



Controversy Surrounds Another Highly Successful Pride Picnic



Vice Mayor Molly McKasson reads the proclamation recognizing Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. Mayor Miller was unable to attend, as he had last year, due to previous commitments.



Kathy Mayer presenting an award from Lambda Democratic Caucus to Mike Haggerty for his service to the Gay and Lesbian community while a member of the Tucson City Council.

Before the formal ceremonies began at 3:00 the trio Friendly Fire entertained with their own excellent brand of music as did Tucson vocalist Teresa Housley.

The formal ceremonies took place promptly at 3:00 p.m. when the Color Guard marched in along with several current and former members of the Armed Forces. The entourage included organizations and members of 'royalty' from several members of the community from Phoenix as well as Tucson. After the procession, the National Anthem was beautifully sung by Mr. Eric Hemphill and "America The Beautiful" sung by Mr. James Shafer.

Then Kathy Mayer presented a silver bowl to City Council member Mike Haggerty who is stepping down this year. Mayer representing the Lambda Democratic Caucus recognized Haggerty for the concerns an help he gave to the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson.

In accepting the award, Haggerty said, "I just want to say, about getting the award, that it's wonderful, and I'll treasure it, but I wish I lived in a society where you didn't have to give awards to any particular individual for doing just the right thing - without any issue-oriented problem about it."

Then it came time for a few short speeches to fire up the already fired up crowd.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) co-Chair Jack Stockslager, whose group produces the entire Pride Week celebration, explained to the crowd that there were several road blocks that were thrown in the way of this year's production. At one point it looked as though the entire Picnic might have to be canceled. All of this, curiously, taking place at the very last minute.

Frantic maneuvering behind the scenes, negotiating with city, state and parks officials were successful and things went off as scheduled, but not without some bitter feelings on the part of committee members who believe there is much more to be investigated before this matter can be put to rest.

Stockslager told the throng that, "there are some people or some organization that did not want us to be here today. At the very last minute, the Tucson Police Department and the State Board of Liquor Control was influenced and tried to deny us our permit to be here today, and to give away free beer. I say something is wrong here. This is a city park, we are citizens of this city. We pay for this park with our taxes, we pay for city employees, we pay for state government."

"Isn't government supposed to be for all the people?" Stockslager continued. "You don't suppose it's because we are

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Recording artist Jamie Anderson entertaining the picnickers with her original songs and enjoying the crowd as they joined in.



Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance Co-Chair Jack Stockslager acting as MC on the stage, among the myriad of other things to do all around the park. Photos by Moose

TUCSON - Last Sunday saw the Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic XVI take place at the traditional Northeast Corner of Himmel Park. The temperature was a record 109 degrees and that, coupled with the NBA finals cutting in on our 'prime time' the crowd count was slightly lower than last

year, but still was a healthy 7,500 to 8,000 Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, with their family and friends, all of whom seemed oblivious of the elements and proceeded to dance the day away with the help of a cooling water shower provided by the water truck supplied by Club 2520.

The water slide was also another very popular place in the park on Sunday.

Things go underway at noon and there already were over sixty booths set up by people who had gotten there earlier in the day to get a good spot in the shade.

UPDATE

Guest Editorial

(The following is a reprint of a recent editorial from the San Francisco Chronicle Newspaper.)

GAY MARCH IN THE CAPITAL

It was an extraordinary demonstration of strength and determination. Hundreds of thousands of Gays and Lesbians and their supporters filled the capital's streets, and their message was one that should serve to jog the national conscience: We are your brothers and sisters, accept us as full partners in the great social fabric that is America.

The specific figures actually make little difference; whether the throng totaled 300,000 or one million seems irrelevant. Bean counters tend to be niggling and narrow focused. Besides there was a spirit out there that may not have translated into numbers but was uplifting in its positive warmth.

The point is that here was America in all its diversity. There were entertainers, elected officials, military people and prosaic homebodies. The marchers came in jeans and shorts, Buddhist robes and business suits. Their roots twined into every section of our broad country.

President Clinton may not have been there in person, but he sounded a thoughtful, supportive note in his statement to the throng: "I stand with you in the struggle for equality for all Americans, including Gay men and Lesbians." He exhorted the country to "put aside what divides us and focus on what we share."

This may have been one of those defining moments in the national history. Here was a peaceful, positive demonstration by Americans who only ask fairness, acceptance and equal treatment. The great confluence of humanity in Washington's streets gave eloquent expression to long overdue entitlement.

D.O.T. Celebrates Pride

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Federico Peña, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation is among the first cabinet level officials to support actively the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual employees in his department.

The Secretary issued policy statements are historic in that they are among the first policies issued by a Cabinet Secretary that include protections based on sexual orientation.

The Secretary defined diversity as "inclusion—hiring, developing, promoting and retaining employees of all races, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, and cultural backgrounds; the old, the young, and the middle aged; the able bodied and the disabled; men and women."

In his policy statement on EEO the Secretary stated "it is the policy of this Department that no one be denied opportunities because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or sexual orientation."

In addition to being among the first cabinet level Departments to provide protection for the Department's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual employees, the D.O.T. will have activities to observe Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual pride.

Secretary Peña, and Congressman Barney Frank addressed employees in speeches. Other activities that took place included is a display of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual history display in the F.A.A. lobby, a seminar led by a panel from P-FLAG, and a seminar on the effect of AIDS in the workplace, family and friends.



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New Executive Director At Lesbian/Gay Switchboard

PHOENIX - The Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard/Arizona AIDS Information Line announced the naming of Bonnie R. Nemeth as Executive Director. Bonnie has been active in the local Lesbian and Gay community since moving to Phoenix in 1990. She has served as President of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union at Arizona State University and is active as a member of the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project's Speaker's Bureau, and the Lesbian Resource Project.

The Board of Directors is excited about the selection of Bonnie to this position during its 15th year of service, and looks forward to continue community support. Since June of 1992 the Switchboard has handled over 19,000 calls, referring people from all over to country to local businesses and organizations.

As always, the Switchboard is always in need of telephone volunteers and financial contributions from the community. Any assistance in either of these areas would be greatly appreciated. Contributions to the Switchboard are tax deductible.

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London's Gay Community Fears Serial Killer Suspected in Five Slayings and Promises More

LONDON (AP) - A serial killer stalking London's homosexual community has slain five men, including an American, and news reports yesterday said he has told police he will keep on killing a victim a week.

Scotland Yard confirmed a man has telephoned them anonymously with precise information about all the slayings.

The victims, ages 33 to 45, were all killed in their own homes, between March and June. Police said that at least four were homosexuals and that three carried the AIDS virus.

In each case, the killer is believed to have struck up a casual acquaintance in a pub or club. All were killed in "intimate circumstances," said the Gay London Policing Group, a Gay men's organization.

"It's hard to say whether it's a Gay men himself who's committing the murders, or someone who needs to seek some kind of revenge or show hatred against Gay men," said Paul Duffy, a spokesman for the group.

