



## Fiesta de Mayo Set For This Weekend, April 30, May 1&2

TUCSON - The major fund raising effort for the 1993 Pride Week activities will take place this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Club 2520. The 8th Annual Fiesta de Mayo is a three-day event and is produced by TLGA - the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

TLGA estimates the budget for this year's Pride weeklong series of events, including the huge Pride picnic, to be \$6,000. Pride week will take place from Sunday, June 20 through Sunday, June 27. The Pride Picnic will kick off the eight-day celebration from noon until dusk on June 20. This event alone has always attracted the largest of crowds - last year's attendance was estimated at over 10,000.

TLGA has always insisted that all officially recognized pride events be free to all which includes free soft drinks and beer at the picnic, free admission to other events throughout the week and if prizes or other costs come up, the committee will meet to discuss subsidizing the event.

Fiesta de Mayo has, in the past years, raised thousands of dollars permitting TLGA to meet its budget each year. The money is raised by individuals or couples who run for the title of King and/or queen of the Fiesta. Each dollar they raise is counted as a vote. The money they raise is placed into a TLGA bank account by the individual parties so that no one knows how many votes each participant has raised until the final event on Sunday evening at the Fiesta, when deposit slips are counted, as well as last minute donations that have been raised during the Fiesta weekend.

This year there are four teams who have been and will continue to raise

money for you. They include, Candas and Mario representing the White Team; Lissette, Green Team; Allotta Whoremones and Rick, Purple Team and Aviva Diamond and Roger, representing the Gold team.

Each of these contestants are to be commended for doing a tough job for their community. Persons who are approached by any of these candidates should remember that the money they are raising goes immediately back into the community for Pride Week 1993 and give generously.

Fiesta de Mayo activities is centered about the Mexican celebration of Cinco De Mayo - the 5th of May - so the theme has a distinct Mexican flavor, but because of the nature of the reason for the event it includes any and all members of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community.

Following is the Fiesta de Mayo schedule:

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 p.m. - Booths open until midnight - food, games, information.

9:00 to 10:00 p.m. - "Royale Flush" Show is hosted by Miss Gay Tucson Madame X, (who is also the reigning Queen of Fiesta de Mayo 1992) and it stars the royalty of former years of the Fiesta, including Aviva Diamond, Minerva, Juan, Kimberly Ryan, Shanise, Leo, Lissette and Conley. There is no cover and the show will take place in the disco side of Club 2520.

9:30 to 10:30 p.m., a live Mariachi band will be playing in the Country/Western bar.

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

6:00 p.m. Booths open until midnight.  
9:00 to 10:30 p.m., "Candidate's Show".

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## Phoenix Pride Set For June 6

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee will again present their Pride Festival at the Soccer fields at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

Their schedule of events includes a Gay and Lesbian Health Issues Seminar on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The 3rd Annual Interfaith Worship Service will be held from 10:30 until Noon and then the "Family of Pride Festival" will begin at noon and run until 10:00 p.m.

The Committee has promised lots of booths, food, beer, entertainment, dancing and lots of other fun things to do at Tempe Diablo Stadium which is located at 48th Street and Alameda, one-half mile south of Broadway Road.

Admission to the event will be \$5.00 per person. Children under 12 will

be admitted free. There will be free passes for the HIV community which will be available through the various AIDS organizations. Passes will also be issued to those who have become friends of the "Family of Pride" - this year's national pride slogan.

The Committee is planning for 4 beer vending locations and 2 to 4 soda vending locations. Water will be available at the stands. Every effort is being made to keep the lines shorter and moving faster. Beer will be available for \$1.00 per glass, soda for \$.50 and water will be free.

The Phoenix Committee is looking for talent to participate in the festival as well as volunteers to help with the festival itself. For more information call the Pride Committee's Voice Mailbox at (602)352-7165.

## Arizonans Join In March



Some of the Arizona Contingent gathering around the state flag prior to joining the

March on Washington last Sunday, April 25. More photos on page eight.

by Ellen Gartnerman

WASHINGTON (SNS) - Their backgrounds were diverse, from a retired Army sergeant to the one-time owner of a Gay bar, but the hundreds of Arizonans who joined the Gay and Lesbian rights march were unified in their calls for equality.

"I am tired of being told that I'm not equal to everyone else. I was born in America. These are my rights, and I just don't get it when people tell me I'm different and don't deserve them," said Tucson businesswoman Colette Barajas.

Equal access to military service, jobs and health care are among those rights, she said.

"The thing that really impressed me was there's so much diversity," said Nancy Kowalski, a Tucson nurse. "But I still feel like I know everybody here."

Dan Case, a march organizer from Phoenix, said at least 400 Arizonans camped near the Washington Monument while waiting to join the hundreds of thousands of other demonstrators in the march down Pennsylvania Avenue.

The route to the Capitol was so crowded, the Arizonans were not expected to start marching until about four hours after the first demonstrators set foot on the route, he said.

Despite the strong undercurrent of pride and the sense of celebration on the Mall, there was some disgust, mainly at President Clinton for failing to show up at the rally. Clinton was in Boston addressing the National Newspaper Association annual convention, and some demonstrators read his absence as a sign that the new administration is distancing itself from its earlier, more controversial stands on Gay and Lesbian rights.

"It wouldn't have killed him just

to be here for this," said Mark Miller, a former producer who has AIDS and moved to Tucson three years ago. He came to the march despite his current bout of meningitis. "It's like he's saying, 'I think you should be there, but I'm not going to help you out. If you're going to do this, do it on your own.'"

But others were confident that Clinton is deftly handling politically turbulent issues involving Gay rights.

"Clinton's doing what he has to do," said Kim Hart, a Tucson medical assistant whose shirt had the word "Dyke" in block letters on the front. "He already has shown his feelings and attitudes toward Gays as much as he can. I don't think he cannot respond to us."

Retired Army Sgt. Dane Hays agreed. Hays was marching in his dress greens, to which several commendation medals were attached, as well as a sticker that read, "No to Racism, Sexism, and Homophobia."

The Phoenix native said he's not used to talking about his homosexuality while in uniform.

"I had to lie to get into the Army; and in order to survive there, I had to keep it private," he said. "This is the first time in my life I can openly wear this and say, 'I am Gay.' It feels wonderful."

Jim Toevs, the openly Gay businessmen from Tucson who ran an unsuccessful congressional race against Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., last year, sounded a bit like a candidate as he railed against the "tremendous inertia in Washington" and the low turnout of Democratic senators at the march.

For most Arizonans, the demon-

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# UPDATE

## Sharing Weekend Postponed Until May 8

TUCSON - Share Bears Weekend usually held the first Saturday of the month to raise money for the four local AIDS Agencies, is being moved to the second Saturday, May 8.

This is being done to show support of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance and their efforts to raise monies for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Picnic through Fiesta De Mayo Celebration & Fund Raiser.

## Microsoft To Offer Benefits To Partners of Gay Workers

REDMOND, Wash (AP) - Software company Microsoft in July will begin offering health benefits to partners and eligible dependents of its Gay and Lesbian employees. "After two years of studying the issue, we felt it was the right thing to do," said Mike Murray, Microsoft's vice president of human resources.

The policy going into effect July 1 was modeled after those already in place at several other companies, including rival Lotus Development in Cambridge, Mass., which has offered such benefits since September 1991.

Participants will be required to submit an affidavit saying they are involved in a "committed exclusive relationship" that includes financial interdependence.

Murray said Microsoft anticipates a 1 percent increase in health care costs as a result of the policy change.

## One-In-Ten To Host Carnival Incognito

TUCSON - One In Ten Repertory, Arizona's Premier Gay & Lesbian Theater Company is proud to announce their First Annual Carnival Incognito: The Masquerade Ball. The Ball will take place on Saturday, May 8th. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. The location of the Ball will be The Temple of Music & Art, 330 South Scott Avenue. Tickets cost \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased at Antigone's on 4th Avenue or by calling One in Ten Theater at 770-9279.

The Carnival Incognito is One In Ten's first annual fund raiser. The evening will include costume contests, raffles, cash prizes, game booths, door prizes, food, dancing and drinks.

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## PACT For Life Receives Shelter Program Grants

TUCSON - The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life) was recently awarded funding from the City of Tucson's Emergency Shelter Program Grant to eligible persons make rent or utility payments for up to three months.

To be eligible, people must be living with HIV/AIDS, be severely impacted economically by the disease, and they must develop a plan to achieve financial independence and social support with our Housing Director and designated staff. ESPG support will be available as of June 1, 1993. For more information about this program, or other support and services provided by PACT for Life, please call 770-1710, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PACT's Housing Program also received \$25,000 through the Community Development Block Grant Program to rehabilitate its transitional housing units. The money will be used to make housing repairs.

PACT offers supportive housing to homeless people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, including emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing. Emergency shelter is for homeless people with AIDS being discharged from a hospital. The transitional housing component provides apartments for up to 18 months to people living with HIV/AIDS while they work on a plan for permanent housing and continued support. Permanent housing is available for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families who, because of health, income, or discrimination, are unable to find other sources of permanent housing. Clients must pay a minimum of 30% of their income towards rent.

