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UofA Scholarship Offered by IBT's To Gay Community

TUCSON - It's 'Bout Time - IBT's, announced on Monday, August 10, the establishment of a scholarship for Gay and Lesbian students at the University of Arizona. IBT's is one of the favorite local night spots catering to the Gay and Lesbian community. It is located on 4th Avenue.

IBT's scholarship will be awarded annually and will be valued at \$800.00. Delta Lambda Phi, the Gay and Bisexual fraternity on the UofA campus has been chosen by IBT's as executive agent to receive applications.

Applications are open to all Gay, Lesbian and Bi-sexual students. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need and academic achievement, and will be paid in two equal increments at the beginning of each semester.

The scholarship selection committee will consist of (1) an officer of Delta Lambda Phi; (2) the Delta Lambda Phi staff advisor; (3) a representative of BGALA - the Bisexual, Gay And Lesbian Association at the UoA; (4) a member of the UofA staff and faculty, and (5) a representative of IBT's.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Delta Lambda Phi at the University Student Activities Office, Club Box F-9. Closing date for applications, which will be available next Monday, Aug. 17, will be September 3. The winner will be announced shortly thereafter.

One university source said that the new IBT scholarship is the first ever funded scholarship for Gay and Lesbian or Bisexual students at the University of Arizona.

An IBT's spokesperson said, "We look at this as a chance to do something tangible for the Gay and Lesbian community. Financial aid can be the difference between staying in school and being forced to drop out. The IBT scholarship may make just that difference for a Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual student at the university. It makes good sense to invest in the future of our community."



PORTLAND, OR - Gay rights supporters march through downtown Portland recently. Supporters and foes of the proposed ban on civil rights protections for Gay men and Lesbians think the campaign will draw national attention.

by Sura Rubenstein
PORTLAND, OR - Springfield's Bill Morrisette believes homosexuality will be the issue for the 90's. "It's like abortion was in the 1980's," he said, I see a renewed battle." He should know.

As Mayor of the first city in the country to specifically ban civil rights protections for Gay men and Lesbians, Morrisette has been swept up in a national debate over family values, human rights and the place of religion in politics.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), which pushed the successful city initiative last May, has put a similar measure on the state general election ballot in November. That means that Oregon will join Colorado in offering the first statewide test cases in a new battle over Gay rights.

Ballot Measure 9, the OCA sponsored initiative, would amend Oregon's Constitution to declare homosexuality an abnormality and ban government "promo-

tion" of it. It would also bar specific human rights guarantees for Gay men and Lesbians, and it would require schools to teach homosexuality is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse."

The measure lumps sadism, masochism and pedophilia together with homosexuality. An earlier version included sex with animals and sex with corpses among the behavior to be prohibited.

The Colorado measure, in contrast would prohibit the state or any other political jurisdiction from passing Gay rights laws. It, too, is a constitutional amendment.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance, a pretentious newcomer on Oregon's political scene, says it was forced to float the initiative because of the aggressive efforts of Gay-rights groups that seek "minority status" and what the OCA calls "special rights". "We are trying to set a standard here," says Lon T. Mabon, the alliance's executive director. "We don't believe

government should promote these behaviors."

Opponents of the measure - who include religious, labor, business, civic and Gay-rights groups, say it would mandate discrimination. "This is not a debate about pedophilia," says Peggy Norman, director of the No on 9 campaign, the statewide coalition opposing the measure. "If it were, we would all be united."

She said the measure created a climate of intolerance. "How can you say everyone has rights except this group, in this case, and not promote hate?"

The battle has been bitter. It already is drawing national attention, with both sides enlisting allies from around the country. And it will be expensive. The alliance and its No Special Rights PAC already have taken in nearly \$600,000 since last September and likely will spend thousands more. Opponents, including No on 9, say they'll match the OCA dollar for

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UPDATE

T-Squares To Celebrate 8 years

TUCSON - The T-Squares, Tucson's long time Gay square dancing club came back from the International Association of Gay Square Dancing Clubs Convention last month with several new steps, many new friends, and plans for a new beginners class.

This year's convention held in Albuquerque, featured more than 1,100 square dancers from all over the world. (See separate story this issue). Approximately 3/4 of the T-Squares were able to attend and enjoy the camaraderie, dancing and workshops.

The new beginners class, focusing on the 48 steps of basic square dance level, will begin in mid-September. Singles, couples, men, women, Gays, Lesbians, and others are all welcome. Advanced dancers from the T-Squares will be available to help the beginners learn the steps. Anyone interested in learning to square dance (as well as giggle and terrorize other bar patrons) is encouraged to call 747-2875. This is an in-home business answering machine so please leave a name and number and a club member will get back to you with further details about the lessons.

The T-Squares will be celebrating their eighth anniversary on September 29th at Club 2520. There will be a live caller imported specifically for the party and many out of towners are expected. Former T-Squares are especially welcome, as are any potential beginning dancers, but all are invited to help the T-Squares celebrate yet another anniversary. The celebration will take place from 2 to 7 p.m.

'Other Sheep' TV Program Off Air Temporarily

TUCSON-Other Sheep Ministries is temporarily off the air. The rev. Jim Rice, the only person who is certified at Tucson Community Cable Corporation to use the editing equipment, is recovering from a recent stroke and vascular surgery. Due to this illness, and a lack of volunteers to help, this independent, Gay oriented Television show has halted production, but will return soon.

This television show is not affiliated with any church in town, though they hope to be a connecting link to all of them, as well as the rest of the community. The Rev. Jim Rice, founder and producer has stated that he wishes this to be a total interfaith and community effort.

If you wish to find out more about this show, or want to commit some time as a volunteer, phone 292-1966. Reverend Jim will be happy to discuss it with you.

If the community backs it, Other Sheep Ministries could very well win the Oasis award, (a local cable television Emmy), at next years presentation.

Third of Polled Gays Report Bias at Work

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - One third of the Gay people who responded to a survey here say they had been discriminated against in the work place, said the group that performed the study.

And a majority said they believed they would experience discrimination at work if their sexual orientation were known, said officials of the activist group, the Fairness Campaign, which released the study yesterday.

The study is not a scientific, random sampling of Louisville and Jefferson County's Gay population. Only certain Gay people were asked to fill out the questionnaires, and it would not be valid to draw conclusions from the survey about the area's gay population as a whole.

Surveys were distributed to Gays who worked in Gay bars, at Gay community events and at meetings of Gay organizations. The sample of 616 Gays also included Gays who have not "come out", said Gail Bonnell, a co-author of the study.

Banks In Bind Over Ban On Scouting Funds

SAN JOSE, CA - Two banks that withdrew contributions to the Boy Scouts of America because of the group's policy on Gays are under pressure to change their stance, a newspaper reports.

The decisions earlier this year by Bank of America and Wells Fargo to stop funding has resulted in a backlash that has drawn hundreds of phone calls, letters and calls for boycotts, the San Jose Mercury News has reported.

Pressure from board members is being applied to Carl Reichardt, chairman and chief executive officer at Wells Fargo and Richard Rosenberg, who holds the same position with Bank of America. Both are former Boy Scouts and are "really suffering" because of these decisions said R.T. Nahas, a Wells Fargo director. "My understanding is they're going to find a way to get out of it gracefully," said Nahas.

The San Francisco-based banks, along with Levi Strauss, had donated about \$100,000 to the Scouts.

Those withdrawing accounts from Bank of America included Stockton developer Bob French, who pulled out a \$1 million account. "This is a political attack on the Scouts," French said.

Alan Viarengo of Gilroy said he acted quickly when the Bank of America stopped funding the Scouts because the organization won't accept Gay members. He withdrew \$10,000 from the bank that his family started doing business with nearly 100 years ago when it was called Bank of Italy.

"Basically they want the Scouts to change their moral standards," he said. "You wouldn't ask a church to change its beliefs."