Detective Superintendent Albert Patrick told television he was keeping an open mind about the possibility that the killer was taking revenge on homosexual men after he had become infected with the AIDS virus.

The officer in charge of the investigation, Detective Chief Superintendent Kenneth John, appealed to the killer to give himself up.

"Enough is enough. Enough pain, enough anxiety, enough tragedy," John told a news conference. "Give yourself up, your terms, whatever you dictate, whatever time, to me or my colleagues."

John confirmed that a man called the police, newspapers and "other agencies" with precise details about the slayings. He denied newspaper reports that the calls were "baiting and mocking".

The Times of London and other newspapers quoted unidentified police sources as saying the caller claimed he would continue killing a man a week until he was caught.

The first victim, a 45 year old theater director, was found tied up and dead in his London home. The killer called The Sun, after that killing and said, "It was my New Year's resolution to murder a human being."

American businessman Peter Bradley, 35, of Texas, was the third victim, found naked, bound and strangled at his apartment. Police said they had no evidence he has a homosexual, but he was linked with the other victims because of the way he died.

The fifth victim, from Malta, was found at his south London home after the killer called police to tell them of the slaying.

Police then went public to warn homosexuals of a serial killer.

Military Conditionally Agrees To Let Gays Serve

WASHINGTON - All four branches of the military, in a report completed earlier this month, have agreed to let Gays and Lesbians serve in the armed as long as they don't have sex or talk publicly about their sexual preference.

The report of the "Military Working Group" was prepared for Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. It's the final piece of background Aspin sought before making his recommendations to President Clinton, which is due July 15, on a policy that would end discrimination against Gays in the military.

In a photo op, and press conference, President Clinton said he had talked with Defense Secretary Aspin about the policy, but had not received the Pentagon report. Clinton also stated that he was

leaning toward a "don't ask, don't tell" policy, and he said he had not changed his mind.

"The American people and the military are certainly ready for a resolution of this," he said during the photo op. "I want to see what the details are." "I think we're ready to resolve this and get it behind us and I hope we'll do it soon," he added.

The report, completed earlier this month, says military leaders would agree to lifting the ban on Gay people but not on Gay conduct. Also, there would be no witch hunts, investigations or inquiries conducted based solely on a person's sexual orientation. The report also states that "homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the high standards of combat effectiveness and unit cohesion."



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Review - Desert Voices Concert

The hallmark of liberation theology is that it transforms conflict into opportunity through art. Desert Voices "At the Hop" program in the Proscenium Theater at Pima College on Saturday June 19 did exactly that.

With songs like "The Chapel Of Love" and "Mr. Sandman" James Gall, Desert Voice's musical director took us back to the days before Stonewall on songs from the fifties and sixties. Instead of entrenched heterosexuality we were treated to an alternate reality that many of us experienced or wished we had. Terry Long did a beautiful solo of Where The Boys Are followed by Julia Balen, Dorothea Nobile, Michal McKenzie and Martie Van der Voort singing My Girl. The songs were linked together with dj style commentary from K-GAY radio.

Those who might dismiss this light hearted fare as trivial should be reminded of the power that is present in reclaiming and recreating a painful past and the healing that happens with laughter. These are gifts that choral groups bring to our community. There are over 100 of these Gay, Lesbian and mixed choral groups throughout the world forming the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) of which Desert Voices is a member.

In A Look At The Military, the chorus used familiar patriotic melodies with new lyrics in a medley dedicated to Gays and Lesbians in military service. Unfortunately, due to difficulties with the sound system, much of these new lyrics were lost on the audience, but there was no mistaking the enthusiasm and pride of the chorus. It is difficult to grow up in the United States and remain unmoved hearing a medley that goes from "The Halls of Montezuma" to "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" and many of the audience stood after the medley to applaud.

The program ended with Berniece Johnson Reason's "We Who Believe in Freedom", started by soloist Julia Arriola whose voice got stronger the longer she sang. The audience joined Desert Voices to repeat the chorus in a standing ovation.

In Navajo culture those who need healing are "sung over" in precise rituals involving sand paintings. As I left the theatre humming "we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes" and laughing with friends I'd not seen in years I felt as though we had been transformed. Such is the art of liberation.

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Rich G.

Well, it looks like everyone "survived" another Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic. I know our group had a lot of fun! The day started off early (6 a.m.) and continued on until the late afternoon. The booth we set up was pretty simple. It was a table with some brochures, photos, and Gummi Bears. We were fortunate enough to find a set of trees to be under. In the morning the Gummi Bears were able to hold their own against the heat, but the afternoon finally won (when it reached 109 degrees). I ended up taking home a container full of "dead" Gummi Bears. (What a mess!)

Overall, everyone who attended the picnic wandered around the sites and eventually ended up stopping by our setup. We greeted them with a warm smile and a hearty hello. They seemed to like that. To further ensure that we would be remembered, we gave out genuine Bear Hugs. The nearest Bear came around the table and gave the person a large hug and a nuzzle. I even heard a few growls being given at the same time. Then that person received a customized sticker that said "I've Been Hugged". It had a picture of a Grizzly on it. When the group later went to the Venture-N for dinner and beers, I saw quite a few of those stickers. We even gave out a few more Hugs.

Our ChairBear, John, wants to pass his thanks to all the members who contributed their time and efforts. It was greatly appreciated and made this turnout a success. I brought a camera and took many pictures. I will bring them to the general meeting, as well as the other photos that were on display.

Upcoming events will be a camping trip to New Mexico this weekend (June 25 - 27) and the general meeting on the first Thursday of July. This is July 1st at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting we will discuss more activities that everyone is interested in (like tubing on the Salt River and more camping in the local area) and other things to do for July. Also, at this meeting we will be voting on a new secretary. Everyone is encouraged to attend and vote. See ya there. Hugs, Rich, 790-9419.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Joseph Zuniga

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

The Senate Armed Services Committee's debate about lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military seems to be arriving at what some have labeled a compromise position: The military will no longer ask recruits whether they "have homosexual tendencies," and in return, Lesbians and Gay men will be allowed to serve so long as they don't "announce" their sexuality.

This compromise could work if we were dealing with automatons, but for human beings, not announcing one's sexual orientation isn't the simple request that proponents of this compromise would have the public believe. There is no off switch when dealing with human identity. This policy affects homosexuals at the core of who we are as people, and in essence forces us to not accept ourselves, to constantly live a lie.

It is important to note the concessions that have been made in arriving at "don't ask, don't tell." The issue is no longer whether there are homosexuals in the military. Moreover, because so many decorated Gay and Lesbian service members have dare "come out of the closet," it is also now conceded that there is no correlation between a soldier's sexual orientation and his ability to perform in the military. It is common knowledge that homosexuality is not a proxy for "bad soldier." Rather, like heterosexuality, Gay people come in all varieties, from soldier of the year to the average soldier simply wanting to complete a two year enlistment.

