



Police Chief Hedke Resigns



Tucson Police Chief Elaine Hedke shown speaking at the recent TORCH Awards.

TUCSON - Tucson Police Chief, Elaine Hedke, announced her resignation yesterday. In a press conference, Hedke stated she was stepping down from her post to take on new responsibilities with the City of Tucson.

Hedke, will become Assistant Police in Chief, in charge of the Human Resources Division at the Tucson Police Department, and will be heading the City of Tucson's new annexation committee.

Hedke at her press conference called this move "a positive one, a plus, and it is not a demotion." She also stated that she is "flattered that the city manager, the city council and her colleagues, as department heads, have the confidence in me to make this work for all of us."

Reaction to this move came swift. Within the police department, officers stated that this move would be good for the City and for the police. Rumors had abounded that the new post was created for Hedke to remove her as Chief, the Tucson mayor and city manager denied this. Mayor Miller also stated that there was a need for an aggressive approach to annexation. He went on to say that in her memo, she had stated she wanted to stay on, and that this job would be excellent for her.

Assistant Police Chief, Mike Urychni will serve as Interim Chief, starting Monday when Hedke resignation takes effect, and that a national search will take about 6 months to find a successor.

Feminist Convention Faces 'Lesbian' Charge and Harsh Reaction

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador - When more than 1,000 Latin American feminists agreed to meet later this month in conservative El Salvador, organizers figures there might be some rough going.

They had little idea.

An army owned beachfront hotel has reneged on a contract, and a newspaper ad headlined "Voice of Alarm" claimed the conference sought "the destabilization of Salvadoran society."

One organizer said she received a death threat and that an anonymous caller told an innkeeper near the resort hotel that her facility would be stoned if she offered lodging to convention delegates.

What has sparked the commotion is the announced participation of Lesbians in the convention.

A full page ad in San Salvador's conservative El Diario de Hoy newspaper called the "convention of homosexuals" part of a campaign "to destroy our morals, our religion and our good manners."

The ad, paid for by Salvadoran emigrants living in San Francisco, reprinted a pamphlet distributed in the United States promoting a "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual/Queer" delegation to the convention.

The harsh reaction appears to have political overtones. The publisher of the pamphlet is the Committee in Solidari-

ty with the People of El Salvador, a U.S. based leftist advocacy group that supports the FMLN political party.

The committee arranged for a delegation to attend the conference, said a woman who answered the phone at the group's San Francisco office. She would identify herself on as Lisa.

The outcry in El Salvador is the result of "homophobia," she said.

"There is a political agenda that is using that homophobia to create a hysteria that otherwise wouldn't exist. They realize that homophobia is a good button to push, to try to de-legitimize a women's conference," she said.

"Sexual preference is not asked as part of the enrollment," said Morena Herrera, a Salvadoran, who added: "We do not deny that Lesbian women will come."

Opponents of feminist rights "are trying to manipulate taboos and fears" to halt the convention, said Maria Teresa Blandon, a Nicaraguan.

Herrera said she wanted to contact some of the critics but none of the newspaper ads carry telephone numbers or addresses.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission issued an

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Aspen City Attorney Confident Of Amendment 2 Outcome

by Gil Rudawsky

ASPEN, Co., - After eight days of testimony at the Amendment 2 trial, Aspen City Attorney Jed Caswall is confident Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless will rule the amendment unconstitutional.

"Frankly, I didn't think the state was prepared for this case," Caswall said. "They had an uphill battle."

Caswall was one of the attorneys involved in the court case, along with attorneys from Denver, Boulder and several individuals. The amendment, if enacted, would overturn Gay and Lesbian rights ordinances in these cities.

Bayless is expected to make a ruling on the constitutionality of the amendment by the beginning of the year.

Caswall said that his side tried to show that regardless of whether or not Gays and Lesbians deserve civil rights protection, the amendment is "irrational" and "unconstitutional."

Caswall indicated that much of the argument during the trial circulated around whether or not Gays and Lesbians were born homosexuals or if it was a choice.

Both sides in the trial called renowned ethicists to argue these points. Opponents to the amendment argued that people were born homosexuals and it was not a conscious decision to become Gay or Lesbian.

The state argued that it is a choice for people to become Gay or Lesbian, a claim that Caswall passes off as ludicrous.

"Why would anyone want to become a homosexual in light of people's prejudices today?" Caswall asked.

Despite these arguments, Caswall said Bayless does not need to decide about

the basis of homosexuality to rule the amendment unconstitutional.

Caswall said that Colorado voters were fed false arguments by Colorado for Family Values, the Colorado Springs-based organization headed by Will Perkins that wrote and campaigned for Amendment 2.

The arguments used by the state in defending Amendment 2 were just as false, opponents argued. The state relied on "scientific" data that Gays commit more sex offenses against children than heterosexuals; that Gays are wealthier and better educated than the general population, and that they have more political clout than the heterosexual community.

Since the amendment was already blocked from taking effect by Bayless, a decision that was upheld by the Colorado Supreme Court, Caswall said that his side took a back seat role in the trial. Both the lower and high courts ruled that there is a good chance the amendment would be ruled that there is a good chance the amendment would be ruled unconstitutional, so the amendment was blocked from being enacted.

"We had a passive role in the trial," Caswall said. "Most of the claims we brought to the court we're granted at the preliminary injunction."

According to Caswall, the state's arguments were based on several areas. The state said that the amendment prevents factionalism, helps civil rights, promotes family values and saves state resources.

Solicitor General Tim Tymkovich represented the state and defended the amendment which was narrowly passed by Colorado voters last November.

Bayless said he would weigh the evidence presented during the eight day trial and would issue a ruling later on. The ruling could take weeks or months.

Artist Reception Friday, Nov. 12 for Eddie Gallego

TUCSON - Ward 1 Council Member Bruce Wheeler, and his staff, cordially invites the public to join them as they celebrate the opening of their newest art display by local artist, Eddie S. Gallego.

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The office, located at 940 W. Alameda, will be open for formal viewing on Friday, November 12, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., with refreshments being served. Please come and meet the artist, at this time. Anyone not able to attend the reception is welcome to come to the Ward One Office anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and view the paintings on their own.

Donations and contributions will be greatly appreciated to Ward purchase of the exhibit for the City of Tucson for permanent art display.

To RSVP, please call 791-4040.

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TLGA Forms Ad Hoc Committee On Health Services

TUCSON - The long awaited Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meeting on AIDS funding locally was held last Sunday, Nov. 7. A crowd of nearly fifty people were on hand.

