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### Saguaro Regional Rodeo '93 This Weekend, March 19-20-21

TUCSON - A record number of contestants as well as record numbers of hotel reservations from people coming to Tucson this weekend, forebodes a record second annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo for the Tucson Satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association.

The rodeo has moved to larger quarters this year and the facilities will undoubtedly add to the color of Tucson's Gay Rodeo. Tucson's Rodeo Grounds at 4823 S. 6th Avenue will be the scene of this year's events. The grounds being just south of the downtown area will assure larger local attendance as well as facilitate transportation difficulties for out-of-town visitors.

Local organizers have reported that the hosts hotel has been sold out and the second hotel, Quality Inn, has also been sold out. Additional hotel accommodations have been more difficult to come by due to the NCAA basketball finals opening at the University of Arizona this weekend also.

AGRA is offering complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport to the Ramada Inn. Phone 622-3000.

Allstate Cab Company is offering special rate to and from the Ramada to the Rodeo grounds as well as to and from bars and hotels. Phone 881-2227.

Tickets for the rodeo are \$10.00 per day - Saturday and Sunday. Children under twelve are admitted free. And there will be free admission to the dance each night with an advance purchase of daily rodeo tickets. Otherwise the dance is \$5.00.

There will be entertainment at the rodeo grounds during the day and at the Ramada Inn after the rodeo at the dance. Beer will be available at the rodeo. You must be 21 years of age with I.D. in your possession to consume alcoholic beverages. No pets, no video cameras, and no beverages are allowed in the rodeo grounds.

As of presstime, AGRA-Tucson was in need of volunteers to work at the rodeo. The 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo has an opportunity for you to become a volunteer in a variety of rodeo activities. As a volunteer you'll learn about rodeo from the stall to the grand stand. If anyone is interested, please call the Tucson Satellite Chapter at 323-0805 or the AGRA office in Phoenix at 265-0618.

Following is a daily schedule of events:



#### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 TO 10:00 p.m. Rodeo Contestant and Entertainment Registration at Ramada Inn.  
9:00 p.m. Miller Country Jamboree until 2:00 a.m.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 a.m. Contestant meeting at the arena.  
9:00 a.m. Ticket Office Opens  
9:00 a.m. Rodeo Events (Slack)  
12:00 p.m. Grand Entry Festivities -

12:00 p.m. Dancing & entertainment  
1:00 p.m. 1993 Rodeo events (Day 1)  
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Show - Ramada Inn  
8:00 p.m. Saguaro Dancefest '93 til 2:00 a.m.

# UPDATE

## M. Butterfly

TUCSON - A special performance of "M. Butterfly," by David Henry Hwang will benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. Sponsored by the Arizona Theatre Company and Simutek/Connecting Point Computer Stores, the authorized Apple dealer, the performance will be held Sunday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 South Scott.

Winner of the 1988 Tony Award for Best Play, this stunningly explosive play explores East West cultures, and the power of love in an epic framework of international intrigue.

Based on actual events, "M. Butterfly" tells the story of a French diplomat who falls in love with a Chinese Opera star, only to learn that the entire relationship has been based upon fantasy and deceit. A towering hit on Broadway and throughout the world, ATC presents the southwest premiere of this passionate play.

Tickets are available from TAP and cost \$20. TAP is also offering discount tickets to groups of ten or more for \$17. This is a savings of \$3 from the regular ticket prices. Group tickets must be purchased at one time. Tickets for the benefit performance are not available at the ATC box office. For information on tickets, call 322-6226.

All proceeds from ticket sales will be used for programs and activities of the Tucson AIDS Project, including direct services to people living with HIV disease and those affected by the disease and education efforts for the community at large.

## One-In-Ten Sets New Play

TUCSON - One-In-Ten Repertory, Arizona's premier Gay and Lesbian theatre company will open a new production, "A Late Snow", by Jane Chambers on April 7 at 8:00 p.m. The play will run Wednesdays through Sundays, April 7 - 25 and there will be a performance on Easter Sunday, April 11.

All performances will take place at 1-In-Ten's new home in the Historic Y Theatre, 738 N. Fifth Avenue (Southeast corner of University Blvd. and Fifth Ave.) in Tucson.

The five-woman play is about a woman's relationships with her past, present and future lovers.

Tickets are \$8.00 and are available at Antigone Books, 600 N. 4th Ave. Call 770-9279 for reservations.

## Bring A Quilt Panel To M.O.W.

TUCSON - Over 160,000 Americans won't be able to attend the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual equal rights and Liberation on April 25 -- because they've died of AIDS. But thanks to the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and the efforts of loved ones, many of them can be there in spirit.

The Names Project has called for all who are going to the March to bring new three-by-six-foot panels commemorating those who have died of AIDS for inclusion in a unique display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Project anticipates receiving over 2,000 panels.

"Nearly everyone going to the March has watched friends suffer through a losing battle with AIDS," said Mike Smith, a co-founder of the Names Project. "Many of us had planned to attend the March with a lover or friend who didn't live long enough to see it. This display is a way for us to include those lost friends in an historic event -- the largest gathering of Lesbian and Gay people ever."

Whereas most Quilt displays are composed of panels received by the Names Project since it began in 1987, this display will feature only those panels actually received during the March on Washington weekend. Throughout the weekend, visitors may add new panels directly to the Quilt. Names Project volunteers will escort panel-makers onto the Quilt, and

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## Holly Near Returns To Tucson



TUCSON - Holly Near, whose Tucson concerts usually, as her last one in 1991, sell out in advance, returns to the Old Pueblo to be a part of the University of Arizona's Women's Week Activities, Saturday, March 27.

The charismatic singer, songwriter, author, actress, and activist brings with her John Bucchino on piano and program filled with show tunes, original songs of love and unity, and a glimpse into her recent one woman, autobiographical stage show hit.

This concert's produced for the Women's Resource Center, by the Tucson Shalom House for Homeless Women & Children, with help from KXCI Community Radio in Tucson (91.3 FM), and ITZABOUTTIME productions which has presented Holly before.

The event is wheelchair accessible, sign language interpreted and is a fund raiser for Shalom House with an album's signing reception at the Presidio Grill.

Tickets are \$12 in advance for general admission, \$16 for the reserved section, and are available at Antigone's, Bentleys, KXCI, the ASUA Women's Resource Center and more. For more information call 623-1688, or Shalom House 292-0698.

## Rodeo Schedule Continued From Page One

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:00 a.m. Contestant Meeting (if needed)
- 9:00 a.m. Ticket Office opens
- 9:00 a.m. Rodeo events (Slack)
- 12:00 p.m. Grand Entry Festivities - arena
- 12:00 p.m. Dancing & Entertainment
- 1:00 p.m. 1993 Rodeo Events (Day 2)
- 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Show - Ramada Inn
- 8:00 p.m. Saguaro Barn Dance - Ramada Inn
- 8:00 p.m. Awards Show - Ramada Inn
- 10:00 a.m. "Passing the Flag" - closing ceremony - Dancing until 1:00 a.m. - Ramada Inn.

