



PERSPECTIVE

By Torie Osborn

The Enemy Within Our Ranks

The greatest enemy to great leadership in the Gay and Lesbian movement is our community's mistrust of the very notion of leadership and our often vicious attacks on anyone who exhibits leadership qualities. Though carried out by the few, leader bashing, or cannibalizing, as it is aptly called, has been sanctioned too long by the silence of the many.

Everyone in a leadership position in our community has experienced it, the sudden shift to suspicion from support; the nasty heckling by fellow activists at public gatherings; the far too gleeful, far too common Gay media feeding frenzy that helps to destroy organizations and damage reputations.

As a community leader in Los Angeles. I could regularly pick up the local Lesbian rag and read unrebuted misinformation about me by community members too cowardly to call me. When I got to Washington, D.C. as head of a national organization, the phenomenon exploded; a fat book could be filled with the pages of vitriol aimed at me by people who had never met me yet suddenly hated me, people who sent hundreds of venomous faxes, voice mail messages, and anonymous notes.

For our movement the costs of these attacks are enormous. First, to say the least, it is highly demotivating to be the recipient of unfettered rage. Second, this culture of disrespect creates a mammoth barrier to recruiting new leaders. I've heard several talented people who would be excellent candidates for top community posts say, "Why would I subject myself to the battering you guys get?"

Another cost is that fewer risks are taken; the price for making mistakes is so high that one learns to shy away from gambles. My own experience is that I've learned the most from my mistakes, and I believe creating a culture that diminishes risk breeds mediocrity.

Worst of all, the signal sent to our youths is horrendous. When I speak at campuses, I hear the same pained questions from the bright eyed young members of our community: "Why is there so much infighting? Why don't we support our leaders?" Why, indeed?

All marginalized people have a natural distrust of power, since it tends to systematically exclude and even abuse. Every movement for equality has thus had to overcome ambivalence about leadership, but it seems to me that there is a peculiarity vicious anti-leadership bias in our community, as our Gay cultural love of dishing turns to trashing with a queer kind of ease.

Leader bashing and its corollary, "horizontal hostility" (as we in the women's movement have termed the tendency to attack one another instead of the more distant common enemy), the self hatred we all internalize as Gay people and then all too often bring into our community institutions.

But we are at a cross roads in our history, a time of unprecedented opportunity that calls on our best and highest selves. Folks, it's time in the Gay '90s to grow up. The truth is that leadership is a quality to be treasured, contrary to fear ridden mythology, it is not automatically abusive or acquisitive. Good leader do not hoard power, in fact, they extend and expand power.

It's time to respect, value, acknowledge, and leadership in all its forms. If we don't, our potential will be eclipsed because, at it's best, leadership is the ability to articulate a vision for an organization, a community, a movement, and to inspire others to embrace that vision. And this is the time that we sorely need unifying and empowering vision.

We need strong leaders as never before. But we won't get them without a major shift to a culture of respect for leaders, not for loudmouths but for true leadership. The Gay press should stop giving unchallenged voice to those who make a career of bashing our best and brightest. But most of all I call on the silent majority: Act up, speak out, support your leaders. Don't be intimidated by those bully "kvetch politicians" who trash. Tell them to shut up and sit down: silence about this violent value pervading our movement is a kind of death too.

We, of all people, know how to reinvent community culture, to create positive peer support for a change in behavior. So let's begin the project of developing a community code of ethics, starting with the assumptions that we need more, not fewer, leaders; that leadership is inherently good, not bad; and that constructive criticism starts with respect.

Some say my call for a code of ethics amounts to a call for censorship of the press. On the contrary: I want more debate and dialogue, and I want criticism and self criticism to flourish and grow, in our press and elsewhere. But real, constructive debate cannot grow in an environment poisoned by fear. Once we remove automatic attacks on anyone who has track record of success, who is a builder as opposed to safe critic, we will greatly enhance the political discourse and get this movement moving farther and faster.

Gay Games IV Extends Registration To April 18 Plus Update For Visitors

NEW YORK, NY - The organizers of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival have announced that the deadline for athlete registration has been extended from March 31 to April 18 in sports with available space. In addition, the \$50.00 late registration fee has been waived.

Gay Games IV & Cultural, to be held June 18-25, 1994, is an Olympic-style sporting and cultural event open to all. At this point organizers are expecting more athletes to participate in the Gay Games than participated in the 1992 Summer Olympics. Gay Games IV competition will be held in 31 team and individual sports in venues located throughout the New York City Metro area.

Due to an overwhelming response in registrations, several sports have already reached or approached capacity. Tennis, which being contested at the United States Tennis Association's National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, site of the U.S. Open, was the first sport to hit capacity, with over 600 registrants. Swimming, volleyball, squash, martial arts and badminton are very close to maximum participation numbers, but are still accepting athletes.

As of March 17, nearly 8,500 participants have signed up for athletic events. Registrations have come in from 31 countries including the Czech Republic, Ghana, Malaysia and Peru.

"Our registration numbers have been fantastic so far," noted Roz Quarto, Director of Operations at Gay Games IV. "But with the extension of the deadline and the removal of the late fee we're making our event accessible to many more athletes."

Individuals having difficulty finding teams to play on in team sports can contact the Games Team Matching Coordinator Jane Coban at 212-877-3941. Already, softball players from New Zealand have been hooked up with New York athletes on the New York Internationals squad.

The organizers of Gay Games IV also are offering the following advice when it comes to travel plans for participants or people who wish to attend so that their excursion is a success. "A privileged few will steam into New York harbor on the Queen Elizabeth II. The rest of us had better start making plane reservations now. Special discounts are available on Continental Airlines, the official airline of Gay Games IV (call Continental at 800-468-7022 and mention Event code ZMS2). Your travel agent can get ticketing instructions from Pride Tours, the official tour operator for the Games, 800-368-8412.

The best bet for transportation

from the airport into town will be the specially marked Gay Games buses provided by Carey Transportation from LaGuardia (\$13.00), Kennedy (\$16.00) and Newark (\$18.00) airports. For other transportation options call 800-247-7433 for private, shared and public transportation options.

Reservations using frequent flyer awards will be particularly tight, if you strike out with LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark airports, try White Plains and Islip. Both are accessible to the city by car or commuter rail.

