

GUEST EDITORIAL

by RICHARD L. TAFEL

Recently, California Governor Pete Wilson vetoed AB101, which would have guaranteed civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians in California. Wilson stood at a politically historic point that required integrity and vision, and he failed to rise to the occasion. At a time in our nation's history when we seek leaders with convictions and courage, Wilson can only stick his finger into the air to test the political breezes. His decision, affecting the civil rights of at least one-tenth of his state's population, smacks of opportunism.

Politics, it is said, makes strange bedfellows. In this case, Wilson decided to jump into bed with right-wing bigots, and for those Log Cabin clubs, in California who worked so hard on his behalf, the word "betrayal" is appropriate. Not only did Wilson reveal his lack of courage by caving in to the religious right, he also demonstrated that he does not understand the meaning of loyalty — the foundation of all political relationships. Wilson's actions will have consequences not only in his state, but throughout the nation.

There are winners and losers in Wilson's failure. Wilson certainly lost. He will soon discover that the religious right will never be his friend. They have shown that they can pull his strings and make him dance, and they will impatiently await their next opportunity to prove their power over him. Worse still for Wilson, he has alienated the moderate voters, both Democrat and Republicans, Gay and straight, who believe in the concepts of social progressivism and fiscal conservatism. By raising California's taxes and refusing to sign AB101, Wilson has transformed his image into that of a social conservative and fiscal liberal. This combination will find few supporters in California or anywhere else in the country.

Wilson claimed that he vetoed AB101 because its passage would have negatively affected the state's economy. However, in every state where similar bills have become law, no such dire consequences have ever materialized. In fact, Massachusetts Governor William Weld, a fellow Republican who was applauded by the California GOP for his pro-business politics, wrote Wilson to assure him of the absence of economic dangers and urged him to sign AB101.

Another loser in Wilson's decision will be Senator John Seymour, and his future may be settled sooner. Seymour has long depended on Log Cabin support, and now that support is uncertain. Like Wilson, Seymour courted the Gay vote while it was expedient, then spurned the Gay voters when the right-wingers turned up the heat against AB101. For this

reason, I encourage the Log Cabin Clubs of California to sit on their hands for this race. In the primary election, Seymour will beat William Dannemeyer, as we have always known he would. After that, when he needs every moderate vote in the general election, we will not be there.

There are winners too. Tom Campbell, a candidate for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate, remained loyal to his beliefs and to civil rights when he reiterated his support for AB101. This summer, the Log Cabin Clubs in California and around the country were involved in fundraising campaigns for Republican candidates. Campbell is the only candidate who has shown the integrity worth of national support and he will receive the undivided financial benefits.

The Gay community may also be a winner. This incident has emphasized that the religious right is an enemy which must be fought in every city, county and state. Wilson's weakness breathed new life into the religious extremists but is also ensured that the fight for the civil rights of Gay and Lesbians will intensify around the nation, and within the Republican Party. Gay Republicans have been standing up more than ever recently, and Wilson's actions should accelerate that trend. After coming so close in California, we cannot stand by any longer and watch as the bigots and hatemongers cement their grip on power.

Governor Weld of Massachusetts and Governor Arne Carlson of Minnesota are now the leaders in the struggle to make the Republican Party socially responsive. Carlson has stated that he would sign a Gay civil rights bill if the Democratic legislature would pass one. Weld, who encouraged Wilson to sign AB101 and Governor McKernan of Maine to sign similar legislation, have shown continued support for the civil rights of all people. For what they are doing, they deserve our support.

Never before has there been a greater need for a Gay Republican movement to raise money and increase membership. The Log Cabin Clubs have shown good Republican candidates what can be accomplished with our backing. Now Wilson and Seymour must learn the hard way what happens when that support is withdrawn.

[ED NOTE: Richard Tafel is President of the Log Cabin Federation, an organization of Gay and Lesbian Republicans across the country. The Log Cabin Clubs were founded in 1978 in opposition to the Briggs Initiative which would have forbidden Gays from serving as public school teach-

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UofA Students Celebrate National Coming Out Day

TUCSON - Last Friday, Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day was celebrated at the University of Arizona by many students and their friends. On the mall, directly in front of the Student Union, the Bisexual, Gay And Lesbian Association (BGALA) had set up a "closet door" for people to literally "come out" through. The groups also set up a Walk of Fame with names of famous people who were Gay and Lesbian inscribed on pink triangles on the walkway to the closet door.

In addition to the events taking place on the mall, that evening, the student club, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays United (LBGU) sponsored the first National Coming Out Day Ball in the Arizona Ballroom of the Student Union. A great crowd was in attendance and everyone had a good time celebrating this historic event at the UofA.

Pictured above is Prof. Bruce Fowler passing through the 'closet door', a duty that he had done several years previous, but it was a symbolic gesture and many others followed his example. More pictures may be found on page 3 of this issue of OBSERVER.



Torch Awards Oct. 20

TUCSON - Next Sunday, the First Annual "Torch Awards" ceremony will be held at the Ramada Inn downtown beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help (TORCH) is a collective ceremony presented by the four major Tucson AIDS organizations with awards being presented to those individuals who they believe should be recognized for the hard work done for the benefit of the agencies and their clients. The agencies include PACT for Life, Shanti Foundation/Tucson, El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora and the Tucson AIDS Project.

The Torch Awards concept was developed as a result of brainstorming by such people as Scott Levine, Chuck Mayer, Jerome Beillard, Sean Thomas and many others. All four agencies participated in the nominating/voting process as representatives of their clients. Each award will be described as it is presented next Sunday.

This is an evening to celebrate the living and to thank those who have helped. Tickets are \$12.00 each which will help cover the cost of the awards and awards ceremony. Tickets may be purchased through any of the above agencies and will also be available at the door. Ramada Inn is located at 475 N. Granada Avenue in downtown Tucson.

Anti-Gay Violence Rising

LOS ANGELES, CA - Incidents of violence against homosexuals are on the rise in Los Angeles as members of the Gay and Lesbian community become more open about their lifestyle, according to officials. Gays and Lesbians were the victims in 125 of the 550 hate crimes reported in Los Angeles County last year, according to a report by the county Commission on Human Relations.

The total number of hate crimes - an incident based on race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation - jumped 45 percent, marking the sixth straight year of growth. The Los Angeles Police Department believes such crimes are under-reported, and the real number of incidents may be more than double the reported figure, officials said.

"The issue is serious and it certainly has been rising... and we are concerned with it," said Eugene Mornell, the commission's executive director.

A sampling of cities nationwide shows anti-Gay incidents jumped 42 percent in 1990, according to a national study by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute in Washington, DC. "Trying to gain more political power and acceptance has come with a price that we shouldn't have to pay," task force spokesman Robert Bray said. "People who bash Gays are trying to force us back into the closet (by) using violence and intimidation."