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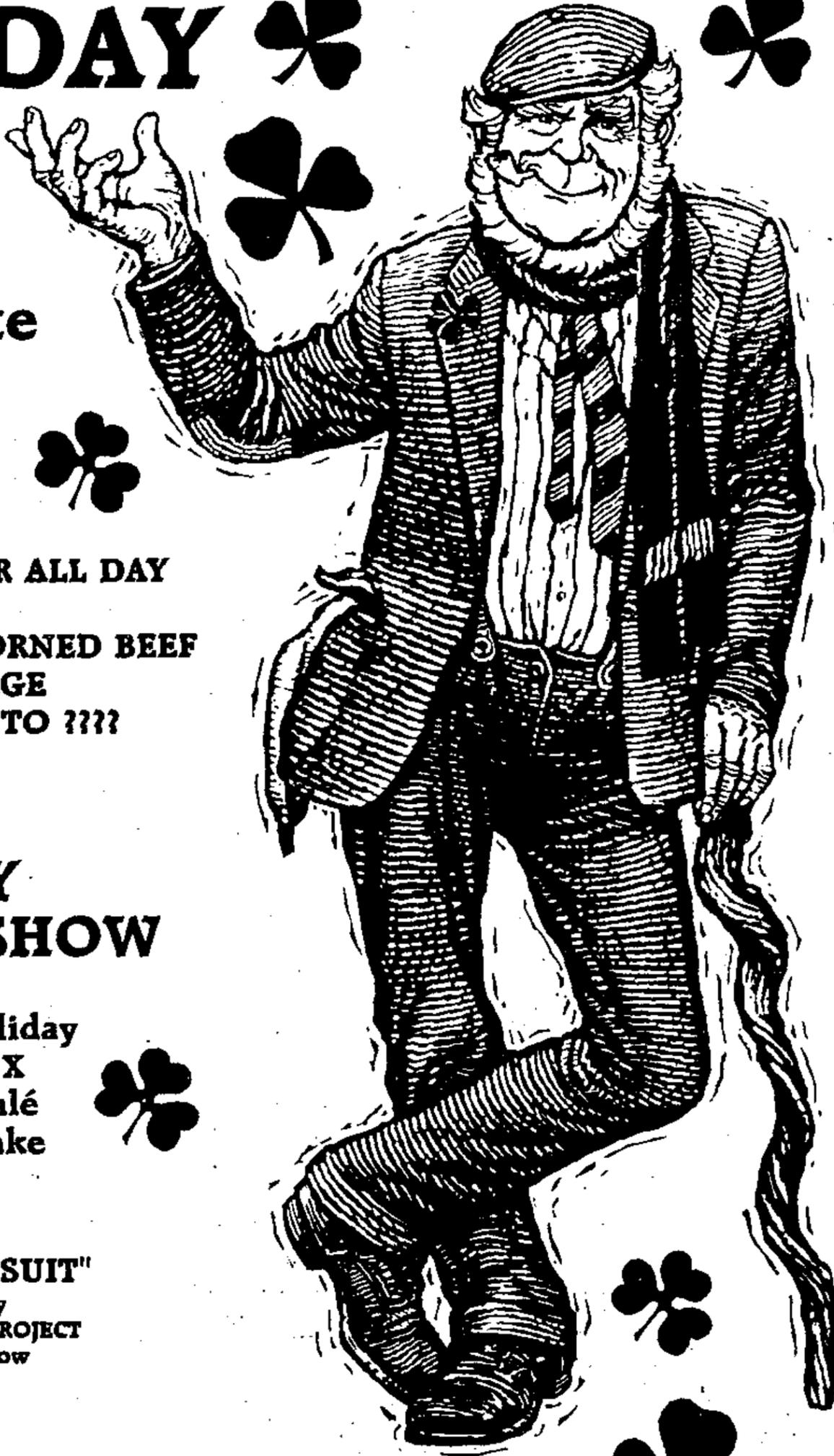
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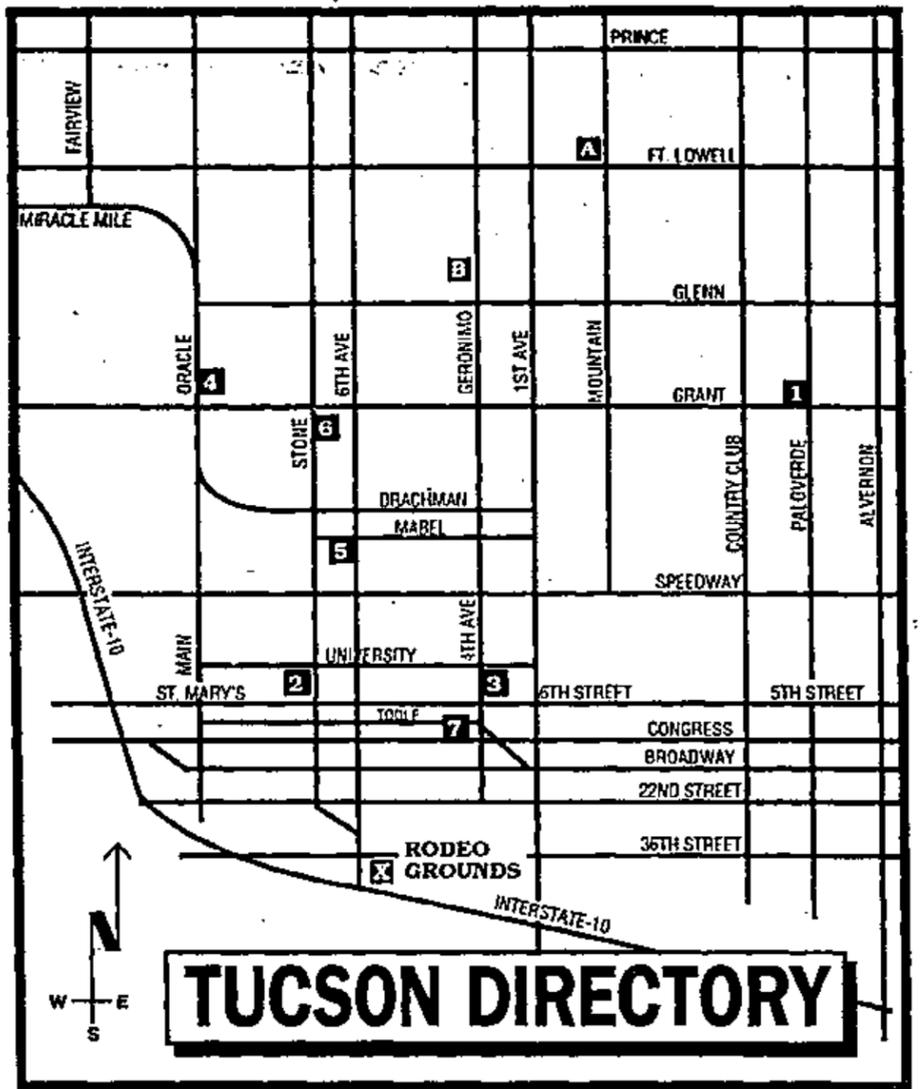
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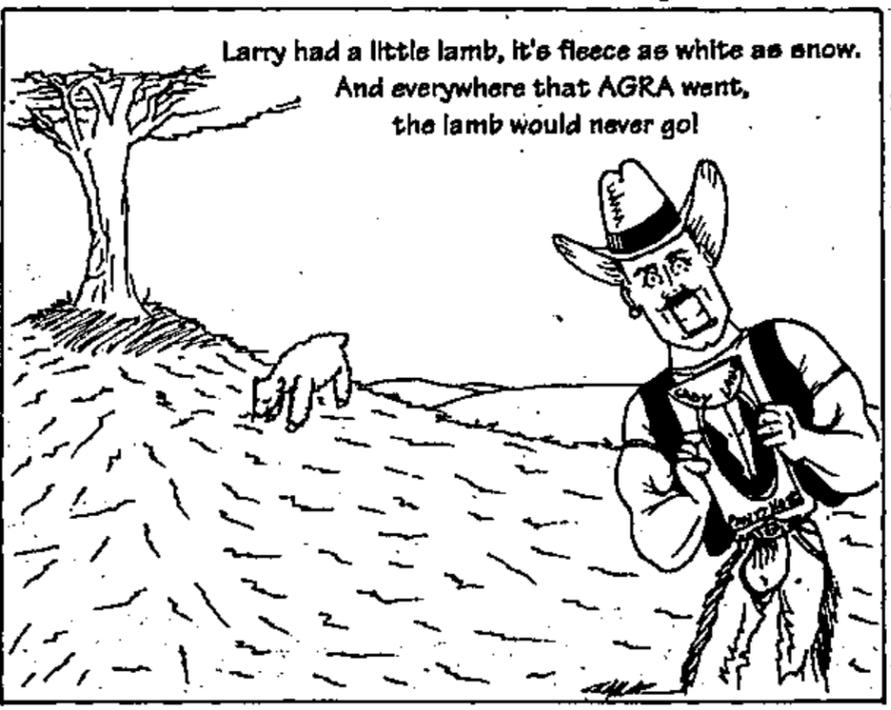
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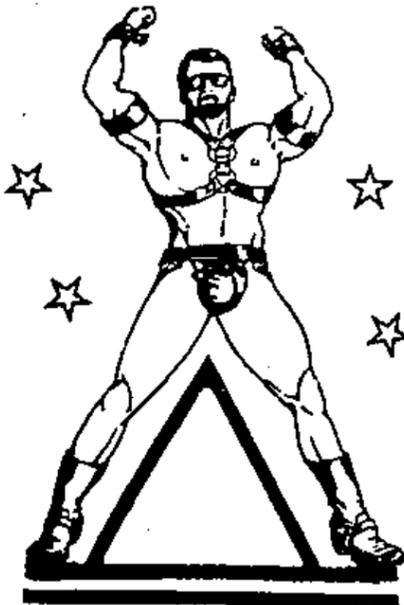
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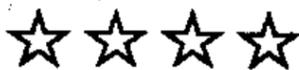
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# Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Tony Smaby

Hello rodeo fans!