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EDITORIAL

Pressure Kept On Military To End Gay Ban

Airman Tom Paniccia, the Staff Sgt. stationed at the local Davis-Monthan Air Force Base who 'came out' on national television last month, is still causing a stir in the local Gay and Lesbian community. Show of support at the gates of Davis-Monthan have been occurring by local activists and Paniccia has been granting interviews with the local media and has been speaking before local organizations explaining his cause celebre.

A recent editorial in the local Arizona Daily Star called Paniccia a "Warrior of Conscience" saying that he is fighting the good fight over a misguided ban. The military's ban on homosexuals in the '90s is more than misguided, it is as obsolete as the abacus is to the computer.

The ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military began during World War II, long before the Stonewall movement, and was always explained away that Gays were a bad risk because their closeted positions made them susceptible to blackmail. With the Gay rights movement snowballing, people are beginning to tumble out of the closet in ever increasing numbers as they realize that there is no longer any reason to keep the 'terrible secret'.

"True, military life does demand a special type of discipline and by-the-book behavior. And it is also true that a few irresponsible service members who were Gay caused a few problems over the years, but so have irresponsible service members who were straight," said the Star Editorial.

"Nonetheless, a blanket ban on homosexuals is an overreaction borne of fear and misunderstanding that deprives the nation of dedicated soldiers, sailors and airmen."

"Even if Tom Paniccia is dis-

charged, which is likely, he will have accomplished part of what he set out to do. For Tucsonans and others, he has put a human face on a discriminatory policy that ignores the values of individuals," the Star concluded.

It recently was reported that the military spent nearly a half billion dollars from 1980 to 1990 to replace homosexuals whom the Pentagon forced out of military service - discharging around 1,500 a year solely for being homosexual. Today, many people are taking a hard look at the stupid 1940's policy the Pentagon is pursuing.

The General Accounting Office reports the Pentagon spent \$28,226 to recruit and train each enlisted person and \$120,772 per officer. Most of the recently discharged military personnel to 'come out' in opposition to this ban are long-term professionals whose records are excellent both in combat and out.

As the Star puts it in Paniccia's case, all the military sees is his homosexuality and, "that selective vision will likely deprive the military services of yet another hard-working, dedicated individual." "One by one, these warriors of conscience have been drummed out of the service to which they've dedicated years of their life". Officials at Davis-Monthan have already told Paniccia he is being recommended for discharge after 11 years of impeccable service.

It is important that Staff Sgt. Paniccia know he is being supported by the Gay and Lesbian community. Persons wishing to offer their support may call Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at 750-3204 and register your feelings about the antiquated ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

Clinton, Bush Notice Gay Pleas

WASHINGTON (AP) - As he stapled placards for a Gay and Lesbian procession across the Democratic convention floor, Albert Bell of San Diego reflected on the political season. "We've worked for years to have this kind of a year," he said.

Gay people have achieved unprecedented participation and visibility in the 1992 presidential campaign. If the attention has been hostile as often as sympathetic, at least it has never been lacking.

"The political establishment of this country is on the brink of taking our movement seriously," says Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The clearest gains are among Democrats. Nominee Bill Clinton says he would stop discrimination against Gays in government, support a federal civil rights bill to protect them, step up AIDS spending and research and crack down on anti-gay violence.

Clinton arranged for two openly Gay speakers at the Democratic convention, one of them a campaign adviser who has AIDS. Two months earlier in Los Angeles, he spoke at a large, well publicized Gay fund raiser that some considered a turning point in Gay politics.

"When it was over, people were crying," said Gregory King spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "At one point Clinton says, 'I have a vision of America and you're part of it.' He really sees us as being citizens as opposed to being threats to American values."

Gay leaders also looked with approval at former independent candidate Ross Perot, who started the race saying he'd never met a Gay person and ended it by endorsing Gay civil rights and participation in the military.

But the signals from Republicans have been decidedly mixed.

The high point of GOP-Gay relations may have been in February when the general chairman of the Bush campaign, Robert Moshbacher, met with members of the grass roots Gay and Lesbian task force.

Moshbacher has a Gay daughter living in San Francisco, but Bray said he opened the session by stating, "I want you to know I'm not doing this just to satisfy my daughter."

But "within hours we were informed of a vicious backlash by the far

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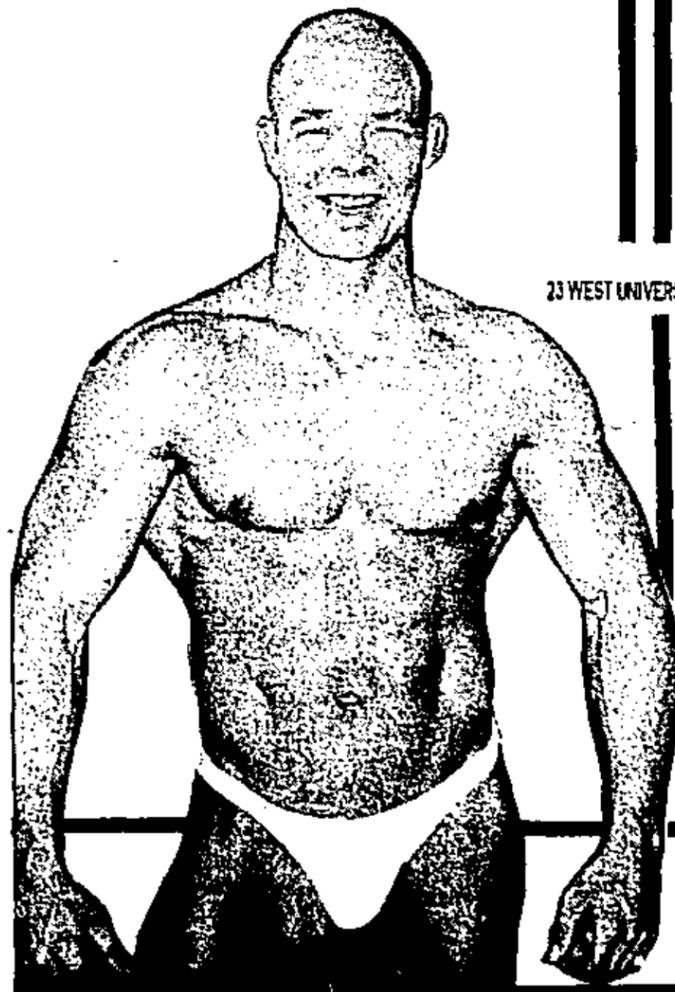
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Et Cetera

***US magazine's sex issue discusses the lovely Lesbian episode of Northern Exposure in an article about hard core copulation in movies and TV. Considering that the Northern Exposure Women didn't even kiss, I don't know how to take this inclusion. Is it offensive that Lesbians are so associated with sex? Or does it reflect Lesbian power that our existence feels so potent to so many people?

***I mentioned to a friend that I found it amusing that, according to far right fundamentalists, my lover and I kissing in, say, Oklahoma would be enough to convert the entire state to homosexuality. My friend replied, "Time to take a road trip."

***Watching the Olympics makes me hate the particularly virulent strain of jingoism known as "American patriotism." NBC consistently ignores champions born elsewhere to interview United States born losers. When some has run a brilliant race, executed a stunning dive, or flawlessly flipped around on the balance beam, who cares where she was born? She deserves respect and admiration for her accomplishments, not her bloodlines. Ironically, putting United States born athletes under a microscope works against their performance, as they try to stay calm under that extra pressure.

***And who did it benefit: to show that young woman fall off the balance beam, in slow motion, again and again and again, when she still had more events to compete in? Give her a break.

***The Dream Team seems to me the perfect representation of a country proud to have carpet bombed another country into oblivion.

***Speaking of carpet bombing: was I the only person offended that more attention was paid to Dan Quayle misspelling potato than to the estimated 200,000 Iraqi casualties in the gulf war? Yes, it would be nice to have a Vice President who could spell, or think, but (1) correct spelling is not necessarily a sign of intelligence, nor is incorrect spelling necessarily a sign of stupidity, and (2) considering the damage the Republicans have caused to this country, destroying its banks, gutting its educational system, and ignoring the crying need of millions of ill and/or homeless and/or hungry people, isn't focusing on a spelling error actually a gift to the

Republicans?

