctional Center.

His execution ended more than 14 years of legal wrangling, including a flurry of 11th hour appeals filed by his lawyers in the last few days. One appeal was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court Monday evening, hours before the execution.

Less than 10 hours before the execution was to begin, a three judge federal appeals court panel in Chicago rejected an effort by Gacy's lawyers to halt it. The lawyers then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which turned them down at 4:55 p.m. Tucson time.

As the hours ticked away, Gacy remained in a "very chatty" mood, according to prison spokesman Nic Howell.

"He's reflective," said Howell, who strolled through a prison yard with Gacy hours before the execution. The two smoked cigars and Howell said he listened as Gacy reflected on his life and his years in prison.

"He's talking about the past," Howell told reporters before the execution. "I guess you don't do that if you think you're going to have a chance to do it again."

Relatives of Gacy's victims, barred from the execution chamber by state prison officials, maintained a tense vigil waiting for word of his death.

In Chicago, members of the Guardian Angels demonstrated in a downtown plaza in support of the execution. They laid out 33 body bags to symbolize Gacy's victims and carried signs with slogans such as "Say Goodbye, It's Time for You to Fry."

"We've been waiting for this for 14 years and when it's over with it will be a relief," said Harold Piest, father of Gacy's last victim, Robert Piest, whose disappearance led to Gacy's arrest.

"In the back of our minds, this guy is slippery as an eel, liable to sneak out of prison under some technicality, so it scared our family to no end," Piest said.

Gacy, 52, was convicted in March 1980 in the killing of 33 young men and boys, most found buried in the crawl space beneath his ranch style home on the northwest edge of Chicago.

Gacy, who sometimes entertained neighborhood children as "Pogo the Clown," lured some of the victims with offers of construction jobs, others with offers of sex.

The victims were killed between 1972 and 1978. Many were handcuffed and repeatedly raped. Most were strangled after Gacy tricked them into allowing him to slip a rope around their necks, then slowly twisted it tight and tighter with a stick.

It was one of the nation's worst serial killing cases. But that did not speed up the process leading from Gacy's sentencing to his being condemned to be the 237th person executed since the 1976 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing states to resume use of the death penalty.

The most recent previous involuntary execution in Illinois was in 1962. Another condemned man, Charles Walker, dropped his appeals and won the right to have his execution carried out in September 1990.

With his final appeals still pending, Gacy was flown to Stateville by helicopter from the Menard Correctional Center in southern Illinois, where he spent 14 years and two months in a windowless cell. **CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVENTEEN**

Frank Will Return to Heart Of Civil Rights Movement

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Despite the vandalism, the threats, and the neighbor who fired a gun 87 times in half an hour just to scare them, Brenda Henson says she and her partner, Wanda, have no intention of parking in their dream and moving on.

"There's no choice to do anything else as an American citizen but stand my ground," Henson said in a telephone interview from Camp Sister Spirit, the feminist retreat the Lesbian couple is building in the tiny southern town of Overt, Mississippi.

Still, Henson welcomes plans by U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to hold a congressional hearing in Mississippi this spring to explore whether the government can better protect the Hensons, whose plans are opposed by area residents. Cases are pending in local and federal courts.

"I welcome any kind of intervention," Henson said. "We feel like we're just down here with no protection whatsoever and afraid of what can happen in these courts down here without someone in D.C. watching."

Frank, an openly Gay member of Congress and a member of the Judiciary

Committee's subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, went to Mississippi in 1964 to help blacks register to vote.

In the Henson case, he said, "people are being discriminated against because of their personalities."

Frank said he will hold the hearing unless the dispute is resolved, despite a request from Rep. Mike Parker, D-Miss., that he back off. Federal mediators have been dispatched by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"This is a local matter and we feel it should be handled locally," said Parker's chief of staff, Arthur Rhodes, who said the case has more to do with land use than with civil rights.

"Just like we don't have the right to build a landfill anywhere, they don't have a right to build this retreat anywhere they please," he said.

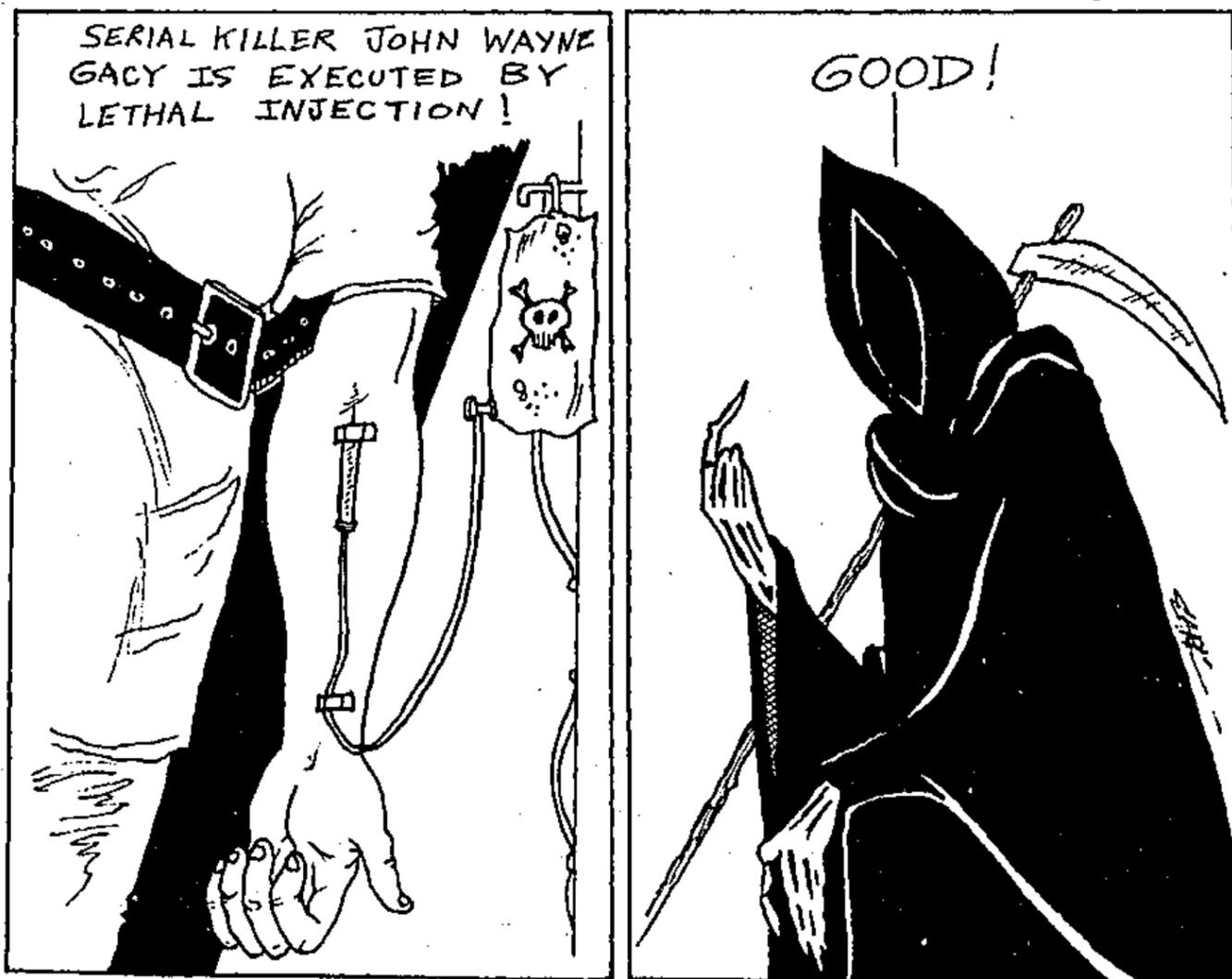
Rhodes argued the local residents oppose the retreat but are not trying to drive the Hensons off their land.

"That's not to say they condone the lifestyle of the Hensons. Nor do we," he said. "There's no legal means to say

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As I See It.....

by Clark



UPDATE

Meliti Initiative Could Pass If On Ballot, Poll Says

TUCSON - A survey conducted by Del Ali of Political Media Research of Washington, D.C. showed that the proposed anti-Gay rights initiative could pass if it gets enough valid signatures to qualify for the 1994 Arizona general election ballot.

The proposed constitutional amendment would bar laws of ordinances prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals.

The proposed constitutional amendment by Frank Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition, was backed by 41 percent of the people surveyed, with 37 percent opposing it and 22 percent undecided.