TLGA co-chair Jack Stockslager moderated the meeting assuring those present that this was not to be a 'finger pointing' gathering but rather one which would address solutions to the funding problems that have been discussed for the past few weeks on the pages of the OBSERVER.

Although it was a spirited afternoon, everyone agreed at the end that it was a healthy meeting of the minds and all agreed that TLGA should actively pursue further investigation of the problems.

Eighteen people signed up to participate in an ad hoc committee, officially named TLGA Ad Hoc Committee For Health Services and the group will hold their first meeting Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. again at Cactus Gallery.

For more information on last Sunday's meeting read FYI in this week's issue.

Boycott Urged After Gay Rights Law Repealed

Cincinnati, Oh. - Gay rights activists are calling for the boycott of Cincinnati following a vote repealing a year old law protecting Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals from discrimination.

Carol Lippman, spokeswoman for Gay and Lesbian March Activists/ACT-UP, says the boycott will send a message even if the city doesn't feel much financial pain.

"It's a symbolic way of saying, 'Enough is enough,'" she said.

Residents voted by a 3-2 margin last week to bar the city council from adopting or enforcing any law that gives legal protection specifically to homosexuals.



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Lesbian & Gay Group Demands End To Discrimination In U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the wake of reports from three Oklahoma members of the U.S. House of Representatives that they would not hire openly Gay people for their staffs, the Human Rights Campaign Fund is conducting a survey of all members of Congress to determine who opposes discrimination against Lesbian and Gay people in the work place.

"Congressmen Jim Inhofe (R), Ernest Istook (R) and Bill Brewster (D) have brought discrimination against Lesbian and Gay people on Capitol Hill out of the closet," says Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political group. "We are surveying every member of the House and Senate and asking them to inform their staffs that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation will not be allowed in their offices."

The Oklahoma members of Congress informed the "Tulsa World" in an article printed on October 3, 1993, that they would not employ openly Gay or Lesbian Americans. "I don't think an overtly Gay person should be a role model," Congressman Istook told the paper. Using the code phrases employed during the debate on the military ban, Inhofe said hiring an openly Gay person for his staff would be "disruptive in terms of unit cohesion."

"I have a problem with the Gay lifestyle to begin with. I just don't think it is normal behavior," Congressman Brewster said. "That should tell you what my feeling is."

The newspaper polled the entire Oklahoma delegation on the issue and noted that Senators David Boren (D) and Don Nickles (R) indicated that they would have no problems hiring openly Gay people for their staffs. Representatives Mike Synar (D) and Dave McCurdy (D) also indicated that they would not discriminate. Representative Glenn English did not respond.

Convention

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE alert calling on activists to send protests to the Salvadoran government.

"Given the violent homophobic backlash greeting Lesbian and Gay efforts in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico, it is imperative that the historically violent right wing sectors of El Salvador not be given the opportunity to select new targets," the alert said.

Organizers in El Salvador said Lesbian issues are only a small part of the conference, which also will focus on physical abuse of women, abortion and labor rights, and political organizing skills.

Feminists in Latin America and the Caribbean have held five previous conferences, beginning in 1980 in Colombia.

DEAR EDITOR:

In my October 20 letter to the Observer, I suggested that the tragedy of the recent Tucson AIDS Walk was not that it fell short of its fund-raising goal and not that a consultant was paid a fee, viewed by some as hefty.

The real tragedy of the AIDS Walk, and other fund-raising activities, is that the city's four separate AIDS service organizations must vie for scarce funds and support. The competition for scant resources results in overlapping and fragmented services. The groups' energies are drained in "turf" struggles for donations, grants and volunteers.

The remarks of two writers who responded to my letter did not address the issue at hand: Each AIDS support organization raises and spends money on salaries, rent, utilities, equipment, furniture and mailings that could be more efficiently and effectively raised and spent by a single agency.

Some might imagine a grand altruism propels a charity, but the truth is that service agencies are managed as businesses. Even Mother Teresa is a businessperson. Like a business, success may come by snatching support from your competition (now practiced among AIDS groups) or by consolidating with it, which should be done.

My idea will not steer the four local agencies into merger, of course, but I hope it will be a catalyst to coordinate their efforts. They could work together as a consortium. A saying applies here: "Two people working as a team are better than three working separately."

As a first step, the four agencies need to share a common site. Three advantages emerge to their being under one roof: (1) Many of their clients who depend on public transportation would not have to trek all over the city from one agency to another. (2) Expenses could be cut down by sharing a common fax machine, postage meter, switchboard and reception area, and costs could be further reduced if they published a collective newsletter. (3) The close proximity could spur better communication, and cooperation, among the groups.

A final word about the Tucson AIDS Project, which was the chief organizer of the AIDS Walk and drew the most criticism: As a person who is involved in corporate contributions and sponsorships, I am totally satisfied with TAP's financial integrity, in part because TAP is a United Way agency. Audits are part of the rigors of being designated a United Way agency. In Tucson, the United Way stipulates member agencies must spend at least 75 percent of their revenue on services, in other words, no more than 25 percent can go to administrative overhead. On a personal level, someone very close to me was a client of TAP and received attentive, professional, unblemished care.

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

Last week, the City of Tucson held their general election and a good friend to the community, Tom Saggau was elected to the Ward 3 Council seat, and supporters of our cause, Molly McKasson and Steve Leal were re-elected to their respective seats. The progressive coalition was preserved with their elections. Congratulations goes out to all three for their victories. [There is hope for us all!]

Last 1993 election notes. It had been reported that the Democrats had been beaten in Wards 2 and 4. That was not the case, incumbent Democrats, Molly McKasson and Steve Leal won both Ward 2 and 4. The other Democrat Tom Saggau lost Ward 4 by a narrow margin, and was defeated by 1,500 votes in Ward 2.

The controversial ballot initiative, Proposition 200 was a big loser. It lost in all 6 wards by margins averaging 18 percent. [Nonpartisan elections have come and gone!]

Well, the 1994 campaign has started. [yes it has and we can't do anything about it!], and the rumors are flying. First off, the U.S. Senate race. A couple of political wannabees have moved into Legislative District 14, specifically to establish residency. Does this mean State Senator Cindy Resnick is planning a run for the Democratic nod. [Looks like it, the signs are there!] Also, Congressman Ed Pastor (District 2) had a fund raiser held in Phoenix for him. 50 people attended a \$1,000 a plate dinner for Ed. The guest of honor was Texas Governor Ann Richards. [Well are we or aren't we?]

