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Tucson Mayor And Council Reaffirm Public Support For Anti-Discrimination Ordinance; Oppose Meliti Amendment



Some of the people at Tucson City Council meeting giving a standing ovation to the Council for their support.



Part of the overflow crowd outside City Hall Monday night, unable to get in.

TUCSON - This past Monday, the Tucson Mayor and City Council, adopted by a unanimous vote of 7-0, a resolution reaffirming the city's anti-discrimination ordinance and to state the Mayor and Council's public opposition to the proposed state constitutional amendment by Frank Meliti and the Traditional Values Coalition.

Over 300 people packed the Council Chambers to attend the weekly meeting, most of which were there to show their support.

The proposed state constitutional amendment by Frank Meliti is in the middle of a petition drive and needs to get over 158,000 valid signatures from registered voters statewide by July to place it on the November ballot. If passed by the voters it would strike down the Tucson ordinance and bar any anti-discrimination ordinances which cover sexual orientation in the state from being enacted or enforced.

The Tucson ordinance which the Mayor and Council discussed, has been on

the books since 1977, making it one of the first cities in the United States to have such an ordinance.

The proposal, unanimously adopted, Resolution Number 16540, was sponsored by Council Member Molly McKasson (D-Ward 6). Here are the minutes from the discussion of Resolution No. 16540 by Mayor and Council:

"Mayor Miller recognized Council Member McKasson..

"Council Member McKasson noted this item was not scheduled as a public hearing, however the council was going to definitely reaffirm the city's support for fair human rights in Tucson. She read resolution no. 16540.

RESOLUTION NO. 16540

Relating to Human Relations; opposing the statewide anti-Gay rights initiative and reaffirming the commitment of the City of Tucson to eliminate any form of unlawful discrimination.



WHEREAS, it has been the long standing policy of the City of Tucson to promote fairness and equality for all segments of the Tucson community, and to provide equal opportunities for all of its citizens through the enactment and enforcement of pro-active ordinances such as Tucson Code Sections 17-50 through 17-56; and

WHEREAS, a pending statewide initiative has proposed to deny the protections of state law and local ordinances to a significant segment of our population based solely upon the irrelevant characteristic of sexual or affectional preference; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson desires to oppose the pending statewide anti-Gay rights initiative and to reaffirm the commitment of the City of Tucson to eliminate all forms of unlawful, invidious discrimination within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, hereby opposes the pending statewide anti-Gay rights initiative, hereby reaffirms its commitment to the provision of fair housing and other services and accommodations to all citizens of our community without regard to sexual or affectional preference as required by Tucson Code Sections 17-50 through 17-56, and hereby reaffirms its ongoing commitment to the elimination of any form of unlawful discrimination within our community.

Section 2. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution.

Section 3. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this resolution become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

"It was moved by Council Member McKasson and seconded by Vice Mayor Wheeler that Resolution no. 16540.

UPDATE

AGRA/Tucson Needs To Borrow Equipment For Saguaro Rodeo

TUCSON - The Tucson Satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is in need of some equipment to help them produce a successful Saguaro Regional Rodeo March 18-20. The group would rather borrow this equipment rather than purchasing or renting in order to be able to raise more money for the local AIDS organizations who receive the major share of the monies raised at the rodeo.

AGRA/Tucson is in need of the following equipment: gold cart; water truck; large tractor; two water troughs, grease gun, fruit and fruit juices; hailing wire and twine; rakes, pitch forks; shovels and wire cutters.

Persons who are able to help AGRA with these items are asked to call 323-0805.

Ken Doll Discontinued

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Barbie's queerest playmate ever the "Earing Magic Ken" doll has been discontinued, Barbie's toy-maker, Mattel stated in a press release.

The frosted-haired, purple-mesh-shirted Ken doll had generated an unusual amount of media interest because of a silver-colored, donut-shaped ornament Ken wore around his neck.

"It's a cock ring," many members of the media reported. Much to the dismay of Ken's toy-maker, Mattel, Earing Magic Ken was quickly renamed "Cock Ring Ken".

Mattel staunchly denied that Ken was wearing a cock ring. The whole issue, however, was clearly embarrassing to the company. Did rumors about Earing Magic Ken have anything to do with the doll's discontinuation?

"It absolutely didn't," Lisa McKendell, a spokesperson for Mattel, told the Sentinel. "We change about 90 percent of our doll line every year, so he just ran his course."

Largest Gay Games Ever; Record Number Of Athletes

NEW YORK, N.Y. - With the final deadline over two months away, the organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival announced they have already received 7,776 registrations from around the world for this June's historical event.

Those numbers exceed Gay Games III, which was the largest athletic event held anywhere in 1990. Gay Games III, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, featured 7,250 in 29 different sporting events. Participation has doubled each time the Games have been held. Gay Games I in 1982, in San Francisco, included 1,300 athletes and Gay Games II, also in San Francisco, had 3,500 athletes.

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

Triangle Traders Announces Winners

TUCSON - Winning numbers in Triangle Traders' Las Vegas Give-Away: First Prize #2364136; Second Prize, #2364079; Third Prize #2364122. Congratulations to the winners. Triangle Traders would like to thank BJT's, BICALA and the Graduate for their help!

Empty Closet Needs Community Support

By Tony DeNinno,
Associate Producer

TUCSON - Empty Closet Productions, which has been serving the Tucson Gay Community since 1992 via its production of the public access show titled "Empty Closet", which airs on channel 62 at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, and 6:00 p.m. Monday, would like to invite the Tucson Gay Community to support our efforts by contacting us as regards special events, news items, story ideas, charitable fun raisers, etc., which would be of community interest.

In the past, we have experienced difficulty in getting the information we need, about special events, in enough time to do anything about it. This is due in part, to the communities lack of experience in dealing with Empty Closet Productions, as an organization; thus, understanding what goes into a production of just one episode of the show.

The staff and crew at Empty Closet Productions enjoy serving the community by covering events, but to do so, we need at least four to eight weeks lead time. Due to production costs and limited financial resources, we are only capable of producing one episode of the show per month; consequently the lead-time can really vary on making even a simple announcement about an event. To actually cover the event with cameras in action, we have to schedule public access equipment which serves a metropolitan population of roughly 700,000. This one point can be the determining factor in whether an event gets covered.

Empty Closet needs, for organizational purposes, is for the planning committee of an event to contact Empty Closet as soon as they have a definite date for their event. This helps the E.C.P. staff get an early edge on scheduling the equipment to produce the program. It also allows enough time to work with organizers of an event to determine what is need to cover the event, inform organizers of E.C.P.'s limitations and to get the equipment so that the event has the best coverage possible.

Also, Empty Closet is always in need of production crew volunteers, writers and financial assistance. Empty Closet Productions would like to thank the Tucson Gay Community for the support the community has given us. E.C.P. hopes that this message will help you to better understand their organizational needs.

To volunteer, or have an event E.C.P. should cover or for more information contact: Tony De Ninno, Associate Producer of E.C.P. at (602) 882-2070.

