



Kiss-In Opens UofA Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Awareness Week



TUCSON - Last Monday, Feb. 3, was the opening of the first annual Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay Awareness Week at Noon on the Mall at the University of Arizona. The opening event was a Kiss In presented by the Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays United's. LBGU is an active group on campus that is open to students from the UofA as well as Pima Community College.

Nearly 75 persons took advantage of a warm Monday to exercise their right to be affectionate with someone they care about. LBGU called the Kiss In an effort to educate the campus community that all people, including Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexual Men and Women have a right to be affectionate in public as well as in private. It was not designed as an attempt to 'shock' or portray a 'sexual event'. "It was designed to stir discussion on full acceptance of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals into society," said a LBGU spokesperson.

"One of the main reasons that we staged the Kiss-In was because we feel that all too often, when society 'grants' Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals civil rights, our human rights are forgotten. As humans, we all have basic desires, such as the desire to be loved, the desire to love someone, the desire to be with that person and the desire for societal recognition of a relationship," the spokesperson said.

"In our society, heterosexuals have all of these rights: they can hold hands in public if they wish and they can kiss in public if they wish, they can marry if they wish, they can start a family if they wish. Gay men and Lesbians do not have these rights. If they try to assert them, often they are harassed, either mentally, verbally or physically. This Kiss-In was an effort to start a conversation about these basic human rights that Gay men and Lesbians are denied."



New Jersey Governor Signs Bill Banning Gay Discrimination

TRENTON, NJ - Homosexuals and Bisexuals gained greater powers to sue for discrimination in New Jersey under a bill signed by Gov. Jim Florio.

The anti-discrimination law, which Florio signed privately at his official residence in Princeton on Sunday, Jan. 19. The bill passed the Assembly 46-7 and the Senate, 21-0, on the final day of the Legislature's lame-duck sessions, Jan. 13. During the following three days, conservative groups placed more than 1,700 calls to Florio's office calling for him to veto it, a spokesman said.

In a news release announcing Florio had signed the measure, the governor said performance, not lifestyle, should be the key factor in determining whether someone should be hired or accepted as a tenant. "There is no room in our state, or our society, for arbitrary discrimination of any kind," he said.

State law already prohibited discrimination in providing employment, public accommodations, housing or public contracts based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, sex and handicap.

The new law gives victims of dis-

crimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation" legal grounds to sue or file a complaint with the state Division of Civil Rights.

New Jersey becomes the fifth state in the nation with such an anti-discrimination law, following Wisconsin, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Hawaii.

The New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition coordinated a task force that "quietly lobbied" legislators for the past seven months to pass the bill, which was first introduced eight years ago. The task force included members of the Campaign to End Discrimination, the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Organization for Women.

Lobbying and education, not demonstrations, were the keystones to the campaign's success," said Eric McKinley, task force co-chairman.

The coalition estimates that 750,000 state residents, or one-tenth of the population are Gay, Lesbian or bisexual. McKinley said a survey performed for the task force found discrimination was rampant, and members convinced lawmakers that legal protection was needed.

Congressman Frank Leads Gay Protest Against Crackerbarrel

ATLANTA, GA - U.S. Representative Barney Frank and 400 Gay rights activists demonstrated outside a popular restaurant to protest its hiring practices.

Frank, D-Mass., joined protesters from the Queer National Gay rights organization on Jan. 19 at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Lithonia, suburb east of Atlanta.

"It takes just one rotten cracker to spoil the whole barrel," said Frank who kissed his lover, Herb Moses, before addressing the crowd.

Gay and Lesbian activists have been protesting the Tennessee-based chain of Cracker Barrel restaurants since last year, citing the firing of nearly a dozen homosexual employees because of their sexual preference.

The group marched several blocks to the restaurant, where Frank, one of two openly Gay congressmen, kissed his male lover and addressed the crowd.

"We know when this many people show up on a cold Sunday, that this is a sign of commitment," Frank said, adding that the group's protest will eventually force people "into the modern age." He

urged the crowd to "keep up the fight".

Frank also represented the Gay and Lesbian community on Jan. 20 when he helped lead the annual March of Celebration on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Frank's presence in the march "shows that the civil rights of African-Americans and the civil rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans are the same inalienable rights," said Pat Hussain, co-chair of Atlanta's Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"We always want the march and all the King Week celebrations to be as inclusive as possible, and we support full human rights for the Gay and Lesbian community," said King Center spokesman Steve Klein, calling Frank "one of the most progressive and forward-looking congressmen."

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UPDATE

Toeys To Announce For Congress



TUCSON - Jim Toeys, Tucson Gay activist and human rights leader, will announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 5th Congressional District at a news conference at the Aztec Inn, 102 N. Alvernon, at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10. Following the press conference, Toeys will speak at the weekly forum of the Democrats of Greater Tucson which will be held at the Aztec Inn also.

The Toeys campaign is requesting supporters to attend the news conference and the speech as a show of strength to both the media and Democratic leaders. An option buffet lunch is available for \$7.00.

For further information call the Toeys Campaign at 577-6018.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS....

This past Sunday, a meeting was held by several community leaders and activists with the owners of Club 2520. The topic of conversation was the club's policy barring women from the club during their 3-hour male strip show on Thursday evenings.

Needless to say, the meeting was lively, informative and fruitful.

This topic has been covered in our Letters to the Editor column for the past two weeks, and some mail, pro and con, continues to arrive. The worrisome thing is that it is becoming angrier and angrier on both sides of the dispute.

As Editor, I have made the decision to publish no more letters concerning this controversy while the owners of Club 2520 make their decision as to the future of their 'Men's Night'. It is only fair to allow them to be able to make this business decision without harping at them through the pages of this public newspaper.

The mail has gotten rude and divisive. It will do no good to continue the argument in public. The owners have received plenty of input and now must make their own decision without further public interference.

I thank those who have voiced their opinions and am sorry to have to take this stand - the first time it has been done in over 15 years of my publishing Gay newspapers.