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UPDATE

In Memoriam

JOHNETTE BATISTE
February, 1941 - October 8, 1991

Johnie left this world for a better place on Tuesday, October 8. She was loved and will be missed by many, many of her friends. She was a fighter and taught a lot of us to have courage, be brave and never give up as long as there is hope.

Johnie was active with the Tucson AIDS Project and other organizations. She kept all of us on our toes. She will be greatly missed at the G.L.I.A. luncheons as she was the life of the party, especially on Bingo Day! Johnie loved Bingo. Johnie also loved life and people. She showed that love in very distinct ways - she knew how to love unconditionally.

No more pain Johnie. Miss Priss says goodbye mama, I miss you. So long Johnie, I'll always love and miss you. Tell Iovie David C. hello for us Johnie. - Vern

Johnie is survived by a large family and many friends. Goodbye Iovie, we will love and miss you always. Wanda, Jerry, Carrie, Pastor Rada, Lynn, Posh, Vern and Jim. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo.

Gay Pentecostals To Hold Revival Oct. 25-27

TUCSON - Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, located at 1122 N. Jones Blvd., will host a three-day revival Oct. 25-27. Guest preacher will be the Rev. William H. Carey, Presbyter of the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance, and Pastor of Lighthouse Apostolic Church in Schenectady, New York.

Services will be held Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m., Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. Special music and singing is being planned for the services. At 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, a workshop on Prayer will be led by Sister Phildora J. Prignore. A second workshop will be led by Rev. Carey at 1:00 Saturday afternoon, the topic to be announced at a later date. All are invited.

For more information, contact the church at P.O. Box 14003, Tucson, AZ 85732-4003, or call (602)323-6855. Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church is pastored by the Rev. Sandy Lewis, Elder of the East Central District of the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance.

Anti-Gay Violence Rising (Continued from page one)

Police and community activists say the number of phone threats and hate calls skyrocketed following widespread protests of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's veto last week of Assembly Bill 101, a bill that would have outlawed job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The veto sparked a night of violent protest Monday, Sept. 30 as demonstrators in San Francisco and Los Angeles trashed state office buildings, torched the California flag and burned Wilson in effigy.

The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center normally receives one or two hate calls each month. But more than 50 such calls have been received since Gays and Lesbians took to the streets following the veto.

Last Chance To Join Desert Voices

TUCSON - Monday, Oct. 21, will be the last chance to join the singing ranks of Desert Voices for the fall season, at least. In order for the chorus to begin preparing for this year's holiday concert, new singing members must join by this rehearsal date.

The groups first rehearsal was held on Monday, Oct. 7, at which 15 people attended. Jack Delmore, Director of Music, would like to encourage more women to participate this season and attend the Oct. 21st rehearsal. Rehearsals are held in the Social Hall of the First Congregational United Church of Christ at 2nd Avenue and University Boulevard. Persons should call 886-1208 for more information.

In addition, Desert Voices is putting together an Advisory Committee to lend guidance to the chorus organization. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being a part of this advisory board, please submit the name, address, phone number and a short reference statement to Advisory Chair, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson, AZ 85717-0036 or call Dave Hensley at 624-4360.

Miss Gay Latina Pageant Nov. 10

TUCSON - Club Hispano de Tucson has announced the annual Miss Gay Latina Pageant will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 9:00 p.m. in the front room of the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. This year's theme is "Black and White Ball".

As in last year's contest, three judges will be selected from outside the community, and contestants will be evaluated with respect to performance skill, appearance, popularity, and on the basis of their replies to questions pertaining to life within the Gay Hispanic community. This year, again, Club Hispano will be selecting a Miss Gay Anistad, from among guests invited from neighboring cities in the United States and Mexico.

Persons interested in participating in this year's pageant, may obtain an application from Hugo Montoya of Eleazar Garcia, and should return the completed application, along with their registration fee, to either of those two (usually visible at JT's on weekends) before the day of the contest.

Old Pueblo Business Expo '91 This Weekend

TUCSON - As many as 40 Lesbian and Gay professionals, their businesses and organizations will be presented this Friday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. It's "Business Expo '91", sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association.

From art to travel, auto services to real estate, books to janitorial services, insurance to jewelry -- you'll find them all at Expo '91.

Other community organizations, from caregivers to singers, thespians to cowboys and politicians will be on hand too, to tell you what they do and why - and why you might want to join the.

Each business exhibitor will also have a chance to tell you who they are and demonstrate their skills and services. Oh, and here's the best part: It's All Free! And the public is invited! There will be a no-host bar with non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic drinks for sale.

One-In-Ten Repertory To Hold Auditions Oct. 19

TUCSON - One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre will be holding auditions for its first production of the 1992 seasons. "Remember My Name" is an original production that has never been performed in Arizona.

The story is about the conception and implementation of the Names Project, an organization formed to create a huge quilt made up of panels representing individuals who have died or AIDS. It is an abstract production with the quilt panels coming to life and becoming the persons whom they represent. The production is scheduled for mid-January.

The production includes a cast of nine characters; four women and five men with ages ranging from 20 to 40 years old. One-In-Ten Repertory is an equal-opportunity theatre and strongly encourages all minority groups to participate. The audition requirement is a 2 to 3 minute monologue. For more information, please call Gregg at 884-7601.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

This and That

***Tasteless Best-Seller Title: The Unborn Meet the Undead.** The movie version would star Christopher Walken as a scientist who develops an unholy taste for fetal blood.

***Outing and Abouting:** One of the problems with outing is that it leaves the gay community open to accusations of disrespecting people's privacy. There is a focus on saying, "So-and-so is a homosexual." But wouldn't a social approach work much better? "Seen last night were Cher and longtime friend Joe Petus, Elizabeth Taylor and longtime friend Sammy Stud, and Malcolm Forbes and longtime friend David Harleyson." We don't actually know that Cher is a heterosexual or that she has sex, nor does it matter if gay men and lesbians have sex. Speaking only in social terms might seem trivial, but it could help to eliminate the focus on sex and on labels.

***Political Fantasies:** Sometimes I feel like the only person on Earth who believes that the Democrats could win the presidency in 1992, and it is driving me crazy that they are too cowardly to even try. Bush is an emperor with no clothes, and the country desperately needs people with strong voices to point this out. My dream team is Patricia Schroeder for president and Anne Richards for VP. They are intelligent, strong, and mouthy, and they could announce Bush's lack of clothes and note the smallness of what's showing. With these women in power, we might have equal rights for women and gay men and lesbians; universal health care; an end to CIA meddling; focus on schools and social services; and a war on drugs that helped drug addicts rather than punished them. Also, they probably wouldn't want the Secret Service following them around all the time, so they could hire a new bunch of people. Imagine President Schroeder in a cavalcade surrounded and protected by Dykes on Bikes!

