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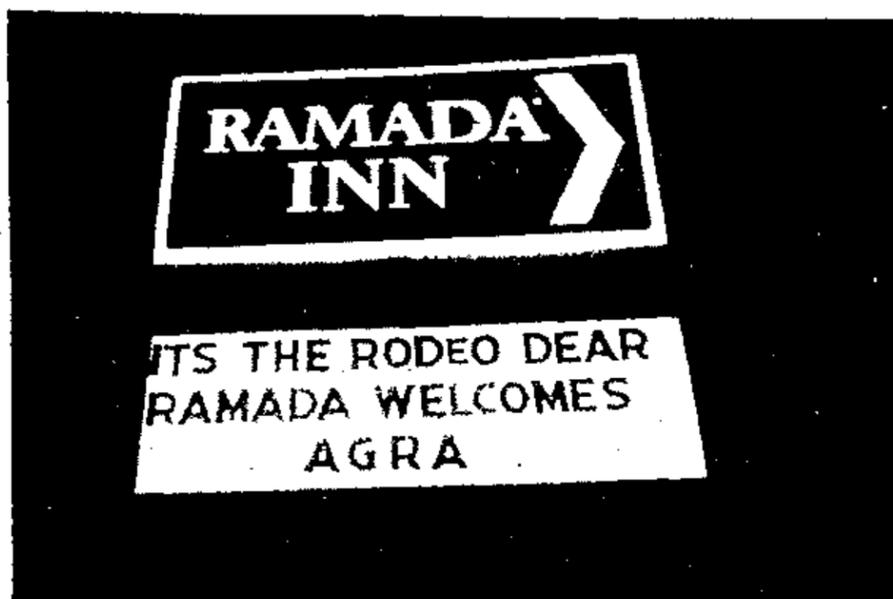
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Saguaro Regional Rodeo A Big Success By All Standards



TUCSON - You could tell it was going to be a big weekend when everywhere you went you noticed new faces in town, and for the most part they were dressed in Western wear. The Gay rodeo was in town!

The Second Annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo, hosted by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association Tucson Satellite, got underway last Friday, with a big jamboree at the Ramada Inn, which was host hotel for the weekend. Visitors were welcomed to the hotel by the huge lighted sign pictured here which faced Granada and 6th Street downtown and was seen by thousands of drivers daily.

The actual rodeo opened at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds on Saturday to perfect weather for the out-of-town visitors who enjoyed the many rodeo events throughout the day, including the Grand Entry festivities which featured the run of the colors also pictured here.

When all the dances, jamborees, entertainment, rodeo events and partying was over, awards to the rodeo contestants were presented. Finally, the best all-around Cowboy and Cowgirl received their awards. Pictured above are Best All Around Cowgirl Sunnie Berger, member

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Appointment of Gays By Clinton Are Made To Top Government Posts

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Clinton has been fulfilling his promises to the nation by appointing people that represent the diversity of our country to top government and White House posts according to Coalition '93, the Gay and Lesbian community's Presidential Transition Project working with the Clinton Administration to consider qualified Gay men and Lesbians for top appointments.

"This is an historic time for our country and for our community. It is exciting to see qualified men and women, who are openly Gay and Lesbian, being able to serve our country and not be hiding behind closet doors", said Andrew Barrer, Coalition '93 Director. "Many other recommended candidates for appointments have received interviews and are under consideration as the appointment process moves forward." In addition to being the Coalition '93 Director, Barrer served as an advisor to President Clinton on health care financing during the transition period following the election.

The most recent appointments include: Peter Pappas, a former New York attorney, to the position of Special Counsel to the President at The White House. Keith Boykin, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, as Special Assistant to the President and director of news analysis in the Office of Communications at The White House. Romulo "Romy" Diaz, Jr., a longtime career staff person and attorney at the Department of Energy, has been appointed as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is awaiting her confirmation hearing with the Senate Banking Committee.

"These appointments, and others to follow, demonstrate President Clinton's commitment to equal rights for all men and women in this country," remarks Barrer. "Young people will have positive role models to see that being Gay or Lesbian doesn't close doors to them."

Hypocritical Congressmen To Be Called Upon To Lift The Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A group of former senior White House officials, Congressional staffers, lobbyists, and consultants have organized the Nathan Hale Brigade. The Brigade will uncover the hypocrisy of members of Congress who vote to preserve the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military but whose private behaviors belie their policy positions.

The Brigade will persuade members of Congress to consider all the ramifications of a vote against the President's Executive Order to secure the right of Gay men and Lesbians to serve their country in its armed forces.

Accessing established networks of Washington insiders, the Brigade is compiling details of financial misconduct, marital infidelity, sexual harassment, the use of prostitutes, and homosexual encounters by members of both the Senate and the House. Well placed informants already have sworn and documented reports of gross improprieties by individual members.

Philip Determan, the Commander of the Brigade, said, "The private lives of elected officials used to be off limits to the press and public. But when the constitutional rights of a whole segment of our society are at stake, members of Congress cannot hold their constituents to one standard of behavior while they enjoy another. Congress will vote after July 15th on whether Gay men and women can serve their country, whether they will live in segregated barracks, be relegated to non-combat assignments, or suffer other discrimination. We don't think it's fair that

the rights of a whole group of American citizens be decided by a handful of hypocrites. We intend to make sure no one will cast an hypocritical vote on this issue."

Determan continued, "Our initial effort is the collection of information from anyone with firsthand, personal knowledge of the improprieties of members of Congress." Determan invited the public to address its correspondence concerning elected officials to the Nathan Hale Brigade, P.O. Box 5830, Bethesda, Maryland 20824. Determan also suggested some members of the public may want to call him at 301-652-8809.

NCOD Merges With HRCF

WASHINGTON, D.C. - National Coming Out Day, the six year old grassroots organization known for organizing events around the country each year on October 11th will merge with Triangle Institute, the non-profit organization affiliated with the Human Rights Campaign Fund. National Coming Out Day will continue to operate as a primarily volunteer organization.

Rob Eichberg, Co-Founder and Former Co-Chair of National Coming Out Day, called the merger "a synergistic combination will consolidate our resources and allow us to move forward as a stronger force in the 1990's." Eichberg said that the election results, including the passage of an anti-Gay initiative in Colorado

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UPDATE

Bus Tour Promotes Gays In The Military

MINNEAPOLIS - A group of veterans and people discharged from the military for being Gay boarded a bus, beginning a six week nationwide tour to rally support for homosexuals in the military.