Also speaking of the U.S. Senate race, a recent poll, released by Phoenix TV station KAET, shows a new opinion on the Democratic run for the Senate. [Good news for Icky-Dicky!] Here are the results:

Secy. of State Dick Mahoney	22%
St. Sen Cindy Resnick	11%
State Dem. Chair Steve Owens	7%
St. Rep Kathy Eden	4%
Undecided	56%

Other races to report. In District 9, former State Senator John Dougherty announced he plans to challenge the person who defeated him in the 1992 race, Republican Keith Bee, [yea!]. Former Pima County Democratic Chair, Winston Smith is contemplating a run for the House in Legislative District 12, [oooh!] And David "The Shadow" Bradley, who ran unsuccessfully for the House in L.D. 13 is contemplating a run for the Senate in L.D. 14. And for the 1995 city campaign, sources have told me that the present Tucson mayor, George Miller, will not seek a second term. [You heard it here first!]

END NOTES

Three cheers for the Pima County Democrats! Their "quickie stealth" campaign on defeating Proposition 200 was quick, not seen, and it worked. Hey, wasn't it fun to take a stand on a position, for the first time ever, and succeeded! Good for you all! Also, you probably know, that they are removing their funds from the First Interstate Bank, because of the banks alleged fund raising letter for Proposition 200. It is the principal of it

you know, but I ask them this, "You can take a noble stand on this, but why can't you all take a public stand on Pima County Assessor, Alan Lang?"

The Inaugural Barbara Stanwyck "Oh No!" Award for blunders goes to Eyewitness News TV anchor, Patti "Always With It" Weiss. Patti, on Monday's newscast stated that "all three incumbent

city council members are trying to hold on to their seats in tomorrow's election." This is clearly wrong, because Mike Haggerty, the current Ward 3 councilmember, did not seek election to a full term. This piece of misinformation could be considered a factor in why there was such a high undervote, (where a person doesn't not vote for any of the candidates listed), the percentage was 7%. Congratulations!!

World AIDS Day Event Planned In Bisbee Nov. 30

BISBEE - Every city in Cochise County will be represented in Bisbee Tuesday, November 30, at 6 p.m. to carry the light and sound the bell, to say direct action must be taken to stop the spread of AIDS.

As a prelude to World AIDS Day, Dec 1, officials from every city and the county will, for the first time, come together for a candlelight march and service as a way of saying it is time everyone work to fight AIDS. The event, which begins at Copper Queen Plaza and culminates at St. Patrick's Church, is a dramatic effort to draw public attention to the AIDS epidemic in Cochise County, Arizona and around the world.

Speakers at the service will include District 8 State Representatives Paul Newman and Mike Palmer, Chairman of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors; and local religious leaders and public health officials.

World AIDS Day will be marked across the county, state, country and the globe. The theme of this sixth annual World AIDS Day is "Time to Act!" Leaders and millions of individuals from around the country will stand together with representatives from every city in Cochise County and pledge themselves fully to the fight against AIDS.

The theme of light, as a tribute to those who have died and are living with HIV/AIDS, will be observed during the walk and at St. Patrick's Church. The church lights are dimmed, as they will be at the White House and towns across the county, in a visual demonstration of the commitment to fight AIDS. The service will also feature the Women of the Cochise College Choir; Bisbee High School Choir; and the Chorus of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance of Cochise County.

For more information contact Ramon Garcia, coordinator, at the Cochise County Department of Health and Social Services. In Bisbee, call (602) 432-9472. In Benson, (602) 586-3686; Douglas, (602) 364-7575; Sierra Vista, (602) 452-4969; and in Willcox (602) 384-4662.

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Bit Of The Old South

By Sean Thomas

It was very nice to see so many concerned with various issues dealing with AIDS funding at last Sunday's TLGA meeting. The heightening of awareness is a very positive thing. Now I ask all of us to take time to ponder and suggest resolutions to these issues.

It is a very difficult I know, to take an objective look at certain issues when you are emotionally involved. But we need to be objective to solve problems. The bottom lines to the present problem are: 1) how do we resolve the financial accountability issues (where are your donations going?) and 2) the mistakes made in regards to AIDS Walk.

Contributors as well as people living with AIDS, must be addressed. The issues raised are not easy ones, so it will take work. My personal experience has been that I do know a number of people who have received services from the Tucson AIDS Project, most of which they were satisfied with. I am not defending anyone, but our perspective must be clear. A perception of top heavy mismanagement seems to be the biggest issue. The quality and accessibility of services has not really been looked into yet.

Once we have defined the problems, we must find the solutions to the problems and resolve them. The issues are far greater than just agency bashing, (as some people perceive it). It falls back to accountability. I also have some questions as well everyone else. Having been both on the receiving and giving ends of Gay AIDS funding, I understand everyone's concerns. Let's actively seek healing and resolution. An unnecessary extension of this issue will only be detrimental to both the HIV and Gay communities.

People have been wasting their time by attacking local activists and their messages. What a waste of energies! Help with the solutions, don't shoot the messengers! Also we shouldn't generalize everything about the agency in question. There are some truly wonderful people involved over there. Unfortunately they are feeling the full fallout if the mistakes

of others. That makes it even more important to resolve this. Again it goes back to managements issues, structure and accountability. These are issues that are very difficult to stay objective about. The perception is that the vast majority perceives problems exist that will not go away. They must be resolved, so let's get to it.

All agencies that are even just partially funded by public donations, by accepting said monies, open themselves to public access and scrutiny. Please if you have any questions with any agencies, ask them. If they don't respond, then utilize a forum such as the one that took place last Sunday, to bring issues of concern up and discuss them.

Make sure you know where your money is going and that clients are being properly served. There are two vital concerns we should always be looking for. The bottom line is we all want to provide whatever is necessary to make the HIV journey as easy as possible. Believe me that our community's efforts are deeply appreciated by the HIV community that I've had contact with. Thank you Gay and Lesbian Tucson for your support and love.

I hope my message this week has been clear. Unfortunately, a comment that I made at the Sunday meeting has been taken out of context and misquoted. These things happen, but I've been around a long time to know and deal with that.

The long list of names on the TLGA Ad Hoc Committee showed a wonderful desire of the Gay Community and concerned others to see this situation resolved. We owe TLGA a great deal of appreciation for setting up this positive meeting.

And please don't forget the Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner being served at Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall on Thursday, November 25th, from noon until 3 p.m. Any questions please call 622-8860.

Till next week: Sean 323-1248.



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by Frank Hartigan

I'm A Believer

In 1961 I was a tiny, blond, credulous three-year-old who adored my big sisters and wanted more than anything to please them.

One day they were cleaning up the kitchen and I was pestering them as usual. They took a big spoon of solidified bacon grease from a skillet and asked me if I wanted some ice cream. They thought my reaction after taking a big bite was hilarious.