***Useful Line to Remember Department:** I'm not sure who said this (Gore Vidal?), but it's worth remembering: "Democracy is four wolves and a lamb deciding what to have for dinner."

***High-Tech, Low-Morals:** Have you seen the new holographic video game, Time Traveler? The graphics are incredible;

three dimensional images appear so real that by-passers try to touch them. It's the future today, with beautiful colors, fluid motions, and charming pseudo-reality. But only the technology has improved; like too many others, the game relies on violence for its structure. It epitomizes the old recruiting poster takeoff: "Travel, meet fascinating new people, and kill them."

***Everything is Fluid Department:** Teletransportation and time travel have long challenged human minds. Time moves inexorably along, bends in space, and turns you from 25 to 35 while you're not looking—and there's no way of getting back! Traffic and crowded trains are almost as annoying as aging, but when I pointed out the potential usefulness of mass teletransportation to a man who was pretzeled around me on a jammed NY subway, he replied, "Yeah, but if the government ran it, you'd get home attached to someone-else's arm." However, I have a discovery that should make possible both time travel and instant teletransportation: All Burger Kings and Black Angus and Baskin-Robbins are actually the same place. We go into one in California in 1982 and come out in another in New Jersey in 1992. And we can't tell the difference, because they're all surrounded by identical McDonalds and Jack-in-the-boxes and targets and K-Marts and Radio Shacks. Capitalism is actually an alien plot to unhinge human reality. And it's working.

***Do Cats Have Free Will?** I believe that I freely decided to write this column, but maybe a million separate influences in my life—genetic, environmental, and spiritual—made it impossible for maybe that ant over there thought long and hard before deciding to turn left. And why does Chirpy, our large, lazy cat, feel obligated to escape the house whenever he can, only to wait at the bottom of the steps for us to get him? Free will or half hearted, leftover, instincts of the wild?

***Infamous First Lines:** Do you suppose that, somewhere, an imaginative dyke, after her first lesbian sex, started singing, "Oh sweet nannary of life, at last I found you?"

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As I See It *by Clark*

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Square Dance Classes Forming

FUCSON -- Same sex couples are nothing new in square dancing. Often, particularly in pioneering the west, it was the only way to get the necessary four couples to form a square. In non-gay (and probable derogatory) terminology same sex couples are called "arky couples". But the Lesbian and Gay square dance movement is the first time women choose to dance with women, and men to dance with men, often in the same square.

Square dancing is a particularly American dance form born out of the different dance traditions of the immigrants home countries and the sparse population of colonial America. French and English tradition in particular called for a dance master and dancers in closed circles or lines.

As the population moved west the dance master had to call the steps out more because the people were less able to enroll in regular classes and learn the established patterns. As dancers met less often in large halls and more often in pioneer kitchens the large closed circles evolved into squares of eight.

Many of the basic calls like do-sa-do and allemanda left reflect the French and English origins. Later calls, like clover-leaf and slip-chain the gears show the influence of the twentieth century.

The Lesbian and Gay groups began at the end of the 1970's and spread rapidly throughout the U.S. and Canada. Every major city has at least one club and many more than one. Some clubs, like the Times Squares of New York City draw 300 or more

people several times per week.

Every year in a different location the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs holds their convention. Dancers from all over the world get together for dancing, classes, and socializing.

Lesbian and Gay square dancing is different from non-gay dancing in some ways. As might be imagined, there is a much higher emphasis on stylizing the steps. Many of the steps have extra flourishes, clapping twirling, yelling, and yes, screaming. Also, since Lesbian and Gay groups have a higher proportion of singles there is an increased amount of flirting in the dancing.

Fucson's T-Squares, who recently celebrated their seventh anniversary, will begin teaching the basic program of 48 calls at Hours, 3455 E. Grant on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Classes will be weekly from 7-9 p.m. and anyone wishing to sign up must be at either the Oct. 30, or Nov. 6 classes.

No partner is required, no dues are required, only the willingness to have a little fun. The more advanced group dances at IBT's on Tuesday nights. All are welcome to watch us dance, mess up, get silly, reform and dance some more.

For information on the T-Squares call Tin during the day at his work number 886-5261 or leave a message on Maxine's machine at 747-2875. Her machine is also a business so don't be alarmed to hear Computerized Real Estate Services.

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Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.

STEVEN DIETZ...

This week I received an excellent letter which is too lengthy to print here, but two important areas of concern needed to be addressed. (And, "M", I strongly encourage, and sincerely hope you will call my office, or that of any professional counselor, and seek support and some practical steps for recovery from the abuses you have suffered.)

The first concern is that of abusive relationships. Frequently our society promotes the concept that anger and disagreements are fine until the first time there is physical violence involved. Only then should we seek help in ending our attachment to lovers, friends, or family. Yet we discount some of the most debilitating and lasting abuses which are inflicted mentally. Sometimes extremely subtle messages from those around us about our appearance, our attitudes, and our commitments manipulate our self-esteem. Logical intellectual reasoning is replaced with anger, confusion, obsessive preoccupation with normally unimportant details, and we begin to doubt our own worth. The vital preventive medicine is found in recognizing the patterns before the mental scar tissue begins to build. One day, let alone several years of abuse is too much!

Our personal problems may have been influenced by a past or current lover, abusive family, harassment on the job, etc., etc., but once we recognize we are becoming dysfunctional in any way, it becomes our own problem to solve! Past lovers, and their negative or abusive attitudes, cannot be carried into future relationships without damage to all people involved. If you are being, or have been abused, mentally or physically, seek professional help the moment you set down this paper! The individual you described will never be able to enjoy a healthy relationship, friendship or romance, until he takes action to "own" and resolve his own problems and addictions.

Q. I believe some volunteers use sick and dying people to run from their own problems to feed their own ailing egos. What do organizations like SHANTI,

FAP and PACT do to take precautions to screen out such people in their volunteer programs?

A. It should first be noted that being "needy" does not necessarily indicate an inability to perform well as a caring volunteer. Mutual needs are often met effectively by such supportive relationships. On the other hand, when a volunteer is clearly irresponsible and perceived to be acting through dishonest motivation, organizations such as those you have mentioned are highly proficient in their screening processes.

Most AIDS-related service organizations incorporate extensive training programs, interviews, and professional supervision in their screening of volunteer applicants. Volunteers are reviewed for background, philosophy of care provision, ability, and personal motivation. Generally sixteen to twenty hours of initial training are required, followed by eight to ten hours of follow-up observation and supervision. Volunteers are then matched by professional staff members to clients with whom they can be most effective.

I spoke with staff members of each of the organizations you've mentioned. All of the individuals listed below will be happy to speak with you about any questions or concerns you may have.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT: Call Christina Rossetti; Director of Client Services; 322-6226.