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TLGA Elects New Officers Pride Week '94 Plans Move Ahead



TUCSON - At their last meeting, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) elected new co-chairs for the coming year and a new secretary. Shown above (l to r) are past male co-chair Jack Stuckslager sitting next to the

new co-chairs John Haase and Sandra Lightner. Newly elected Wayne Steele is sitting next to the outgoing female co-chair Natalie Perry.

TUCSON - TLGA (Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance) at their last meeting held elections of officers for the coming year. (See above). Debra Broner continues as treasurer for TLGA.

At the meeting, TLGA mapped plans for the Fiesta de Mayo, the major fund raising event for Gay Pride Week in Tucson. Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X will coordinate the King and Queen candidates who bear the brunt of the fund raising activities between now and the 8th of May when the candidate who has raised the most money (votes) will be declared King and Queen of

Gay Pride 1994. Two candidates, Adrian Alexander and Angelica West have already applied to run and have selected Red and White as their individual team colors.

Other candidates have the choice of any of the other colors in the Rainbow Flag.

The next meeting of TLGA will be held at 1137's at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27. Anyone wishing to attend and become involved with the plans for Pride Week in Tucson and/or the fund raising that leads up to it are urged to attend.

Love & Justice Lawsuit Heard

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbian couples have the right to protest a civil rights injustice, said Paul Gattone, the attorney arguing that they should be allowed to marry.

The issue of same sex marriages, which are outlawed in Arizona, was brought before Pima County Superior Court Judge Bernardo Velasco. Velasco took the matter under advisement and said he planned to rule within the week.

The lawyers opponents of same sex marriages state in their arguments that it should be left to the State Legislature to decide. That this would maintain the separation of powers between the legislative and judicial branches.

Paul Gattone, one of four attorneys from the National Lawyers Guild who are representing the four couples, said Velasco does have the authority to overturn an "unconstitutional" statute. Gattone described it as based on fear, bigotry and hatred.

He said the law that states that marriage must be between a man and a woman is discriminatory and denies an entire class of citizens the ability to marry and enjoy the benefits of that union, including lower health care coverage cost for families.

Marriage is the joining of two adult people based on mutual love, respect and common belief, Gattone said, adding that "we have that with these couples."

The lawyer for the Defendant, Pima County Clerk of the Superior Court, James Corbett, Leslie Hall, said the four couples are trying to do is not marriage as marriage is defined.

Marriage she said, is a fundamental right between a man and a woman that encompasses traditional family values and the possibility of procreation of children.

Hall added in her arguments, that the plaintiffs in the case may have a good argument, but the issue should be decided by the Legislature, not the courts.

Tucson Mayor

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be passed and adopted.

"Mayor Miller asked if there was any discussion.

"Vice Mayor Wheeler said he would support Council Member McKasson in this effort and thanked her for bringing this issue before the council. He thinks every citizen has a deep responsibility for the long struggle for civil and equal rights in this nation. Over two hundred years of that struggle guaranteed in the constitution to provide equal rights and opportunities for every single citizen and no one is to be excluded from that hard won fight.

"Mayor Miller asked if there was further discussion. There was none."

The results of the vote were 7-0. After the vote was taken, the Mayor and Council received a standing ovation from the 300 persons packed into Council Chambers.

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AGRA CALENDAR

Sunday, February 20, Beer Bust at Stonewall Eagle beginning at 3:00 p.m. AGRA Board meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. and General Membership meeting follows at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 27, AGRA "Hoedown" party at Hours beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson Rodeo Grounds and Ramada Inn - Downtown.

For more information about the above mentioned or other AGRA events please call the AGRA Hotline at (602) 323-0805.

AGRA-Tucson and Hours invite the entire Gay community to join us for the 1994 "Hoedown" beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Hours. This is the perfect way to liven up an otherwise boring Sunday. This major AGRA event will bring a hot line up of varied entertainers including female impersonators, dance performance groups, singers and more. There won't be a dull moment!

There'll be a cook-out on the patio and an AGRA bake sale. Lots of games, raffles, and auctions will be mixed throughout the day and evening. And no "hoedown" would be complete without plenty of very hot country music and dancing! Mark your calendars now and plan to spend the entire afternoon and evening at Hours.

AGRA members and volunteers are needed to staff this major fund raiser for the rodeo so get ready to roll up your sleeves. Please be at the meeting on Sunday, February 20 to sign up for the volunteer slots. Tell all your friends about the hoedown and bring'em along with you! Come hungry, thirsty, and ready to dance, party and be entertained.

Time is passing so quickly it'll make your head spin, we're only a matter of about a month away from Tucson's

hottest weekend of the year. The whole town is buzzing with talk of the rodeo and AGRA expects record crowds at both the rodeo grounds and at the after rodeo dance and entertainment party at the Ramada Inn Downtown. By the way, the entertainment line up will knock your socks off! Even if you don't quite understand the rodeo events you won't want to miss a minute of the fun, there will be something for everyone. Entertainment headliners and performers will be unveiled soon!

Tucson businesses and organizing, please remember to get your program ads ready as soon as possible. The print deadline is February 26.

Signing off for this week as there's not much time for writing, only time for us to put the finishing touches on the biggest and best weekend of the year. Get ready Tucson!



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DEAR TUCSON:

I would like to say "Thank You!" This past weekend we held the 1st Annual Michael Bennett's Memorial Walk for Life, & it was a wonderful success.

We had people who participate in the walk & hundreds who donated money to the walkers.

We still have some money coming in, but so far we have collected \$2,177.-31. The money is being distributed between Shanti, PACT, & El Proyecto & goes to direct aid.

If I were to try and print everyone's name who helped in anyway with this thing, we could be here all day & it is inevitable that I would overlook one person and they would be mad at me. So to everyone, please, accept my sincere thank you!

There is one specific thank you that I need to say & that is to Georgia Bennett, AKA "Ma", "We love you & will always be 'Ma' to all of your 'Kids'"

This year is going to be a very special year & very busy. Please remember that we are all human, no one is better than the next person & try not to take yourself too seriously. Because if you do, it only creates hard feelings, and now more than ever, our community needs to pull our forces together.

Please remember to drink safe, drive safe & play safe!

All my love, Mr. Larry Moore
Miss Lucinda Holliday

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank Lucinda Holliday and all the walkers who participated in the Michael Bennett Memorial "Walk For Life" this past weekend. It was truly a great success. Michael would have been very proud of you all.

And thanks to our boys at 2520 for busting their you-know-what in getting refreshments for the walkers when they arrived and then for continuing throughout the evening during the David Burrill show. Thanks guys.

Peter Sittig

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to urge all those in our "community" who are against the four AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's) receiving the Community Development Block Grant of \$250,000 to purchase a \$750,000 building to make a very important phone call to the Mayor and the members of the City Council. If you feel that the PWA's want "Real Service and Not Real Estate" call 791-4700!