I was sure they had made a mistake.

My sisters took gleeful advantage of my willingness to believe whatever they told me. For years I remained convinced that they would never deceive me.

I was eight before I realized that my mother was drunk or on drugs most of the time. Even then, it came as a rude shock.

Though I forget what Mom did to bring on this epiphany, I can still see and feel the moment in 70-millimeter Dolby Surround and Technicolor.

It was sunset on my stepfather's farm. My sister and her husband were visiting from Chillicothe, Missouri. Katt (still called Kathy then) and I walked out of the house, down the broken sidewalk toward the milking barn. I said something unsuspecting about how Mom must be really tired.

Katt stopped, turned her head to quirt at me, and said, "She's drunk. Don't you know that?"

At certain moments of revelation, it seems that time slows to a near standstill. All at once I hear what is being said, take part in an internal dialogue about what I am hearing, and become acutely aware of the feeling in the pit of my stomach and the ringing in my ears. My sister Katt has brought me to such a point more than once, leaving me with a moment immobilized as if in amber.

One common theme in these frozen moments is finding out that I have believed someone I should have doubted.

One day in 1985, I met and chatted up a cute man on Haight Street in San Francisco. He asked me if I wanted to go home with him; I readily agreed. I stopped at a corner and got out my bus pass. The prospective 'boy-friend du jour' looked horrified at the prospect of such plebeian transport. He said, "Let's take a cab." We flagged down a Checker and went over the hill to the Castro.

At the corner of Market and Castro, this hunky thief asked me to pay for the cab, since his money was in the house. I paid.

We walked across Castro Street to his apartment, where he asked me to wait while he checked to see if his roommate was home. He opened the security gate and left me on the stairs between it and his front door.

After five minutes, I knocked. Then I knocked again. And again. Then I got a clue. I got out my Fast Pass and boarded a 33 Ashbury bus for home. Fortunately I only lost the cab fare and a little face.

A couple of days later, I described this incident to my friend Peter. He was from New York and had been around in San Francisco for years. Peter said, "God! You really are from the Midwest, aren't you?"

For a couple of weeks after that, I felt like the biggest yokel ever to buy the Golden Gate Bridge. Then I decided that it was better to be a believer than a doubter.

When I was getting to know my lover Steven, we talked about life being driven by either a basic optimism or a basic pessimism. We agreed that both of us basically trust our lives to turn out all right.

I almost always believe the best about people unless and until they prove otherwise. I can almost always find the humor in an unpleasant situation, though sometimes laughing at it causes people to look at me very strangely.

This willingness to trust people has caused me some pain, some loss, and some trouble. Yet I'm still glad that's the way I am.

I have believed people who have told me I was stupid, ugly, mean, lazy, or insane. I've accepted responsibility for others' feelings. I've believed people who blamed me for their failings. I've settled for a life I didn't want because I had been told it was the only way I could live.

What saved me from a life of utter foolish credulity and doormat victimhood was learning to believe my own feelings. I'm still a believer, but now I believe myself first.

Coming out has gotten easier since I thought about people's reactions and my fears. Except for one or two people, everyone to whom I have come out has taken it in stride.

The ex-Air Force guy at the next desk (the one who talks about hooters all the time) asked me last week if that was my wife on the phone. (I had just hung up from telling Steven I love him.) I didn't pause to think; I said, "No, that's my boyfriend." Ron just said, "Oh." Since then his demeanor hasn't changed in the least.

I believe that people will accept me as a Gay man, and they do. I believe that we will survive AIDS, and we will. I believe that love lasts forever, and it does. I believe that the people of this country will see through the religious right and its anti-freedom agenda, and they will. I believe that we will gain full acknowledgment of our rights, and we shall.

I believe that all these things will happen, and they will. The only question is how long they will take.

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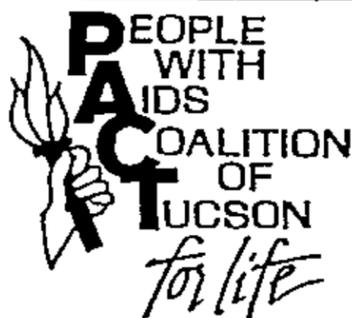
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FYI

by Big John

"...Attitude is what you should get"

Well, finally a bit of resolve and perhaps a calm before the maelstrom! A crowd of well over fifty people turned out at the Cactus Gallery located at 621 N. 4th Avenue last Sunday afternoon, graciously hosted by Debra Broner, the gallery owner and operator, to discuss the behavior and empire building going on at the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP).

Not surprisingly, not one official from TAP made an appearance, with the exception of Ed Norway, who stated that he was a new board member at TAP and was not there in an official capacity. He did however, express the belief that "...if you come to TAP for assistance with an attitude, attitude is what you should get back." When he was asked what services, if any, he received from TAP, he stated that his wheelchair was provided by TAP, but that he couldn't attend last Tuesday's Board of Directors meeting because TAP couldn't provide him with transportation services to get him there. OUCH!!! What would Tucson's society people say about that?

Sunday's meeting was officiated over by Jack Stuckslager, Co-chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA). He stressed the need not to point fingers, a very difficult task considering how much is constantly occurring at TAP to point a finger at, but to identify what was needed by our community. By consensus, the answers to this question are summarized, as follows:

(1) A primary need is for restricted AIDS funding, something I have been hammering over and over again to my readers, and for use of these restricted funds only toward direct patient services. Learn this term and write it on all your donations; put it on your checks; tell the United Way; get it in writing!

(2) Accountability! Information to the community must be open and forthcoming. Our community must not be treated as if we were out of order - or second class citizens. We are the people these organizations are here to serve, so let us in - and hear us! That means all the ASO's, not just TAP.

(3) Case management by any of the ASO's need to be just that, proper case management, and not just information referral.

(4) All the persons employed at

the various ASO's should get a case load, regardless of their position (i.e. secretarial, switch board, accountants, executives, etc.) It can be one client per week or ten per week, as long as everyone working for the agency is involved in caring for people with AIDS. I personally like this concept, because it will get the "bureaucrats" off their butts and it will hopefully "sensitize" them to the daily needs of people with AIDS. It will no longer be a case of "them" clients, and "us" the ASO employees.

(5) Stagnant ASO heads and top officials should be replaced if they fail to listen to community input, or if they fail to properly lead an organization. Or...if they make terrible financial decisions for the ASO, such as the \$40,000 error in judgement in the Jim Troevs fiasco. Someone has to assume responsibility here!