PACT FOR LIFE: Call Jerome Beillard; Director; 322-9808

SHANTI: Call Pat Jubenville; Matching Team Coordinator; 792-3215

WESTERN CARE INSTITUTE: Steve Dietz; Counselor and Director; 881-8282

Volunteers work long, often difficult hours with little tangible reward, and they deserve our thanks and commendation. Exceptions to the highly caring, devoted, generous, and sincere prototype of the volunteers in question are extremely rare and don't last long.

A Commentary By Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Dear Governor Wilson

Sung to the Judy Garland introduction to "You Made Me Love You" (The "Dear Mr. Gable" song):

Dear Mister Wilson, I am writing this to you, and I hope that you will read it as you'll know. I'm not just another fan of yours, and I wanted to write and tell you so, oh, oh, oh...

YOU IMBECILE!

Let me give you a little lesson in history, Guv: In 1955 there was a frail black woman named Rosa Parks. She lived in Montgomery, Alabama. She went into a bus and sat in one of the Whites Only seats. The bus driver told her to move. She said no. She was arrested. News of her arrest angered virtually all of Montgomery's 50,000 black residents, leading to a bus boycott on the day of Parks' trial, and a renewed push in the movement for civil rights for blacks and other minorities.

When you vetoed AB 101 you ignited the same spark in Gays and lesbians that

led blacks to protest 36 years ago.

Just to be clear, had I still been a California resident, I would have voted for Diane Feinstein -- Mayor of San Francisco for the six years I lived there. You, Pete Wilson, are one of those Republicans, in the mold of Nixon, Regan and Bush. And that is NOT a compliment.

Hats off to Queer Nation and every other Gay/Lesbian civil rights organization that has been pummeling you at every speech and public appearance since your ill-advised veto. Oh, and by the way: if you're ever in Phoenix, let me know. I'll take you, as my guest, to see a record-breaking, long-running, original musical playing at our Mill Avenue Theatre in Tempe. It's called "Guv".

I think you'll like it because it's all about the stupid imbeciles who have helped our state in the past decades. It's all about the stupid decisions they made, how one was even forced out of office. I think you'll identify with it. Really.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week!

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson



POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

As the current President of AGRA-Tucson, I would like to acknowledge 2 other people who were instrumental in getting the AGRA in Tucson going, thank you Bill Dannell who showed enough interest to go to Phoenix with me to present our vision, Mark Miller who kept track of all those who made our first meeting in Tucson one of the best anyone could hope for, and thanks to everyone who has helped and supported us, Especially to the members who through long meetings and countless phone calls have been there, thank you all.

The San Diego Rodeo was two weeks ago to give you an idea of how much gay rodeo has grown it was estimated that there were 5000 (that's five thousand) people at the Host Hotel on any given night. Could you imagine being somewhere with that many gay cowboys and cowgirls? It really is amazing.

In case anyone is wondering the Rodeo finals will be in Wichita on October 18, 19, 20. This has been confirmed.

Plans are starting to firm up for Tucson's First unit Rodeo in the Spring of next year. Any Input would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer or help out in any way please call the AGRA/Tucson phone number at 798-3528. Or better yet if you would like to join the AGRA/Tucson, come to our general membership meeting October 20th at The Joshua Tree at 4:00 p.m.

The Road Runner Regional Rodeo (That's the Phoenix Rodeo) will be in January on the 17th, 18th, and 19th, so plan now to attend this will be on of the first major Rodeos that Tucson will participate in. We will have people working booths in the arena, time keeping, and of course riding in the events. This promises to be one of the Best Rodeos yet.

Tucson will be running one of the bars as well as the camera table again. If you plan on volunteering at the Tucson Rodeo it's fun and it's good experience It takes at least 120 volunteers to put on a major rodeo.

There are now 190 members of the AGRA, of that, 42 are from Tucson.

If you have any questions about the AGRA/Tucson, please feel free to call the Tucson number. We'll be happy to help any way we can.

Since we know about the big story of the week, the alleged sexual harassment of Anita Hill by Supreme Court Justice Nominee Clarence Thomas, we will not have a national news section in this week's column.

ARIZONA NEWS

The state legislature is expected to go into special session within the next week or so. The topic to be dealt with is still in question, the Democrats wish to discuss campaign reform, because of the ASCAM scandal. The Republicans, on the other hand, want to deal with budgetary issues and not touch campaign reform, going back on their promise they made to the Democrats in the 1991 session, that they would deal with campaign reform. Once again the GOP (Grand Old Promise-breakers), do it again, welshing on their word.

The latest rumor regarding re-districting arose last week. It involves Legislative District 12 in Tucson. The big rumor is that they are going to make

L.D. 12 the Republican District, by cutting off the southern portion of the District which is primarily a Democratic stronghold, south of River Road and stretch the District north to Chandler in Maricopa County.

Also, another rumor that has been confirmed as gospel is that Legislative District 6 will be re-drawn so that it does not go into Pima County. L.D. 6 used to encompass South Phoenix and extend as far as Ajo in Pima County. It is expected that Senate President Peter Rios will get Ajo, a Democratic stronghold, for his District 7.

TUCSON NEWS

The latest in the series of Mayoral debates took place this past Sunday on KGUM 9 TV. The Democratic candidate, George Miller, reaffirmed his support to end selective enforcement by the Tucson Police Department, keep the current funding for AIDS programs in the City of Tucson and request that the Police Advisory Committee report to the TPD, encouraging open recruitment of Lesbians and Gays.

The Libertarian candidate, Gay Lynn Goetzke, called for the privatization of all government services, with the exception of the police. Republican candidate, George Borozon, called for the Mayor and Council to focus on new industry and jobs to Tucson. During the debate, Borozon refused to answer questions regarding the scandal about his campaign financial statements.

Until next time, politics as usual.

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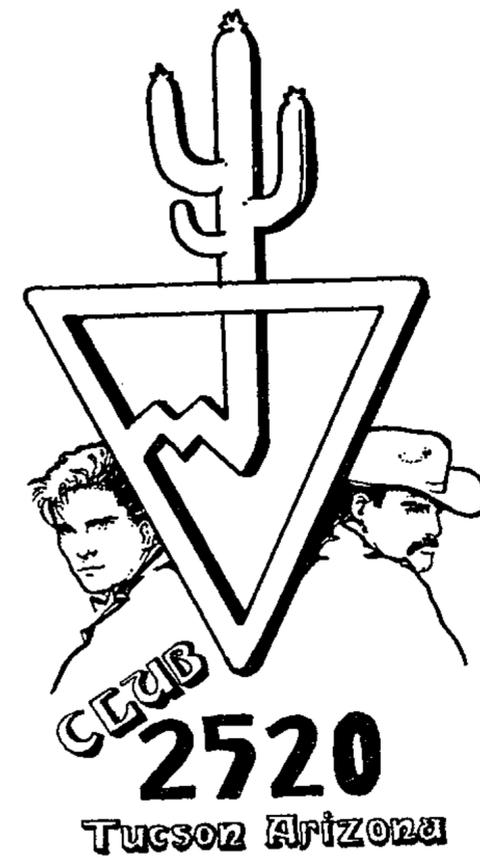
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming Sunday, October 21st, during TALL's Beer Bust and Luncheon, MCC/Tucson will be holding a Bake Sale. The items offered for sale will be "Home-made" from the kitchens of our members and friends. Many items will be great as a dessert after the delicious meal offered by TALL or perhaps a take out treat for a later indulgence. Come out to the Graduate for a fun afternoon with TALL and check out the treats in store for you by MCC/Tucson.