Such acknowledgements have sounded a bitter defeat for those who even a year ago continued to bury their heads in the sand over this issue. Unfortunately, they have also forced a shift in the rhetorical focus to "unit cohesion," a phrase more accurately defined as how heterosexuals will respond to having to acknowledge that there are openly Gay and Lesbian soldiers among them. "Don't ask, don't tell" purports to solve this problem by avoiding it. This solution may sound credible to Congress, but it has no plausibility in the service.

It is true that the military explicitly asks people whether they are Gay, once upon recruitment, can easily stop doing so. But Lesbian and Gay service members cannot make such a black and white, one

time decision to "not tell" as they go about their everyday lives. A closeted homosexual must constantly negotiate a mine field to securely hide his sexual orientation; he must be on 24 alert lest he "tell."

Heterosexuals display their sexual orientation a hundred times each day, from discussing what they did Saturday night to commenting on a Playboy centerfold. If announcing one's homosexuality brings nondiscretionary discharge, all conversation becomes a trap for the reckless. A Gay GI must withdraw from all social interaction with his peers or live an endless string of half truths, avoided answers and downright lies.

The circumstances behind the discharge of the Rev. Dusty Pruitt show how degrading it is to know that announcing one's identity is forbidden. Pruitt, a Lesbian Army sergeant who is also a minister in the Metropolitan Community Church, was expelled from the service after the military learned of her association with that church. Should anyone be forced to lie about so sacred an activity as worship?

The central concept in a military life is honor, and the basic premise upon which one's honor depends is truth. As former Navy midshipman Joe Steffan explains when asked why he told Naval Academy officials that he was Gay when they asked him point blank: "Personal honor is an absolute, you either have honor or you do not." In short, good soldiers don't lie.

Lesbians and Gay men do not ask special rights; we do not want to flaunt our sexual orientation. Indeed, the many Gay and Lesbian soldiers I know are hardly the radical activists that some would have the public believe make up the Gay community. They are generally conservative individuals, sworn to defend their country, who want only to do their job without constantly facing the risk of losing it based on an irrelevant characteristic. We only want the opportunity to be honest about our lives in the same manner as everyone else.

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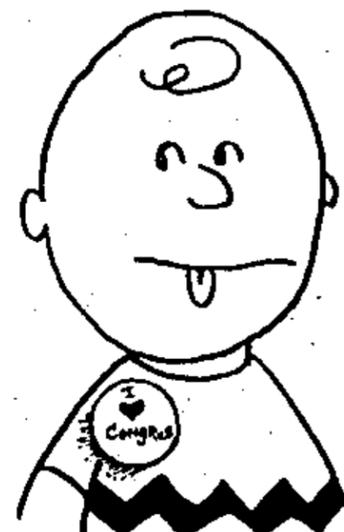
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In the eternal question of what we homos should call our significant others, no term has won the debate. Some of us use lover, while others say girlfriend, though I've never heard a Gay man refer to his lover as his boyfriend. Occasionally, Gay people use husband or wife; Stephan Spinelli, on winning the Tony Award for his performance in Angels In America, called his lover "the husband of my heart," which I find rather sweet.

More and more people are using partner. There are pros and cons for each term, but partner, I think, has many more cons than pros. First of all, partner is unromantic, even dry. Partner connotes business relationships, handshakes, and three piece suits; its most engaging use comes in "partners in crime," which unfortunately, does fit those of us who live in the 23 states that still consider sodomy illegal.

What partner doesn't immediately bring to mind is life, long commitment, holding hands, giggling together, hot sex, surviving bad times, taking care of each other in the middle of the night, and all the others wonders of loving relationships.

Partner's biggest weakness is that it's nonspecific. Two friends of mine laugh about people who don't "get it" when one introduces the other as her partner. They've been asked many times, "Oh, what business are you in?" But why should straight people assume that partner means lover or spouse or significant others? That hasn't been its main use in our

language, and most straight people don't easily assume their acquaintances to be Lesbian or Gay. Perhaps they should, but that will only happen when Gay people are completely out. Yet partner is not a completely out word. It is 95% of the way there, but not 100%.

A recent issue of Money magazine features an article on how to retire early. Among the couples pictured are two charming gray haired women. The caption says, "Martha Burns and her partner Linda Hartsock have socked away \$140,000 in retirement plans from their management firm. They plan to retire to Chincoteague Bay by 2003." Those of us "in the know" can easily tell that these women are romantically involved with each other. Their clothing, hair, smiles, and body language seem like neon signs saying "Lesbians! Lesbians! Lesbians!"

Yet straight people, particularly those who assume that all Gay men and Lesbians are tattooed, shaved headed, leather clad young perverts, could easily look at these women and see "maiden ladies" who have chosen to share their (sadly) male bereft old ages. The caption supports this interpretation, as the word partner is paired with mention of the company they own together.

If it seems that I am overestimating some straight people's ability to ignore what's right in front of their eyes, remember: many people who saw Fried Green Tomatoes thought that Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary Louise Parker were just good friends.

Then again, does it matter what straight people think? Yes. Straight people who personally know Lesbians and Gay men, or who simply understand that "the Gay community" includes respectable couples on the pages of Money mag, are less apt to vote for laws that limit Gay freedoms. Every move that Lesbians and Gay men make in the straight world holds potential for education and activism; if the women in Money mag had called themselves lovers, significant others, spouses, or even life partners, that potential would have been reached. Instead, because of its ambiguity, partner retains echoes of the closet.

In my own life, I use varied terms. I like girlfriend when I'm sure it will be understood as a more than friendly term. It has a romantic flair that please me; however, many women are offended by the girl in girlfriend and therefore rule it out of their lexicon. I also like the word lover, perhaps because I hear it as a dashing term and imagine swashing some buckles for the woman I love.

These words are not perfect, but they possess the juice that partner lacks.

When I get tired of trying to balance respectability, activism, and perfect terminology, I remember with glee the legendary anecdote about Jack Warner, of Warner Brothers, having dinner with Tennessee Williams, Williams' long time lover Frank Merlo, and many other people. This dinner occurred around the time The Glass Menagerie was being filmed. At some point in the dinner, Warner turned to Merlo and said, "So, what do you do?" Merlo replied, "I fuck Mr. Williams."

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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Pride

When I was seven, I was taught by the nuns that pride is a sin. Of course, I was also taught by the same nuns that if you touched the Host your arm would fall off right there at the communion rail, so let's try to keep some perspective.

They were adamant, though, about pride being right up there among the Seven Deadly Sins (my favorites being lust, gluttony, and sloth). Pride was bad. Then again, just about everything was bad, except nuns.

At the same time, we were taught to be proud of our citizenship in the USA. Despite the civil rights struggle and the Vietnam War on TV, we were happy little buckaroos who lived in the best country in the world. Ward Cleaver told us everything would be all right.

The Soviets were Godless evil incarnate; we were proud that we didn't have to live the way they did (whatever that meant). As long as our missiles were bigger than theirs, there was nothing to worry about.