And did you know that according to Craig Bradford Snow, "No other ASO provides the scope of services to individuals and families living with HIV that TAP provides"? This is found in section 14 of TAP's application for a \$95,000 grant from CDBG for their case management and support services for people with HIV/AIDS. If you disagree with this ASO getting this grant, again make your feelings known when you call 791-4700.

Let's all swamp the switch board with our phone calls!

Sincerely, Robert B. Miller
Glen Vogt

DEAR COMMUNITY:

This is in response to Mr. De Ninno's letter which was circulated in the bars. How many people have you helped sir? How many causes have you stood up and been counted for?

You're a person who accuses without knowing all the facts. You make harsh statements against one of the finest giving people in the community.

How many people will come to your defense? Debra Broner has lots of support because she gives, and gives, and gives. From the heart, not from the head.

Ricky Staats, Co-Chair THRC; Jaime Ball, Anne C. Schmitt, Graphically Inclined Rodney Shanks, a.k.a. Gilda Fatalé

TO THE EDITOR:

On October 28, 1993 a notification of TAP's Board of Directors meeting for Tuesday, November 2, 1993 was sent to me. This notice included the agenda of the meeting with no mention that this meeting was not opened to the members of TAP. Several others also had received similar notices of the meeting.

Two of us asked questions. After I raised questions in regards to the Horizon House, a facility that TAP supposedly owns, I was asked to submit my questions in writing. Shortly after that all of us at the meeting were asked to leave, locking the doors behind us!

On November 15, 1993, I submitted my list of questions and as yet TAP cannot or will not answer the questions that I submitted as requested, I feel that your readers would like to see a copy of my questions, so if you would publish this letter and my questions as submitted to TAP, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours, Glen Vogt

[Editor's Note: The following letter is the one submitted by Mr. Vogt to TAP.]

To The Board of Directors of the Tucson AIDS Project:

I would like the following questions answered that I have in regards to the "Horizon House" located at 612 S. 6th Avenue:

1. Does your organization own the building and land located at 612 S. 6th Avenue.
2. If so, what Grant was provided for the purchase of this property?
3. How was the remodeling paid for?
4. Were there any restrictions involved in the Grant received? Were the 8 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms part of the stipulations of the Grant obtained?
5. Who manages the place? How do they get paid?
6. Who screens the people to live there?
7. What are the qualifications for the tenants to live there? Is this housing strictly for PWA's (HIV+)?
8. Who collects the rent from the tenants? And what is the total monthly rent from each of the tenants?
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I trust not many people are aware at all about the condescending heterosexual behavior at the Ramada Inn, Tucson. Without much press exposure, how can you be, in as much as I have been pounding the straight press to "break" the story at T.A.P. no one has touched the discrimination issues at Ramada, including this paper.

I'm not going to dive in yet with a full story either. However, based on information gathered over the last month my personal opinion is that given the facts from 3 different sources, it does appear that something inappropriate has occurred. The Ramada does ask employees if they want to work a Gay event. If you removed the word Gay and inserted black or jew what would you call it? Mark from H.I.T.T. calls "accommodating" I call discriminatory the fact that Ramada does not let employees under 18 work Gay events out of fear of being sued by a minor's parents, this is ludicrous, and discriminatory. Sources close to the fire tell me that Spanish speaking employees are told they cannot speak Spanish on the floor at a banquet or in the restaurant. Again, discriminatory and illegal.

Lately two fliers have made the rounds, one, from Wingspan which documents the issue in a fair amount of chronology, the other from a Tony De Ninno, who lists 4 businesses or agencies, one being empty closet production, none of which are listed in the directory 411 info. De Ninno is fully opinionated, whiny, and repetitive and takes cheap swipes at established and respected community leaders who are in the forefront and unfortunately in the line of fire from tunnel visionaries like De Ninno, he attacks Debra Bruner and Wingspan in one uneducated uniform 3 page diatribe and promotes his public access "empty heads" and completely misses the point referring to dollars instead of sense, as reasoning for change. He states that leaders in our community are afraid to face their real enemies. Well thanks to his presentation we can easily identify one. Tony De Ninno.

Which now I take some to something I'll call, "Is it Love?"

In a month for love, I would ordinarily not take the negative (yeah, right) but this article is so strong, I'd like to share it with you, and urge you to love yourselves and others - even those poor misguided people who need help because they are so afraid that they need to hate.

This article is reprinted from the December 17, 1993, edition of the Washington Blade, written by Kathleen DeBold, political services coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, and George Neighbors, Jr., public information associate of P-FLAG. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is the brainchild of William Waybourn, ex-President of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

"One of the joys of working for a Gay organization is the singular pleasure we get from reading the daily dose of hate mail. We've compiled our favorite snippets in the form of one letter so we could share with you the best of the Beavises and Buttheads of the biblically impaired.

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'Their is no excuse for you. Your all sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick. Gays are barf-inducing because you know what they do in private. Sex organs are not very sanitarly clean.

Regardless of a man's ability as an artist, dress designer or choreographer (three favorite professions, I'm sure) the bottom line is that he enjoys [a long, explicit, and obviously well-researched description of Gay male sex]. I'm sure that lesbians engage in similar disgusting acts [no description: they still can't figure out what we do in bed!].

'Who is Barry Goldwater compared to God? Check the following versus of scripture: Genesis, Romens, Leviticals and Profits. God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus preferred straight men. That is why God sent you Aides. In our days Aids were helps in the principal's office. My wife is not a lesbian and neither is my son. I've never had sex with a man and neither has my wife. I hope that your campaigning for homosexuals is due to your being unknowable rather than you thinking the things they do are just 'sexual preference.'

Keep your sexual perversions to yourself and I'll keep my sexual perversions to myself. I also challenge the word "homophobic" as fear of homosexuals. I'm not homophobic: I have no fear of your type, only contempt. And now you have homophobia to wave around just like the jews have anti-semitic. So let's get rid of the word homophobia: How about "Homo-Blyieccch" (gag, choke, vomit)? Sure, you can call me homophonic if you like but I know what's right and what's wrong. When all you perverts are in hell, it will be a much better place.

'I am curious about how you got our name. I suppose that's a secret you'll keep buried in your bosom.. I do not encourage anyone likely to place me on a mailing list to get more such weird offers.

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SKEETS: I still luv ya more than you know. Call me. Greg

RON: Been there, done it; but I love you still!

BOB & GARY: If I had enough sweets, U guys would cause your supports a hell of a lot of cavities. I'm glad I have ins. Luv, Wayne

PATRICK & ALBERT: Wishing you both many more happy years together. Lionel

BOB: I kiss you from afar. Gary

LINDA FIZDALE: Your the best Jay I ever had. Guess

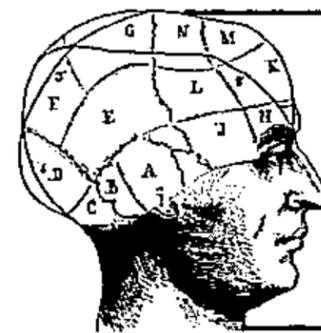
To My Dearest, Tim Janes: "Parting is such sweet sorrow." "Out, out damn spot." Love, Big John

To The Flygirls (Donna & Niki): You are the best friends a girl could have! I love you! Couldn't have done it-Well, without you...I'm nothing!!! Always, Helena

ROBERT: Keep in touch! Wayne

LIONEL B: Words cannot express how much your friendship means to us. Wishing you the best this Valentine's Day. You big chameleon! Patrick M. & Albert B.