Sponsors said the "Tour of Duty: Live & Let Serve" trip is expected to cover 32 cities in 24 states, ending with a march in Washington, D.C.

"I'm on this tour, and I'm proud to be in it," said 74 year old Herb King of San Diego, a Gay veteran who fought in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

Organizers of the Washington based Campaign for Military Service they will be joined during the trip by others who support President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military.

Injurious Masochistic Sex A Crime In England

LONDON (AP) - England's highest appeals court has ruled that people who inflicts injuries during sadomasochistic sex are guilty of criminal assault, and consent is no defense.

In a narrow 3-2 ruling Thursday that was attacked by civil liberties campaigners, the House of Lords, the top appeals court, dismissed appeals by five men.

In 1990, the five were convicted of assault by London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court and were sentenced to prison terms of up to 4 1/2 years.

The Court of Appeal, the court immediately below the House of Lords, later reduced their sentences but upheld the convictions.

The two judges who disagreed said they believed such acts were not criminal between consenting adults.

Three of the men said they will appeal to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, on grounds that the House of Lords' ruling denied an individual's right to privacy.

Man's Phone Stays Busy After Misprint In Porn Magazine

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) - A 79 year old man whose phone number popped up in a porn magazine was tormented for weeks by a deluge of callers who let their libidos do the talking.

Police in Darmstadt said yesterday that the unidentified man, harassed day and night by men looking for some-

body to talk dirty to them, buried his phone in pillows to muffle the incessant ringing.

He finally contacted police, who traced the problem to a nationwide men's magazine that accidently printed his number in an advertisement for "telephone sex."

"The Truth Shall Set You Free" Four-Day Revival

TUCSON - Casas De La Paloma Apostolic Church, located at 225 West Flores will host a four day revival March 25th through the 28th. Guest preacher will be Rev. Michael W. Tucker, Pastor of God's Garden Growth Center in Blythe, California.

Services will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00, Sunday morning at 11:00, and Sunday night at 6:30. Two workshops will be held on Saturday by Rev. Michael Valdez from Brownwood, Texas. Topics to include Prison Ministry. Time is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 to 3:00. A pot luck lunch is scheduled between each workshop. All are invited.

The title of the four day revival is "The Truth Shall Set You Free." The Thursday night service will be a Prayer Vigil to start the revival off. For more information, contact the church at P.O. Box 14003, Tucson, Arizona 85732-4403, or call Pastor Sandy Lewis at 323-6855.

Rodeo Success

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of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association from Glendale, California; and Best All-Around Cowboy, Dennis Terrell a member of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association from Phoenix.

The membership of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) both Phoenix and Tucson should be proud of the manner in which this rodeo was presented and the nearly flawless presentation and professional manner in which all events both at the rodeo grounds and at the hotel were handled. Tucson should be proud of you and we look forward to an even bigger and better Saguaro Regional Rodeo III next year. Congratulations.

GRIEF GROUP REGISTRATION

Shanti's Grief Group begins on Wednesday, March 31st from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Shanti Office.

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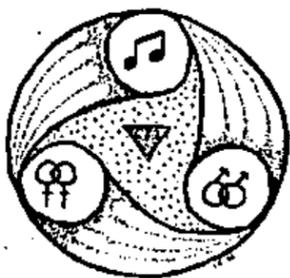
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Ruling Declaring Navy's Ban Unlawful Is To Stay In Place

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A ruling declaring the Navy's ban on homosexuals unconstitutional will remain in effect while the issue is appealed, a federal court ruled.

The government has asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for an emergency stay setting aside the ban until the case involving Petty Officer Keith Meinhold is resolved. Meinhold, a sonar instructor at Moffat Field Naval Air Station near San Francisco, was discharged after revealing that he is Gay.

He was reinstated after U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. ruled that the Navy's ban on homosexuals violates the Constitution's equal protection guarantee. The government appealed.

The two judge appeals panel that issued yesterday's ruling from San Francisco said there was still a legitimate dispute over whether Hatter's ruling applied to every Gay sailor or only Meinhold.

But, the court added, "it is difficult to see how appellants will be substantially harmed pending appeal."

Officials of the Navy and Justice Department didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Meinhold, who was in Stockton, California, to deliver a speech last night,

said he hoped the issue would be resolved soon.

"It's unfortunate we even had to have an appeal and spend the taxpayers' money again, although that's the government spending it and not me," Meinhold said. His lawyer, John McGuire of Los Angeles, said the government had crafted its request for the stay in such a way as to apply to everyone but Meinhold, so Meinhold wouldn't have been affected by the ruling.

"He's happy that we won't it because he wants the ruling to apply to everyone," McGuire said.

Justice Department lawyers argued that Hatter's ruling conflicts with President Clinton's interim policy on Gays in the military.

But the appeals court noted that Hatter's injunction forbids discharge based on homosexual orientation and a presidential directive precludes similar discharges and directs that homosexual be transferred to standby reserve instead.

The appeals court said that because military terms "indicate that transfer to the standby reserve is not a discharge from military service, there does not appear to be a conflict between the district court's permanent injunction and the presidential directive."

NCOD Merges (Continued from page one)

do, demonstrated the need for a coordinated educational effort to counter the efforts of the Far Right. "It is very important that we do everything we can to educate the public so that Gay rights area winning issue politically," Eichberg said. "The Campaign Fund's ability to reach out to larger numbers of Americans will strengthen National Coming Out Day and allow its efforts to continue to grow."

Co-Founder and Former Co-Chair Jean O'Leary expressed strong support for the merger. "This merger will take NCOD to the next plateau," O'Leary stated. The commitment of HRCF and the resources of Triangle will enable NCOD to become a truly national year round campaign. Invisibility and homophobia is where our oppression begins; coming out and passing legislation that secures our rights is where it ends. NCOD and HRCF belong together," O'Leary continued.

Eichberg called the merger "strategic and visionary," and noted that the political work of the Human Rights Campaign Fund plays an important role in

easing the coming out process for millions of Lesbian and Gay Americans. "By making political change possible, the Campaign Fund makes it easier for people to come out. By coming out, our community makes it possible for legislative victories to be won."