## Cornell President Says No To Gay Dormitory

IITHACA, N.Y. - Cornell University's president vetoed a proposal to set aside one floor of a dormitory for Gay students.

"I have the deepest reservation about the increasing tendency within the campus to define ourselves in terms of groups or factions," President Frank H.T. Rhodes said yesterday in a letter to the student government.

Last month, the student government voted in favor of setting aside about 60 rooms on one floor of Clara Dickson Hall for homosexuals.

Advocates said it would give homosexuals students a sense of belonging and a place to escape threats and isolation. Opponents said the floor would be a target for anti-Gay antagonism and would further isolate homosexuals on campus.

## Desert Voices Summer Concert

TUCSON - Have you heard! Tucson Desert Voices are announcing their Summer Concert and celebrating Gay Pride Week. For openers: The setting will be a radio station of the Fabulous 50's our call letters KGAY 101. Music will be hot and so will be the movement of the group. So join us Saturday, June 19, 1993, 8:00 p.m. at Pima College, Proscenium Theater, West Campus. Get your tickets now. For more information call 791-9662. Special box seating with amenities is available for parties of 2-4. Call and ask about it. It makes a great gift.

## In Memoriam

LOU COLBY  
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Lou is survived by Lori Bell, her lover and best friend. She is also survived by Nancy Colby, mother, Kelly Colby, Daughter, and Asarias, Granddaughter. Lou was a native Tucsonan who had worked for the Cyprus Mine for 5 years. Lou was a lover of life, women, beer, and song. Arrangements are pending at East Lawn Cemetery.

## Karaoke Winners

TUCSON - For the past few months, Club 2520 has been featuring Karaoke every other Sunday. Karaoke is an entertainment device that permits a person to sing to literally thousands of standard songs combining the performer's voice to taped, professionally recorded, musical backgrounds. Karaoke has proven to be very popular because no matter how little vocal training a person has, the final production comes out sounding quite professional.

Karaoke finals were held last Sunday, April 25, at Club 2520 and featured many of the weekly winners with a trip to Las Vegas for two as the grand prize. Winning that trip was Teresa Housley. Other prizes winners included, Michael Gegotoca, 2nd place; Brennan Maynard, 3rd and Paul Flores, 4th place. Congratulations and watch for the second series of Karaoke coming up at Club 2520 in the near future.

## Toeys Roast May 2

TUCSON - On Sunday afternoon, June 2, friends of political activist Jim Toeys will have their palates treated to a sumptuous buffet brunch at Club 2520. Then their wits will be regaled as Toeys' colleagues barrage, bombard and besiege him with anecdotes and ribald ribbing in a merry roast.

Toeys is a former candidate for U.S. Congress from Arizona's 5th District, is a Democratic Precinct Committee-person and a member of the Lambda Democratic Caucus.

Prepaid reservations for the Toeys roast and buffet brunch are due before April 29th. Checks should be made payable to OPBPA and mailed to OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, Arizona 85733.

The cost is \$15 per person and includes a lavish brunch and an afternoon of non-stop, drag free entertainment. No host beverages begin at 1 p.m., followed by the buffet brunch and program at 2 o'clock.

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Hosted by Madame X, and stars this year's candidates who will perform to raise more money (votes) for their run for the crown.

9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Live Mariachi band with vocalist Flor Ines, a popular vocal star in Mexico singing with the band.

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

6:00 p.m. - Booths open until 11:00 p.m.  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - "Rare Breed" the very popular Mexican Lesbian band who has been on a national tour, will be playing some of the most rousing music you have

ever heard for your listening and dancing pleasure in the disco bar. Their tips go to Pride Week. 9:30 p.m. - Parade of all past Kings and Queens of Fiesta de Mayo.

9:45 to 11:00 p.m. - Contestant's final fund raising show.

11:00 to 11:30 - Madame X final show as reigning queen of Fiesta de Mayo while votes (money) is counted to select the winning candidate(s).

11:30 p.m. - Winning team announced and crowning of the new King and/or Queen of Fiesta de Mayo.



GOLD TEAM: Aviva and Roger



WHITE TEAM: Candis and Mario



GREEN TEAM: Lissette



PURPLE TEAM: Allotta Whoremones and Rick

## Clinton Appoints Gay and Lesbian

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Clinton officially appointed two more individuals who are openly Gay and Lesbian to important Administration posts.

Bruce Lehman, an expert in the field of intellectual property law, and a partner at the law firm of Swidler & Berlin was announced as the President's choice for Assistant Secretary of Choice and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Mr. Lehman previously served as a chief counsel for a House Judiciary Subcommittee and was instrumental in legislative issues regarding intellectual property law in the 1970's and 1980's.

Nan Hunter, a well known civil rights lawyer and associate professor at

Brooklyn Law School, was named Deputy General Counsel at the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Hunter was previously with the American Civil Liberties Union and was instrumental in the founding of the Gay rights and AIDS project at the ACLU.

"President Clinton continues his commitment to appointing the best qualified people to serve our country," stated Andrew E. Barrer, Coalition '93 Director. "We could not be happier to see these two highly regarded professionals join other openly Gay and Lesbian appointees. Bruce Lehman and Nan Hunter represent the best our community and our country have to offer."

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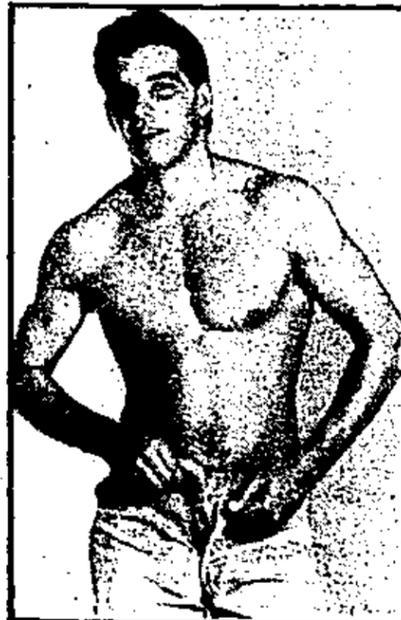
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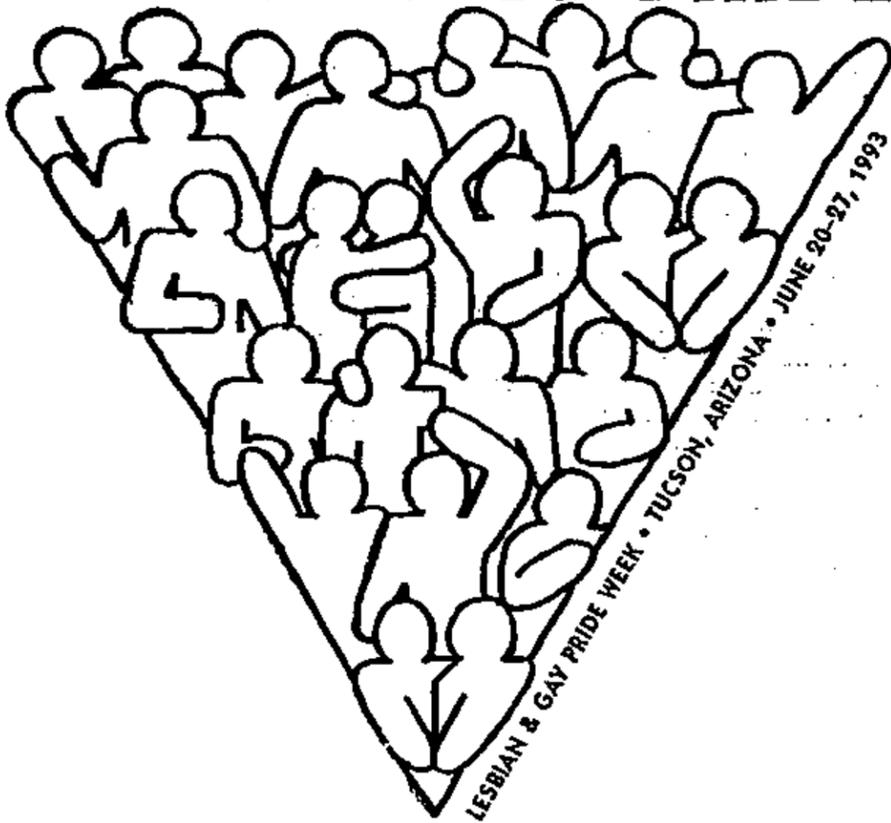
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# Pride Week Logo Contest Winner Announced; T-Shirts Ready At Fiesta de Mayo

## A FAMILY OF PRIDE



TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, TLGA, has announced the winner of the Pride Week logo contest. The winning artwork was drawn by Adam Drake and is pictured above. Unfortunately the black and white version does not do the artwork justice. The final product is very colorful, featuring all of the colors of the Gay Rainbow Flag.

This is the first time that TLGA has accepted such a multi-colored logo and the announcement was held up until a price could be determined to produce T-Shirts, making sure that it is affordable and within the price range of the community.