While undecided voters tend to oppose most ballot measures on election day, Ali said an anti-Gay rights measure passed in Colorado in part because undecided voters eventually supported it.

The survey was conducted April 25-29, 1994. The poll, was based on telephone interviews with 810 registered voters statewide, has a potential error of 3.5%.

NYC Lesbian Avengers In Tucson This Week

TUCSON - The flamboyant, fruitful and outrageous Lesbian Avengers from New York City (known for street theater, fire eating and "in your face" political tactics) will present two free workshops this weekend, that are guaranteed to incite, excite, educate, organize and mobilize you.

Open to everyone is Out Against The Right In Tucson, Saturday, May 14th, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cactus Gallery, 621 North 4th Avenue. A timely discussion and sharing of ideas especially about this fall's anti-Gay ballot initiative.

For Lesbians only. Sunday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 North 4th Avenue, will be Lesbian Avengers In Training: Fire Eating and Mind Expansion. Especially come to this workshop if you want to form a Lesbian Avengers Chapter in Tucson, (again, this one women only). Both workshops are free. Be there & be queer! For more info call 292-1410 or Wingspan at 624-1779.

Fox Execs Review 'Melrose Place' With Gay Smooch

LOS ANGELES, CA - First came Roseanne Arnold's sitcom smooch with Mariel Hemingway in a Gay bar. Then came "Northern Exposure's" smoochless Gay wedding, which got no exposure on two Southern CBS affiliates. Now, super-hot "Melrose Place" is looking to steam up its season finale with a kiss between a male newcomer and the Gay Matt Fielding (Doug Savant).

But will this lip lock be blocked? Earlier last week, a Fox spokeswoman said the network would review the episode after getting the tape from the show's producers.

The finale is scheduled to be aired at 8 p.m. May 18 on Channel 11 in Tucson.

Screening Room Premieres

'One Nation Under God'

TUCSON - The Screening Room, located at 127 E. Congress, is pleased to present "One Nation Under God", a thought provoking and controversial true life drama which examines the underlying social and cultural factors that have caused many Gay men and Lesbians to want to change their sexual orientation.

Showtimes are: Friday, May 13, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 14, 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Single admission is \$4; \$3 for matinees.

The film begins with a modern day group called Exodus International, the largest reparative therapy organization in the world that believes that all homosexual activity is sinful and that homosexuality is a psychological disorder which can be cured.

Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper, original spokespersons for the organization, have renounced the entire organization as a sham and lived happily together as lovers for many years. Their insightful and sometimes playful commentary on what it means to be both Gay and ex-Gay creates a powerful context for the film.

For further information, call 622-2262.

Gays Want Olympics Out Of Anti-Gay Cobb County

ATLANTA, GA - The battle over the 1996 Olympics in Cobb County, Georgia is heating up. A coalition of organizations is pressing the Olympic Committee to remove volleyball from Cobb County because the county commission passed a resolution last summer condemning the Gay "lifestyle." Cobb Commission Chairman Bill Byrne has stated that the original anti-Gay resolution will not be rescinded, although the commission issued another resolution last month stating vaguely that everyone is "welcome" in Cobb County during the Olympics. In an interview with the Atlanta Constitution, Byrne added that Gays are welcome as are "skinheads," "pro-Nazi's" and people "filled with hate" who "have a right to be here, as anyone else does, and to continue to be welcome."

The Olympics Out of Cobb County Coalition is asking the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to move volleyball to a venue outside of Cobb County. The Coalition has threatened a massive protest in 1994 if the Olympics are held in Cobb County, which has distinguished itself as the only jurisdiction in the nation with a resolution broadly condemning the Gay "lifestyle."

For more information, contact Olympics Out of Cobb County, P.O., Box 77341, Atlanta, Georgia 30357-1341; (404) 798-7822.

In Memoriam



DENNIS A. WASSER
May 2, 1945 - May 7, 1994

Dennis left this crazy world just after his 49th birthday. He was a Vietnam veteran and is survived by his mother, brother, 2 nieces and two very good dogs, Ziggy and Hilda.

At his request, anyone who cares to remember, may send a donation to P.A.C.T.

Dennis, you will be missed by many. Love, Ed and Ken.

Gay/Lesbian Alumni of Wheaton College Plan NYC Reunion June 25

NEW YORK, NY - A reunion is planned for Gay and Lesbian alumni of Wheaton College (in Wheaton, Illinois) during Unity '94/Gay Pride Weekend in New York. The meeting is intended to create a friendly, pro-Gay environment, and a network of support, for Gay and Lesbian alumni and students of Wheaton College. The group also recognizes and honors a diversity of religious experience among its members.

An organizational meeting and social hour is planned. The event's planners (including the group's founder, Paul Phillips, of Romanovsky & Phillips) expect the meeting to attract hundreds of Gay and Lesbian alumni.

The reunion will take place Saturday, June 25, from 1 - 5 p.m., at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 423 West 46th Street (Between 9th and 10th Avenues) in New York City.

St. Clement is a Gay friendly environment in New York's theater district; it is centrally located for all alumni who are coming to New York for Unity '94/Gay Pride Weekend. (This Gay and Lesbian group and its activities are not endorsed by Wheaton College.)

For more information, Wheaton Gay and Lesbian alumni telephone number is (212) 807-5577. Any request for confidentiality or discretion will be carefully followed.

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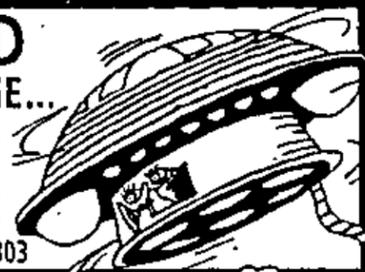
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Fiesta de Mayo Candidates Raise Over \$3500 for Pride



TUCSON - After several weeks of fund raising the two teams running for King and/or Queen of Gay Pride in Tucson, the Red team headed by Adrienne Alexander won by raising over \$2700 as of presstime. Shown above is Adrienne in the center flanked on the left by last year's Queen of Fiesta de Mayo, Candace and on the right by red team assistant Paris St. Claire. Angelica West, headed the White Team which raised nearly \$1000 of the total amount.

Congratulations to Adrienne Alexander who was crowned Queen of Gay Pride '94 last Sunday night at IBT's. The Red Team was facilitated by Lucinda Holliday in a non-stop selling campaign of T-Shirts and jewelry all over town.

The Fiesta de Mayo celebration was very successful and well attended and will be a tough act to follow next year. The event is hosted annually by the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) and the event officially kicks off the fund raising for the Pride Picnic which will be held at Reid Park this year on Saturday, October 8.

The "Big Top" in the parking lot at IBT's housed 13 groups and agencies with games of chance, information and food. From religion to adult amusement, it was well attended and raised \$711 which was put into the candidates kitty. IBT's owners Dave Huff and Frank Schepis kicked in an additional \$100.

The official TLGA Pride T-Shirts were on sale during the Fiesta and will be available at all the local bars this week. The cost is \$12 per shirt with all proceeds going to pay for the picnic.

Last week the winner of the logo contest was incorrectly identified. Patrick Fenimore was winner of the logo contest and received the \$100 prize money. TLGA apologizes for this typo and says thanks again to Mr. Fenimore.

1994 Gay/Lesbian Book Award Winners

BUFFALO, NY - The American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Book Awards Committee has announced the winners of the 1994 Gay/Lesbian Book Awards.

The awards are given annually to two books of exception merit examining Lesbian and/or Gay experience and published during the prior calendar year. Established in 1971, the Gay and Lesbian Task Force Book Awards are the nation's oldest and longest lived.

The two award winning books were selected by a group of thirteen academic, public, and special librarians from institutions throughout the United States. This year the ten finalists considered for the awards were selected from a list of 47 nominated titles, which in turn were drawn from a listing of over 600 titles, fiction and nonfiction, that were identified as having Gay or Lesbian content.

The 1994 Gay and Lesbian Award for Literature went to Leslie Feinberg for Stone Butch Blues (Firebrand Books), a poignant exploration of transgendered identity in the years surrounding the Stonewall Uprising.

Chosen as the 1994 Nonfiction award winner, Family Values: Two Moms and their Son by Phyllis Burkner (Random House) chronicles the author's transformation from the closet to activism through the catalyst of Lesbian parenthood.

Both books were selected from a list of 10 finalists. Runners up of the awards, all worthy of recognition as some of the best books of 1993, include:

LITERATURE

Growing Up Gay: An Anthology For Young People. Edited by Bennet Singer (New Press).

The Last Generation by Cherrie Moraga (South End Press).