Bit of the Old South

It is amazing the power, fragility and strength of the human nature/spirit. The things we are able to accomplish and endure dares description. Yet there are times I ask myself why. Why do some use this great power to be divisive in the community. Not necessarily for the mutual good, but for self agendas and destructive aggression. This community is too great and strong to allow this type of people to accomplish this stupidity. So they will yell louder and cry foul hoping that someone will buy their bull and become a part of their tragedy. Don't let them suck you in.

I wrote a few weeks ago that everyone should dig deep before basically jumping on anyone's band wagon. Feel with the heart but don't forget to think with your head. It is a hard thing to do at times, I know. And both good and not-so-good people have used this to various ends. I am not saying, don't stand up for your convictions and beliefs. People who always stand on the sidelines never achieve anything in this world. Just think thorough as well as feel what you believe. And, just because someone else does not see things the same way as you, does not necessarily mean that the other person is always wrong.

The straight community sees us as being all wrong, if not sick, for being homosexual. Does that make them right? I don't think so! So please, don't let internal problems and issues become a festering sore of divisiveness. But rather resolve them quickly to the satisfaction of those involved and to the betterment of our community at large.

There are so many activities happening in the near future here in the Old Pueblo. For example: AGRA will be producing the Annual Hoedown now, with the assistance of several members of SOS. Thanks guys! And for that event we have a few real surprises in the entertainment department. AGRA will be holding its election on the 16th of February at Club 2520. The CAT Committee will be meeting to plan for this year. Look for more details in the Observer. And, the Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit is in the works. Keep an eye out for details.

Finally, I wish to ask each and every one of you to please practice safer sex. Life is too short to compromise it for a brief moment of passion. Unfortunately, there are people who feel it is not their concern. People who believe they can be sexually active, not practice safer sex and not be at risk are downright frightening.

Please, this can only end with each and everyone of your all's help. It starts with one single person and then escalates to the point that safer sex become the norm and the insanity of it all starts to lessen. You can make a difference and enjoy yourself at the same time.

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Olympic Games which began in 1894.

The International Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships is a natural contest and entry requirements include drug testing for anabolic steroids. The A.A.U. will conduct the testing via urinalysis. Physique '92 is also a qualifying event for the National Natural Mr. U.S.A. competition which will be held in Virginia this year.

"This is a very exciting event," says ABS founder George Birinusa. "In the past most Gay men and women have been in the closet when they entered physique contests. Not anymore. Anyhow, it's about time!"

For the first time trophies will be given to the three winners in each division. Physique '92 has age groups and weight categories. All bodybuilders who are interested in entering Physique '92, either write ABS, 1230 Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94102 or call (415)431-6254.

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POLITICS '92
by Mark Kerr

BILL CLINTON FOR PRESIDENT

On Saturday, March 7, the 1992 Democratic Presidential Primary will take place in Arizona. People will go to the polls and cast their votes for their choice for the Democratic nomination for President to go against George Bush in the general election campaign. For the Lesbian and Gay community, there is only one choice for us, and that choice is Governor Bill Clinton for President.

When it comes to issues concerning the Lesbian and Gay community, Clinton stands far and above the rest of the contenders for the nomination. When it comes to AIDS, Clinton firmly believes and will implement drastic changes in the current policy. He will increase the funding for research by taking money from the inflated defense budget and putting it into a centralized program for research with definite goals.

Clinton also will implement an AIDS education policy which will start in the early grades of elementary school. This is not just talk, Bill Clinton expanded the AIDS education program in Arkansas and has kept it funded, despite the efforts of right-wing Republican legislators who wish to end the program all together.

When it comes to the fundamental right to privacy, a right that the Gay community holds near and dear, Clinton ranks far and above the Democratic and Republican candidates. He has called for a Constitutional Amendment guaranteeing the right to privacy. Clinton has also stated that he would not appoint a person to the United States Supreme Court who did not support the constitutionally granted right to privacy.

When it comes to the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill, which is in congress at this moment, Clinton has stated that he is supportive.

Also, when he is in office as President, Clinton will issue an Executive Order banning discrimination based on sexual preference in the military and intel-

ligence agencies.

Lastly, the national Gay and Lesbian magazine, the Advocate, did a recent analysis on the major Democratic Presidential contenders and their results showed that Gov. Clinton was one of two contenders who ranked at the top when it came to their positions on the issues concerning the Lesbian and Gay community, their actions on legislation, (either going through Congress or State Legislatures). Also taken into consideration, their presidential bids, are they taking positions on issues, are these positions real or just talk and are they reaching out to the Gay and Lesbian community for public support. Gov. Clinton has passed all these tests with flying colors.

Governor Bill Clinton has the most specific proposals to improve education, improve our ailing health care system, create jobs, stimulate the economy and change the tax system with new tax proposals, reduce wasteful government spending by cutting the defense department budget and funneling the money into domestic social programs.

Gov. Clinton was considered the #1 governor in the United States, based on effectiveness, state programs and the economy. This poll was taken by the National Association of Governors.

Bill Clinton is the Democrats best chance to get rid of George Herbert Walker Bush, Jr. He is the Democratic candidate for President that the Lesbian and Gay community can count on once in office to keep his word on his views concerning the issues.

On March 7th, we must go to the polls and vote for Governor Bill Clinton for President, a person we can count on in a field of pretenders and contenders.

To volunteer for Clinton for President campaign, please call 885-2267 and sign up for a campaign we cannot be on the sidelines for.

Until next time, politics as usual.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What's more important to you -- people and relationships; or issues? If people are most important to you, then how are you doing at communicating that PEOPLE are more important than the issues you confront? How are you doing about maintaining a "priority" of relationships with others in your family, your friendships, and maybe, even your church?

The best place to work through conflict is not on our feet, with our jaws set and our fists doubled up; but on our knees -- pleading for understanding, weeping over our sins, praying for wisdom and unity of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the Children of God." The approval and blessing of God rests upon those who gently, humbly, lovingly speak the truth, in love.