"Our community will benefit from the merger of NCOD into the grassroots work of the Campaign Fund," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "We know from our experience on Capitol Hill that "coming out" is a political act. Our ability to lobby effectively is enhanced when members of Congress know that Lesbian and Gay Americans live and work in their Congressional districts."

The Campaign Fund, with more than 65,000 members nationwide, will integrate National Coming Out Day into its existing membership network to increase the number of volunteers available for events scheduled annually for National Coming Out Day.

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The Spring concert will begin at 8 p.m. at Unity of Tucson, 3617 North Camino Blanco, which is south off of River Road between Swan and Craycroft roads. Tickets are available at Antigone Books or can be purchased at the door for \$5.

The Saturday night performance will consist of a wide variety of music, ranging from G.F. Handel to contemporary pieces. The primary focus of the concert will be on music written by Gay and Lesbian composers.

Jim Gall, the director for the past three seasons, has worked hard to make this an exciting and challenging program.

Pastiche, the group's small ensemble of 16 voices, will perform several

selections, including two written by Jamie Anderson. Pastiche performed these pieces with her when she was here in February.

The men and women of the chorus will also perform separately, in a couple of selections of their own.

Everyone in the group has worked very hard to put this concert together and it really shows in the beauty of the music.

The group has grown steadily in the last year or so. Presently, there are over 40 members. The programming of the group is also expanding this year, with two separate concerts being given in this season. A second concert will be given in June, during Gay Pride Week.

Please support the Tucson group this weekend, by attending the concert. It will be a great place to be on a warm Saturday night.

Bit Of The Old South by Sean Thomas

What a wild weekend! Between the Saguaro Regional Rodeo and the Hides of March one could not conceivably be bored in Tucson. And the men, but!!! It will take a couple of days to recover.

And now it is coming close to the time for the Observer benefit. General tickets are now available. It looks like its going to be one hell of a production. I wouldn't miss it for the world and neither should you. For more details about this April 12th extravaganza look for ads in this and upcoming issues of the Observer.

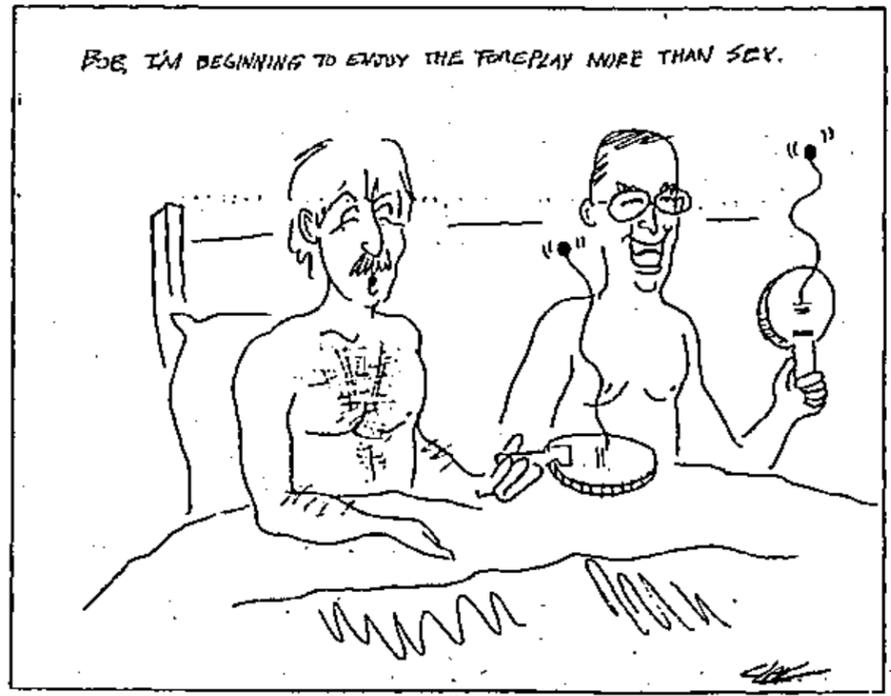
Martin Luther King Jr. said in his speech "I Have A Dream" that he looked forward to the day when people would be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. I most heartily agreed with him then and I believe it applies today. The way one person treats another in a relationship, whether friendship or lovers is very important. It shows something which many people have forgotten and that is "integrity". As a believer in Karma, I believe we get back what we put out in the world. Those who have no integrity and are seeking only

what they can get from a relationship and not willing to give, will get true justice in the end. And they ain't gonna like what they get. That is why it is so important to communicate and be honest in our relationships. That is a true sign of character and integrity in a person. It is hard sometimes not to judge, but always remember Karma always gives back to those what they give out. Sometimes it is hard to overlook certain things and just go on, but that is exactly what we must do.

It is a waste of good energy to focus on others character flaws or abusive mistakes. We should first focus on ourselves and give out good, constructive energies to those around us. Life is too short to waste on pettiness. But always remember that good honest relationships are important to a full and happy life. Negative energies no matter how justifiable in ones mind is still a waste, Karma will come in due time. Hold on to and value your relationships. They are more precious than you think. That's a sign of true and good character.

Till next week: Sean

As I See It..... by Clark



We apologize, but due to the upcoming Miss Gay Tucson Pageant, we will postpone our Karaoke program until Sunday, April 4.

Thank you to Lucinda and the Think Positive Project for the very excellent show here last Wednesday.

Congratulations to AGRA, all the Buckle Winners, Ribbon Winners, all contestants, our wonderful staff, and everyone who helped make the Saguaro Regional Rodeo such a success. And a special thanks to Mary Higgins for her tireless efforts.

Good Luck to Lucinda in the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant.

Congratulations to Jim & the staff of Venture-N for another very successful Hides Of March.

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BY DAVID REID

Like it or not we/you/me are in the middle of a battle. It is a fight as basic as right versus wrong, good against evil. It is nothing less than that.

If you choose to poo-poo the situation facing our community you are on the wrong side of the fight. Like it or not we are front page news. The President of the United States is on our side. How about you?

The battle fronts are many, some drawing more ink and air than others.