Hotel space will be scarce, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Stonewall 25 are concurrent with the World Cup first round games. A number of organizations and travel promoters have rooms blocked. You can check locally, but your best bet is Pride Tours (800-368-8412). They deal only with travel agents, but will refer you to the International Gay Travel Association agent closest to you if you don't have an agent of your own. Pride Tours has 9,000 rooms blocked, of which 30% were already booked as of January 1.

The Skyline Hotel is a great choice if you're driving in, they have free parking. The Inn on 57th has a roof top pool; the four Doral Hotels have a complete health club privileges; The Flathotel is a deluxe condominium property, and there are still rooms at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Host Hotel for the Games. Rooms at all these hotels are available through Pride Tours.

For more information call Gay Games IV at 212-633-9494; Team Arizona at 602-264-2645 or Team Arizona - Tucson at 323-7461.

Like any big city, New York is intimidating for the first-time visitor. But the diversity and density of its riches are well worth the effort required. Here are three places to turn for help.

1) Resources for information in advance of your stay can be obtained from the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau (212-397-8200) and the Gay and Lesbian Visitors Center (212-463-9039).

2) Upon arrival, look at the first few pages of the NYNEX Yellow Pages - this guide to New York has all sorts of practical information including bus and subway maps, theater seating guides, an address locator and useful phone numbers.

3) Plan a visit to the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, at 208 West 13th Street (212-620-7310). This is the best place to pick up free literature for the Gay community.

UPDATE

Monte-Jon Celebration Sunday, April 17

TUCSON - I.B.T.'s, in conjunction with Monte's lover, Rhett B. Gable, will host a celebration of the life, laughs, and hang-overs of Tucson's own "Thin White Duke", Monte-Jon Gilmer, on Sunday, April 17, 1994. The friends and community of Mr. Gilmer are invited to attend.

A photo memory board of Monte is being compiled and will be presented to Rhett at the event. Anyone wishing to contribute photographs, art, or memorabilia of Monte-Jon is asked to contact Big John at I.B.T.'s (882-3053). It is asked that contributions for the board be made by April 10th, so please dig through your memories and contribute.

This will not be a maudlin event. It will be a fitting soiree for an old "girl friend", a party with some food, some drinks, some snuffles, and some David Bowie. Music will be provided by Jon Haase with some surprises. Frankly, the only thing missing will be Monte.

Tucson Dial-An-Atheist Attacks "Nipple Bill"

TUCSON - The Tucson Dial-An-Atheist service attacks Arizona Senate Bill 1026, otherwise known as the infamous "nipple bill", in its weekly recording.

The "nipple bill", introduced by Rep. Leslie Johnson (R-Mesa) was originally intended to ban the flaunting of naked flesh by outlawing the sinful thong bikini, and the public display of buttocks, breast nipples, and anuses. According to reports, Mrs. Johnson is now trying to "tone down" SB 1026 by possibly striking the references to thong swimsuits. The "nipple bill" would allow incorporated jurisdictions in the state to ban pornography by appealing to "community standards".

The Dial-An-Atheist can be reached at (602) 623-3861. It operates 24 hours a day, and is a recorded service of American Atheists, a nationwide movement founded by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

Sometimes the tone is serious, and sometimes, the news is just too ridiculous to not laugh at.

Hemophilia Cure Expected Soon

GENEVA (AP) - The World Health Organization predicted that rapid advances in genetic technology will produce a cure for hemophilia by the end of this decade.

The U.N. health agency said promising research into gene therapy for hemophiliacs offered hope for victims of other hereditary diseases such as cystic fibrosis.

About one in 10,000 males is born with a defective gene that means blood cannot clot properly. Few women are affected. If a hemophiliac cuts himself badly he may bleed to death without a speedy transfusion of blood products containing the necessary clotting factors.

Screening of blood products has reduced the danger of hemophiliacs being infected during transfusions by viruses that cause AIDS or hepatitis, although there is still a risk in many developing countries. However, the scandal last year over a German company that distributed contaminated plasma products revived fears among European hemophiliacs about the safety of their treatment.

Notice Of Request For Proposals

TUCSON - The HIV Care Consortium and the Tucson Community Foundation will release proposal applications for services covered under the Ryan White Care Act on March 28th. Proposal packets may be requested via a phone call or letter to the Tucson Community Foundation, 6601 E. Grant Road, Suite 111, phone # 722-1707.

Completed applications must be returned by 4:00 p.m., April 25th, 1994, to Tucson Community Foundation.

A technical assistance session will be held at 1:00 p.m., at the Himmel Park Library meeting room (1035 N. Treat Ave.) on April 6th. Immediately following the technical assistance meeting, a public hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. to solicit information from the community regarding service needs.

Results of a survey of people living with HIV/AIDS will be distributed to all RFP recipients by April 8th.

TLGA Looks For Former 'Crown' Holders

TUCSON - Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance is seeking dialogue with any former "Crown" holders that are wanting, wishing, or hoping to get his or her feet back on the "boards" again.

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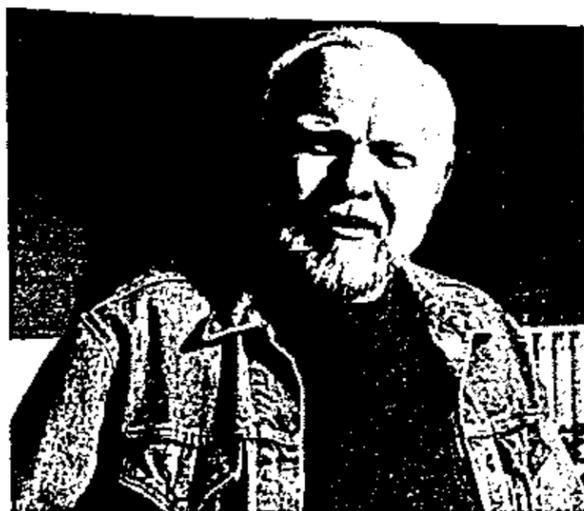
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IN MEMORIAM



BRUCE H. FOWLER

Bruce died of a heart attack in his home last Wednesday night, March 23. He was 58. He was a retired assistant professor of media arts at the University of Arizona.

He was a Wisconsin native where he earned his bachelor's degree in speech and television at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He came to the UA in 1967.