An initial shipment of the shirts are expected immediately and will be on sale during this coming weekend at the TLGA Fiesta de Mayo Pride Week fundraising extravaganza at Club 2520.

There were over fourteen entries in the logo contest which made the job of picking a winner very difficult. TLGA would like to thank all the artists who entered their versions and hope that they will participate in the 1994 contest as all entries were so interesting and diverse.

Adam Drake will be presented a \$100 check for his winning entry during the Fiesta de Mayo activities this weekend. Congratulations.

## Rights Issue Still Divides; Women More Tolerant

Most people support equal rights for homosexuals in the work place, a new poll finds, but they remain deeply divided on many key aspects of homosexual rights.

A CNN/USA TODAY/Gallup Poll found half say homosexuals should not be allowed in the military, with 56% saying Gay leaders are pushing to hard for change.

"The public is more or less antagonized," says Doris Ditny of Jackson, Ky., one of 1005 polled.

The polls also shows:

80% want homosexuals to have equal rights in terms of job opportunities; 14% disagree; 6% had no opinion.

48% think civil rights laws should not include homosexuals; 46% disagree; 6% have no opinion.

49% think Gays want the same rights as others; 44% say homosexuals want special rights as others don't have.

"This is just a lifestyle and it doesn't go along with normal morals," says Steve Doering, a Toledo, Ohio, mechanic. "I don't think they should have special rights."

Despite these divisions women are for more likely than men to favor civil rights protections to Gays, compared with just 35% of men. Typical responses:

"They just want the same rights," said Paula Strausbaugh, of Bowling Green, Ohio.

"I am sick tired of them shoving their beliefs down my throat," says Jean Hollis, of Fort Worth Texas, who is among 37% who says homosexuals should stay in the closet.

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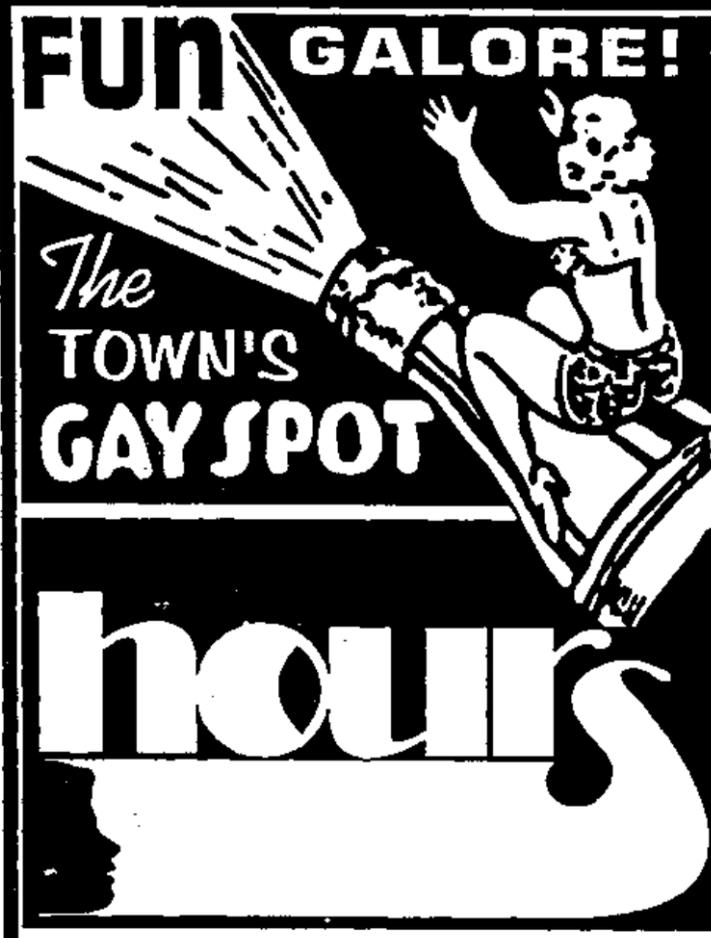
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**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Clinton campaign strategist James Carville was in Tucson this past week to speak at a fund raiser for the Arizona Democratic Party. The \$50 per person event was held at the Doubletree Hotel.

Over 100 people were in attendance at the luncheon to hear Carville's speech. Some of the notables were: State Senator Cindy Resnick, State Representatives George Cunningham and Ruth Solomon, Former Congressman, Jim McNulty, Former State Senator David Bartlett, Former Republican State Representative Jack Jewett, Former State Representative Eleanor Schorr, State Democratic Chair, Steve Owens, State Democratic 1st Vice Chairwoman and Chairman, Alison Hughes and Winston Smith, and Pima County Democratic Chair, John Soltero.

In his speech, Carville expressed regrets for advising Clinton not to come to Arizona during the general election campaign. He stated, "We made 30 trips to North Carolina, spent a lot of money, and lost the state by a bigger margin than he did in Arizona."

He blasted Congress of their recent actions in regards to Clinton's stimulus package by calling them "the nit picking status quo" and "do nothings." He criticized Senate Republicans who blasted a portion of the stimulus package to build public swimming pools by informing the audience that "the Senate has two pools." He urged the audience to write and call President Clinton and show their support of him and his policies, and to let Congress know that they want change. The fund raising event raised \$5,000 for the State Party.

Fife gets legislature to have successful session, falls in polls. This week, polls released show that current Republican Governor, Fife Symington trailing three potential Democratic candidates. The polls also show his negative rating has increased 13 percent.

The polls, done by Phoenix pollster, Earl DeBarge show Symington's job

rating going down and his negative rating going from 25% to 38%. This is attributed to his stand on Indian Gaming and his troubles with the R.T.C.

The poll, matching him against three potential Democratic challengers, show him trailing to all three. In the poll, Symington trails current Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson by a 52%-33% margin. Also former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard leads him by a 53%-33% tally. He also trails grocery store chain owner, Eddie Basha by 44%-33%.

Catalina will stay open, for at least one more year. That was the surprising decision handed down by Federal Court Judge, Alfredo Marques. Marques ruled that the closing of the High School would violate Fisher Mendoza, the 1970's desegregation case that mandated that schools in T.U.S.D. must be integrated.

The T.U.S.D. Board must go to a federal judge to get approval for any opening and closing of any school in T.U.S.D. School Board members Joel Ireland, Bob Miranda and Jim Christ expressed shock and outrage over the decision and are considering an appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

**END NOTES**

There is justice after all! Watching the events this past week, regarding Catalina unfold was sweet, especially watching "The Gang of 3's" ranting reaction to the case.

Joel "SSS" Ireland stated he was concerned about the tax-payers getting shafted because of this. What a joke, this man deceived the electorate in 1989, pushing his bond election, leading the voters astray! Concern indeed! If he was concerned about the tax payers, he should leave office and do us a favor! Ireland's hand puppet, Jim "Anti-Christ" stated his feelings that the case can be compared to *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which legalized separate but equal. How wrong he is, C.H.S. is the most integrated school in T.U.S.D.! Who dug up this excuse of a leader! Bob Miranda just hid in the shadows as usual.

Two stories about our favorite elected official, "F." As mentioned last week, she attended (late) the special County Democratic Convention. County Party Leaders are saying she is a "good Democrat." Then why did she have to go and introduce herself to Steve Owens, State Party Chair, a person who makes sure he knows every Democratic elected official.

"F." attended a meeting of the Democrat's of Greater Tucson with her T.B.C. co-host, Jack Fitzgerald, to hear the announcement speech of Don Coleman, who is challenging City Council Ward 6 incumbent, Molly McKasson. "F." had expected to endorse (TBC) Cole-

man, but when asked since he owned a small business, did he belong to TBC. Coleman responded he would not associate himself with a bunch of "crybabys and name callers." If looks could have killed "F." and Jack would have gotten 300 years!

Lastly, Supervisor Mike Boyd (R-Dist 1), is beginning to find his backbone that he lost election day. He last week successfully challenged King Edward on the regarding the proposed City/County Landfill.

Until next time, politics is ferocious!

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# Minnesota Passes Gay Rights Law; Bills Pending In Other States

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Minnesota became the eighth state in the country to extend civil rights to its Gay and Lesbian citizens when Gov. Arne Carlson signed the legislation. Meanwhile, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reports that similar legislation failed in New Mexico at the end of last month in six other states.

The Minnesota law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in the area of housing, public and private employment and education. However, four amendments muted the bill's impact: language specifically prohibits Gay and Lesbian marriage; owner occupied dwellings of two units are exempted; religious institutions are exempted; and groups providing services to youth are also permitted to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

New Mexico's House Judiciary Committee tabled a Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill after it had cleared two Senate committee hurdles and passed on the Senate floor. Activists in New Mexico were disappointed that the bill died after it had made such progress in only its second year. But the New Mexico Committee for Human Rights in Santa Fe reported that Gay men and Lesbians around the state had mobilized to show support for the bill, generating 3,000 pieces of mail to lawmakers. The organizing effort for the bill has galvanized the community in New Mexico. Activists are determined to make

an ever stronger showing next session and plan to form a political action committee to work year around with supportive and persuadable lawmakers.

