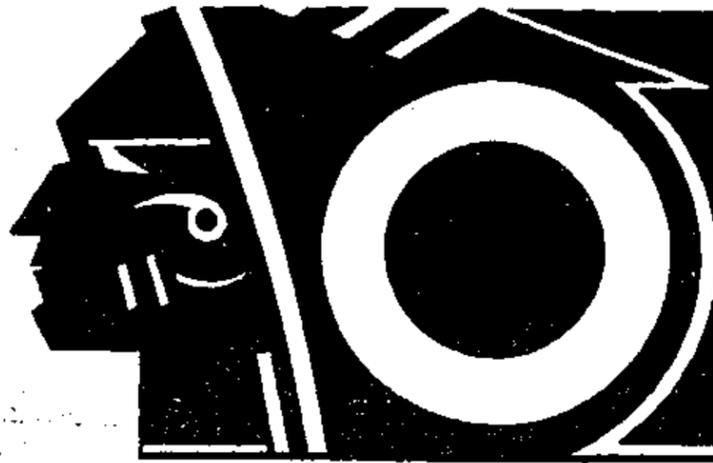


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by Jeff Smith

Tipping the Scales of Justice

Of the three branches of government, none affects our daily lives more directly than the judiciary. Unfortunately, none is so slimly understood.

We know about the legislative branch - they're the rascals who tax us and have to be thrown out periodically. The executive is the president, our figure-head and designated-hitter in global politics. We elect the people who populate those two-thirds of government.

Except for a few lower-level benches, the judiciary is appointed by the executive and approved by the legislative. The idea is to insulate judges from political pressures and leave them to ponder matters of great pitch and moment in intellectual peace. In the case of the U.S. Supreme Court that insulation extends even to life terms for appointed justices. Theoretically you can't muscle a Supreme Court justice. And as far as the average citizen is concerned, the high courts represent an almost mythical omniscience - like Dad to a 4-year-old.

But clearly politics does lay a heavy hand on the judiciary, and just as clearly the men and women who wear the black robes are not all-knowing. How else can anyone explain a 5-4 decision in the U.S. Supreme Court?

Joe Sbit the Ragman could agree with Mr. Justice Rehnquist and the majority that nude dancing in Indiana is not a protected form of free speech and conclude that he knows more about constitutional law than, say, Thurgood Marshall, who dissented. Joe would be wrong because Thurgood was right, but that's beside the point.

The point is that the Supreme Court, the entire judiciary, is not protected from the vagaries of partisan politics and that constitutional law is not the absolute we presume it to be. All this is simply an admission of human fallibility.

The idea is that constitutional law should be essentially absolute. The job description for a Supreme Court justice is pretty short and sweet: The president nominates you, the Senate confirms you, you've got a job for life and all you have to do is read up on Madison and Jefferson and all those founding father

dudes and vote yea or nay on how each present-day legal dilemma before you fits the constitutional pattern they set down 200 years ago. Plus you don't have to lift anything heavy.

Clearly, along the way, presidents have come to see the power to appoint replacement justices as an opportunity to imprint their political agenda on American history for generations to come. And the justices they have placed on the bench have come to use some of the most remarkably convoluted language and sophistry to fit new legal precedents to a Constitution that never would otherwise have accommodated them.

And that's why the resignation of Thurgood Marshall, after 24 years on the Supreme Court is so important.

Already the court had swung 5-4 in favor of conservative, Republican points of view. That happened when William Brennan resigned and it only takes five conservatives to tilt the legal philosophy in favor of government powers over personal freedom.

While Marshall sat on the bench there at least remained a strong voice, an agile mind and better yet, an extremely powerful symbol in behalf of the rights of the individual, the outsider, the underdog, the otherwise powerless. Thurgood Marshall, because he was all that, and because he was Black, and because as a lawyer he won the most important and famous Supreme Court battle in this century - Brown vs. the Board of Education - could sometimes persuade an indecisive conservative to see things the liberal way.

Now you may well say that such labels as liberal and conservative should have no place in judging matters as important as constitutional law. You'd be right. And wrong. Shouldn't but does, even though the court is not supposed to make law, only interpret existing ones. Shouldn't but does. But consider what liberal vs. conservative really means, in Supreme Court terms.

Liberal means a belief in the greatest feasible personal freedom and the minimum necessary government control over those freedoms. Conservative tends to favor the power of the majority over those of the minority. What represents

the largest possible majority? Government, of course. And the smallest possible minority? The individual. So the liberal/conservative polarity translates into the person vs. the state. Ironic, isn't it? We tend to label liberals as big-government, big spender types and conservatives as de-centrists. But that really only applies to money matters. Conservatives are greedy and liberals are lazy.

Marshall is a liberal but he's never been lazy. He pledged to keep this job for life, but too many years of winding up on the short end of the stick has embittered him somewhat and worn him out. He deserves a rest, but the nation deserves something better than what George Bush inevitably will do with this, his second Supreme Court nomination.

Bush is a conservative and he isn't lazy either. I won't speak to the issue

of greed. But Bush has been positively hyperkinetic in peddling the conservative agenda and there's no way he's going to rise above politics in naming a successor to Justice Marshall. There's been talk of another Black justice, to win Black friends for George Bush. Talk of another woman ditto. Not talk about another Jewish nominee like Abe Fortas, and Sammy Davis Jr. is dead, so the Black, Jewish, disabled (one eye, remember?) bloc is forfeit.

Whoever it turns out to be, know for certain, the nominee will be seriously conservative. And learn as you watch the Supreme Court on into the next century, voting 6-3 on the side of the Nixon-Ford-Reagan-Bush philosophy, that the law increasingly is what politicians make of it at the moment.

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Gay/Lesbian Festival Vindicated

by Edward Guthmann

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - It's been an overwhelming year for Franeline, the organization that produces the annual San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

First came a series of attacks from Senator Jesse Helms and the Rev. Donald Wildmon, president of the Mississippi-based American Family Association, both of whom charged that taxpayers' dollars were ill-spent on homosexual film festivals, and consequently lobbied the National Endowment for the Arts to cancel its grant to Franeline.

Despite the efforts of Helms and Wildmon, the 15-year-old film festival was not only exonerated last October of charges of pornographic programming - the result of a six-month investigation by the NEA's General Accounting Office - but in April was awarded a new \$12,000 NEA grant, a 33 percent increase over last year's award.

(In 1988, the festival received its first NEA grant for \$6,800; in 1989, it received \$10,000; and in 1990, \$9,000).

Franeline just finished its 15th annual showcase on June 30, and simultaneously is helping to organize the Soviet Union's first Gay and Lesbian Festival to be held July 24 through August 1 in Moscow and Leningrad.

