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Mayor David Dinkins Announces Gay Games IV Venues

NEW YORK, N.Y. - At a press conference today at City Hall, Mayor David N. Dinkins announced the signing of two major venues for Gay Games IV: USTA Tennis Center at Flushing Meadow and Asphalt Green, the new swimming facility in Manhattan with an Olympic sized pool. Venues were announced for an additional fifteen sports at the press conference.

In announcing the first set of major venues signed, the Mayor also stated his enthusiastic endorsement of the Games. "The Gay Games are without question the most inclusive sporting event in the world. It is so fitting that these Games are to be conducted here in New York City, where we recognize diversity as a critical component of civic strength."

Gay Games Executive Director Jay Hill also spoke at the press conference, announcing additional venues for sports including Billiards, Bowling, Cycling, Figure Skating, Flag Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, In-Line Skating, Martial Arts, Judo, Physique, Softball, Squash, Table Tennis and Wrestling.

Representing the Women's Sports Foundation, which has officially endorsed the Games and assisted in the production

of the Games' "Lesbian & Gay Tribute to Martina Navratilova", Yolanda Jackson, Director of Athlete Education and Development read a brief message sent from Martina Navratilova:

"I am delighted that the USTA National Tennis Center will be a venue for the Gay Games in New York next year. There is nothing like the atmosphere of Flushing Meadow, and I am happy that the participants will be able to experience the crowds and special feeling of one of the most exciting locations for tennis in the world. For those who have not played at Flushing Meadow before, just one warning: Watch for those airplanes. There's also nothing like playing tennis when you feel as though you are on a runway. Thank you, National Tennis Center."

Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival is an Olympic style sporting and cultural event open to all. More than 15,000 athletes and thousands of cultural participants are expected to participate in 31 team and individual sports. Gay Games IV will occur from June 18-25, 1994 in venues located throughout the New York City Metro area.

Commission Orders Dentist To Pay For AIDS Discrimination

NEW YORK, N.Y. - A dentist who denied treatment to a person with AIDS has been ordered by the New York City Commission on Human Rights to pay compensatory damages for discriminatory practices after a successful prosecution by the Commission's Law Enforcement Bureau with the assistance of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The Commission ruled that Dr. William Hurwitz, D.D.S., discriminated against John Campanella by refusing to accept him as a patient, and that Dr. Hurwitz must pay Mr. Campanella's estate \$7,500 for emotional distress.

"This decision makes it absolutely clear that private health care providers in New York cannot refuse services to people with AIDS," said Dennis deLeon, Chair of the City Human Rights Commission. "It is especially disturbing to see such blatant bigotry on the part of a trained health care professional who was or should have been familiar with appropriate preventive measures."

Evan Wolfson, senior attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented Mr. Campanella and his heirs in this suit, said "People with HIV all too often are forced to fight discrimination while they fight their disease. This decision, which comes too late for John Campanella, should help others who are unlawfully and unethically denied needed care by their doctor or dentist."

Mr. Campanella filed his com-

plaint with the Commission in 1987, but the case was complicated by legal challenges questioning whether a dentist's private practice was a public accommodation, and therefore, subject to the City's Human Rights Law at that time. In her 1991 Recommended Decision and Order, Administrative Law Judge Rosemarie Maldonado ruled that Dr. Hurwitz's practice was a public accommodation as defined in the Human Rights Law: "...establishments dealing in goods and services of any kind." In 1991, the City's Human Rights Law was amended to reiterate that such health care practices are subject to the anti-discrimination laws.

In the decision, the Commission highlighted the importance of its ruling that medical practices are public accommodations, pointing out that "to hold otherwise would open the door for private health care providers across New York State to deny services to persons because of any protected status such as race, color, religion, gender, or disability."

During his first check up with Dr. Hurwitz, Mr. Campanella informed the dentist that he had AIDS. Mr. Campanella subsequently received a letter from Dr. Hurwitz stating that the dentist would not treat Mr. Campanella "due to the nature of your illness" and returning his payment and x-rays.

Mr. Campanella testified that

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Arizona Hate Initiative Alive Local Activists Mobilize for Fight

TUCSON - A conservative group is preparing a statewide petition drive to outlaw all ordinances protecting homosexuals, making Arizona another battleground for Gay rights.

The petition drive by the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona is expected to begin later this month, said the group's chairman, Frank Meliti.

The Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) members are busy organizing to oppose this threat that includes the local Tucson Human Rights Ordinance that has protections for Lesbian and Gay people and would be overturned if this 'Hate Initiative' should succeed.

Meliti wouldn't provide specifics but suggested the group would launch a statewide initiative to put such a measure on the ballot in 1994. That measure would bar laws intended to protect Gays and Lesbians from discrimination on the state and local levels.

THRC will meet in a urgent session on Thursday, Aug. 26 when the Co-chairs will present the mission statement and articles of incorporation. Community members are encouraged to attend to help plan strategy against the upcoming Hate Initiative.

Meliti said his group has 8,000 members and is backed by the national Traditional Values Coalition. The Anaheim, California based group helped advance the controversial Colorado law that would ban state and local laws prohibiting

discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The THRC meeting will be held at the 4th Avenue Social Club, 424 N. 4th Avenue from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. August 26.

"This is an equal rights initiative. It's not one that discriminates against homosexuals; it prevents reverse discrimination by homosexuals," Meliti insisted.

"They're in our schools. Colleges and cities are enacting special legislation to force us to accept homosexuality as a legitimate lifestyle, which it is not," he said.

In Colorado, the Supreme Court ruled that Amendment 2, which also would strike down Gay rights ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver, was unconstitutional. The state Attorney General's Office is appealing the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

To qualify his proposal for the 1994 general election ballot, Meliti would need at least 105,541 signatures.

THRC is a non-profit corporation formed to promote full human and civil rights, equal protection under the law, and due process of law for all citizens of Arizona.

Donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to (and checks made out to), THRC, P.O. Box 41182, Tucson, AZ 85717. The Coalition's telephone number will be published as soon as it is installed. Volunteers are welcome and needed to fight this battle.

Clinton Continues To Appoint Openly Gay Officials

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Clinton continues his commitment for a diverse Administration in his appointment of four more openly Gay officials to key government posts.

David Cruise was appointed as the Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the Department of Commerce. Mr. Cruise was the Chief of Staff to Rhode Island's Governor Bruce Sundlin and a former Rhode Island State Senator.

David Tseng, a Los Angeles attorney specializing in labor law was appointed Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Commerce for the International Trade Administration.

David Martin, a native of Louisiana and also an aide at the White House was named as the Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

"President Clinton's quest for diversity in government continues to be demonstrated in his appointments of self acknowledged Gay men and Lesbians,"

stated Andrew E. Barrer, Director of COALITION '93, the Gay and Lesbian community's Presidential Transition Project. "Our community has suffered some recent defeats, this year, but the political appointment process continues to be our shining star. The reality remains that qualified Gay men and Lesbians can serve in every aspect of our society."

These appointments join eight other self acknowledged Gay men and Lesbians including Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing Roberta Achtenberg, Deputy General Counsel at HHS Nan Hunter and Romulo "Romy" Diaz, Jr. as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy.

Lambda Opens Third Office

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund opened their second regional office, the Midwestern Office in Chicago. Pat Logue left Lambda's Board of Directors to become the office's Managing Attorney. The new

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UPDATE

Style For Life 1993 1st Annual City Wide Day of Beauty

TUCSON - Over 20 beauty salons in greater Tucson area will be participating in this year's exciting fund raising event for the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, P.A.C.T. The event will take place on Sunday, August 29th, from 10 a.n. to 4 p.m.

Each of the following participating salons will be open: Abstrax, Am-paran, Armando, Arturos, Body Essentials, Congress Street Hair, Gadabout, Great Waves, Head Ware, Hollywoods, Kenneth, Markley Salon, Noggins Hair Quarters, Options, Panache, Rex Studio, Talk of the Town, and Willy's.

STYLE FOR LIFE 1993 is being sponsored by CAESAR's Beauty Products/AVEDA, the Tucson Weekly, and Hikari Shears. Contributors include the Doubletree Hotel, Sign Pro, and beauty product suppliers and manufacturers.

Individual salons will be providing hair styling, facials, manicures, and massages (depending upon the salon). All proceeds generated during the day will go to PACT for Life. Many salons will be discounting their normal prices. Commemorative tee shirts will be on sale before and during the event, along with other promotional items and information about PACT and HIV/AIDS.

PACT for Life will be providing one person for each salon to answer questions about PACT, handle money, sales of T-shirts and CD's of the Soft Hits Collection, etc. Volunteers will also be at the PACT office during the event to direct people calling to a participating salon. PACT's phone number is 770-1710.

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Judge Rules Against Reginald Langston

TUCSON - It all began on a warm night in June 1991 in a dimly lit parking lot behind a Speedway pornography shop.

Tucson resident Reginald D. Langston strolled up to a man seated in a car. Langston asked the man if he'd like to have his "dick sucked." What Langston didn't know was that the dick in question belonged to Tucson vice officer Robert Grant. Moments later, Langston found himself under arrest in spite of the fact that no sexual acts had taken place. Grant charged Langston with violation of City Ordinance 11-28 which made it a crime to solicit for an immoral act. Langston was also charged with public sexual indecency.