He served six years as a lecturer in the department of speech and journalism before becoming an assistant professor in the media arts department in 1973. He served in that position for 20 years before his retirement last year.

Bruce was president of the board of the Shanti Foundation-Tucson. He was a co-founding member of the local Dignity chapter. He served on the parish council of St. Joseph's Catholic parish. Bruce was also a contributing writer for many years for the Observer.

He is survived by longtime companion, Richard Ansell. He is also survived by four sisters.

Interment was at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery. It was Bruce's request that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Shanti Foundation, 602 N. 4th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, 85705.



FATHER PETER W. MCCLINTOCK
6-14-31 - 3-17-94

Peter, who held a Ph.D. degree, was a 54 year resident of Tucson. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by two brothers, five nieces and nephews, and three great nieces and nephews.

Father Peter was very active in the Catholic Church, and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was also active in the Arizona Opera Company.

Many will fondly remember his marvelous sense of humor, and the infectious laughter of this robust outgoing person who was known to have burst into song at any moment.

Funeral services were held March 23rd at SS Peter and Paul with interment at South Lawn Cemetery.

We bid you a warm farewell, Father Peter, with hope for the future and the fond memories of you that we keep.



JOHN CARLSON, JR.
9-21-53 - 3-5-94

John was born in Worcester Massachusetts, where he attended school.

As a member of the U.S. Air Force, John was transferred to Tucson where he was actively engaged in the Titan Missile Program in Arizona.

After his discharge from the Air Force, John and Carl Marcum, his longtime partner, moved to Bisbee where they resided for the past ten years.

John's ashes, at his request, were scattered on Mt. Lemmon in a private memorial.

John was truly loved and is sorely missed by his many friends who find comfort in the fact that John is finally at peace.

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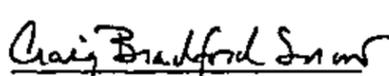
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All of us at TAP are deeply saddened by the loss of

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Community Leader Interview



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Q. How do you negotiate safer sex?
A. Easy, if it is not safer sex, it is NOT! Let me explain a little bit on that one. Since I am in a relationship (a good one I might add), we have discussed the issues of safer sex. I think it is very safe to say, neither one of us would want to do anything that might jeopardize each other's health.

Q. What is the most difficult thing about safer sex, and how do you deal with it?
A. To me the most difficult thing to deal with concerning safer sex, is that there are people out there who are not practicing it. My worst fear is that they would have unsafe sex out of ignorance, if that is the case then we -- I am not doing enough.

Q. What do you want to tell the world about safer sex?
A. Over the past few months, I have had the privilege and joy to be able to meet and speak with quite a few local high school students through SPA (Students for the Prevention of AIDS). The one question I hear most often is, "If I have unprotected sex one time, will I get AIDS?" My answer is this; If you jump off a tall building "one time," do you think it would kill you. Maybe not, but you can bet it won't take too many times to do the job. So what keeps you from jumping off that building? Common sense. That's all it takes, just a little bit of common sense.

Q. What is your attitude about safer sex?
A. I would like to think it is a healthy attitude.

Q. Would you care to expound on the subject?
A. I think the key word is healthy. The obvious goal is to stay physically healthy. If you are NOT HIV infected, then one would owe it to one's self to consider all the options to stay that way. If you are HIV+ it is equally important to avoid being re-exposed and exposing others. The most sure-fire-way (pardon the pun) is abstinence. While that may work for some, it certainly does not work for all -- Which brings us back to safer sex. A few years back when the mechanics of how the virus spreads were less known, safer sex meant watching someone from across the room. While that still can be fun, we know today that with proper protection, we can still be intimate, with a minimal risk of exposure.

The not so obvious goal, but just as important, is to try to stay mentally healthy. There is so much pressure put on us today from so many different directions. They range from the blatant attacks of the "religious right" to the just as -- if not more damaging attacks from within our own community. I feel we each need to be able to make decisions that will best suit our individual needs, and then be

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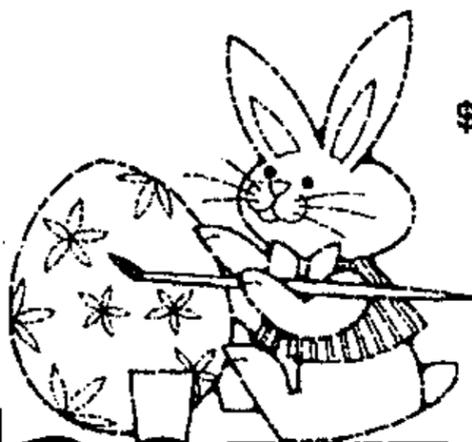
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FBI Won't Discriminate Against Gay Agents

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - The FBI will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation under a settlement a judge approved between the agency and a fired Gay agent.

Frank Buttino's lawsuit was resolved in mid-trial in December when the Clinton administration promised equal treatment for homosexual and heterosexual FBI employees and applicants, Buttino was fired in 1990 after 20 years with the FBI.

A week before the administration announced the new policy, Attorney General Janet Reno barred all Justice Department agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

The FBI settlement goes further, forbidding bias on grounds of "homosexual conduct among consenting adults in private."

Terms of the settlement were incorporated in guidelines FBI Director Louis Freeh issued.

Buttino dropped his request for

reinstatement. He will receive nearly \$100,000 cash, \$53,000 in legal fees and costs, and a \$1,746 monthly pension in 2007, when he turns 62.

Buttino, who spent most of his career in the FBI's San Diego office, received consistently high job evaluations and got sensitive assignments, including investigating a corrupt fellow agent.

Then his security clearance was withdrawn in 1990, and he was fired soon afterward.

His supervisors had received anonymous note in October 1988 saying Buttino was a homosexual. The note included his reply to a personal ad in a Gay newspaper. Buttino denied it all at first, fearing he would lose his job. Five weeks later, he acknowledged he had written the reply.

The FBI said Buttino was fired for lying and failing to cooperate in the investigation of the note, whose author has never been identified. Buttino contended those reasons were pretexts for bias.

Job May Aid Magic's Health

LOS ANGELES, CA - A leading AIDS specialist endorsed Magic Johnson's surprise return to the Los Angeles Lakers as the team's coach, saying it could prove beneficial to his health.