All my life, people and relationships have been of prime importance; even though I'm, also interested in certain issues, too. But the absolute truth I just spoke about was a long time in coming to me. You see, for most of my life I was "too busy" for God or church. Boy, did I

miss out on a lot of opportunities! When God finally brought me to my knees, showed me the complete ruin I had made of the precious life He gave me... I listened! I learned! I learned volumes of wisdom and knowledge about God through my relationship with the friendly people at Cornerstone Fellowship.

Through the tireless, painstaking efforts of wise, caring friends there, I finally came to grips with Reality -- and Eternity. I always "knew" of the Bible, vaguely; but I never thought it contained anything "useful" to me. I had never opened one up! Suddenly, I possessed my first, very-own Bible; was taught how to use it; helped to understand it, and realized this was something I really needed to help me!

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Dave Kensley, AGRA

Thank you, thank you!! ... To everyone who helped make our beer bust this past Sunday a great success. The total receipts from bar, raffle and food were \$318. This is a wonderful boost to the treasury.

We want to especially thank Danny Duncan, manager of IBT's, for hosting the bust. He donated the kegs, food items, publicity, as well as the little glass boots that were served with the cocksucker drinks. What an appropriate idea!

Jim Fisher and Rodney Shanks, from IBT's, were tremendous helpers as well as our own Bill Darnell who was in charge of our beer bust portion of the bar and his assistants -- Ron Shaw, Tom Maza, Howard Disbrow and Tom R. A big thank you to Gil Leon for doing the country music and to Frank Gallego for organizing the chili dog sale. A special thank you to Bob Janssen, Bill Darnell and Kathy Winters for donating the raffle items. You all helped make this a success.

Not to be forgotten are the Phoenix folks who came down to be a part of the bust and add to the excitement of the weekend -- more than a dozen that we could count. Thanks guys for your loving support.

On the membership front, we also received two new members this past weekend. They are Joel Reiter and Fred Molina. Welcome guys.

Two new champion members are Frank E. G. Gallego and Club 2520 (Michael Bennett and Peter Sittig). Michael and Peter also are the first sponsors of two (2) buckles for our May rodeo -- men's steer riding and men's bull riding, respectively. Much gratitude, fellas!

Tucson now has six (6) champion members -- Venture-N (Jim Dondson), the Graduate (Art Lewis), Rumorz 2222 (Jerry Geller and Ken Sullivan), Hours (Betty Campbell and Lee Nordmark), Club 2520 (Michael Bennett and Peter Sittig), and

Frank E. G. Gallego.

It's time to start thinking and planning for the May 8-10 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. It's just around the corner. For information regarding the rodeo or volunteering, dance/entertainment, stall information or program advertising call (602)798-3528. For buckle sponsorship information call Bill Darnell (602)323-1730. For general information/membership application write to: AGRA-Tucson, 7272 E. Broadway, Suite 412, Tucson, AZ 85710.

To Join AGRA, an application must be filled out with a one-time fee of \$20 which covers the name tag, membership card, logo pin and monthly newsletter. The annual membership dues is also \$20. Thereafter, annual renewal is only the \$20 annual dues. See address above.

Advertisement in the rodeo program is available by calling Jeff Parker (602)798-3528. Friday, March 29 is the final deadline for submitting ads. Advertisements can be in color or black and white.

The state AGRA meeting is this Sunday, Feb. 9 at 5:00 p.m. at Charlie's in Phoenix and will be the run-off election for state vice president.

AGRA-Tucson's next general membership meeting and elections is Sunday, Feb. 16, 4:00 p.m. at Club 2520. Anyone can attend and everyone is invited to join us.

Rodeo Events Director, Jeff Schroeder, has resigned and therefore this position becomes open for a write-in candidate. Also available for write-in candidates are Dance & Entertainment and Recording Secretary. Think about who would be appropriate for these positions.

See you all next week.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

The Ultimate Goal

When I was a young child, I thought that all people married by their early twenties and had at least two kids, that Union Turnpike was the biggest street in the world, and that most people were Jewish, though some were Catholic. In my neighborhood, people did marry young, Union Turnpike was the biggest street, and most people were Jewish, so that was life. Period.

In the first grade, we started reading Dick and Jane books. I had never met anyone named Dick or Jane and I had certainly never met anyone like them. In my childish wisdom, I decided that they were total fictions, invented to help us learn to read. I even made a fool of myself, on meeting my first person named Jane, by blurting, "That's not a real name. That's only in books."

My life was filled with assumptions, many of them more serious than the ones I've mentioned so far. We were supposed to be nice but not too chummy with colored people, and in return they were supposed to stay in their place. Orientals were rare and usually worked in restaurants. Homos were even rarer, and they were sad, pathetic, disgusting souls we were to avoid at all costs. Incest only happened in one in a million families.

It was a relatively secure childhood that was also terrifying and tense. We didn't lock our doors during the day, though we did at night. We were allowed a fair amount of freedom to wander, but we were NEVER TO GET IN CARS WITH STRANGE MEN. What was accepted as "discipline" in those days is understood as abuse now. And many of my neighbors had numbers tattooed on their arms, and I can't remember ever not knowing about concentration camps. None of these people talked about their actual experiences, but they were occasionally referred to the dozens of relatives they had lost. And one friend asked me to knock on her door very gently, since loud knocking terrified her parents.

I could go on and on about the particulars of my childhood, as could we all. Everyone's life is a kaleidoscope of millions of experiences and perceptions and influences. And many of these experiences are determined by the ethnic/racial/religious group in which we grow up.

This is the importance of respecting people's cultures: being Jewish or Asian or African-American or WASP is tremendously defining. Yet not every Jew has the same experience as every other Jew; I grew up in a financially-challenged family in New York, and those facts also defined me. And although knowledge of anti-Semitism was always with me, I wasn't actually a minority group member throughout my entire childhood.

And imagine my surprise when I visited the home of my best friend in high school, in the middle of the "bad" (read: Black) neighborhood, and discovered that it was twice the size of where I lived, and that (although I didn't have the words for it) she was in a "higher class" than I was. And imagine my further surprise to discover hints of anti-Semitism in her family.