Shortly after this incident took place, the case was brought to the attention of noted civil rights attorney W. Edward Morgan who agreed to represent Langston. Morgan filed a lawsuit requesting \$250,000 in damages from the city, Officer Robert Grant, Officer Dennis Kubik and then Police Chief Peter Ronstadt. Morgan's suit claimed that Langston had been denied his constitutional rights under the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The suit also contended that Langston had been deprived of his right to privacy.

Pima County Superior Court Judge Gordon T. Alley was assigned the job of sifting through hundreds of pages of legal documents associated with the case. On July 14th, Alley's decision was made public. Alley's decision cited a 1982 case for denying Langston's claim. Wrote Alley, "The officers enforced an ordinance which they could reasonably presume was valid." The judge added, "the Court can find not one valid claim for relief in the plaintiff's complaint."

It is not yet known if Morgan will appeal Alley's decision.

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upon reading the letter he felt as if he had been "slapped in the face." The decision stated that in essence, Mr. Campanella was forced to fight two battles, the first against AIDS and the second against AIDS discrimination, and "these battles zapped his energy at a time of particular vulnerability."

The Commission also ordered Dr. Hurwitz to file reports with the Law Enforcement Bureau for a period of two years regarding any patients he turns away for treatment.

According to Scott Caplan-Coteno, the supervising attorney who prosecuted the case for the Commission, "This far reaching decision brings New York case law in line with other jurisdictions which have ruled that medical and dental offices are places of public accommodation subject to human rights laws."

Jon Kyle's Reaction to Gays In The Military

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Jon Kyl is a loyal Republican, an unannounced candidate for the U.S. Senate and the ranking GOP member of a House subcommittee that oversees military personnel. Despite this, he has avoided involvement so far in the touchy issue of Gays in the military.

Last week, Kyl took a leadership role in a reworking of President Clinton's infamous "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" plan to allow Gays to join the military. The new plan, said Kyl, completes the retreat from Clinton's desire to open the military to homosexuals.

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The Armed Services Committee bill requires that recruits be read a "strong statement making it clear that homosexuality is frowned upon," said Kyl. It also gives "wide discretion to military commanders" who prosecute someone who is openly Gay.

Gay people who want to enlist still won't be asked "the question," said Kyl. But he added that they will face discharge for a clear pattern of a Gay lifestyle.

Arizona Daily Star Steve Meissner

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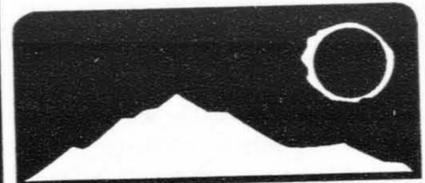
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In each type of MPS disorder, a different enzyme is completely absent from the cell. Without all the enzymes, the breakdown process is incomplete and these mucopolysaccharidosis and other lipids (fats) accumulate in the patient's cells and tissues. The abnormal storage process in MPS disorders affects the child's appearances, systems and development.



SCOTT "WOODY" TULLIS

After many months of seeing specialists and getting many different diagnosis, Beth Tullis' youngest son Scott (Woody) was diagnosed with Hurler/Scheie, one of the MPS disorders, also known as MPSI/HS. When Woody was born he appeared healthy. As with most MPS parents, the signs of MPS were dismissed as hereditary. Beth remembers looking at his hands and laughing because he looked like a little boxer. For the next four years he had regular checkups and his pediatrician said he was healthy and exceptionally bright. "I never considered the possibility that he would be diagnosed with a rare and incurable disease", Beth says.

Beth was referred to the University Medical Center where the eventual final diagnosis would come from. Beth and Natalie Perry had their Holy Union on May 2, 1992 and have been living with this terrible disease ever since. "In the past year I have watched my little boy's hands get stiffer. The movement in his shoulders has become so limited that he can't put his shirts on. It is becoming more difficult for him to pull his pants up. He has to get down on his knees to pick objects up," says Beth, and these are just a few of the results of this frightening disease.

Woody, age 7, knows he's different and he also knows he doesn't have to be a hero. He write animal stories about illness, hospitalization and dying. He knows about his disease and he doesn't like it.

Because MPS is such a rare disease and most doctors not knowing anything about it, Beth and Natalie, after much searching found that there is a national MPS Society acting as a network for parents and friends of MPS children. "We

exchange information about our children's health, information that can only be found from other parents. We share the frustration and hopelessness we feel when doctors won't listen to us. We share our hopes for a cure for our children. Without the MPS Society, we would be alone."

"Woody, to our knowledge" is one of only two children in Arizona with MPSI/HAS. I wouldn't know how to care for him without the MPS Society. We love him and want him to have as painless a life as possible."

The national operating budget for MPS Society for 1993 is only \$82,750 - about \$1,750 per state. Your donation is needed to keep the MPS Society from folding.

The scheduled benefit for the MPS Society is Sunday, August 22 at Club 2520. It will feature a roast of Mr. Gary Clark, Observer cartoonist extraordinaire. There will be a no-host cocktail hour at 5:00 p.m. with the Roast beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be over 20 roasters from as far away as California and some by video, who were unable to make the show. There will be other entertainment, and a 'rebuttal' by Mr. Clark also.

Rick Norman (of Observer Benefit fame) is producing the event with Beth and Natalie hosting. Mr. Dani Reid will MC and head a great cast of roasters and entertainers. Tickets are \$20.00 each with all proceeds going to the National MPS Society in New York as Arizona's share in their operating budget.

"Woody is fortunate to be a part of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community. We have learned through necessity, how to take care of each other. For those of you who have met Woody, you know how special he is. For those of you who haven't, buckle your seat belts and be on the alert. He may surprise you," Beth and Natalie both say.

First Openly Gay Official Confirmed By Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the late hours of last night's session of the U.S. Senate, Bruce Lehman made history by being the first openly Gay Presidential appointee to be unanimously confirmed. Mr. Lehman becomes the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Assistant Secretary Lehman, a native of Wisconsin, previously served as the chief counsel to the House Judiciary Subcommittee with oversight on patent, trademark and other intellectual property law issues. Most recently, Lehman was a partner in the Washington D.C. law firm of, Swidler & Berlin.

"My nomination by President Clinton and unanimous vote of confirma-

tion demonstrates against hat being well qualified to serve our country and Gay are completely compatible," stated Lehman. "I hope to be a role model for young Gay men and Lesbians who aspire to reach their life long dream, just as I have today."

COALITION '93, which supported Lehman's appointment has previously announced twelve Presidential appointments of openly Gay and Lesbian individuals.

"We expect that Mr. Lehman's unanimous confirmation will help to encourage the Administration to make further appointments at the level requiring Senate confirmation," stated Andrew E. Barrer, Director of COALITION '93.

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August is a busy month with an Executive Board Meeting this Sunday, August 15th, at 3 p.m. followed by a General Membership meeting beginning at 5 p.m. to be held at Club 2520.

Sunday, August 22nd, Rumorz will host our First Annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast from noon to 3 p.m., featuring Bucky's Famous Omelet Bar. \$3.99 buys a complete breakfast. All tips from this event will be donated by AGRA to Shanti. We need volunteers to help wait on tables, serve, clean up. At 3 p.m., Roger Whitehead (Auctioneer) will auction Miller Beer Mirrors & Lamps, 1992 Tucson Rodeo Logo T-shirts. Everyone is invited.

Please support the Community Roast of Gary Clark to be held the same day (August 22nd), at Club 2520 beginning at 5 p.m. This benefit will be hosted by Natalie and Beth. All proceeds go to the MPS Society. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and may be purchased by calling 747-7426 or 323-0805.

GYMKHANA

Definition: A meet for various

Saturday, August 21st, a Gymkhana and human rodeo will be held in Marana, from 7 p.m. At the C Bar C Arena on Scrubbrush Road. Call our hotline, 323-0805, for more information.

Congratulations to Dave and Frank, owners of IBT's (and staff) on their First Anniversary. The celebration was terrific.

Coming up is The Graduate's 30th Anniversary to be held from Friday, August 20th to Monday, August 23rd. Special food, drinks, cake, raffle are planned by Art Lewis, Kenny A., and the staff. Watch for details.

Albuquerque is the site for the annual Zia Regional Rodeo, which will take place from September 3rd through the 5th. A special room rate of \$55.00 per room for 1-4 people is being offered by the Doubletree Inn, the host hotel. Reservations and information is being handled by the Travel Scene Agency at 1-800-658-5779. Volunteers are needed.

That's it for now, Captain Han-num. Request permission to be dismissed till next week!

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Rich G.

The monsoon season has hit us and hard! The needed rainfall concentrated in various parts of town. I know of a few Bears who wanted to go camping but the lighting storms caused them to rethink their plans they stayed inside and watched t.v. instead.

Elsewhere in the Old Pueblo, other Bears sat down in the drizzle to cool off and let their fur get wet. The drinks were refreshing and the talk went on for hours.

This weekend is our only monthly event. It is a movie night at Rich's home. We'll have some great movies to see. Call him for directions.

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TAP Represented At AIDS/HIV Health Forum In Houston

TUCSON - The Tucson AIDS Project was well represented at the 15th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 11th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum in Houston this year. A particular highlight was a presentation by Jose Lucero, the coordinator of TAP's program for Latino men. The conference, sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, and The George Washington University Medical Center, is the largest Lesbian and Gay identified conference for providers of health care to the Lesbian and Gay community.

Although there have been many positive changes in the Lesbian and Gay movement since it began at Stonewall in the 60's, a recurring problem that has impeded our progress is our community's tendency to splinter over specific issues and to create hostile camps. One goal of this conference was to unify our efforts so that we can move forward together in the arena of health care.