We were proud of the nuclear deterrent that proved our way of life was superior. We just weren't supposed to be proud of ourselves; that was a sin.

In high school, I had the good fortune (and the test-taking ability) to be chosen as a National Merit scholar. When the news arrived that I had won a scholarship, suddenly everyone was so proud of me, including people who had snubbed me in the hall every day.

I was sick with being a closeted adolescent at that time in my life, so I did not want the attention. I felt like an impostor. I gave myself no credit for my achievement. When my picture was in the paper, I wasn't proud. All I could think of was how fat and sissy I looked.

Perceiving pride as a fault or a sin can do that to a person -- you are tempted to find something bad about yourself, no matter what you accomplish. How many of us have given up dreams because of being queer? How many of us have extinguished our self-esteem because of America's hatred of its queers, which became our hatred of ourselves?

Which is more important: to have pride in ourselves as a community of individuals, or simply to be proud of being queer? The whole premise of this nation is that who and what you are is immaterial. It's what you do that matters.

Roy Cohn and J. Edgar Hoover

were queer, for Goodness' sake; what is the inherent value in that? I am not particularly proud of my sexual orientation. Do not misunderstand -- I'm certainly not ashamed, it's just not a matter for pride or shame. I believe I was born with an attraction to my own sex, like I was born right-handed.

Straight people don't assert their pride in their heterosexuality. Of course, they don't have to, because they get all the positive messages they can handle from our social institutions.

When our struggle is won, today's "Gay pride" will fade away. We will be the legal and social equals of straight people. Queer families' value will be recognized. Our love will no longer be illegal. The oppression will be over. We won't need the defiant, outlaw version of gay pride anymore. Our right to exist as full members of society will be unquestioned.

As for today: would you like to know what I am proud of? I am proud of all who survive the inner struggle for self-acceptance, be they straight or gay. I am proud of queer Americans who realize that "the personal is political" and come out, even if only to one other person.

I am proud of the bravery shown by every openly queer person in the face of society's oppression. I am proud of the drag queens who have been in the vanguard of this fight since before Stonewall.

I am proud of Lesbian mothers (like my activist leather dyke sister) who keep custody of their children despite the homophobia of the courts.

I am proud of straight people who see this fight as a civil rights issue (like my other sister, who has the nerve to advocate equal rights in Colorado Springs).

I am proud of Roberta Achtenberg, Colette Barajas, Debra Broner, Rita Mac Brown, Barney Frank, Mary Higgins, Kenny Jacobs, Larry Kramer, Gerry Studds, and Jim Toevs, among many others.

I am proud of the queer soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen (how do you make that inclusive?) who have the courage to come out to the homophobic U.S. military at the risk of their careers. At the same time, I am proud of Colin Powell, save for his stance on The Ban.

I am proud of Mayor Miller and

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by Frank E.G. Gallego

What a party! Finding a shady spot at 5 a.m. for our booth started the fun for the day. AGRA sold balloons for \$5.00 a pop, each containing a number designating a prize that range from \$5 to \$138. We had 2 \$138 winners.

A special thanks to the donors of the prizes, they are; Stoney Burke, Tucson Traffic Service, Venture-N Leather Shop, IBT's, Graduate, Hours, Venture-N, Rumorz, Club 2520, Desert Terrace Dance Club, and Finely Distributing Company.

I could not have done everything without the tireless and dedicated help from Mike Mitty. Tremendous effort in collecting over 200 items came from two of our Board Members, Bob Jessan and President Bill Darnell. The booth volunteers; Ms. Telvi Roybal, Bill Conn, Lyle Marcks, Tom T., and Ron Shaw, thank you, you made the picnic even more fun.

Come to our booth at the Doubletree Inn, tonight, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Meet Yourself. We will be featuring the balloon pop concession again, try your luck, everyone is a winner and there are still many valuable items available.

Poster Contest! You can win \$100 by designing the poster for the third annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo. The rules for the contest are as follows:

The design must include a Saguaro

ro Cactus. The size must be 17" x 22". The only written words to appear in the design are "1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo". Any additional verbiage will cause disqualification. The design must have a blank area for rodeo information. The design may be black or white or color. If color is used, original artwork or photography must be submitted. The winning design will become sole property of AGRA. The designer's name and address must appear in the upper left back corner. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 18, 2:00 p.m., at Hours, the site for the July meeting.

Mike Mitty is getting ready for a great fund raiser scheduled for Sunday, August 23, at Rumorz, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., our First Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast, featuring Bucky's Omelet Bar. Thanks go to Bucky, Hank Stone, Jeff Meyer, Ken and Jerry for sponsoring this event.

For \$3.99, you can be treated to fresh orange juice, one of Bucky's famous omelets, potatoes, biscuit, and coffee. You can either serve yourself or be greeted and seated by our Maitre D', served by our waiters and cocktail waiters. All tips are being donated to Shanti. At the conclusion of the brunch we will feature an auction with a real auctioneer Roger (last name withheld due to a blond attack).

Well, Buckaroos and Buckarooquitas, hasta luego y'all.

At The Closet Door Continued from page nine

Chief Hedtke for having the political will to support the right of the people peaceably to assemble.

I am proud of my Steven when he takes my hand or kisses me on the street: that's an act of bravery.

I am proud of the memory of Harvey Milk, may he rest in peace; may we deserve his legacy.

I am proud of the in-your-face activism of ACT-UP and Queer Nation.

Despite fifteen years of Catholic school indoctrination, I am proud of myself. I'm proud of these words. I'm proud and incredibly excited that you read them.

On the other hand, I am ashamed of a few things. I'm deeply ashamed of and thoroughly disgusted by those City of Tucson employees who did their best (until Miller and Hedtke's intervention) to keep Sunday's Gay Pride Picnic from happening. Oh, you didn't hear? Surprise. Your tax dollars at work.

I'm ashamed of queer people who waste their energy and time tearing each other up over nothing when our personal, social, and political survival is at stake.

I'm ashamed of those who linger in the closet.

I know that it has been considered politically incorrect to show impatience with people who are in the closet. Get over it. Closets are a luxury we can no longer afford.

If you are in the closet, you cannot be happy or proud of who you are. Want to be proud of yourself? Come out. The truth is the truth. Tell it. Until you come out, the oppression you fear will not go away, because you are your own oppressor.

Do your part in your own liberation. The pain of coming out is tiny and soon over; the anguish of being closeted goes on as long as you live.

If you're out of the closet, join the struggle. We need your hands and voice and mind; there is a real political threat to queers in America. It's time to speak out. Don't settle for being proud of something you did not choose; do something which will make you proud.

Happy Pride Week. Remember where we've come from. Help us get where we're going. That will give you something to really be proud of.