"We always thought that was an important aspect in his care," said David Ho, director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at New York University.

Ho has assisted Michael Mellman, the Laker team physician, the Laker team physician, in Johnson's care and treatment since Johnson was found in 1991 to have the virus that causes AIDS.

"I personally think it is OK," Ho said of Johnson's decision. "He's been doing quite well recently. We always considered that he was well enough to work, maybe not as a professional athlete, but in some other position."

Mellman also supported the decision.

"If you look at Earvin, he's happiest, other than with his family, on the basketball court," he said. "Whether he is playing or coaching is less an issue. The primary issue is being involved in the game he loves so much."

Johnson reassured reporters that coaching will not affect his health, although one reason cited when he retired before the 1991-92 season was the NBA's heavy travel schedule. AIDS specialists at the time that the rigors of a long season could reduce Johnson's ability to slow the progressive weakening of the immune system.

"Playing basketball, to me, is more strenuous than coaching," Johnson said. "This is fine."

Johnson and Mellman said Johnson does not have AIDS, the acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"Let me just say this to everybody: I'm fine, don't worry about that," Johnson said. "If I wasn't, I wouldn't be doing this. Let me just ease everybody's mind. I've been on tour. I've been playing. I've been everywhere. If something was wrong. I wouldn't be coaching this team."

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FYI by Big John

Change always provokes concern. Concern often comes from fear. What is there to fear more but the unknown.

I'd like to address some of the concern about the fear of change regarding the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Picnic 1994... As most of you are aware, Sandra Lightner and I are the new co-chairs of T.L.G.A.. We campaigned for changing the date of the picnic to October 8, 1994. This date was established by means of a democratic vote by the now retired officers of T.L.G.A.

We supported the change to early October for many reasons. First, and foremost, ..comfort. It's no secret to anyone who has put a summer in here at "The Old Pueblo". June is hell-aciously hot, hot, hot!!! So the moving of the event to October will assuredly be far more pleasant. The new location at the southwest corner of Reid Park becomes more humane to those with HIV / AIDS, the physically challenged, and many older gays and lesbians who quite frankly cannot transverse the hill at Himmel.

Frankly, we have just out-grown Himmel Park, folks. We need to address the needs of our community into the 21st century. The three baseball diamonds and all of the large electrically powered ramadas have all been reserved at Reid. The stage will be elevated on the back-side of the waterfall by the lagoon area.

Many people in our community wish to, and are going to attend the "Stonewall 25" celebrations and the Gay Games in New York. We at T.L.G.A. merely saw what we perceived to be a great opportunity to do something significant, and took it!

October 8th coincides with National Coming Out Day and is one month before the elections. It therefore becomes an excellent opportunity for recruiting last-minute voter registration and petition signers. We would like to get the various political parties' nominees for Arizona State Senate to speak. We are inviting Gay congressman Barney Frank, too.

T.L.G.A. has openly solicited Tucson Aids Project to facilitate our "AIDS Walk" with their's. It is scheduled for the morning of the picnic. I've asked for a meeting of all the A.S.O.'s to discuss this plan with T.L.G.A. as soon as possible. There are many issues at hand this year in Arizona, and we at T.L.G.A. choose to have an aggressive campaign not to get our butts shoved back in to the closet and be forced to give back what is already ours. Here is an FYI for you folks...T.L.G.A. came into existence after the death of Richard Heakin in a Gay bar parking lot here in Tucson. A bar that I had managed for two years prior to the event and had quit 24 hours prior to his death.

Because of the outrage, straight and Gay, back in 1977, the good citizens of Tucson enacted and passed a city ordinance to protect us from discrimination, thereby becoming one of the very first U.S. cities to do so. Several years later, at the start of the "Great Plague" of the 20th Century, T.L.G.A. formed a health committee to address the needs of the new sick and in short order became the Tucson Aids Project.

The "ISSUE" always has been, and will always be access to public records and

accountability and to make sure money, all money goes where it is intended to. Money generated from the heart and soul of this community, inspired from our dead and dying and the wish to stop it, the Disease, NOW!! In eight years, all of the A.S.O.'s have generated millions, show us where it went!

I digress... I wanted to do a column on the Picnic, so....

We will still have Gay Pride events in June. Already scheduled in the annual "Art Attack", to run June 12th to June 18th, and all of your favorite nightclubs have committed to host an event, one every night of the week.

A grand finale is scheduled by Desert Voices at Pima Community College June 17th and 18th. This event will ABSOLUTELY be a sell-out. Tickets go on sale April 7th (Pima C.C. West Campus for \$10.00. Antigone Books on 4th Ave., and The Tucson Trunk, River and Craycroft Rds....(if you haven't made it into the T. Trunk, you're really missing a hidden treasure. You owe it to yourself to check it out).. For further info call 791-9662.

Please remember this Sunday is the deadline for the logo contest for Gay Pride. Please have your submissions into us by Sunday. You can drop them off at I.B.T.'s or call the T.L.G.A. message line at 321-0985.

The Graduate is hosting a full weekend of events for Adrian Alexander (Red Team) on Saturday, April 2, and on Sunday, April 3rd. All proceeds for both barbecue and beer bust go to her "team", to buy the crown, and to give you, a picnic. Sunday's festivities go into the night with a show and a "Baskets and Bonnets" contest. So please turn out and raise hell. T.L.G.A. would like to thank

the crew and Kenny at the Grad for their support.

Next week I hope to review some shenanigans going on with the police advisory board and the community interview panel for Chief of Police.

It seems immediate upon the death of Bruce Fowler, Shanti Foundation's Board President, someone with questionable alliances, questionable residence, and questionable reputation, jockeyed for position and got it. I will hopefully review this flaw and post you on it next time.

I'd like to close by saying that our community has suffered a great loss with the sudden death of Bruce Fowler. My sincerest condolences go out to his lover, Richard, both of their families, and to his extended family and buddies in and around Shanti, and to everyone who cared for, knew, or loved this man. My relationship with him was a project under development, having just met with him regarding the above mentioned shenanigans. It truly appeared we had more in common than not. We, Tucson, Arizona, have truly suffered a loss. Goodbye Bruce!

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POLITICS '94 *by Mark Kerr*

The latest monthly polls were released on the Democratic races for Senator and Governor. The polls were conducted by Phoenix Public Television station KAET. The survey was conducted during March 23-27, using telephone interviews with 399 registered Democrats statewide, with a potential margin of error of +or- 4.9%.