Franeline executive director Tom Di Maria joined members of the International Human Rights Commission in Moscow. The festival which will introduce such Gay-

themed U.S. features as "Desert Hearts" and "Longtime Companion", is in conjunction with the first International Symposium on Gay and Lesbian Issues, which organizers hope will culminate with a Gay Rights demonstration in Red Square - another first.

"We're not sure it'll come off," DiMaria says. "There's an alternate plan for holding the festival underground if the Soviet government doesn't allow us to go ahead with our plans."

During a recent interview, DiMaria and festival director Michael Lumpkin were both upbeat about their recent victories and the upcoming Soviet event, but simultaneously cautious about the possibility of future struggles.

"Our mission is to be visible," says DiMaria, "and the reason we get attacked is that we promote Lesbian and Gay culture and lifestyles in a very visible way. So it's not really a matter of whether we get tax money, but that we exist at all. And they'd be very happy if we didn't."

For the media-savvy Wildmon - the same man who tried to stop Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ," and successfully pressured Pepsico Inc. into shelving its sexy Madonna ads - that seems particularly true.

In an April 17 letter to members of the Senate and Congress, Wildmon wrote "the decision by [NEA Chairman John E.]

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UPDATE

AGRA To Form Tucson Chapter

TUCSON - AGRA (The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association) is getting ready to open a Tucson chapter. The initial meeting for the AGRA/Tucson will be Sunday, July 21 at 4:00 p.m. on the patio at Hours, 3455 E. Grant Road. Interested persons are urged to attend. For more information call 798-3528.

Exercise Sessions For PWAs Offered

TUCSON - Beginning this Friday, July 12 from 11:00 a.m. until noon, Tucson's PWAs will be able to participate in a new way to exercise and have fun at the same time. Under guidance, participants will engage in mild and easy body movements to uplifting background music. The program director will be Lee Thompson. These exercise workshops will be held at the Shanti offices, 602 N. 4th Avenue. For more information call Shanti, 622-7107.

Cronies Announce July Activities

TUCSON - "Cronies" the group of socially active men 40 and over, has announced its July agenda of activities:

- July 14 - Road trip to Mount Lemmon and then attend the Jello Wrestling Benefit.
- July 18 - Mid-Month Dinner
- July 21 - Tubing trip down the Salt River
- July 27 - Movie Night
- August 3 - August meeting at 7 p.m. at the Shanti office.

All of these activities are open to members and non-members. If you are interested in any of these, call Merle, 888-7264 for more details.

Gay Head Residents Vote To Keep Town Name

GAY HEAD, NY - Voters in this small Martha's Vineyard town have rejected a proposal to change the name of the community to Aquinnah, a word derived from the Wampanoag Indians.

With 128 of Gay Head's 187 registered voters casting ballots, the change was rejected 89 to 36, town official said. There were three blank ballots.

Aquinnah is the original Wampanoag name for the westernmost lands on Martha's Vineyard. Supporters of the name change claimed that adopting it would reaffirm the importance of Wampanoag culture in the town.

But opponents, including many Wampanoags who make up about half of the year-round population, said tradition was invested in the name Gay Head as well, and the change was unnecessary.

"A lot of older folks, Wampanoag and not, just aren't going to go for change," said Charles Vanderhoop, a Wampanoag who retired to his hometown after 40 years at sea in the merchant marine.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

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TMCC Seeks Name Change And Music Director

TUCSON - The Board of Directors of the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus is beginning a campaign which will allow the Gay community of Tucson to participate in choosing a new name for the chorus, and at the same time is looking for a new Director of Music. It is hoped that both agenda items will be completed prior to their fall 1991 season opening.

The chorus invites the community to submit new names to them. They are looking for a name that will better represent the Gay community of Tucson. Deadline for submissions will be August 1, 1991. The winner will receive two season tickets to the Fall and Spring concert season of the chorus. Send submissions, include your name, phone number and/or address, and mail to TMCC, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson, AZ 85717-0036.

The Music Director is a salaried position whose qualifications include a college degree in music, preferably choral, or equivalent years of choral singing and conducting experience. Applications should include a resume and at least three references. Closing date for applications is July 31 and the review of applications will commence August 1, with the starting date, September 1. Mail application to: Chair, Search Committee, The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson, AZ 85717-0036.

The primary purpose of the chorus is to provide excellence through musical performances, and to provide the opportunity for Gays and Lesbians to sing together. The non-profit TMCC is a member of the national Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

Methodist Congress Votes To Defrock Gay Pastor

GROVE CITY, PA (AP) - A minister who admitted being a practicing homosexual has been defrocked by the United Methodist Church, which has banned Gays from the ministry since 1984.

The church's 600-member Western Pennsylvania Congress on June 13, ousted the Rev. James Hawk, 27, at its annual meeting. Bishop George Bashore said the vote was nearly unanimous.

Hawk first discussed his homosexuality with the bishop in March 1990. A month later, he was placed on a leave of absence while Methodist officials clarified their stance.

"It's very sad to have grown up in the United Methodist Church and to have known these people all my life and loved them and cared for them, and they loved and cared for me, and today to realize that they really don't love me," Hawk said.

There is genuine hate on the part of many of these people that, since I am Gay, they cannot accept me."

Hawk had told church officials he would take a vow of celibacy if he were allowed to remain a minister, but the church had no choice but to vote him out, said the Rev. Pat Albright, chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Board of Ordained Ministry.

"You can't be a practicing homosexual and a Methodist minister, too," Albright said. "It doesn't fly. If he'd been quiet about it, I suppose it would have been OK...."

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cobble

The clouds were heavy, the lightning was flashing and the rain fell, but it was a bright, clear weekend inside at 3269 North Mountain. The facilities were clean and sparkling due to all the work done by individual members over the past two weeks, but the real silver lining in the clouds was the Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry with his presence in Tucson.

joyous. It was a pleasure to welcome the many members of Cornerstone Fellowship for the evening. The MCC/Tucson choir began the Community Sing with two selections and then Dennis Bell led everyone in an all-request Sing-A-Long. The evening concluded with everyone joining in a circle and accepting communion.

The reception Friday evening was quite an event. Everyone in attendance was held spellbound as Rev. Troy Perry answered questions and made statements on the progress of the U.P.M.C.C. The Administrative Council became so awed by him that when Rev. Perry stated that he needed the round-trip air fare for Rev. Kaduku and his wife from Nigeria to Phoenix at the next General Conference in 1993, that they immediately voted that MCC/Tucson would pay for the tickets.