***If the media want to embarrass the Republican administration, why haven't they paid more attention to Spy magazine's accusations that George Bush has had mistresses while married to Barbara Bush? I don't care who he sleeps with, but I do care that the Republicans present themselves as the party of morality. Since the media prefer trivia to substance, Bush's sex life should be fair game, particularly since Clinton's is. What sort of double standard is this?

***Have you seen the delightful House Of Elliott, created by Jean Marsh and Eileen Atkins? If not, catch it in reruns! A soap opera of the classiest type, it combines excellent acting, vivid characterizations, fascinating plot turns, and addicting cliff hangers with a feminist sensibility. What a treat!

***And speaking of feminist sensibilities: Blanche Wiesen Cook's biography of Eleanor Roosevelt is a delight. Well written and thorough, it consistently acknowledges the reality of being a woman in the 19th and 20th centuries. Take this excerpt: "But without the vote, acknowledged influence, or authority, [Eleanor's aunts] were able to do little besides support their brother's careers. Though Bamie and Corinne both worked politically behind the scenes and contributed significantly to American public life, they were denied access to work of their own. It galled Bamie in particular, but all the Roosevelt women expressed discontent. Eleanor [and her cousin Alice] agreed that [Bamie] would have been president had she been a man." Through these simple lines, Cook reminds us that it takes more than inborn greatness to achieve outward greatness. I'm only partway through the book, but I'm enjoying it tremendously, and I can't wait till Eleanor meets Lorena Hickok!

***As ever, progress jerks along, three steps forward, two back, five to the side, and a couple over the mountain. But Cook's biography of Roosevelt, with its full acknowledgement of the breadth of Eleanor's sexuality, is a big success; Lesbian writer Dorothy Allison's Bastard Out Of Carolina got a review in the New York Times book review section; as MS magazine somehow staggered to its 20th anniversary. If we could just get that asshole out of the White House.

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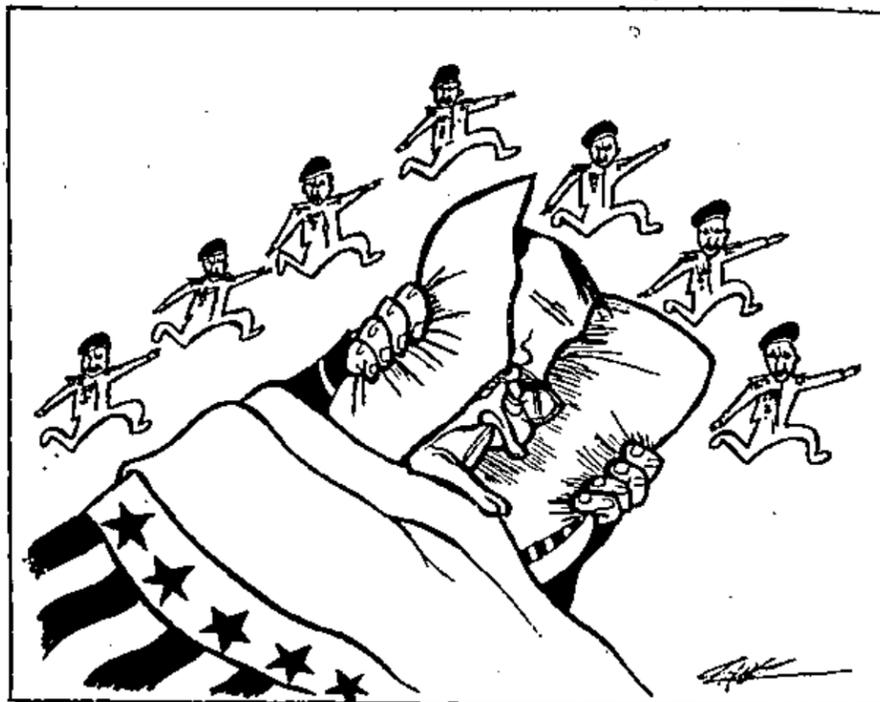
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by Clark



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purchased with a single cash payment to provide money for health care, shelter and basic life comforts. Recently the company offered a new program for PWA's that include free oral AIDS medication in addition to a cash payment for qualifying insurance policies. The prescription medicines include AZT, DDI and Pentamidine.

At the presentation, Mr. Worley said, "NAPWA is a resource for those who need all kinds of information about AIDS. Through their advocacy programs, information and referral services, and management training programs they provide valuable assistance to individuals and groups involved in the AIDS crisis."

Dr. Martin Markowitz, New York University Division of Infection Diseases, believes that PWA's benefit physically and emotionally when medications are readily available. Just knowing the medications will continue to be available relieves a lot of stress and improves the quality of life for PWA's.

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The Living Benefits gift is unrestricted and unencumbered so it can be used where it will do the most good. We are proud to be able to support the work NAPWA is doing," said Mr. Worley.



The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

H.I.T.T.'s Dog Days Beer Bust Bonanza kick off weekend turned out to be fairly profitable and lots of fun. The weekend began at the Venture N where the patio was packed all night. The weather was perfect, the crowd was festive, and both card players and card player watchers seemed to be having a great time. Later stops during the weekend included IBT's on Saturday, the Graduate on Sunday afternoon, and Club 2520 Sunday evening where the winning 50/50 ticket was drawn. Congratulations to John S. winner of \$118.00. (Remember, all tickets sold are still eligible for the September 2nd Grand Prize drawing of a free round trip airline ticket.) Thanks again to Jim (Venture-N), Rodney (IBT's), Art (Graduate), Lee (TALL), Michael and Peter (Club 2520), Mary (Po' Folks) and Debra (Cactus Gallery) for their consideration. Thanks also to George, Mike, Randy, Chris and R.T. for their assistance with Casino Night, and AGRA-Tucson for use of the casino tables.

grass skirts, most of the 400+ fashion conscious (NOT!) Gay men and Lesbians attending were decked out in some variation of the Hawaiian Aloha shirt.

One Tucson team, Pigs In Paradise (Bill Cluse, Bill Richards, Dennis Russell and Mark Rosenbaum), took first place honors with a respectable team score of 2598. Bill Richards also took first place in his Optional Scratch Division with a score of 1596.

Irrespective of winning, the S.D.-I.T. remains, in my opinion, the most enjoyable, well run, and fun tournament in the Southwest. On many occasions, our own Halloween Invitational has gained valuable knowledge from the experienced men and women of S.D.I.T.

Next up on the tournament calendar is the Las Vegas Showgirl Invitational, which takes place at the Showboat over Labor Day weekend. As of this writing, several Tucson teams are planning to attend. (It's not too late to sign up; contact me for more information.)

It's off to HOURS this week for a brand new 50/50 drawing starting Thursday night and continuing on Saturday when H.I.T.T. will host a beer bust from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.. Gay Pride Freedom Rings and the new Freedom Triangles will also be available. Come join us at HOURS.

Over the August 1st weekend, eight Tucson bowlers took part in the 4th annual San Diego Invitational Tournament. As always, the entire tournament weekend was a blast, topped off by San Diego's fabulous beach party located on beautiful Mission Bay. This year's theme was the Luau, and although there weren't many

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Yes, I did go and take a look at the newly redecorated IBT's, and I was impressed. My congratulations goes out to all those that put many hours into the work needed for this fresh Southwestern decor. If you would now replace that slow ass bartender, Jayne Wayne, everything in the bar would be peachy dory.

This coming weekend, it will be time for Partners to hold their monthly beer bust on Saturday afternoon. This is always a good day at the Graduate even if you do have to sit there and be insulted by the Old Man Ben bartending. As for the gifts, well not too many of those won are the type you will cherish, but will enjoy. Stop down and have some fun during this beer bust.