In Maine, Gay and Lesbian activists cheered a Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill was reported out of committee with a huge vote margin. By a vote of 11-2, the Joint Judiciary Committee and Maine Banking Association. The bill could be acted on by the Senate in a couple of weeks.

In nearby Rhode Island, openly Gay Sen. Will Fitzpatrick and the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights lobbied their bill through the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee approved the bill by a vote of 11-6 and sent it on to the full Senate for a vote expected in May. Although the Governor is supportive, the bill's major obstacle is the House Judiciary Committee.

Gay and Lesbian Nebraskans gave persuasive testimony on a fair employment bill that was voted out of the Senate Business and Labor committee by a vote of 4-3. The bill will be taken up in the second half of the session this fall.

New York and Washington also have bills pending that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, while Hawaii has a bill in the legislature that would expand its current statewide Gay and Lesbian civil rights law.

# Clinton Budget Calls For Additional \$227 Million For AIDS Spending

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political group, hailed the announcement by Donna Shalala, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, that AIDS research funding will increase substantially in fiscal year 1994.

According to the Office of Technology Assessment, AIDS research, more than the research into any other single disease, benefits research into all other diseases. While the Human Rights Campaign Fund called for an AIDS research budget of \$1.7 billion for AIDS research, the final figure of \$1.3 billion represents an increase of \$227 million for AIDS research.

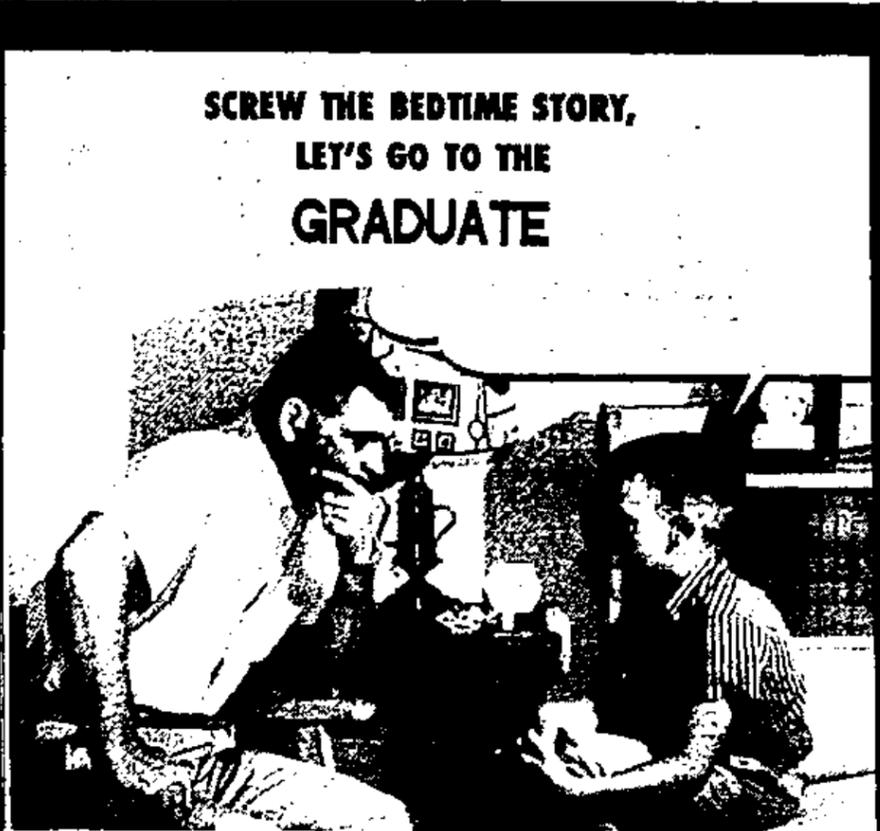
"The President's budget recognizes that AIDS research funding must be increased if we are to seriously address the crisis we currently face," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Cam-

paign Fund. "During the campaign, President Clinton assured the American people that AIDS would be given a high priority. His budget for AIDS research demonstrates the leadership and commitment that has been missing in the battle against AIDS for far too long."

The President's budget also increases funding for research on breast cancer, which studies indicate affects Lesbians at a higher rate than older women. A total of \$422 million is requested for breast cancer research, an increase of \$216 million over fiscal year 1993. The Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbied extensively for passage of the Women's Health Equity Act, which provided the legislative basis for the increased funding.

AIDS activists praised Secretary Shalala and Leon Panetta, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, for their work in developing an AIDS budget that recognized the need for greater research funding. "Their personal support made a big difference when the budget was developed," McFeeley stated. "The Clinton budget of \$1.3 billion for AIDS research represents a major step forward in combatting the leading cause of early death in the United States," he said. U.S. health authorities estimate that 40,000 to 80,000 new infections take place each year.

"This increase in funding for research will allow many projects to go forward which could not be funded this year," notes Terry Beswick, the Campaign Fund's AIDS Research Policy Analyst. "Critical studies of vaccines, targeted drug development, basic research and clinical trials will benefit from the fresh infusion of funds," he says. "For people with HIV and AIDS, the Clinton budget proposal represents real hope and a major change in the commitment of our natural resources."



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# Early March On Washington Photos



# Clinton Sends Support To Gays At March On Washington Rally

BOSTON (AP) - President Clinton relayed his support from a distance to Gay rights marchers in Washington and told newspaper publishers he paid a "terrible political price" for moving to lift the military's ban on homosexuals.

Clinton, who was in Boston to address the Newspaper Association of America, said in a letter to the Gay rights marchers that in his 1992 campaign, he had supported their struggle.

"I want you to know that I am still committed to that principle," he said. "I stand with you in the struggle for equality for all Americans, including Gay men and Lesbians."

Upon taking over the White House, Clinton announced he would lift the prohibition on Gays in the military. He ordered the Pentagon to devise by mid-July a way to lift the ban.

Clinton told the publishers group that "a lot of people think I did a terrible political thing, and I know I've paid a terrible political price" for that decision.

"This is not about embracing anybody's lifestyle," he said.

He explained that it is a question of whether people are willing to serve the country, put their lives on the line if necessary and "whether someone is willing to live by a strict code of military conduct."

"If somebody is willing to die for their country, should they have the right to do it? The answer is yes," he said.

Here is the text of a message from President Clinton that was read aloud at the Gay and Lesbian march in Washington:

"Welcome to Washington, D.C., your nation's capital.

"During my campaign and since my election. I have said that America does not have a person to waste. I want you to know that I am still committed to that principle.

"I stand with you in the struggle for equality for all Americans, including Gay men and Lesbians. In this great country, founded on the principle that all people are created equal, we must learn to put aside what divides us and focus on what we share. We all want the chance to excel in our work. We all want to be safe in our communities. We all want the support and acceptance of our friends and families.

"Last November, the American people sent a message to make government more accountable to all its citizens, regardless of race, class, gender, disability or sexual orientation. I am proud of the strides we are making in that direction.

"The Pentagon has stopped asking recruits about their sexual orientation, and I have asked the secretary to determine how to implement an executive order lifting the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military by July 15.

"My 1994 budget increases funding for AIDS research, and my economic plan will fully fund the Ryan White Act. Soon, I will announced a new AIDS coordinator to implement the recommendations of the AIDS Commission reports.

"I met nine days ago with leaders of the Gay and Lesbian community in the Oval Office at the White House. I am told that this meeting marks the first time in history that the president of the United States has held such a meeting. In addition, members of my staff have been and will continue to be in regular communication with the Gay and Lesbian community.

"I still believe every American who works hard and plays by the rules ought to be a part of the national community. Let us work together to make this vision real.

"Thank you."

## Arizonans

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stration was meaningful on a personal, not just political, level.

Kowalski, the nurse, had a revelation while standing on a subway platform packed with Gay demonstrators: Suddenly, she was no longer a minority.

"Everywhere I looked, I saw Gay or Lesbian people around me," she said. "Something inside me relaxed that I didn't even know was tight and tense. I don't think I've felt this happy in a long time.

"This is so overwhelming, I have no words for it," said Jamie Anderson, a professional singer from Tucson. "It's such a blessing to see people like me wherever I go."

Jon Stetson, 51, an administrator for the St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, experienced a similar feeling of acceptance. "I will never forget today. This is the first time in my life that I haven't felt different. I am not the minority."

As for the religious right's attacks on homosexuality as a sin, Stetson said, "I'm fine with God. It's all these other people I worry about. Their fear of homosexuality frightens me."

Not everyone marching was Gay. Some Arizonans made the cross country trip just to show their solidarity with the Gay community.

"I am a straight widow," said Barbara Kaller of Tucson. "I have no Gay children or grandchildren. I'm in this for what it is, for freedom for everyone."

It was an emotional day for most demonstrators, but for people with AIDS, the event took an added significance.

"I was walking down the Mall and I saw so many people around me, and I was just dumbstruck," said Mark Miller. "All of a sudden, I went from feeling insignificant to very, very, significant."