The Sunday morning Worship Service was a spiritual renewal for everyone of the 96 who were in attendance. Rev. Troy Perry delivered the message and made the formal dedication of the facilities. After the Worship Service, an informal gathering was made in the Fellowship Ball with a birthday party for all who had a birthday in July.

The Pancake breakfast on Saturday morning was not dampened by the rain with a large number of people attending. This included a special guest, Janet Marcus, Vice-Mayor and Ward 2 City Council Member.

This coming weekend the Lay and Clergy Delegates will be going to Phoenix for the General Conference which will be held from July 14th to July 21st. Since the General Conference is so close to Tucson this year, there will be no Worship Service in Tucson on July 21st. There will be car pooling at the church at approximately 8:00 a.m. to attend the Worship Service in Phoenix at the General Conference. More details on this trip next week.

The dinner and 21st Anniversary Party on Saturday evening was also quite an event. The buffet as presented by Candy Trowbridge and Kenny Holder was beautiful and delicious. The entertainment as provided by Loren Johnson, Tiffany St. Thomas, Margo Leigh, Nita Terlisner-Willy, Charlotte Strayborn, John Barnes, Jerry, Istulio and Fifi was great. The sanctuary was converted into a banquet hall and the platform was transformed to accommodate the head table.

MCC/Tucson would like to thank everyone who attended the different events this past weekend. It would not have been the joyous occasion without each and everyone of you. MCC/Tucson would also like to thank the many groups in Tucson who supported us during the weekend: Lambda Democratic Caucus, Shanti Foundation, T.K.O., Humor, Desert Leathermen, P.A.C.T., the French Quarter, Partners of Tucson, the Observer, T.A.L.L. and Colette's.

At the head table were the Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry; Rev. Don Pederson, District Coordinator of the Southwest District of U.P.M.C.C.; Doug Bull, Student Clergy and spouse of Rev. Pederson; Rev. Eduard Perry; Lee Cain, Rev. Ed Perry's spouse; Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willy and her spouse. Also in attendance were Rev. David Gunton, former pastor of MCC/Tucson and Rev. Charlotte Strayborn, Pastor of Oasis-MCC in Phoenix.

This past weekend following our Gay Pride Picnic with the theme "Hand In Hand Together" put those words into action in Tucson. As Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry said, as he read the Observer and saw the picture of the picnic on the front page, "And I remember when there were only four of us in Tucson!"

After the dinner and show the Community Sing with Communion began later than planned but those who stayed were

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As I See It

by Clark



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Art Attack Major Pride Week Activity



Shown above is Art Attack Director, Patty Bowers. Art Attack II proved to be twice as big as the 1990 exhibit and will be a continuing Pride Week function.

TUCSON - In its second year, the Art Attack, held during Pride Week again this year, was one of the more successful events of the week. Held at the 830 Gallery on the UofA campus, the exhibit was participated in by 34 local artists who displayed 65 works of art.

Winners in the four categories are:

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1st: Phoenix Rudner; 2nd: Michael Sewell

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1st: Chris Koenen; 2nd: James O'Rourke

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1st: Colleen Hench; 2nd: Terese Crouch

TLGA thanks everyone who entered the Art Attack and congratulates the winners. Because of the size of this year's exhibit, it is anticipated that a larger gallery will be necessary for next year's Art Attack III.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

You know what, as I sit here thinking about what I can really "share" with you, where you and I both really live, one word flashes across my mind. ALONE. Perhaps it's the most desolate word in the world. You can't buy your way out of loneliness. I know -- I've tried. You can't wish it away. Thomas Wolfe said, "Loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon peculiar to myself and a few other solitary men, is the central fact of human existence." When he wrote that, he was reading the secrets of my heart. He was talking about what was my life-long companion for many years.

Loneliness is a human condition Jesus, Himself was extremely familiar with. From the Cross, He cried out one of the most stark expressions of loneliness and alienation ever uttered: "My God! My God! Why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus, the Son of God, was alone, separated from God the Father, as the moment of His death approached. There He took our deepest hurt of loneliness and crucified it forever.

The "at-onement" every human being needs and seeks is found through the atonement Christ purchased for us on the Cross. In Revelations 3:20, Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and be with Me." Jesus waits outside the door of your heart, wanting nothing more than to come in with you,

break bread with you, and end your loneliness forever.

Gosh, I spent so very many years running away from loneliness. I couldn't conquer or escape it -- and boy did I try! I indulged in everything the world had to offer to escape. I was still alone among my friends, my family, drunk at the bar; high on drugs, and in the deepest intimacies. It clung to me like my very own skin.

Then I came to Cornerstone Fellowship, just to try it out once. Imagine my enormous relief, the surge of JOY, the confidence of inner peace and satisfaction, freedom forever from loneliness, I felt that one Sunday morning, five years ago now, when I found Jesus was there, waiting for ME!

He'd always been waiting for me, all those years. He accepted me just as I was; He never blamed or accused me for all the past years. All I'd done. He freely forgave me, and forgot, forever, all those things I did before I came to know Him. You know what? He's STILL there, now -- waiting for YOU. I hope I'll see you at Cornerstone Sunday.

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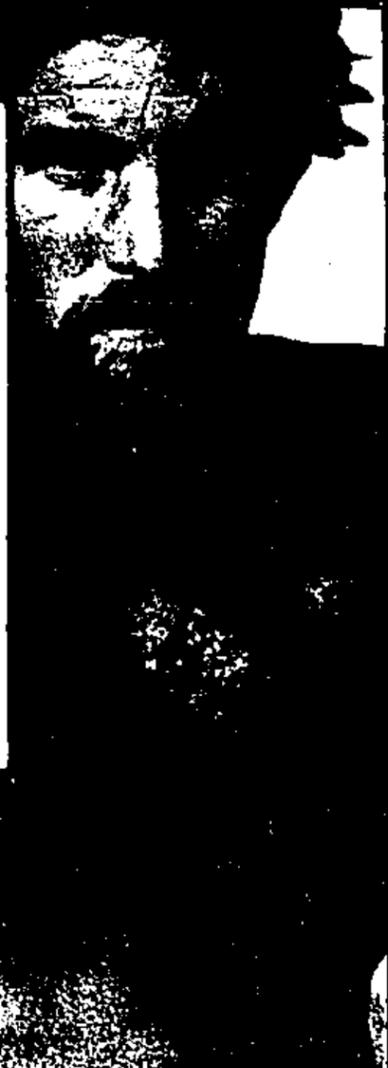
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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

Language and Power

When arguing whether to use Gay or Lesbian and Gay, many people state, "but the dictionary says that Gay means male and female." Dictionaries are seen to be impartial authorities, filled with facts. But, as often happens with authorities, the more you know about them, the less you can trust them.