On Saturday, October 26th, starting at 7:00 p.m., MCC/Tucson will be having another "No host Bingo" party. Just bring a prize to donate for one of the winners during the evening and you can play all evening without any charge. It is requested that the items not exceed \$4.00 in value, cash can not be accepted as a prize. There will be beverages and snacks available during the evening.

Don't forget the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Friday, November 15th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of MCC/Tucson, 3269 North Mountain Ave. The meal will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and coffee. Mark your calendars for this fun even, a \$4.00 donation will be accepted at the door-- if you can't give this full amount, then any amount will be accepted.

In our continued study of the Ten Commandments, we will discuss two very important Commandments that concern a person and their neighbors. These two Commandments are the 7th and the 8th.

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. Unfortunately, during this time it was a male dominated society. Women were not even counted for a census., women where

servants to the men, women were the child bearing creatures for the men. This commandment denounced adultery but said nothing of fornication. The difference in these two words is that adultery is sexual intercourse of a married person with someone who is not their spouse. Fornication is the sexual intercourse of an unmarried person with another unmarried person or with a married person of the opposite sex. If you were married and had sex with anyone other than you spouse, you committed adultery, if you were not married you committed fornication if you had sex with anyone. If you did not have sex with anyone, you were considered a eunuch. A eunuch, today is defined as a male who has been castrated. But back during this time in history, a eunuch was a male who did not have sex. Judea was a small fledgling country and needed the population, in other laws it was wrong to have sex except for the purpose of reproduction, but in the Ten Commandments it was wrong for a married person to have sex with anyone except their legal spouse.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. This Commandment plainly states that you will not take from another person that which is not yours to take. During this time the exchange of money was not in popular use, the exchange of goods or property was done through the barter system. Example, the exchange of three cows for a parcel of land - or the exchange of a camel for a month of work. Under no circumstances were a person to take anything without fair exchange.

Thought for the week: Our Founding Fathers objected to taxation without representation. They should see it today WITH representation.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Hi! Let me introduce myself...I'm your friend. My Friend...and your friend too, although you might not know it right now, has encouraged me to dispel some of the myths you may have accepted as truth about friends like me.

I am a Christian. My Friend is Jesus Christ. Do you think that makes me any different than you? Oh no! I'm the very same kind of person who you, and you, and you are...who are reading my words today. I look like you, I dress like you, I have a regular job, just like a lot of you. Sure, I punch a time clock too. Nope, long ago, I learned, just like you did--"there's no 'free lunch'."

Five or six days a week, about eight hours a day I go to work, earn my wages, have trouble making "income" equal "expenses" more months than I'd like to admit, and some days I go home very tired, and sort of discouraged. But it doesn't take me long to cheer up! By golly, it's really true--you just can't stay down and out and discouraged once you start 'counting your blessings.' Maybe you don't, now, call it 'blessings,' but you and I talk the same language...even if we use different words to express how we feel.

I'll bet you come home from work dead tired sometimes too, and when you're home and out of your shoes, and supper is cooking, and you're "regrouping" maybe you happen to remember some unusually "kind word of encouragement" at work

today--totally unexpected, but so welcome! And you feel a smile tugging at the tired corners of your lips, despite yourself. And you find that you don't feel so tired, or so down anymore. Well, whatever you call it, that's what I would call a blessing, and you and I both mean the same thing. Maybe at the time it was insignificant, but tonight, you discover that in fact it was important enough for you to remember, hours later, and you feel good all over, just remembering. You're renewed. That's how I feel too!

You see, the only difference between you and I is that I don't remember the "person" who said that kind word I really needed to hear, but "Who" inspired that person to say that kind word to me; just at the time I needed it most. That's my Friend. That's Jesus.

Well, in the fall I get the flu, in the summer I swelter in the heat, and I have the same kind of problems you do...car repairs, the cooler won't work in July when it's at least 110, my waistline tells me I need new clothes, and my paycheck tells me "forget it...diet" You and I are no different. We have the same joys, sorrows, troubles, problems, and have to deal with life realistically on a day-to-day basis.

Actually, you and I are only different in one respect, if you've never

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What's Up Doc ???



Early last Friday morning, 7 people climbed into a van and hit the road for Albuquerque. It was their annual TKO venture over there to be hosted, wined and dined by HDS, and their HDS annual balloon run. The trip should take approximately 8 hours and with the different pit stops along the way, and let me tell you, there were a lot of pit stops along the way, arrival in Albuquerque was at 2 p.m. I must say this was my first time ever flying to Albuquerque. By arriving this early in the evening, Sadie (HDS) was able to meet everyone and start them out on all the festivities of the weekend by forcing all of us (TKO) to go down to the Social Club.

This year joining HDS were not only TKO but also 2 members of TALL. Now you know, when ever these 3 clubs get together, it is party time.

As for Friday evening, out of the Tucson bunch that was on hand, only 3 of them took advantage and did some bar hopping that first evening. The remaining, was tastefully taking nap. (HA!)

Now, after driving 6 1/2 hours Friday, and not going out that evening, you would think the bunch would be primed early Saturday morning for some good old fashion bar hopping and partying. Guess what, that bunch all went shopping. Yes, believe it or not, the afternoon for those happy travelers, making this long trip to visit and party with friends, was filled with a trip to one of the local shopping centers. I guess maybe the next time someone dreams up a local run, they should place a map in the run packets, listing all the different shopping centers for people to visit.

As for myself, if I wanted to go shopping or visit a shopping center, I would of stayed in Tucson. Instead, I teamed up with Sadie and off we headed for the Social Club (A local watering hole). Upon arrival it was time to visit with both locals and out of towners I've haven't seen for a long time. As luck would have it, the first two I ran into were Bob and Curt, out of (Phoenix. Yes, I did talk to some of the MNM's out of Albuquerque, and had a lot of good laughs with them. I also talked to some others from some of the different out of town clubs on hand for the MNM's 10th anniversary run.

Departing Tucson, and thanks to Gary over at Hours, who gave me the name, the trip and travelers were called "Poppa Smurf and the Smurfettes". Well, after the total weekend, each person riding in the van all were given names, including the driver who was called "Smurfet Chauffeur". By the time the weekend

was over, Michael, our driver tacked on his name "Pledgett".