Among the health issues the conference addressed were concerns of people of color, Lesbians, youth and the elderly. Conference participants emphasized the importance of women's health in

general and the health of Lesbians in particular. This was the first year that HIV negative men's concerns and challenges were focused upon. Important issues facing HIV negative Gay men today include survivor guilt, repeated loss, Gay identity confusion, sexuality, and hopelessness.

Another participant from T.A.P., Bill Kapfer, Jr. considered his participation in the Conference and Forum to be an empowering and invaluable experience. Kapfer also stated that since he attended dozens of workshops and interfaced with hundreds of health care professionals, his highlight was the presentation by his co-worker Jose Lucero. The presentation, entitled Latino Men's Health Project: SALUD ES PODER! His presentation on the Latino Men's Health Project was well attended and the dialogue was stimulating.

About the conference, Jose stated, "It was done very professionally and low key and felt the workshops were diversified and there was something of interest for everyone." He also added, "the topics were pertinent to today's issues and hopes for a continuance of this nurturing process."

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Midwestern Office again demonstrates Lambda's unparalleled commitment to providing both a national and regional presence for our many communities across the country. The three Lambda offices in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago will allow for a responsiveness to the community's critical civil rights needs unimaginable twenty years ago.

Lambda will be co-counsel at trial in what may prove to be the most significant Lesbian and Gay rights case of this decade. For the first time ever, a state Supreme Court took an important step toward allowing Lesbian and Gay couples to marry. Holding that the refusal to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples may violate the state constitution, the Hawaii Supreme Court ordered a new trial where the state will have to justify its refusal under the heaviest legal burden of proof.

Lambda is also leading the Lesbian and Gay community's fight against radical Right-sponsored anti-Gay initia-

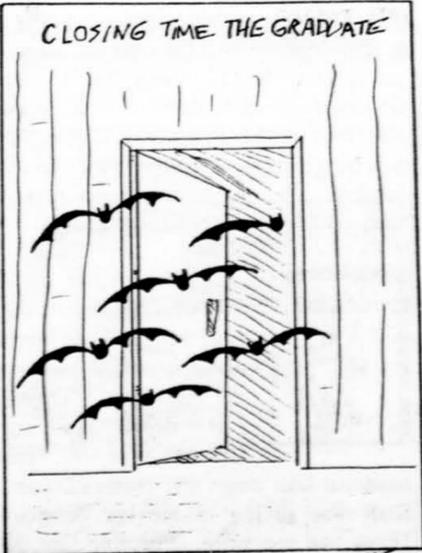
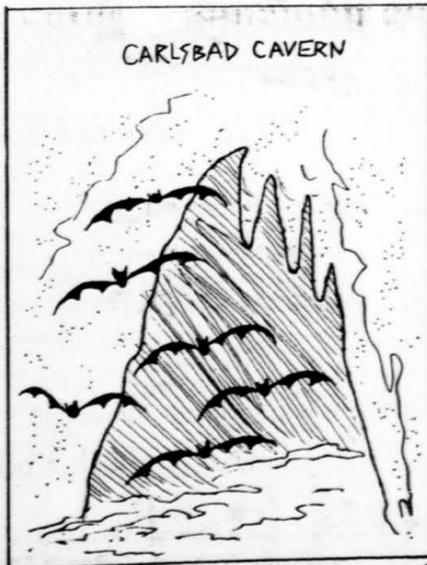
tives and referenda, working to get them off the ballot or challenging them once passed. Lambda committed the expertise of a full time staff member to assist in developing the strategy which has so far enjoined Colorado's Amendment 2. They were successful in these preliminary efforts, and continue to commit significant resources to persuade the court and the public of the unconstitutionality and basic injustice of this and similar measures.

The passage and enforcement of such initiatives and referenda, if found constitutional, would isolate local Lesbian and Gay communities and individuals and prevent us from seeking equal justice under the law. Lambda's leadership is essential as they work with Lesbian and Gay communities in Florida, Idaho, Alaska, Kentucky, Maine, and Ohio to fight anti-Gay referenda that has been announced in their states. They are working tirelessly to coordinate a national strategy for the legal challenges in states where the reactionary Right introduces these initiatives.



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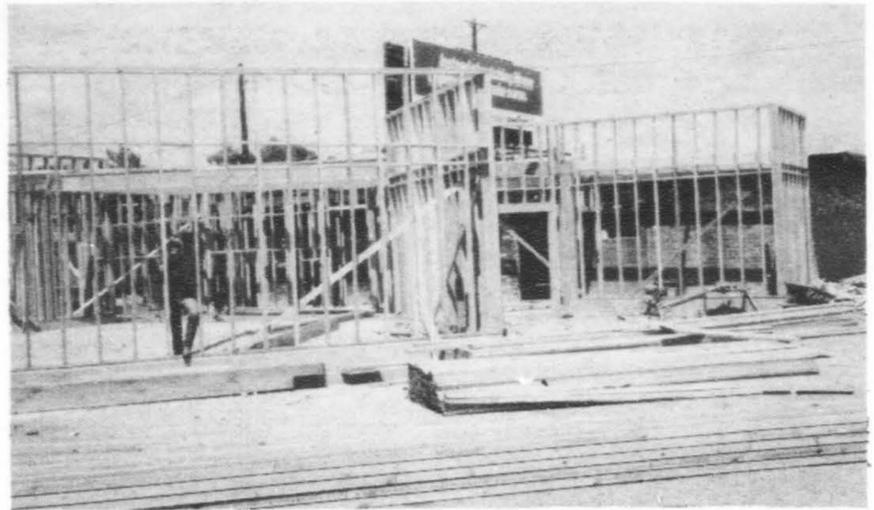
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Stonewall: Rising From The Ashes



TUCSON - Work is rapidly going ahead with the rebuilding of the old Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, at 2921 N. 1st Avenue. This bar, which originally opened as the Stonewall in the late 1970s has been the site of a Gay and Lesbian bar since it opened (except for a couple of days!).

Jerry Geller and Ken Sullivan, who currently own Rumorz on Stone Avenue are the owners of the 1st Avenue property. The boys say it will be open soon, but hesitate to give a opening date for certain due to the monsoons and other difficulties that normally occur when rebuilding. The property was almost completely destroyed by a fire last year and, as with the Phoenix Bird, - it is truly rising from the ashes. Keep tuned.

WHAT'S UP DOC???



Next week it will be time for yet another TKO beer bust at the Graduate. For all of you that are leaning towards making the excursion over to the City of Rocks, with the club, this will be a good time to pick up and pay for your run application. It will also be a good time to get any further questions answered concerning this run. I have made up a little informational check sheet for all who are making the trip, so if going and you need one, see me.

The pool tournament over at the Graduate each Saturday afternoon is increasing each week in numbers entering. Last week, there were 16 players. One of the first out this time was "NOT HEAD", who acted a judge the rest of the day. I wonder what would happen if they had two days of tournaments? Now if I could just find enough people that would be interested in starting a dart tournament on Sunday afternoons. The Graduate does now finally have a good dart machine and I, myself, would love to get back into throwing darts.

I'm not sure just what type of run pins Partners passed out for their Panda Run this year but all those who did float down the low and slow moving river, each brought home bruises on their rumps, as proof. Other than that, everything I've heard concerning this annual run, again it was a lot of fun.

Some up and coming events over at the Graduate will be their anniversary party, Oct. 20-22. Keep watching the Observer for more details. I do know, after reading the Observer of course, they will be giving a CD player away on that Sunday. For more details on how to enter, stop in and ask the bartenders.



TBBS: For all of you who are always stating that I never write about myself, I give you the following. "Opps! I fall down and go BOOM", or - "Bald headman falls down and crushes Dwarf." Rudi was saying to me last Saturday, "How can you print something like that (last weeks TBBS) about me when I'm a Puritan?" You may be but, it's spelled

PURE BS. Imagine this one, Richard telling Miss Wipperet, "If you touch it, you have to s*%k it."

And speaking of Miss Wipperet, have you noticed every Saturday during the pool tournaments, the three Musketeers on their lofty perch (stage), overseeing everyone and everything, like vultures just waiting to pounce upon one in need (?). If it would be worth it, you should be a fly on the wall behind them and listen to the sordid chit chat they have, plus also the coaching from them to the different pool shooters. That is one show I'll pass on, thank you. I've heard of Fire Sales, Water Damaged Sales and Going Out of Business Sales but a Leather Sale.

CHAPTER #3 - Pennies? Come on Stan, my pen is worth more than that. It is not expensive but it can (the pen) be bought off for \$50. Now if you are into pennies, maybe your customers should all start tipping you in pennies. Also, more and more people are bringing me a few more on you that I think I'll save until I gather enough worth printing. What some people will do just to see their name in this column. Well, for this week, nothing interesting to report on him, but nothing interesting is normal for Stan anyhow.

Arrivederci - until next week

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Viewpoint

by KENNY JACOBS

He Ain't Just Whistling Dixie

"I'm gonna make her cry."

Quick, when did the Civil War end?

It seems that even though Robert E. Lee surrendered more than a hundred twenty years ago the Confederacy still lives in the hearts and minds of many.

The most powerful orange haired man in the world, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina has a cozy relationship with the Daughters of the Confederacy. Every ten years he gets the Senate to give special recognition to his proud gal pals of the south, by renewing a special patent for their organization emblems.

The Daughters, by the way, are an organization of direct descendants of veterans of the Confederacy. One of their goals is to preserve the historical perspective of the losers of the "war between the states". Where was I? oh, right...