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# Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Well, howdy dudes and dudettes! Great news, AGRA had contestants in the L.A. Rodeo 2 weeks ago, and our own Clyde Mitter won a buckle for his First Place, congratulations!

Quite a bit of activity is scheduled for the Old Pueblo this weekend through the 5th. This is Cinco De Mayo Fiesta Time and everyone must make it to the festivities planned at Club 2520 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, IBT's & Rumorz on Wednesday, May 5th. Let's all come out and say hello and party while we all raise money for TLGA's Pride Activities.

May 7, 8 and 9 will be Sharing Weekend, so remember to be generous when a member of the Bear's of the Old Pueblo asks you for a donation. While we can, all of us can share, please.

You want your steak rare, walkin' & moonin', medium, or (perish the thought!) well done? Saturday, May 15th, will showcase our 1st Annual Steak Fry at Club 2520, from 5 to 8 p.m. What a meal deal, for \$4.50, you get: steak, beans, baked potato. Cheese cake for dessert is \$1.00 extra. Reservations are being taken by the AGRA Hotline, 323-0805. Parties of eight or more get dessert for free. But, only if you made reservations! Reservations are not require to attend just for the after dinner show. The entertainment will feature a great local vocalist, Mary Murphy, a truly talented lady. Also, on the bill of fare is Kristen, and a surprise which I will let you know next week. Come and join us for fun, dancing and comraderie.

Our next Tucson Board Meeting will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 23rd at the Graduate. The General Membership Meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m., the same day. Anyone seeking information on AGRA please attend.

I need everyone's attention on the following matter(s). As the newly appointed Public Relations Director for AGRA, many things have come to my attention and are on my personal agenda to "clean up." Hundreds of you have known me for years and know my style, I'm always asking you for money for our charities; I try to make you laugh and smile (and that's my way of saying thank you for your friendship, companionship); I'm always asking you to volunteer for something or other. Whenever I can, I attend and/or promote your events and causes. What I will not tolerate is gossip, hate, or a "putting down" of members of my community, especially the ones that give heart and soul and lots of sweat to make our lives a better place to live.

Shortly after the rodeo, a letter to The Observer was written complaining about the sundry items regarding the rodeo, the entertainers at the Ramada Inn during the dance both nights. I'm not even going to mention the gentleman's name who authored a vicious attack on female impersonators and AGRA's involvement with them. I agree that the evening's schedule needed some fine tuning and these first two years of rodeo

experience for us will see an even better rodeo next March. The author of the letter said he would never attend another rodeo. I hope we can change his mind on a number of items.

For the first time, the same Board & Executive Officers will see the next rodeo through. Until this year, officers were elected in January and had to put on a rodeo in 2 months time. AGRA is an organization that does charity work, etc., through rodeo, but it is a business and the present Board is composed of local Gay Businessmen that are successful, talented and organized and brings much needed experience into the internal workings of the association.

We are adamant in being a very successful part of our community and add to the already generous organizations that do so much for so many. Tucson can truly be proud of it's members and rousing success.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the fund raising galas last Sunday at the Graduate & at Rumorz to raise money for TLGA. Thanks to everyone who contributed time effort and money.

AGRA wishes to thank Peter Sittig and Michael Bennett and the staff of Club 2520 for hosting our rodeo volunteer party with BBQ rib dinners. Also, thank you for your contribution of over \$200.00

That's it for now, so see you around this next week. Please come up and say hello, I want to hear you ideas.

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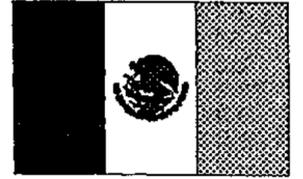
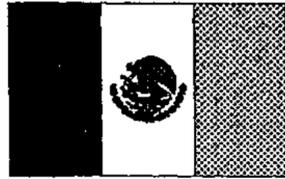


# FIESTA DE MAYO



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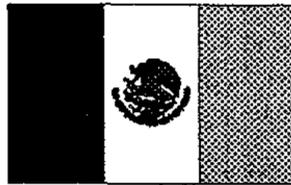
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 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Mariachis playing live in the Country/Western room.

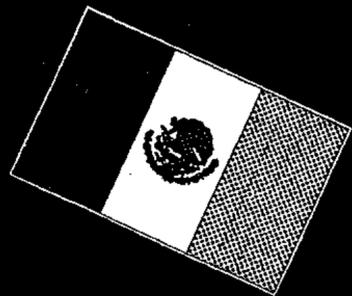
#### SATURDAY, MAY 1

6:00 p.m. - Booths open - Visit the candidates booths and donate to your favorite.  
 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Candidates Show - Hosted by MADAME X and starring CANDAS & MARIO, White Team; LISSETTE, Green Team; AVIVA DIAMOND AND ROGER WHITEHEAD, Gold Team; and ALOTTA WHOREMONES AND RICK, Purple Team. Help your favorite candidate by attending and donating to their fund - it all comes back to you during the Pride Picnic and other pride activities!  
 9:30 to 10:30 - Mariachis playing live in the Country/Western room.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 2

6:00 p.m. Booths open - Last chance to donate to your favorite candidates for King and/or Queen of Fiesta de Mayo.  
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Dance and listen to the hottest Mexican band in the west - RARE BREED. These women have entertained all over the country and we are pleased to have them play at the Fiesta each year. They have the Pride Spirit. Don't miss this special treat. Tips go to Pride Week.  
 9:30 p.m. - Parade of past Kings and Queens of Fiesta de Mayo.  
 9:45 to 11:00 p.m. - Contestants Final Fund Raising Show.  
 11:00 to 11:30 p.m. - MADAME X final show as reigning Queen of Fiesta de Mayo while (money) 'votes' are being counted to select the winning candidate(s).  
 11:30 p.m. - Winning Team announced and crowning of the new King and/or Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. All money (votes) goes to the Tucson Lesbian / Gay Alliance (TLGA) to produce the Annual Gay Pride Picnic on June 20 this year and all the other activities associated with Pride Week '93 in Tucson.

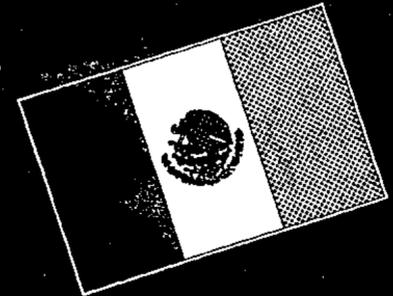
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

**IBT's** - A Benefit Show for Fiesta de Mayo Queen candidate Allotta Whoremones. Showtime 9:15 p.m. Give allotta support to Allotta cause it all comes back via the pride picnic and other pride activities.

**RUMORZ** - DJ/VJ Linda Firdale will be featuring Trash Disco this evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink specials too.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

**GRADUATE** - A fund raising event for Aviva and Roger of the Gold Team - "Beer Bust and Food!" from 5 to 9 p.m. there will be hamburgers and nachos with monies raised going to the Gold Team for Fiesta de Mayo. What better way to contribute but by enjoying a cold beer and a hot hamburger? Come on down!

**IBT'S** - Big Bon Voyage Party for Paul Flores begins at 4 p.m. Paul is moving to Tucson's sister city, San Francisco, but she'll be back. They all come back!

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

**CLUB 2520** - Fiesta de Mayo, the major fund raising event for Pride Week '93 will open tonight and play through Sunday, May 2. The booths will open at 8 p.m. A "Royal Flush" show will be performed from 9 until 10:30 and will feature all past Fiesta Kings and Queens as well as many current and past holders of other crowns. A live mariachi group will be strolling through the club from 9:30 to 10:30 also. Food and game booths close at 1 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

**VENTURE-N** - Desert Leathermen bid their monthly Beer Bust from 3 to 7 p.m. On the patio.

**CLUB 2520** - Fiesta de Mayo continues. See Friday. Booths open tonight at 6:00 p.m. A "Candidates Show" featuring all of the King and Queen candidate couples will begin at 9 p.m. entertaining for more "votes" in order to win tomorrow's coronation. plus there will be a surprise star performer coming in town for this show. Watch for details. Mariachis will stroll from 9:30 to 10:30 and will be joined by vocalist Flor Ines, one of the most popular vocalists in Mexico. Remember, all monies raised goes to pay for your Gay Pride Picnic and other Pride Week events.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

**CLUB 2520** - Fiesta de Mayo booths open at 6 p.m. (See Friday and Saturday above). The fantastic Mexican Lesbian band "Rare Breed" will be playing for listening and dancing from 7 to 9 p.m. From 9 to 11 p.m. there will be another show for this year's contestants to raise more "votes" (money) for their campaigns. The show will also feature other fine local and imported talents. From 11 to 11:30 the "final march" will take place which will feature all past and current Kings and Queens of Fiesta de Mayo to be recognized for their fund-raising efforts throughout the past years. These candidates have raised thousands of dollars in the past seven years allowing the producers of the Fiesta, Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) to produce Pride Week in Tucson. Your help is needed and expected if you want this year's pride picnic and other events to be bigger and better than ever. During the final "March" the votes will be counted and the candidates raising the most money during their month-long campaign will be crowned King and Queen of Fiesta De Mayo 1993 and will preside over all Pride Week events.