Other than myself being called "Poppa Smurf", and Michael being called "Smurfet Chauffeur Pledgett", the other 5 also received Smurfet names, which I'll pass on next week.

TKO and TALL were in Albuquerque visiting HDS for the annual balloon festival. On any run, the hosting club, holds different games for everyone to play and this year it was no different. The theme HDS told everyone for this weekend was "Look to the Sky". Of course you would look to the sky if you were going to a balloon festival. The first game played was a form of horseshoes, tossing a ring, trying to hit the peg. The second game of course centered around the different non round balloons, how many different there were. the third game, one that was strictly a timed event, proved very interesting. Each contestant had to choose a video, X rated of course, run it through a rewinding machine, and set it to when you, the contestant, felt the actor would climax. Points were given for the fastest and least amount of time shown from the point you set the tape. First place, of course was the shortest time.

Well, in playing his tape for his time scoring, Lee R (TALL) put his tape in the video machine, started and all of us sat watching both the tape and the elapsed time. Each time everyone felt the ultimate goal was just about to happen, the tape switched to Jeopardy, then back to the original. After 25 minutes the longest time, and no telling how many times we say jeopardy, the goal was finally reached. Then, the final caption on the tape was, "How many horizontal lines are there on the American flag?" Everyone watching sure had a lot of laughs during this showing.

Well Sunday finally arrived and everyone sat around awaiting the results of the contest, seeing who would win the different trophies. Guess what, HDS pulled a fast one on everyone. The games were only staged for the hell of it, no trophies were passed out. Instead, HDS presented each with a 20th anniversary of the balloon festival glass, saying we all won first, second and third place in the games. They (HDS) also did not award a individual Trash Award, but at the initial registration Friday evening, all were passed out a Trash Award Pin, three of which had some strange looking hairs implanted.

The weekend would not have been complete without a show and all of us were on hand at the Social Club for MNM's show. It was a very interesting and enjoyable show, staged by members on the MNM's. AND believe it or not, there was not one in the show in drag.

The weekend had two different club runs going on at the same time. HDS having theirs and MNM's having theirs. The group on HDS's were guests at the show, joining MNM's and all their guests.

The flight over to Albuquerque, as stated before, was very uneventful, other than a lot of landings and take offs at the different rest stops, but the trip back - BLAAA! Upon arrival in Deming for yet another pit stop and this time something to eat, we all loaded back up into

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THURS. FRI. SAT. & SUN. OCT. 24-25-26-27
BOYS - It's Country/Western weekend here with your favorite country music all weekend. Plus on Friday, Oct. 25th the Halloween Invitational bowling tournament folks will be holding registration from 8 p.m. until midnight.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

JOSEUA TREE - Talent night here with "The Donq Show" with hosts Dani Reid and Lucinda Holliday. Judges include Jim Tarkovitz and Christi Lunden and others. Contestants must sign up by 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

JOSEUA TREE - "LOU PARTY" with hosts Dani Reid and Lucinda Holliday. Sand Castle Contest, Wet Bikini Contest, Fan Line Contest and much, much more. Plan on being here.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

JOSEUA TREE - Halloween Show with Lucinda Holliday and Mr. Dani Reid and special guests. Pumpkin Contest and Costume Contest with prizes begins at 10 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

GRADUATE - Halloween show and costume contest here. Details later.

JOSEUA TREE - Halloween Costume Contest and Show with your hosts Lucinda Holliday and Mr. Dani Reid. Prizes for best and most original costume.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

JOSEUA TREE - "Sisters", a new female impersonation revue will be seen here beginning at 10 p.m. starring Mr. Dani Reid and Miss Lucinda Holliday with special guest surprise guest stars. Watch for details.



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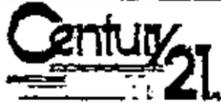
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(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this Non-Bar Activities Calendar, please contact Mr. Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday's paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until that event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 292-9131 in Tucson.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will hold their Business Expo '91 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. It is free to everyone. Come by and visit with business and professional people who are in business in Tucson. Tables will be set up to display wares or informational pamphlets. There will be a no-host bar for alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (Tucson Chapter) will hold a general meeting today at 4:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and safety in the Parks will hold a meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the patio of the French Quarter. Plans for a City Council meeting will be discussed. Interested persons concerned with the police harassment in the parks are urged to attend.

1st Annual TORCH Awards to be presented by P.A.C.F. at the Basada Inn Downtown. There will be entertainment, fellowship and awards given to recipients who have made a difference in Tucson for HIV/AIDS patients. There will be a \$12.00 charge per person to help offset the cost of this presentation. This is not a benefit. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served and there will be a no-host bar. The TORCH (Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help) Awards will be given each year to recognize those dedicated individuals who make a difference in our world here in Tucson and the world at large! Your presence is requested to join in honoring these heroic individuals! For tickets or further information call the P.A.C.F. for Life office at 770-1710 or 322-9808 or see Margo Leigh.

Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community center, is coming back out. They will have a community meeting/open forum from 6:00 to 8:00 to brainstorm new projects and ideas. The group would like to make Wingspan a center of activities for the whole community. The meeting will take place at 240 W. Court Ave. Call 624-1778 for directions or further information. Refreshments provided.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25-26-27

Time again for the Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson (H.I.T.T.). Bowlers from all over the country will be descending on Tucson to attend this annual bowling tournament. Applications are now being received and it promises to be a big event for Tucson. If you are interested in entering this tournament, or if you have a team that might be interested, call 743-3303 for more information.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Golf Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty and Staff meets noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 285.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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FRENCH QUARTER - Open Room. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 alightine.
BOYS - Bloody Marys and Screen \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Basic 8 to 1 and with your DJ Bart. House Ladies Specials 7-1.
IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Fresh Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.
BARCEL - Open room. Drink specials.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSEUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer till 8 pm. \$1.50 draft with Schnapps 8 to close. Bobby D's.
CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.
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.
BOYS - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.
BARCEL - Open room. Daily drink specials. Todd d's at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSEUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Draft .50 draft 8 pm till close. Open Volleyball games begin at 8 p.m. Bobby Jr. D's.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Burgers, sandwiches or Chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Movie hits with cocktail hour prices all night long.
GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.
BOYS - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IBT'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 Gil Leon 9-1.
BARCEL - Open room. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ Clint at 7pm.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSEUA TREE - Open Room. Drink specials 3-8 pm. Flash for Fantasy male and female strippers at 11 pm.
CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.
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 aites.
BOYS - Draft Beer .50 noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-premium Beer.
BARCEL - Open room. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ Clint at 7pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSEUA TREE - Open Room. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Draft .50 draft 8 pm to close. Master Strip Night - Cash Prize. Bobby Jr. D's.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9. 7 p.m. Dart Tournament \$2 entry 60/40 split.
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 aites.
BOYS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beheken or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Bart.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 8-1.
BARCEL - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSEUA TREE - Open Room. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps .75 8-11 pm. Bobby Jr. D's.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches, chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
BOYS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 am
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Basic 8 to close with Ray.
BARCEL - Daily drink specials. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSEUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer and Black board Specials 3-8 pm with lobby. Hot dance music 9 to 1 with Bobby Jr.
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.
BOYS - Open Room. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.
IBT'S - 4 to 8. Hot music 8 to close with Linda Firdale.
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WHORE-A-SCOPES.

by **BARTMAN**

ARIES

A friend may take advantage of you financially on the 17th. Do some comparison shopping on the 18th. (Try at least two bookstores and 3 park rest rooms) before making that all-important decision.