Well should I live and breath, it's the Saguaro Regional Rodeo. This week, yea, it's here. The rodeo event will start this Friday at the Ramada Inn with the "In's & Out's" seminar, from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration will start at 6 p.m. till 10 p.m. Also during this time there will be drinking and dancing at the Ramada Inn. More information can be found in this paper, plus there is a map inside to let you know where the bars are located so have a great time and let's rodeo!

Now for the story of our Grand Marshall. A.G.R.A. is proud to have Michael Bennett as the Grand Marshall of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Michael is a real, live native Arizonan. He was born on February 2, 1944 at the J-6 ranch.

When Michael was a little boy, and a young man, he would go with his father to the rodeo. Where he got his first taste of the rodeo and rodeo life. He would help his father, who was a 1948 world champion Bare Back Rider. Michael would help his father with the chutes, riggings, etc. But his favorite memories are gathering pop bottles for 10 cents a bottle.

Later in life he would help his

father breed and train champion race horses in which they would race them at Rillito Downs here in Tucson, and Ruidoso, New Mexico.

After many years helping his father, Michael became a world famous chef. He cooked for such people as Prince George of Denmark, President Lyndon Johnson, Frank Sinatra, and last but not least, America's favorite cowboy, John Wayne. After cooking for 18 years, he took a six year break. Then came back to manage the French Quarter and Rumorz. In December of 1991, Michael & Peter Sittig opened Club 2520.

Michael is always there to help the community as he has been for the last 20 years, and I'm sure many, many more to come. If you ask Michael what he likes best about Tucson, he would say, the Arizona sunshine the beautiful mountains, the wonderful people, and the great Arizona air.

Now a couple words from Michael: "Thanks Tucson, I would like to toast the Gay community for who they are and for what they stand for. They are wonderful! Thank you so much for your support, I'll be the best damn Grand Marshall this side of Tucson."



## Notes From Desert Voices

The upcoming concert of Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian choir, will be held on March 27 at 8 p.m. at Unity of Tucson, 3617 North Camino Blanco.

Tickets, which are \$5, can be purchased from Antigone Books, 604 North Fourth Avenue, or at the door the night of the concert.

We are aware that Holly Near will be in concert that same night. Changing the date of our performance was discussed, but it was decided that doing so would be next to impossible, considering all factors.

Which brings up a thought in my own mind: Wouldn't it be nice if there were more programs of interest to the Gay and Lesbian community here in Tucson?

Let me say, from the beginning, that I am not eluding that Holly Near's draw is only the Lesbian community. But let's just face it, Holly; there are a lot of us out there who love your music and would be there that night if we could be.

But back to my original thought, I have a friend who calls Tucson "Too-Slow, Arizona." She has a point, especially when it comes to programs of interest to us as a group.

It would be wonderful if we could see two activities happening at the same time and be able to say to ourselves, "What do you know? Both Desert Voices and Holly Near will be having concerts here on the same night. I guess I'll just have to decide which one to attend."

Instead, we get all worked up about it because it's been too long since the last event like it happened in Tucson, er Too-Slow. We ask ourselves how this could have happened.

Well, in this particular instance, it happened because we didn't know about the concert until recently, after all arrangements for our own performance had been made.

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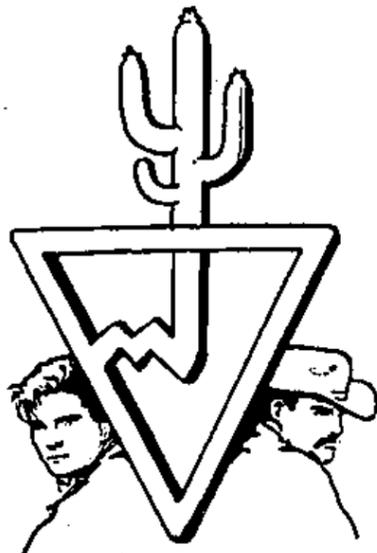
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### WHAT'S UP DOC???



This coming Saturday, if you think you have seen me in two different places at the same time, don't worry, you did. It seems I've booked myself at two different locations at the same time. This is going to be interesting. First off I'll have to be at the Venture-N Saturday morning, leaving there for the rodeo grounds to play Security Guard.

This is all because of two different events going on at the same time. Not only will Tucson be receiving guest from Houston for the Venture-N's "Hides of March" weekend but also guests for the 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Yes, I think it is going to be a rowdy time in the Old Pueblo with both events going on at the same time. After last year's events, I wonder how many marriages will come about this year?

Last week I mentioned about this year's Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen contest starting up. As luck would have it, or just good timing, also appeared in that issue all the rules governing. Well guess what, as of this past Sunday I have met the first couple to declare their candidacy. They are, and hoping to run on the Red Team, Candas and Mario, from the Venture-N. Good luck to both of you and all future contestants.

This past Sunday, I, along with other "First Ladies" had a short meeting, covering this year's version of the First Ladies weekend run. This year, the run is going back to a camp-out style, and will be held at the Coronado National Forest, Turkey Creek camp site. The run has also been moved up to June 18-20. And as in the past, the run will be breaking camp early Sunday morning so everyone can return to Tucson and attend the Gay Pride Picnic.

Applications for this run will be appearing on different bulletin boards in the next week or two, as soon as I can get them run off and distributed. (Just another excuse for me to travel). Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar so that you can attend.

Upon receiving your application, you will receive a map to the camp site. Members of the different supporting clubs will arrive that Friday afternoon to welcome you. A serve-yourself-type-meal will await you, maybe nothing fancy but something to get your insides ready for a few cocktails. I'll be placing more information on this run in later columns.



TBBS: There was no way I could let the following pass, regardless whether I'm 86'd out of the bar or not. Picture Denver and Richy sparring in a verbal battle.

Comments were made about Richy's mustache. Then Denver said "He was trying to get his tongue into my little life saver hole." Watching and listening to the two of them, I was reminded of the old TV series, Laurel and Hardy.

I guess that will be it for this week. Don't forget this Saturday afternoon at the Graduate, it will be time for Partners' beer bust. And, hopefully the Wildcats will be on TV. So until next week, keep a cool tool - play with it in only safe ways.

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# Mike Bennett AGRA Grand Marshall



both world leaders and celebrities. He moved mobile homes for a living as a rental manager, was a local bar manager and door man for four years and is presently in his second year as one of the owners with long time friend, Peter Sittig of Club 2520. He deeply loves the Gay community and credits the community with much of his success.

"As a business person, I will always try to further a positive image for the Gay community," stated Michael. Michael beamed with pride as he recounted the holiday achievements of his staff during last holiday season, the bar sponsored two families and purchased over 150 gifts at Christmas for them. And the numerous toys collected Toys For Tots was impressive. He always made a point of informing these agencies that this was coming from a Gay owned and Gay run business. He has also been extremely generous in the AIDS community; helping both individuals and organizations to raise money to help people live with AIDS. He is the type of person who doesn't seek recognition for his efforts, just the satisfaction of helping. In his lifetime, though, he said his greatest loss, was that of his friend, Mr. Roger Barger, who may be gone but will not be forgotten.

He has a very light side, as well. And if you have ever spent any time talking to him, you will know that he even has a bit of a warped sense of humor. A good example of that is a statement that he has made in regards to what he'll arrive in at this year's rodeo: "Since they don't make Kliesdales big enough, I'll have to settle for a Cadillac."

"I would like to thank A.G.R.A. for the privilege of having been selected Grand Marshall." Now let's get out and Rodeo this weekend. Michael Bennett, 1993 Saguaro Grand Marshall.