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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Queer Civics 101

When Steven and I got to City Hall Monday night, there was one man in the City Council chambers and one Lesbian couple outside the vestibule. The man inside was friendly and seemed like family; he pointed out where the agendas and speaker cards were.

We went in and sat down. Steven went back to the car for his coffee; I filled out a speaker card (always ready to make a speech) in case the Council needed to hear about the hate initiative.

The other seats filled slowly with people I have seen at other meetings and lots of queer folks I had never seen before. I heard many people remark that they had never been to a City Council meeting before. Neither had I — at least not in Tucson.

One very amusing part of the meeting was the facial expressions on the usual zoning wonks and other council regulars as they took a look at the crowd. These folks came in, incredulous at the number of people there.

Then they started to see the hugs, kisses, and hand-holding between men and between women. Most tried to keep cool, but others stared open-mouthed. One man, coming to protest some zoning matter, said, "I've never seen these neighbors before."

You bet he hadn't!

The crowd stood along the walls and in the aisles. Bob Ellis asked the council reporter if, as a journalist, he could take photos; she said it was forbidden. Kathleen Mayer told Bob he could go ahead.

The director of Desert Voices came in and got an ovation from the chorus, whose rehearsal was cancelled so that they might attend the City Council meeting.

By this time the straight folks in the crowd were looking very nervous. It seemed like they were feeling for the first time what it is like to be in the minority.

Just then a troop of Boy Scouts came in for some civics lesson or merit badge! What a night they picked to attend. They got more of a civics lesson than they expected, I'm sure.

Mayor Miller walked out onto the dais, scowling and looking unsure of how we would behave. The other Council members trailed in, and the roll was called.

Then one Reverend Phillip Kelley, from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, was asked to pray over the meeting. He asked God and Jesus for a bunch of stuff, saying that God and Jesus are the source of all government power.

Funny; I thought the power of all American governments derived from the consent of the governed. I also thought that Church and State were separate. I stood for the invocation, but did not bow my head or say, "Amen."

Then we were ready for the Pledge of Allegiance. Steven (who is Canadian) stood silently. I said all the words except "under God."

Next, Mayor Miller presented citations to several local companies for excellence in affirmative action. I don't know why, but most of the companies so honored were engineering firms.

Then the Consent Agenda was read, Items A through I. When they got to Item H, "Human Relations: Opposing The Statewide Anti-Gay Rights Initiative and Reaffirming the Commitment to Eliminate Any Form of Unlawful Discrimination," we clapped and whistled, even though the Mayor tried to shush us.

Somehow they got past Items A through G with no mention. Council member Molly McKasson (the district representative for my neighborhood), who proposed the resolution, read the entire text.

The room was quiet as Molly read out the Council's determination to resist any and all discrimination in the City of Tucson. My eyes filled, and I wasn't the only one.

Then the vote: "Mr. Saggau?" "Aye." "Mrs. Marcus?" "Aye." "Mr. Leal?" "Aye." "Ms. McKasson?" "Aye." "Mr. Wheeler?" "Aye." "Mr. Sedlmayr?" "Aye." "Mayor Miller?" "Aye."

It passed. Unanimously. We stood, we clapped, we screamed, we whistled. We applauded loud and long as Mayor Miller tried vainly to keep the meeting going and get us to be quiet.

Mayor Miller said, "Unless you have trouble sleeping, you can probably all leave now." As we trooped out in high spirits, two things happened which not many of us noticed.

A man (characterized by the media, I have been told, as a Christian) started shouting his discontent at not being heard by the Mayor and Council. He was told to wait for the Call to the Audience if he wished to be heard. He went outside and talked to KGUN 9 instead about how his right to free speech had been violated. He broke off in mid-sentence and strode away from the camera.

A woman came forward in the chamber and pounded her fist on the railing between the Council and the audience. She said, "We're leaving Tucson." She gave the thumbs-down sign to underscore her disapproval of the inclusion of queers as welcome and equal citizens of Tucson. She said, "It's a sad day for Tucson."

Bye-bye, lady. They have a place ready for you in Colorado Springs. Don't bother to write.

Tuesday night I watched the re-broadcast of Monday's meeting on Tucson Cablevision Channel 12. Since we streamed out into the night in a celebratory mood, we didn't know about the angry dissenters that were frustrated by our presence and our power.

It was our night; it is appropriate that we didn't stick around to hear the hateful words that we can hear every day. Many of us celebrated Valentine's Day by taking our love to City Hall, and the City

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THE BIG 500

Yes, it has finally arrived and this is a very special issue, being number 500 of just the Observer. For some of you who may not know it, there were two previous local papers prior to the Observer, TGN & AGN. If you add their numbers into total publications weekly, I'm not sure what the number would be, but a bunch. The office of the weekly paper has moved from one spot to another, finally settling into its present location on Main St.

When I write for issue 1000, I wonder if the location will be the same or moved into a larger facility? I guess, only time will tell.

I know that Monday was Valentine Day, with boxes and boxes of candy, flowers and cards being passed around from close friends to friends, and lovers in many cases, but, let's keep that spirit of love going for another year.

And, I'm not sure if it was the result of the holiday but the Graduate looked as if, by the numbers on premises, it was the only bar open Saturday. It was a great day for everyone.

Now this coming Saturday, it will be time for Partners and their monthly beer bust. And, during their beer bust, so you know where I'll be sitting, the U of A will be playing UCLA on TV. This game will start at 4 PM so all of you fans, lets pack the bar and root the Wildcats on to VICTORY.

Congratulations goes out to "Louis Manishovitz", aka Bert H., for the show Wednesday evening. My question I asked your make up applier was, how soon did she have to start with the mud packs or whatever needed to hide those 35 years of retirement? Just kidding Bert, and again I congratulate both you on the show performance and the entire DL club with all the work on this very worthwhile project.

I know it is a little early to bring one of the clubs annual runs up but, since I am a TKO member and do have the opportunity to mention it in my column, I give you the following information. Run applications are now being printed up for this year's version of TKO's Spring Fling. This year will be number XIV, an in-town run, May 27-30. Applications will be in

the mail very soon with others going on some of the different bulletin boards around town. So now that you have plenty of notice, you can circle those dates on your calendars and be on hand for registration at the Graduate, May 27.

By the time this issue hits the bars, the Olympics will be in full swing, and the number of Gold medals won by the different countries hopefully well divided with the U.S. having their fair share. It also is about half way towards the closing ceremony. As of this writing, Sunday afternoon, I know of 1 Gold we have won, and saw the US hockey team tie France 4-4.