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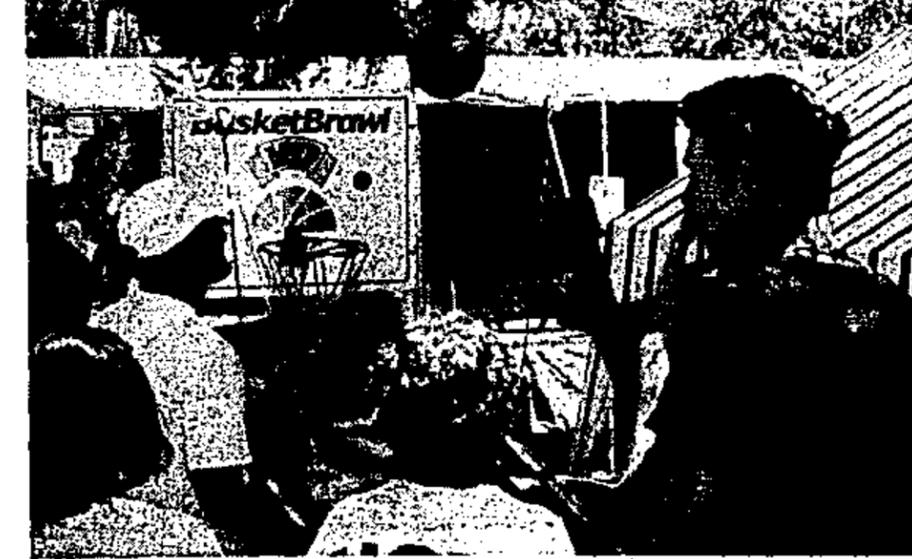
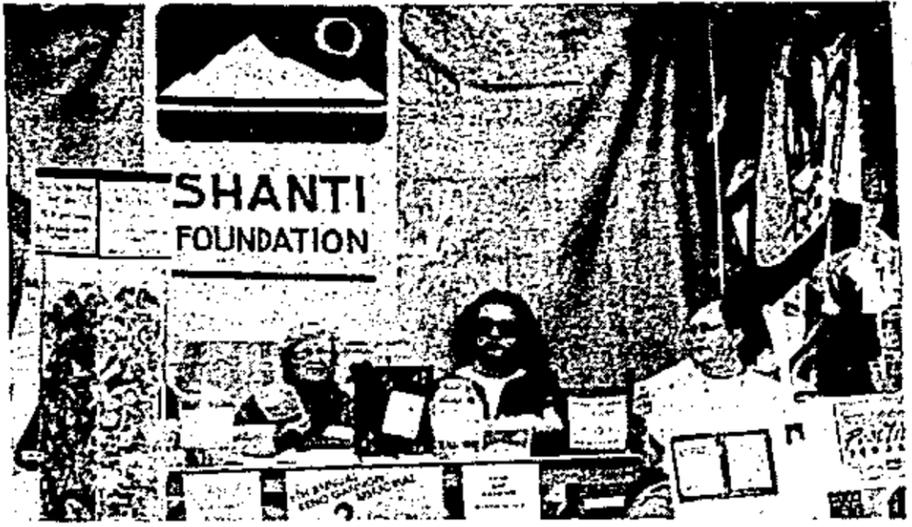
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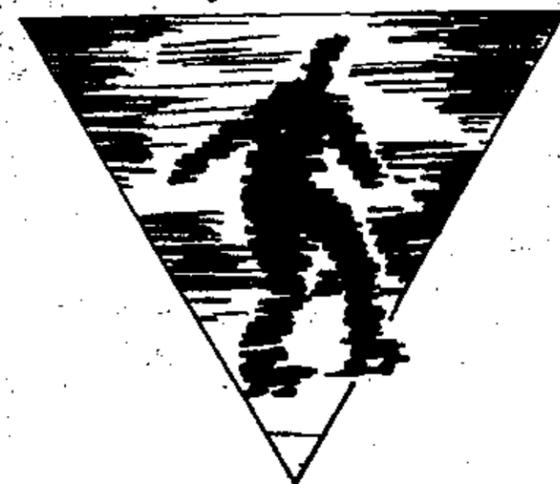
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

The congregation of MCC-Tucson wishes to thank the T.L.G.A. Committee on another Gay Pride Picnic that was, in our estimation, another success. The crowd did not seem as large this year as last year but it seemed that the picnic was well attended. We wish to thank everyone who helped to support our food booth during the afternoon.

This coming Saturday, June 26th, starting at 6:30 p.m., there will be another "No Host Bingo" party in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue. Bring a prize for one of the games and play Bingo all evening. It is not necessary to bring a prize to be able to play, come by and enjoy the evening, our Bingo games are always fun.

The U.F.M.C.C. General Conference will be in Phoenix from July 18 through July 25th. For the first time in

many, many years, MCC-Tucson will have no Morning Worship Service on July 25th. Rev. Elder Troy Perry will be preaching at the Morning Worship Service in Phoenix starting at 10:30 a.m. and MCC-Tucson will be car pooling to Phoenix to be a witness during this service. This will be the twenty fifth anniversary of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Everyone is welcome to attend this special worship service and are invited to join in our car pooling, transportation will be available for everyone who wishes to attend. With Rev. Elder Troy Perry's present schedule, this will be the last time in a long time for many of our congregation and friends to hear Rev. Elder Troy Perry preach.

Thought for the week: All people are specialists, but for the most part, their specialty is omission.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Have you ever thought that you might be able to compare yourself with weeds? No? Then think about it now!

One of the responsibilities that goes along with living in a house instead of an apartment or condo is taking care of the yard. In my case, it is necessary to kill weeds on a regular basis, and I have chosen to use what one of my friends describes as "chemical warfare". This is accomplished by filling a container with water, adding some weedkiller, and then spraying this mixture on everything I want killed.

Imagine with me for a moment that weeds could think. If they could, one of the main objectives of their lives would be thinking how to get water, since without water all living things die, and until monsoon season there is so little water in Tucson. They would constantly be trying to figure out how to get more. And just look, they might think, here comes a cool refreshing shower! Perhaps some of the weeds would tell others about it, or maybe they would try to hog all the water for themselves, after all, they deserve it!

I neglected to mention that my weedkiller doesn't work immediately. It takes a week or so for the weeds to begin to exhibit the effects of the poison I have sprayed on them. So my "thinking weeds" would not know immediately that the water they had just soaked up was not good for them. In fact, they might never connect that unexpected shower with the sick feelings they started having later on.

If only the weeds could have read the container from which I poured the weedkiller! One of the first lines of warning says, "Avoid spray on desirable plants as severe injury or destruction may result." Reading that, the weeds would certainly have done everything possible to avoid the sure death that came as a result of that shower. You see, the need for water was not wrong, just the way in which that need was filled.

Every person reading this was

made with basic needs, food, shelter, clothing, and love being the primary ones. Each one of these needs can be met in right or wrong ways. Perhaps you have known someone who allowed their need for food to become their primary focus in life, possibly to the extent of making themselves physically ill. Was the need for food wrong? Of course not, just the way in which it was satisfied.