Dictionaries are assembled by humans, which means they are prey to mistakes and prejudices. They are based on language, a living creature that changes its mind and has different moods. As soon as a dictionary is published, some of it is obsolete.

Dictionaries can be either prescriptive or descriptive. A prescriptive dictionary tells how language should be used, based on the language of "well-educated" people. In such a dictionary, disinterested means impartial, not uninterested, and Gay only grew to mean homosexual when the editors said that it did — not when Gay people said that it did. Descriptive dictionaries display language as actually used by most people. In a descriptive dictionary, disinterested can mean impartial or uninterested, and Gay is certainly homosexual. Prescriptive dictionaries excel at traditional language, while descriptive dictionaries are better at language as it changes.

The excellent American Heritage Dictionary (College Edition) walks a middle road, with usage advisors ranging from Gloria Steinem to William F. Buckley, Jr. The advisors' beliefs are shared in detail, as in "According to 93% of the usage panel, disinterested is not acceptable in the sense of uninterested." The reader can then make her or his own language decision.

The worst dictionaries are "family editions", which are censored. Comparing a college edition with a family edition, it appears that families consider sex obscene. But what could be more obscene than a censored dictionary?

Since the names oppressed groups call themselves are in constant evolution, they are among all dictionaries' weakest points. So, when a dictionary says that Gay includes male and female, the first question to ask is, "according to whom?" The "family"? The "well-educated" experts? What do other dictionaries say? What about thesauruses?

A sample thesaurus is The Synonym Finder (1978) by J.I. Rodale, which is pretty bizarre. While queer and faggy are listed as derogatory, swishy and fruity are only considered slang. Transvestite is listed as a synonym of homosexual, ignoring the fact that most transvestites are heterosexual. Deviate includes perverted and homosexual as synonyms, with a derogatory list including queer and Lesbian (!). Other thesauruses are better, particularly more recent ones, but most are at least moderately offensive to Lesbians and Gay men.

It is impossible to pick one sample dictionary, and all have problems. American Heritage (1985) considers faggy offensive but not dike (which it prefers to dyke). Oxford American Dictionary (1980) considers homosexual to be an "informal" meaning of Gay, while dike/dyke is not considered to mean Lesbian.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate (1989) acknowledges homosexual as a meaning of Gay and says that both dyke and faggy are "often used disparagingly". Webster's New World Dictionary (1988) also acknowledges homosexual as a meaning of Gay, adding "esp., a homosexual man". This dictionary also specifies that dyke is "esp. with pronounced masculine characteristics".

A side trip through the land of dildo is illuminating here. All the dictionaries that define dildo agree that a dildo is a penis substitute or looks like a penis and that it is for vaginal insertion. But these definitions are hetero-centric. In the Lesbian community, dildos are often finger substitutes or just themselves. And I suspect Gay men rarely use them for vaginal penetration. Dildoes don't even have to look like penises; they are available as corncobs, dolphins, and, yes, fingers. For more proof of heterocentrism in dictionaries, see family or marriage.

But times are changing. The new Random House Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (1991) describes language as used by real minority groups. It even includes the word womyn! The wonderful editors recognized that people have the right to name themselves. And when they define Gay, instead of going to the "authorities", they came to us. And, guess what? The definition specifies, "Today, [Gay] often designates only a male."

By going to the Gay and Lesbian community instead of to the "official well-educated arbiters of language," the Random House editors remembered an important guideline: QUESTION AUTHORITY.
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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

ARIZONA NEWS

House Bill 2489, "The Hate Crimes Statistics Bill", became law last week. Governor Symington allowed the bill to become law without his signature, which is another flip-flop for the Republican Governor, who had, earlier in the session, stated that he would sign a hate crimes statistics bill, then he changed his mind, due to pressure from Phoenix Republicans, then a pro-2489 phone campaign was launched to get him to change his mind. This is seen as a victory for the Arizona Civil Rights Coalition and other groups who lobbied for the bill. Arizona joins 40 other states who have a "Hate Crimes Bill".

C.D. 2 RACE

There was an article in Monday's Arizona Daily Star, dealing with the campaign of Ed Pastor, the former Maricopa County Supervisor who is running for the Democratic C.D. 2 nomination. The article deals with Pastor's unavailability for joint appearances with the other Democratic contenders. Pastor's campaign coordinator, Jim West, flatly denies the charge that Pastor is ducking the other candidates.

This columnist, going through the channels, invited Mr. Pastor to the Lesbian and Gay Pride Picnic to speak and to the "Meet The Candidate's Night", and as District 13 Democratic Chair invited him to the July 31st Joint Debate which the Pima County District Democratic Organizations and the Lambda Democratic Caucus is co-sponsoring at the El Rio Neighborhood Center.

When it came to the picnic and the political night, he was invited six weeks prior, the campaign heeded and hewed and a week before the picnic they stated their intentions that he would be there. On Friday, June 21st, I received word from Ramon Valadez, Pastor's Southern Arizona Coordinator that Ed will not be

able to attend either event. No reason was given why!

When it came to the July 31st Joint Debate, Pastor's scheduler, Monica Lee, stated that the six dates (from the Volgy and Yrun campaigns), were not acceptable. We asked if there were dates that Pastor would be available. Monica stated that he will not be available for any debate.

Why won't he make a joint appearance? People in Southern Arizona only know that he is from Phoenix and that is it. His campaign slogan is "Pastor for Arizona", not "Pastor for Phoenix". On his television commercials, the announcer says that Pastor is one of us. With the actions taken by the campaign, you begin to wonder. Does Ed have something to hide? Why is he being so elusive?

END NOTES

Here is a calendar of upcoming political events:

1. The Lambda Democratic Caucus will be holding their July meeting on Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. The place of the meeting is Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway, near the intersection of Broadway and Tucson Blvd. Lambda will be holding monthly meetings every third Tuesday of the month starting in July.

2. There will be a joint debate between the Democratic candidates for Congress in C.D. 2. The date is Wednesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. in the El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 West Speedway. everyone is welcome to attend.

The deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election in C.D. 2 is Monday, July 15. So if you have not registered, please do so. The most important thing the Lesbian and Gay community has is the power at the ballot box.

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Hope everyone had a safe and real fun 4th of July. There were plenty of fun things going on in Tucson this last holiday weekend. Everything from a wet, wet party at the French Quarter to showtime at the Graduate. A number of us attended the MCC dedication dinner Saturday evening. It was a totally enjoyable time. Food was good and the company was great!