**IBT'S** - Natalie and Beth will celebrate their First year anniversary beginning at 2 p.m. Beer Bust and BBQ begins at 3. Happy Anniversary to a great couple.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

**RUMORZ** - Drag Madness, starring Cristina de Alexis as always with special guest. 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

**IBT'S** - A Cinco de Mayo celebration here beginning at 9:00 p.m. with lots of surprises. Olay!

**RUMORZ** - Los Gatos de Israel Paredes, a popular Mexican band will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo here from 9 p.m. to closing with plenty of Mexican music for listening and dancing. \$1 at the door with proceeds to benefit the TLGA the Pride Week Committee.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

**CLUB 2520** - AGRA holding a big Steak Fry here from 5 to 8 p.m. with a plate of steak, beans, baked potato for only \$4.50 and cheesecake for an extra dollar. Entertainment by Mary Murphy and Kristen and ???

SUNDAY, MAY 23

**CLUB 2520** - AGRA Board Meeting at 21 p.m. and General Membership Meeting at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, MAY 30-31

**IBT'S** - Stand by for a big Memorial Day Celebration here. Watch for details.

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The Social Committee of MCC/Tucson will have a Field Trip to the Zoo at Reid Park. Anyone wishing to attend this event should be at the church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. at 1:00 p.m. There will be an entrance charge by the Zoo. There will be a Pot-Luck Supper following the trip to the zoo.

The H.I.T.T. Committee, sponsors of the Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson, Tucson's annual Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament will hold their first annual May-Day No-Tap event. It will consist of three games bowled in "no-tap" format where knocking down nine pins on the first ball scores as a strike. Bowling will take place at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile at 1 p.m. entry fee \$10 per person, which includes a light buffet and awards social following bowling. All bowlers are welcome. Out of town participants should use the Ramada Inn Downtown for a special \$35 rate (1-4 persons). For additional information call 743-3303.

Cronies-Prime Timers will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. There will be a Pot-Luck Dinner and the speaker will be Jim Toeva reporting as an eye witness to the March on Washington.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

A Roast of Jim Toeva sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. 1:00 p.m. at Club 2520. \$15 per person includes a lavish brunch and an afternoon of non-stop entertainment. No best beverages begin at 1 p.m. followed by the brunch and program at 2 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from each meal served will benefit the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. 795-6055 for info.

The Men's Massage Group of Tucson will meet today instead of the 16th at 2 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to participate in a safe, enjoyable and fun activity meeting other men. It lasts 2 hours and is a refreshing experience. Please call in advance to register and for information. Call Marc Haberman at 881-4582.

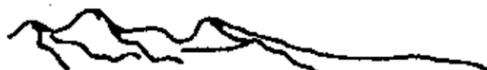
SUNDAY, MAY 9

MCC/Tucson will have a formal dedication and blessing of the Memorial Rose Garden immediately following the morning worship service at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited to attend this event as MCC/Tucson dedicate this living memorial of our lost loved ones to the community. The garden will be open for viewing by the public the rest of the afternoon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

A special performance of "Evita" will be held to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. The performance will be held at Centennial Hall on the UofA campus beginning at 7 p.m. All tickets \$36. For more info call 322-6226.

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# CALENDAR

Sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. Salad 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** - Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western

dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

well. Contest for community organizations 3-4. Male Strippers - Busy Hot 9:15

**RUMORZ** - Open all 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 Tournaments 4 pm, \$3 entry fee.

Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

Monday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed.

\$1.25 well 8-1 + Moose Meadow "Backers". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance

Music begins at 8 p.m.

**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!)

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well, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. McJaw Jazz Monday 9 to 1

**RUMORZ** - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and

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**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed.

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**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. Schnapple

75¢ 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 Mena. Lourens 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 pm.

to 9:00 pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 pm to closing.

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

Wednesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite

6-8, \$2. or Tacos @ \$1 each. 50¢ 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.

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**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. Glamorous - female impersonation

troupe 9:15.

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Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schnapple & domestic beer \$1.50.

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

\$1.00.

**HOURS** - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.

Reincker 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 head tone \$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. Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.

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

Friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99¢ 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 7 pm, 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. Hora D'Ocorrea. VJ/DJ Linda Firdale 10-1.

**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 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

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# The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

What do you do on May 1st? In some countries, they have grand parades to show off military strength. Elsewhere, they decorate poles with pastel ribbons which they grab and dance about. Here in Tucson, May 1st has always been one of the last days of furious fundraising by the various Fiesta de Mayo King & Queen candidate couples (good luck Candas & Mario). But this year, May 1st marks the first annual May-Day No-Tap tournament, a FUNdraising event for H.I.T.T. The May Day No-Tap will take place this Saturday beginning at 1:00pm at Golden Pin Lanes.

For a modest entry fee of \$10, bowlers will have the opportunity to win cash based on three games of bowling. Prizes will be awarded Saturday afternoon at a special Happy Hour awards ceremony immediately after bowling. Over 100 people have already registered including many out-of-town guests from Phoenix and San Diego.

Thanks to the many folks who came out and support H.I.T.T.'s Pancake Breakfast this past Sunday at Himmel Park. This event served as the 'dry-run' for our First Annual Gay Pride Pancake Breakfast which will take place Sunday,

June 20, 1993 starting at 7am. We'll be at Himmel Park bright and early and ready to serve you Pancakes & Sausage hot off the griddle plus fresh coffee and O.J. to help start this important day off right. In addition, we've planned some additional refreshing surprises for the remainder of the picnic so look for us on Pride Sunday.

Congratulations to all bowlers who participated in the 92-93 Tucson Desert Coyotes Winter league. The Coyotes held their annual awards dinner last Wednesday night at the Savoy Opera House where top honors went to On oUR kNEEs (1st place team), Pigs in Paradise (2nd place team), and Club 2520 (3rd place team). Also, congrats to Jeff Thompson for his high scratch game of 297 and high scratch series of 710. Top female honors go out to Lois with a high scratch game of 256 and high scratch series of 561.

Summer league bowling begins Wednesday, May 19th at 9pm. The Summer season is short (12-13 weeks) and provides a great opportunity to get back into bowling for all you "I haven't bowled in 20 years" types. For more information please call 743-3303.

# Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Why oh why do we seem to always look for someone to blame for everything and refuse to look within and accept the responsibility for ourselves. Notice how many people always make it sound as if everyone else around make them either happy or miserable. Some may not like what my response to that outlook is. But quite simply we are responsible for our own mistakes and happiness.

Happiness comes from within and hopefully is shared from without. Accepting responsibility for ones actions is nothing new but it is even more true now a days. I'm speaking of basically, who is responsible for initiating safer sex practices during intercourse? Of course it takes two people.

But who is responsible? Each of us are responsible for ourselves. If you protect yourself, you will be protecting whoever you are with. To ask questions after the fact or to put trust in words and not latex is a personal choice. But don't be pointing the finger of blame at anyone if something happens. No one twisted anyone's arm.

Most of us love to party from time to time. But we are still responsible for our own actions. It does sometimes make it a little easier if the other person is also being responsible for themselves as well. Why people make this whole thing so difficult is beyond me. Life is too

short to put your trust in the words of a stranger no matter how hot he may be.

Use a condom if you are going to penetrate. Very few people that I have come in contact with have said they prefer or enjoy using condoms, but the alternative is less enjoyable. Please accept this responsibility for yourself and lets bring an end to the furthering of this madness.

Yes, I am saying that when you choose not to use a condom you maybe adding to the problem and not helping the solution. Everyone has the right to a full and healthy sex life. Please further that concept by practicing safer sex and accepting responsibility for yourself and your actions. It make take two to tango, but it takes one to stop the dance.

There is no reason to feel as if you can not have a full and hot sex life in the age of HIV. As long as you practice safer sex, it doesn't even matter if your partner has HIV or not. It's the act and not the words that causes the spread of HIV. So lets stop "B.S."ing and start practicing some good, hot, safer sex. To your health!

Big John, you were just too much for words in the show at the Observer benefit. Rick S., I didn't know you were so talented. And finally, great job and good luck Candas!!

Till next week: Sean

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# WHAT'S UP DOC???



Starting this weeks column it gives me great pleasure to wish Annie Corbin a **HAPPY 78th BIRTHDAY**, today.

We are now into the final week of this year's Fiesta Da Mayo King and Queen contest. This coming weekend, check elsewhere for a complete schedule of events, all the work comes to a close and a new King and Queen will be crowned.

Each color team has been working over these past few weeks, gathering money for this year's Gay Pride Week and picnic. Each dollar raised is one vote for the contestants. The couple who ends up with the most amount of money raised will be crowned.

The White team has been out there supporting the recycling program to the max. The buttons they have been selling for \$1 each, some of those have been sold 3 or 4 more times before someone is finally able to keep it. At a recent show, staged by them, one button was raffled off and \$50 was paid for it. Out of 200 buttons, I'm sure they have raised close to, if not more, \$400. What makes it more interesting is the fact both orders of 100 pins was purchased for them by someone else, thus each sale is 100% profit for Pride Week.