TBBS: It is not often I get the opportunity to catch someone new for this section of my column but this last Saturday afternoon, I just happened to catch the following. Now

it is not that funny but I caught Cookie Glen picking up used rags from the Graduate. I'll not even dare carry that one any further because I could really get myself in trouble. Then on the way home Sunday, via Suntran, at one stop, two young boys boarded, carrying fishing poles and tackle boxes. I asked the bus driver if this was something new, trolling for Bass on the Suntran!

I guess that will be all for today. Have a good week and give a little extra to that friend of yours.

Quote of the week: A road map will tell us everything we want to know except how to fold it up again.

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As I See It

by Clark



POLITICS '94 *by Mark Kerr*

Goddard announces, (Yes, again!) Eddie Basha news. S.B. 1066 update. Recall update. Candidates and some other news so here we go:

GODDARD ANNOUNCES AGAIN!

This past Monday, former Phoenix Mayor and 1990 gubernatorial candidate, Terry Goddard, announced his candidacy (Again? Yes, but this time was to remind everybody he is running, REAL-LY!) for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Goddard made his Tucson announcement at a "typical" Democratic hang out, the Arizona Inn, in front of about 70 supporters and media.

Goddard stated in his speech that his major themes for his 94 bid will be "protecting families in Arizona", crime and the state's environment.

BASHA NEWS!

Despite the talk from another "guber" camp", there is another candidate to talk about, Eddie Basha.

Basha's southern Arizona headquarters, located at 4433-A. E. Broadway in Tucson, held their first volunteer orientation meeting this past week. The campaign had a "standing room only" crowd who went through the orientation, Gabi Rico, a Basha southern Arizona spokesperson stated.

More news to report, the Basha campaign will officially hold their Grand Opening of their southern Arizona campaign headquarters on Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. For more information call the headquarters of 881-1994.

**S.B. 1066 UPDATE
A CALL TO ACTION!**

Well, S.B. 1066, the bill which would revise the criminal codes, by striking the sodomy and co-habitation statutes from the books is still in the Senate Rules Committee.

The bill has become stuck in committee and we must put positive con-

structive pressure on the Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, Sen. Matt Salmon (R-Glendale), to get the bill heard and to pressure the other members of the committee to get the bill heard.

The number to call is 1-800-352-8404. You need to leave a message with Sen. Salmon to hear S.B. 1066 and to leave messages with the other members of the Rules Committee to hear the bill. Here is the list of the other members of the Senate Rules Committee:

Sen. Matt Salmon, Chair; Sen. Jan Brewer; Sen. Ed Phillips; Sen. John Greene; Sen. Tom Patterson; Sen. Cindy Resnick; Sen. Lela Alston; Sen. Peter Rios and Sen. Sandra Kennedy.

One call is equal to 200 voters state representatives believe. So, lets call and get S.B. 1066 heard! If we don't the bill is dead!

RECALL UPDATE!

Plain and simple, the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors about Assessor Alan Lang will not hold up in court. So, we must continue with the recall effort. So, please circulate petitions if you can or at least sign a petition. He must go. For more information or to volunteer call Total Recall at 623-1478

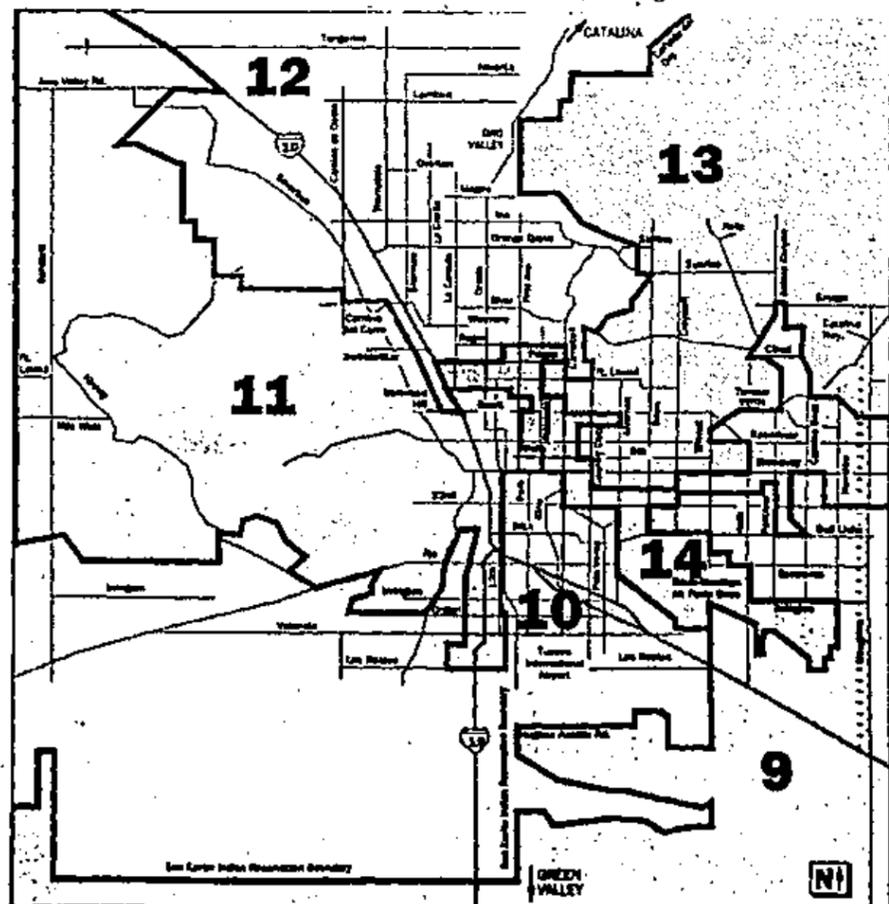
CANDIDATES!!

Yes, the candidates are here! Run for your lives, it's that time, save yourself! Some Demo names have began to surface for elected office. For Secretary of State, to succeed "Icky-Dicky", it looks like a battle between State Senators Stan Furman and Pete "Depends" Rios. For Treasurer, Phoenix CPA and not the British TV star, David Frost is running to oust the Republican incumbent, Tony West.

END NOTES

As mentioned in last week's edition of The Observer, below is a copy of the Legislative District map for Pima County so for those who called wondering which district they are in, we hope this answers your questions.