This is the point of dialogue where Mr. Craig Snow, had he attended on Sunday, would busy himself by exiting from the meeting, and then returning at a later date with his agenda neatly outlined and assume credit for the goals of the meeting. I'm only pointing out his "method" at this time to assure all of my readers that this scenario will not happen at this particular and important juncture in our process. It has also been pointed out that this is a pattern of behavior that has been repeatedly observed at various consortium meetings and at other strategic events in his career as an ASO head.

Robin Hardy took the floor for about ten minutes and expressed opinions that were articulate and very well received by the group, resulting in a warm round of applause. He discussed the "professionalization" of AIDS across this country, where career track people are concerned with planning their AIDS careers well into the 21st century. This is certainly an appalling concept, but also a fact of life. He observed that the likelihood of a cure for AIDS is diminished as an industry evolves around the disease - not unlike the search for a cancer cure continues today, decades after it started.

We must also defeat the myth of death, that is, we can learn to live with this disease. Don't get sucked into the vortex of "O.K., I have it, I'm dead" - this is a false belief system. Robin also

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As I See It.....

by Clark



Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love." - Prayer of St. Francis.

"Love the sinner, but hate the sin."

This is the battle cry of the "christian crusader."

We've heard it said in the last few months by: Sen. John McCain; Beverly LaHaye of Concerned Women of America (CWA); Pat Robertson; everyone I spoke with at the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA); the Pope; Dr. James Dobson; KVOI radio and the Good News newspaper; and even the church of my childhood (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

"Love the sinner but hate the sin."

Whatever these words actually mean they have become the buzz words for withdrawing the guarantees of our Constitution from the defined "sinner". Whenever legislation or social action is proposed to confirm that Lesbians, Gays and Bi's are entitled to the same civil rights as everyone else, the aforementioned list are first in line as most active opponents. In fact, many of the "crusaders" literally make their living or reputation by opposing Lesbian, Gay, and Bi people.

Perhaps "love the sinner, hate the sin" means its O.K. to BE Gay, just don't DO Gay. To wit Jesus said:

"They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them." - Matthew 23:4.

Basically he says that people shouldn't be saddled with the teachings that the teachers couldn't follow. celibacy is a calling, not a punishment (Matthew 19:12).

Why are some churches and church leaders so obsessed with a topic that was never mentioned by Jesus in the Gospels?

Why are our very lives the subject of self-righteous pogroms, a sin clearly defined by Jesus, the thing he spoke most often about?

Why do some church leaders flail the air with a Bible, as if it were a phallic spear? Tearing out the heart of the book as they reduce it to a few hyperbolic bits of anti-Gay chant?

They have become biblical idolaters, worshipping the text but losing the message. A Biblical "forest for the trees" analogy. They place their faith on something that more closely resembles the "Righteous book of holier-than-thou quotations", not the Bible.

They are the horn-again Pharisees. A custom of Jesus' time was to wear a phylactery during prayer. A phylactery is a square leather box that contained four pieces of scripture. But the Pharisees made a show of their devotions:

"But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels of their garments." (Matthew 23:5)

In fact, I recommend believers and non-believers read Matthew's account

of Jesus' commentary on the Pharisees (Matthew 23:1-36) and see if you don't recognize the contemporary American, self-styled, Christian, fundamentalist movement.

Concerning the topic of Lesbians, Gays, and Bi's, the Bible speaks on three issues: 1) homosexual rape; 2) ritual homosexual prostitution; 3) homosexual lust and behavior by HETEROsexuals.

When it comes to homosexual orientation and the consensual acts of Lesbian, Gay, and Bi people the Bible says nothing. Nothing.

Homosexual behavior and orientation are never mentioned by Jesus or any of the Old Testament prophets. Surely, if homosexuality were an evil that justifies a multi-million dollar industry, Jesus might have mentioned it. But he didn't. If you get a chance to talk to a homophobic self-proclaimed follower of Jesus (perhaps during Thanksgiving), bring that tidbit up.

According to Dr. John Boswell of Yale University, Gay relationships and marriages were permitted until A.D. 400. A marriage ceremony for men is still found in the prayer books of Roman Catholic churches of the formerly Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe. (Pass the cranberry sauce)

Christ recognized the distinction between political and spiritual responsibilities: "Then render to Caesar (government) the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21).

In a nation of so many and so much faith can't we heed his word and just get along? (Love the centerpiece, really!)

No one is born with a particular doctrine. Religion is an excellent example of behavior CHOICE. Sexual orientation is not. I have faith I'm not a mistake. (Oh, I couldn't eat another bite, I'm stuffed)

Opposing our civil rights is big business, next week I'll show you how big.

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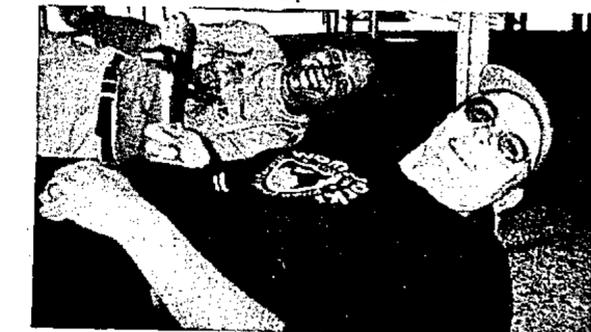
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

RUMORZ - Special Fabulous Falsies Revue at 9:30 sharp and this evening it will feature that Incious Brenda Starr being flown in from L.A. for this special show. No Cover.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

GRADUATE - TKO monthly Beer Bust here from 2 until 6 p.m. Always a blast!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

IBT'S - Sunday BBQ 3 to 6 p.m. Proceeds go to Shanti. Hot male strippers at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CLUB 2520 - A.G.R.A.-Tucson Chili Verde Days here today and tomorrow. An action-packed weekend with fun for all. Home-cooked southwest foods, dancing, entertainment, raffles and auctions for great prizes and much more. Events begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. Community organizations are invited to have a booth. Contact AGRA at (602)323-0805 to reserve space now.