One of the strongest needs, especially for people in our community, is the need for love. Because so many of us have been denied the love of our family, we look for it in other places. And sometimes we ignore the greatest love which we can experience! The apostle John tells us in one of his letters, "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (I John 3:1a NIV) God never changes, and so his love for us never changes. When we look for love in any other place we are sure to be disappointed at best, because no human can love perfectly!

Have you experienced this greatest of all loves? Or are you allowing a substitute to shower poison on you? Unlike the weeds, you can choose how to satisfy this basic need. Don't allow something less than God's love fill your need. He is waiting for you right now.

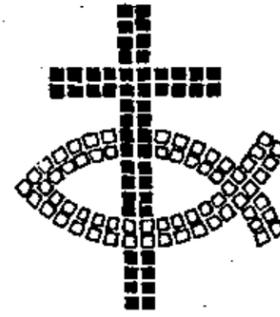
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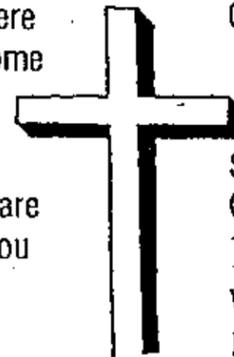
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		MAY	APR.	MAR.		MAY	APR.	MAR.		MAY	APR.	MAR.	
APACHE	61,591	7	6	6	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0
COCHISE	97,624	22	19	19	11	5	6	6	0	44	44	44	3
COCONINO	96,591	15	14	12	9	1	1	1	0	18	18	18	0
GILA	40,216	7	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
GRAHAM	26,554	5	5	5	3	1	1	1	0	6	6	6	0
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	1
HARICOPA	2,122,101	2124	2125	2100	1234	454	454	451	52	1721	1729	1731	73
MOHAVE	93,497	35	34	32	19	4	4	4	0	26	26	26	3
NAVAJO	77,658	10	10	10	7	2	2	2	0	3	2	2	1
PIMA	666,880	587	538	521	329	71	69	60	12	530	536	534	41
PINAL	116,379	27	26	26	15	4	5	5	0	31	31	31	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	8	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	33	34	30	20	3	3	3	0	32	33	30	3
YUMA	106,895	34	34	33	18	8	8	8	3	60	60	60	3
UNKNOWN		3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	120	121	121	2
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

PRIDE WEEK, JUNE 20-27 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

CLUB 2520 - In celebration of Pride Week the club is bringing in as a special attraction vocalist Jayne Rudledge who will perform from 9:00 until 12:15 a.m. Teresa Housley will open the evening's Pride Gala with a short show from 8:30 until 9:00 p.m. And it's an official Pride Week event. No charge.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

IBT's - It's Pride week and the staff of IBT's invites you to join them for "Fun In The Sun Beach Party". Contests, prizes, raffle 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 60s Beach Music and 70's music, etc. Videos of the Pride Picnic will be shown here during Happy Hour too.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

CLUB 2520 - For your Happy Hour entertainment vocalist Brenda Allen will be entertaining in the middle bar beginning at 4:00 p.m.

HOURS - Videos of Pride Picnic shown here on the big screen during Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

CLUB 2520 - Its complimentary BBQ ribs and salad here today plus you get entertainment by vocalist Brenda Allen who starts singing at 4:00 and the food is served from 4:30 until 7:30. Check out the complimentary Happy Hour food menu Wednesday thru Saturday.

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust and Dinner today from 2 to 6 p.m. Plus their regular Cash Pool Tourney which begins at 2 p.m.

VENTURE-N - It's Pride Week and the boys in leather are showing off Leather Pride here this evening beginning at 8:30 p.m. Activities inside and on the patio all evening. Check it out!

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

CLUB 2520 - Videos of the Pride Picnic will be shown here during the Sunday Steak Fry from 3 to 7 p.m. Talk of the Town / PACT Raffle at 11 p.m.

GRADUATE - Winding up Pride Week '93, the Grad will present "Casino Night" with members of Tucson's clubs doing the dealing. Prizes to the winners and it goes from 5 to 9 p.m. Have fun! Talk of the Town and PACT Raffle at 8 p.m.

HOURS - PFLAG Pot Luck on the patio. Come and meet them and find out what they're about. Bring a dish and join the party.

IBT's - Benefit BBQ on the patio from 3 to 6 pm. with all proceeds divided equally with MCC and PACT. Talk of the Town/PACT Raffle at 9 p.m.

RUMORZ - Talk of the Town/PACT Raffle at 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

IBT'S - The Glamazons are back with your hostess Madame C and starring Raven, Lucinda Holliday, Gilda Fatale and Mr. Dani Reid. It all begins at 9 p.m. Don't miss this all new show.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

HOURS - A fundraiser here. Come play the games, enjoy the live entertainment of Teresa Housley and others. Food and much, much more. It all starts at 2 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Special cookout today. Watch for more details.

Non-Bar

CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

Art Attack IV opens Monday, June 21 at Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. A juried exhibition of local Lesbian and Gay artists featuring photography, sculpture and paintings of all mixed media. Exhibition to run through July 17. Noon until 6:00 p.m. daily. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Sundays. Closed Wednesdays.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company is presenting Victor Bambalo's "Adam and the Harpists" at their Historic "Y" Theatre, Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. through July 4. Tickets \$9 at Antigone's, 600 N. 4th. For reservations call 770-9279.

Meta Theatre presenting "Steel Kiss" at the aka Theatre, 125 E. Congress through July 3. Wednesday through Sundays at 8 p.m. A tense drama about the darkest depths of homophobia. Tickets \$9.

PRIDE WEEK JUNE 20-27 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Pride Week's annual "Gay and Lesbian Meet Yourself" at the Doubletree Hotel Grand Ballroom, 445 S. Alvarado from 7 to 10 p.m. A community fair for Gay and Lesbian Organizations, Clubs and Businesses in booths and at tables showing their products and informing the community about their programs. Over \$600 in door prizes plus entertainment by Desert Voices.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Rashida Oji, whose music is an eclectic mix of rock, pop, folk and gospel, will be performing during Gay Pride Week with a concert at Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community center. Performance begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and are available at Antigone's. For more information call 624-7376.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Pride Week Gay and Lesbian Skate Night from 5 to 7 p.m. at Skato Country, 2700 N. Stone. No charge (\$1 skate rental available). Featuring couples skating, the Hokey Pokey, and all your favorites. Donations accepted for PACT. Official Pride Week event.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Cinema Bravo presents the Tucson Premiere of the Award-Winning Gay feature film "I'll Love You Forever... Tonight", at the University of Arizona/Modern Languages Auditorium, this night only. Screenings at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 admission. For tickets and information call The University of Arizona Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Association (BGALA), 621-7585. The movie tells the story of a Gay young man trying to build up the courage to confront his father who denies abusing him as a child.