In the Democratic Gubernatorial contest, former Phoenix Mayor, Terry Goddard, leads with 40% of those responding. Former Phoenix Mayor, Paul Johnson is second with 22%, and Eddie Basha, grocery magnate, has 16%.

The big gainer in the polling is Paul Johnson who picked up 8% from last month's poll. Basha made a 4% gain, but, the leader Goddard has dropped 10% from last months poll.

In the Democratic contest for U.S. Senate, Congressman Sam Copper-smith leads the monthly poll with 19% of those responding. Secretary of State Richard Mahoney is second with 14%. Soon to be announced senatorial candidate, St. Sen. Cindy Resnick is third with 11%. State Rep. Cathy Eden rounds out the field with 7%, and 49% are undecided.

As of press time, S.B. 1314, which would dramatically change how HIV testing would be performed in the state of Arizona, was not on the schedule for the House Rules Committee. But, we cannot celebrate yet. The Committee is meeting daily so that the GOP dominated legislature can meet it's 100 day deadline.

So, we must call the members of the House Rules Committee and urge them to vote no on S.B. 1314, we can call TOLL FREE at 1-800-352-8404 and leave messages with the committee members urging them to vote no.

Here is the list of the Representatives on the House Rules Committee: Rep. Don Aldridge; Chairman; Rep. Jerry

Overton; Vice-Chairman; Rep. Jack Brown, Rep. David Eberhardt, Rep. Cathy Eden, Rep. Jeff Gruscusi, Rep. Freddy Hershberger, Rep. Robert McLendon, Rep. Lou Ann Preble, Rep. Polly Rosenbaum, Rep. David Schweikert.

The deadline for the recall petition drive for Pima County Assessor, Alan Lang, and Supervisor Ed Moore is next Friday, April 8.

Total Recall and NOW which are spearheading the drive still need signatures to put them over the top. To have an election, they would need to get 60,201 valid signatures of Pima County residents to force an recall election on Lang, and over 11,000 valid signature to force a recall election of Moore.

If you have petitions out, they are requesting that you get your petitions in to the Total Recall office, 1003 E. Broadway, by April 7th, and if you haven't signed a petition, do so please. For further information call the Recall Office at 623-1478.

Some End Notes for your perusal. In the "better late than never department", State Senator Cindy Resnick finally ended speculation by stating she plans to announce her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States Senate after the legislative session has ended, which is expected to be in mid-April.

But questions arise about how a person could get into a race for federal office so late and run a credible campaign, especially with the petition requirements to get on the ballot, a person must qualify in all 15 counties to run for partisan nomination, especially since workers have probably committed by now to other campaigns. A vast majority of monies raised will have to be funneled to petition circulators to get the signatures in the short time left. Petitions are due June 30.

Former Chief Deputy Recorder Toni Helton has a new easy job. What you might ask? She is running Congressman Jim Kolbe's re-election campaign. Kolbe will face Democratic "sacrificial lamb" Gary Auerbach, who is a chiropractor, radio talk show host and pecan farmer, (need I say more!).

State Representative Debbie McCune-Davis (District 20), no friend to the Gay and Lesbian community, will run for the open seat on the Arizona Corporation Commission. McCune stated in another publication that, "a Republican controlled Commission would be a disaster." (Gee, what about your tenure in the House Debbie?!)

If you would like to get information about, or volunteer for one of the Democratic gubernatorial campaigns, here are the phone numbers for the three campaigns: Eddie Basha, 881-1994. Terry Goddard, 798-1994. Paul Johnson, 882-2993.

Our Secretary of State, and candidate for U.S. Senate, "Icky-Dicky" Mahoney in a story that ran in another publication, it still denying the fact he did not do all of his duties as Secretary. Gee, does this mean if he is elected to the U.S. Senate, he is not going to perform all his duties, like voting on bills or attending committee meetings?!

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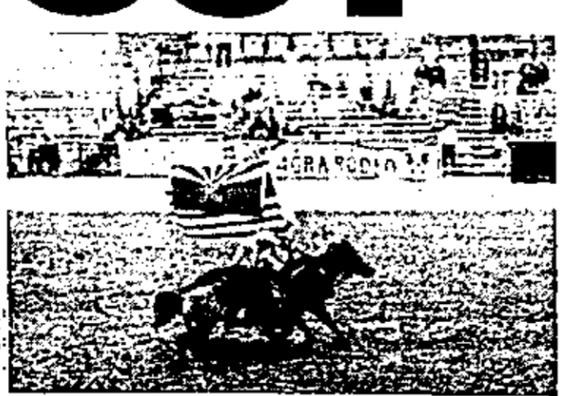
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Conservatively Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

"Conservative", A Dirty Word?

"Conservative" has become a dirty word, even surpassing "Republican", in the Gay and Lesbian lexicon of words and phrases never to be used in polite company except, perhaps, pejoratively. Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Jesse Helms, Pat Buchanan, and too many others, have accomplished this transformation of a word describing an economic and social philosophy to the language of the gutter.

I learned this the hard way. Together with some friends, I organized the Lambda Conservative Foundation (LCF) in November of last year "...to demonstrate...that Gay men and Lesbians do not necessarily fit the stereotypes too often promulgated, and that they too can be, in fact are, conservative, economically, politically, and socially." A Credo was adopted outlining the philosophical basis of the LCF, and an invitation to join an LCF Advisory Board was sent to a list of straight, Lesbian and Gay conservatives, libertarians and other potentially friendly individuals.

The comments received, and the relatively limited response, indicated that the name of the organization turned-off many potential supporters. They were enthusiastic about the Credo, but the word "conservative" just had too many negative connotations. There was also resistance from Gay and Lesbian Republicans who believed that the LCF was in open competition with the Log Cabin Republicans. There was no question that the word "conservative" was a liability and lessened the infant organizations' ability to achieve its basic purpose of building bridges and understanding between Lesbians, Gays and mainstream America.

The short lived Lambda Conservative Foundation was put to rest, and the National Coalition For Understanding (NCU) was founded on February 11, 1994, to "...dispel the stereotypes of homosexuals by building and sustaining an understanding that, like most Americans, most Lesbians and gay men value family,

community, faith, country, and a common humanity."