The Colorado question, to boycott or not. The real question should be: how did the ballot question get asked in the first place? How was the Amendment proposal even validated? If the Amendment dealt with a racial or religious issue, the howls would have been deafening. But instead, the question was put on referendum, and, we/you/me lost. New ballot battle fronts are being drawn. Petition papers have been taken out in California. Likewise Florida, Idaho, Maine, Missouri, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon again!

How much will it cost to fight this hatred? One thing for certain, it will cost a lot more not to.

The sooner we stop it the less that cost will be.

The battle is bigger than gaining acceptance in the military. It's bigger than the right to legal domestic partnership. It is so big that most of us will never benefit from the fruits of our labors, not even those of us who live to a ripe old age.

Our work is for the future generations of Lesbians and Gays struggling to accept themselves in a world where being 'queer' is taught to be wicked and vile.

While it is all so overwhelming, everywhere we turn, (watercooler chatter about 'those' people, televised bashing by the elite of the United States Senate, the hissy fits of the pompous pimps of the pulpits) the answer is not to bury your head in the sand. Clicking your heels together won't deliver you from it either. For better or worse this is home.

And we can make it better. We/you/me have to. If a Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights bill were to pass the Congress our President would sign the measure. It would invalidate these state by state battles and millions of dollars spent to fight each one of them would be saved. Have you written our representatives? Do you have relatives in those ultra-conservative districts that you 'borrow' their address and send your letter from? Letters to the liberals are fine, the target should be the fencesitters. And, perhaps, most important try, try to get to Washington D.C. for the April 25th rally. It will be our opportunity to show the world our numbers and our diversity. Go! By bus, plane, train or thumb, it will be the singular greatest event you will ever experience. We need

this strength, this shared experience, now more than ever.

If there is simply now way your body can be there make certain your spirit and support is. Make out a check for \$5, \$10 or whatever amount you can and send it to the National March on Washington office, P.O. Box 34607, Washington, D.C. 20043. This national effort is not government subsidized, we/you/me must pick up the tab. It is our responsibility. And we must each take up the cause.



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - MARCH 1, 1993

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS			CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
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APACHE	61,591	5	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	0	
COCHISE	97,624	19	18	14	9	6	6	7	1	43	43	45	2		
COCONINO	96,591	12	11	10	7	1	1	0	0	18	19	20	0		
GILA	40,216	7	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	0		
GRAHAM	26,554	5	5	5	3	1	1	1	0	6	5	6	0		
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	1		
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2403	1841	1445	1106	466	480	264	57	1768	1802	2363	79		
MOHAVE	93,497	26	24	19	14	4	4	1	0	24	24	31	3		
NAVAJO	77,658	10	9	6	7	2	2	1	0	2	2	5	1		
PIMA	666,880	482	462	400	279	68	69	66	10	536	536	590	44		
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In our last column, we explained current society's mistrust and fear of Gay men and Lesbians in terms of homosexuals' failure to heed Nature's command to reproduce the species.

After looking homosexuality biologically, we will this week look at it historically. Through understanding economic history, we can understand the roots of prejudice in moral codes that condemn Gay men and Lesbians.

If we divide history into three stages, hunting, agriculture, industry, we will find that moral codes adjust themselves to their economic environments. It is very important to recognize that moral codes change throughout history to accommodate new economic conditions.

In humans' earliest stage, hunting, men had to be ready to fight and kill. The hunt for food was a collective effort of the male tribes-people. Because of the perils of the hunt, the death rate was presumably higher in men than in women. Some men had to take several women, and every man was expected to help women to frequent pregnancy to make the tribe more powerful and to offset high mortality rates among its members.

It is easy to see that homosexual behavior was not productive in hunting times. Homosexuality did not help the tribal unit sustain or increase its numerical strength.

When humans passed from hunting to agriculture (probably in the late Stone Age), the new way of life demanded new morals, and changed old virtues into vices. Industriousness became more profitable than bravery, monogamy more productive than polygamy, peace more victorious than violence.

In human's agricultural stage, the family was the unit of production under the authority of the father. A large family was essential for successful farming. Monogamy was essential to protect the family unit and because of the approximately equal gender balance.

As in the hunting stage, homosexuality did not fulfill civilization's needs for economic survival in the agricultural

stage. Homosexual acts did not produce new hands to farm the land.

In the mid-18th century, the Industrial Revolution began changing the economic base once again. Men, women and children left home and paternal authority to work as individuals. Children were no longer economic assets, and contraceptives allowed separating sex from pregnancy. The city's anonymity allowed freedom of behavior that had been constrained on the farm or in the village.

In the United States, the abolition of slavery in the last century and the emancipation of women in this one are milestones in advancing morality. But viewed in an economic perspective, both events were inevitable. When America moved to an industrialized economic base from an agricultural one, slave labor was replaced by machines and women were no longer needed to stay home to raise large families.

Moral codes change, we can see, with economic conditions. But economic change has been so rapid in our industrial, and now technological, age and outdated moral codes still linger as relics from our agricultural past. Struggles continue to achieve equal opportunities for individuals that are not based on race, gender or sexual orientation.

I believe that acceptance of Gay men and Lesbians in mainstream society is as inevitable as the abolition of slavery and the liberation of women.

No need remains to cling to antiquated morals that condemn homosexuality, because there no longer is a need for a large, central and strong family unit.

Families today are being brought together by a new moral fabric and a new definition: a family exists where there is love between people.

The growing acceptance of Gay men and Lesbian relationships as an alternative lifestyle is not a sign of moral decay. It is instead a sometimes painful and sometimes joyful passage from a moral code that has lost its agricultural base to one being shaped by our industrial and technological society.

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The Eyes Of The Beholder

The other day, as I walked to the 7-11 to buy some Wild Cherry Pepsi, a homeless man yelled to me, "Hey, lady, could you spare a quarter?" Minutes later, as I passed him again, he yelled, "Hey mister, could you spare a quarter?" Oh, well.

By some people's reckoning, I do look like a man. My hair is quite short, I wear no make-up, my clothing is nondescript, and my earrings are the small hoops often sported by guys. But people with discerning eyes know exactly what I am: dyke type 4B.

I now find being mistaken for a guy amusing, but when it first happened, after I cut my hair short in high school, I was terrified that looking masculine meant I might be queer. The idea made me ill, so I grew my hair long again.