And imagine my horror when she got beaten up in school by other Black kids because her academic success and white friends proved that "she had sold out". And my further horror when we were

harassed all over New York by both Blacks and Whites for being friends — weren't we supposed to be integrated?

My experience was not the experience of all Jews. My friend's experience was not the experience of all Blacks. Similarly, Asian people demand to be recognized for their specific backgrounds since to be Japanese is not the same as being Chinese which is not the same as being Korean which is not the same as being Vietnamese or a Pacific Islander. And there are divisions within the divisions: poor or wealthy, where one grew up, Gay or straight, abusive or supportive parents, number of siblings, and on and on.

And on top of all the background differences is the most important difference of all: who each of us is, as an individual, and how we respond to our varying experiences. It's our personality, or divine spark, or even soul, that determines if we respond to our parents' drinking ("I had to be an alcoholic; my parents are alcoholics") or abstaining ("Of course I don't drink, my parents are alcoholics").

I started this column with bits of my own experience since they helped make me who I am today. I have been shaped by every experience I've ever had, but the final shape has always depended on me. This is true for everyone, and I hope the ultimate goals of multiculturalism is to see every person as an individual, with culture one large — but only one — defining characteristic.

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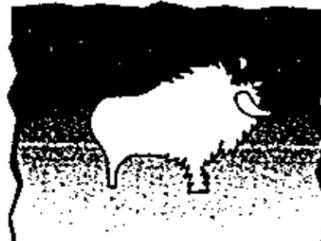
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THINK Positive PROJECT

by Natalie Perry

It's 1992 and hello again from the Think Positive Project, a coalition of four AIDS service organizations - El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora, PACT for Life, Shanti Foundation and Tucson AIDS Project - who work in conjunction with the Pima County Health Department to reduce the transmission of HIV among men who have sex with men in our county.

In order to achieve this goal, the coordinators of TPP have planned a year-full of exciting, educational and fun activities, events and materials for Gay and Bisexual men that will make it easier for YOU to be knowledgeable about and supported in behavior changes that reduce the risk of giving or getting HIV infection.

Some of the activities planned include our familiar, and very popular, "Safer Sex Win, Lose or Draw" games held in the local Gay bars as well as a new, exciting "Safer Sex Wheel of fortune" game that will be introduced this year. We'll provide many articles in the OBSERVER addressing safer sex issues such as negotiating for safer sex, proper condom usage, basic self-esteem and sex and substance use/abuse. We also have several interviews with community opinion leaders in the works and safer-sex videos ready for the bars within the month.

TPPs theme of "Good News About Man To Man Sex" will be continued through the distribution of the existing posters, brochures, trick pads and table tents and expanded on through some "singles only" mixer parties, new "Good News" trick cards and three "Good News About Man To Man Dating" weekend workshops. So keep your eyes open in the OBSERVER for upcoming events.

You may also keep your eyes open for our "R.U. Ready" comic strips and articles in Spanish addressing issues concerning our Latino population.

As you can see, the TPP coordinators have been busy planning and developing materials and activities for '92 to make it fun for you to learn about and practice safer sex behaviors. Please, get involved. It could save your life.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Think Positive Project activities in 1991 and special thanks to the 321 people who took the time to answer our Safer Sex Survey in December. The analyzed results will appear in this column when completed.

Until next month - Think Safe - Think Positive!

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What's Up Doc ???

It has happened again. I've received complaints from different people because their name has not appeared in my column. I keep telling everyone, when I'm working you are 95% safe when I hear a comment at the bar, but when I'm not working - no one is safe!

Take for example that little cleaning lady from Rumorz. She has been trying her best to see her name in my column, exposing the whoring around she has been doing lately. In fact the other day, she and Vanna were sitting at the bar comparing notes and Vanna admitted the cleaning lady has taken over the number one spot. Going along with my 95% policy (and that gives me 5%). I'll still not give the name out, but her initials are D.W.

Then one evening, while I was sitting next to J. Arthur at the bar, we looked over at the pool table and noticed Stan standing there reading the Observer. Well, the shadow from the pool table light, shining across Stan's forehead, gave the impression that he was wearing a toupee. We all know that would be impossible because how would he be able to get his helmet on and off without losing it.

A bartender is hired to serve drinks. A customer is wanted to purchase those drinks. Well, Rudi was in the bar this past Saturday and was telling Bobby (the bartender), "You do something to me!"

Of course, he serves you beer, Rudi, or were you referring to something else?

And since I'm talking about Bobby, he is a very dedicated employee at the Venture-N. He will do his regular work shift behind the bar, and when that is over, pull another shift on the other side of the bar. I wonder what the tips are like on his second shift?

Since I'm on the subject of bartenders, I'll just have to mention seeing Roger the other night at Club 2520. It is amazing a person his age can learn a new trade at his later stage in life - bartending sober!

Finally, also last Saturday over at Tommy's house, I witnessed the rubbing of Buddha bellies for days. Bob and Ed were both trying to get through the kitchen door at the same time, belly to belly. For them to have fit without touching, you would of had to have a double door installed.

Don't forget the Club weekend over at the Graduate this weekend, with TKO and TALL having their monthly Beer Bust. A little early news from TKO is they will be having a 50-50 Beer Bust at Venture-N, Feb. 22, on the patio (weather permitting). Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to TKO and the other to Shanti.

While on the subject of clubs, the Venture-N has started a new policy. For any club member, Tucson or any other city, wearing their club colors into the bar, the price for their drinks will be at Happy Hour prices, regardless of the time of day or evening.

I guess that will be all for today. For a change, this column will get to Bob early this week and I can relax tomorrow. I do hope everyone has a beautiful and loving week and I see you in my travels this coming week.