I serve as President of the NCU. There are three Vice-Presidents: Bruce Bawer, author of *A Place At The Table*; Andrea Hollen, Rhodes Scholar and the first woman to graduate from West Point attaining the rank of Major, now an executive in private industry; and Carlos French, young activist and one of the founders of LCF/NCU. On February 9th, 1994, the IRS ruled that all contributions to the NCU are deductible from taxable income. The NCU was on its way!

Following are some of the projects the NCU plans to implement in 1994:

Bruce Bawer has agreed to serve as Editor-in-Chief of a NCU quarterly journal tentatively titled *Common Humanity*. He will enlist prominent Lesbian, straight and Gay thinkers and activists to address issues of common concern. The journal will fill a great vacuum by focusing scholarly and intellectual light on matters not usually discussed in other scholarly and political publications. It is expected that *Common Humanity* will have a wide and varied readership that will go well beyond the Gay and Lesbian community into the mainstream of America.

The NCU will begin working on the production, distribution, and financing of a series of short videos which will depict Lesbians and Gay men as we are and not to the stereotypes too often promulgated, that we represent all walks of life, ages, and professions. A series of TV and radio commercials and Public Service Announcements (PSAs) will also be produced, using celebrities to carry the message.

The NCU will send speakers out whenever and wherever it can, to college campuses, to straight and Gay organizations, to churches and synagogues, local radio talk shows, whoever will listen, to show ourselves and present our message that Lesbians and Gays in America are different, but only in their personal sexual orientation. We are the brothers and sisters, the parents and grandparents, the children, the aunts and uncles, the cousins of all Americans, of all who we address.

Thus, the NCU will concentrate on print, video, and public appearances in these early days. Although ambitious in scope, this initial program is possible. It will all depend on the extent of public support, attention and the financial resources the NCU is able to enlist. Foundations, corporations, and individuals of means will be approached for funds to support the two major initial projects: the quarterly journal and the videos. Finally, the NCU will embark on a major direct-mail and media campaign to enlist Charter Associates from the Gay and Lesbian community as well as from the mainstream.

In every political and social movement, new leaders, new groups and new concepts replace the old. The Gay and Lesbian community in America is no exception. I believe that the National Coalition For Understanding is an enterprise which can well be an historic beginning to the next phase of the development of our community as an integral part of American society.

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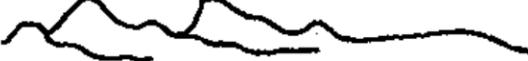
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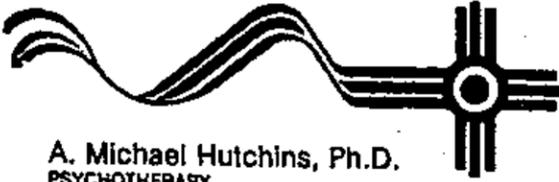


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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

We are now in Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, and climaxes with Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus after he died on the cross the previous Friday. MCC-Tucson will have special worship services for the different days of Holy Week. The following is the schedule of services:

Maundy Thursday, March 31st, starting at 7:00 pm, a special service commemorating the first Communion known as the Last Supper and the ritual of foot washing symbolizing our humility and servanthood, following the example set of Jesus nearly two thousand years ago.

Good Friday, April 1st, starting at 7:00 pm, a special service commemorat-

ing the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross and his burial in the tomb.

Easter Sunday, April 3rd, starting at 6:00 am, Sunrise Service will be held on the church campus, 3159 North Mountain Avenue. Following this service, starting at 7:00 am, a pancake breakfast will be served. Everyone is invited to share this meal with us. A \$2.00 donation will be accepted for this pancake breakfast but all will be served whether a donation is given or not. Then, at 10:45 am, our special Easter Worship Service will start. There will be no Evening Worship Service held on Easter Sunday only.

Thought for the week: Too many people don't care what happens so long as it doesn't happen to them. William Howard Taft.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

During the 33 years that Jesus lived on this earth. He assumed many rolls: that of teacher, prophet, counselor, healer, master, servant and friend. To some non-Christian religion such as islam, he is considered one of several prophets, but to Christianity he is much, much more. So who is Jesus? Why did he come into this world, and what did he accomplish?

Let's look at the beginning. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1) Was Jesus there? The book of John tells us that he was. Jesus is referred to in the Bible as "the word". The apostle John tells us that "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:1-3) Jesus is not only eternal, but everything was created through him including the first man and woman (Adam and Eve).

When Adam and Eve were tempted in the Garden of Eden and ate the fruit of the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis 2:8) as they were forbidden by God to do, their innocence was lost. The sin nature of humanity was born. Their relationship with God had to change, because a holy and righteous God cannot commune with sin. But all this did not change God's love for his creation. Although Adam and Eve had to endure the consequences of sin as we do today, God's mercy was then as it is now, ever present.

We are told of another tree in the Garden of Eden. "And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.' So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken." (Genesis 3:22, 23) If God had let his first human creation eat of that tree while in their sin, they would have lived forever, but without the presence of God.

For hundreds of years as recorded in the Old Testament, humanity performed

animal blood sacrifices for the temporary cleansing of sin, but these sacrifices could not cause those who offered them to remain righteous before God. Only a perfect, sinless sacrifice could release humanity from its endless failures and provide the opportunity for all to have the relationship with their creator restored to what it once was. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament of such a sacrifice, a savior called the "lamb of God", and of what he would ultimately accomplish.

Before Jesus was born into this world, he resided in the glory of heaven at the right hand of the father. And then we are told, "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) Jesus came into this world willingly out of love for his creation. He suffered the temptations and hardships of this world. He taught, he counseled, he healed, but most of all he served as the perfect, sinless sacrifice for the sins of humanity. So who is Jesus? Whose blood was shed on the cross? Was it that of a teacher, a mere wise man misunderstood by the world? No, it was the blood of "God in the flesh" freely given for all. Through his resurrection, Jesus conquered death, that eternal separation from God for whom all were destined before Christ. Right now he sits again at the right hand of the father interceding for all who trust in him.