It has been eighteen years since I had seen Rev. Troy Perry in San Francisco. I didn't even recognize him at the dinner, at first. But after hearing him

speak again last Saturday, I realized he was not the same as I remembered. I didn't think it possible, but he has become even more dynamic and charismatic than ever before. A true Gay religious leader in his own right. Not a man of profit as a few of the other so-called leader/role models that have come to the Old Pueblo are. But rather a man of 'prophet'. Thank you MCC for a truly joyful experience. The talents of many were there in full force that evening.

The various performances just added to the splendor of the evening. Love in any language, Rev. Nita, as you showed us, "straight from the heart". Just about every Gay group, organization and church was represented including Chris, the President of the PACT Board of Directors. Another terrific page has been written in Tucson Gay history.

And another is in the works. Yes, Ethel, it's that time again. There are people out there preparing for an evening of thrills, chills and gallons of green goo. Sunday, July 14, is the big Jello Wrestling benefit for Shanti. Don't miss it cause it will be a memorable evening, I guarantee! Hope to see you all there.

Till next week: Sean, 628-7816.

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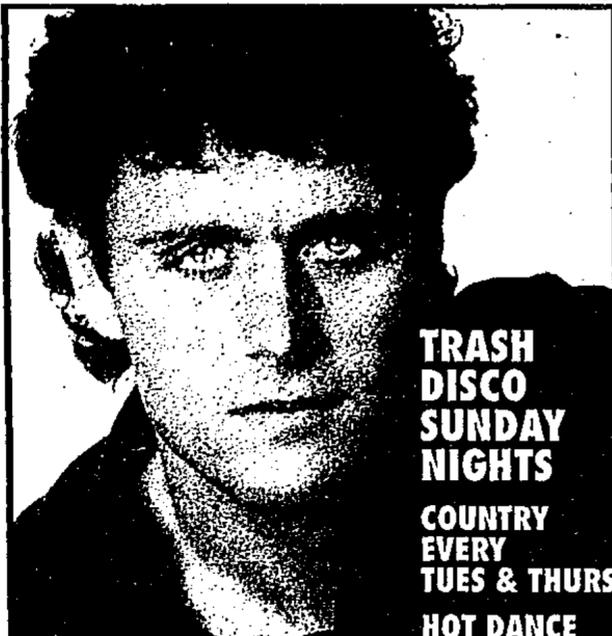
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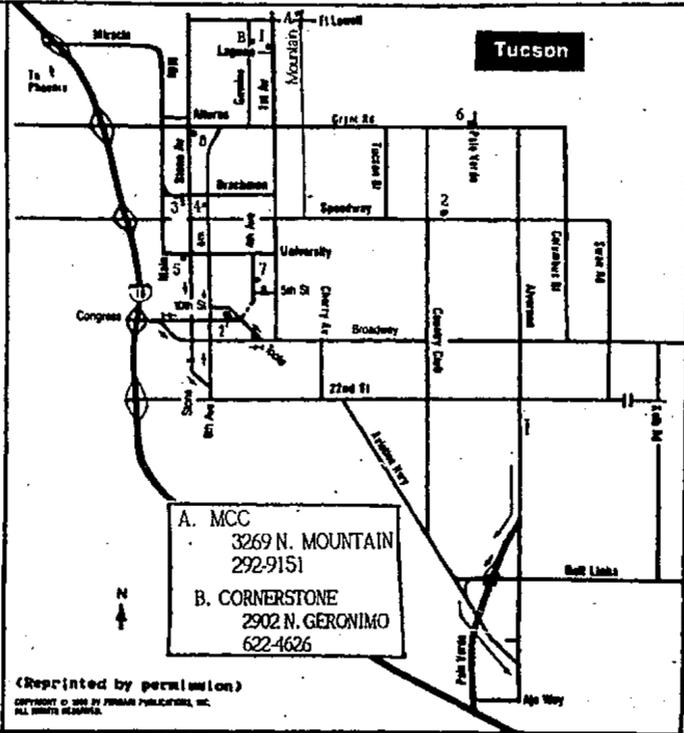
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

SATURDAY, JULY 13

GRADUATE - TNO's monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m., but more important they will be celebrating their 12th anniversary with a party and invite all the local clubs and friends by to help them celebrate. There will be the installation of the 1991-92 newly elected officers and then there will be a free brunch consisting of BBQ chicken to melt your palate. Stop by and wish the Tucson Knight Owls a happy birthday. 12 years is a long time!

SUNDAY, JULY 14

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) will hold their monthly Beer Bust and dinner here today from 2 to 6 p.m. For dinner this Sunday, Kenny is fixing Grilled Chicken and fruit salad with all the trimmings. Come on down!

REMORI - It's Jello Wrestling time again. Always a packed house to see this event to benefit our Shanti foundation. Some of your favorite friends (and enemies) will be in the jello ring to make some cash for Shanti. Sign up now or at Remori on Sunday and participate. It is expected that some hot models from the coast will participate again. Get there early for the best view.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

COLETTE'S - It's country/western night here and as usual it features the live vocal talents of Mr. Lorea Johnson. C/W at its best.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

COLETTE'S - Country and Western dancing - two steppin' and everything here tonight. A popular stop for C/W fans.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

COLETTE'S - Soul Nite here means 'get down!', listen and dance to your favorite soul music played for your pleasure.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

IBY'S - Margo Leigh Productions will present an All-Star Benefit Show for P.A.C.F. beginning at 8:30ish. Plan now for a fun-filled evening that will have lasting results.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

BOUES - Candy Plastique Birthday Show with an all-star group including Ariva Diamond and Raven. Mark this down - Candy is one year older! Come on over and cheer her up!

Non-Bar

CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this Non-Bar Activities Calendar, please contact Mr. Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday's paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until that event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 352-9151 in Tucson.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

C.A.P. Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. at RCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. All members are urged to attend this meeting as those members who have missed three meetings since January will be deleted as voting members of this year's Committee.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

A new exercise program begins for PWAs. Easy and mild body movements with uplifting background music. At the Shanti office, 602 N. 4th Avenue at 11:00 a.m. Program Director is Lee Thompson and encourages PWAs to keep fit and take advantage of this new program. It's easy, mild, and fun at the same time.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Cronies plan a road trip to Mt. Lemmon for the afternoon and then plan to attend the Jello Wrestling Shanti Benefit at Remori in the evening. Contact Nerle at 888-7264 for more details.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Lambda Democratic Caucus will hold its regular monthly general meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month) from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2617 E. Broadway. New members welcome.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

"Gays/Lesbian In The Military" will be the focus of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association's July meeting. The Persian Gulf crisis has reawakened the criticisms of the U.S. military's policy of discrimination against homosexuals. Discover differing points of view in the current debate. Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 Eastfront Road. Free to OP members and newcomers.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

AGRA (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association) is forming a Tucson Chapter and will hold its first meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the patio at Bours, 3455 E. Grant Road. For more info call 798-3528.