Tucson now has, and I mean this in the fullest context, a bar for everyone in Tucson. Regardless of your likes and dislikes, you now have a comfortable bar you can go to. Of course, some people are going to disagree with this comment because, and yes I do admit, there are other types of bars that some of the larger metropolises have. But in all honesty, do you really believe Tucson is ready for some of them?

As for TKO, well Friday will find most club members loading up for the annual trip over to the City of Rocks, just north of Denning New Mexico. This will be the 11th year in a row both TKO and HDS, TKO's Brotherhood Club out of Albuquerque, have meet for their annual Brotherhood Run. Applications are available for anyone wishing to go along on this one, with the run fee being \$25. Departure will be Friday morning, from the Venture-N, around 10 a.m. A trailer will be available for anyone wishing to go along and store some of your gear.

In the space of 6 bars, you can find your itch, your comfort, and your likes, and yes probably some of your dislikes also. But, this you could find in any community or bar you travel to. Now you do not have to go to just this or that bar because you really can not find the perfect one you have been looking for. Even still, you may not find the 100% perfect one you are looking for, but at least one of them in town hopefully comes close to filling your needs. Do not misinterpret that comment, if you are just looking to pick up a trick, or meet that special, possible other half, that could be accomplished in any bar.

If by chance you are thinking of going along, it is suggested you bring along both warm and cool clothing for the weekend. After last year, a rain coat or something waterproof, it does rain. You should also bring a good sun screen with you because the only shade available is from the rocks.

If you doubt my word concerning the different bars, take a couple of evenings, and just spend some time at each place around Tucson. Depending upon just when you are there, I'm sure there will be at least one thing you will like about each, possibly more for others. And so what if there are two different bars in Tucson laying claim to country and western, they are different enough not to overlap each other. Tucson being a southwestern town, don't you think we have room for two?

Something to look forward to here in my column. Now that I have talked about the different bars in Tucson. I am going to start looking to through my Bud bottle at some of the different bartenders around Tucson. I'll bring you up to date on possibly some of the different secrets each of them may have that you did not even realize. Of course, I hope you bartenders do not start dusting off a spot on the mantel for a trophy or something similar, it would be a waste of time.

Once again, congratulations goes out to the management and staff over at IBT's and I look forward to many a day having a cool beer, and a very friendly atmosphere sitting on those damn hard bar stools.

I guess that will just be about it for this week. I'm getting this column out of the way early this week so that I can start packing for the trip this weekend. Play safe and give your love to someone in need.



With some of those comments, I'll probably get myself into trouble again with some of the different customers around town. Oh well, so much for freedom of the press and free speech!

What with the pool tournament going on at the Graduate every Saturday afternoon, the Club weekends have been a lot more successful. This past Saturday, with TKO's beer bust, and the pool tournament, things were in a party mood all day. The beer bust normally lasts from 2 to 6 p.m., with the pool shooters starting around 3 p.m. Well, this past Saturday, saw the pool shooters going for about 5 hours, with the beer bust receiving a great boost.

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POLITICS '92 by Mark Kerr

SIGNS!!!

Yes that day, politicos love, citizens dread, has arrived. What day you ask? August 8th was the first day political campaigns could put up their campaign signs. Some see these signs as pimples on the face of Pima County, others seems them as vital to get the candidates name in front of the people, generates interest in races, that the media outlets deems as no "sexy enough" to give any substantial coverage to.

How do I feel, the latter reason fits my opinion of the signs. They are vital in a campaign, they do get the name out to the people, and gets the constituency interested in the primary election races.

As the signs have been going up all over Tucson, I have begun to wonder about the various campaigns and set up some categories to rate them:

MOST LIKELY TO CONFUSE (This is where the campaign has signs out of their electoral district, thus confusing the voters). The leaders so far are:

1. Andy Nichols for State Representative, District 13.
2. George Cunningham for State Representative, District 13
3. The re-election campaign of Senator Cindy Resnick, Representative Rutil Solomon and Representative Herschella Horton, District 14.

MOST LIKELY TO BE VANDALIZED (The cardinal rule in campaigning is never be so vain enough to put your picture on your signs, because they are a very easy target to be defaced, and most cases they will be). The vain ones are:

1. George Cunningham for State Representative, District 13.
2. Tony Terry for State Representative, District 13.
3. David Bradley for State Representative, District 13.

MOST LIKELY TO CHANGE SIGNS BEFORE THE ELECTION (If you see a campaign putting up new and different signs, 10 times out of 10, they fired the graphics artist and went with firm that uses the colors that are successful, because their initial signs were a waste of money) There is just one winner here, and that is:

1. Terri Locastro for State Representative, District 13.

Terri's signs are avocado color and you can not read them, either stopped at an intersection or moving at any rate of speed. Plus they are just plain ugly!

MOST LIKELY TO GET BIGGER SIGNS (Campaigns whose initial signs are just too small!). The leaders are:

1. "Freddy" Hershberger for State Representative, Dist. 12.
2. Lee Davis for Board of Supervisors, District 4.
3. Dan Schottel for State Representative, District 12.

MOST LIKELY TO BE RE-PAIRED (Signs made of a weak material, or just put up poorly). The leaders are:

1. Andy Nichols for State Representative, District 13.
2. Elaine Richardson for State Representative, District 11.
3. Victor Venne for Constable, Justice Precinct 1.

MOST LIKELY GETS THEIR MESSAGE ACROSS (Signs that have their intentions on, and clearly stated). The leaders are:

1. Winston Smith for County Recorder
2. David Bradley for State Representative, Dist. 13, non-picture 4' by 4'.
3. Michael Beehler for Congress.

MOST UNLIKELY TO GET THEIR MESSAGE ACROSS (Signs whose message are just plain confusing). The leaders are:

1. Pat Beatty for State Representative, District 13.
2. Ann Day for State Senate, District 12.
3. Elaine Richardson for State Representative, District 11, her signs are too artsy, and the message is drowned out.

MOST LIKELY TO CATCH THE EYE (Signs that stick out and the people will look at). The leaders are:

1. Winston Smith for County Recorder
2. Jim Toevs for Congress
3. Michael Beehler for Congress

MOST LIKELY TO HELP THE CANDIDATE GET ELECTED (Signs that will strongly help the candidate. The best!)

1. Winston Smith for County Recorder
2. Eleanor Schorr for State Senate, District 13.
3. Jim West for Justice of the Peace, Justice Precinct 4

Bit of the Old South

It is really difficult to make decision sometimes when matters involve people you like. But that is exactly what is to be done this coming Wednesday at the AGRA meeting at IBT's at 7:00 p.m. I really hope that the majority of the membership of AGRA-Tucson attends so that the majority are expressed and adhered to. Hopefully there will be tranquility once more after these past two troubled months. There will be some real surprises and changes I fell at and after this meeting. Let fairness and justice prevail over heated tempers and half cocked attitudes.

We have so much work to do, let's get our crap together and make our next rodeo the best ever. These comments reflect my own opinions and not necessarily those of AGRA or it's board of directors.

My congratulations to Rodney and his staff of sexy bartenders like Rick and Jim for a great job on the reopening of IBT's. The look is great. Please come on out, have a cocktail and give them a look see. Put IBT's on your list for Friday and/or Saturday bar hopping.

And finally, there are a few special people I would like to mention. To Jim, it's great to have a new friend and welcome to Tucson. Rick (IBT's), if only you knew but I have a feeling you will. You give great service. And a very big Happy Birthday to Mr. Ron Walter, may you have many more happy years, you deserve them.

Till next week: Sean.

Oregon

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dollar.

Both understand they are facing cultural trench warfare. "It strikes at the heart of what we as a society affirm and value," said Ralph Reed, Jr., director of televangelist Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition in Virginia Beach, Va. "The entire pro-family agenda is endangered if homosexuals are recognized as a legal and cultural entity."

Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, DC, counters, "They are trying to erase us and the gains we have made. No credible Gay person wants to convert someone to homosexuality, but the Christian Right wants to convert everyone to fundamentalist Christianity."

Vaid said Gay men and Lesbians throughout the country were terrified by Measure 9. "We are not talking about a lifestyle, we're talking about our lives," she said. She and other Gay rights advocates see the Oregon and Colorado votes as potentially devastating turning points in the last decade's progress toward greater social and legal acceptance of homosexuality.

"This will set us back," said Mark Paul Lehman of the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Washington, DC, the nation's largest Gay-rights political action committee. "We'll have to spend thousands of dollars that could have gone for breast cancer and AIDS research and other services only to have the status quo. Even if we prevail, we won't win anything other than the right to be discriminated against again."

Since New York City's 1969 Stonewall Riots launched the modern Gay-rights movement, more than 100 cities, six states and the District of Columbia have passed some form of anti-discrimination legislation that includes Gay men and Lesbians among protected groups. In Oregon, a proposal to extend civil rights guarantees to homosexuals passed the Senate in 1991 but failed to get an official hearing in the House.

"Gay rights are not special rights," Vaid said. "They are the right to work free of discrimination, the right to safety, the right to privacy, and the right to family. These are fundamental rights that everyone wants in some fashion."

Observers such as Matthew Moen, a University of Maine professor and author of a recently released book, "The Transformation of the Christian Right," believes Christian conservatives have highlighted homosexuality because it is a richly symbolic issue. "A lot of conservative leaders talk about it in terms of cultural warfare," he said. "They feel their view, their philosophy, their way of looking at life has been under attack and

has been diminished. It has proved to be an effective organizing tool.

Michael Hudson, vice president of the People for the American Way, a liberal civil rights advocacy group, thinks conservatives are focusing on Gays because issues such as Soviet communism have evaporated. "Homosexuality is the new Evil Empire," he said. "It is the issue that seems to be the No. 1 issue that the religious and right-wing groups use as an organizing tactic. It is happening everywhere - and it is escalating."

"We're weighed in very heavily on this," acknowledges the Christian Coalition's Reed. He said homosexuality ranked third in his group's list of priorities, following abortion and school choice. Reed believes the Oregon and Colorado battles could be decisive. "If these two are successful," he said, "they can roll back and snuff out the homosexual rights movement."

Reed said the coalition would spend a "substantial amount of money on the Oregon initiative, he declined to be more specific. Opponents agreed that victory in Oregon or Colorado will incite copycat measures. They, like Reed and Robertson are weighing in.

Vaid toured Oregon in June and will be back in the fall. Lehman will be making a second trip to Oregon in September, spending two weeks to help out. Portland-based film-maker Gus Van Sant already has enlisted some 100 of his friends in Hollywood to help No on 9. [Reprinted, in part, from The Oregonian]

Gay Pleas

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right to that meeting. The White House started backing off, claiming it was a personal favor to his daughter," Bray said.

President Bush continued to emit a muddled message. he said he supported the military ban on gays. He also said he had no litmus test for administration posts. His campaign removed gay aide Franz Tyler from a job that involved public contact.

And Vice President Dan Quayle said the administration has a non-discrimination policy when Gays are concerned.

"They're politicians and they're being pulled by a very strong current in the party," said Rich Tafel, president of a network of Gay GOP groups called the Log Cabin Federation, trying to explain the pendulum swings.

Most Gays do not believe Bush is personally bigoted, and they give him bipartisan credit for a number of milestones early in his presidency.

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of upcoming events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

GRADUATE - Partners will hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m. In addition MCC will hold one of their great Bake Sales at the same time. Come on down for some good cold beer and take home some of those famous goodies that the MCC people bake up for you. What's a few more pounds anyway? Pool Tourney at 2 p.m. 101.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB 2520 - Mitsou injured herself while filming her latest video and had to cancel her appearance here in July. Her appearance has been rescheduled for tonight. On a national tour promoting her new album, French-Canadian recording star Mitsou will be appearing here in her only Tucson appearance, beginning at 9:30 p.m. singing songs from her latest album and some of the older hits including "Dis-Moi, Dis-Moi" that made her an international star. Advance tickets are \$3.50 per person and well worth it. Tickets at the door will be \$5.00. Everyone wishing to see this great new performer must have a ticket. Get yours now.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

IBT's - The new IBT's presents a special fund raiser for Jim Toews, Democratic candidate for Congress, Dist. 5. It's time to hoo-down, complete with various raffle items and Colette's homemade chili. Come help support a candidate who will help your voice be heard. Party and festivities begin at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Fisher and Rodney Shanks.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

IBT's - Free C/W dance lessons - advanced class from Tom Maza beginning today and will be held every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Attend six consecutive weeks and receive a free IBT's shirt.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

IBT's - Free C/W dance lessons. Beginning class from Tom Maza and IBT's. Will continue every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Attend six consecutive weeks and receive a free IBT's shirt.

FRI.-SAT.SUN., SEPT. 11-12-13

RUMORZ - Fiestas de Independencia benefit coming up. Frank Perez is looking for some King and Queen candidates. Call him at 292-9170. Watch for more details.



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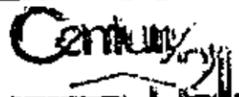


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AUGUST 13 - 16

"Voices From The Front" a new documentary on AIDS activism in America is a testimony to the most riveting political movement in Gay and Lesbian politics since Stonewall. It is being shown at The Screening Room, 127 E. Congress. 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday the 16th. The Saturday, Aug. 15 performance is a special presentation that will feature statistics and program services available in the Tucson community with displays/literature and videos throughout the run of the film. An open forum will follow showing of the film. Co-sponsored by the Pima County Health Department AIDS program.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Tucson Satellite will hold its monthly meeting at IBT's. The Board will meet at 6 p.m. and the general membership meeting begins at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

The Cronies will hold a tubing party. Call 888-7264 for more information and directions. Men 40 and over looking for a support group of good guys, check this group out.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

The Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House will celebrate their 6th anniversary with a dance featuring Jeannie as DJ. The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Coffee and tea is provided. Bring your own beer, wine, munchies and favorite game. No hard liquor please. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Happy anniversary!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

A benefit dance for Wingspan - Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Community Center. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 422 N. 4th Ave. Men and women most welcome. Donation at the door. Beverages served. Live entertainment and DJ music.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Cronies, the group of men 40 and over hold their monthly Video party. Call 888-7264 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

It's the 3rd anniversary of the Cronies group - men 40 and over. They are going to celebrate by having a Pool Party. If you would like to attend or learn more about Cronies, call 888-7264.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Sgt. Tom Panicia, USAF will be special guest at this regular monthly meeting of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. This Davis-Monthan staff Sergeant marked a Gay rights milestone when, after 11 years in the Air Force, he came out on national TV. Now he fights, not just for his country but for all Gay men and Lesbians in the U.S. military. 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Free to OP members and newcomers.



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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm.
C/W Dance Lessons 6-8 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. 2 for 1 Well and non-premium beer 4 til 8.
Big John (courtesy of Venture/Hippies rock and country 2-6. Miller Lite and Genuine Draft \$1.50 from 8 to close. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm \$3.99. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 3 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover, \$1.99 pm to 1 am
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. 11:00 mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 p.m. 50¢ mag Draft Beer 8 to close. Starting Aug. 31, advanced Country/Western dance lessons from 6 to 8 with Tom Maza.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing, \$1.50 White Well.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Bad Nite: Bad and Bad Light \$1.50 from 8 to close. Parker spins country/rock 8 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8. \$2.50 off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9
IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer 4 to 8 pm. Starting Sept. 2, Beginners Country Dance Lessons 6 to 8. Parker spins country/rock from 8 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75c Schnapps. V/D/D David 9 to 1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7. \$3. Men's Nite - Anyone in bare chest, boxer or Jockey shorts or swimsuit 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well drinks and non-premium beer 4-8 pm. Blue Margaritas and Kamakazi shots \$1.75 from 8 to 1. Parker spins country/rock 8 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50¢ Draft from 8:00 pm to close. D/D/D David
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99c Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7. \$3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Tom Maza spins Country/Western Dance music from 9 to close.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. V/D/D David 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8. \$3. 50¢ Schnapps 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Open Noon. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.
IBT's - Open noon. Jayne Wayne rides again! Happy Hour noon til 8 pm. 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer. Tom Maza spins Country/Western dance music from 9 to close. It's time...
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Cornas 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David V/D/D 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Cash Pool Tournament 3 p.m. \$3 entry fee. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Howdy!