So Miss Clairrol king of the south submits his special recognition resolution to the Judiciary Committee where the fellas pass it on with a voice vote. No record, no trail, no accountability, no problem.

Until...

When I was a sophomore in high school I went to the State Democratic Convention. This was Illinois democratic politics, none of this mamby-pamby Pima County crap, but real machine politics. Ed Moore and his Republican crowd wouldn't pull their shenanigans in Illinois, besides, in Illinois Mr. Ed would be a Democrat. For life. Or Else.

Anyway, there I was, the guest of the States' Attorney for Madison County, another machine in the Daley tradition; all business, all in house, all men.

For those of you who don't know, the present day mayor of Chicago had a father, He was the mother of all bosses. His name was Richard Daley. He ran Chicago and everything in Illinois that interested him. He made JFK president in 1960 by stuffing the ballot box and Richard Nixon president in 1968 by stuffing the students in the park. He was as crooked as Tucson is hot.

So here I was with all these old white prunes. A man's world dominated by Daley henchmen, smoking and drinking and telling jokes that would make Ev Mecham blush, when I saw a black lady (this was the early eighties, african-american hadn't been invented yet).

This black lady was sort of hand shaking/arm wrestling a future congressman into a corner and proceeded to read the man on an abortion funding bill pending in the Illinois Senate. Someone said that "the lady" in question was a Daley protegee' hand picked when "the Mayor was gettin' along in years" and that even though she was tough and talented she wouldn't last. Poor lady, I thought.

Her name was Carol Mosley-Braun.

"I'm so pissed off, I may just get in my car and drive to Washington. Who in the are these assholes anyway? That

Arlen Specter guy must have a hole in his head or something. They're calling it the "Anita Hill Hearings" now, you know. I thought it was the Clarence Thomas hearing? I swear to God, if these men don't wake up, the women of this country will and there will be hell to pay."

Sure I could've gotten the coverage of the Thomas confirmation hearings on T.V. or the papers, but why should I? My friend Mary Knoll would leave an entire essay on my answering machine almost every day while I was at work. She did a good job for someone who didn't vote.

"And what in the hell is an Orrin Hatch?"

"I consider these proceedings to be nothing more than a high tech lynching..."

He was right you know. Clarence Thomas was speaking of the way a second rate nominee was being "grilled" about the way he treated a subordinate while chairing the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Judiciary Committee came off looking like a bad episode of the "Our Gang" film shorts:

"We, the members of the he-man woman haters club..."

"I wonder what would happen if Anita Hill were white?" Mary Knoll mused.

"I wonder what would happen if a woman sat on that committee?" Carol Mosley-Braun said out loud.

I wonder what would happen if this committee had to take a recorded roll call vote on this matter?" Senator Carol Mosley-Braun said out loud.

And with that the Judiciary committee denied Storm Thurmond's request on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

A few days later Senator Jesse helms of North Carolina attached an amendment to an appropriations bill doing just what Strom Thurmond intended all along.

Mosley-Braun rushed out of the Ruth Bader-Ginsburg nearing to the Senate floor. Sure enough, the ol boys did it.

She moved to table the amendment.

She lost.

She stood to address the Senate.

"I will stand here and speak until the amendment is defeated or hell freezes over," and she did.

Washington was frozen for the afternoon.

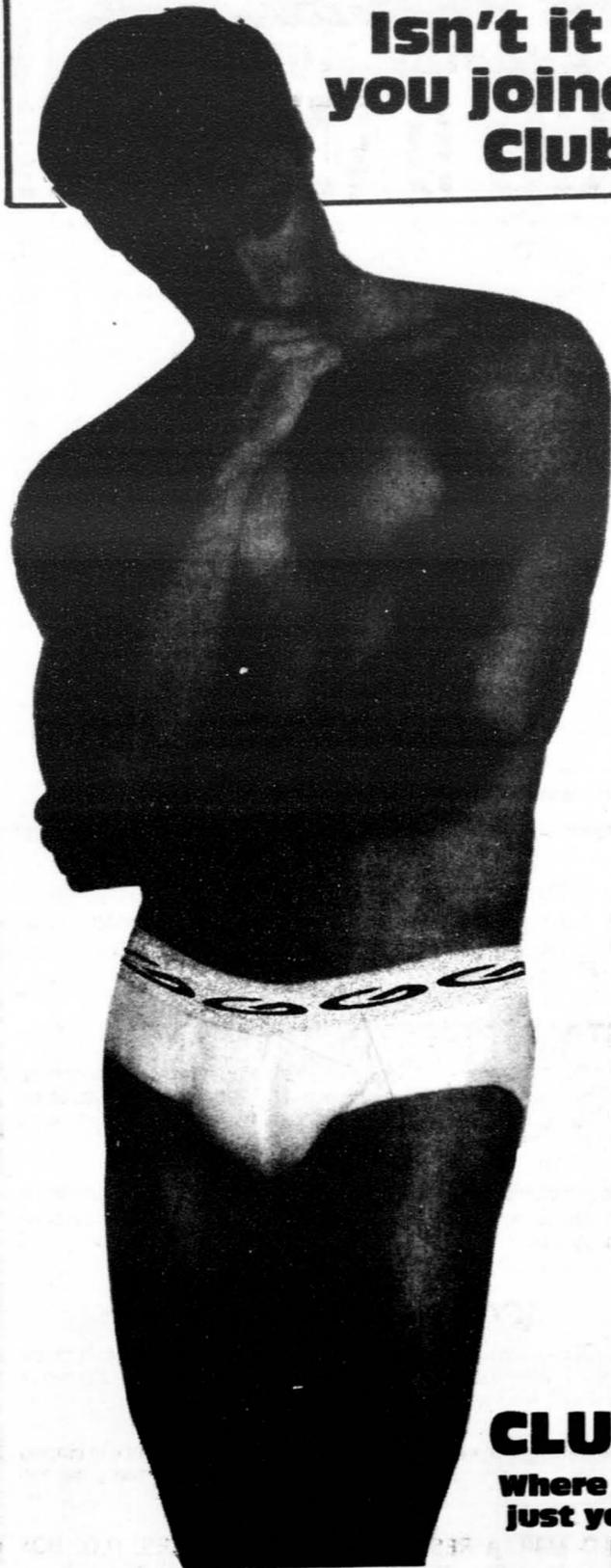
With the help of Senator Bennett (R-Utah) and Senator Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) the additional votes were rounded up. It didn't hurt that national t.v. (PBS) was explaining what the vote was all about and who got caught as it occurred. The

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by Frank Hartigan

Getting Religion

This week Frank Meliti was in the straight press again, going on about his hate initiative. He resorted to fearmongering of the most artless kind when he told an interviewer that "They're in our schools." (We all know who they are.)

Of course there are queers in the schools. They're in every public school, every private school, every Christian school. They always have been. They are students, teachers, administrators, counselors, engineers, cafeteria workers, coaches, principals, and bus drivers.

I have further news for the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona: They're in the PTA. They're in the Lions Club, the Shriners, and Rush Limbaugh's studio audience.

They're in every business you could name. They're in the clergy, choir, and congregation of every religion in this country. They are in the families of every member of the aforesaid Coalition.

The easy way for the right wing to inflame this issue is by resorting to the rallying cry of "the schools!" The irony of this tired argument is the allegation that homosexuals use the schools as a recruiting ground.

I tell you again, queers are not recruited. Some of us accept ourselves after long painful introspection and observation of the world's disgust for our secret truth. Some of us have the strength to reveal ourselves to the world.

The recruiting (or proselytizing, if you prefer) is being done by the extreme right wing and the Church Militant.

The fact of Gay and Lesbian presence in every facet of society is denied by those whose hatred blinds them to us. They refuse to see us and their denial and denunciation keeps some of us in the closet. The fear and hatred visited on us by closeted queers is one of our deadliest perils as well as one of our most painful.

It terrifies us to admit how hated we are. That's one reason it's so hard to organize a response to the installation of hatred in law. Before we can fight those who hate us and would use the law to keep us unequal, we have to face that hatred. That's scary. But we have to do it; we cannot just sit on our bar stools and deny the changes outside the door until they come to burn the bar down.

At bottom, the position of Frank Meliti and his ilk is this: queers have no right to their own lives. A righteous society is one which sees visibly Gay and Lesbian people as pariahs, anathema. They have no right to employment, housing, opinions, or the solace of religion unless they renounce their sin.

The secular term "traditional values" is inextricably tied to moral theology and therefore to organized (primarily orthodox, fundamentalist) religion. My response is that my Gayness is no more a moral issue than my right-handedness. I was created the way I am and your laws (secular or religious) are wrong if they treat me any differently.

The year that he was murdered, Harvey Milk said, "The fact is that more people have been slaughtered in the name

of religion than for any other single reason. That, that my friends, that is the true perversion!"

Meliti says, "This is an equal-rights initiative. It's not one that discriminates against homosexuals; it prevents reverse discrimination by homosexuals."

Hello? Does that pseudo-reasonable argument sound familiar? Does anyone here remember the name Allen Paul Bakke? His legal strategy (a reverse-discrimination claim) worked in 1978 to produce what many saw as a restriction of minority civil rights from the Supreme Court.

Here is where that argument fails: we're not asking for preferential treatment. We don't want quotas or affirmative action; we demand our Constitutional rights. We expect nothing more and will settle for nothing less.