RUMORZ - It's the return of the fantastic Debi Francis and her 'Bluz Attack' For some great blues sounds it just don't get any better! 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CLUB 2520 - AGRA Chili Verde Days continues with many events described above. Prior to that, at 3:00 p.m., AGRA Board Meets with a general meeting following at 5. Interested individuals are invited. You'll be welcomed into a great organization.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Join Cornerstone Fellowship for an evening with Evelyn Schave beginning at 7 p.m. Evelyn is a pastor and evangelist who will share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and music. 2902 N Geronimo 622-4626 for more info.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"Journey Through AIDS" a renewal day for people with AIDS, and caregivers, families and friends will be offered at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration at 9 a.m. This renewal is supported by Tucson AIDS Project and led by F. Dick Mevissaco, CSaR the director of Picture Rocks Retreat.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network tees off for miniature golf at Magic Carpet Golf at 1:00 p.m. Parents, kids and other family members are invited to attend. Meet out front, at 6125 E. Speedway. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information and directions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Lambda Car Club will be going to Phoenix for a progressive dinner. Call Bill at 622-3808.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - THANKSGIVING

Annual Thanksgiving for the community hosted by the MCC Church. Everyone is welcome to a traditional dinner - Turkey & Dressing, Pumpkin Pie and all the trimmings. Exact times to be announced.

God's Love In Action (GLIA) invites all people with AIDS HIV+, friends, family and all individuals of the community to come to the Thanksgiving Dinner being served at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall from noon until 3:00 p.m. Cornerstone is located at 2902 N. Geronimo (corner of Geronimo and Laguna). Call 622-8860 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

"Rock For TAP" begins at 9:00 p.m. with featured musical artists Rodeo Jesus, The Fells and Velvetta Regime. Suggested donation \$5 and it takes place at the 4th Avenue Social Club. This "Rock for TAP" is one in a series of benefits for Tucson AIDS Project.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Psycho Fair with Arts & Crafts at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$2 admission includes displays, books, crystals, herbs & vitamins, shiatsu demonstrations and metaphysical lectures all day. \$20 for half-hour readings - Tarot, astrology, numerology, palmistry, channeling, past life readings and more. Annual fund raiser for the Tucson Astrologers' Guild, a non-profit organization. For more info call 327-2954.

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Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00. 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11 am - 2 pm; Tea Dance with Ron Rice 2:30 - 6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. (usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 til 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. Benefit B-U-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-U-Q 5-7 pm.

Monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well & 1 Music Machine "Back to" C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 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. \$1 hamburgers 4-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Meadow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.50 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 3 pm

Tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Truck Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 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. Schamppe 7 to close

IBT'S - Open noon to 1 am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25c extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Meadow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3 to 9 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 to close. Fabulous Falsies show at 9:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 3 pm

Wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Parrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring drag 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 4-7. Seasonal show specials 8 pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Maza. 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Sales Nic 9 to 9:00 pm. Hot 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 3 pm.

Thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Men's Nic - 30c draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.

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

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

IBT'S - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nic 10 to 1. - w/a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Hot 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 3 pm.

Friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c 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 4-7. U-GO dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hot Male Dancers. VJ/DJ Jeff Strickles 9:00 to 1:00.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 3 pm.

Saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

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

IBT'S - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Finble VJ/DJ 10-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 3 pm.

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Rev. Smith served as a delegate to the 1971 General Conference, and was instrumental in spearheading the changes in the UFMCC By-Laws that allowed women to be included in all categories. Rev. Smith, the first woman elected as the Fellowship's first woman Elder, and has been re-elected subsequently. Smith was Chair of the World Church Evangelism from 1971-1979. In 1979, she was elected Vice-Moderator of the Board of Elders.

Rev. Smith has been seen nationally on several television programs, most notably the Tomorrow Show, and has even debated the Dade County's Rev. David Renfrow. Smith is also in the "Who's Who in American Religion." Smith has served as Pastor of Sacramento-MCC since 1973.

The Rev. Smith will be speaking on Friday, November 12, at 8 p.m., at the Ramada Inn-Downtown.

TUCSON - The Rev. Elder Freda Smith will be the highlight speaker at the U.F.-M.C.C. Southwest District Conference, which will take place November 12-14, at the Ramada Inn-Downtown in Tucson. MCC-Tucson is the host church for the event. The theme of this conference is, "Living the Abundant Life - Personal Steps to Health and Wholeness."

The Rev. Elder Freda Smith was born in Pocatello, Idaho. Rev. Smith

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This coming week-end, November 12th through 14th, the U.F.M.C.C. Southwest District will hold its Annual Fall Conference. The conference will be held at the Ramada Inn - Downtown, in Tucson. About 200 people are expected to attend the conference. The theme of the conference will be, "Living the Abundant Life - Personal Steps to Health and Wholeness", from John 10:10.

There will be worship services conducted throughout the conference. The most notable speaker will be the Rev. Elder Freda Smith, (see accompanying story) at the Friday evening Worship Service, which starts at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Ramada Inn - Downtown. Other worship services will have as speakers the Rev. Stephen Pieters, Rev. Stephen Fund, Ms. Barbara Haynes and Ms. Lydia Segal.

Our next Sunday Morning Worship Service will be held at the Ramada Inn - Downtown, in the Grand Ballroom. This is the final worship service of the conference and MCC-Tucson will be joining in this worship service. There will be no Sunday Morning Worship Service at MCC. If anyone needs transportation from the church to the Ramada Inn, call the church at 292-9151 and a ride will be provided.

MCC-Tucson welcomes the delegates and friends of the District to this important conference. We pray that your stay in Tucson will be a pleasant visit and that you will receive many blessings by coming to Tucson.

Thought for the week: News should be relayed on a daily basis, if we did it on a monthly basis, there would very little news worth telling.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the more intriguing advertisements I've seen lately involves a credit card. Plastered on a billboard, high above the street, this card brags, "Complete peace of mind in a little piece of plastic." What an idea! And certainly one that everyone living in these troubled times is interested in! Just think! With one of these cards a person would have no more worries, like "Am I going to make it to the gas station before the car runs out of gas?" There wouldn't need to be concern about how to pay the rent, even though you could no longer work. You wouldn't have to worry about being rejected by your parents if you told them you were Gay. There would be no anxiety about living in this violent society, wondering if you were going to be the next victim of a drive-by shooting. And of course there would be no more nagging apprehension about what will happen to you when you die! In fact, if this credit card lived up to its billing, if it truly gave complete peace of mind, I'm sure that everyone who heard about it would be rushing to obtain one at any cost.

far more that it can possibly deliver. There is no human invention that can guarantee "complete" peace of mind.

However, I do know the source of complete, absolute peace. Jesus told his disciples the night before he was betrayed, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27 NIV)

Jesus was very clear about the kind of peace he was giving. He said it was his peace, not the world's peace. His peace is not the absence of troubles but rather knowing that he is with you in the troubles and will take you through them. Having Jesus' peace is no guarantee that you will never run out of gas or have money worries. But in spite of the outward circumstances, a person who has Jesus' peace has a quite confidence that because Jesus is in control all things will work out all right in the end.