TAURUS

You're highly creative on the 19th. Fry your homemade ravioli again. This time better buy more wine. Social life is great on Sunday. Mate will be difficult on Monday.

GEMINI

You'll be enjoying lots of romance and pleasure over weekend - if you can avoid misunderstandings. Just because your date thinks 3-ways are better than 2-ways - live a little!

CANCER

Good news comes from afar on the 18th - with possible romantic rendezvous. That trick you had in Yuma won't give up. Truck stop love affairs never last (just ask Moose). Best time for suck-cess Saturday, 9 p.m. - Midnight.

LEO

Financial windfalls come on the 18th. It will help pay all those doctor bills for that pesky rash. Don't go overboard with credit cards though. Best time to play with your Ben Wa Balls, Sunday.

VIRGO

You and your mate really swing on the weekend. Trying new techniques is fun on Sunday. Have you got your copy of Bound and Gagged yet? Next Tuesday is your lucky day.

LIBRA

Avoid temptations to take financial risks on the 17th. Paying for love isn't your speed anyway. Morning hours are great this week. The early bird gets the worm, and in your case, that's the size of it!

SCORPIO

Give your best to any job that has to be done (just take your teeth out first). Distant developments hold more interest than usual for you. A possible trip or move. Best time to take your teeth out - Saturday 8 p.m. to midnight.

SAGITTARIUS

People will jump at the chance to socialize with you. Quite a change from the past few weeks - although you can't jump too far in a bookstore stall. Are we "lookin'" for love in all the wrong places?"

CAPRICORN

Invitation to go on a weekend jaunt could elate you on the 18th. Don't let a financial problem upset you. Make yourself get out of your darkened room and face the competition - it's not such.

AQUARIUS

Did we have just too much fun the other weekend? Riding doggy style in the back of a pick up truck down Las Vegas Boulevard? Ask Jerry how his Vegas trip was - pick up or pool table, what's the difference?

PISCES

Your charisma and magnetism are high over the weekend. Ask for favors - others might just go for it. You have the urge to gain. More living space. Maybe it's time to dump that dead beat roomie of yours.

Bit Of The Old South

by **Sean Thomas**

The Torch Awards: What are they? What do they stand for? Who started them?

In 1990 several people were asking why we of the HIV community didn't have a form of recognition for those of you have worked so hard for our benefit. Not a single organization's awards, but a collective one from all the agencies and the people they serve. The concept began to be developed as a result of the various perspectives of such people as Scott Levine, Chuck Mayer, Jerome Beillard, Sean Thomas and many others. When we were trying to think of what to name these awards, we were stumped. Then one day at the office Jerome Beillard came up with the name Torch. We liked it and saw the obvious symbolism in it. Then through a quick brainstorming session PACT's office

manager Aline Stevens and Jerome came up with: Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help. And through the cooperative efforts of PACT for Life, the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, and El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora and the Tucson AIDS Project these awards are now an annual reality. All four agencies participated in the nominating/voting process as representatives of their clients. Each award will be described as it is presented this evening. This is an evening to celebrate our living and to thank those who have helped. Thank you all for your help and congratulations to tonight's recipients. Please purchase your tickets at your local bars, PACT, Shanti or TAP \$12.00. See the ad in this weeks issue.

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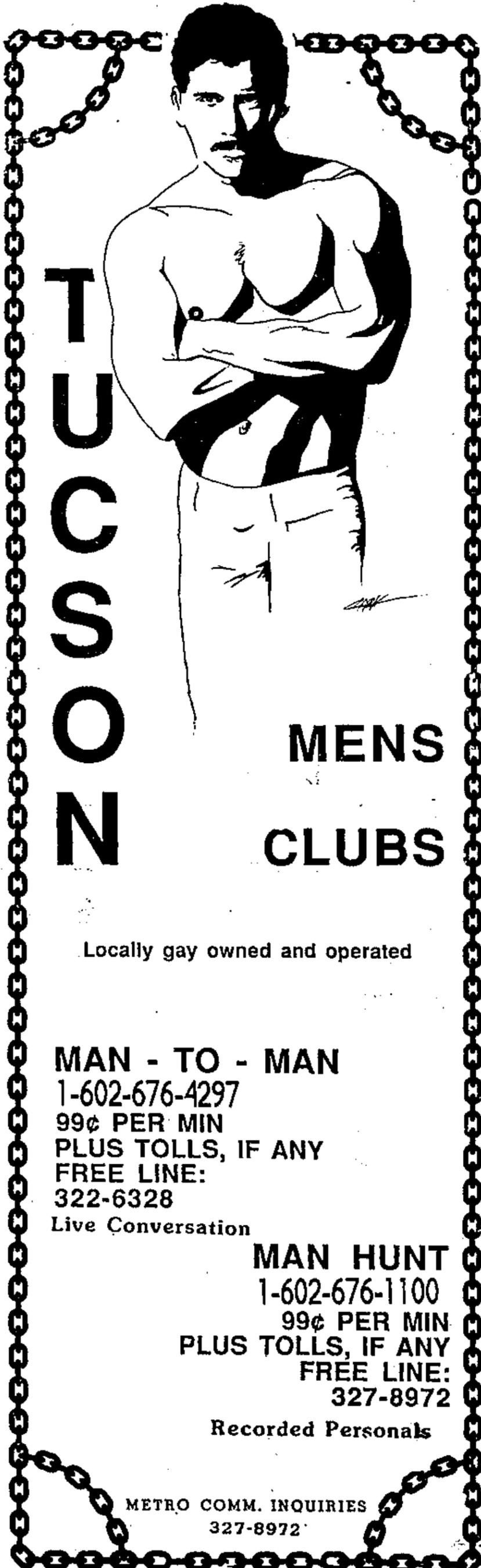
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Guest Editorial
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ers. Today, the Federation has 4,000 members nationwide, with 2,000 members in California. California has six Log Cabin Clubs, which worked very hard on behalf of Wilson in the last election. There are also Log Cabin Clubs in Arizona, Massachusetts, Texas, New York, Maine, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington, DC. Tafel was recently appointed by Governor William Weld as Adolescent Health Specialist in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information on the Log Cabin Federation, write P.O. Box 21431, Tampa, Florida, 33622-1431.