Then, a few years later, when I began to think that maybe I was a Lesbian, I feared immediately turning into Gertrude Stein, short haired, overweight, and badly dressed. Now, of course, I am short haired, overweight, and badly dressed (whatever that means), with just one unexpected wrinkle: I like how I look.

No, that's not totally true. I like how I feel.

I weigh 50 lbs more than I did in my early 20s, yet I feel 100 lbs lighter. The weight I carried was more exhausting than adipose tissue: it was the burden of society's expectations. I've (mostly) let them go. Now, as a middle aged-ish, schlepmy looking woman (by mainstream standards), I am largely invisible to society, particularly men. What joy! What freedom!

And my hair, which is couple of inches long, never flops into my eyes or tickles my ears. What joy! What freedom!

And my clothing, loose and long, gives me plenty of room to breathe and move around. What joy! What freedom!

However, all is not perfect. I can like my looks in the mirror, and with friends, but it's still tough to feel okay in the larger world. In particular, it has started to annoy me that dressing the way I do sends messages that I don't mean to send.

For instance, when I go to the symphony, I am always the "worst dressed" person on line for the women's room. All the other women are primped,

pressed, painted, and pained, but they all fit each other's idea of "dressed for the symphony," whereas I look, to some eyes, disrespectful. Yet I don't mean to dis the symphony; I just want to be comfortable so I can enjoy the music.

Being considered uncaring, masculine, or unattractive is okay, except it's not. That is, it's okay for someone to have the opinion that I'm unattractive, but I don't like being labeled as "impossible to find attractive," as though it's a fact. And it's okay that people call me "sir," but I don't like them thinking that I cut my hair short to emulate men; it's not my fault that guys have monopolized the comfortable styles (and that women have let them). Since I live to some extent around other people, I can accept that I am judged by their standards, but I hate when they assume that they're right!

I discussed this with a friend the other day, and he reminded me that capitalism and sexism need for me to be seen negatively. If I were viewed as comfortable and cute (which I am), and if other women decided to be like me (and like all the other cute type 4B dykes), who would buy the new fashions every year? My looks have to be attacked, because they're cheap to maintain! And I have to be seen as unsexy, because that's the sharpest weapon with which to threaten straight women.

But the Lesbian world is not perfect, either. A woman I deal with by phone is an extremely femme identified femme and loves talking about sex. We have only met once, when I was thinner, with longer hair, and dressed for a business meeting. Yesterday, over the phone, this woman, unaware that she was describing me, said, "You know those short haired, overweight, sloppily dressed women? I bet they're not really sensuous in bed."

I mentally gulped, then said, amiably, "Oh, maybe you're dealing too much with appearances. You'd probably be surprised." Reluctantly, she said, "Maybe."

Here, again, clothing chosen for comfort was misinterpreted as signaling sexual ho-hum-ness, as though a cotton t-shirt could suck the sexuality out of a person.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Obviously, I would not be attractive to that woman; luckily, I am attractive to others, particularly my lover, who finds my appearance pleasing. She's just glad I'm me. And that's all I want to be.



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Well the dust has settled at the rodeo grounds, all the swishing of basketball hoop nets has ceased, and the slaves have been purchased, some of whom have already worked off their slaving period (if you can call it that). All the guests who invaded Tucson over this past weekend have returned home, and the home town residents settle back for some relaxation and sunning.

If you were not out over the weekend, you missed one of the busiest ones this Old Pueblo has seen in a long time. Just checking two different stops, it was PARTY time all over Tucson. It was nice seeing some friends from years ago, John and Munchkin; Mother Johnny was in town, and from the big city of Bisbee Jackie W. I'm sure if I'd made a few more stops around town I would have seen many others in town for some R & R. (I'll bet there wasn't as much R & R as some might of thought they were going to get but who is complaining.)

With all the activities going on at the Venture-N over the weekend, and the Partners beer bust at the Graduate Saturday afternoon, along with their weekly pool tournament, both bars were busy and I'm sure Jim and Art cried all the way to their banks Monday.



A few weeks back I mentioned the owl on top of the boot shining stand over at the Venture-N, stating it was watching everyone and everything.

Well, that is not the only owl I have out watching and listening. Recently I had one taking a fly over Las Vegas and spotted the following. It seems Kip, remember Michele Kristie, (maybe not in high heels this time) but when going over her fence, she ended up breaking an ankle. When I found this out a guest

columnist wrote the following, "Roses are red, Vegas air is dense, Raise your legs higher, When you go over that fence!"

Then Saturday afternoon at Partners beer bust, Ben was telling everyone he is available. At this time Aviva turned to Ben and said that her windows needed cleaning. The look on Ben's face was more of a shock - to think someone would want Ben for something besides a fantasy sexual trip.

Then Saturday evening Jim walked over to me on the patio at V-N and stated to me, "I can't believe this, you drinking a N/A beer and me without a voice."

Yes, I told you last week it was going to be a very interesting and fun weekend in Tucson and the above is just a small portion of the different comments, actions, and whatever I witnessed. And, if you were out taking part in everything and you did not have fun, you have no one to blame but yourself, I know I had a hellofa time.

Now, on a slowing-down weekend, it will be time for TALL's beer bust and meal over at the Graduate this coming Saturday.

Applications for both the First Ladies' Run, June 18-20, and TKO's Spring Fling XIII, May 28-31, are posted at the Venture-N, by the newspaper rack and on the bulletin board over at the Graduate. I'll get around this week to some of the other bars and post also. Both runs are well within budgets of anyone and worth your participation.

I guess with that, and since my other spying owls have not all returned to me, I'll close for this week. Have a loving week and say hello to that new stranger who just may stroll into the bar.

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

What a weekend! Thanks to all who participated in the Hides of March events with us at the Venture-N. As for the AGRA rodeo, one of our members was seen in the Shanti Foundation booth at the Ramada Inn, handing out condoms. He had a great time looking those cowboys in the eye and saying, "Rough Rider?"

Stop by the Venture-N and see the club colors (designed and constructed by Mark B. and Mark G.; thanks, guys!) in the main bar. Our next General Meeting is coming up Thursday, April 1. Don't be an April fool; be at the Venture-N patio at 7:30 that night for information, camaraderie, and cheap beer afterward.