MONDAY, JULY 22

DofA Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty and Staff will meet from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Regent's Room in the Administration Building. This group meets every fourth Monday of each month for a brown bag lunch. Prof. Bruce Fowler is the facilitator.

Tucson

CALENDAR

Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. Drink Specials. \$1.00 steaks, Dave cooks 4-8. Variety Shows 10:30 p.m. Food served 9-12. Dave DM.
COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament 5:30 p.m. \$1.00 entry. Brunch till 1 p.m. "Play Down Nite" \$1.00 wine & pa to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 p.m.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Room. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials. 5 p.m. Pool Tournament. Double elimination, \$2 entry, 60/40 split 1st & 2nd.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.
BOUES - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 p.m. Country Dance Music 7-1 and with your DJ Mark. House Ambassadors 7-1.
IBY'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. as well as non-alcoholic beer. 9 to 1 Trash Disc Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
REMORI - Open at noon. Drink specials.

Monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer 12-7. \$1.50 draft and schnapps 7 to close. Dave DJ 9-11. classic rock & ball. Food served 9-12.
CLUB CANGREES - 70's Disco with Super Star Lezer. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
BOUES - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IBY'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-alcoholic beer. Easy listening music. Bring your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
REMORI - Open noon. Daily drinks specials. Todd DJ's at 9.

Tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 well 12-7. \$1.50 Corona/.75 Galkaree shots all day. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9-11. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. Lumpsum bottle beer \$1.25 from 4 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Burgers, sandwiches or Chicken-In-A-Basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Movie Nite with cocktail hour prices all night long.
GRADUATE - .50 draft open to close.
BOUES - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IBY'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.
Country music and dancing with Cll Leas 9-11.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
REMORI - Open noon. Daily drink specials. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 white well 12-7. Male and Female Strippers 10:30 p.m. Dave DJ's 9-11. Food served 9-12.
CLUB CANGREES - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. 7-Squares dance and give free lessons at 6:30. 2-Step Country/Western follows. Schnapps \$1 from 8-12 am. DJ 9-11.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 nites.
BOUES - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Flight Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
IBY'S - 4-8 Two for One. 1 to Close, 50 cents off Call Liquor, Linda DJ's 9-11.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
REMORI - Open noon. Daily drink specials. WJ/DJ Clint at 7pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 white well 12-7. \$2.75 pitchers Bud/Bud Lite all day and night. Dave DJ's 9-11. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / "Subservient". .50 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Dart Tournament \$2 entry 60/40 split.
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.
BOUES - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Rehearsal or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Mark.
IBY'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Cll Leas. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 4-1.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
REMORI - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your WJ/DJ Clint 9-11.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 domestic beer 12-7. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9pm. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8-12. DJ 9-11.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
BOUES - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 am
IBY'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Ray.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
REMORI - Daily drink specials. Free Bors d'Oeuvres 5:30. WJ/DJ Clint 9-11.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.00 steaks Jay cooks 4-8. Drink specials. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8-Midnight: DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Room. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
BOUES - Open Room. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month Country and Western dance music.
IBY'S - 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Zildals.
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A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Slaves

There are lies and those who lie; drugs and those who use them; clocks and those who constantly watch them. What do these seemingly disparate things have in common? Slavery.

What is the point of lying? With each lie created, a person becomes a slave to that lie and all lies that have come before, and those that will surely follow.

Lying has long been a staple of the Gay community. Giving the wrong name when you meet someone, giving him/her an incorrect phone number, etc. What is achieved by this? Nothing.

Slavery to drugs is most obvious. An addict is no longer in charge of his/her own life; stealing and lying are just some of the crimes being committed. We have long known the effects of addiction to drugs of choice so why allow yourself to become a slave to the drug?

And lastly, there is time. We rise at a predetermined time in order to get to work before a deadline. We eat at the same time every day, get off work at the same time, get home at the same time, watch the same television shows, brush our teeth, go to bed --all at the same time. We force the round peg of our lives into a square hole of what is expected of us --and die from stress because of it.

Is there a way around these 21st Century masters? A way to avoid losing our freedom, to stay king of our castle? Of course.

First, never lie. If the truth is too difficult (about an accident, or teaching young children about death) say as little as possible, even nothing, if that will do. But never create a world of deception, a life of lies.

Drugs are obvious: just don't start. There are enough wonderful things to enjoy in life that are not physically harmful that one never need resort to dangerous (and illegal) drugs.

Time is a little more difficult master to conquer. But you make a good first step when you understand your time belongs to YOU --and no one else. Make good use of your time, plan ahead, make time in your schedule for the things YOU want to do. Make it clear to everyone --especially yourself-- that you hold the reigns of time and are its master.

Will Rogers may have thought real estate was valuable, but he should have said "Invest in time. They aren't making any more of it."

It's your life. Live it well.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.
STEVEN DIETZ..

Q. I recently went to a picnic at Bimmel Park for Gay Pride and was amazed at all the open people there. It made me feel good but sort of on the outside in a way. I have decided I need to 'come out' to some of my friends and family but I'm really nervous about it. I'm not a teenager anymore, and I feel like after all this time it is going to be hard to get people to understand. I'm afraid I'll lose friends or have fights with my family. How do you think I should go about it?

A. "Coming out" brings a kind of freedom that can be almost euphoric, but it also brings with it responsibility. For your own sense of well-being and self-esteem, I support you in your decision, as will many members of the Gay community. Perhaps the most important step is preparation.

Consider first the "need to know" for those in your circle of friends. It isn't essential to take out a personal ad in the newspaper and announce to the world that you are affirming your identity, and in all likelihood there are those who have no need for such personal information. In fact, a few shouldn't be told (i.e. aging grandparents who find a changing world difficult enough to handle, or, perhaps, Aunt Sadie in Kansas who is already spending most of her waking hours on her knees praying for a wicked world).