Seems like a long time since you all have heard from us since the great rodeo in May. Well, make no mistake, a hell of a lot has been cookin' in our fire pots for the rest of this year in preparation for our next rodeo which is going to happen in March of 1993. So, all of you get out your trusty calendars and start circling the following events.

Wednesday, August 12th, the AGRA Board Meeting at 6 p.m. and the General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m. Join us at IBT's. September will see Tucson's first mini-rodeo, events will be staged without animals (quadrupeds, that is!) The fantastic Boots and Boxers Cotillion will take place in October. When it is starting to get chilly, and won't it be just grand to see cowboys and cowgirls in skimpy shorts?! A Ghost Town Dance, Show and Auction, should be happening soon. November will host the Second Chili Cook Off, (which will be the first official cook off, as opposed to the one held in January). Everyone can enter and just make sure none of you make any bets will Bill Darnell, he will make you take your clothes off if he wins and you lose. But I do not know anything about that, you know! December will usher in our Christmas Jamboree Show & Auction. The Fabulous Hoedown will hosts lots of talent, dancing, drinking and foolin' around February. Chili verde Days will have all of us runnin' around like headless chickens (and who isn't into chicken?) Fried, that is. And lordy, in March with the fantastical rodeo that still has folks talkin'.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is a state wide organization composed of members from the Tucson, Phoenix and other cities for the betterment of our community. What has to be realized is that the Tucson and Phoenix chapters are one unit working to raise funds to give to charities.

Congratulations are in order now and at all times for all AGRA members who devote countless hours of talent, time and energy for the benefit of others. The main point of self gain is in the knowledge that we have helped others, putting others needs above ours and selflessly pursuing this aim and goal to right the wrong, give till it hurts, and walk away with a clear conscience knowing well we did our best and someone else's life is better because we gave a damn. And you can be a part of something that is getting bigger and better by the day.

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1100 Square Dancers At Convention

ALBUQUERQUE - A record breaking 1,103 gay and Lesbian square dancers (along with many straight friends and supporters) attended the International Association of Gay Square Dance Club's 9th annual convention. Aptly entitled "Diamonds in the Desert", the event was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico over the July 4th Weekend, and was attended by dancers from all across the United States and Canada, with one dancer arriving from Japan!

In addition to the four nights and three days filled with square dancing, round dancing, country western dancing and educational seminars, the IAGSDC held their annual meeting, at which the following officers were elected: Skip Roglien (NY) reelected as Chairperson, Bob Young (NY) Vice Chair, Tom Tripp (CA) Secretary and Darrell Ertzberger (DC) Treasurer.

Adding to the 46 member clubs already a part of IAGSDC, the Board also voted to allow into its membership roster six new clubs: (Cotton Pickin' Squares,

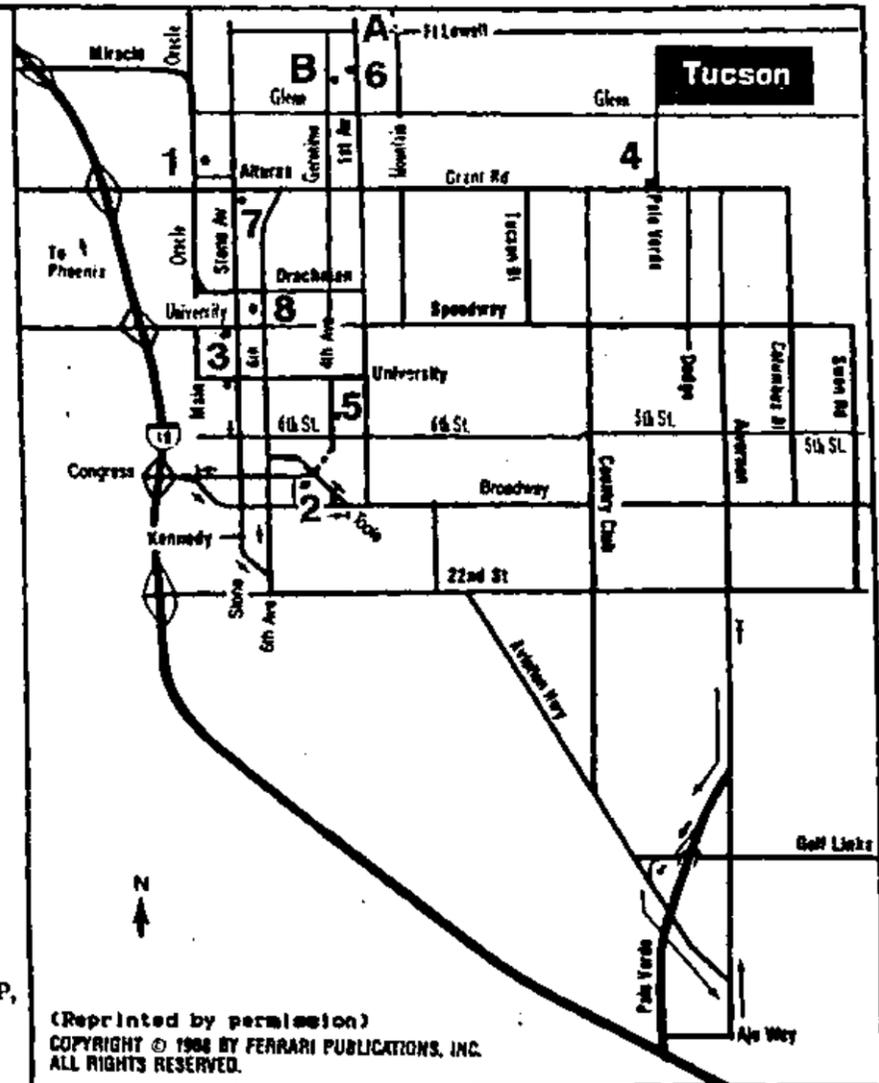
Memphis, TN; Cream City Squares, Milwaukee, WI; Neon Squares, Las Vegas, NV; Minnesota Wild Roses, Minneapolis, MN; Sun Coast Wranglers, Tampa, FL; and Mountain Laurel Squares, Hartford, CT).

The first Gay and Lesbian square dance club was the South Florida Mustangs, founded in Miami in the late 1970's. Currently, clubs can be found in 23 states and three Canadian provinces, with several cities having more than one club. California, with ten extremely active clubs, boasts the largest number of clubs in one state. The largest single club is the Times Squares in New York City with 297 members.

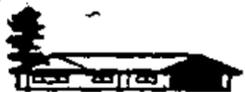
Gay and Lesbian square dancing is high energy, great fun and very popular. Traditional square dance clothing is not required. Singles, as well as couples, are welcome to attend classes. In addition to dancing, many clubs host social events, pot luck dinners, theater parties and other activities.

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Male Meeting Backs Family Variations

CHICAGO - "We're here to take back from the right wing the experience of family that is so important to us."

The speaker, Gordon Murray, was addressing about 250 men and a few women earlier this month during the 17th National Conference on Men and Masculinity.

They were gathered to talk about the kinds of families they say the religious right refers to mostly with behind the hand whispers: single parent families, racially mixed families, homosexual and bisexual families, equal partnership families. These are families that challenge society's traditional gender roles.

Conferees were here to state that those kinds of families are not wrong; that they do not tear apart the fabric of society but rather strengthen it.