Camping this weekend! Join the Bears in the woods of the Chiricahua National Monument for our second camping trip! You may join us either Friday

night or Saturday; call Frank at 327-8781 for directions, carpool information, and what to bring. This trip is refreshing, fun, and not too far from home, you'll love it. It's Spring, time to quit hibernating!

Our next Video Night is set for Saturday, April 10. Last time was great fun; watch this space for more details. We'll be bearhunting at the 4th Avenue Street Fair, April 2, 3 and 4. See you there! (Look for black t-shirts with red triangles.)

The Bears of the Old Pueblo is a social group dedicated to establishing a safe place for bears and big men and those who prefer their company. There are no membership dues or requirements. If you are a bear or a big guy, you should be one of us! Call 327-8781 for more information. Until next week, Grrr!!!

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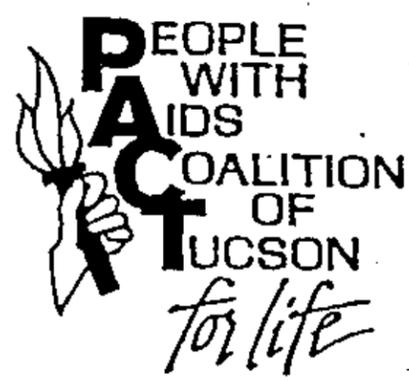
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

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, Aloia Whoremonea, Porche Darkfire and Mr. Monte Jon. Dani is being sponsored by Rumorz, come on out and show him your support.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

GRADUATE - T.A.L.L. Beer Bust and Dinner here from 2 to 6 p.m. Dinner today will be Ham, scalloped potatoes and salad-\$2.50. Y'all come!

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.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 3 & 4

IBT'S - 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair takes place and IBT's will be having female impersonation shows both days at 3 p.m. starring Aviva Diamond, Angelica West, Diva, Cassi Phillips and Dolly Levi. Make this your headquarters for the fair, one of the great cruising experiences of your life.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

CLUB 2520 - "April Fool's Cabaret" a benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project begins at 9 p.m. entertainment, buffet, and 1/2 price on first drink. There will be a special guest performance by the fabulous Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, plus a Glamour & Glitz Raffle for theatre tickets, beauty products, autographed "Tracks" toe shoes! \$3.50 (or \$2 with your Centennial Hall ticket stub from the show)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

IBT'S - Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Eggs filled with surprises. Make this a sure-stop!

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

IBT's - Hot Buns in 501's Contest. \$25 first place. Winner goes to finals in July and becomes eligible for a trip to Las Vegas.

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.

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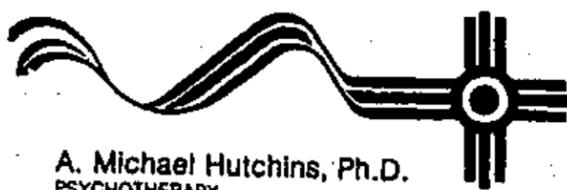
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THURSDAY, MARCH 25

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 Collette Barajas. Everyone concerned is invited to come and discuss the lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military. Bring your concerns and questions. 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 Jean 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.

Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay/Lesbian Choral group, will perform a "Concert of Affirmation and Celebration", featuring music by Gay composers for the Gay community beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Unity of Tucson sanctuary, 3617 N. Camino Blanco. Tickets are \$5 at the door or in advance at Antigone Books.

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

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Alliance (TLGA) will meet at 3:30 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.

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant scheduled to take place at the Ramada Inn Downtowns beginning at 7:00 p.m.. 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 multi-racial 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

"Tongues Untied" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Modern Languages Building, Room 310. This 55 minute award-winning documentary, uses poetry, personal testimony, rap and performance to tell the racism and homophobia that confronts Black Gay men. 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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

8th Annual Observer/Community Benefit at Plaza Hotel, Campbell and Speedway. Reserved Dinner Seating is Sold Out. General Admission tickets \$5.00 per person available at all local bars, and at the Shanti or PACT office. A cast and crew of over 50 people make this a most unique evening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 3 bars, show, awards, raffles, and lots of live entertainment throughout the entire evening. All proceeds go to PACT and Shanti. Get your general admission tickets now before they are gone too!



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CALENDAR

SUN 3-4

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am, Sated 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.
HOURS - Moody Marys and Screw Drivers 11.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Contest for community organizations 3 to 6 m. Dancing 9-1
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Moody 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. \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-D-Q 3-7 pm.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lovers, \$1.99 pm to 1
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moose Madam "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Relay 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 Jack 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. "Monster Beer Nine" 25oz can of Posters \$2.75 8 to 1. 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 \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schaepps 73c 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 Maza. Lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Red and Red 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 Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, SL or Taco @ \$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 Hours 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 Schaepps & 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. Mac's Nite - 50c draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches 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 \$1.75 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 food teas \$2.50 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 schaepps 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 p.m.
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. Hors D'Oeuvre. VJ/DJ Linda Plinkie 10-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am, B-D-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 matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 am.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Plinkie VJ/DJ 10-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.



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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming Saturday, March 27th, will be a full day at MCC-Tucson, 3269 North Mountain Avenue. Starting at 8:00 a.m., the Deacons will be having their Parking Lot Sale. There will be many items for sale during the day. Booths will be erected. There is space available for anyone who wishes to have a booth to sell their own items. A small donation will be requested for the space. Also, during the Deacons' Parking Lot Sale, MCC-Tucson will be having another one of their Bake Sales. Home baked goods with a sundry assortment of items will be available. There will be plenty of street parking available during this sale. For more information call Jean Baker at 884-8987. This Parking Lot Sale will continue through the day until 6:00 p.m.

Starting at 7:00 p.m., there will be a No-Host Bingo party held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a prize for one of the games (value not to exceed \$5.00) and play Bingo for the entire evening. The Social Committee is sponsoring this event as one of their on going social affairs during the year.

The roofers are now working on the main campus building which contains the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and offices. Hopefully, this work will be complet-

ed by this coming week-end. While the new roof is being installed, a new air-conditioning system is also being installed. The Sanctuary will be cooled by refrigeration and should help make the worship services quite comfortable. That is, if our pastors, Rev. Ed and Rev. Nita don't make their sermons too uncomfortable for us.