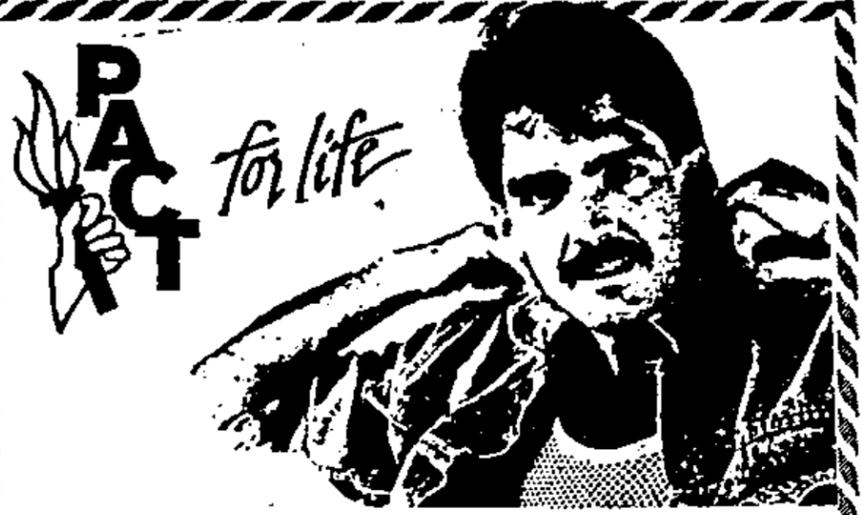
Talk first with those people around you who already know of your sexual preference, or will be understanding and supportive. Let them know that you are going to need some emotional support for a time. Always preface your announcement

by explaining that the reason you are sharing an important part of your personal life is because you care about them, and want to be able to be open and upfront so that your friendship is based on solid honesty.

Employers, and co-workers may not need to be included in your list of "those to be informed". If, however, you decide to share information with friends at work, be sure you are prepared in case the news spreads. In most of the country, you cannot be fired because of sexual preference. Be careful for a time that you don't provide other reasons for dismissal, and at work as well as at home, choose first the individuals whom you know will be supportive.

Be prepared for questions that might seem confrontational or uneducated. Answer them honestly, and remember that personal dignity may require you to choose between making your life an open book, and recognizing when it is appropriate to say, "I'm sorry, but your questions are becoming too personal". In the case of family, try to anticipate questions that may be too difficult for them to ask. Help them understand, and let them know what they can do to be supportive. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provide excellent materials to help you with your decision to affirm your lifestyle, and will be a valuable resource as you "open the door".

Best wishes!



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Frohnmayr to support the... festival shows that he is totally out of touch with the vast majority of American taxpayers. Supporting with tax dollars homosexual films indicates this agency has no intention of stopping the misuse and abuse of tax dollars."

Eight days later, Frohnmayr responded with his own letter to the same officials: "The endowment does not blacklist nor does it give or refuse grants on the basis of sexual orientation." A month earlier, the beleaguered Frohnmayr made a similar gesture when he defended a \$25,000 NEA grant to Todd Haynes' homoerotic film "Poison".

"[Wildmon's] complaint seems to urge adherence only with his 'values', Frohnmayr wrote, "excluding the diversity which has always been protected in America." Thus far, Frohnmayr has retained his NEA post, despite pressure from Wildmon and Helms to have him removed.

Wildmon and the AFA have also targeted a number of TV series as "anti-Christian," including Norman Lear's new "Sunday Dinner", and attempted to eliminate those shows with advertiser boycotts. In a recent "Counterpunch" editorial in the Los Angeles Times, Actor Robert Forworth characterized Wildmon's censorship crusades as "ideological terrorism".

According to DiMaria, the real motivation behind Wildmon's attacks on the Gay film festival is homophobia. "I'm sure the investigation by the General Accounting Office cost taxpayers a lot more money than the grants we've received from the last five years combined," he said. "So it's not an issue of taxpayer's money."

Over the past 15 years, the festival has built a reputation as the premier international showcase for Gay and Lesbian films. In some cases, it serves as a springboard for broader mainstream exposure. "Paris is Burning," a vibrant documentary on drag competition, was a sellout hit at last year's event, and subsequently has become an art-house smash in New York.

"Almost everything we'd program in our festival could be shown in non-Gay festivals," Lumpkin says. "But because we're presenting [films] under the banner of Lesbian and Gay festival, we're the ones who are attacked for being up front and open about it."

"Anything that validates us as Lesbians and Gays is threatening to them," DiMaria says. "[The festival] is a community experience for us. It gives validity to our artistic products and to our lives, and it empowers our community. And that pushes a lot of buttons with some people."

It's more than the "ideological terrorism" of the Rev. Wildmon, however, that troubles the film festival directors. In recent years, the AIDS epidemic has claimed the lives of several Gay film makers - Curt McDowell of San Francisco; Artie Bressan, Bill Sherwood and Phil Zwickler of New York - thereby limiting the number of available films.

The high cost of film making, combined with a lack of public funding, are also problems - particularly for Lesbian directors. This year, the opening night feature was "My Father is Coming," and was the festival's first Lesbian opening

night feature in three years. Directed by Monika Treut, it is the story of a young German actress, living in New York's East Village, whose Bavarian father comes for a visit.

"There's so little lesbian work being produced that it's hard to have a balance," Lumpkin says. "You don't get a broad spectrum of work to choose from, which makes it hard to appeal to different segments of the audience."

I hear from our audiences that Lesbians want more big romantic Lesbian features," DiMaria says. "I don't see that coming from Lesbian directors for a couple of reasons: the funding isn't there; and also, many Lesbian directors work with experimental forms and issue-oriented work. It's a challenge for the festival to program that work and package it properly and keep the audience satisfied."

Still, Lumpkin says, there's a new generation of Gays and Lesbians making its mark with a crop of first features.

Several were included in this year's festival: "Together Alone," the story of the all-night verbal odyssey of two men, by Los Angeles film maker Paul Castalenet; "Via Appia," about a German airline steward who searches for the Brazilian hustler who he believes infected him with HIV, from Germany's Jochen Hick; "No Skin Off My Ass," a low-budget comedy from Canada's Bruce La Bruce; and "Coalminer's Granddaughter," a comedy that does for Lesbians what John Waters has done for Baltimore, directed by San Francisco's Cecilia Dougherty.

Lumpkin worked on his 12th consecutive festival and says he will take a one to two year leave in order to produce "The Celluloid Closet," a study of Gay images in Hollywood movies based on the book by Vito Russo. Oscar-winning documentarians Robert Epstein and Jeffrey Epstein ("Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt") will direct.

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When taking a trip by car, start early in the day and quit early in the afternoon. Look for lodging about 3:00 p.m., take time to unwind then, before dinner and a good night's rest. Avoid tedium along the way by leading your passengers in an occasional songfest or games like license poker. Hats in the way? Stretch a stout cord across the back of the front seat and with clothes pins, attach hats and caps to it out of the way.

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this year's President's Auction, to be held on August 23rd at the Graduate. If you wish to donate any item, please contact one of the different clubs Presidents or give me a call and I'll get the message to one of them for you. This year's proceeds will be going to PACT. Candy T., President of Desert Leathermen, tells me there will be a special surprise this year at the auction. She would not give me any hint as to what it is so I also, will have to be there to find out what it will be.