TUCSON - "I toast all the men and women for who they are and for what they are," stated Mr. Michael Bennett, 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Grand Marshall. Michael was born on the J-6 Ranch outside of Benson, Arizona, in 1944. His father was the ranch foreman and Michael was born in the foreman's quarters. His father was the 1948 Bareback Champion. They raced horses for a number of years. Michael is very much at home around horses, in fact, many of the antique horse and ranch things around Club 2520 are from his personal collection. Michael believes that 'Rodeo is a wonderful healthy sport for people who enjoy it. It shows a good and healthy side to the Gay community.' It gives the opportunity to not just to be locked into the bars for Gay recreation.

Michael is an independent thinker and claims no affiliation to any party. He believes that people should be judged by the merits on a one by one basis. For work, he has done quite a variety of things during his lifetime. He describes it as anything from digging for cans in a dumpster to serving the rich and famous. In his earlier days he was a rancher, and believe it or not, a jockey at Rillito Downs in the 1950's. He was a chef for 18 years to

## Bring or Send A Quilt Panel to Washington for the M.O.W.

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then pin newly-presented panels together to form the display. Organizers expect that the Quilt display will reflect the hope, anger, joy and sadness of the March participants.

Covering the Mall between 13th and 14th streets in front of the National Museum of American History, the display will repeat the size and shape of the Quilt's inaugural display during the 1987 March on Washington, when it included 1,920 panels.

This display, however, breaks from tradition in more ways than one. Forming the foundation of the display will be 240 twelve-by-twelve-foot "Signature Squares" - fabric blocks on which visitors to previous Quilt displays have inscribed their names, written notes to departed loved ones, and captured their feelings and thoughts on fabric.

On the morning of Saturday, April 24, Names Project volunteers will unfold these Signature Squares to create the first stage of the display. But immediately after the unfolding has ended, the Quilt will begin a gradual transformation as 1,920 newly-presented panels are added during the weekend.

To include panels in the display, panel-makers must present them in person. However, panel-makers who cannot attend, may send their panels to the display with friends.

Debra Broner, the Southern Arizona Chapter March Coordinator, wants people to know that she will be carrying Quilt panels to the Washington March for those Southern Arizonans who will not be able to attend in person. "If you have a panel, and want us to place it on the Mall to be added to the entire 'International AIDS Memorial Quilt', please call 791-7000 or bring the panel to 621 N. 4th Avenue before April 20th," Broner said.

"We also want everyone to know we are having a raffle for one round-trip airline ticket to Washington, DC April 22 to April 25. For a raffle ticket or information, call 791-700," Broner continued. "Tickets are one dollar each."

The money raised from all the fund raising efforts will be given to People with AID who are going to the Washington March.. "We want the Gay and Lesbian community to know that 30% of the funds raised will be donated to the National March on Washington Committee," Broner said.

"You can help us be visible in D.C. on April 25th. Please donate what you can to the M.O.W. Scholarship Fund or participate in a M.O.W. fundraising event," Broner added.

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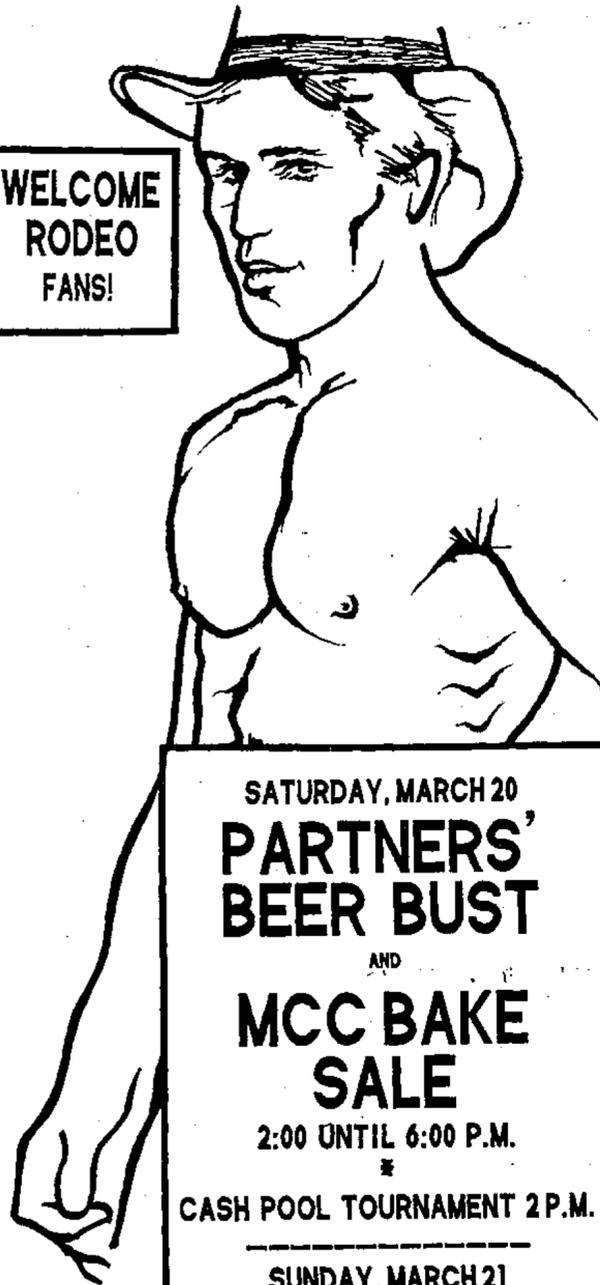
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## POLITICS '93

*by Mark Kerr*

H.R. 431, the Federal Civil Rights Act has been referred to two Subcommittees, the Civil and Constitutional Rights Committee, and the Select Education and Civil Rights Committee. We must act to get the bill heard and moving through Congress. Here are the local phone numbers of our Senators and Representatives to call and register your support of the bill. They will relay the results of calls to D.C. The phone numbers are:

Rep. Ed Pastor (D-CD 2)  
624-9986  
Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-CD-5)  
881-3588  
Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D)  
670-6831  
Sen. John McCain (R)  
670-6334

not been pressured to vote against the bill.

What rubbish! He needs to be reminded that Arizona Democratic Party has platform planks specifically removing "blue laws." The number to call is 1-800-352-8404, then ask for Rios' office and register your disgust with his "lack of action" and that he should follow the party platform for a change! Rios will get the 1993 Debbie McCune-Davis Award for Lack of Leadership. This award goes to a Democrat who vacillates on legislation concerning human rights.

The Recall Joel Ireland movement is picking up steam! If you want to volunteer, carry petitions, or just sign, call the recall number 326-1020 and someone will help you.

Speaking of Congress, Channel 4 (Eyewitness News), finally has recognized that Ed Pastor is a Congressman. Thanks to phone calls they have received, Ed Pastor has finally gotten the recognition he so deserves. There is hope for the world.

Until next time, maybe State Democrats will act as Democrats. Get the hint Sen. Rios!!!

### BEARS of the Old Pueblo

This is definitely not the weekend to hang around the den! The Hides of March at the Venture-N and the AGRA Saguaro Regional Rodeo should provide some fun for anybody who steps out the door between Friday and Sunday. Come meet the Bears as we hang our colors in our home bar, the Venture-N!

Our monthly Video Night for March was held Saturday the 13th and was a great time for those who could attend. We had videos, food, drinks, and Bear soup! (It involves a hot tub.) If you would like to join us for the next Video Night (April 10) call 327-8781.

Friday evening, March 19, the Bears of the Old Pueblo will host a Pasta Dinner on the patio of the Venture-N. Come at seven and enjoy food, drinks, men and fun! On Saturday we will participate in the Color Ceremony at the Venture-N, proudly establishing it as our home bear-er, bar. Please join us as we celebrate. We'll have some special surprises planned.

Are you ready to go camping? The Bears are! We will be sponsoring a camping trip to the Chiricahua National Monument March 26-28! We camped in the Chiricahuas last November and had such a great time that we're all going back! If you are interested, call Frank Hartigan at 327-8781 by March 22 for details, carpooling information, and directions. This was a really great event last time; you mustn't miss it! You'll finally have an answer to that question about what a Bear does in the woods.

Come eat spaghetti with us! Have a great weekend! Spring is here! Huzzah!