The Memorial Rose Garden is progressing on schedule. Some of the rose bushes planted the last week of January are already budding. The bushes planted in February are leafing out and they all promise to make a beautiful showing this summer. A rose bush can be ordered at any time but the next planting will be in January 1994. A \$20.00 donation will reserve a rose bush in memory of a loved, lost one. The bush will be a living memorial with perpetual care in a beautifully landscaped garden. There will be a lawn area within the garden to rest or just relax. The garden will be open to the public during the day. Plans are now being made for a formal dedication within the next month.

Thought for the week: You will recognize the first sign of old age; it is when you go out into the streets and realize for the first time how young the policeman look. Sir Seymour Hicks.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Have you ever ordered something from a catalog and waited weeks for it to arrive, only to discover upon opening your package that you were "taken"? The picture you saw in the catalog looked so good. The description next to the picture made the item sound like something you've always wanted. There were even claims by the company of genuine quality materials and expert craftsmanship.

The New Age movement has many different books covering a wide range of interests, some of which are so subtle that many people are unaware that they are even connected to the movement. They attempt to sell peace, love, security, and spirituality well being. Sounds good, doesn't it? Who could pass it up? But have you ever tried to completely unwrap the package and take a look? These books use terms associated with Christianity but with meanings which are totally different. They take parts of verses from the Bible that may be familiar to you and add to

them or subtract from them to get a different meaning. One such book is "The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus The Christ".

Why do this book and others like it attempt to mimic Christianity in certain ways? Well, why do some catalogs claim that their product is made from genuine quality materials constructed by expert craftsmen when you later find out that it isn't? Of course it's because they want you to buy what they're selling!

The most important difference in definitions between the New Age and Christianity centers around the word "salvation". The New Age concept of salvation involves many lifetimes and many deaths before a person finally becomes good enough to be absorbed into the "universal mind", which is the New Age concept of God. By contrast, Christians know that God is a personal God. You are like no other person in this world.



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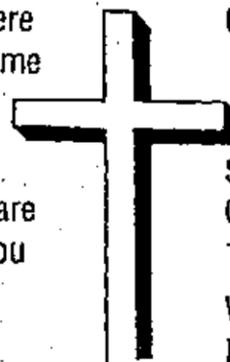
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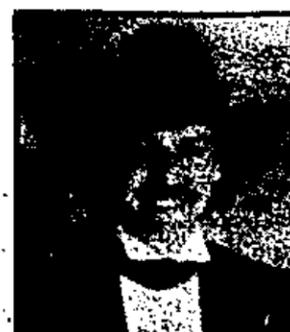
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TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 20

Your livelihood comes into focus as you assess its purpose for you in the long run. You being the "bull" that you are, requires a correct knowledge of which career road to travel. Bounce things off your friends and those around you to be certain of choices wisely made. Dinner with a romantic interests makes your week brighter.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Expenditure seems to go wild as you pursue impulses. After you live through the madness concentrate on tightening the purse strings. Money is definitely in your world at this time and can turn into something very profitable if handled properly. Remember, it's your money either way.

CANCER

This week finds you eager to stimulate your surroundings. Your thirst for knowledge is being courted as is your desire to travel. Many avenues may be explored to satisfy your cravings. Reading or a sunny drive or a different type of social gathering. To bring about a new way of looking at things.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Emotion seems to govern your thoughts as you try to understand certain personal relationships and how they have affected you. Your probe into the areas of loyalty and trust prove interesting and were applicable must be raised and sincerely addressed.

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Someone close to you believes that you would be a good candidate for a blind date. Mars trines Mercury and brings out details about a future or present love interest. Try to share your feelings about this with the potential match-maker to aid in the process to your favor.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Communication is your forte at this time as you have a great amount of strength in this area. This is a good time to couple this strength with education. Your ability will be tactful and directed. As you convey exactly and succinctly what you mean.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22

Through your creative expression you gain ways to better yourself. As you hone your skills you are running like a well oiled engine. This makes you highly visible and respected. You may be surprised who is watching and how it can benefit you.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You have been carrying around so much emotional baggage that sometimes your ability to gloss over it wanes. Try to work through the smaller problems first to decrease the load. As you explore all the reasons, keep a close watch on you sensitivity. Friends are the best support among with family.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Family member communicates personal matters. Your intimate relationship is given a boost by a revelation to you both. Your desire to know everything about your job could frustrate you as you encounter an obstacle. Don't sweat the details as you will learn the necessities all in good time.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Your personal financial picture is looking up and everything you do concerning it at this point seems to have the midas touch. Try to travel in circles were you can get the skinny on the best way to handle money matters. You are looking to profit at this juncture.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Your special talents have once again been summoned. If you have not made it your career, why not think about merging you talents with career desires. Once melded, this could turn quite a dollar for your bank-book. Enhancing your particular skills never hurts in the long run. Perhaps a class or special instruction is in the picture.