Scissors, Paper, Rock by Fenton Johnson (Pocket Books).

She's Always Like The Girls Best: Lesbian Plays by Claudia Allen (Third Side Press).

NONFICTION

The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook: Crating and Raising Our Families by April Martin (Harper Perennial).

Lesbian Culture: An Anthology edited by Julia Penelope and Susan J. Wolfe (Crossing Press).

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Lesbians, Gay Men and the Law by William B. Rubenstein (New Press).

Stonewall by Martin Duberman (Dutton).

The book awards will be presented on June 27, 1994 during an awards ceremony at the American Library Association annual conference in Miami, Florida.

With the selection of the 1994 award winners, the Gay and Lesbian Book Award Committee now turns it's attention to reading titles for the 1995 awards. The Committee welcomes and encourages nominations from the public, excluding only those persons affiliated with book publishing firms. Nominations for English language books published in 1994 can be submitted through December 31, 1994. Nominations must include a brief statement, about one half page in length, as to why the title is being recommended.

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I am writing this on Tuesday, the tenth day of May, 1994. This day is remarkable; it is a day of miracles.

Today Nelson Mandela was sworn in as the president of South Africa. The black majority of South Africa danced, sang, prayed, partied, and thundered its approval. Three hundred years of racist terror and injustice fell away last week as the majority of South Africans went to the polls with public joy, a compassionate dignity, and — at last — undeniable power.

Racist South Africa, so long a pariah, elected a new Parliament, adopted a new constitution, installed its first democratic government, and took a new flag all in the same week. The capital which had been shunned was busy with limousines as the world arrived to look on. The new flag was everywhere, carried by millions whom it symbolized for the first time.

Last week a 93-year-old woman voted for the first time. She left her crutches at the base of the stairs which led to the ballot box; she crawled up the steps until bystanders came to her aid. People stood good-naturedly in line for hours, even days, to vote.

Nelson Mandela sat in prison for twenty-seven years waiting for this day. When John Kennedy was killed, Mandela was already in jail. Nelson Mandela went into prison shortly after the debut of the Berlin Wall, only to emerge after the Wall was torn down. Today he is president of his country.

Last week Israel and the Palestinians came to an agreement on the West Bank and Jericho. Though the

At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

One Fine Day

negotiations continued furiously even onto the stage at the ceremonial signing of the accord, today Palestinian police were in charge of the territories occupied since 1967 by Israel. The situation is volatile, but the parties have at last agreed to agree. Syria is talking peace for the return of the Golan Heights; Israel is on the brink of making peace with Damascus.

What does any of this have to do with us? Only this: struggle pays off.

Occasionally justice flowers in human society. It may take a long time to come around. It may not hold together if imposed from without; the long false peace that was Yugoslavia is falling back into the bitter land wars that went on there for hundreds of years.

The causes of black South Africans and stateless Palestinians were held back by ruthless oppression. Rubber bullets and fire hoses, incendiary bombs and automatic weapons fire, the noose and the swift knife: that's real, serious oppression. You can't fear death and support such a cause.

In our own country's history, the struggles of African-American and Latino voters and the organized labor movement have withstood brutal oppression.

All we have to do is outsmart Frank Meliti, and judging by everything I've seen of the man or read about him, that should be a no-brainer. The guy is

the crudest sort of hate-filled, racist dolt. Hating queers comes as a reflex to him; he doesn't even really know why he hates us. His campaign looks like it's going tremendously badly; even Arizona's premier right-wingers look on Frank as an inept extremist.

Concerned Women of America won't even be seen with him. The only petition anyone has seen for his hate initiative is in the offices of the John Birch Society in Phoenix. Does this signify some stealth campaign to gather 150,000 signatures the Sunday before the petition deadline in churches across Arizona? Naah, I doubt it. While I still advise vigilance and caution, I don't think Frank can pull it off.

Nelson Mandela's prison was a closely guarded island. Ours is a closet. He risked everything and gave up nearly thirty years of his life to his cause. All we have to do is get up off our asses and go to the polls, no crawling required.

Plan to vote Tuesday? I know, it's "just" bond elections (a quarter of a billion dollars' worth of city debt), but we must tell the city where we want our money spent. Knowing Tucson, we must then be hawklike in watching where the bucks actually go.

Go to the polls at every election. As my mother would say, "vote early and often." The day of our freedom will never come before we demand it. If we

don't show ourselves at every election, if we don't come out and struggle and vote against our enemies, Frank Meliti and his lame cohorts will steal our freedoms and lock that closet door.

Long live South Africa, free at last. Long live Palestine, soon to be free. Long live the Queer Nation, may we soon show its power.

Remember this extraordinary day.



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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

In the most recent survey conducted by KAET-TV, the Phoenix Public Television station, found that statewide support for Governor Fife remains unchanged. Fifty two percent of Arizona voters approve the job the Fife is doing in office. Voters were also asked if Governor Symington should be given another term as governor.

Fifty five percent of Arizona voters say they would prefer someone else as governor and 34% would favor Symington. Eleven percent were undecided at this time. The results did not significantly differ from the results of a February 1994 KAET-TV poll in which 54% of the voters would favor someone else as governor of Arizona.

When asked what Symington reelection chances are, 47% of voters statewide say he has about a 50/50 chance. Twenty eight percent think the Guv's got less than 50/50 chance, and 25% say his chances are better than 50/50. The survey is based on telephone interviews with 463 registered voter statewide, has a potential 4.5% margin of error.

A Democratic Gubernatorial wannabee, Paul Johnson has opened a southern Arizona headquarters. It is located at 3955 East Speedway, #104 in Tucson. The Johnson campaign plans to have a headquarter grand opening party, to take place on Wednesday, May 25th.

It was revealed this past week that five members of the State Legislature, who are planning to run for Congress and the Senate took contributions from lobbyists during the session.

The five, State Senators, Chuck Blanchard (D-Phoenix), Matt Salmon (R-Mesa), & Bev Hermon (R-Tempe); State Representatives David Schweikert (R-Scottsdale), and Cathy Eden (D-Phoenix), accepted contributions from lobbyists ranging from \$750 to \$7,725. Accepting of these contributions appears to have violated a state law, which was sponsored by Sen. Blanchard, and passed in the last legislative session.

But, the Federal Elections Com-

mission and the Arizona Attorney General has saved their proverbial campaigns and "keysters" by issuing opinions that stricken the statute. Their opinions state that only federal law can regulate campaign fund raising for candidates for federal office. State law cannot regulate federal candidates.

Next week, the City of Tucson is holding a special Bond Election. And with the absentee ballots cast so far, it shows that the citizens just don't really care about the election.

So far, a week before the election, the Tucson City Clerk reports that only 1,537 absentee ballots have been requested, out of over 200,000 registered voters, and only 834 have been cast (returned).

The candidates for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has increased by one. On the Democratic side you have the incumbent, C. Diane Bishop, Tempe Mayor Harry Mitchell, and State Senator Lela Alston, and "C. Diane Bishop's Godawful Red Suit."

The Republicans finally have a candidate, State Rep. Lisa Graham of Paradise Valley. Graham is completing her second term in the State Legislature, where she served as chair of the House Education Committee. Graham believes in Symington's proposal for a private school voucher program. She calls U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, "my favorite politician." (Eeek!)

Lastly, the District 13 Democrats still have no candidate (and time is running out) to run for the State Senate, to run against the Republican incumbent, Patti Noland. Gee, how about taking an ad to find someone to run?

And so it goes!



DEAR COMMUNITY:

This letter goes out to Tucson with a great big "thanks" for helping me win the Queen of Lesbian & Gay Pride 1994 crown.

Thank you everyone for your generous support, because of you my team raised \$2,769.81.

To the Graduate, 2520, Hours, IBT's, Venture-N, and Stonewall/Eagle, thank you for your raffle donations and/or allowing us to invade your bar with all of our fund raising activities. It couldn't have been done without you!

I think it's easiest if I list the thank you's:

To Art Lewis & Kenny Anne, you're wonderful people.

Tropicana Hotel, for baskets and donations.

Debra Broner, for your business input and contacts.

Floyd Meeks & Anne Malcy, for condoms for our AIDS awareness donations.

To David Andrews, Brian Fox, and Larry Moore, thank's for the support and faithfulness.

And to all of our t-shirt customers, what can I say.

To my best friend Lucinda Holiday, thanks for hauling my ass around and supporting me through the trials and tribulations of this. You were like my right arm and for this I am ever grateful.