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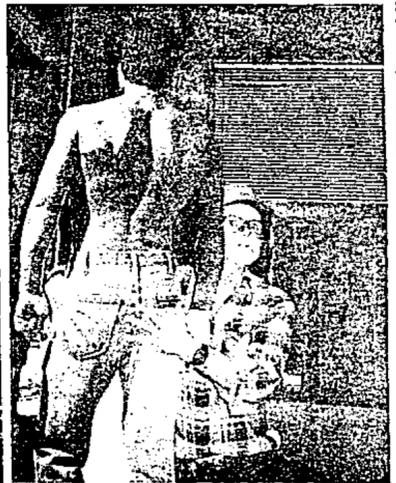
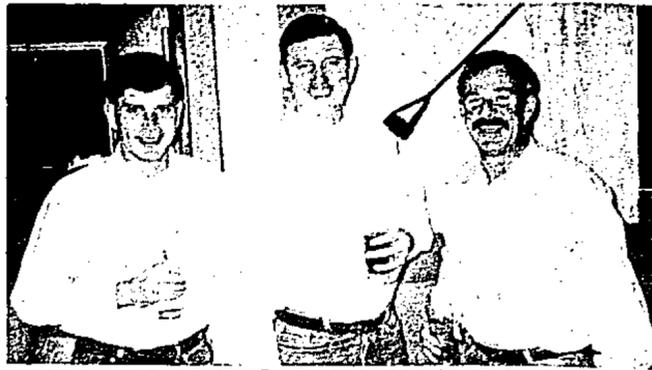
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News From MCC/Tucson
by Bea Cochran

Freedom is a rare and unique experience even in the United States where freedom is supposed to be for all citizens. In any society where some people have the privilege to dictate to other people, there is never a total physical freedom. Whether that total freedom is denied because of race, color, creed, religion or sexual preference, the laws prescribed cannot completely protect if the people in charge of executing the law is bias in any way.

As long as Man makes the laws and Man enforces the laws, there will be injustices. Jesus came to set people free from the power of evil not to set people free from the oppression of others. Jesus demonstrated this by releasing people from the grip of evil spirits and healing the sick.

In Paul's letters to Rome and Galatia, Paul saw two important ways in which these Christians were abusing their freedom from the penalty of sins and from the effort of trying, and failing, to please God. Paul wrote them, telling them that even though Jesus has set them free from sin, they could not do as they liked, even sin as much as they wanted.

Others were reverting to the rules and regulations of the Old Jewish religion, especially in Galatia and Paul showed them how Christian faith was entirely different from a religion of rules. True freedom is found in serving God and in serving others.

This coming Valentine Day, Friday, Feb. 14, starting at 8:00 p.m., there will be a special Valentine's Day Dance. There will be a DJ playing Country/Western music and there will also be live entertainment. Refreshments will be available and door prizes during the evening

which will continue until midnight. Childcare will be provided for those who are unable to secure a baby sitter. A \$2.00 donation will be requested - but - this will not be a requirement, more if you can and less if you can't. Come and join us for a fun-filled, non-alcoholic evening with your loved one.

The raffle, now being held for a Squash Blossom Necklace, men's gold and star sapphire ring and a 40 channel CB radio is now in full swing. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each or 7 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets, with pictures of these valuable items, will be on sale to the community until March 29, 1992 when the drawing will be held at the church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. It is not necessary to be present at the drawing to win any of these items.

MCC/Tucson has started the new year with many new ministries. There are several new ministries that are now in the preparation stage for the entire community. Watch this column for information as these projects are placed into action. There are plans for a new Youth Group to meet at the church in a non-religious atmosphere. There are plans for a Gay rap group to meet, also in a non-religious atmosphere.

Thought for the Week: We have no real problems in our lives but social problems; these can be solved if we are interested in others.

OUT ON THE TOWN

(RAS WAYGAS ROAD TRIP)
 The Welcome Wagon was on the road again with a 75 percent success rate. Remember tricks are not just for kids. He rooked simply mahvelous. Viva Jo Blo. Who added the water? Her name was Josefina and she had the throat of a goddess.

Mz Shalimar and her entourage including Ethyl M., Puppy, Yuppy, and Grumpy certainly made their presence known wherever they went. What with Porque Pig and Little Dick, no weenies were safe. Was it two many tricks for Mz La Douche, and were they worth two snaps and a squirt? Can Viva La Douche find her way out of a one-room outhouse with only one door? Mr. Nipples might could tell a story or two, especially after a stay at Haudgee's Hooker Hideaway.

So, are there any wedding plans soon for Mr. Nipples and Mz Shalimar or is she waiting for that white knight in shining armor from way down south? It used to be two wild and crazy guys. Will it soon be two old and lazy guys, the old sluts about town?

Is Granny's port now open for sailors too? The Ponderosa annex never changes. Is Mz Far East Mc Slut settling down now or is she still looking at the menu? And just how is Cookie's Corral these days? Seems she's on the road again. Did that new cleaning lady just venture in or what? Another story of Beer and Blowing in Las Vegas. Queen of Slots - NOT!

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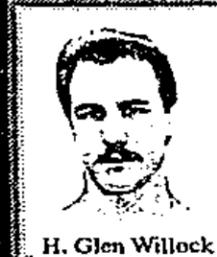
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) monthly Beer Bust runs from 2 to 6 p.m. Hot Dogs with all the fixins' will be served. Fun and games ...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

GRADUATE - T.A.L.L. (Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen) hold their monthly Beer Bust and Dinner here from 2 until 6 p.m. Kenny is fixing Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Vegetables all for \$3.00. Good cold beer at a cut rate and a dinner fit for a king or queen at a great price. Who could ask for anything more?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

JOSHUA TREE - Get ready to be the first King and Queen Valentine. Your Host Witch. Valentine Show here beginning at 10:30 p.m. includes Iris Parker, Jeannette, Marlene, Michael, Lauren and starring Scandalicious.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CLUB 2520 - "Tucson Is Burning", a big benefit and raffle and competition to benefit the Sharebears, the AIDS fundraising coalition in Tucson. There will be a variety of serious raffle prizes and the competition portion of the evening will be videotaped and aired on the Tucson Community Cable in the near future. Showtime is at 8:00 p.m. and there is a \$1 donation at the door to go to your AIDS organizations. A lightning Light and Prism Production. Be there.