MCC/Tucson will have a No-Host Bingo Party starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. If you can, bring a prize for one of the games and play Bingo all evening. If you can't bring a prize, come and enjoy the evening anyway. The games will be played in the Fellowship Hall at 3269 N. Mountain Ave.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

"Rock For TAP" will kick off a series of irregularly scheduled music concerts benefiting the Tucson AIDS Project with a concert Sunday, June 27 at Club Congress, 311 B. Congress starting at 9 p.m. The concert will feature Newt, Al Perry and the Cattle and Caidin and the Stick Ponies. Al Perry and the Cattle was recently voted best Punk/Art band in the Tucson Area Music Awards. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will benefit TAP.

PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) invites all Presbyterians to their monthly meeting each 4th Sunday of the Month. This meeting tonight begins at 7 p.m. and will have the Rev. John Fife as guest speaker. St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. in Geova Hall. More info call Nancy 327-1293.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Jeffrey Sonenberg, nationally acclaimed intuitive consultant, will be at the 4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Ave. from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Free intuitive prediction event. "Use your intuition for everyday and future decisions." Current predictions and intuitive answers to your questions. Jeffrey has been the subject of numerous radio and newspaper articles and has successfully predicted many global and financial market events including the Middle East Crisis, the Soviet Coup and many more. Free Consultation and intuitive message for everyone! Free financial market predictions newsletter and LifeCycle newsletter. Food and drink available. Reserved seating available on request. For more information call 325-5490.

Tucson

CALENDAR

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Subd Bar and Western Steak Fry 5 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 Steve's \$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. Cookout for community organizations 3-6.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Moody Marys and Steve's \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$1 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moon Madman "Backbeat". 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!).
HOURS - Open Noon, Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 30 Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well, also, 6 pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. McLow Jazz Mondays 9 to 1
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 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. "Monter Beer Nite" 25oz cans 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. Schnapps 75c 7 to close
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Also country/western night with Tom Meza. Free lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Bud and Bud Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. 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. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 5-8, \$2. or Tacos @ \$1 each. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance lessons with Paul 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8
CLUB CONGRESS - Red Parrot's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring cabaret dancers.
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 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75c Schnapps & domestic beer \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, \$3. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Beer matches pot.
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. Blackjack or Craps \$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 tent \$2.30 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with V/D/L Links.
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 with DJ David Z.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvre. V/D/L Links Playlist 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 with DJ David Z.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.30 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Playlist V/D/L 10-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???



Each year the crowds just seems to grow. Again this year, Tucson's Gay Pride Picnic was larger in numbers and it seemed to me also larger in the different booths. Isn't it great we live in a community that has Gay Rights? It was refreshing and rewarding walking around the crowd, seeing friends that you only see during this event, plus a lot of new faces. What's the old saying, "How sweet it was!"

But, I'm not sure as to what the City Council, or whomever is sitting down town was making all the changes to the picnic. First off, it was strange to read about all the different licenses needed for booths this year. The law may have been on the books before but why all of a sudden this year they were being enforced?

Then, and one area I would like to have an answer to is, after 14 previous years, why did those elected officials, or whoever it was, make the decision to turn down the license for draft beer, just one week prior to the picnic?

I've never been one much to get involved in politics but when they start to tamper, or at the last minute, change policies, or just choose to start enforcing policies after 14 years, it makes me believe someone downtown is making a move to stop our Gay Pride Picnic. I'm not sure if it was just one person, or someone with higher goals asserting themselves but I'd like to know.

I for one, and I'm sure there are a lot more who would like to have some answers. If the only way those answers can be given is to go to one of the City Council meetings, in numbers, then I guess I'll be along with everyone at one of the meetings. Remember, numbers have force and those elected officials do appear at the picnic, soliciting our support.

On a lighter side, and TLGA,

first off I want to congratulate all the work on this year's picnic, each of you on the committee, it was great. I have been asked by a few people, why they ask me I have no idea but, why does the picnic have to be at this time of the year when the temperature is in the 100s? Yes, I know this is the time of the Stonewall but still, is there not another part of the Spring or Fall that this event could go off as successful? Just passing on information to the members of TLGA for future considerations and thoughts.

Now that we are in our annual Gay Pride Weeks celebrations, with events being held all over Tucson, I do hope you are supporting as many of them as possible. This year, looking over the schedule events calendar, it makes me proud to be able to live in a community that is not hidden in a closet.



TBBS: A very special HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out at this time to one of Tucson's oldest (just joking) and one of the hardest workers in the Tucson community, Ben C. He is turning the big 62 today. Don't worry Ben, you just have 7 more years until you reach the age of "Heavenly Slobbering Bliss." The following will be another one that you, the reader, is going to have to go to the individual to get the complete story and answers. How or why was it the other day Bert was in Ray's blue jockey shorts?

Well, this column was a tad bit different than my normal BS but why not, everyone has the right to know. Yes, I may be stirring the pot but I'm not the only one who has voiced the above. So, until next week, stay happy, play safe, and let us all get out this week and support our GAY PRIDE WEEK.



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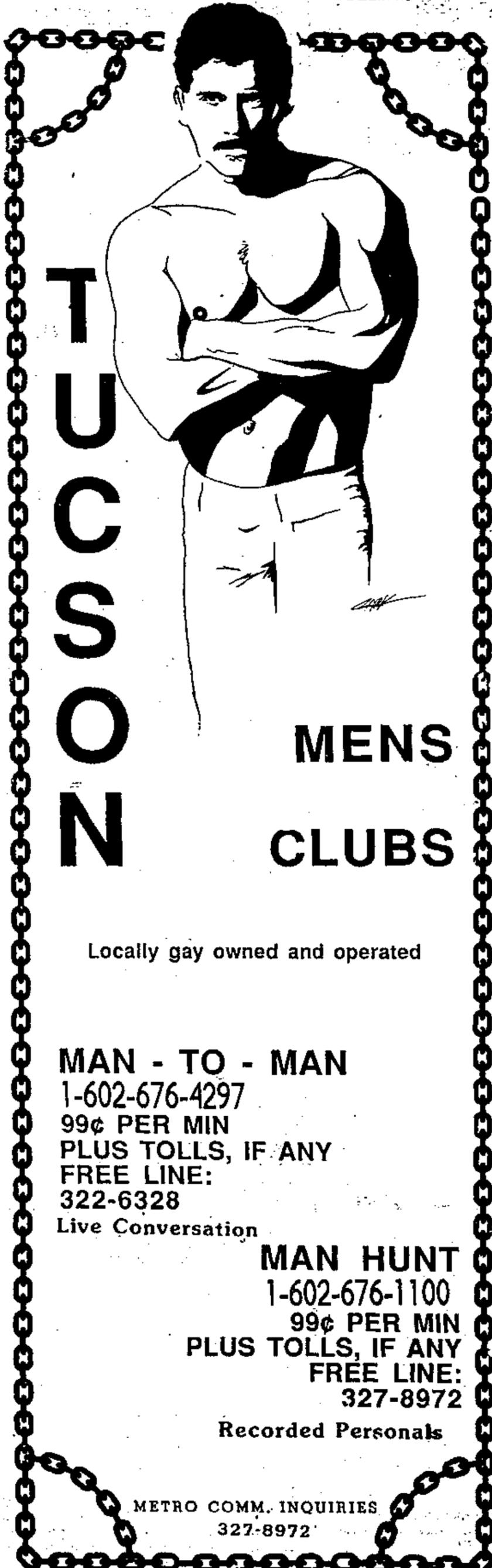
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ARIES
 MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
 The homefront will play a provocative role in your emotional world this week. Family members subconsciously put the past behind them to present their personal best. If you are not geographically close to your family, your closest friends and or mates will be the fulcrum of your introspective endeavors.