If I missed anyone in this letter, don't worry, I will thank you in person. But, in general, thank you Tucson, you have made me the happiest Queen!

Also, I would like to announce a career move on my part. I am now happy to be working with the Glamazon's cast at IBT's, so to all my loyal fans, watch the paper for showtimes and dates!

Love to all, Adrienne Alexander
Queen of Lesbian & Gay Pride
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DEAR EDITOR:

Who is the guy in the Sumo wrestling suit with Bucky in your May 4th issue? I need to know. It's either really bad photography (impossible!), or that guy stole my face!

I can understand why he would want my face as handsome and ruggedly chiseled as it is. But there's a problem here.

If he gets even a whiff of the reputation that goes along with that face he'll leave town so fast the vacuum will suck the shrubs off the median on I-10.

Please, someone, warn the poor sucker.

Signed, relieved to have someone
Share the Blame.
Patrick A. Tobin

TO THE COMMUNITY:

We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in TAP's Forum on Wednesday, May 4th. We appreciate the comments, concerns, and support that was expressed by many of the over 80 people present. We take what we heard seriously, and will be giving this and other input careful consideration.



We regard the May 4th Forum as part of an on-going effort to dialogue with the community as we struggle together, as a community, with the many and enormous challenges of HIV.

Again, thanks for your participation.

Sincerely, Board of Directors
Tucson AIDS Project

TO THE TUCSON GAY COMMUNITY:

Let me just say thanks! The past weekend at IBT's was a tremendous success that I could not have anticipated.

So first I want to thank everyone who gave money and energy to put on the "Big Top" event:

Cactus Gallery, Triangle Traders, PACT, Shanti, P-FLAG, AGRA, Christian Fellowship, Holiday Headliners, Gay & Lesbian Awareness, The Red Team (Adrienne & Paris), and the White Team (David Z).

When one considers that last year only 5 groups participated, this event therefor is moving in the right direction.

Secondly to Frank Schepis and David Huff, the owners of IBT's at 616 N. 4th Ave and my friends, who gave me a lot of headway and blind faith that this would happen and most importantly be a success. It was, they went the distance, got license extension to "play" in the parking lot under our 30' x 30' tent and more importantly paid for all of it. They have set the standard for future fund raisers for Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA). Their will be some fine tuning for next year but it can only get better.

Third, to our winners Adrienne Alexander and Paris, 1st place, and David Z., Runner-up, combined they raised over \$3,500 of the \$20,000 needed to give you, the community a day in the sun, our picnic (10/8/94 Reid Park).

Last but not least my friend and buddy Debra Broner, who punctuates a lot

of what happens in my life and around town. I've learned much this past year and have been taught many things. My sails are at full mast for the wind of change and I sincerely hope that change occurs in many arenas that I have my nose in. Some how we all know it will, so much has already.

Sincerely, Big John Haase
Co-Chair, TLGA

EDITOR:

There is a notion that folks working for good causes should either not get paid or, if they are, shouldn't get very much. At the recent TAP Open Meeting, this notion was expressed. I write, not to refute it as much as to share my feeling about it.

There is something basic and compelling to the idea that one should not make money doing good deeds. It seems like profiting from the misfortune of others, and, as a practical matter, every dollar that goes to staff does not go to a deserving client not to an additional program.

I have struggled with this dilemma, not only the context of AIDS, but as

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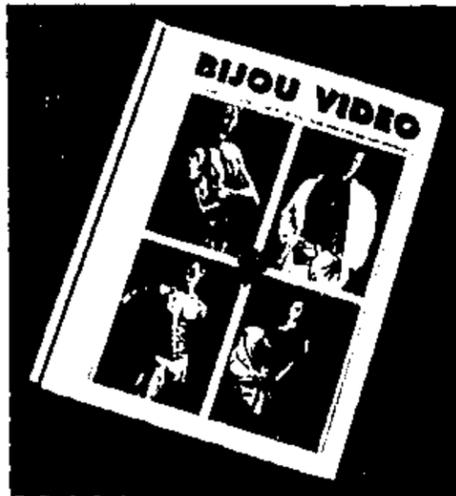
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FYI

by Big John

The TAP Forum...

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens could change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." -- Margaret Mead

Well kids, after all these months we finally had an open forum sponsored by TAP last Wednesday. Too bad it didn't happen last November or December when it was first promised. But then I heard that Craig Snow kept telling his Board "everything is under control and this will blow over." So that's probably why I've received nothing from TAP until last week and the forum was put off for almost seven months. Clearly, "it" isn't under control - and "it" certainly hasn't blown over!

What was probably meant to be a glitzy show and tell about all the wonderful aspects of TAP fund raising, community service, expenditures, etc., etc., ended up being a shouting match between TAP supporters and our Gay and HIV community. I estimate that we had sixty or more people in attendance, and TAP had almost the same number - except their group was mostly Board members, ex- and current paid staff, several volunteers, a couple of clients, and a few parents of deceased AIDS patients out to help TAP get the sympathy vote.

Nina Trasoff, a TAP Board member, had the thankless job of being moderator for the event, and of trying to keep some order for the fiasco. But ironically, Craig Snow didn't say one word in response to all the questions fired across their bow - he just pointed to various middle management people who are paid by TAP, for them to respond. I guess it really makes me wonder how much Craig really knows about TAP, and what he actually does for his salary - besides writing letters to the Mayor and City Council.

That letter seems to be my jumping off point, since it really pulled several of my nose hairs to see the lies and deception in Craig's letter of April 20th to the City fathers. Thus, I decided to leaflet the TAP Forum with enough paper "ammo" to shoot several rounds across their bow. To refresh your memory, Craig wrote in his letter to the city fathers that TAP "had a mediator spend time with the 6-8 people who seem to be most hostile to TAP. His conclusion (according to TAP) was that the group's goal was not to get TAP to change in specific ways, but to destroy TAP."

First, TAP did not ask to have a mediator meet with us. We were told by the attorney that met with us that he was not representing TAP, but was there in the interest of only one Board member who was a friend of his. Next, this attorney drafted a four page document that he gave to his TAP Board friend, and Craig Snow, discussing our "Perspectives on TAP," but nowhere did we indicate that we wanted TAP to be destroyed.

I also objected to conflicting language in Craig Snow's letter of April 23rd to the Gay community, where he gives credit to the "visionary members of the Gay/Lesbian community...that led to the formation of TAP..." Then in the same letter he does something insane, and says "TAP has been attacked on many fronts by several people who purport to represent the Gay/Lesbian and HIV communities." Well kids, some of these "visionary" members of our community

who helped start TAP are also the same people who do represent the Gay and HIV community who are now most critical of TAP's failure to be accountable for their actions and expenditures.

Others at the forum asked very important questions about finances, the death of a tenant at Horizon House, and the lopsided budget of almost one million bucks to serve only 250 people living with HIV when the total number of us in Pima County probably exceeds 3,000.

Board member Brian Bateman started a show and tell segment on AIDS Walk '93, but his voice progressed from being very controlled to the point that he began shouting at the audience, until Kevin Osborn asked him to stop "barking" at us. Mr. Bateman made many curious statements about last year's walk, such as all the corporate sponsors knew about the Toevs salary before hand. It seems, however, that the Tucson Weekly did not know about the Toevs money, and now their policy has changed for all time, and the new policy is that they will only provide matching grants. For example, TAP would need to purchase \$3,000 in advertising, and the Weekly will donate another \$3,000 in-kind. Thanks a lot for screwing things up, TAP!

Midway through the forum, two TAP volunteers stormed out of the meeting after accusing me of never changing a dirty diaper of an AIDS patient, and lamenting the fact that "we are sick and tired of listening to this stuff (criticism of TAP) for seven years, and reading about it in the FYI Column." What's wrong with this picture? Why haven't you two gentlemen done anything about "it" in seven years? And yes, I've cleaned my share of shit off people with AIDS - as well as off the bed, the shower, the walls, and the carpet. So Gene, I think you owe me an apology, because obviously you are unaware that we're all in this mess up to our necks - not just a few of you TAP volunteers!

All in all, not many answers were provided to the many questions posed at the open forum, but most of us had an opportunity to let off steam. And I do not really believe that the TAP Board expected such an angry crowd that threw a monkey wrench into their well organized and "planned" presentation. They had prepared several pages of financial information and statistics that they never got around to presenting because the audience had it's own long awaited questions to get out. I hope the next forum is sooner than six or eight months away!