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### Bit Of The Old South

*by Sean Thomas*

You have not heard from me for a while because I have been a under the weather. But I am back. And it is time for Gay Tucson to get out and party. This weekend is the 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo and the Hides of March. Both make for quite a full and gratifying weekend. Over 2000 people will be in town for this year's Rodeo. I've heard some from as far away as France. If in the evening you like Country Western Dancing and party than the Ramada Inn is the place to be. You do have an alternative for those of you into leather and of course leathersman, The Hides of March at the Venture-N. Look in this weeks paper for details of both.

It's really amazing what we take for granted. I'd suggest that everyone honestly, take the time to make a list of everything and everyone that they could potentially take for granted. Now don't say to yourself I could never be honest. It's a great way to see what is really important in your life and where your priorities lie. Mine are for example: my family, my best friend, my community, my work, myself, you get the idea. The unfortunate thing is that they maybe your priorities but you are not always theirs. Just a bit of food for thought. I have to go now to start getting ready for one outrageous weekend. Hope to see you at both.

Till next week: Sean.

## MISS GAY TUCSON PAGEANT

### MARCH 28

# Staying Healthy With HIV Workshop This Weekend

TUCSON - PACT will present "Staying healthy with HIV," a unique workshop that provides practical information about what people can do now to stay healthy. A variety of therapies offer hope of living longer with a high quality of life for people with HIV and AIDS.

Staying Healthy with HIV empowers participants to take charge of their health care and establish a personalized health program. A variety of alternative and complementary medications are discussed, with emphasis on research results, anecdotal reports, dosage, administration, side effects and availability. The focus is on affordable treatment options that are available now. Participants also learn about nutrition, stress management, understanding lab test results, and prophylaxis for opportunistic infections.

All participants receive the booklet, "Staying Healthy With HIV". The organizers do not recommend any particular treatments, but provide information and guidelines to help evaluate different options. The workshop will be presented on Saturday, March 20 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, which has been graciously donated for the evening by the Arizona Childrens Theater Company. A donation of \$2.00 is requested, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

HIV and AIDS: Healing from Within is an all day workshop held at a desert retreat outside of Tucson that explores individual health promoting life style choices and inner healing. In addition to alternative and complementary medications, nutrition and stress management, a variety of decision making tools are explored, and additional treatment modalities, such as homeopathy and ayur-

veda, are discussed. In the afternoon, energy work, guided meditation, group sharing and ritual are woven into a healing exploration of emotional and spiritual issues of living with HIV and AIDS. All participants receive the booklet, "Staying Healthy With HIV". The workshop will be presented free of charge on Sunday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enrollment is limited. To pre-register phone P.A.C.T. at 770-1710.

David Baker and Richard Copeland have been developing Staying Healthy With HIV for three years. David is a masters prepared R.N., specializing in health promotion for people with HIV and AIDS. He is HIV positive and has first hand experience with a wide variety of alternative medications and healing modalities. Richard Copeland was the Director of the Healing Alternatives Foundation (AIDS Buyer's Club in San Francisco.) In that capacity he researched many medications, not only through published materials and seminars, but in discussion with hundreds of people with HIV and AIDS who have taken charge of their own health care.

They have presented the workshop at the 1992 AIDS, Medicine and Miracles Conference and, in poster format, at the 8th Annual AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, in addition to hospitals, clinics and retreats. They have each actively pursued various personal growth strategies for many years and share a strong commitment to spiritual values. Staying Healthy with HIV is a project of the Center for Natural and Traditional Medicines, Washington D.C.

For further information contact Robin Hardy at 602-290-9441.

**LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS**

EDITOR:

I am writing to thank the Tucson community on behalf of my family for their continued efforts on raising funds for the Lee Thompson Pediatric AIDS Hospice.

It is such a comfort to know that Lee's memory and work lives on due to the efforts of the men and women of Tucson. Lee loved Tucson and it is clearly evident as to why it stands out as being an exceptional place to live.

Life without my brother's laugh has not been easy, but knowing that so many infants will be helped by your contributions has eased the pain.

**Washington DC  
APRIL 25, 1993**



**DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

We love you Tucson!

Sincerely, Oric A. Thompson,  
Denver, Colorado

EDITOR:

I wanted to thank everyone who helped make the "March on Washington Pancake Breakfast" a great success. We raised about \$300.00

The following businesses donated products and/or money for the event: Peter & Michael from Club 2520, Benteys, Sandy at City Meats and Smiths Grocery. M.C.C. donated the space and Wingspan members sponsor, organize and implement this event.

As Chair of the Southern Arizona Chapter, I want to express my thanks to Bob Ellis and Gary Clark for all the help they have given the 'March on Washington', not only the local chapter but the National Committee too!

Thanks also needs to go to these individuals: Kim, Lisa, Lisa's Mom, Marissa, Leslie, Mike, David, Sparks, Kenny and the two mystery women who cooked and cleaned.

Thank you community for working for all of us to be heard in Washington, D.C. this April 25, 1993

Debra Broner

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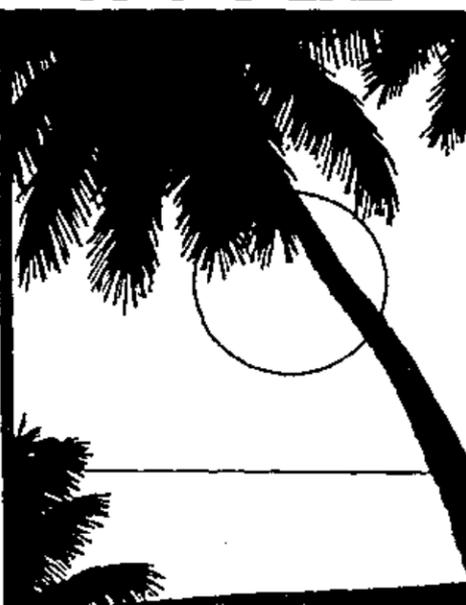
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## Double Mischief

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### Alternate Lives

It's a lovely cool evening as you walk toward your favorite restaurant to meet the one you love. The sky is slipping from blue to twinkly gray, and buildings and trees are outlined with soft, clear light. Walking in front of you is a gray haired man in a well tailored suit. You don't pay much attention to him because you're caught up in the magical twilight and thoughts of the one you love. Then a car screeches up, and a tall brown haired man jumps out and shoots the guy in front of you. As he gets back into the car, only a few feet away, the murderer's eyes meet yours. He knows you could identify him in a line up. While you stand there in shock, the cops pull up.

Your life will never be the same.

There are happenstances in life that mock the idea of free will. The scenario above is a hyper dramatic example, but it has happened to more than one person. Is "free will" anything but a joke, an irony, when your choices are to testify against a murderer and be killed yourself, or to testify and go into a witness "protection" plan and lose your identity, or not to testify and let a murderer go free?

The limitations of human free will have been on my mind as I've been reading *Wives of Henry VIII*, by Antonia Fraser. Free will was as available to the women of the 16th century, particularly the poor souls who ended up married to Henry, as it is to a marmoset in a zoo.

Wide I, Catherine of Aragon, spent years of her life shuffles from place to place, often without sufficient food, as her father haggled with Henry's father over her dowry. This woman was a princess, yet, stuck being the pawn in a bizarre international chess game, she couldn't even be sure she'd eat. Anne Boleyn was executed for treason, adultery and incest, when all she was guilty of bad timing and failing to produce a male heir. Jane Seymour dies from complications of childbirth. Anna of Cleves lucked out; Henry divorced her. The foolish and terribly young Katherine Howard chose to cheat on Henry, and she paid for her sex life with her head. (By the way, that he had her "only" beheaded was an act of "compassion" on Henry's part; one of her beaus suffered the full punishment, which included being disembowelled and castrated while still alive.) For each of these women, whatever life she might have led went out the window when the eyes of the king fell on her. So much for free will for 16th century queens.

A glance around the globe as we push into the 21st century shows that for many people, particularly women, free will is still a very limited concept. Few of us can safely walk at night, and any person, all people, could be pushed into alternate lives by the biggest, or littlest, of events.

I know a couple who met while stopped for a light on a street corner in New Orleans while on vacation. One lived in the Northeast, one the Southwest. Either could have made a different turn, walked a little quicker, or stopped to pee, and their lives would have been different in ways they never could have guessed.