The Gold team really came up with a very sharp pin, and the balloons added a special classy touch. The talents of a dress designer and maker showed up in those pins.

Good luck to all those running and I'll see you the night of the festivities, this year being held over at 2520. Also, it was a good show this past Sunday evening at the Graduate.

TBBS: A special award should

be given to David Z. It seems he spent 10 1/2 hours on his knees at the Graduate the



other day and received nothing in the form of a Oscar Myer Weiner. I sure hope he was wearing knee pads or his knees will be sore for a month.

And out of the past comes yet more about David W. He was sitting there telling everyone about his telephone sex, using a 900 number out of Playgirl magazine. Then while talking to someone else he turned around and stated he was happy because he still knew how to be trashy. Hell, I've never seen him being anything else.

Then Mark was also sitting there and stated he wanted to go home with someone that night that didn't have to get to go to work the next morning. Out of the kindness of his heart, David W offered Ray for the evening. (TRASHY)

Well, TKO's UNO challenge of the other Tucson clubs has finally come down to the final game. This past Sunday afternoon Ben, Annie & Mary Ann from Partners played Keith and I from TKO. Winners for the day were Annie - 1st place and Mary Ann - 2nd. Now all the winners will be meeting one final time to determine the champ. This will be held at the Graduate on May 8, during TKO's beer bust.

For now that will be it for this week. It will be a fun weekend coming up and I hope everyone gets out to the activities over at 2520 and really support this year's Fiesta De Mayo King and Queen contestants. They have worked hard raising money for this year's Gay Pride Week and your attendance will show them your support.

## BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Frank Hartigan

If it had been a play, we could have called it "Sunday In The Park With Queers." Thanks to everyone who showed up and supported our civil rights at Himmel Park last Sunday. It was fun, friendly, low key, and as Channel 4's Russ Lewis put it, hopeful. Did anybody else see our Secretary's face on T.V.? I understand H.I.T.T.'s pancake breakfast was tasty. I can at least verify that the cook looked delicious.

I am certain now that you have seen the Bears of the Old Pueblo T-shirts. They are black with our logo in red on the left breast. If you have perhaps admired them in the past, now is your chance to

have one of your very own! We are taking orders for a new batch; call 571-7273 to place your order. They're only \$10, but they look like a million.

Our next General Meeting is Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. on the patio of the Venture-N. A beer bust will follow the meeting; come join us! Saturday, May 8, is Video Night; call Frank at 327-8781 for time and location. The following Saturday, May 15, is our second Bear Hug! You must have reservations in order to attend the Bear Hug! Call Bernie at 571-7273 today to reserve your spot. We need to hear from you by May 5, so call Bernie today to R.S.V.P.

May 7, 8 and 9 is Sharing Weekend. You will see Share Bears in all the bars, collecting money to be distributed directly to people living with HIV. Please be generous. If you'd like to help collect the funds, call Frank at 327-8781.

The Bears of the Old Pueblo is a social group for Bears and big men and those who prefer their company. Our home bar is the Venture-N, where we meet the first Thursday of every month. We exist to provide a safe place for you. We collect no dues; membership is open to all. If you would like more information, call Frank at 327-8781 or write us at P.O. Box 40021, Tucson, Az 85717

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# News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming Saturday, May 1st, MCC-Tucson will host a field trip to the Reid Park Zoo. The Social Committee has made arrangements to have this outing for the entire family. Everyone is asked to meet at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue to leave for the Zoo at 1:00 p.m. There will be an entrance fee charged at the Zoo; \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children aged between 4 and 14, children under 4 years of age are admitted free. There will be a Pot Luck meal immediately after the trip through the Zoo at Reid Park. Bring your family or come alone, and enjoy the zoo with friends and family of the church.

A week from this coming Sunday, on Mother's Day, May 9th, immediately following our Morning Worship Service, the Memorial Rose Garden will be dedicated to the Tucson Community. Rev. Eduard Perry and Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey will formally dedicate and bless the area of the Memorial Rose Garden to the memory of our loved ones who have gone to their heavenly home. A rose bush with a memorial plaque is placed in the Memorial Rose Garden for a nominal donation of \$20.00 to help offset the cost of the

placement. The garden will be open to the public the rest of the afternoon.

On Saturday, May 15th, The Deacons' will have another Arts & Crafts Yard Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There are spaces available for anyone wishing to offer their own arts and crafts for sale. There will be a small donation requested for the space from the Deacons. This is a fund raiser for the Deacons' Vestment Fund. Call the church at 292-9151 for more details.

Also, on Saturday, May 15th, starting at 7:00 p.m., the Social Committee will be hosting another "No Host Bingo Party". Bring a gift for a prize for one of the games (value not to exceed \$5.00) and play Bingo for the entire evening. It is always a lot of fun trying to yell "Bingo" before someone else does. There are always munchies to nibble on while you are waiting for that one special number to turn up.

Thought for the week: If you can keep your wits when everyone else around you are loosing theirs, it is quite possible that you haven't grasped the total situation.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

For centuries, people in many Eastern cultures have worshipped Gurus, or "godmen" as they are also called. These men adorn themselves with the finest linens and jewels. They ride through the streets in hand held carriers or in the latest model of Mercedes Benz automobiles, as is the style of more westernized Gurus. In countries such as India these grand processions are contrasted by thousands of men, women, and children living in impoverished conditions. Many suffer from crippling diseases brought on by contamination and malnutrition. How do the Gurus feel about this other side of life? Their religious beliefs are centered around the concept of reincarnation. Inherent in reincarnation is the "Law of Karma". This law simply means that all of a person's thoughts, words, and deeds have an ethical consequence in future lifetimes; that the misfortunes a person suffers in this life are "pay backs" for sins committed in past existences. By helping someone in his affliction, a person interferes with this Karmic Law. Humanitarianism isn't a part of this scenario. Neither is the concept of a personal God who loves and cares for his creation.

only be achieved by paying back all of your "karmic debt", thus achieving "moksha", or liberation from rebirth.

As the concept of reincarnation crept into western culture and theology, it began to be promoted as a saying grace for sin, rather than the great burden that it would truly be, because it gave people many lifetimes to "get their act together". There are those who now consider themselves to be "Christian reincarnationists". These people will tell you that reincarnation is the only way for God to fairly deal with sin.

While God does not condone sin, he understands the nature of humanity and the temptations that befall us daily. God made a way for all to become righteous in his sight, but that way does not involve anything we can do for ourselves. As the Apostle Paul tell us, "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ." (Romans 3:22-24 NIV) Faith and grace have no place in Karmic Law. This law is a cycle of "tit for tat" that can only be satisfied through retribution.

Followers of Eastern religions consider reincarnation to be a great burden. Through this belief, salvation can

If Jesus Christ had believed and taught reincarnation, would it not be logical to assume that his life would be a reflection of his belief? Yet Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, made the lame walk and the blind to see. These were not the actions of a reincarnationist upholding the "Law of Karma."

Mixing Christianity and reincarnation is like mixing oil and water. If you keep stirring them, you may fool yourself into believing that the solutions combine, but if you let them settle, you can't help but see the separation. God has given you one life on earth and with it a way to receive salvation freely for the asking. I encourage you to take that way today by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross for your sins.

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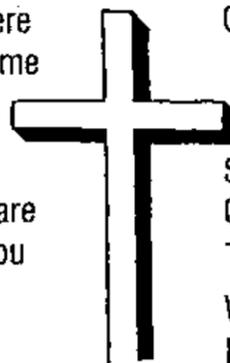
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# Viewpoint

by Frank Hartigan

## AT THE CLOSET DOOR

If you had told me six months ago that I would be writing in The Observer, I would have told you to get help. Yet here I am, having an opinion about just about everything (my friends are saying, "So what else is new?") and finding my voice in this community. Though this development was unexpected, it is a logical step in my personal evolution and my continual coming out process. That's why I chose this title; I keep finding more doors to burst through.

Our community is coming out, too. We are more visible and vocal in Tucson and across the country. While the issues that face us (AIDS, the military ban, Gay bashing, fundamentalist hatred, social equality, etc.) are daunting, at least they are being talked about openly in the public forum. In our lifetimes many of those topics have been absolutely taboo, unspoken, their very mention grounds for censure. Even if some of the things being said are scary, hurtful, or misguided, at least we're talking.

I have heard it said that Gay Liberation as it happened in the 70s was about ourselves and each other: accepting and loving ourselves as Gay and Lesbian people and establishing our own community, albeit mostly hidden from the straight world's view. We shared our unspoken secrets and told each other our stories. Thus we found out just how much we have in common, including our oppression.