The local Tucson Citizen seems to have picked up on the same topic that I reported here last week. In their issue of May 9, 1994, they discuss a "probe" of Pima Health Systems (PHS) and TAP for the failure to spend almost \$17,000 of attendant care money for people dying of AIDS. The excuses of Christina Rosetti at TAP place the blame on PHS budgeting only three attendant care persons a month - to make the money last. However, my ears seem to recall hearing Christina Rosetti tell Jerome that when the money for case management ran out, so did the services. The Citizen article says that the HIV Consortium will be conducting a "fact finding" probe into all the allegations and reasons why people living with AIDS have not benefited from the \$17,000 leftover money in the attendant care ac-

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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Are you really old enough to remember a few years back when folks were saying we were homosexuals because we were "Mama's boys"? Of course, they never said that a Lesbian was a "Daddy's girl", but what did they know!? When one is afraid, they tend to grab at straws. However, I thought a lot about it because I wasn't a "Mama's boy", and I wasn't much of a "Daddy's boy" either. I was a loner and didn't want to get too close to either because I knew I was a homosexual. I was safe in my closet at that time; being truthful wasn't in my vocabulary. I practiced to make sure I wasn't like one of the lispy, wispy, sissies they thought was what a homo was all about. See what a domineering mother can do to a child, they decried.

After I came out of my closet, I did become very close with my Mother. My dad had already passed away by that time. I did find out during those months that a Mother-Son relationship is something very precious, even for a son who isn't or wasn't a "Mama's boy". We had some wonderful talks, this woman who provided me with life. This woman who was a bonafide "born againer." This woman who loved her first born. Her questions were nearly merciless at times as her love for newly announced homosexual son drove her to search for answers. She was so sure she'd never see me in heaven now and her pain was real and great.

Yes, my coming out was a very painful step for her as well. It probably is for all Mothers even when they tell us it's OK that we're Gay.

Now what's fascinating to me is that a Gay son now has facing him, just a Lesbian daughter would have, the most incredible opportunity! Getting to really know your choice of a maternal genetic tie. I wish I could have known my Dad in the same manner but I was too slow in coming out.

The only thing you'll have to work out ASAP if you're going to truly communicate with you Mother is that you're going to have to break an old, well developed habit. The habit of telling lies. We've had to be if we are closet dwellers. When we exit our closets one of the first challenges we really face is learning to tell the truth. It's a good step to let Mom be

in top spot to hear the truth.

Guess what I'm really trying to say is: your Mother might become your best friend as well as your Mother. She may not realize it during the process of becoming, but she'll love it when reality sets in. Remember: it's a process; so go with the flow, so to speak. Don't expect it to occur overnight. Part of the joy you'll experience during this process moves forward. To watch and create the picture you'd like to see in your relationship with Mom.

Now, in case you're saying you'd never be able to be intimate with your truths to your Mother. Well, you want to remember what "intimate" is. For nine months you were inside her very body.

For the next 15 or so years, she not only saw every inch of your physical body, she taught you your ABC's she bathed your wounds and lent a shoulder. And you think you can't be intimate with someone who already has been more intimate than you'll ever be able to be. She would love to learn to know, even if it might be fearful for her, just how her child has "turned out" now that you've grown up.

No matter what we call her, Mother, Mom, Mama, Mommy, we all have one. Even the anonymous author who wrote.

"Me Mudder"

When me prayers were early said
Who tucked me in my widdle bed
And spanked my ass till it was red?
Me Mudder.

Who lifted me from my cozy cot
And sat me on an ice cold pot
And made me pee, if I could or not?
Me Mudder.

And when the morning lights had come
And in my bed, I dribbled some
Who whipped my tiny whiddle bun?
Me Mudder.

Who did my hair so neatly part
And pressed me gently to her heart
And squeezed me sometimes till I'd fart?
Me Mudder.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.



Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

Election, election. Yes, it's that time of the year again. May 15th, AGRA-Tucson Chapter will elect a new board. The day will start with the AGRA Meeting at Club 2520, Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. & General Membership Meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Thanks go to Peter for hosting the 1994/95 AGRA Tucson Chapter Elections.

Those nominated for Board positions are: President, Bob Janssen; Vice President, George Kaminski & Mark McCory; Recording Secretary, (no nominees); Corresponding Secretary, Craig Coder; Dance & Entertainment, Rodney Shanks (a.k.a. Gilda Fatale) & Edgar Calma; Fund Raising, Edgar Calma, Public Relations, Ray Young; Mobility & Logistics, Randy McClean; Rodeo Events, Telvi Roybal.

On April 16, AGRA held a Trail Ride and dinner at El Conquistador Sta-

bles. Thanks Telvi, I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to Bill Darnell, Bill Conn, Bob Janssen, & George Kaminski for working the AGRA booth at IBT's in support of TLGA, Fiesta De Mayo.

Don't forget the May 15th AGRA Tucson Chapter Election at Club 2520. May 22nd, AGRA State Membership meeting at Charlie's & immediately following the meeting there will be a casino fund raiser on the patio. May 27-29th the GPRR will be held in Oklahoma City (405-943-0843). Mark your calendars.

Congratulations to all in the Los Angeles and Atlanta Rodeos.

For more information on AGRA Tucson Chapter, please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

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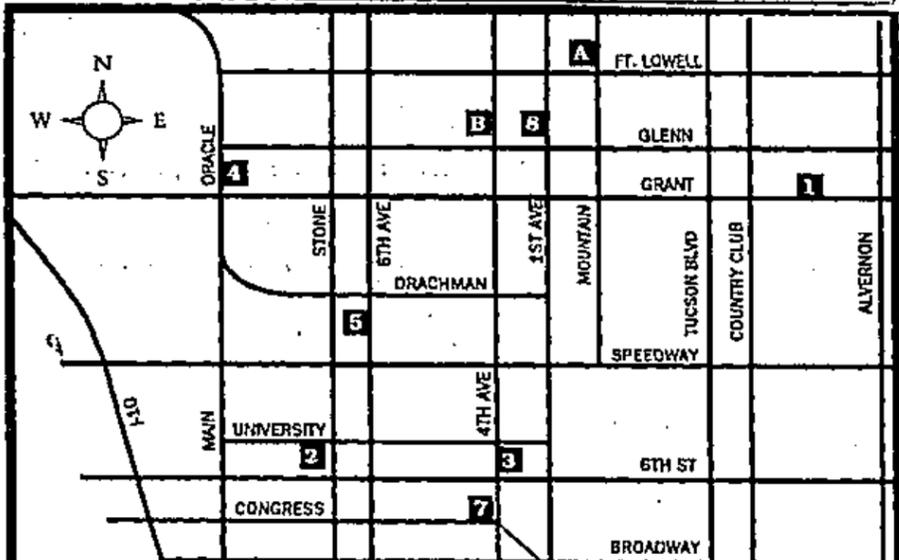


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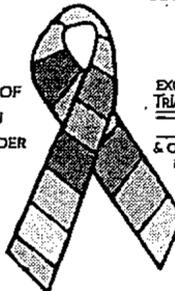


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THURSDAY, MAY 12

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Night five of the Grand Opening of this new watering hole will be a real treat for Tucson with the appearance of England's #1 Cabaret Singer, Vicki Shepard. Showtime for this special evening is 10:00 p.m. and you better get there early for a good seat.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Grand Opening winds down with a special buffet being served on their beautiful patio beginning at 7:00 p.m. Congratulations to Ken and Jerry for a great new addition to the nightlife of Tucson.

VENTURE-N - Free anonymous HIV testing here from 7 to 10 conducted by the Pima County Health Department in conjunction with P.A.C.T.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m. Cash Pool Tourney also begins at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

CLUB 2520 - Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) Tucson Chapter Board meeting at 3:00 p.m. and a General Membership Meeting at 5:00 p.m. AGRA Tucson Chapter will elect a new board, voting will end at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

GRADUATE - A benefit show for Portia Darkfire. Watch for details.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

GRADUATE - Free anonymous HIV testing from 4:30 until 7:30 conducted by Pima County Health Department and P.A.C.T.



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SUNDAY, MAY 15

Today, and every third Sunday of the month, Picture Rocks Retreat hosts a spiritual celebration for Lesbians and Gays with Mass at 6 p.m. and a potluck supper immediately following. For additional information on any Masses or upcoming programs, please call 744-3400 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

People With AIDS Coalition/Tucson will hold a Tuesday Night Support Group with questions about standard medical treatment options. Guest speakers include Laura Casali, M.D.; Jennifer Hallum, M.D. and Lynn Patrick, N.M.D.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Cornerstone Fellowship will have a free barbeque and movie beginning at 5:00 p.m. The movie presentation will be "Sister Act". Everyone is welcome. Cornerstone is located at 2902 N. Geronimo (corner of Geronimo and Laguna). For more information call 622-4626.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet other folks with families like yours beginning at 4:00 p.m. today at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, (River and Swan), Room 30. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call 318-9348 for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

11th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization at El Presidio Park at 8:00 p.m. Bring a candle, and a cup to shield the candle from the wind. Candles will be available for those who cannot provide their own. El Presidio Park is next to City Hall at 255 W. Alameda St. downtown.