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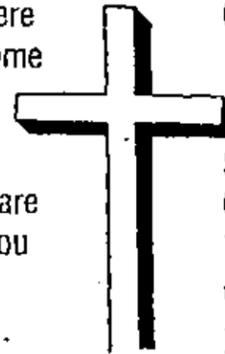
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said that he had no luck getting the ASO's to sponsor a program for health promotion, "Staying Healthy with HIV" by David Baker and Richard Copeland, but that PACT graciously loaned him the money to put on the event, which he has mostly repaid out of contributions. So where do an ASO's priorities come from?

Our meeting host, Debra Broner, of Cactus Gallery, made mention of last Tuesday's TAP Board Meeting, and the rude treatment toward several of our people in the room, and wondered if the same three minute timer bell that was used on two members of our group was also used on Jim Toevs when he came to their meeting to give his sales pitch and sell his bill of goods for \$40,000. She also confirmed that the dozen or so persons from our community who attended the TAP meeting were provided no chairs to sit upon. How rude!

Mike Griffin took the floor and produced the TAP Board of Directors mailing list which I had obtained from the Secretary of State's office under the freedom of information act. He asked TAP for the same list so he could send a letter to each board member after last Tuesday's meeting, but was denied access to the list from TAP - the same list that I got freely from public records. Is this the spirit of cooperation with our community? Mike also read the motion that he took last October to the TAP board meeting (where there was no quorum), which basically states the following:

A Motion To the TAP

Board

As a past CORE member of TAP in its earliest years (1984-85), and given the situation of a \$40,000 consulting fee paid to the 1993 AIDS Walk coordinator, I would ask the TAP Board of

Directors to entertain the following motion:

- As a sincere gesture, and in recognition that there are individuals with AIDS or HIV infection in our community with unmet needs in housing, medical/dental care, in paying for medications, or in day-to-day requirements,
- and because many of these persons may be overlooked and unserved by Tucson's AIDS service agencies,
- we (the TAP Board) therefore pledge \$40,000 of the money raised in AIDS Walk '93 to these individuals,
- and these 'restricted funds' will be set aside in a separate account and will only be used for direct client assistance."

This same motion was probably the reason the TAP Board of Directors asked all of us to depart from their meeting last Tuesday. I'm sure they didn't want anyone to hear their discussion about the \$40,000 already spent on Jim Toevs, or the \$40,000 that Mike wanted the Board to set aside for people with AIDS. Kind of embarrassing, huh?

Mike also read a letter directed to TAP Board members, which could only be mailed if the letters were delivered to the TAP office, and then only if a cover letter from TAP was attached to his. Remember he had no access to a Board mailing list. Mike has no idea what TAP's cover letter said, but obviously, since his letter to TAP Board members was delivered to TAP's office for them to mail, his letter may have been read by their staff. What a joke!

To end this column, I'd say our meeting on Sunday at the Cactus Gallery was very productive, and a positive step in regaining some "control" over what is, or should be, going on regarding the AIDS service agencies in our community, and some very definite "accountability." It may be that TAP is currently seen as the biggest problem; but we have yet to look at the other ASO's with the same focus.

Right now, TAP is the biggest ASO, with the biggest budget, and consequently maybe the biggest problems to solve. Also, I'd like to comment on the large number of Gay women who are helping out in this AIDS crisis. Without their support, and leadership many of us might still be sitting on our bar stools just complaining about things, like we have done for so many years in the past. So, thank you, ladies, we're proud you are part of our community!

By the way, the PACT Board of Directors monthly meeting is next Monday, November 15th, at 5:30 pm at the PACT offices, 801 W. Congress Street. To the "Dirty Dozen" (and you know who you are)... be there, or be square... Love and kisses, Big John!

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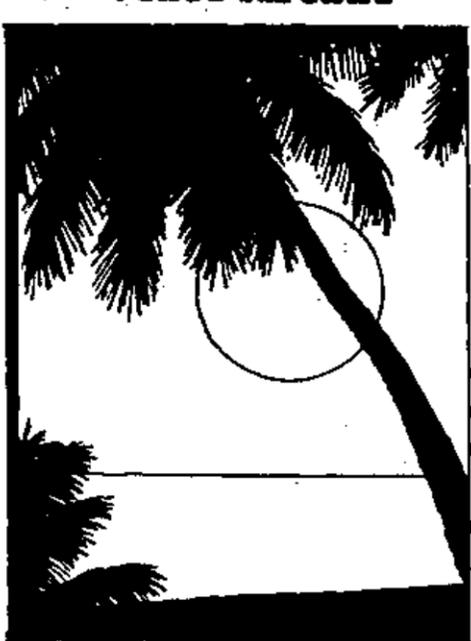
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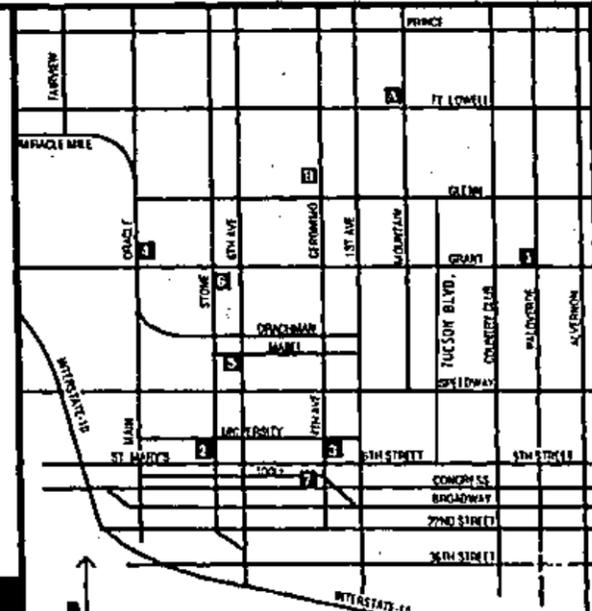
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TUCSON DIRECTORY



Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

As mentioned last week I hope you'll check this column every week so you don't miss a single event of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association.

AGRA-Tucson invites the entire Tucson Gay community to attend a great weekend of activity at our "Chili Verde Days" celebration coming up on November 20 & 21 at Club 2520. It's a real downhome celebration of the southwest! With events beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing throughout the evening; this is one weekend you don't want to miss. There'll be homecooked southwestern foods, hot cowboy and cowgirl dancin', entertainment, raffles and auctions for great prizes, and lots of gun! Don't miss it!