We want to be able to rent or buy whatever housing we can afford. We want to work in our preferred businesses without having to hide our private lives. We want what everyone wants: to fall in love and make a family, to provide for those we love, to walk hand in hand, to serve our communities and our country, to make a difference in the world.

It is not reverse discrimination to establish laws that prevent queer people from being fired, evicted, or otherwise harmed simply because they're queer. The "homosexual agenda" does not, has not, will not include forcing queerness on anyone (as if that were possible!). Good God, that would be a repudiation of all we've learned by living under the oppression of the straight society!

That sort of vindictiveness is the preserve of moralists who are sure that their way is the one true way to enlightenment, salvation, or whatever goodies they are after. If being Gay has taught me anything, it is that every person has to make her/his own way along a unique path through life.

I have no right to challenge whatever path others choose unless and until it restricts my freedom. This is exactly what is happening, boys and girls. The religious right is no longer just a harmless subject for parody. They fully intend to shove you as deeply into the closet as possible so that they won't have the discomfort of seeing you.

We all better get religion in this regard: living your Gay life (however you define that) could soon be much more difficult. You may have made the mistake of thinking that the right wing won't really be able to make that much change in your life. Ask queers in Colorado.

You may have assumed that the guarantees of the Constitution will apply to you. They do. If you do nothing to claim and defend them, however, they can be taken from you. If you do not involve yourself in the defense of your rights, they will soon disappear. This fact is nothing new; we ingest it in school with the Boston Tea Party.

The Arizona Traditional Values Coalition is preparing a hate initiative based on Colorado's Amendment 2. They

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

IBT'S - Those Glamazons are back with an all new show featuring your hostess, Madame X (Miss Gay Tucson) with Gilda Fataki, Lucinda Holliday, and Angelica West. 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

CLUB 2520 - AGRA Board of Directors Meeting at 3:00 p.m. and General Membership Meeting at 5:00 p.m. are slated for today. There will be an auction at 3:00 p.m. by auctioneer Roger Whitehead.

IBT'S - The regular Sunday BBQ Cook-out and Beer Bust will run from 3 to 6 p.m. and all proceeds will go to Shanti. Join the gang for a fun afternoon on the patio. Then at 10:00 pm. IBT's presents another of their Wet Jockey Shorts Contests with a \$50 first prize. Sign up that evening before 10 if you want in the running.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AUG 20-21-22

GRADUATE - A three day celebration - each day to celebrate a decade! Yes, it's the 30th Anniversary for the Graduate and they're planning a wix bang of a time. Food, fun and prizes, plus... The bar has had several owners during that period of time but it has remained a Gay bar throughout all those years. Hard to believe!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB 2520 - "As We See It" a benefit "Roast" of Observer cartoonist Gary Clark in a benefit for the National MPS Society a Norman Production hosted by Beth and Natalie and Mr. Dani Reid will MC. Over 20 'roasters' including some on video will have Clark squirming in his seat. He claims to have his revenge at the end of the evening. Entertainment too. Open bar at 5 p.m. with the Roast starting at 6:00 p.m. Watch for more details on this fun event and urgent benefit.

RUMORZ - AGRA's 1st Annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast will be held from noon to 3 p.m. featuring the culinary talents of Bucky and his fantastic "Omelette Bar". \$3.99 a plate.

RUMORZ - "Dreamland" is coming! It's a benefit to help Christine De Alexis in her quest for the Miss Gay America title. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

CLUB 2520 - T-Squares, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Square Dance Club, will be celebrating their 9th anniversary with a dance at here from noon until 5:00 p.m. It's open to all, but especially to former members and those interested in basic level classes that will be starting Sept. 14. There will be a small charge for those dancing. The caller will be Seth Levine from Phoenix. Food by T-Squares.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CLUB 2520 - Basic level square dance class tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The classes, which are offered by T-Squares, will be held every Tuesday night. There will be a \$10 registration fee to cover cost of the materials. New registration ends at 9:00 p.m. Sept. 21. Instructors will be Maxine Smitherman and Curt Stubbs with the help of the rest of their T-Squares.

SEPTEMBER 15-19

RUMORZ - Fiesta De Independencia. Watch for it!



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a.k.a. Theatre Hosts Victor Lodato's production of "A Book of Harsh Geometry", an intense exploration of schizophrenia and mental illness. Show runs Wednesday through Sunday evenings Aug. 25 through Sept. 18. All shows are 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$9. a.k.a. Theatre is at 125 E. Congress. Call 623-7852 for info.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

City of Tucson Human Relations Commission meeting at the City Council Chambers at City Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. The issue of City tax dollars being spent on advertising with publications known to discriminate against minorities (Gays and Lesbians included). Your support is needed. Call 791-7000 for more info.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association Board meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. and a general membership meeting will be at 5 p.m. Both will take place at Club 2520.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Borderlands Theatre is presenting a benefit night for the Tucson AIDS Project of their new production, "Heros & Saints" a searing new drama named "best play" of 1992 by the Bay Area Critics of San Francisco. Time: 8:00 p.m., Tickets: \$10.00 available at the Pima College Center for the Arts, 2200 W. Anklam. For more information call 882-8607.

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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Sated Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Moody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 all 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 3-6.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Moody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. C-ah prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moon Madness "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50 Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 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 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster 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. Schupp's 75¢ 7 to close
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Misa. 7-9. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close. Bud and Bud Light \$1.50 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, 75¢ Schupp's & domestic Beer \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. "Uptown" heal thru dancing at 9 pm with resident and guest DJs from LA, SF and beyond. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.
CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Seasonal shot 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, 75¢ Schupp's & domestic Beer \$1.75.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.
GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.25.
HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hickeys 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Electric Iced tea \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. 9:30 p.m. Liquid Flesh - a unique dance experience. 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 VJ/DJ Linda.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). 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. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. 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'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Linda Pindale 10-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. 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 matches.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-11 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 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.
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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

DeConcini and the Budget, his vote, the reasoning, and the ramifications of which. Local Republicans tying up Pima Demo's phone lines. A "Fish called Wanda" was fried in Show Low, (and some did not get enough lemon juice and tartar sauce!). Media boo-boo's and some other political manure. Here we go:

First off, the big news of the week was the narrow passage of President Clinton's deficit reduction plan. Well, as you know, Senator DeConcini was thrust into the forefront by the media in early part of last week, he was one of 6 Democrats being, who had originally voted against the first proposal, and was being courted by the President to switch his vote for the second proposal.

Well, DeConcini, after getting his "Deficit Reduction Trust Fund" enacted by executive order, and assurances from the President that more budget cuts will be made, announced this past Wednesday in a news conference, that he was going to vote in favor of the proposal.

Well, there was another reason not mentioned for his change of heart, mind, and vote. I had the opportunity to talk to some of DeConcini's high ranking staff, and I was told that DeConcini was alarmed at how the Republicans were doing practically anything in the book to

bring down the plan, and to bring down the president. DeConcini was not happy with the actions of his G.O.P. colleagues, some of whom he calls "friends".

The ramifications are many, first off, the Democratic National Committee was absolutely ecstatic with his decision. So happy are they, that they are going to focus energies, time and monies to Arizona for the 1994 campaign, which DeConcini faces a tough fight for re-election, and this should help his chances.

Second, DeConcini is now getting positive reviews from the state party officials, who, at the State Executive Committee meeting, this past weekend, which took place in Show Low, enacted a resolution thanking DeConcini and giving him their support on his vote on the budget. This was done, in front of, and much to the chagrin of DeConcini's possible Democratic challenger, Richard Mahoney. (More on Dickie a little later).

Those awful Pima Republicans, they are just nasty! Why might you ask? Well, during the hoopla over the budget, a whole heck of a lot of Republicans called Pima County Democratic headquarters and stated, "We are life long Democrats, and we just don't support Clinton's proposed budget." They were tying up the phone lines trying to rig the poll that

was being taken.

Well, the beleaguered volunteers asked for their names, and they gave them. Well, the volunteers looked up the names, and much to their surprise, they were registered Republicans! (Dirty pool!)

Well, the State Executive Committee meeting took place in Show Low. The fish fry took place, raising bucks for the State Party. There were candidates and wannabees present, with one exception, former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard could not attend due to being active duty member of the Naval Reserve. (From the Halls of Montezuma...) And one other thing, the town heeded my warning, survived this onslaught of the "attack of the killer politico's."

Well, another person who was there was none other than the Arizona's Secretary of State, Richard "I really support the president, really I do!" Mahoney. As you know Mahoney is thinking about, (come on, who are we kidding!), challenging Senator Dennis DeConcini for the Democratic nod next year. Well, the fish fry wasn't a tasty experience for him.

Well, first off he had endure the state party executive committee resolution praising the Senator for his vote for the president's budget, (and the applause!). Next, when it was time for speeches from candidates, potential candidates and elected officials, (remember the order), he was told he would be going on at the end of

the program. Well, poor Dickie was not thrilled about this, and he left in a huff, (or a minute and a huff!). And when his name was called, last, he was not there. (Poor Dickie, too much lemon juice on that fish!)

Well KVOA-TV 4 Eyewitness News did it again. This past Sunday, reporter, morning anchor, weather psychic, and Tucson's perky version of GMA's Joan Lunden (if there can be such a thing!), Kristen Lee, in a story referred to District 2 Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom as "Don Eckstrom".

Lastly, a combination of political manure and a boo-boo. This involves the present Phoenix Mayor and Democratic Governor wannabee, Paul Johnson. It seems that Johnson was down in Tucson trying to drum up support for his potential candidacy next year for the Democratic nod for Governor.