The Invisible Theatre will present a benefit performance for P.A.C.T. of "The Search For Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe". Tickets are \$15 and will benefit People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson. Wine and cheese reception at 1:00 p.m. and the performance will begin at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Mary Higgins 770-1710.

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

EAGLE - Opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust.

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scrubs \$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-D-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

STONEWALL - Opens at 4pm with pool tournament. T-Dance begins at 4; Disco dancing 8 to close.

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. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 well 8-1 + Mount Madonna "Backs". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Uniform Mix, drink specials to those in uniform.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

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HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Patz from 9 to 1

STONEWALL - Opens at 8pm for dancing. Enjoy midnight specials.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. \$3.50 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.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to 11pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.

STONEWALL - The Palms Revue Show at 9:30 plus Midnight specials.

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

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c 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 - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Bowler's Nite, drink specials to bowlers all night.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c 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 & well. \$1.50 Bad Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm. 301am Nite. Corona and Margarita specials.

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

thursday

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

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Country Nite, drink specials to those in western attire.

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

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. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

STONEWALL - Open 8pm. Male Erotic Dancers 10pm, Midnight specials

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. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hots d'Oceania 6pm

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c

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

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

STONEWALL - Opens 8pm. Karaoke hosted by Crush at 9pm.

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

saturday

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

EAGLE - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and canned beer until 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$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. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Rev. Sharon West

We are known as "A Growing Church Called to be a Lighthouse in the Desert," and this is our central aim in the community. In order to meet the needs of the most Tucson and southern Arizonans, we are pleased to offer you four worship opportunities on Sundays (9 am; 10:45 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; and 6:30 p.m.), and our Wednesday evening (7:00 p.m.) service. A time for enjoyable Bible study is provided once weekly, also. Select the service(s) most suitable for yourself and share in the joy of worship.

A Special Congregational Meeting of all members is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 21st. All members are urged to attend this very important meeting. It is vital that you come to hear and be heard. The voice and vote of each member will be essential to the direction taken by this church.

We are delighted and proud to announce that one of our members will soon participate in the Gay Games in New York. Bring home some Gold, Go Tucson!

May 8th was Mother's Day and each congregant celebrated through a beautiful remembrance of the Special Person in one's life remembered always as "mom." Red and white carnations were chosen by each congregant upon entering the church sanctuary, for living and non-living mothers. After the Children's Message, each flower was placed in a

large vase near the altar, after speaking the name of each Mom. Later, the flowers were used to lovingly decorate the sanctuary and grace the fellowship tables used for this holiday feasting. Don't despair, Dads! June 19th is your Day!

We will show a great Christian movie on May 14th, and will watch our cards during Bingo on May 28th! These are well attended and fun-filled social activities, and we always share lots of munchies and beverages. If you find you haven't had a really good laugh for Days, come and fellowship with us, you are certainly welcome. Please call the church for designated times of events.

This is it friends, our outstanding summer event: the Annual Sunset Picnic. It will be held in the Tucson mountains at picturesque Gates Pass. Last year we were awed and overwhelmed by the majesty of the sunset...right at the edge of our fingertip reach. An equally heart stopping rising full Moon deepened the awesomeness of the unfolding heavens. Each of us was touched in a very special way by a sudden closeness to the silent testimony of nature to its sole creator. Whatever you plan for this summer, be certain to join us and share in this marvelous experience. You deserve this opportunity. Watch this column for the July date of the picnic.

Thought for the Week: There is no limit to the good we can do, if we don't care who gets the credit.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

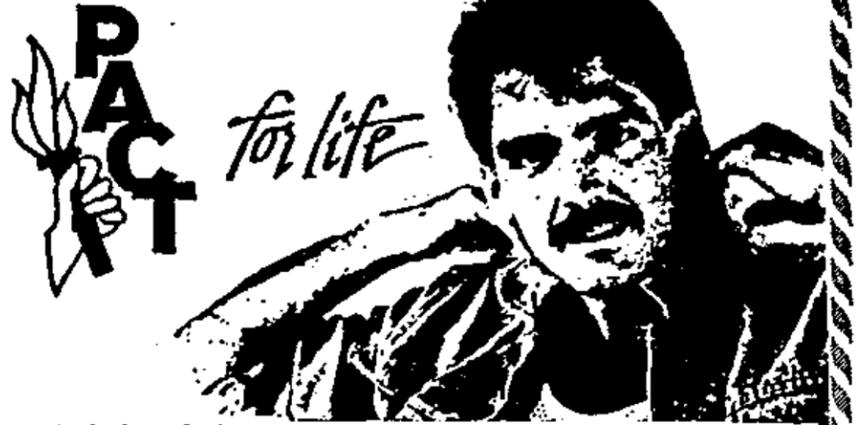
I did it again! I should have learned my lesson but I obviously didn't, because I did it again! I'm sure each one reading this has done it at least once, and if you are a slow learner like I seem to be, you've done it many times! Done what, you are asking? Ruined some clothes by washing them with something that fades! This time was worse than most, because the top that got stained belonged to my spouse, who had only worn it a few times! Some of you may be thinking about your favorite way to remove stains, but let me tell you, I have already tried them all! I sprayed some guaranteed to remove all spots remover on it, then washed it. The stain was still there! Then I bought some gel spot remover with its own handy dandy brush in the lid, squirted some on and scrubbed and scrubbed, but when I washed the top, the stain was still there. I soaked the top in some bleach water, then washed it, but you guessed it, the stain was still there! I have probably washed that top 25 or 30 times, and even though the stain has faded quite a bit (along with the original color of the top!), if a person knows where to look, a faint stain can still be seen!

You know, each one of us has another stain that we often try to clean up ourselves. The Bible tells us, "...all have sinned..." (Romans 3:23) Because we don't like the sound of the word "sin", we think up all sorts of other things to call it: we make "mistakes", we "goof up", we "screw up", we make wrong choices, we stumble, we slip, we commit errors, the list could go on and on. But whatever we call them, deep down we admit to ourselves if to no one else that we have done in the past and continue to do in the present things that are, well, sins.

Many of us, probably most of us, anticipate that at some time in the far distant future we will want to go to Heaven. However much we know or don't know about it, we do know that since God is there it is pretty positive that nothing bad can be there, which would include us with our "mistakes, errors", you pick the word. So, we try to get rid of our sins by giving some money to charity, or helping someone who's homeless, or going to church, or reading some of the Bible, or even praying. But just like I can't get rid of the stain in that top, no one can get rid of the stain of sin in their life, because the Bible tells us that in God's sight "...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;..." (Isaiah 64:6) What looks good to us doesn't impress God, because he can see the motives for our "good deeds", and our motives are never pure. If a person lived a "good life" beginning now until the day that person died, their "goodness" could never erase the stain of sin in their life.

So, what's the point, you may be asking. If I can't get rid of that stain, who can? There is a way! Scripture tell us, "...the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7b New King James) Simply acknowledge that you have sinned and can't get ride of the stain yourself. Then tell Jesus that you believe that he can do what you can't, and ask him to do it! The moment you do this, you will have all your sins cleansed, and what's more, you will have Jesus to help you do all those good deeds we talked about before with the right motives!

While there is no guarantee that the stain on my top will ever be completely gone, I am thankful that all the stain of sin in my life has already been cleansed! And you can have this same cleansing that I have! Try it today!



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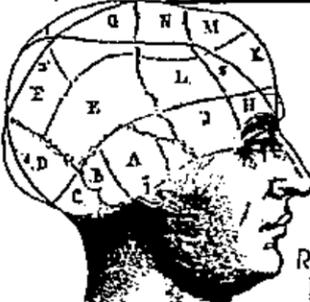
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a member of the Board of Legal Aid. If we get new money, should we increase staff to provide more services? Or should we try to make competitive the salaries of those who provide those services? This is not an easy issue and, indeed, I have gone both ways on it.