Murray is a member of the planning committee of the National Organization of Men Against Sexism, the sponsor of the conference.

Each perspective to which NOMAS is officially dedicated, pro-feminist, Gay and bisexual affirmative, and enhancing men's lives, was represented by speakers expanding on the conference theme, "Coming Home to New Families."

"Today, the religious right is holding up the idea that male domination is natural, permanent and unchangeable and is doing so in the name of God," said Oakland psychiatrist Terry Kuipers, representing the feminist aspect, "but I believe that gender relations are socially constructed and can be changed with history."

Kuipers said the family is the "socializing forum" in which males learn the elements of domination and subordination they will likely live by the rest of their lives.

"The feminine is still devalued in our traditional families," Kuipers said, "Boys go into college; girls are counseled not to act intelligent so as not to scare away suitors."

"There is a narrowing of possibilities," she said. "Fathers tell their sons not to be pansies. Normal is heterosexual; homosexuality is excluded."

Dave Matteson, professor of family and couple counseling at Governor's State University south of Chicago, described what he called three gifts of wisdom to people who grow up Gay or bisexual in a heterosexual world.

"A child who grows up Gay in a heterosexual family is from the very beginning a minority in the group that raises him or her," Matteson said.

"For most young Gays, the experience of how they see and feel the world is too strong to deny, and so they eventually stop conforming to the heterosexual standards around them," Matteson said. "And that is the first wisdom: You can't trust what others say to define your own life experience."

Bisexual children eventually learn that they do not fit into either group, heterosexual or homosexual, and that, too, can be a gift of wisdom: You can never trust other people's categories; they just don't fit, Matteson said.

Finally, there is a wisdom learned in growing up "different," Matteson said, learning to live with loved ones who don't meet your expectations as you don't meet theirs: "You can't have inti-

macy unless you respect the limits and the boundaries of the people who you want to be intimate with and stay open to what doesn't meet your expectations."

The spokesman for "enhancing men's lives" was Don Bell, director of student services and activities at Joliet (Ill.) Junior College.

"While it's tough raising a child today," he said, "I fear it is even tougher being one."

He urged NOMAS to develop advocacy for children.

"Children today are largely growing up in fear and isolation," Bell said. "Even with children of affluence, material things are put forth as substitutes for the time and attention from adults that they crave."

In their isolation, he said, children are displaying more racism and sexism among themselves, despite the hard work of immediately previous generations to overcome these limitations.

"Please don't let the commitment and connection to children be defined and limited to parenthood," Bell urged. "They are all our children. They represent everyone's future."

NOMAS predates the pop side of the men's movement, the mythopoeics of Robert Bly, sweat lodges and drumming. In fact, those things are sometimes at odds with NOMAS. Although there was a conference workshop on mythopoeics, a woman present was told flatly that her feminine perspective was not welcome.

The genesis of NOMAS was the first national Men and Masculinity Conference in 1975 in Knoxville, Tennessee, where the attention was on "ending the oppression of men's roles."

About 40 percent of the men attending the conference here identified themselves as heterosexual, about 20 percent bisexual and 40 percent homosexual.

As the conference opened, 39 men and one woman spent an entire day learning how to conduct workshops on homophobia, fear of homosexuality that often shows itself in physical revulsion and violence, and heterosexism, the assumption that all society thinks "straight."

At the same time, another group about the same size was focused on ending men's violence against women through future regional conferences and community workshops.

On yet another morning, the entire conference spent several hours examining the ill effects of racism on all races and exploring racism causes.

Throughout the year, NOMAS coordinates and connects task forces of members studying continuing issues such as bisexuality, child custody, committee to eliminate racism, ending men's violence, fathering, Gay rights, homophobia, male-female relationships, men and aging, men's culture, men and mental health, men and spirituality, pornography, reproductive rights and sexual harassment.

Last year's four day conference was held in Tucson. Next year's conference will be held July 8-11 on the campus of San Francisco State University.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

With the media coverage of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and with the different legal cases being brought before the Supreme Court, there seems to be a lot of confusion of just what the First Amendment implies. The First Amendment reads as follows:

Congress shall make no law respecting and establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

I can not find anything that even suggest the separation of church and state. I can not find any basis for the banning of prayer from the schools, to the contrary, I read that the government can not prohibit the free exercise of any religion whether in public or private assemblage. Congress has opened their sessions with a prayer by a paid chaplain enacted by a law passed years ago.

Our founding fathers (and they were all men) saw fit to prevent laws that were in effect in many countries in Europe. The seat of government should not have the power to inflict religious views on the citizens. There is nothing in the

amendment that even suggests that there can not be a coexistence with religion and the state.

This is a controversial subject being argued in many places. Any opposition to the above statements can be sent to this writer at either MCC-Tucson, 3269 N. Mountain Ave, Tucson Arizona, 85-719, or to this writer in care of The Observer. valid arguments will be printed.

The building on the church property in way of the Memorial Rose Garden has been removed. Preparations are now being made to prepare the area for the planting of the rose bushes. Printing of the plaques to be placed at the base of each rose bush is being negotiated with a sign company here in Tucson. The rose bushes will be planted in January of 1993 and the bushes should start their first blooming the following March. Remember, if you have a lost loved one you would like honored with a living memorial, orders can be placed with the church either by writing to the church or calling 292-9151. There is a request for a donation of \$20.00 for the rose bush and plaque.

Thought for the week: Too often in criticizing others, we compare their weaknesses to our strengths.

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Hi there! I wonder who you are, and where you are, as you read this article. I'm sitting at home relaxing, and I felt I wanted to spend some time with you, who ever you are; each "you" reading this article today.

I'm one of those people who is never satisfied until I know the "whole story" about something that really interests me; and Heaven is one such topic. I am exceedingly interested in heaven, because I have arranged to spend eternity there. I'd like to know, as much as possible, what to expect.

Yes, I am a Christian, and I have a New International Version of the Bible. I discovered there are 422 sperate refernces to heaven; 173 to heavens; 1 to heavenward; 1 to heaven's; and 36 to heavenly. No matter how you add that up, there is a lot said about the Christian's eternal destination.

I have participated in many a Memorial Service, and because of what God has thought me throught the Bible, amny a time, I am the only one dry eyed, the only one celebrating my brother's or sister's "going home." No, I am not insensitive. I am deeply sensitive, caring loving individual. But I believe what God has said; I have laid my very life on my unshakable conviction that every word God has recorded for everyone, of every time era, is absolutley factual. I am so positive of that truth, that I cannot mourn he or she I love, now as before, because I know what he or she is experiencing right now, while I go on plodding through this earthly life.

Would you like a "ring to grab" on this merry go round, that won't let you down? Me too. If you don't have a Bible, go to the library and use one of theirs. Read Revelation 7:13-17, just for a little nibble of the unimaginable glory your own loved one, for whom Christ was his or her Savior, is this second experiencing with Jesus. "these in white robes, who are they, and where did they come from? These are they who have come out

of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night inhis temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. never asgain will they hunger; never again will they thirst. the sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them tosprings of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Do you have someone there right now, like I do? Will someone you deeply love likely enter heaven's gates before you want them to, but you know you can't stop it? Would you like to deep down know, one day you, too, will be there, with them? At Cornerstone Fellowship, we would love to share who he is that will welcome you as eagerly as your loved one; andhow to meet him, face to face. Please come to a worship service at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Sundays, and just ask. that is all there is to it. And you will find he is so wonderful. It isn't that "you" or "I" desire God to wipe away every tear from our eyes; no. Revelation 7:17 clearly states, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." This means your loved one, and mine. You bet that makes me listen up! And the bonus is, one day you and I will even share eternity with our loved ones. There just isn't "any other way" you and I would want to go.

So, no, I don't weep at memorial Services or funerals. I sing loudly, joyously, of my assurance of the inexpressible bliss, now reality. How can I weep when I am certain beyond doubt they will hunger, thirst, suffer, and weep no more! Oh yes, we have a choice where we will spend eternity. But on this earth, alive, now, is the only chance you have to choose Christ, and heaven. No choice, is a choice. It is a pretty bad one. We would love to share our joy with you. Won't you stop by soon, this Sunday?