Well, guess who he had meetings with? Don Diamond, Stan and Judy Abrams, Bill Pitt were the headliners, and there were others. Who are these people, some are Democrats, some Republicans, but they have something in common. Most of these people were on the Committee to Re-Elect Ed Moore, the for Supervisor! Eek!!!

Until next time, somebody please get it correct!

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News From MCC/Tucson
by Ben Corbin

As this article is being written, we are having a violent rain storm outside, fortunately we are inside. The streets are like rivers, many completely submerged and impassable. But the "Monsoon" season is here at last and much needed water is getting to the roots of the plants. Our Memorial Rose Garden is looking quite well considering the heat and lack of rain this summer. When the roots of rose bushes have established themselves to sustain the bushes through the first here on the desert, the worst is over and we can expect many blooms in the years to come.

Many of the roses have exceeded our expectations this first year, several have been in constant bloom since they started budding last April while others have bloomed intermittently through the summer. Orders for new bushes to be planted next year are now being accepted. A standard bush of either a Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora or Florabunda with the memorial plaque can be added to the garden for a donation of \$20.00. We will now offer a Miniature bush with the memorial plaque for a \$10.00 donation.

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the standard bushes and are really unique in their own right. If you have a lost loved one you would like remembered call the church at 292-9151 to place your order.

Our District Coordinator, Rev. Don Pederson, will be here in Tucson this week. Rev. Pederson will be meeting with the Congregation, the Board of Directors and as many individuals as possible to help with local concerns and to bring a spiritual renewal to the church. It is with humility that we welcome Rev. Pederson to our local church for his guidance and our uplifting.

MCC-Tucson will be hosting a joint social event with all of the churches in Arizona this coming October 23rd. Oasis MCC and Gentle Shepherd of Phoenix will be here in Tucson getting better acquainted with each other. There will be a whole day of activities with a Picnic/Pot Luck Dinner concluding the day. This is the first time in a long time that all of the churches have gotten together and we in Tucson are certainly looking forward to it.

Thought for the week: The only gracious way to accept an insult is to laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved.

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

A man doesn't cry! Not when he's boy of eight or ten and cuts his finger with his first new pocket knife, nor when he falls off his bike and skins his body badly all over, nor when four bullies who are four or five inches taller than he and outweigh him considerably beat the tar out of him at school. And when he is grown up and comes out of a bar or party and is Gay bashed to within half an inch of his life.

Friend, don't you believe it! I know a very strong, manly man who cried. He stood on the top of a hill overlooking his city one day and cried for the terrible fate he knew was awaiting the people who lived there. His name was Jesus. The son of God who had come to save these very people from destruction was rejected by them, and Jesus knew that the result would be the destruction of the city and its inhabitants. The very idea of this happening when it was all so unnecessary reached down into the depths of his heart, and the Bible tells us that Jesus looked at Jerusalem and he wept. He set the example for those who would follow him. Down through the ages Jesus' followers carried the same burden for the majority of people who willingly, knowingly, sometimes defiantly, but always unnecessarily go into eternity with destruction as their end. And for the same reason as the people of Jerusalem: rejecting Jesus who died to pay the penalty for everyone's sin.

Friends, I have spent many a night weeping, crying for you! I know what loss is. My home was split when I was young; I cried. My mother died from cancer when I was 24; I cried. My lover of many years died from a heart attack; I cried. A dear friend was Gay-bashed and after many years has not recovered. He has permanent brain damage; I cried. I look back at my life and see what Jesus saved from; I cry with joy. I look at you and I see the pain in your life, the destructive things you do to try to deaden the pain; I cry. I cry for you because I know the answer to all your needs to all the loneliness, pain, and suffering you have gone through. I try to share it with you but somehow you don't seem to believe me; I cry for you. Why do I cry for you? Because I care for you. I want you to have the same happiness, joy, security, and love that I have.

Jesus said, "Come to me all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:30 NIV) All means you individually. Maybe you think you aren't worthy. Well my friend, no one has ever been worthy. If we had been, Jesus would not have had to die on that cross for us. But he did that for us because he loved us. And his salvation is the gift of God! It is free for us because Jesus paid that sacrifice for us. If you accept him now as savior and Lord then my tears for you, as well as Jesus' tears, will be turned into tears of happiness.

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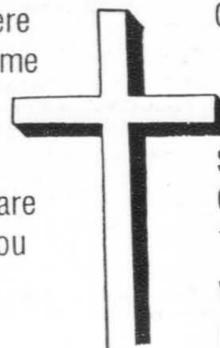
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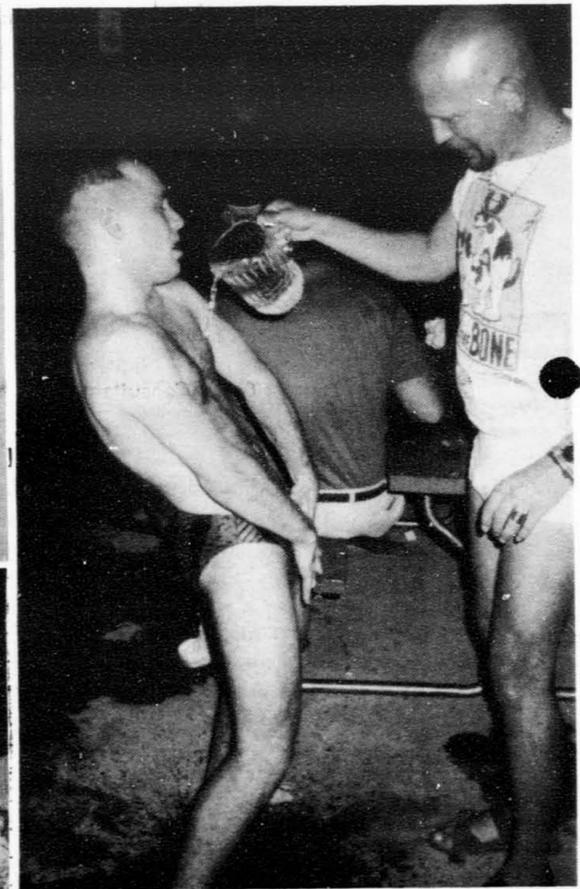
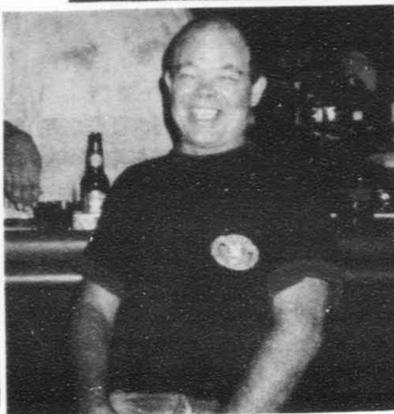
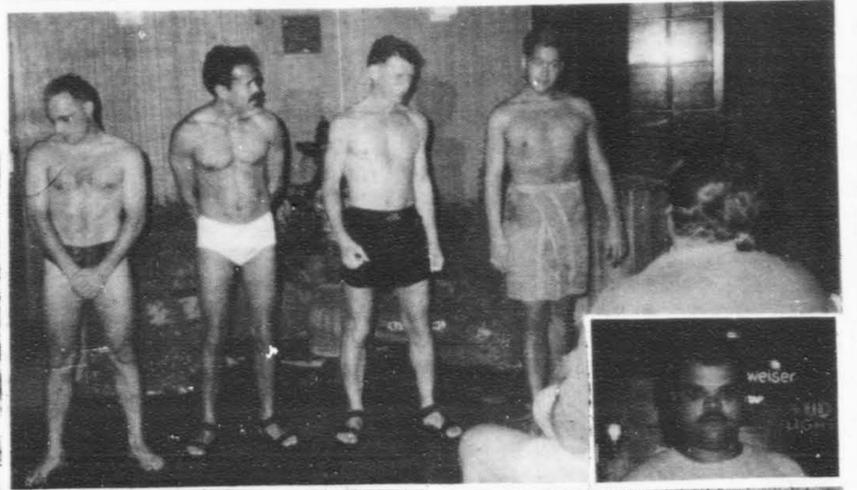
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Travel Around The Compass

by Michael Allison

Times certainly have changed for all of us in the Gay and Lesbian community. We're out! We're proud! And for the vast majority of us we're living rather normal lives alongside the other segments of our society. So many of us have been fortunate enough to find a sense of belonging within our "family": our peer groups, our support networks, and our friends and lovers who make our worlds go 'round.

But when we finally have the precious time and dollars to get away from our work and day to day grind for some well earned leisure travel we can easily lose that sense of belonging and "family." Frequently we're thrown out into a world where our needs and sensitivities aren't quite met or understood. My purpose in this column will be to open up the world for you to the exciting destinations where you'll be welcomed as "family" and provided wonderful opportunities to vacation with others just like yourself.

Get away with that significant other for some intimate quality time in an environment where you can openly express your closeness! Or escape alone to some exotic locale where other singles are looking to meet someone just like you for some "holiday magic"! Whichever, you'll never find vacation travel the same again, especially if you, like so many, aren't aware of the fabulous travel opportunities available to the Gay and Lesbian traveler.

In the coming weeks we'll be

heading around the compass to the "land downunder", Australia, which has become one of the hottest spots for Gay travel. We'll visit several "Gay Club Meds" along the Mexican Riviera and in the Dominican Republic. And we'll board luxury all-Gay cruise ships with ports-of-call in such exotic locales as Athens, Greece, the Panama Canal, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and St. Maarten, just to name a few.