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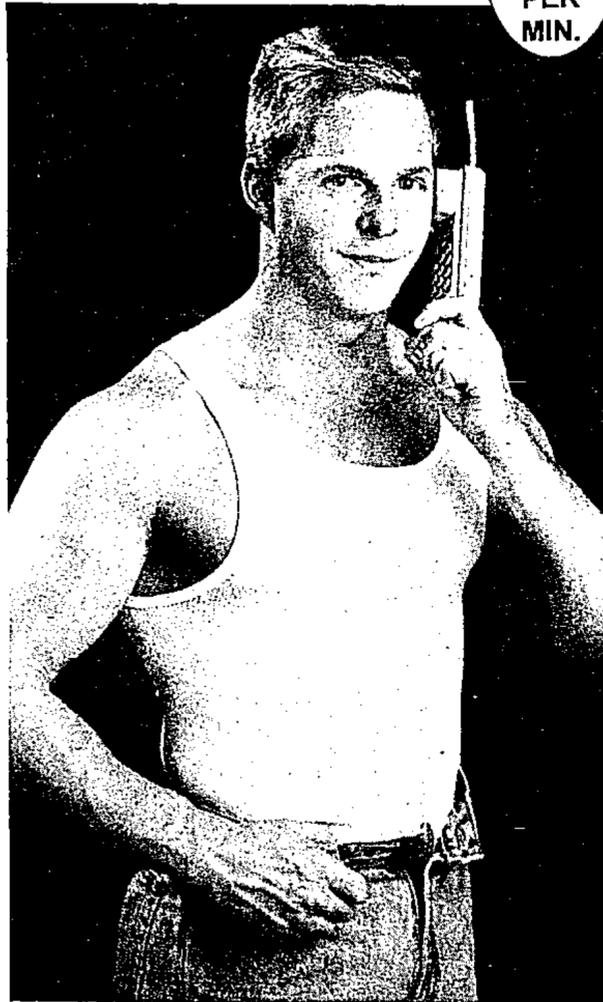
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This Wednesday, February 16th, is observed as Ash Wednesday by Christians around the world. Ash Wednesday begins the six weeks of Lent leading up to the celebration of Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday was so named from the ceremonial use of ashes as a symbol of penitence in the service of the day.

This ceremony is of ancient origin, being confirmed at first to those engaged in public penance which ended at Easter. Later it was applied to the whole congregation. In 1191 Pope Celestine III sanctioned its universal use. In the Roman Catholic Church ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday palms are applied by the priest to the foreheads of the devout the sign of the Cross.

The Protestant reformers abandoned the old ceremony and (especially in England) substituted for it the commination, a series of curses pronounced upon sins, based on Deuteronomy 28. Ash Wednesday will be observed at MCC-Tucson.

In just 2 weeks, MCC-Tucson will be having their Spiritual Renewal

weekend with Rev. Elder Freda Smith preaching on Friday and Saturday evenings and at our Morning Worship Service on Sunday. Marsha Stevens will be here singing on Saturday evening. The choir from Oasis MCC in Phoenix will be here Friday evening bringing a special message with their singing.

Rev. Elder Freda Smith is a dynamic speaker and has been recognized as one of the foremost speakers of any denomination of the Christian faith. Marsha Stevens has a beautiful voice and will be singing some of her own compositions. Many of her hymns have been published and are used by many congregations throughout the United States.

The choir from Oasis MCC is a new group that will add much to our Friday evening service. The Friday and Saturday evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. on March 4th and 5th. The Sunday Morning Worship Service will begin at 10:45 a.m. on March 6th.

Thought for the week: very exit is an entrance to some where else.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

**HOMOSEXUALITY & THE BIBLE
PART IV (continued)**

For the past couple of weeks, we have been looking at the Biblical account of Sodom and Gomorrah. This week, we will continue to study this passage (Genesis 19) in an attempt to understand what really happened to these cities several thousand years ago. Previously, we discussed the political climate of Sodom and Gomorrah, the code of hospitality, and the common practice of raping men as a form of domination and humiliation, all of which had an important part in the events of this story. Following are several more details which merit attention:

A) When the townspeople requested that Lot send out the angels, they used the Hebrew word YADA, which means to know thoroughly. This word was often used to describe the intimate union between spouses, but also meant completely knowing someone, such as through intense interrogation. Thus, the request to "know" the angels may have not had any sexual connotations at all, although it appeared that Lot interpreted it as such.

B) Continuing with this assumption, Lot's next step to appease the crowd was to offer his two virgin daughters to them instead. Think about it: If Lot knew that these men were homosexuals, why would he have offered them virgin girls instead of the two angels? The fact that the crowd violently rejected the offer and tried to break down Lot's door indicates quite clearly that they were not interested in a roll in the hay with the angels, but were intent on harming Lot's guests.

C) No homosexual act is committed in this story, although many people claim that God destroyed the cities because of homosexuality. This creates a problem for those self-proclaimed fundamentalists who spout that "God loves the sinner but hates the sin." While this statement is true, if God indeed destroyed these cities for homosexuality, then he went against his own nature and destroyed the sinner without any sin being committed. The Bible makes it very clear that God never

does anything contrary to his nature. Therefore, God destroyed the cities for reasons other than homosexuality, which we will explore next week.

Let's take a momentary side trip to the book of Judges, the seventh book of the Old Testament. In chapters 19 and 20, we find the story of a Levite priest traveling with his concubine and a young male servant. They stop for the night in Gibeah, a town in Benjamin, one of the twelve tribes of Israel, and are taken in by an old farmer who lives in the village. That evening, a number of men from the village come knocking at the old man's door, requesting that the Levite be sent out so they can rape him. The old man refuses, offering his virgin daughter and the Levite's concubine instead. The men take the concubine and gang rape her until she dies. The Levite takes her body home, chops it up into twelve pieces, and sends the pieces to the twelve tribes of Israel. When the Israelites find out what happened, they are outraged at what the Benjamites did, and go to war against them. They nearly destroy the entire tribe of Benjamin, and only leave a small remnant to carry on the tribe's name.

It is interesting to note the similarities between this story and the one in Genesis regarding Sodom. Both stories contain the name request, which the NIV interprets as "so we can have sex with them (him)." However, in Judges 20:5, the Levite tells the other tribes that the men's intent was to kill him, which is a little different than having sex with him. Apparently, "having sex" is a mistranslation in both of these passages. In the men in the Judges story were only interested in sex, why didn't they ask for the young male servant, instead of the older Levite priest? The answer is that the priest was a person of position and power, and the natural target of an aggressive and hostile attack. And, if these men were homosexuals (since they requested a man, not a woman), why did they settle for the concubine and rape her all night long? It is interesting to note that no one makes any

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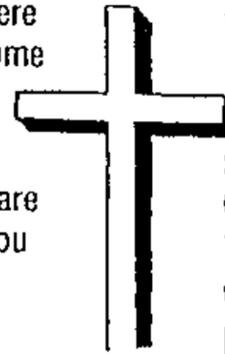
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Did you see the 5:00 p.m. edition of KGUN 9 news on Sunday? My family watched and we were amazed. The first segment "up front" of the newscast had a story of a boy saving his father from a car. The rest of the segment was about us, you and me, and a few others as well.

Imagine waking up one morning and almost the entire front page of the Arizona Daily Star was about Lesbian, Gay and Bi issues. That's how significant Sunday was for me. I came to the conclusion that if there were no Gay people in Tucson there would have been no news.

Please take the time to thank Rosalind Jordan and KGUN 9 for their timely, thorough coverage. The phone number is 722-5486.

The newscast went something like this: aforementioned miracle boy, Chris Deile vs. Ramada, Love & Justice lawsuit, City Council reaffirms Human Rights Ordinance, Bill Ladds' "Invitation to the Wedding". The anchor then reads the teaser for the next segment, "Owners from Carefree are looking for a runaway ostrich. We'll have the story next." Accompanying the text was a video of a confused and dazed bird peering over a chain link fence.