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by Tony Smaby

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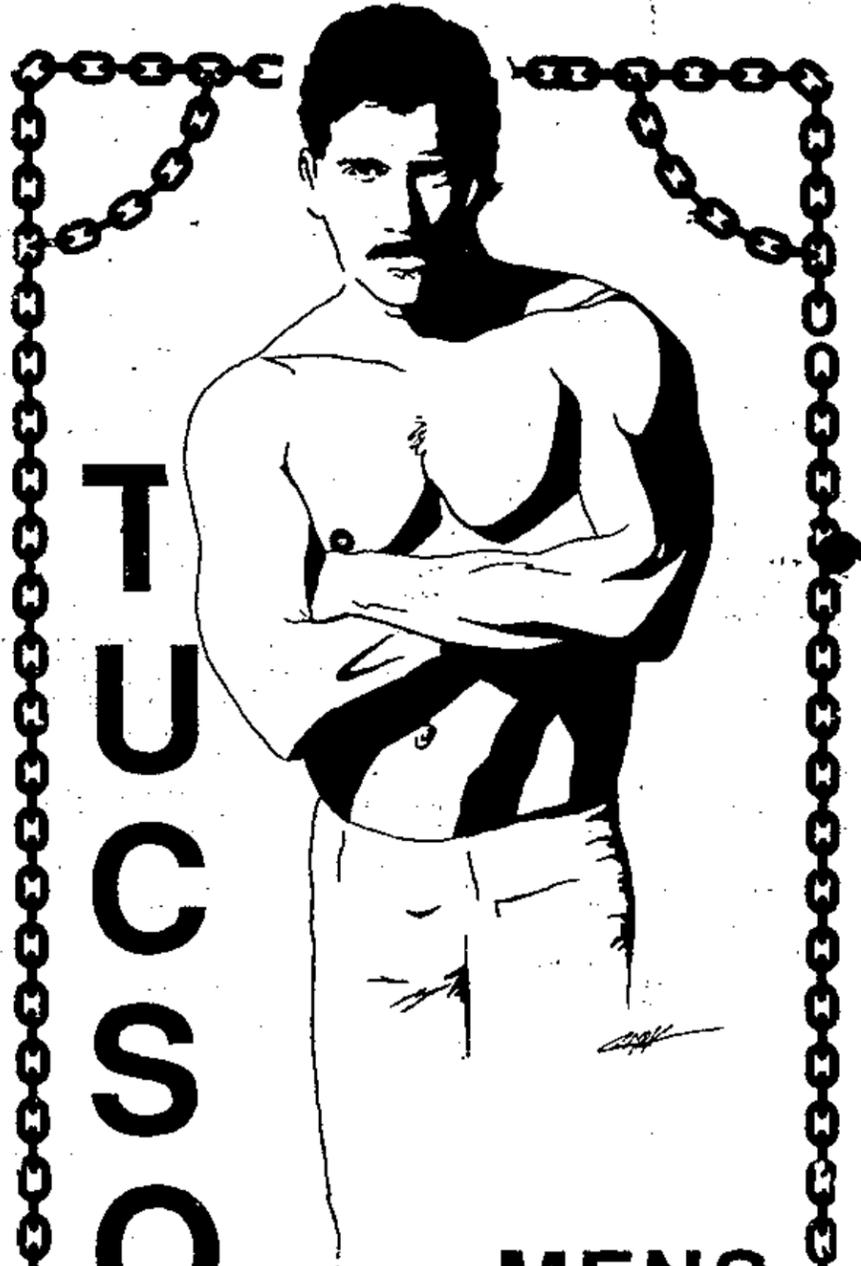
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ing for their sponsorship of the rodeo; The Tucson Police Department, the Ramada Inn staff and Michael Bennett who was our Grand Marshall.

Also, Bob Ellis and Gary Clark, the staff and management of Club 2520 for the great food. Last, but not least, the AGRA Board members, plus the contestants and the people attending in the stands.

I'll be giving you a full scoop next week. But I want to congratulate the two who won the buckles for best all around cowboy and cowgirl - The buckles went to Dennis Terrell (AGRA-Phoenix) and Sunni Bergen (CSGRA-Glendale, Calif).

Next week I'll have the names of all the winners of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo '93. Till next week, thanks.



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

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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 Poothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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CAMBACKE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7207 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 20977, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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

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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.

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 2663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

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. 673-3390 or Liz Garigan, M.Ed. 293-7886.

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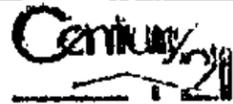
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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

In another race, the Ward 5 seat, the incumbent, Steve Leal will be facing a challenge for the Democratic nod. Jessie Lugo, Gas Station Manager and Board member of the Tucson's Biggest Crybabys (Tucson Business Coalition), announced last week he plans to challenge Leal for the Democratic nod. Lugo's political activities have included as Chair of the Service Station Association of Arizona, one of the leaders of the ill-fated recall attempt of Council Members Janet Marcus and Bruce Wheeler. His "notoriety" increased last year with the scandal of him getting caught taking down political signs of County Recorder candidate, Paul Julien, during the general election campaign. He was cited for this action, when this was witnessed by Julien's campaign manager, Toni Hellon. Lugo and the TBC supported Julien's opponent, TBC Board member F. Ann Rodriguez, and Lugo was on her campaign committee.

Speaking of F. It seems one of her promises is on the verge of being broken. During the campaign she promised she would get legislation passed to have same day voter registration, instead of the 29 day period. To this date, no legislation has been filed, proposed or written. Somebody is resting of her "laurels!"

Two events of note. First, State Representatives Andy Nichols and George Cunningham of District 13, are going to have a Town Hall Meeting at the Wilmot Library on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. For further information call 628-6593. Second, the Arizona State Democratic Party will be holding their State Convention in Tucson this Saturday at the Westin La Paloma. (Highlights in next week's column).

Speaking once again of State Representative George Cunningham, recently when asked about the Catalina High School controversy, he stated that he had no comment about it since it was not in his District. Wrong, George! Catalina is in the heart of L.D. 13. Check your map for God's sake!!

Poor Grant Woods! Getting the divorce from his television newscaster wife, Maria Galaz, and his lawfirm going bankrupt. But the bankruptcy story continues! Woods, initially reported to owe \$100,000 was wrong. He is going to owe over \$300,000! With these impending problems, will he start a Protocol fund, like Fife to help him through these times? Don't you think he has enough problems he would just add to his misery by trying that scatter brained idea!

The buzz around the capitol is

that some prominent Democrats in the Legislature are going to seek other elected offices to get out of the "Phoenix Republican Tar-Pit." State Senator Chuck Blanchard (District 25) is being bandied about for Secretary of State, if Woods decides to seek re-election for A.G. Representative Kathy Eden, also of District 25, is considering a run for that post as well.

Speaking of our ambitious Secretary of State, Richard Mahoney has increased his contacts with prominent members of the State Democratic Committee about a possible run against DeConcini next year. The word he is getting back so far has been negative towards a potential candidacy.

What does Dennis know about this? Allegedly a lot about a potential Mahoney challenge. It has been rumored that they had an unexpected meeting in Washington D.C., during the Inauguration, where Mahoney told him of his possible intentions, and Dennis responded by accepting his challenge.

This past Monday, Ward 6 Council Member Molly McKasson ended the speculation about her possible re-election bid. At the weekly meeting of the Democrats of Greater Tucson, McKasson announced she was going to run for a second term. In her speech, McKasson cited her efforts to keep down city taxes and fees as some of her accomplishments. So far no other persons have filed to run against her.

The Rock

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God did not create you in such an individual way only to eventually destroy that individuality. God knows our incapacibilities and has made a way for us to live eternally with him in his heavenly kingdom. In the Bible we are told "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV)

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