You're invited to follow along every week as the world unfolds with exciting opportunities for new experiences. Not only will you learn where you can go, but you also learn to be a "savvy" traveler, how to get the most for your travel dollars and how to get the most pleasure from your destination after your arrive. See you next week as we visit the Mardi Gras celebration in Sydney, Australia. This is definitely one of the biggest and wildest Gay events of the entire world.

(Editor's Note: Michael Allison is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Compass Travel, Tucson's Gay owned and operated travel agency. He is a former member of the United Nations International House Program and has traveled in more than thirty foreign countries as a member of that organization. He spent a total of four and a half years living abroad as a college student and has gained a wealth of knowledge and experience from around the world which will be shared in this column.)



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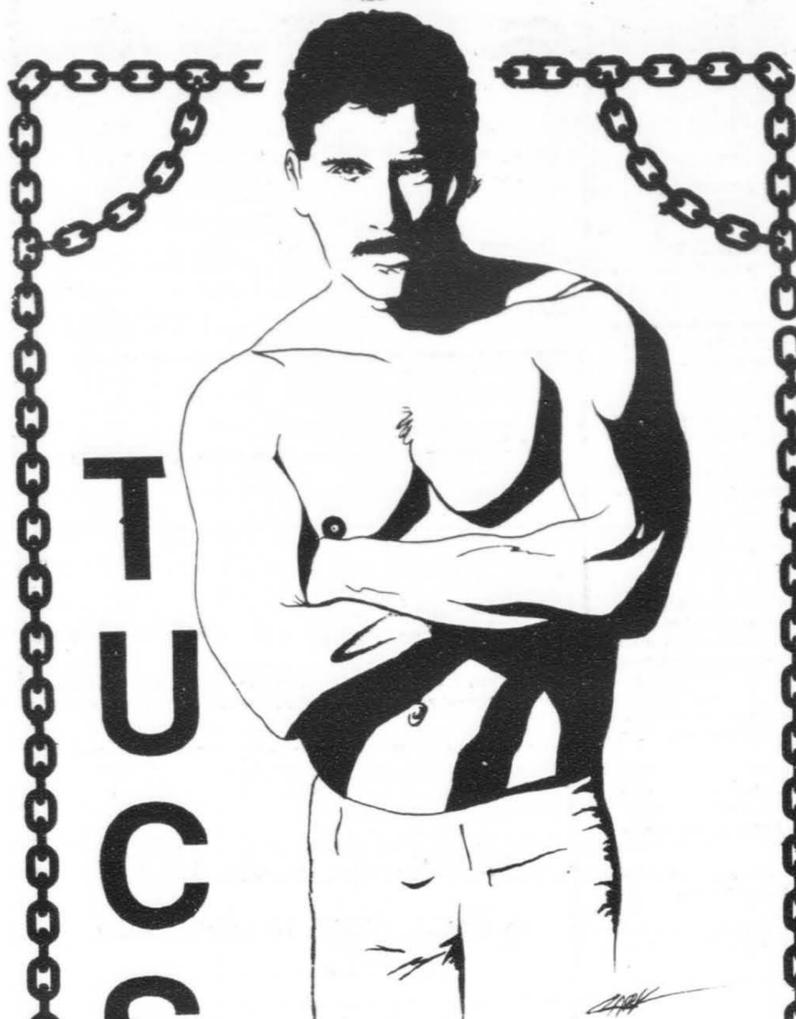
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The third annual conference, the only one of its kind in the United States, is expanding this year to include all individuals in both AA and NA as well as other recovery programs. The Round Up will contain over 20 recovery related workshops.

"Bound By Serenity" is designed so that people who live the Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle as well as those that wish to investigate what the lifestyle is about can do so in conjunction with their individual recovery program.

The Round Up organizers hope that added for socializing and "play" will help to form new friendships between Leather/Sm/Fetish folks around the country. For more information call (415) 764-2990, and leave a message, or write L/Sm Round Up, P.O. Box 425547, San Francisco, California, 94142-5547.

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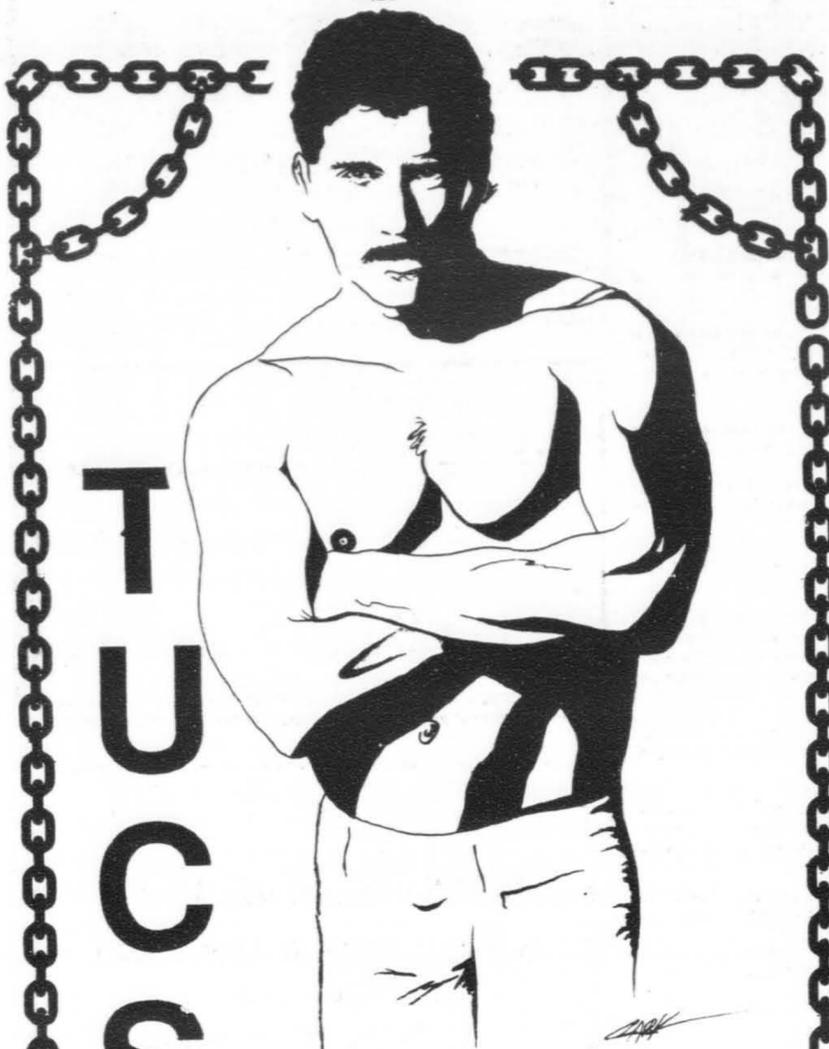
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FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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Help us 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. 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

San De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment 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.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 577-6018 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

TRANSEXUAL, TRANSGENDERS, TRANSVESTITES AND CROSS GENDER SUPPORT GROUP. Conversation and Fellowship. Meets 2nd Saturday and last Friday of each month. Call 293-3456. Not a dating service.

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Randy 882-8986 or Lora 298-7990.

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

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

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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

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

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

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

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CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7282 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

U of A LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/GAYS UNITED
Group meets each Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Student Union, Room 285. During the school year. Open to all UofA and Pima College students and their friends.

RESTORATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF ALL LATHER SAINTS - SOUTHWEST - Don't give up your religious beliefs and principles. Be brothers and sisters of RLDS, LDS Mormon faith. For more information call 325-7668 or 1-800-755-2928. Sacrament Meeting Sundays 1-2 (social after). Mondays Family home evening 7-9 p.m. All welcome. Bring a friend.

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 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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

ARIZONA GAY BOUDO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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

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

ARE YOU FEMME AND ATTRACTED TO OTHER FEMMES? For Lesbians and Bisexuals: Do you love wearing makeup and high heels, perfume and skirts, lingerie, etc.? Then, let's get together and see who we are! Femmes for Femmes Social/Support Group. Partners and singles welcome. Call 321-4737 for more information.

Notices

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ad. Advertisements welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDEISTS - Tucson Tansons is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tansons, P.O. Box 84-G, Chatham, AZ 85632.

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

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

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

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

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a weekly meeting.

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"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-3088 Tucson.

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

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JOIN US! PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

ARIZONA NUDE DUDES (ANDES) is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044 or call Jim Fariss at 297-9816.

HORMONE HUNKS: Men's beginners bodybuilding group. This is a health-oriented, motivational group for people who seriously desire to build a better body. Meeting at Wingspan Aug. 5th, 422 N. 4th Ave at 7 pm. Call 529-8015 for more information.