Also, as usual, it just happens to be TKO's Beer Bust, but this time there will be no games for you to play. TKO is sorry if not having a game or two disturbs anyone, but they want to celebrate and have a little fun. I can tell you this, they have a 3-fold game day coming up at one of the Beer Busts, games being played - checkers, Old Maid and Go Fish. Each contestant will play all three games, accumulating points, with the person with the most points winning. More details and announcements as this day draws closer.

Then, the following morning, it will be time for this year's version of the First Ladies Run, this year being a one (1) day run. Applications should be arriving at the different bars around Tucson in the very near future. The theme for their run this year is "Desert Storm" - A USO Show. Each club will be putting on a 15-minute skit, the Run/Road/Activities Captains will be having their always famous "Pandora's Box" game, and each club will have a game of some type for everyone's pleasure, trophies being awarded for winners of each. As this date draws closer, and I'm given more details, I'll be passing them on to you.

In last week's column I named Randy Travis' "Point of Light" song incorrectly, calling it "Beacon of Light". With either name, the general meaning still is the same.

TBBS: News comes to me that Hopi was in town a weekend or two ago, but that is not newsworthy. What is, is that driving back to Phoenix, Hopi missed his turn-off the freeway and ended up North of Phoenix. I'll bet he doesn't miss the turn-offs when it comes to one of the bars he goes to.

If you are reading this issue of the Observer on Wednesday, the day it arrives at the Tucson bars, you only have 174 days left in 1991. Don't ask me what the hell that has to do with anything, just happened to look at my calendar for any notes I may have needed to mention and found none.

I'm on time this week, but still I find myself to the point of ??????. In that case - close the column, you fool. Bye!

It is still a little over a month away, but I do wish to remind everyone of

Out On The Town

by Jza Jza LaMore

Which trio's excursion to the mountains got sidetracked to the Bean Plantation? Next time exclude that stop on the tour. That will be as far as it goes.

thing just more skin. The Bean landfill will never be done. Will the cement pond fulfill and will the retreat really treat? Who do the Tom Toms toll for? Maybe Miss Mae can say. And speaking of current affairs, how was Bisbee? Any fireworks recently? Do they really leave stains?

How many flowers does it take to get a date and what kind? Does the color matter. Just ask the waterboy.

Til next time, Forever yours
Jza Jza LaMore

What is nurse Dale nursing these days? Does shift work have anything to do with it? Miss Mae may be bedding for quite a while at the South Forty if things don't change soon. Mathilda Oz is still and Miss Mae will.

Apricot wine will do it every time, thanks to Danny Barden, the vineyard is permanently closed.

Is it Valentine's Day for someone around the town or is it split between Sister Mary Virgetta and Josefietta Johnston? It depends on the corn crop.

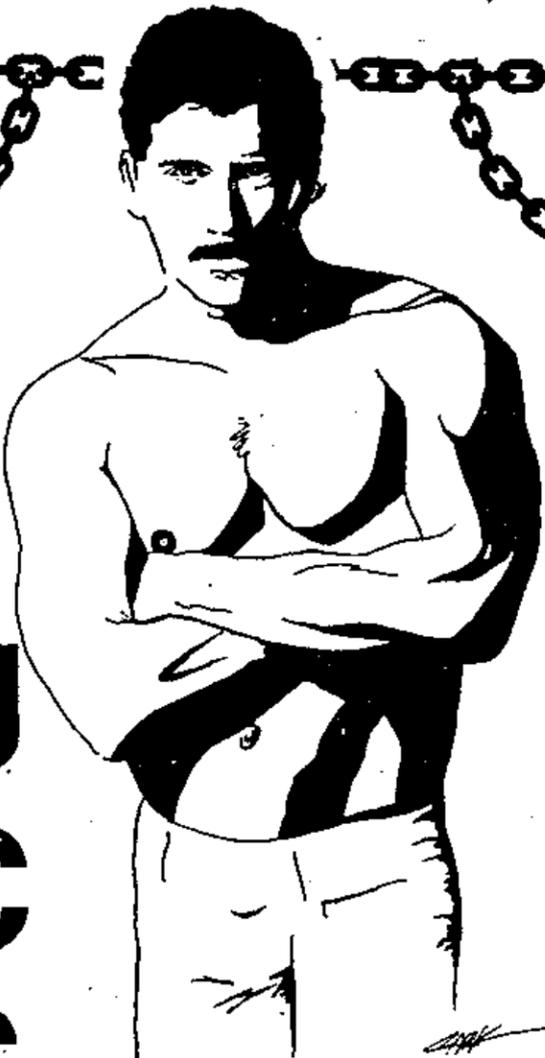
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WHORE-A-SCOPES

by BARTMAN

ARIES

Do what makes others feel more comfortable on a sexual level. Check Taurus for hidden message. Love has a strange way of finding you. Money matters look good.

TAURUS

Make the time to explore your deep, dark fantasy dreams you've been having lately - but remember, a fantasy is just that, only a dream. Spend a little extra and start buying a better brand of beer.

GEMINI

Be conservative about a relationship. Start talking things over instead of holding it in - you'll feel much better - same as a good douche! - Financial developments are subject to delays.

CANCER

Get your weekend chores done quickly so you can get out and have fun. Don't ignore the house though, it looks like a pig sty as usual. What attracts others most is your sense of aliveness!

LEO

Do at least one overdue favor for a friend. You must owe twenty by now. House repairs may be needed soon - your parties are getting out of control. A birthday soon? What's Mommie or Daddy getting you this year?

VIRGO

A certain Libran has been wanting to jump your bones. Stop being so coy. Kind deeds bring rewards. However, that word isn't in your vocabulary. You may be heading into uncharted territory in your emotional life.

LIBRA

Try to control your sweet tooth. Those cavities are getting expensive. Also the 2 a.m. feeding frenzy - love handles? Try improving your cruising techniques in order to be good at something, you must practice.

SCORPIO

Possible love triangle with a Taurus and Gemini. Sounds very exciting. Within a week you'll be saying, "Gimme a gun!" Keep marching to a different drummer. Everyone loves a non-conformist.

SAGITTARIUS

Weenie wonderland again? We're certainly not talking about the bars. This will be a good week for entertaining out-of-town friends. Be wary of men in uniforms.

CAPRICORN

Remember the movie, "The Thing"? Didn't you wake up to that the other morning? Look before you leap. This is a good week for money matters, also career. An Aries could become involved in your personal life.

AQUARIUS

When are you going to register at Foley's - or is it Dillard's giving you a better deal on matching silverware? So much to do before the wedding. Relax - your job is secure, go out and spend that extra cash. Do something nice for you!

PISCES

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