Or take the woman waiting to her if her breast lump is benign. Or the man with two bucks in his pocket wondering if he'll get the job. Or the drunk driver who crashes into the place where the kid would have been if she hadn't stopped to pet the cat. Or the gambler who decides to reform and doesn't buy the next lottery ticket, which is a 10 million dollar winner.

Big things. Small things. Things out of our control.

Ten years ago, the company I worked for decided to move from New York to San Diego. My lover and I had just broken up. I didn't have an apartment. I was in debt, and the bonus I would get for moving was exactly the amount I owed. It seemed like fate, but it was my free will to say yes or no.

I said yes, and ten years later, I'm a different person. I can imagine the me I would have been had I stayed in New York. Probably still smoking cigarettes and maybe grass. Very tightly wound. Thinner and meaner and, I'm pretty sure, less happy. The thing about Robert Frost's two roads diverging in a yellow wood isn't that each provides a different journey; it's that each leads to an alternate life, even an alternate self. The only free will we have is to choose which road to take, without even knowing where it leads.

Who would I be, who would any of us be, if we were straight? What questions might we never have asked? What limitations might we never have dealt with? What roads might we never have taken?

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- 4 PUT A LITTLE LUBE INSIDE THE TIP OF THE CONDOM. IT WILL FEEL BETTER & THE CONDOM WON'T BREAK SO EASILY.
- 5 CHECK THE CONDOM OPEN TO BE SURE IT'S ONE RELIEF IF IT'S NOT REALLY WET!

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# News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming week-end will be the last of winter. March 22nd will be the first day of Spring. The way some parts of the country are suffering with the weather right now, I don't think we can convince them that this is the last of winter. But, here on the desert we are already experiencing spring. In just about three weeks we will be celebrating Easter. This Christian celebration is the essence and foundation of Christianity, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without Christ dying on the cross and then being resurrected, we could have no hope for a continued life after death.

At MCC-Tucson we will be busy this coming month, not only preparing for Easter but by having many events to help bring the Spring season into our community. Spring is the time known for the new and the rebirth of the old.

This coming Sunday, March 21st, starting at 6:30 p.m., the Sunday Evening Deacons' Service promises to be very enlightening. The guest speaker for the evening will be Satan himself. He is going to speak on the way evil works in the world. He will also reveal some secret "tricks of the trade". Please join us for a truly "hell raising night".

Saturday, March 27th, the Deacons' Parking Lot Sale will be held from

8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This will be principally a fund raiser for the Deacons. But anyone can have a booth to sell items. If you have craft items that you would like to sell, for a modest donation to the Deacons, your booth can be a part of this event. For more details, call Deacon Jean Baker at 884-8987 or at the church, 292-9151, on Mondays or Tuesdays between the hours of 12 noon and 2:00 p.m.

Also, on Saturday, March 27th, starting at 7:00 p.m., the Social Committee will be having a "No Host Bingo" party. Bring a prize for one of the games, the cost not exceeding \$5.00, and play Bingo all evening. This is always a fun way to spend an evening, you never know just what type of Bingo game will be played or just what your prize is for winning.

The Social Committee is also planning a field trip. The destination may be the Desert Museum or maybe Old Tucson. It depends on the interest generated and what would be considered the most interesting to those expressing a desire for a field trip. More details will be announced.

Thought for the week: Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to. Mark Twain

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I wonder how many of you are regular readers of this weekly article. The next thing I wonder, of course, is why? Are any of our readers today, like I and everyone else was, at one time or another, feeling a vague emptiness; a need to search for something or someone without a name they could grab onto? If you happen to be one, or even the only one, of such people you can be assured you do not stand alone. I have stood in your shoes; felt what you feel; and cried when you cannot help but cry. Yes, there is an answer. I know because I found it. Each of us at Cornerstone who writes these articles has met your criteria and found the answer, and just as the disciple Paul revealed to the men of Athens so very long ago, "What you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you," in Acts 17:23, Paul told those dedicated idol worshipers, of Jesus Christ, and men believed. I tell you, personally, thousands of years later, the name is still and always will be Jesus Christ.

Christ is more to you and I than an empty word. A word can't change things. Christ does. Every week one of our articles is published because we are

dedicated to sharing with you the liferaft that saved us from drowning in empty substitutes for that inner hunger; substitutes like casual sex, excessive drinking, a little pot, or a little coke. What happens after the high of the substitutes wears off? It's consequences. They're not too pretty. They have a way of shredding morale and self respect; self esteem. Things like youth, beauty, money, being asked to the right parties, keeping the smile pasted on right; well, it's harder and harder to hang onto as a buffer against loneliness, isolation, and sometimes despair.

For me to say that to my brothers and sisters requires an enormous expenditure from me of "tough love," and I'm not good at using that method to offer you my free liferaft bearing the name Jesus Christ, the son of God and the savior of the whole world. I can only do this, and probably only this one time, because you mean so much to me; and I know how you feel. I know just as Christ changed my life from emptiness to fullness and joy, he is waiting right now to do the very same thing for each and every one of you. Not only is his gift of himself to you free, but he also gives to you a freedom you have never in your wildest dreams imagined. Freedom in Christ is freedom indeed!

I am a Christian, and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God loves me just as I am, warts and all, unconditionally and everlastingly; that my sins are forgiven; that my eternal life has already begun and nothing and no one can ever change one word I have just written. All of this is waiting for you also. Our worship services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Come and know the truth and proof for yourself; we want to share with you the pathway to real life we found: Jesus who towers above all earthly substitutes. He came to give you life, and that you might have it more abundantly (John 10:10). See you Sunday.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

**CLUB 2520** - St. Patrick's day will be celebrated here with green draft beer all day and corned beef and cabbage from 6 to when it runs out. Then a big show starring Lucinda Holliday, Madame X, Gilda Falale and Jessica Blake. It begins at 8:30 and the Tucson Think Positive Project will hold a new game "Sexual Pursuit" which will be played during the show with prizes awarded to winners. A great day for the Irish and anyone else attending also.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 18

**CLUB 2520** - Pre-Rodeo show starring the very popular country vocalist Dena Kaye traveling on her "Magic Tour". Two shows only, 9 and 11 p.m. Be there, she's terrific!

## FRI., SAT. & SUN., MARCH 19-20-21

**VENTURE-N** - The Hides Of March will take place here for a three-day weekend celebration. Beware!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

**GRADUATE** - Partners will host their monthly Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m. and MCC will hold another of their terrific Bake Sales during the same period. Come on by and eat, drink and be Merry.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 21

**GRADUATE** - Benefit show for Lucinda Holliday for Miss Gay Tucson and it begins at 2:30 in the afternoon! The show will feature Kyra Starr (Miss Gay Arizona), Candy Plastique (Miss Gay Tucson), former Miss Gay Tucson, Raven and other surprise guests.

**RUMORZ** - One of the best country/western bands in Arizona will be playing here tonight beginning at 9 p.m. John E. Mann and his country band will play their hearts out for you C/W fans.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**RUMORZ** - A Benefit show for Mr. Dani Reid, who is running for the Miss Gay Tucson title. This show will star Cristina, Kyra, Felicia Farr, Alota Whoremomms, Porche Darkfire and Mr. Monte Jon. Dani is being sponsored by Rumorz, come on out and show him your support.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**RUMORZ** - Miss Gay Tucson Pageant will take place on Sunday, March 28, but there is a pre-pageant show to be held here at Rumorz tonight. Stop by and view the contestants and some of the talented performers who will be appearing in the big Pageant tomorrow night.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**CLUB 2520** - A Bake Sale and Pastry Extravaganza set for here as a benefit for the OBSERVER/Community Benefit which takes place on April 17. Proceeds from it all go to PACT and Shanti. Watch for details.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 18

**RUMORZ** - 1st Annual Roger Barger Memorial Closet Ball will be held here beginning at 9:00 p.m. For applications and more information call Rumorz or Cristina De Alexis 682-6619. Watch for more details.

## Non-Bar

# CALENDAR

## THROUGH MARCH 20

The Congress Street Gallery, 316 E. Congress, will be having an Art Show with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. Opening reception will be Sat. March 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 628-1400 for more information.