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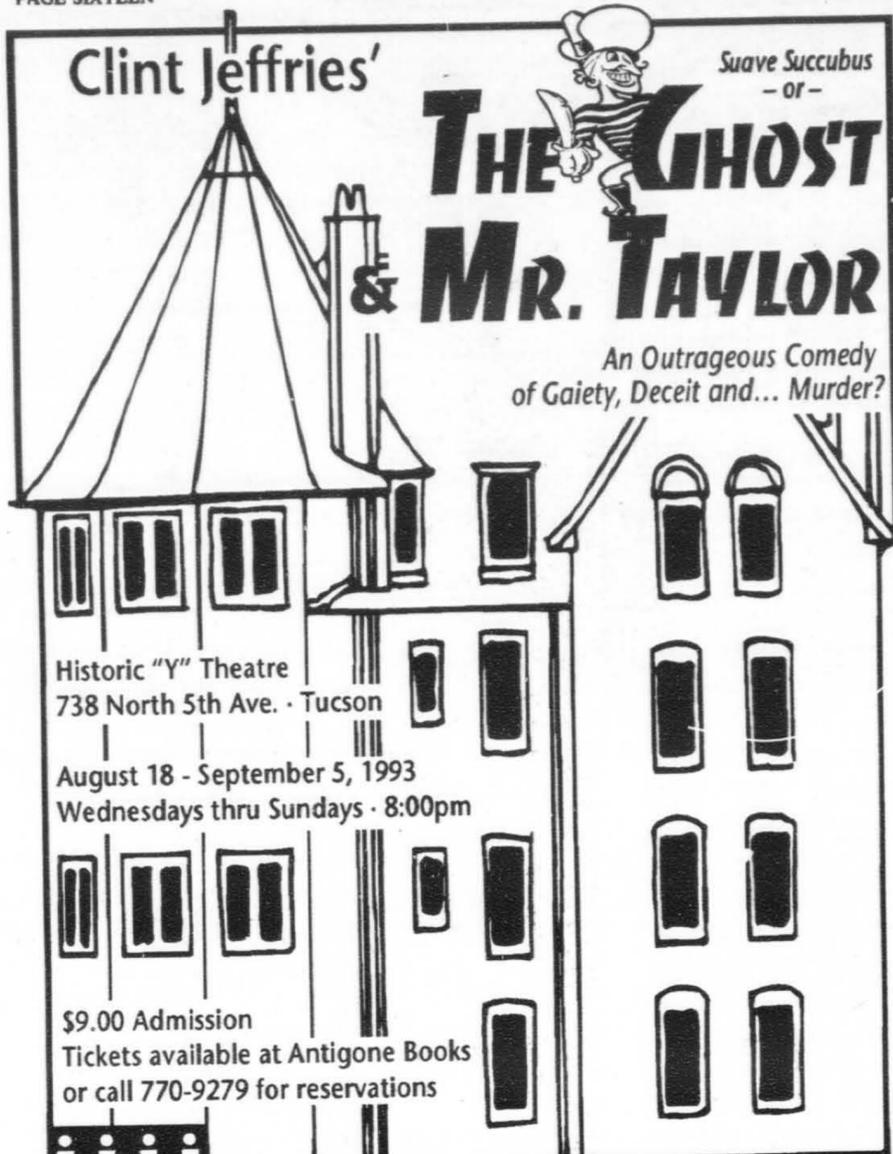
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LOS ANGELES, Ca., - Valerie Clark's Maverick Productions, LA's premiere women's event organizer, will present the PHOENIX RISING EXPO, a weekend conference for women in the industries of entertainment, sports & business beginning August 20 at the Westin Hotel - LA Airport.

Design for T.V. & Film and "Putting Some Sizzle Into Your Sex Life; panel discussions on the music business, professionals in sports, health & wellness, "Secrets of Successful Businesswomen" and "Movie Makers and Shakers"; and entertainment events such as comedy shows, women's films, dance parties, art gallery tours and live concerts.

Featuring nearly 50 workshops, seminars, entertainment events and exhibits, the PHOENIX RISING EXPO will be the place for West Coast women to be this year. Registration information can be obtained from Maverick Productions at P.O. Box 1600, Redondo Beach, California 90278 or by calling (310) 318-2144. Admission prices range from free for the Saturday, "Exhibit/Trade Show floor" to \$290.00 for "full tuition"; volunteer and event sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Maverick Productions is the creator of SINGLEFEST, the events which have attracted hundreds of single women for the past half decade; the presenter of the COUNTRY FEVER dance parties which have two stepped their way to the top of the list of Southern California women's favorite events; and for the past five years has produced numerous spectacles for thousands of women at the Dinah Shore Palm Springs Weekends.

Maverick's Valerie Clark, emphasizes that, "every hours of the PHOENIX RISING EXPO will be dedicated to creating a synergism of knowledge and motivation for women to expand their horizons and learn about opportunities in these exciting industries."

Included in the whirlwind weekend schedule are workshops in Screenwriting, Business Marketing, Concert Production, Sports Careers, Publishing, Acupuncture, Self Defense, Hair/Make Up

The PHOENIX RISING AWARDS LUNCHEON on Saturday afternoon is expected to bestow honors on surprise recipients from each of the three represented industries and will feature a powerful and entertaining keynote address (speaker to be announced).

Pre-registration discounts are still available through August 13. Special hotel rates of \$99.00 can be reserved. There are a few business and corporate sponsorship opportunities remaining. Volunteers are also needed. For information and registration, contact Maverick Productions at (310) 318-2144.

Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Network Meeting

TUCSON - The newly formed Gay and Lesbian Parents Support Network holds their next meeting on Saturday, August 21st, from 4 to 6 p.m. The group provides support for Lesbian and Gay parents and their families. All parents, partners, and children are invited to attend at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, the corner of Swan and River Road, in Room 31. An outdoor children's play area is available immediately adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

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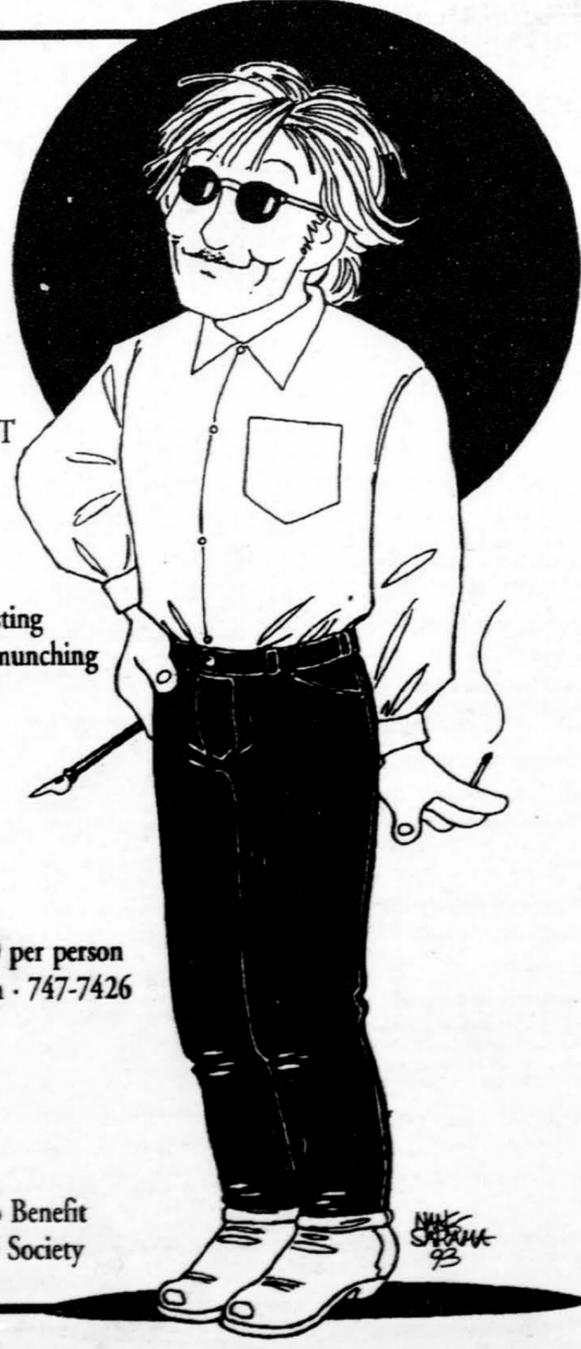
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amendment was stricken from the main bill. It was some of the best t.v. I've seen in years..

The senior Senator of North Carolina was "arm-wrestled" to the floor by the junior Senator from Illinois.

By the way, John McCain, the 'stay puff marshmallow' Senator of Arizona voted in goose step with Jesse, Strom, Spanky, and the rest of the little rascals.

Even summer can get cold in Washington D.C.

"I'm gonna make her cry," Helms said to Orrin Hatch as Mosley-Braun got on the elevator with them.

Jesse Helms started whistling "Dixie."

"Dixie" is a song strongly associated with the Confederacy and is offensive to many African-Americans. It is not commonly heard on elevator Muzak systems.

As Senator Mosley-Braun exited the elevator at her floor Senator Helms chuckled, "I hope I didn't offend you."

"No, but you would've of you had whistled 'Rock of Ages'," she replied.

When asked by reporters a Helms spokesperson described it as a "good natured exchange."

Who said the Confederacy never invaded Washington?

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paint themselves as virtuous patriots holding the line against the decay of our Republic. In fact, they are narrow-minded bigots who want to force all Arizonans to accept their hatred as law.

This is not an equal-rights initiative. It is an anti-human-rights hate initiative.

The only traditional value being defended by Meliti's Coalition is hatred for anyone not just like them. They hold that hatred dear. The rest of us must renounce it. There is room for all of us at the table.

There is a miraculous book by Davis Grubb called Ancient Lights. Its main character, Fifi Leech, makes the most succinct statement of religious ethics I have ever read:

"I say 'Fuck you' to any religion which says, 'I'm Something and you're Nothing because you're not like me.' Because, you see, my religion is the one with the big bunk of tangled, sweet quilts amidst which anyone — yes, anyone — can play house and be beloved of God. And the hell with the trundle-bed trash who want to include you or me out."

Amen, Sister Fifi. Amen.