There is a strong case for paying competitive wages. It is unfair to pay someone less simply because they have devoted their talents and lives to helping others. Should a lawyer be paid less simply because she represents victims of domestic violence rather than land developers? To pay her less buys into the notion that work on behalf of the poor is less significant than work for the rich; it buys into the notion that we are all desperately fighting to defeat: that some in our society are more worthy than others.

On a practical level, you will not be able to keep good people if you do not stay competitive. Even good guys have bills (and dreams).

At TAP, a Board Committee recommends staff salaries. It reviews what comparable agencies pay comparable employees. When we have raised salaries, we have done so because we have believed that our employees were falling behind. Since I have been on the Board, never, not once, have the employees come to us demanding more money.

I listened to the criticisms of TAP and take quite seriously the suggestion that we should rethink our priorities. This is fair discourse. However, I know our staff. They work late; they have lost loved ones; and they have names. To suggest that they are venal, to blather sanctimoniously about looking in mirrors, is repulsive.

Kenney Hegland
TAP Board Member

TO THE COMMUNITY:

I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who supported my running for Miss Gay Tucson.

To IBT's staff and management, thank you for believing in me, and I'm looking forward to working with you this year!

To Lucinda, thank you for convincing me to run, you're right, it was a learning experience! I wish you luck in all you do.

To Madame, look ma no hands! I couldn't have done it without you.

To Gilda, thank you for being my dresser, and the occasional slap to calm me down. Even though you only had your hook a couple days you did great!!

To Angie, mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the best D.J. of them all! I'm sure Scotland will talk about you for years!!

To Helena, thanks for all your help and humor. Never loose your electric youth!

To the Fly Guys, Juan and Scott. Keep on expressing yourselves!

To all the contestants, you all did a great job. Keep up the good work!!

To Jake, thanks for all your support and the duet a few shows back! It wasn't as bad as you thought!

To Rhett, thank you for all your loving support "And as God as my witness" I shall never look at dry cleaning the same way again!

I stated at the pageant my goals was to help bring the Names Project to Tucson. I hope everyone will help in this cause. I feel we as a community deserve it!

I'm working hard with the new shows the Glamazons "The Next Generation." Hope to see all of you there!!

Love, Blaze Dante
Miss Gay Tucson '94 - '95

**Straight From
The Hip**

by Kenny Jacobs

Two weeks ago in the pages of this old rag I was quoted in two differing pieces. Both authors used my columns to bolster their opposing arguments on the same question. Pretty weird. The Wingspan column and Tony De Ninno's "Perspective" both proved that an opinion is valued only as much as it coincides with ones' own. Ken Godat referred to my column (among others) as proof of his charges against Ramada pertaining to the Chris Deile complaint. Wrong! My columns on the Deile complaint and the subsequent debate on Tucson's L/G/B leadership as framed by Tony De Ninno in his torpedo piece were the result of my reporting and should not be assumed as "documented independent testimony." I respect the dedication of Ken Godat and admire the mission of Wingspan. However, I'm fully capable of self expression and communication, please don't put words in my mouth or assign meaning that isn't supportable. It just ain't right!

As for Mr. De Ninno: you deliberately ignored my column and the at least two occasions I directed fair but hard questions to you, but when the time comes to use me to bolster your "vagaries" I come in handy. That sounds just like you. You make sweeping charges without benefit of fact or experience, you attack selfless folk like Debra Broner and stick up for your old cronies (Ramada). How dare you use my work and name!

I am glad to see a Log Cabin chapter starting in Tucson, I'm sorry you have anything to do with it. I wrote of the need for an LCR in Pima County last year after the candle light vigil at Sen. McCain's office, and spoke of it ever since. Where in the hell were you?

FYI

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count. Again, I'd ask, how many case managers does it take Christina, for TAP to do the job properly?

[The views expressed in this column are those of the author, and not necessarily reflect the views of the management and staff of the Observer.]

Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

With apologies to Mr. Twain, I'm proud to say that reports of our club's demise have been premature. Tucson still has a social club that caters to hairy and/or large men. We'll stick around for a while on one condition: don't let us hear anybody say "Well, I 'm hairy, but I'm not large enough to be a Bear," or "Well, I'm a large gentleman, but I'm not hairy enough to be a Bear." Trust us, guys. You are Bears.

Let's move on to the calendar:

Saturday, May 14 - It's Movie Night. This time it's going to be held at Scott D.'s apartment. Bring some movies so we can have a wide variety to choose from. Sometimes we don't have that many, so we wind up having to watch one of my tapes. Because too many people remember what kind of tapes I bring, I'm no longer allowed to bring any movies to

any events. I don't have a problem with this, but I don't want any of you to come crying to me if you suddenly get a penchant to see my copy of "The Sorrow And The Pity." You'll just have to suffer. Call for location. Showtime is at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Restaurant Night. All are invited. We'll gather at Venture-N between 6:30 and 7 p.m. At 7, we'll choose a relatively inexpensive restaurant and promptly head there. If you're late, don't panic. We'll leave the name of the restaurant with the bartenders that evening.

Sunday, May 22 - Bear Picnic. Break out those "pik-i-nik" baskets and come to George Mehl Park at River and at 5 pm. Bring a dish of what ever you make best (or whatever KFC makes best). It'll be a great time for everybody.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: The streets of downtown Tucson. I can't give you a specific time when they're out and about, but it's usually when I'm driving through the downtown area on my way to someplace else. At that time, the sidewalks are filled to capacity, with Bears. It's no wonder I'm so stressed out once I finish my trek.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

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Double Mischief

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by Wendy Caster

Manny

I first met Manny in high school around 1970. He was a popular, awkwardly good looking boy with high grades, artistic leanings, and coarse charm. While on the honor roll, he cut school, talked back to teachers, and took drugs. He was senior class vice president and a star of the senior show. The teenaged Manny was a young Saint Bernard, all big feet and hands, with more body than he knew what to do with.

Manny was the youngest child of a large extended family, and he had dozens of relatives who doted on him. We less free kids loved to go to Manny's house and see the miracle of him saying "Fuck you!" to his mother and her just laughing.

After college, Manny took his talent and his endless promise and parked them in front of a computer where he wrote one and a half pornographic novels each week. He didn't like it much, but this lucrative part time job left him plenty of free time in which to do his sown writing, which he never did.

Instead, he did drugs. Speed to wake up, grass to mellow the speed, cocaine because a friend offered it to him, a beer because it was there, more grass because he enjoyed smoking, a scotch because it tasted good, THC because someone gave him some.

Years passed, and Manny continued to write pornography and scarf down

drugs. And he had sex, with five, six, ten partners a week. The cute guy at work. The young stud on the corner. The guys at the bars and baths and on the wharves. Manny lacked a "no" switch. When opportunity knocked, he always answered.

His medicine cabinet grew jammed with antibiotics.

During these years, Manny remained charming, friendly, and intelligent, yet he never seemed happy underneath. He didn't understand why he hadn't written a few novels, along with a musical or two. The drugs started wearing him down, and he made half hearted attempts to quit. Once when we had smoked grass nonstop for days, I decided not to have anymore, and Manny got angry, blowing smoke in my face and calling me names.

One Gay Pride Day, Manny worked a booth selling beer. During the 12 hours he was there, many friends passed by, each giving him some speed or cocaine or grass. He took all that was offered, and drank a dozen beers to ward off the hot sun. The next day, he bragged, "And when I left the festival, I didn't fall down until I was away from all the cute guys."

In the 1980s, Manny ended up with a job in TV, finally, work he could enjoy. But all too soon, he started having trouble catching his breath. He sweated profusely at night. The doctor told him he had "pre-AIDS." In less than a year, he

was gone.

But even if AIDS never existed, Manny might well be dead now. Every day was a potential drug overdose for him. His habit of picking up strangers by the hundreds put him into an endless game of Russian roulette. Still, this lifestyle would have been fine had it made him happy.

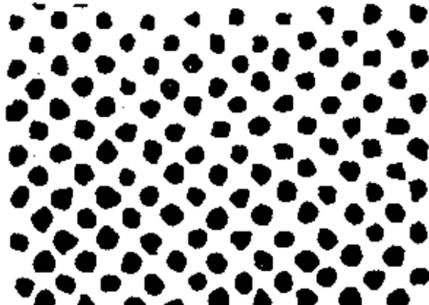
But there was the anger underneath, and disappointment. There were the dreams he only talked about late at night, dreams of creativity and long term love. There were the times he admitted he didn't enjoy sex that much anymore. There were the attempts at stopping drugs. And there was that feeling, when he was dying, of promises not kept, promises to himself.