TAURUS
 APRIL 21 - MAY 20
 Your brain is starving for response and stimuli this week. The sun enters an earth sign which brings most people back to the hearth. Creating a lot of activity, not too far from home may be the perfect outlet for your energies. Flattery will enter the picture in a most obscure proposal. Be it business or pleasure it will definitely address your personal side.

GEMINI
 MAY 21 - JUNE 20
 Although your internal personal power may be bountiful, a familiar scenario dominates this weeks agenda. Finances again proceed to rear their ugly head. "P.M.A." has always been a part of your makeup and helps to guide you through these troubled waters as well. With "positive mental attitude" on your side you are relentless in your pursuit of education through adversity. More power to you!

CANCER
 JUNE 21 - JULY 22
 Happy birthday to all Cancers. If you have heard the expression that other people feed off of your positive energy, you are correct. You find yourself surrounded by good people and good friends. With the sun entering Cancer you will feel unbounded energy. Put it to good use for yourself and become absorbed in the rush. Now is a good time to initiate and forge relationships that in your opinion will be around for a while.

LEO
 JULY 23 - AUGUST 22
 You have been laying low for a while, at least by your standards. It is time to begin organizing a brilliant (solar) comeback. Walking on eggshells might be necessary to ascertain your stance with some key people. Once you know you have the foundation laid go for broke and execute your journey to center stage. Tickets please!?

VIRGO
 AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22
 However insignificant to your life at this time, companionship rings through loud and clear. Although, this may not be a favorite topic for you it becomes more and more apparent that your direction in life will not be forged until you share it with someone and bounce your long range goals off an intellectual equal. Let down your defenses and invite yourself to enjoy company and brain food all at the same sitting.

LIBRA
 SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22
 Your profile is being scrutinized in the work place and could eventually lead to an upcoming change in status. If you carry yourself properly and wish to be recognized for your talents this could lead to a positive shift in finances and title. Caution is to be exercised in assumption of the recognition without the proof. Libra will need to balance, balance, balance.

SCORPIO
 OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22
 Your normal routine takes a break and you land into a vacation situation or one that takes you apart from the norm. Things may be as simple as a long drive to the mountains or an extended trip. Whatever the situation, it is quite apparent that something will occur that will help you to step back and look at life as you used to with your eyes fresh and your outlook clear and far. Enjoy!!

SAGITTARIUS
 NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21
 The constant jittering under your skin is an energy that will not cease this week. All of your energies should be directed to the people around you and your ability to create and intensify things to your favor. This could very possibly lead to a more solid financial picture and security in unexpected places. Think romance!

CAPRICORN
 DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19
 The appreciation society might be a good topic for you this week. You begin to realize how all the people in your past and present have influenced and shaped your life. Be fast to ensure that all those ties are still intact and that you update concerned on your activities and your station in life. Too often we forget those who have touched our lives in a very special way. Just as you think about people from the past, the reverse is in process.

AQUARIUS
 JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 19
 Maintaining a schedule of health and nutrition is the key to assisting you in your rigorous efforts at home and at your job. Your stress level will be put to the test while working and your hours on the job will seem endless. Never the less you have the stamina and will power to overcome these obstacles and shape them into a formidable position or stance to define your abilities.

PISCES
 FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
 Intrigue and creativity dominate your week which by all description should read like a dream. You will find that you fascinate certain people simply by your everyday life. Others are amazed by your creative abilities and those left in the dust are in awe. What is it? It is a trait for rehearsing your life as you see it that draws the commonplace man to a star that shines ever so bright. Yes!!!

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 213 or 215. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECT, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 627-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

SRANTY FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help to help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact on Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 622-8187. VOLUNTEERS WIKI.COM/IL

P.F.F.A.O. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson, Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rep Group 7 pm. Cowing out ladies couple counseling provided. For appointments Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

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

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

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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 Puschilla Church, Power and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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Lesbians and Gays, that they did not want us here today. Do you suppose they think we don't have family values? I wonder. Something is wrong here, and we need to demand that it gets fixed."

"We are here, we made it. We talked to our City Council - they supported us. We talked to the mayor's office - they supported us. It went up all the way to the Attorney General's office - we got our permit and we are here! We were going to come without the permit anyway! Instead of a picnic, we would have had a protest," Stockslager said.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus had spearheaded a drive to have the Pima County Board of Supervisors issue a Gay and Lesbian Pride Week proclamation similar to the one that the City of Tucson has issued for several years. At a hearing before the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday, Republican Supervisor Mike Boyd took out the words Gay and Lesbian wherever they appeared and the board passed a watered-down non-discrimination ordinance 3 to 2 along party lines.

Democratic Supervisor Raul Grijalva spoke to the crowd, and said, "It's an opportunity to come and talk to you, and also I am a little bit embarrassed today. I am embarrassed because we had a resolution with the Board of Supervisors that recognized the rights and the presence, and the identity of Gay and Lesbian people in this community and it was turned down.

"I am here to tell you that the resolution was not just symbolic, it meant that government has to understand that this is an issue about human beings. It's an issue about diversity, more importantly to all of us, it's an issue about civil rights and your ability to be accepted, not be-

cause of society, because of their own merit and their own worth," he said.

"I want to come back here next year and read a resolution that recognizes Gay Pride, that recognizes the rights and responsibilities of Gay and Lesbian people in the community, and recognizes your presence, and recognizes an ordinance in Pima County that bans discrimination," Grijalva said. "We will be back here like the City of Tucson, like our State representatives, and not be that government in exile that doesn't understand reality, but be here and read that resolution, to talk about that ordinance and to fully recognize, empower, and give due respect to a significant part of this community," he said.

Others speaking included City council members Molly McKasson and Steve Leal, council candidate Tom Saggau, spokespersons for gubernatorial candidate Terry Goddard, Rep. Karen English, members of the Human Rights Campaign fund, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), The campaign for Military Service among others. A letter from Representative Ed Pastor was read to the crowd which is printed in the letter section of this issue.

Nearly three hundred cases of beer were consumed as well as gallons and gallons of soda all of which were dispensed free of charge. The after picnic party at Hours served over 500 spaghetti dinners at no charge to those who insisted on partying through the evening.

All-in-all it was a great afternoon and from all reports everyone enjoyed themselves, for those who stayed just for an hour in the sun or those who arrived early and stayed late. Thank you TLGA for another sterling performance.



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