The ostrich brings me to my next point. Some little shit-head by the name of Tony De Ninno "Pearl Harbored" one of the true heroes this "community" has been lucky enough to have as a member. Debra Broner has worked her ass off on issues that concern women, men, heterosexuals, homosexuals, bisexuals, people of color, people living with AIDS and HIV, and persons choosing celibacy. Her work has even benefitted bi-pedal farts like Tony De Ninny. You went after my

Straight From The Hip
by Kenny Jacobs

**Look What I Found
On The Bottom Of My Shoe**

friend and screwed yourself in the process. My question to you, Tony, is this, why did you feel it necessary to sneak your "GRAIL-gram" into IBT's? I have some other questions as well:

1) While working as a camera operator for "Empty Closet" you stated that Chris Deile made sexually explicit statements while at work. When you were confronted to name your source or how you came to make that statement your reply was, "Duh." Tony, were you the person responsible for spreading this false rumor?

2) Tony Duh Ninno, you repeatedly refer to Chris Deile as a "poster child". Poster children are for diseases and illness, do you think your sexual orientation is an illness? Do you think the work required for civil rights is beneath you? You must, you haven't done anything here. I guess the only thing close to community work would be "Empty Closet", which never has any problem taking money from Debra Broner.

3) Did you know that Chris Deile directed his attorney to insure that any remuneration from this case, should there be any, be given directly to local Tucson ASO's?

4) Chris Deile did not file a complaint with the Affirmative Action

Division because of his termination, but because of alleged anti-Gay harassment while on the job, including threats of violence, unfair management practices, and un-equal treatment.

5) People who actually work in media don't sit around and wait for stories to come to them. If you wanted to do a story on Chris (as you stated in your GRAIL-gram) why didn't you do your job and go after it? Maybe Chris didn't call you because he found you to be worthless and pathetic. Maybe you couldn't have done the story because you hadn't hit up Debra for more money. Maybe you shouldn't be speaking for "Empty Closet".

6) Chris didn't show up for an unemployment hearing because he is no longer eligible, he had a job. But did you know the Ramada offered at one point to drop their challenge to his unemployment insurance if he would drop the Affirmative Action complaint?

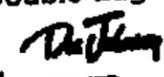
I placed a call to Carefree and told them I found a dazed and confused old bird in Tucson with its head buried in the sand. Unfortunately, the owners said it doesn't answer to the name Tony.

I will speak to your pretend points about leadership in next weeks' column. But you have to go away now Tony, the adults are going to speak.

Monday nights' City Council meeting was a great success. One of the reasons was, surprise, Debra Broner! Thank you's are in order for Desert Voices (la, la, la). The entire Council especially Molly McKasson, and each and every person who came out (way out!). For those who couldn't make it you can still call the Mayor and Council's message line 791-4700 and tell them how important their actions were to you and your family. Let's do this again sometime.

Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome: Kenny Jacobs, c/p The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson Arizona 85703.

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MIKE S.M: All my love, now and forever. Happy Valentine's Day! Richard C.

DEAREST BARBARA: You have given me so much over the past five years. So much hapapiness and so little sadness! (I fa la). Thank you for being a wonderful best friend and the greatst lover! You are my live. I love you dearly! Michell

DEAR LBN: Thank you for giving me more than any other human being. I'll love you forever. NM

CHRIS: With love because you're my baby. Ron

ALBERT B: You are my friend and also my favorite brother. I love U! ANA

Love you all. D.L.

MWR: No, you be Peggy Lee, girl! from your fans.

CELESTIE, LORI, TINA, CATHY, KAYLA, CANDY, ANNIE, JOHN, STEVE, ANDREA, DEBBIE AND THE HOURS GANG. Love to you all! Mary

MISS PARIS: She's got balls this big! Love. Luci

SHAWN: Times been hard; times been rough; we've seen them through, 'euz we are tough. My one true love, my heart and soul. Forever is ours to hold. Always your womyu, Sharou

MONTE: Thanks for the fantasies! Shap

IBTS: From the littlest to the biggest, the fuzziest to a bad bair day, love. D.D. Brown

RICHARD: "Hello" to your first! Welcome home. Love, Dennis

ROBIN PLATT: My new roomie! I love you. Luv, Jimmy

DENISE is your name; to search is your game. You find them, you lose them. Yep, you're still the same! Rose

Hey SANDEE: come Out, Come Out, wherever you are!

JOAN: Be my Valentine. Your son. Love C.W.S.

TAZ: Times will change. The best friends always come from a bad time. Friends - always - trust me. You're a good person. Love Tweety

GINA: Here's to another 1st Happy V-Day and many more! Love you

ROBERT: Thank you for always being there. For always understanding my strange quirks and letting me spend your money! Love, Glen

Happy Hearts Day to my son DANIEL, who's far away. I miss you. I'd kiss you... I wish you'd come back to stay. Love, Mom.

CHARLES P. & TOM H: The Grad has never been the same! Love ya. Marty K.

NOVA, NOVA, NOVA: Forget the cold pads. Learn how to walk. Luv, Tin Julia

SITO: Come out, come out wherever you are!

BAMBI & DIANE: Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Tina & Monica

Mama & Bunny
GEORGE V: You hve brought wonderful times and romance into my live. All my love. John

DANNY: Will you marry me? I love you my Valentine.

DANI REID: I know who you are and I saw what you did - Love?

No-Va: You have the bair now, time to lose the cold-pads. Ms. B.

MISSSSSS JENKINS: Happy Valentine's Day, from the Girlie Girls

TO ALL THE BARTENDERS AT RUMORZ: We all luv ya. Chappy

CINDI & BARB: Thanks for Xmas and for your friendship. Cindi. I never broke my promise I made soooo long ago! Love, JJ

MARY ANN & DIANE: Had a thought, but forgot. Happy V.D. Day. Tina & Monica

DINOSAUR: You are beautiful. I enjoy you very much. Friends always (best friends). Love, Tweety

TO THE GANG AT HOURS: Happy V-Day. You're great. Eddy

DUCKY: You're still one of the very best. I love you. Mahoue

LEGGs: I love you!! The silent Indian

MOM BENNETT: Happy V-Day. Although we are not together, I still love you. Sunny

NANCY: Lots of love from all of us. Thanks for having such a big heart and putting up with everyone's nasty jokes and comments. We love you. Natalie, Beth, Erin, Matthew and Woody.

GARY S: Thank you for your love and patience. As the song says: "I'll be loving you, always ... not for just an hour, not for just a day, not for just a year, but always!" Love, Tom Z.

TINA: Now you have it going on!!! Love you babe, Moni...

PUDGY & BRINEY: You are the best that ever shared my bed. Love Jim

ERIC: Happy Valentine's Day honey. 11 years. I love you and always will. Be what you have to. Jack

JACKIE, VIDAL & THE KIDS: Hapy Valentine's Day. Love. The Metro Bitches

MOMMY DEAREST & CHRISTINE: Get the ax and the "rake" T.T.