## FRI., SAT. & SUN., MARCH 19-20-21

Second Annual AGRA/Tucson Saguaro Rodeo. Watch these pages for schedule and other information on this big event.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

"Staying Healthy With HIV" alternative and complementary therapies is the subject at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. the discussion is by David Baker, RN, MSN; and Richard Copeland, former director of the San Francisco's Buying Club. An all-day workshop is scheduled for Sunday. (See below)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 21

All Day Workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. gives an intensive look at health strategies including emotional and spiritual aspects of living with AIDS. The workshop will be held at a desert retreat. There is limited enrollment. For pre-registration call PACT 770-1710. (See Saturday, above).

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Alliance (TLGA) will meet at 4:00 p.m. at Club 2520 to continue plans for Fiesta de Mayo, the major fund raiser for Pride Week activities. Persons may submit logo artwork at this meeting or those interested in entering the King and/or Queen of Fiesta contest please plan to attend. Anyone else interested in working on these two projects are also welcome to attend.

Men's Massage of Tucson will have a group massage at 2 p.m. and also a Sensual Awareness Workshop at 4 p.m. on the first day of Spring. At 6 p.m. there will be a potluck dinner and party. Please call Marc in advance to reserve a place. For fee and information call 881-4582.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

A Gay Town Meeting is being called to discuss "Operation Lift the Ban" to be held at Temple Emanuel, 225 N. Country Club. The Operation is being headed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the local coordinator for the meeting is Collete Barajas. For more information call 529-6001.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Starting at 8 a.m., there will be a parking lot sale held by the Deacons of MCC/Tucson at 3269 N. Mountain Ave. Everyone is invited to have a booth to sell their own items, whether personally made crafts or whatever as a fund raiser for your group or yourself. There will be a small donation requested by the Deacons for the space. The more varied the items to be sold, the better. For details call Iwan Baker at 884-8987 or 292-9151. Then, beginning at 7 p.m., MCC/Tucson will have a "No Host Bingo Party". Bring a prize, value not to exceed \$5.00 and spend the evening playing Bingo. These Bingo games are not always what you think they might be and you never know what you will win., but they are lots of fun.

Holly Near in concert at the UA Social Sciences Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance (Antigone's, Bentley's) - \$14 at the door - \$16 reserved. A UofA Women's Week event to benefit Tucson Shalom House for Homeless women and children.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant scheduled to take place at the Ramada Inn Downtown. For more information call Penelope Poupe' Productions at (602)279-3736.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

"Born in Flames", at 90 minute 1983 futuristic film in which multiracial group of women band together in an effort to gain control of the state-owned media. Presented by the University of Arizona english Dept., Women's Study Dept., African-American Studies Dept. Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Assn. 7 p.m. in the Modern Languages Bldg. Room 310 on the UofA campus.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 17

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**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am, Solid Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00. Music begins at 8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookout for community organizations 3 to 6 m. Dancing 9-1

**RUMORZ** - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$1 entry fee. Cash prize. Patio Bar Beer East 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

## monday

**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lever, \$1.99 pm to 1

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moore Madman "Buckets". 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 to 1 am, Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50c draft beer, Mellow Jazz Mondays 9 to 1

**RUMORZ** - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**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. "Wester Beer Nite" 25m out of Hooters \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Squats 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 \$1.00

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

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am, Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Also country/western night with Tom MARS. Lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Bud and Bud Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.

**RUMORZ** - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 White Well 9 pm to closing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

## wednesday

**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rock 'n Roll Roy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, \$1. or Tacos @ \$1 each. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance Lessons with Paul 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's choice 7 to close.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1 am, Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Seasonal short specials 8 pm to midnight.

**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 & domestic beer \$1.50.

**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 - 50c draft beer 9 pm to 1 am, C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 pm. Bar matches post.

**GRADUATE** - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00.

**HOURS** - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am, Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Electric Jazzy 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!

**RUMORZ** - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 domestic beer, 50c Draft or 75c schnapps 9 pm to closing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

## friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, \$3. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks \$1.75 8 pm to 1 am. 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. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am, Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am.

**RUMORZ** - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Onverra. VWDJ Linda Finkle (0-1).

**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. Country Dance Lessons with Ricky 7-9 pm. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks \$1.75 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. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot match.

**HOURS** - Open Noon, Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am, Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am.

**RUMORZ** - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Finkle VWDJ 10-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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# PERSPECTIVE

by Al Whitehurst - Tucson

To help us better understand the opposition to legislation that would reduce discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians, we examined in a previous column two basic arguments for not extending civil rights to homosexuals.

One argument centered around Christian doctrines that held homosexuals acts were, at best, counter to prevailing morals or, at worst, sinful and likely to bring the wrath of God. The second argument was based on libertarian thinking that free speech and the freedoms of assembly and association overrode any rights for Gay men and Lesbians might claim to public accommodation, fair housing and equal opportunity in employment.

The first argument said, "it is o.k. to discriminate against homosexuals because what they do is bad." The second said, "it is o.k. to discriminate against homosexuals because we live in a free country."

These arguments, of course, are merely covers for prejudice and bigotry that have existed as long as recorded history, not only in contemporary Western society. Homosexual behavior was popular in ancient Greece, Imperial Rome and Renaissance Italy, but most cultures, ancient and modern, have condemned homosexuality. Why? What are the roots of homophobia? Why is fear of Gay men and Lesbians prevalent, even today?

I believe the underlying reasons for widespread homophobia are two fold. One reason is that is that homosexual acts do not fulfill Nature's imperative to repro-

duce. The other reason is that homosexuals have not been useful in civilization's economic plans throughout history.

These reasons, as I will explain, have no merit in today's technological and pluralistic society, but they help explain the "heritage" of mistrust and fear for Gay men and Lesbians.

Of all of the biological codes in Nature, the most compelling us that life must breed. From the simplest plant to the most highly evolved animal, all life forms have limited life spans and are driven to reproduce to perpetuate the species.

It goes without saying that homosexuals acts fall short of Nature's directive to re-generate humankind.

Has Nature malfunctioned when it created Gay men and Lesbians? Is homosexual behavior abnormal?

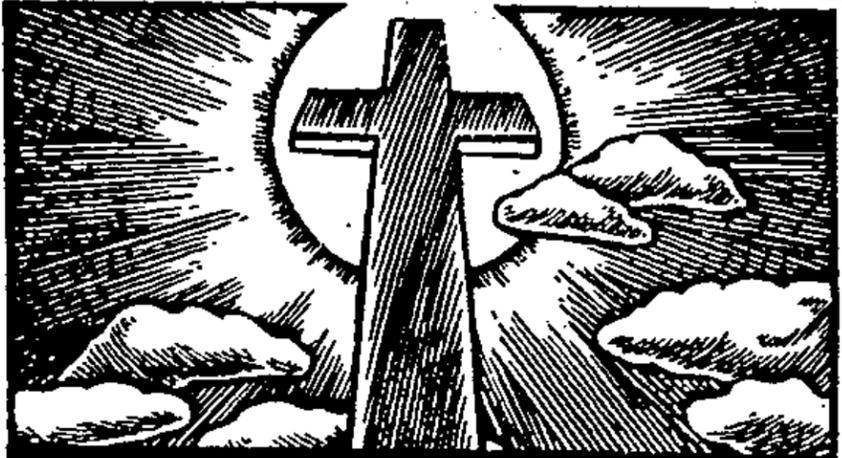
I think not. Recent research suggests that sexual orientation is inborn or, in the words of the religious right, God-given. It is not a conscious preference, like choosing peas over carrots, or a weakness, like eating fatty foods. Homosexuality appears to be genetic, like eye color or being born left handed.

Has nature played a mammoth joke in crating Gay men and Lesbians? Is homosexuality a type of natural selection, handicapping the human species' survival capability?

Again, I think not. Thomas Malthus' famous Essay on Population (1798), explained Nature's three agents for restoring balance between the population rate and the food supply: famine, pestilence and war. Without these periodic checks, Malthus wrote, the birth rate would far outpace the death rate and the multiplication of humans would overtake any increase in food production.

I believe that homosexuality is, in Nature's plan, a means to curb the world's over-population. It is the most natural form of birth control. And it is a far preferable check on excess population than either famine, pestilence or war!