Cowboys and cowgirls, get ready for AGRA's sunset trail ride on Saturday, November 27. We invite the entire Gay community to join us for a hell of a good time! You'll climb on your horse at 3:30 p.m. at the El Conquistador Stables and head off into the sunset. A great dinner is included - chicken or pork ribs and all the fixins and dessert. The trail ride and dinner is only \$35.00 or you can join the group for dinner for only \$15.00. Buy your tickets now from AGRA Board Members or call 323-0805. Get your tickets now!

AGRA-Tucson will soon start selling raffle tickets for some great trips on Morris Air donated by Compass Travel and Morris Air. The raffle will take place at AGRA's Christmas Jamboree in December at The Graduate.

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AGRA members, if you're wondering why I'm repeating much of last week's column it's because I want to be dead sure that no one is missing what's happening. The coming months are going to be incredibly busy as several celebrations and fund raisers are coming up in addition to the Phoenix and Tucson Gay Rodeos. Your help and support is needed now! Show up at the next meeting and volunteer.

The next AGRA-Tucson meeting is coming up on November 21st during the Chili Verde Days celebration. Board Meeting starts at 3:00 p.m. and the General Meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Be there!

AGRA-Tucson invites interested parties from our community to attend and check us out. We invite you to come! If you like all the things associated with the southwest, such as rodeo, country western music, dancing, etc., then the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is for you. We'd like to meet you and "Chili Verde Days" celebration is a great way to see AGRA in action.

Arizona's "Gay Rodeo Season" is just around the corner! Hard to believe a year has rolled around and it's beginning again. January 14, 15, and 16 are the dates for the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix at the Corona Arena. And Tucson's hottest weekend of all will fall on March 18, 19, and 20 when our own Gay rodeo, the Saguaro Regional, comes to town. If you never been then this is the year to see everything you've been miss-

ing! The Rodeo is action packed throughout the day and the best partying ever seen in Tucson begins back at the hotel following the day's events. Most people, upon seeing the Rodeo for the first time, are absolutely amazed that an event like this takes place within the Gay community.

AGRA Board Members are selling Entertainment Books '94 for only \$35.00! This is a great way to raise money for AGRA! Get your books now!

Space is running out so tune in again next week and stay abreast of all that's happening. Set you at the AGRA meeting on November 21 and at Chili Verde Days.

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Bake Sales	\$ 310.50
Offerings	\$ 250.00
Entertainment Books	\$ 645.00
Monthly Support	\$ 660.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1201.27
Rummage/Estate Sale	\$2537.93
Raffle Tickets	\$ 67.00
Lord's Pantry	\$ 174.16
Thanksgiving	\$ 250.00
Tamales	\$ 220.99
Interest	\$ 5.26

TOTAL INCOME \$6322.11

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 26.14
Client Assistance	\$1266.03
Fund Raising	\$ 656.09
Lord's Pantry	\$ 950.55
Thursday Dinner	\$ 52.12
Tuesday Luncheon	\$1111.69
Thanksgiving	\$ 279.28
Training Materials	\$ 21.40
Entertainment Books	\$ 224.00
Banners	\$ 30.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$4617.31

RECAP

Beginning Balance	\$ 374.53
Total Income	\$6322.11
Total Expenses	\$4617.31

ENDING BALANCE \$2079.33

RECEIVABLES

Rummage Sale IOU's	\$ 190.00
Good Sam	\$ 27.88
Entertainment Books	\$ 50.00

TOTAL RECEIVABLES \$ 267.88

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TOTAL PAYABLES \$ 71.08

Total Cash on Hand	\$2079.33
Total Receivables	\$ 267.88
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WHAT'S UP DOC???



As we draw closer to Thanksgiving Day, I would like to mention something that has been asked me a couple times recently. A couple different individuals questioned me if I knew of anyone here in the Gay community, in Tucson, that would like to come over to their house for a Thanksgiving day meal, no strings attached.

certain trio that park their butts on stage each pool tournament. Well, thinking over these past few weeks, the only name I could possibly give them would be, "The Cubetts", (not affiliated with any club or organization in town).

Another idea would be for those, who are living by themselves and wishes to supply this meal, why not talk it up with some others around town, and maybe everyone could get together and make it one big event. By doing it that way, it could be done in a pot-luck style, each person bringing a required dish that would feed a certain number of people.

On that particular Saturday afternoon, sitting in their loft, each was wearing (?) golden choir robes, played the role of judges. After each pool shot made by those in the pool tournament, these Cubetts would judge the shot similar to the way judging is done at skating events, on a 1 to 10 scale. Fine you say, but, while watching one of this trio, who was also in the pool tournament, when he shot, no score was given. I guess the two remaining Cubetts did not have enough "000000's".

That is the best way I feel could accommodate more with less personal expenses and time. Besides, for any holiday, it is better to spend it with friends than either by yourself or with strangers. If those who have asked me, do do it this way, let me know after how it went.

Saturday will be TKO's monthly beer bust. During, TKO will be starting this years "Make-A-Wish" benefit drive. Tickets for this benefit, as always, will be \$1 each. This year, prizes being raffled off not only will include the traditional \$100 bill, but also a \$50 Leather Gift Certificate from the Venture-N leather shop, two tickets to this years Copper Bowl, and dinner for two at the Double Tree.

All I can say at this time concerning this years version of the Arizona Fellowship Run #7, Nov. 25-28, if you still do not know about it, if you still have not made up your mind as to whether or not you wish to join in on this run, then you have no one to blame but yourself. I've mentioned it in my column for a couple weeks, and I've told you were to can obtain a run application. Now it is all up to you because as of last Saturday, this years committee has met for the last time and the next time you see all of them will be during the run. The next time I mention it will be after, and some of the events, observations, and some of those TBBS's I can ALWAYS catch.

As always, drawings for each will be done during the show on December 18th, with those winners tickets placed back into the jar for the final drawing for the \$100. Also, other small gifts will be placed under the tree and be drawn for along with those major prizes, those tickets also being placed back into the jar.

Over the previous years, TKO has stated that the winner does not have to be present to win. This year will be the same policy so when purchasing your raffle tickets, please put your name and a phone number, readable please, so that we can reach you at if you win one of the main raffle prizes. For the gifts under the tree, winners will have to be present.



TBBS: A couple weeks ago I was at the Graduate, as if anyone would be surprised to hear that about me, and witnessed a group that I'll just have to pass on to you in the best way, description wise, I could imagine. First off, previously in other columns I mentioned a

It will not be hard for you to locate the jars at the different bars around Tucson because they will be RED. All you have to do is ask the bartender for your chances.

I guess that is it for this week. I, along with a few other Wildcat fans around Tucson, will keep my fingers crossed and root for both Wash. St. and USC, hoping one of them will win their game against UCLA. If either does, the Wildcats will go to the Rose Bowl.

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