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the van to take off for Tucson. Guess what, the van would not start. Thus, all of us sat in the McDonalds parking lot for an additional 4 hours, awaiting arrival of another van dispatched out of Tucson to retrieve us. Thank Goodness we still had some beer left because in New Mexico, you cannot buy package beer to go on Sundays.

Finally the other van arrived and yes the driver was also made a member of this traveling Smurfette family, his name being "Smurfett Rescuerette Chauffeurtt".

I could go on and on with some of the different highlights of this weekend by for now I'll close. It, the total weekend, was a very enjoyable one, even with the problems in Dening, and I look forward traveling again with that bunch. The run I was on, a lay backed type, was also a lot of fun and not taking. But, I will get even with HDS for their games when they travel over here to Tucson and I'm in charge of the games.

For now, have a good week and I'll be seeing some of you this weekend, somewhere around this Old Pueblo.

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met my Friend, from whom I get all my courage, endurance, resilience, and strength when I need it most. You see, I know who is "always in control" of every situation, every problem, every heartache. It is He that gives me the hope so vitally essential for me to keep on and keep on, and do it with JOY. No I sure don't win all the battles in this life, but I know who wins the war, and He's on my side. Are you a little bit interested, maybe?

Weather Or Not
 by Bart

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DOFA FACILITY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 263 or 265. Open to Dofoa faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROTECTO, S.F.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 602-3433. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. 629-9194

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Arizona Gay Todeo Association (AGTA) Tucson chapter. Interested? Call 394-3526 for more info.

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FREE COMPUTER INTRODUCTIONS! The Western Connection Bulletin Board Service. Dial your modem to 602-881-8283 and ask for access to Lambda West - a round table reserved exclusively for the Gay and Lesbian community.

SOCIAL NET 885 has a **Gay Alliance Section.** If you have a modem (1200/2400) and a computer, call 628-7412 and drop on. Access the message menu, folder "J".

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 E. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2901. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

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

TUCSON JACKS, a new club for safe sex. J/O club for men meets 2 times a month. Send name and address for more information to: T. Jacks, P.O. Box 40504, Tucson, AZ 85717. 379

FRONT BENCHERS OF TUCSON meet for run runs Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Smeal Park Library, and Sundays at 1:00 a.m. at the Millito River Park at Caspell. For more information call Mitch at 326-3526

P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 W. 1st Avenue. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9104 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 E. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

A.G.C. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85710-6284. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and L.R. at 292-6440.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 321-6855.

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

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)
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TUCSON AND GAY?
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WOMEN'S TRILBY TRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church (111 E. 2nd Street. \$1 at door (more if you can, less if not).

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 251 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Breadroom). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-4106 (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
Call J.A. 624-4193. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL KIN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 611-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1774 Tucson.

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

CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CNPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 264-7202 or write CNPA at P.O. Box 2297, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Notices

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THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Marc at 611-4542 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely. Mark it on your calendar

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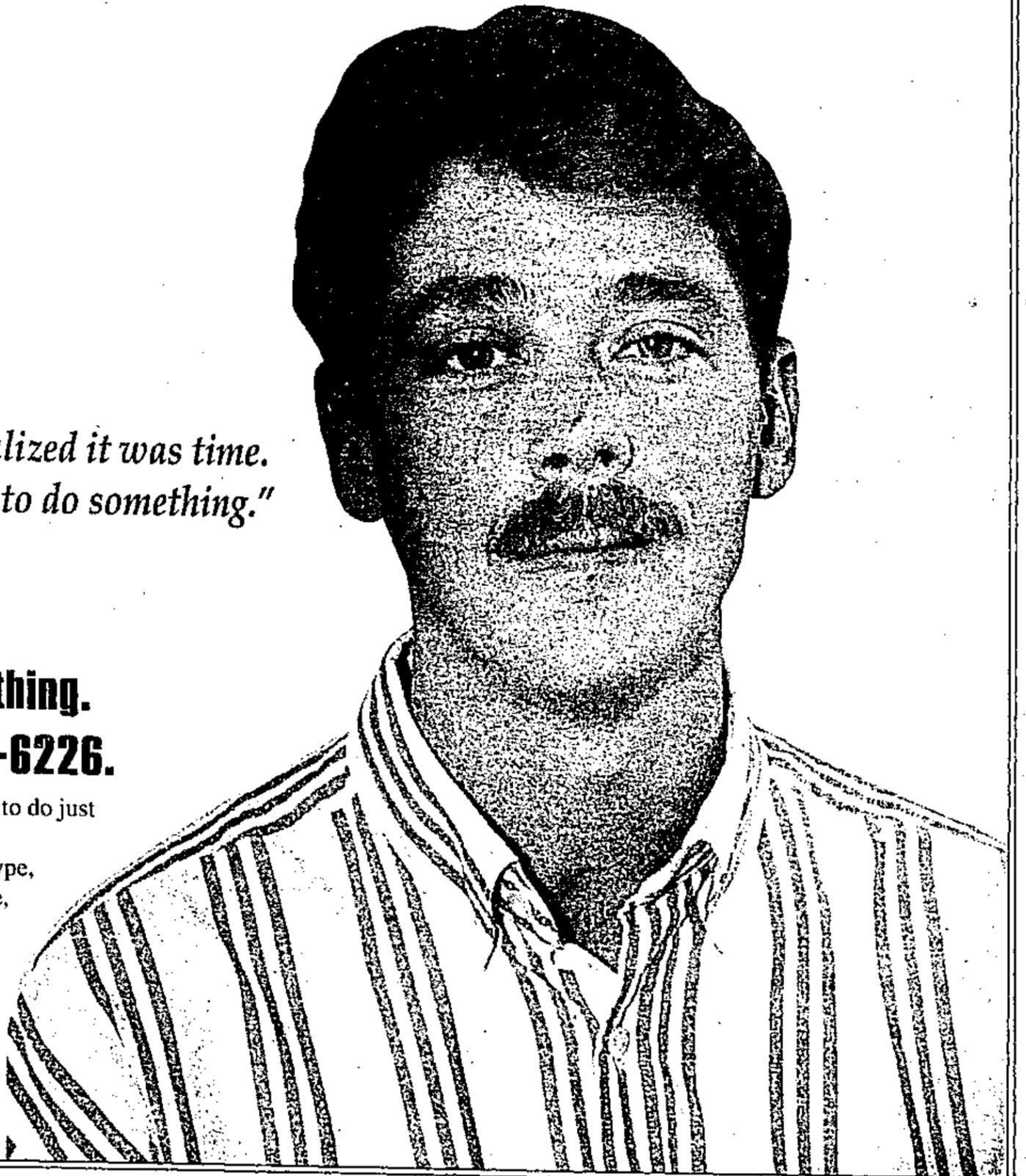
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