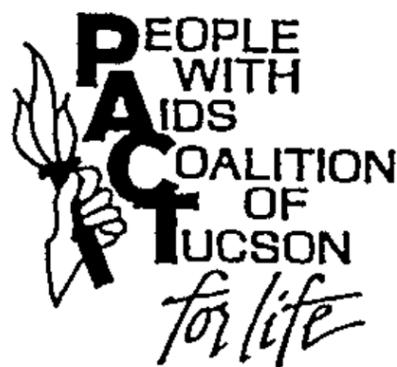
In the 80s we were preoccupied with AIDS and building a support network for people living with HIV and those who care for them. Our models of community based care and organization have brought new ideas, pragmatism, and true caring to a drastic and demoralizing crisis. Our

political agenda (thank you, oh religious right, for the phrase "the Gay agenda") was mostly subordinated to our response to the epidemic that no one wanted to talk about. Again we forced the issue, stopping traffic from Manhattan to the Golden Gate and screaming that AIDS was not a dirty little secret, but a threat to the entire world.

In the 90s, the straight world has finally begun to take us seriously. They have had to acknowledge the fact that we are here, that we are in fact everywhere. The measure of our success is the announcement in the media research claiming there are not as many of us as Kinsey thought. You and I know that the 10% figure is certainly not an exaggeration, yet comes now the science organization (with whose funding, I wonder?) assuring America that we are really only 3% of the population. Yeah, right. It may make you feel better to think so, but I am afraid we must disillusion you. I think it was Kate Millet who said, "I tell you, the function of a homosexual is to make you uncomfortable." Time to stop playing Cleopatra, Queen of Denial.

Our votes helped get Bill Clinton into the White House (and he had better not forget it!). Gay and Lesbian issues have been incorporated into the social and political debate in this country, much to the dismay of those who would keep us hidden from view. We can see ourselves on T.V., in print, on the street, and in Congress. Lesbian and Gay leaders are coming out across the country, engaging our enemies in an open struggle to gain our civil rights and full equality as citizens of this nation. This is an exciting and scary time to be alive, to be American, and to be queer.

As for me, I'm proud, I'm pissed, I'm patriotic, and, publishers willing, I am persistently present. I'll keep writing about the view from the closet door. Kick it open!



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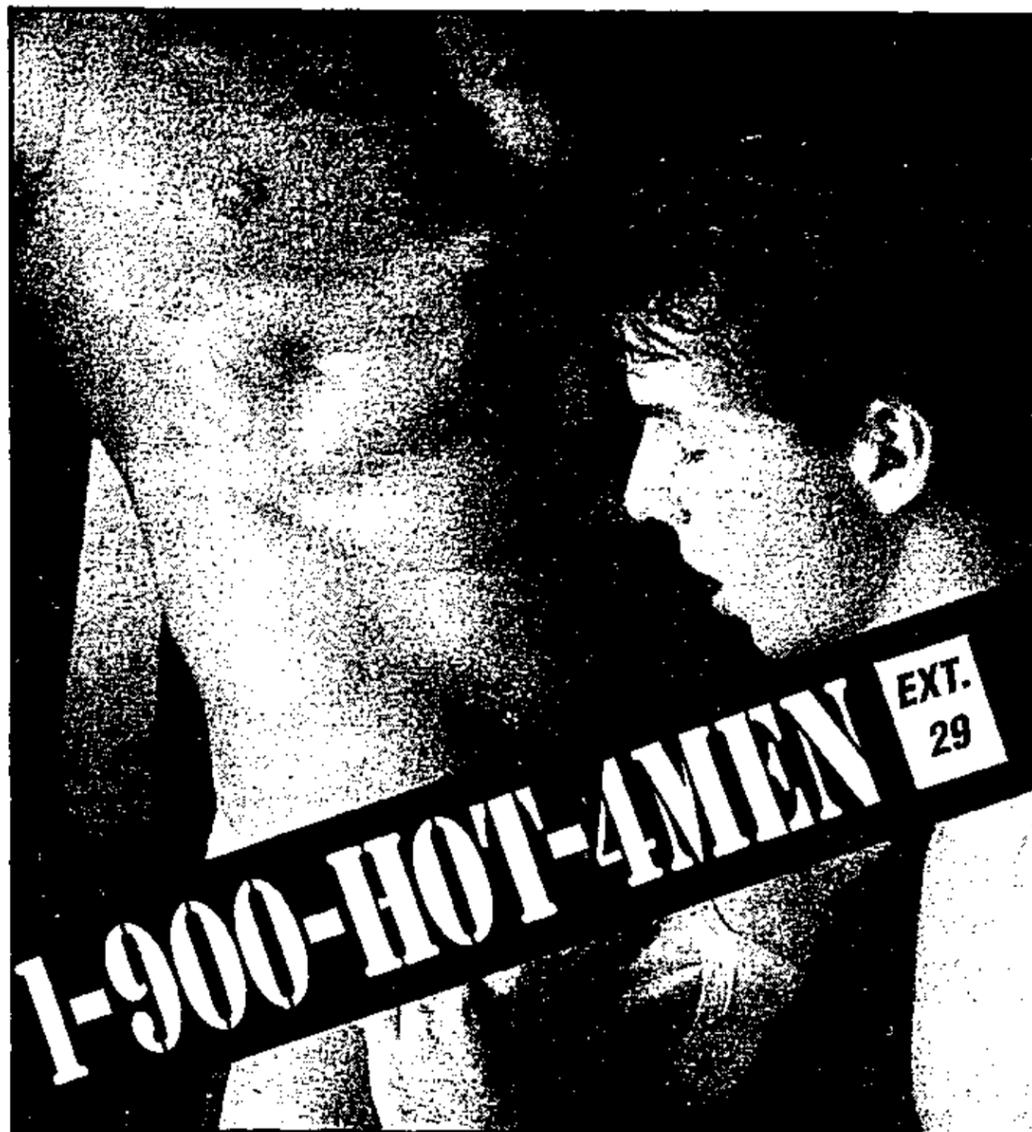
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### It All Depends On How You Look At It

In a simple world, the message sent, whether through speech, writing or pictures, would be the same as the message received. But this is not a simple world.

Take For Better Or For Worse, the gently humored family oriented comic strip by Lynn Johnston, in which the character Lawrence recently came out to his parents. His mother responded with shock, his father with anger, and Lawrence's dad kicked Lawrence out of the house to "Go wherever 'your kind' hangs out." Locked outside of his own home, fists clinched in anguish, Lawrence movingly replies, "What do you mean, 'my kind'?! My name is Lawrence Poirer, and I live here!!"

In an interview in the San Diego Union Tribune, Johnston explained, "You see, in order to write these vignettes, I inhabit this neighborhood, I live in this fantasy life aside from my own. These are real people to me, in a sense, and when I thought about Lawrence being different from the other kids, more withdrawn, quiet philosophical, I realized he might be Gay."

Ten newspapers have substituted old strips and three have canceled For Better Or For Worse. The editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal complained that Johnston "is clearly condoning" being Gay. Many San Diego letters to the editor agreed that Johnston is pushing a political view and proselytizing for a lifestyle; they argued the comics page is, and should be, a place without a point of view, a neutral

place, an apolitical place.

But comics certainly condone the straight lifestyle. And they continuously proselytize for the nuclear family.

But many people only consider a message to be political when they disagree with it. My lover and I borrowed that tactic in our letter to the editor when we wrote, "For Better Or For Worse merely presents Gay people as human. That's not politics; that's not proselytizing; that's the truth!"

In this case, it's not surprising that Lesbians would have a different interpretation than homophobes of the same message. But what about a message aimed at a more homogeneous crowd, as sent by the musical Falsettos?

Many people love Falsettos for its Gay and Lesbian characters, snotty humor, clever songs, and moving storyline. But one Gay man I know found it "totally homophobic: a Gay has to die at the end; his death was just a way for people to come together; the Lesbian characters were always 'the Lesbians'." (Note: he found neither Silence Of The Lambs nor JFK homophobic.)

I received a different message from Falsettos: the Gay man died because the show dealt with AIDS, not because he had to die at the end as homosexual characters died in old movies to get "their just desserts"; his death was heartbreaking and it was beautiful that their friends took care of his lover; and consistently calling the Lesbian characters "the Lesbians from

next door" was funny. Yet my friend, and his entire Gay men's group, hated the show. Different messages were received indeed.

Then there is the infamous Rodney King tape. The verdicts from the second trial are now in. It's interesting to speculate what message the jurors might have received from other tapes.

Imagine, if you will, that some computer whiz took the tape and made all the police African American. What would the verdict be now? How would the African American community perceive the tape? The white community? How would you?

Imagine, instead, that only Rodney King was changed on the tape. Imagine the identical movements and blows, the identical high speed car chase and arrest record, but King is now a white man in a three piece suit. What would the verdict be now? How would the African American community perceive the tape? The white community? How would you?

Imagine now a combo: African American cops beating a white man in a three piece suit. I'd bet a million dollars that the verdicts would be guilty, guilty, guilty, and guilty.

Not all differences of perception are earth shattering. But when people claim to be objective in any way, I don't believe them. We are so well trained by our upbringings, by the media, by old movies and old myths, and so affected by our emotions and our needs, that our eyes and our hearts can't be totally relied on. And I trust least the people who deny their subjectivity and are therefore the most enslaved by it.

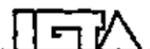
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