TINA: I love you. Monica E.

Hey MARANA: See you in '96. Love ya.

TOM Z: You're like sweet whipping cream over my warm pumpkin pie shell. Happy V-Day. Gary S.

ROSA: U R Always there when I need ya. That's what friends are for. Tu Loco Amore

STEVE: My absolute precious sweetheart. I love you more than I'll ever be able to say! Happy Valentines Day. I love you. Roland

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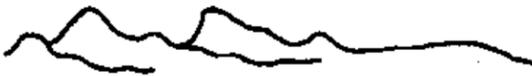
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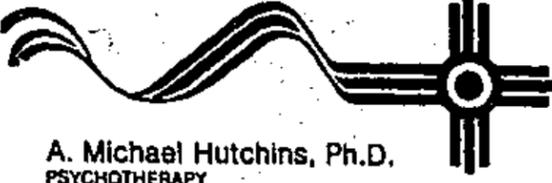
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Those special Thursdays are almost upon us again. On Thursday, February 24 at 7:30, the Bears will hold their Business Meeting on the Venture-N patio, and on Thursday, March 3, the bear's General Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a Bear Beer Bust to follow at 9:00 p.m., and of course, all of it takes place at Venture-N.

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A poster contest is in the works for those of you with artistic merit. We're looking for something that will symbolize the Bears from now on. More detail will be given at the General Meeting.

Also, I must inform you that we will not, I repeat, will not have a booth at the upcoming rodeo. However, we will have one slated for next year. So there.

Well, this weekend will be the infamous Bear Expo '94 in San Francisco. Our former Chair Bear John Clark will be in attendance and may wind up competing in the International Mr. Bear contests. Give'em hell, John, and have fun.

Keep a lookout for the Bear/Desert Leathermen calendar to be hung up at the Venture-N sometime soon so that everyone can keep track of our upcoming events.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Fry's Food and Drug on First and Grant. In all the times I've been grocery shopping, the sights, there have never failed to hold me in awe.

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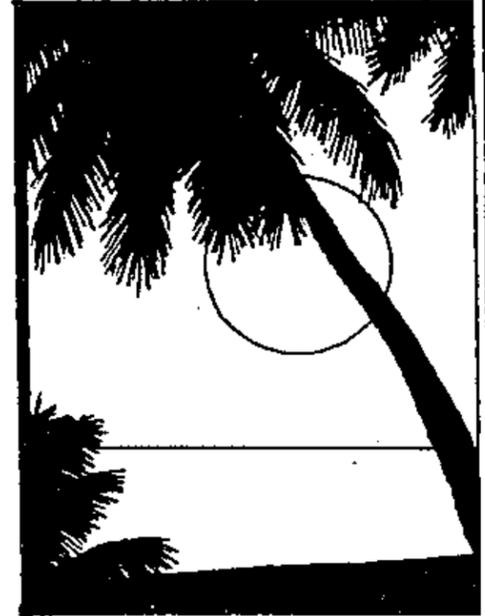
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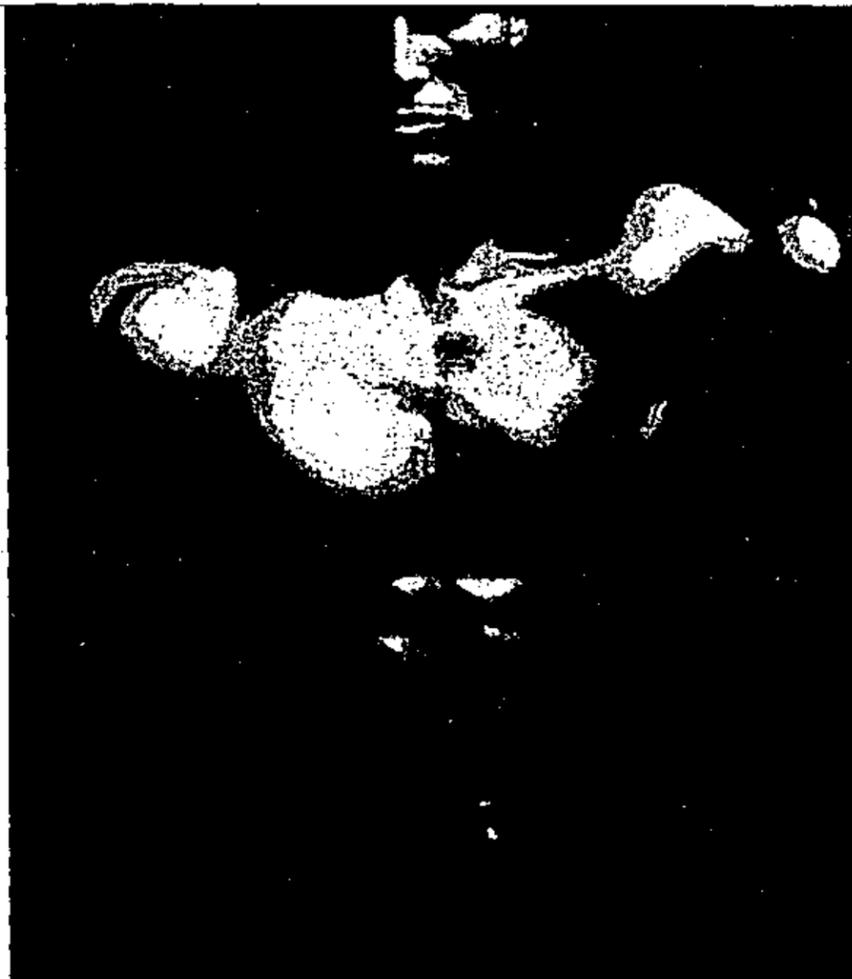
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A View

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assumptions about homosexuality in this passage, yet the requests are identical. Furthermore, since the Benjamites were nearly annihilated because of the rape, why doesn't anyone claim that this demon-

strates God displeasure with heterosexuality?

Next week, we will wrap up our study on Sodom and Gomorrah by looking at some of the other Bible passages that tells us what really happened. If you would like to know more about what the Bible really says (and doesn't say) about homosexuality, please call Cornerstone Fellowship at 622-4626, or stop by to see the Pastor or an Elder. We'd love to talk with you. If you need a Bible to study these passages for.



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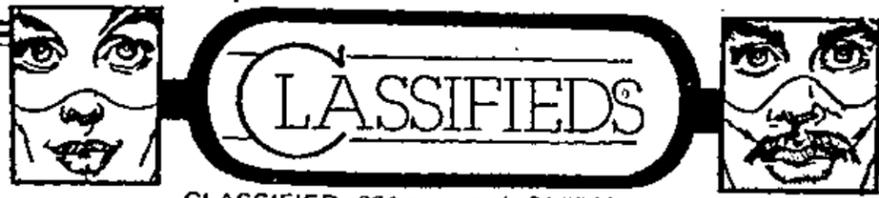
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