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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 the 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 292-9151 in Tucson.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

University of Arizona, Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Awareness Week continues. UA Student Union Room 285, UA Faculty and Staff for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity panel discussion; 3:00 p.m., Dr. Randy Oberhoff, PhD, of UA Counseling and Testing Services, "Psychological Effects of Being Gay", 6:00 p.m., Poetry Reading, includes Robert Kaplan, as well as Maria Jose-Degades y Gorgon, Modern Languages, Room 311; 7:00 p.m., Film: "In The Best Interest Of Children" - explores issues of child custody and Lesbian parents and "Pink Triangles", draws connections between treatment of Gay men in Nazi concentration camps and homophobia and discrimination today. Modern Languages, Room 311.

A new Shanti Grief Group will be starting at 7:00 p.m. Call the Shanti office for more information, 622-7107.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

National Teleconference: Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students* on the UA campus in the Gallagher Theater; 2:00 p.m. Post-teleconference panel discussion, Student Union Room 280; 7:30 p.m., Film: "Paris Is Burning", a look at the New York voguing sensation and the subculture that created it in the Gallagher Theater on the UA campus. Film shows again at 9:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

UA Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay Awareness Week winds up with four final events. 10 a.m. Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus in the Student Union Room 285; 1 p.m. UA Police Department, "Sensitivity to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues"; 7 p.m. Films: "Honored By The Moon" a look at the positive and sometimes painful aspects of being Native American and Gay or Lesbian; "Tongues Untied". Award Winning account of male African-American Gay life by director Marlon Riggs. Uses poetry, personal accounts and performance to describe the homophobia and racism African American Gay men face. Modern Languages Room 311. "Paris Is Burning" will show at the Gallagher Theater three shows, 7:30 p.m., 9:10 p.m. and midnight.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee "Reorganization" Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the MCC/Tucson Fellowship Hall, 3269 N. Mountain. All members of the CAT Committee (Past, Present, Future) are requested to attend.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

TLGA - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will hold a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on the patio at Hours. Discussion of Pride Week '92 and fund raising event leading up to it are #1 on the agenda. TLGA members and other interested persons are urged to be present.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Jim Toews, Tucson Gay Activist, will announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 5th Congressional District. There will be a press conference at 11:30 a.m. Following the press conference Toews will speak at the weekly forum of the Democrats of Greater Tucson. Both events will take place at the Artec Inn, 102 N. Alvernos. The Toews Campaign is requesting supporters to attend both the news conference and the speech as a show of strength to both the media and Democratic leaders. An optional buffet lunch is available for \$7.00. For more info call 577-6018.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Valentine Day Dance at MCC/Tucson, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., from 8:00 p.m. until Midnight. Donation of \$2.00 requested but not required. Live entertainment, music, refreshments, door prizes, even babysitting will be provided. Come to enjoy the evening in a non-alcoholic and non-smoking atmosphere with your loved one.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's monthly general meeting. The meeting this month will be held at Club 2520, 2520 N. Oracle at 4:00 p.m. 1992 officers will be elected at this meeting. Anyone interested in joining AGRA is urged to attend. For more information write: AGRA/Tucson, 7272 East Broadway #412, Tucson, AZ 85710.

1:00 p.m. the Men's Massage Group meets and at 3:00 p.m. there will be the Essential Awareness Workshop. Try to catch both of these events, for information and to register, call Mark at 881-4582.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will hold its regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Tucson Police Chief, Peter Roastadt will be the scheduled guest speaker talking on issues that affect you? Find out what's being done to curb Gay bashing. Who's monitoring public park patrols? Are homosexual officers being recruited? How can TPD build bridges with Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community? Don't miss this meeting! Free to OP members and newcomers.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Unfa Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty/Staff who are concerned about Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual issues meet for a brown bag lunch from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 283.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Beer Pitches \$2.50 noon to 7 p.m. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Sunday Pitchers Special. David cooks Steak Dinner 4-8 pm \$4.00.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Brunch served noon to 3 p.m. Ten Dances 3 to 8. Western Steak Fry 3 to 7. Video/Dance Bar and Country/Western Dance bar open 8 pm to 1 am.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 till 8pm and \$2.00 8 pm to close. **HOURS** - Moody Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1 with Laka as your DJ.

IFT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Truck Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. \$1.50 well and Domestic Beer until 8:02 p.m. VJ/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Specials noon to 7 p.m. Jerry DJ.

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Laver. \$1.99 pm to 1 am.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Hourly rotary drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie film. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

IFT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:22 pm until 8:02 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:02 to closing, \$1.50 White Well. VJ/DJ Ray 9 pm. Ray 9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Daily Specials noon to 7 pm. Drink Draft and Drows .50 draft 8 pm till close. Jerry DJ.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Western and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Draft Beer Bust. Small Pitches \$1.50, Large \$3.00 till close.

HOURS - Happy Hour 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close.

IFT'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 DJ Leon 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 p.m. to closing. VJ/DJ Mark 9 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink specials till 7 pm. "Teak" - Male strippers at 10:30 pm.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sh Rodney Farrow.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Domestic Longnecks \$1.25 to 8 pm - \$1.50 till closing.

HOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.

IFT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out Monday drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

RUMORZ - Open noon. From 3:22 pm until 8:02 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8:02 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps. VJ/DJ Mark at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Pitchers Draft Beer \$2.00 and Schnapps 75¢ from 8 p.m. to closing. Female Strippers 10:30 p.m.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Strip Show and/or Jockey Short Contest plus 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western & video dancing begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Call \$2.00. Top Shelf \$2.50 all day and night.

HOURS - Happy Hour 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hainese or Corona \$1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with Laka as your DJ.