What is in store for those who put their faith in Jesus Christ? Just as God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning, in the end, which will be a new beginning, God will create a new heaven and a new earth. He will reside with all those who have accepted Jesus as their savior. And what is one of the things these believers will share? Jesus tells us, "...To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7) The tree that was once forbidden will be freely given! So who is Jesus? He tells us, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'" (Revelation 1:8)

May this Easter will be a very special time for you to come to know and appreciate the love, mercy, and grace of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Happy Easter!

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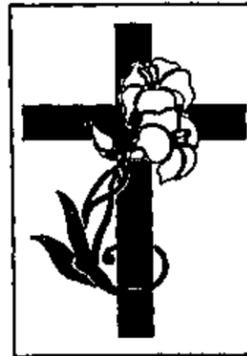
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VENTURE-N - Join Hopi and the gang here to cheer on the Wildcats with a Final Four party that begins at 3:00 p.m. The Desert Leathermen also have their Beer Bust on the patio from 3 to 7 p.m. So it looks like a big old time here too!

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - EASTER SUNDAY

GRADUATE - Complimentary Ham Dinner will be served from 2 p.m. until 7:27 then at 9:00 p.m., the annual Graduate Easter Bonnet and Basket Contest takes place with a big show featuring the Red Team raising money for Pride Week a tivities Paris St. Clair and Adrienne Alexander with Lucinda Holliday and Crystal Abrahms joining in. Prizes for the best bonnet and basket too!

HOURS - Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday. Find eggs with prizes, surprises and drink specials. Start looking at 4 p.m.

IBT'S - Happy Easter from IBT's staff. There'll be Easter Egg prizes with surprises plus their regular cook out on their patio. 3 to 6 p.m.

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 1 & 2

Lambda Car Club will host a club weekend as part of the Suburban Car Auction. For more information call Bill James 622-3808.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Because of it being Easter weekend, the Cronics (40 and over Club) will postpone their meeting today and will meet on April 9.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunrise Services at Cornerstone Fellowship 6 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast at 7:30. Regular morning service at 10:30 a.m. CIAO will also have a 6 a.m. Sunrise service and a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. Everyone is invited to share this meal. A \$2 donation will be accepted for this pancake breakfast but all will be served whether a donation or not. Regular Easter service will be at 10:45 a.m. There will not be an evening service today.

TLGA, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will meet to pick the 1994 Pride Logo. The theme this year is "Stonewall 25: A Global Celebration of Pride". TLGA will offer a prize of \$100 to the winning entrant. The logo will appear on all T-shirts and other souvenir products which will be on sale during and after Pride Week. Submissions may be made earlier, but April 3rd is the deadline, at this meeting which begins at 3:00 p.m. The tentative meeting place is IBT's. Watch the Observer in case there is a change.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

URGLAD (United Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians with Dignity), the Pima Community College Group will meet in Room RC-5 from 3:00 to 4:30. For more information call Nicole or Wayne at 884-6562.

FRI, SAT, SUN, APRIL 8-9-10

"Accepting Our Blessing II" the second annual weekend retreat for Lesbians and Gays at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, examines the recent progress we have made as a spiritually motivated people, and directs us to an appreciation of how our special call contributes to world ministry. Registration begins Friday, Apr. 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the retreat concludes Sunday, April 10 after lunch. The suggested donation of \$75 covers all costs. For more info. call 744-3400 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

The Cronics will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the CIAO Church, 3269 N. Mountain. This will be a pot luck. Call 888-7264 for more details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Deidre McCalla, a preeminent urban singer, songwriter will be performing at the Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Ave. at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For more information or tickets call 884-1221.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

"Living With HIV" will be the discussion at a wellness workshop to be held at the University Medical Center (Arizona Cancer Center Conference Room) from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is no admission but there is limited enrollment. Please call 626-7301 by April 3. Lunch will be catered by Dakota Cafe. The medical Center is located at 1501 N. Campbell.

FRI. SAT. SUN. MAY 6-7-8

Fiesta de Mayo Weekend. This is a major fund raiser for Pride Week activities including the big annual picnic. Watch for more details.

JUNE 12 THROUGH 18 - PRIDE WEEK

Watch for more details as the time draws closer.

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CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon, Solid Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. ADRA 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 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Branch 11-2; Live music by Horace & Hill, Friendly Fire 7:30-11:30 (Usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 6:1 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-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n' Roll dancing later

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

STONWALL/RAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust. Stonewall opens for dancing at 8pm

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

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moose Madras "Beakets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)

HOURS - Open Noon, Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon, Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well, 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jam Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 3pm, Happy Hour 1-8, \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer, 8:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing 8-1. Western Nite Specials on well and domestic beer to those in western attire.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am, Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. \$2.50 pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8-10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trunk Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

IBT's - Open noon, Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well, 8 pm to close \$1.50 Well Drinks.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm, Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Fashions show at 9:30 p.m.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Nite Specials on well and domestic beer to those in leather.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am, Patio Bar opens at 7pm

wednesday

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

CLUB CONGRESS - Red Parrot's "Queen Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring on go dancers. Featuring on go dancers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am, Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic & well. \$1.50 Bad Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

RUMORZ - Open 3pm, Happy Hour 1-8 \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer, Salsa Nite 9 to close, \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fix" nite.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. 8-1 specials on well and domestic beer to members of bowling team and league.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am, Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well, Patio bar opens 7pm. Bar Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly mobile" nite.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

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

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

RUMORZ - Open 3pm, Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with DJ Linda.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic longnecks plus a special on domestic can beer for \$1.25. The Stonewall opens at 8pm nightly for dancing. Uniform Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer if wearing military, police or other uniforms.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am, Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for wca in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm, 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25, Dance 9-1 10pm.

IBT's - Open noon, Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well, \$1 Hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9 to 1 with DJ Dave

RUMORZ - Open 3pm, Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hors D'Oeuvres. DJ Jeff Strickles 9 to 1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am, Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well, Patio Bar opens 7 pm.

saturday

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon, Dancing 8-1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am, Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well, \$1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1 am with DJ David 2, and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open 3 pm, \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close, Dance with Linda Flaherty 10-1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., Patio bar opens at 5 pm.



LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

They say that all good things must come to an end, and the DL Condom Chain is no exception. Those 1200+ paper rings linked to one another, each with a personal message inscribed on it, have generated a total of \$1223 to purchase condoms for free and continuous distribution in the Gay bars in Tucson. To date, over 3750 condoms have been dispersed and 8000 more are on order. Looks like all you hot men out there are not only playing prolifically, but playing safe - good on ya!