Who would Manny have been in a society that accepted homosexuality? He grew up surrounded by love, and everything seemed to go his way. But when he started to explore his Gayness, he ended up in a different world. His first sexual experience was a blow job from a stranger at a porn movie. Would he have preferred making love with a guy he had dated throughout high school and really cared for? That was never an option. And the excitement of drugs and mega-sex genuinely appealed to him, at least at first. Was he just sowing wild oats? Was he the sweet gentle man who got along equally well with drug dealers, TV stars, and your pain in the ass grandfather, or the confused, angry, and excited sensation addict? Or both?

Manny died at 30, so the answers to these questions are gone forever. However, when I remember him toward the end, blind, semiparalyzed, rueful, yet at peace, when I remember how he made his

guests comfortable and teased his mom, I can't help but think that growing up in a homophobic world cheated him out of a full life even before anyone had heard of the AIDS virus.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???



In my travels these past few days, while sitting over at the Stonewall/Eagle, I had an opportunity to talk to Raven, owner of the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant System. He was telling me that this year's Miss Gay Arizona Pageant will be held here in Tucson. I haven't the dates as of yet but as soon as I do get them, I'll be passing on this information.

Also while talking to her, I learned that Tucson was not her first stop on the Drag Queen circuit. It was learned she got her start in Houston, Tex. To be nice, I'll not tell you the year she started but I will say I was surprised. If I ever get the chance to have a longer talk with Parker (Raven) I might be able to learn more of her beginning and the long road leading up to the day she was crowned Miss Gay Tucson, and eventually owning the complete system.

He did say that he is not in it to make money, but to promote the best pageants Arizona has ever had. From conversations I've heard about the recent Miss Gay Tucson pageant, it sounds as if he is off and running towards his goal. I wish him all the luck possible and offer my assistance, in any way, if ever needed.

Well it will be that time again for the TKO beer bust this Saturday. As guest bartenders, they have invited the Bears of the Old Pueblo.

TKO will also have Spring Fling XIV run applications on hand for anyone that would like to register. They will also be available to answer any questions concerning this yearly run. As stated before, run fee for this Memorial Day weekend run is only \$40.

Another run they take every year is their annual trip over to the City of Rocks. Now this run does not happen until Aug. 19-21, but I've been asked many times by many interested people about this run. Being so far down the road, the only information I can pass on at this time is the date (above), and to let you know Hijos Del Sol will be the host club this year. As for the run fee, I'm not sure what it will be at this time but you can bet it will not be that much.

I'm going to be talking to the other Tucson clubs shortly in hopes of getting dates on their run coming up. When I get these dates, I'll pass them on to you. Each run is a little different from the others and all of them are well worth your time and participation.

With that, I'll be signing off for another week. Looking out the window, it looks as if it is going to rain. So, with that in mind, all you people made of sugar, you had better stay inside, sip a few suds, and enjoy yourselves.

2 Cops Fired In Dahmer Case Win Suit

MILWAUKEE, WI - Two police officers fired for returning a naked and dazed 14 year old boy to Jeffrey Dahmer can have their jobs back if they want them.

Reserve Circuit Judge Robert Parins called their dismissals too harsh and awarded the officers about \$55,000 each in back pay.

The boy was killed shortly after the officers, Joseph T. Gabrish and John A. Balcerzak, left him with Dahmer in May 1991. Dahmer killed four others before being caught two months later.

Dahmer said at his 1992 trial that he fooled the officers by telling them the youth was his drunken adult lover.

The family of the boy, Konerak Sinthasomphone, is suing the city in federal court, claiming it violated the boy's right to equal protection.

Gabrish, is now a police officer in suburban Grafton, Balcerzak, opened a tavern. Neither was sure he would rejoin the force.

Dahmer is serving 16 consecutive life terms for 15 dismemberment slayings in the Milwaukee area and one in his boyhood home of Bath, Ohio.

Gacy Executed

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cell on death row. He took with him only a couple of boxes of legal papers, Howell said:

Gacy had asked to meet with relatives and a priest, and requested a last meal of fried chicken, fried shrimp, french fries and fresh strawberries, Howell said.

Six law enforcement officials and a dozen reporters were allowed to witness the execution. Prison officials barred both Gacy's relatives and the families of his victims from the execution chamber, citing security reasons.

Gacy's plea to the federal appeals court contended, among other things, that he was mentally incompetent, that the state's execution method was unconstitutional and that he was out of town when 16 of the murders were committed.

The federal appeals panel said Gacy's claim failed "both substantively and procedurally." Lawyers for the state had argued that Gacy's lawyer were abusing the appeals process and that their filed had not merit.

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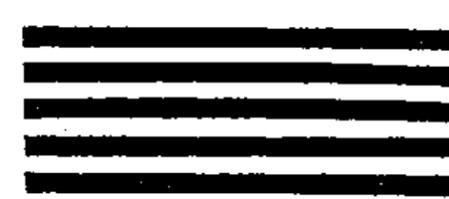
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TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

This is a good time for a vacation or a getaway. You encounter the unexpected and it helps you to realize your dreams. Try to be more open when meeting new people. Take risks and new things and don't let the old patterns hold you back.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You have no patience with relationships at this time and will not consider settling for less. A positive influence will help to make your idealism work for you. Better to stay friends with someone you could be passionate with in the future. Slow development is better than none at all.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You are feeling more secure in your relationship now. It is a good time for communication and establishing a better rapport. Step back to obtain a more objective view of your role in the little problems. You need to show more independence and logic.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 23

This week you are a little bit moody and

consequently need to spend more time alone. In admiration of potential do not overlook bad behavior when evident. Discrimination will play a big part in your week and will curb your generous nature.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

You feel more at the disposal of others now. Too many demands are being placed on you and standing in the way of creating your own fate. Learn how to say no. However challenging, set boundaries with your lover and make it work to please you. An attitude adjustment will greatly improve your situation.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Some emotional changes are needed and discontent should be dealt with in an open and honest manner. A lot could be connected to anger through sexual and emotional frustration. Be careful not to let the situation become volatile and squelch your original point.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Your mind is on romance, excitement and adventure. You are more magnetic than ever and attracting very "desirable" candidates in your direction. Something will definitely come of all this and caution should be exercised as the future unfolds.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

You and a significant other benefit from some time apart to decide what you really want. You might need some more space

to do your own thing. Take the time and leave yourself open to all possibilities. Something new becomes very tempting and you approach quickly.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

At this time you need to be very realistic about the future of a love affair. Time is not on your side. Be clear about what the situation is giving you and don't delude yourself. It is to your advantage to meet new people and create more personal possibilities.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

This relationship becomes rocky as you must have it your own way at all costs. You must learn to compromise or decide if you want complete freedom. A relationship that you are holding onto for security will eventually become a trap. A positive influence is needed.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

A favorable force has a motivating effect on your love life. More aggressive than usual, you feel the need to initiate and take control. It is not all that easy to say what you really want. This is the time for you to stand up for yourself and show your own power.

Frank

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that they can't live there. They have the same rights as you and I."

Henson said the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI and local authorities have done little so far to resolve the controversy. She said flags and signs on the property have been torn down, residents have been verbally harassed, and one woman

was shot at earlier this month.

Still, volunteers are refurbishing buildings on the 120 acre former pig farm, where the Hensons hope to run an educational center to teach women about such issues as sexual harassment, abuse, and legal rights.

Intimidated to the point that she had stopped going to night classes and suspended plans to have her 88 year old mother move in, Henson said her record of community work should convince the local opponents that the retreat poses no threat.

In Gulfport, the Hensons operated a food bank for senior citizens, taught displaced homemakers about going back to school, and ran a resource center where people could get information about legal aid and other services.

"I wake up every morning, glad to see the sun," Henson said. "I've never been this afraid in my life."



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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS! Arizona Nude Dicks or ANDES/Tucson for short, is a Gay men's nudist group. We hold local activities each month and have connections to Gay men's nudist groups across the country. For further information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044. For faster reply please include phone number.

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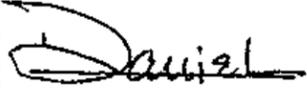
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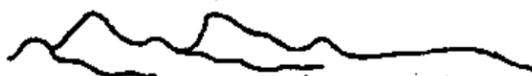
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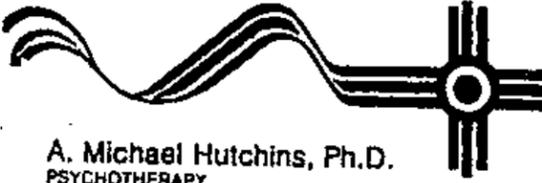


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