IFT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with DJ Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Red and Red Lite \$1.50 from 8-1.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.24 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 pm to 8:02 pm. 50¢ draft from 8:02 pm to close. Dancing with VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ all the time.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Progressive Friday - \$1.25 Domestic Beer night at 9 p.m. then increases 25¢ each hour until \$2 at midnight. Bobby Jr. DJ.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - All Well \$1.50 and Domestic Beer \$1.25 until 8 p.m. All Well \$2 and Domestic Beer \$1.50 from 8 p.m. to close.

HOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. with Laka as your DJ.

IFT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Ray.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 until 8:02. Hors D'Oeuvre. VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. 50¢ Draft all the time.

saturday

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STEVEN DIETZ..

Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.
P.O. Box 40084, Tucson, AZ 85717

Following a somewhat unintentional break, we're making a new start on correspondence concerning mental health in this column.

We welcome your letters to the counselor. All correspondence should be written directly to Steven Dietz, P.O. Box 40084, Tucson, AZ 85717. Your letters will be kept strictly confidential, and if used in the Observer, will not carry your personal name. To receive a reply directly from Mr. Dietz, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

TO OUR BLACK FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY: Following an article a few months back, I have received a number of inquiries about support groups for Black and/or Hispanic members of the Gay community. To my knowledge, such groups, divided solely by race, are not currently available in this area, but there are printed resources available for problems faced due to racial prejudice and culture.

Additionally, if sufficient interest warrants, I would be glad to help those interested in forming such groups. If interested, please call the Western Care Institute, (602)881-8282, or write to me at the address listed above. Currently we are conducting a research project on minorities within the Gay community and AIDS-related mental health issues, so again, if you are Black or Hispanic and would like to be involved in this project, let us know as soon as possible.

Q. If you are still answering questions about AIDS, could you help us solve an argument? I say that people get some kind of disease within three years and a friend of mine says there are people who never get AIDS even if they are infected.

A. Yes, I'm always willing to try to find answers to any of the questions submitted. If I don't have personal knowledge of the field, I'll do the best I can to find professionals who do. The following was written with the assistance of a local pathologist specializing in immunology:

Following infection or entry of the virus into helper T-cells, there may or may not be a recognizable, brief episode of fever, fatigue, and swollen lymph nodes. Then the virus enters the genetic material of the infected cell and resides there in a dormant or latent state. Individuals with asymptomatic infection exhibit no symptoms but are, in effect, "carriers" of the disease because their systems contain intermittent low levels of virus produced by infected cells.

After a period of time ranging from months to years, greater numbers of infected T-cells to produce greater numbers of virus and, in effect, the virus becomes activated. It is unknown, at this time, exactly what proportion of individuals latently infected with HIV will ultimately progress to active infection, but the most recent evidence indicates that it may take up to ten years or more to progress from initial HIV infection through the latent phase (known as the incubation period) to full-blown AIDS.

Because of the many variables - data reliability, access to treatment programs, individual medical background, age, and genetic makeup - it is still difficult to define a specific incubation period. However, recent studies using different theoretic approaches and laboratory methodologies, have produced remarkably similar estimates.

These studies suggest that the probability of progression to AIDS is less than 2% within two years of infection, increasing to somewhere between 25% and 35% within seven years, and to about 50% within ten years. Thus it is believed at this point that as many as 50% of those infected have not progressed to AIDS or AIDS-related infections.

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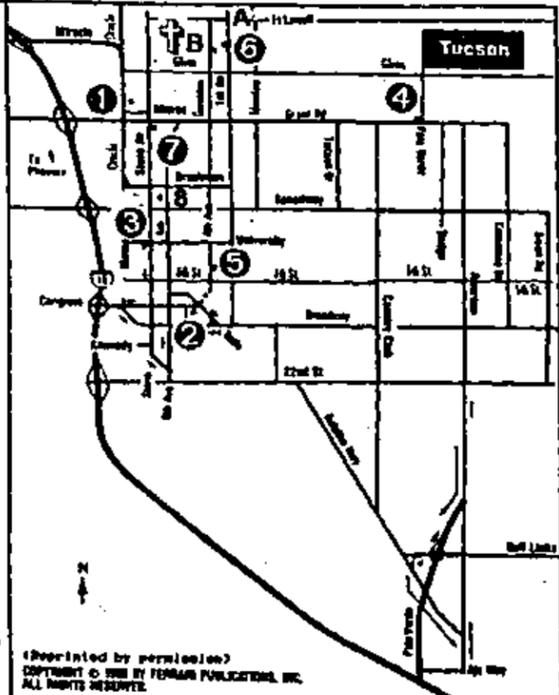
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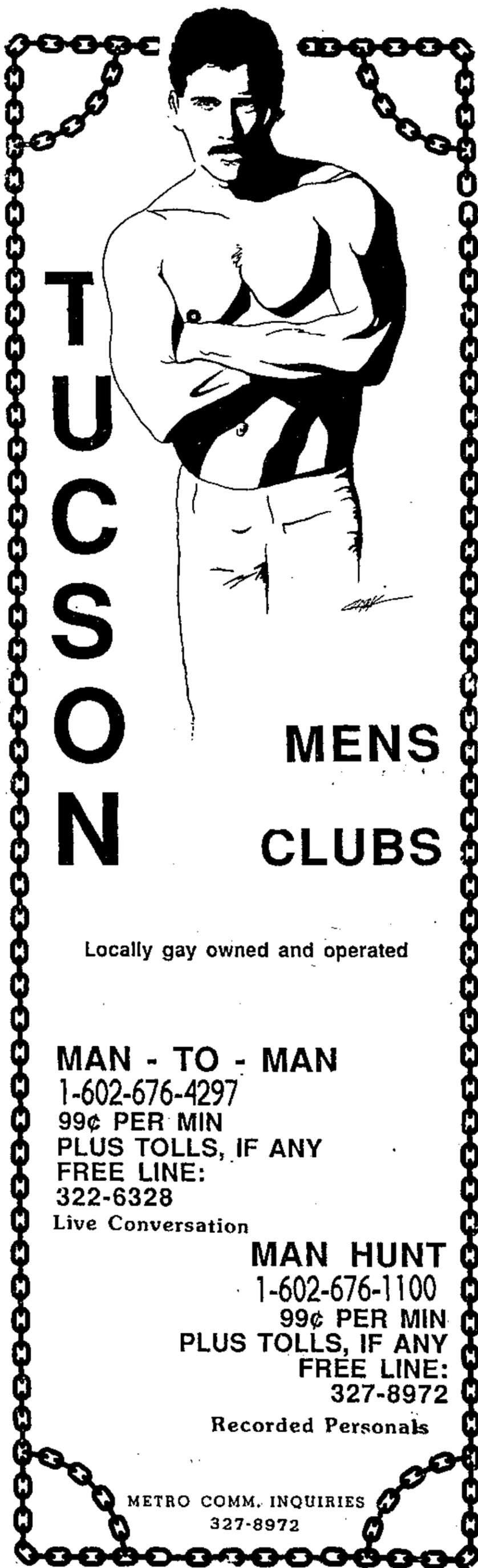
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ARIES