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PERSPECTIVE

**Responding to Bush/Quayle
"Traditional Values" Rhetoric**

In an interview published June 25, 1992 in the New York Times, President George Bush stated that he "can't accept as normal life style people of the same sex being parents, I don't accept that as normal" and added that he believes in "traditional family values." As the Republican National Convention approaches, Republican officials, including Vice President Dan Quayle, are espousing "traditional family values" rhetoric and attacking the Gay community as antithetical to family life.

There are currently some four to five million Lesbian and Gay parents in this country who face legal obstacles to creating nurturing and caring families. Only 11 states have laws that say sexual orientation is irrelevant in custody disputes. Courts in 11 other states have based rulings on the belief that Gay people are unfit for custody of their children solely on the basis of sexual orientation. Two states, Florida and New Hampshire, have laws expressly prohibiting Lesbians and Gay men from adopting children. New Hampshire also bars Lesbians and Gay men from becoming foster parents.

The following statement is attributable to Ivy Young, director of the Families Project at the NGLTF Policy Institute.

There you go again, George. Making ill informed, demagogic and misguided moralistic pronouncement about the nature of family life in this country and the unsuitability of Lesbians and gay men to be parents.

And we must ask, as it was asked of Senator Joe McCarthy, so many years ago, "Have you no decency? At long last, have you no decency?"

There are millions of Lesbian and Gay parents in this country who, like parents everywhere, spend most of their time and energy caring for and worrying about and loving their children. And hoping, too, that those children grow up in a world free of the bigotry and prejudice so evident in George Bush's remarks in the New York Times.

That the president of the United States would target millions of Lesbians and Gay parents, discredit their lives, do psychological harm to their children, and make them scapegoats for the fundamental problems of this country is unconscionable and unworthy, even in an election year.

We know all too well that the vice president cannot spell. The question before us now is does the President ever read. Did he read the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services youth suicide study that showed gay youth, because of society's intolerance and rejection by their families, are two to three times more

likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual youth? Does he read reports that put the divorce rate in this country at fifty percent, or the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence report that three to four million women a year are abused by their husbands and boyfriends? Gay youth suicide and spouse appear to be long standing "traditional family values" in this country.

Did the president overlook the front page headline in the Washington Post just days ago: "Increase in baby killings Attributed to Family Stress?" That article contends that the nation's recession, joblessness and low wages are causing parents to take out their frustrations on their children. More than 1300 children died of abuse last year, 50 percent more than 1986. The Post article makes pointed reference to the fact that because of budget cuts, there is little help available for families in crisis. This is normal family life in America.

Our community did not create this crisis. Instead, in the face of anti-Gay policies and rampant homophobia, such as that displayed by the president, three to five million Lesbian and Gay parents struggle daily to provide loving homes for their children. An ever increasing number of sociological studies indicates that children raised in Lesbian and Gay families grow up to be no better or worse than children raised in heterosexual families. Of course, we all hope that our children, unlike Neil Bush, do not grow up to be thieves or brigands.

Bush is using "traditional family values" as the smoke and mirror tactic to appease and win back the disenchanted Right Wing. But even those with the hardest intestinal fortitude should find this snake oil difficult to swallow.

For Bush to profess such love and concern for the American family and veto the Family Medical Leave Act is hypocrisy at its most profound. American families fill homeless shelters and sleep on the streets, but this administration consistently reduces spending on low and moderate income housing. To sit idly by while your cronies and big money campaign contributors loot the savings and loan institutions where thousands of American families deposited their hard earned resources is not the mark of someone with a deep seated concern about any kind of values. How can one claim to cherish families on one hand and promote such destructive anti-family policies on the other?

This is not a time for false issues or moral posturing. This is a time for leadership. Unfortunately, in his attempt to keep his job for another four years, the president has again displayed the venal cowardice that is unbecoming to anyone who would seek to lead this nation.

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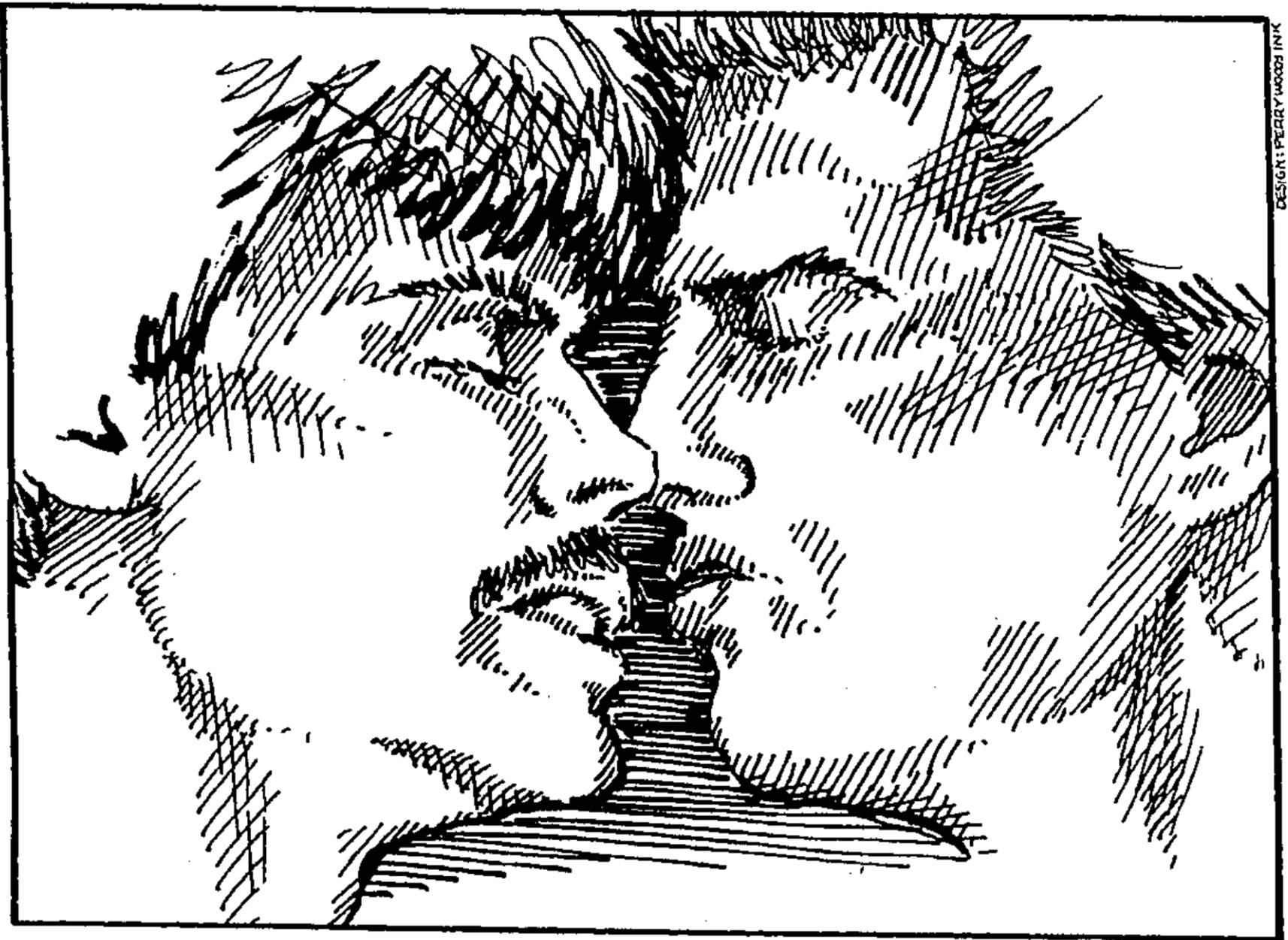
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