In our next column, we will review homosexuals' roles in economic history. It can help us understand why our culture has inherited a legacy of homophobia.



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**ARIES**  
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You enjoy your independence to a certain degree when it comes to relationships. Matching yourself with a like partner proves to be quite a task. Once the tables are turned freedom takes on a different light. Be social and proceed sensibly and all important issues will not be interrupted.

**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21 - MAY 20

You will be very occupied this week. Everything will be directed towards the workplace and this is good as you are good at what you do and the exposure helps to network and promote your future. Focus may fall on extended education and skill sharpening.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Money seems to help you create & enjoy things this week. Remember to spend on yourself or someone very close to you. Your charity will stretch to other areas concerning your time and the amount you spend with those whom really seem to count on you.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Your domestic situation is the special project this week. One way or another you will finish what you set out to do. After all is done, you will feel an uplifting sense of accomplishment. You have set certain standards for yourself and you are realizing these changes are helping to implement them.

**LEO**  
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Mysterious hauntings from your past illuminate a very special time which you remain fond of. You have a lot of loose ends to fix and as you go through your everyday routine. Match the present to the past and advance beyond this excess baggage.

**VIRGO**  
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Monetary picture is extremely bright and produces a windfall in your favor. If the reward is not immediate, the groundwork has been firmly laid. Look to the short term for an investment return.

**LIBRA**  
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

All of your talents should be directed towards your workplace. Stress and related burdens are placing big demands on your skills and capabilities. This will forge into brownie points if you produce & deliver. Make it a feather in your cap!

**SCORPIO**  
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22

Self actualization is on the front burner as you spotlight your place in space and time. Right now all of your resources begin to place you where you want to be now, in relation to the future as you reassess your position.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

This week, your finances lend to a curvy path. At the same time you begin to trust a recent money making opportunity. Your tendency towards binging could shake your income. When you get a little bit ahead, pay your debts and obligations off and absorb the big picture after that.

**CAPRICORN**  
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Your intuitive abilities play a big role in your business affairs as you practice diplomacy to advance your competitive edge. Your best behavior is required to maintain tact in all your professional transactions and financial dealings.

**AQUARIUS**  
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

New situations throw you into instant social environments apart from the usual. Surprisingly enough, you sparkle with enthusiasm. From these gatherings you gain a special intimacy and perhaps an enduring friendship from someone spiritually connected to your interests.

**PISCES**  
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Passion prevails! This week you just go! You just do! Keep your options open as the forces that be rocket Cupid & his arrow to your side. Luck keeps a close eye on you this week which blesses you with a double header. Give way to all the great that comes your way, romance is a positive possibility.

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**ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933**. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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

**AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHLETISTS** advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5635. Leave message.

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**"QUEER BISHOP"**, Bishop's Lesbian and Gay Alliance, has a general meeting every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA in Bisbee.

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**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP**. If it is difficult for you to start or maintain close relationships, this group will focus on enhancing your capacity for intimacy. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3390 or Liz Gerigan, M.Ed. 293-7886.

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Hinnard Park Library, and Saturdays at various times and places. For more information call Mike at 326-3355

**P.A.C.T.** - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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**P.F.L.A.G.** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 373-8660 or write P.O. Box 264, Tucson, AZ 85740-0264. All replies confidential.

**Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church**, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Counseling out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 333-6835.

**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 Hetchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

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Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for playing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 p.m. You are not alone. For more info call Randy 882-8986 or Lara 298-7990.

**WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 R. 22nd Street. \$2 at door (more if you can, less if not).

## Notices

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 40021, Tucson AZ 85717; call 327-8781; or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Vestre-K patio.

**THE RAINBOW PEOPLE** - United people of diverse gender and sexuality. Gay, Lesbian, TG, TV, TV. All colors of the rainbow. P.O. Box 36142, Tucson, AZ 85740-6132 or call Laura 887-4475.

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**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Billie 581-8850 or Ross 968-2384.

**ARE YOU A GAY MAN 40 OR OLDER?** Do you enjoy the companionship of your peers? Call Crooks 888-7264 in Tucson.

**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP)**, 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmead). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV +; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 321-6226 (Administration).

**GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON**  
Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

**GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?**  
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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

**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. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 824-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. Information 624-1779.

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

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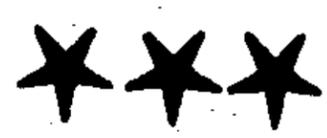
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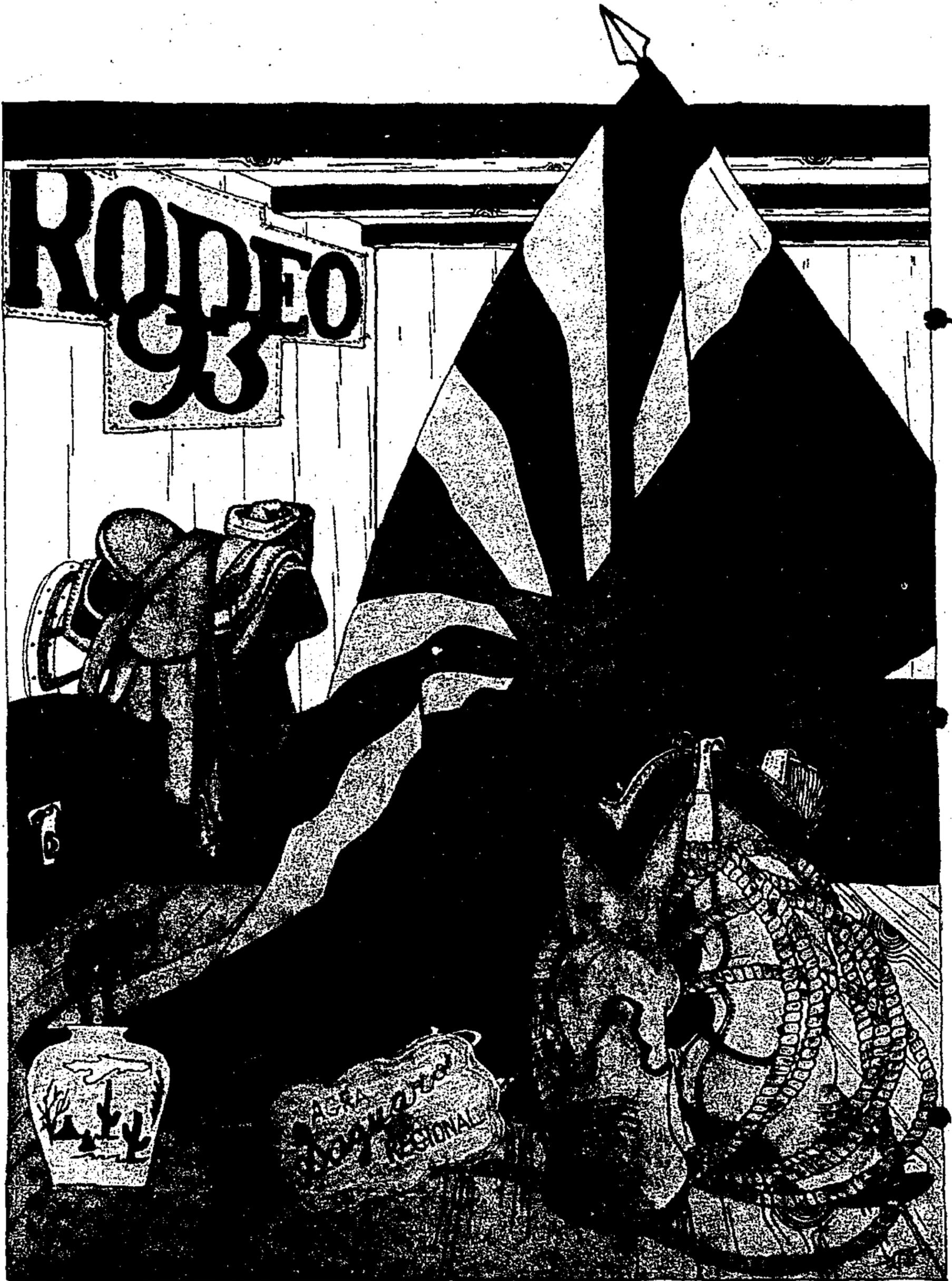
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