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TAURUS

My, my, but we're testy lately. Turning down a free drink from one of your all-time buddies? Wasn't that an old friend of Myron's too? Maybe you need to take one of those classes in the social graces. A bartender from Vegas comes to town searching for a graphic artist named Dave.

GEMINI

Your feminine douche has failed once again. The cowboy with the bad teeth needed three hands - one to hold his nose and two for holding onto his hat. Shave, then slap some strong after-shave down there. That's what Frank does Saturday buy a Lotto ticket.

CANCER

Better get that "hoe" you picked up in Eloy back home. On your way back don't forget the A-200. A teenager asks some startling questions (the hoe from Eloy). Answer as honestly as you can. Do not take a loved one's cooperation for granted.

LEO

Still laying on rocks at Reddington? Thought you gave up "docking" in the open air now that you're married again! Your relationship with a loved one will get better and better! You'll find what you've been hunting for at the swap meet on Sunday.

VIRGO

A busy day lies ahead on Friday. Your new Eve Arden make-up kits arrive and you'll be hitting the streets. Best seller is the putty knife. Try Teno first, then hit the Graduate. A proctologist will ask you some very "probing" questions.

Workshop to Focus on Ethnic/Cultural Inclusiveness

TUCSON - The Rev. Daniel Webster Aldridge, Jr., an African-American Unitarian Universalist Minister from Decatur, Georgia will be the speaker at a workshop on "Toward becoming a more ethnically and culturally inclusive society," on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street.

Registration for the workshop, which he calls, "Lift every voice and sing," is \$10. Participants may purchase a hot lunch for \$3.00 or bring a sack lunch. Checks should be sent to the Outreach Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St., Tucson, AZ 85711.

Aldridge is minister of the Thurman-Hamer-Ellington Church in Decatur, GA, and is a member of the Urban Concerns Ministry Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association, headquartered in Boston. He also is the Chairman of the Coalition of African American Unitarian Universalists.

Aldridge will pose such questions as, "How does equity differ from equality?" and "Do our espoused views agree with our real views." He encourages a "continuous dialogue" between himself and his audiences.

LIBRA

What a stressful week! Laying in the sun all day and then checking off 3 questions on your unemployment form, and licking that stamp to mail it - whew! Sleep all day and drink all night? Is that how it goes? Pay more attention to your lover! Semi-hard is better than semi-soft.

SCORPIO

This is no time for wishful thinking. A date with the "Brat Pack"? So who's in this new club? Just ask Tom, Gordon, Alan and Paul. The double-fisted beer drinker is available. Buy a 12-pack and have a ball. Fantasy Five time. (The game - not the orgy)

SAGITTARIUS

Still lookin' for love in all the wrong places? Pleasure World, Bus Depot, J.C. Penny's? Maybe a little spell of voodoo might work better. Candles are good to burn for luck and romance. The Bartman just sits on his. Brings me all kinds of luck and romance.

CAPRICORN

Eating on the run every night lately? I guess it's better than a big bite. Why not talk your Bud into a real sit-down-type dinner for a change. Playing poker in Vegas can be costly. A Royal with only one coin played? Tsk Tsk. No trip to Long Beach for you.

AQUARIUS

Leather and Lace again? That trick never works, especially at a certain bar. Smegmatized again Lance? The never ending story - a sidewalk that goes nowhere and a beer soaked back yard. Maybe a would help. Has your minister love slave given you the sermon on the "mount" yet?

PISCES

Romance offers some interesting possibilities this week. If someone offers you a weekend getaway - go for it! Ajo is simply divine this time of year. Now is the time to purchase that luxury item you've been wanting - the hairpiece will be a vast improvement.

Valentines Sought By Observer For Valentine's Day Issue

TUCSON - Friday, February 14 is Valentine's Day and this year it is expected that the annual OBSERVER Valentine's Day Issue will carry another record number of Valentine's from and to members of the Lesbian/Gay community.

The 'tradition' began in February 1986 and has continued through the years. That first year seventy-five persons submitted Valentines to their loved ones and friends. Last year nearly 600 were received and printed.

Envelopes have been placed in all of the local bars for you to deposit your messages or you may mail them directly to OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson 85703. No phone messages will be taken. Deadline for our Valentine Issue #395 will be February 10th at noon. There is no charge and you are asked to print clearly and keep the messages as short and concise as possible.





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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 N. 1st Avenue. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for info.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Friends and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8060 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. 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 H.B. at 392-6440.

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

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

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YOUNG AND GAY
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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 232 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 316-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 376-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPIAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletters. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

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

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ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.L.E.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 2579 N. 1st Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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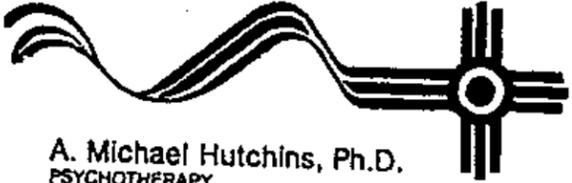
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