But it's time for the dedicated chain to fulfill its destiny. This Saturday night, April 2nd, following Desert Leathermen's beer bust, the condom chain will be carefully disentwined from the rafters of Venture-N, escorted to the patio and ceremoniously set ablaze in the fire pit. Those special greetings and wishes written on the links will be cast off to the Universe as they are consumed in the pyre.

As the first annual DL Condom Chain is laid to rest, the new one has already been started with 8 links, one for each member of Desert Leathermen we've lost (7 of them to AIDS). Your help is greatly appreciated as we continue to strive to make our community a little safer by maintaining the flow of free condoms next year. Let's all stay alive in '95.

Please note that the "Love Chain" that recently sprang up at the Eagle is not affiliated with DL's condom drive. We understand that the money raised from the

Eagle's Love Chain will be donated to local charitable organizations. Shanti is slated to receive the initial proceeds. This is a worth while endeavor and we urge everyone to support their community in any way they choose. While it is said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, there is also much to be said for imagination and originality. Contributions to DL's condom drive can still be made via the jar on the main bar at Venture-N or through any DL member.

DL's condom-mania has even been noticed outside of the bars. UB-GAY, a Gay/Lesbian group at Pima Community College Downtown Campus, has requested assistance in supplying condoms at their weekly on-campus information table. An initial donation of 150 condoms has been made to further the group's cause and they have agreed to assist DL with future fund raisers in exchange for an ongoing supply of condoms. Hey, let's get the safe sex message out every way we can!

The monthly DL business meeting will be held Saturday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. Please call Candi at 881-4320 or Terry at 790-1940 for more information. Beer bust will flow from 3-7 pm this Saturday also. Come and join us for buckets of beer and chicken salad croissants with pasta salad to conquer that manly appetite. The offering of the chain will take place between 8-9 pm Saturday night and all are warmly invited to come and partake of the celebration.



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by Frank Hartigan

Waiting Offstage

If you've read this column for the last couple of weeks, you're probably tired of hearing about how much fun I'm having acting in a play. It's been good for me for several reasons: it has stimulated my creativity, given my self-esteem a boost, and brought me into contact with some wonderful people. I'll be at a loss when the show closes this Saturday night.

In the play, my character is only on stage for four scenes out of nineteen, but the other characters talk about him all the time. The actor in me craves the stage time; all the hours I spend out of costume seem like time spent waiting to walk onstage.

Coming out is kind of like conquering stage fright. You leave a quiet, private, unseen area and walk into bright light in front of a hundred people.

That first step out onto the stage takes a lot of courage. You're afraid that you won't know what to say, that you'll act badly or appear stupid, or that your audience will hate you.

You take a deep breath, struggle to overcome your fear, and step out of the darkness. The sudden focus of all that attention is blinding and you worry about how you look. Even though there may be twenty other things happening onstage, at first you're certain that everyone in the house is looking directly at you.

Then you realize that you are exactly where you are meant to be. You are prepared; you can relax a bit. The glare seems to lessen and you know what to say. Your responses become natural; before you know it the audience is rapt as you tell your story.

The moment you come out of the closet or step onto the stage, you become a different person.

Of course, if you're onstage, you become a character, the product of a writer's mind. As you step out of the closet, on the other hand, you don't have a script. All you have is the urge to tell someone the truth about yourself. You embark on the discovery and revelation of your own character.

I'm keeping this short because I have a lot to do; my dear friend Rick is here as I write this. He flew down from San Francisco to see the show and enjoy the desert for a couple of days.

Don't spend another minute waiting in the darkness for your cue. Come out, tell your story, and create your life the way you want it. Don't submit to stage fright. Take a deep breath and step into the light.



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"Go WILDCATS"

I'll be up in Phoenix when the first game of the final four will be played this Saturday. And of course this game will be the Wildcats, who I might add, as of Tuesday morning paper, are 2 1/2 point underdogs. The game will start at 3:30 PM and you can rest assured I'll be watching. As for those comments Greg Hansen wrote, well all I can say is STUFF IT!

I sat at the 307 one time, with IP, HOPI and Bert, and we were watching the Wildcats defeat the Sun Devils in football. I am the only Wildcat fan there, and that is the only place I'll be able to see the game, the Bud had better be cold, and the fans (other customers) on my side.

When you think of the Wildcats in the final four of the NCAA, you can only feel sorrow for the other 3 Pac 10 teams that did not make it out of their first game, in the NCAA tournament, and also, there were 3 teams with similar results in the NIT tournament. Pac 10 = 7 teams in two different major tournaments, and those Eastern sports announcers says the Pac 10 is the weakest in the country.

WARNING - in your travels tomorrow, be careful. The day is April Fools Day and I'm sure everyone of us will fall victim to a joke or two. Of course, the Easter Bunny is on his (or her) way and delivering Mother Natures **BIGGEST Wonder - Easter Eggs** from a Rabbit.

TBBS: Well he is at it again, Ray that is. It seems this time he was over David and Gary's yet again, sleeping off a previous nights travels, gathering up the suds. Well, when Gary woke Ray up, at 4:30 AM, Ray was asleep on the floor. His



reason, as he stated, was, I was sticking to the couch.

And watching the game with TJ over at the Graduate Saturday, in walked Hopi. It was good to see him and for awhile, the Graduate looked like the old sports bar of years past. His reason for not being there for awhile was, as he stated and I quote, "I'm too Macho and Butch for this bar."

Also in my travels this past week, I was handed the following and after reading, I felt this is one for everyone.

"IF WE LEARN BY OUR MISTAKES, I'M GETTING A FANTASTIC EDUCATION."

And, one final little update, or correction from last weeks column. Rudi ask that the egg donations for the Children's Home, be fresh. The Graduate will be storing them. Can you imagine 50 dozen of hard boiled eggs, all Easter colored. Those kids would be eating them long into the summer.

That will be it for this week and here goes one just for David Z. "OOO-
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MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

A rocky week with a great outcome. Socially abundant and surrounded by good friends, some of are celebrating a birthday and loving every moment.

TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Money matters take a back seat and you move to begin a family project. Forever feeling responsible, you try to mend the broken family strands from a distance and succeed!

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 21

This week finds you caught in a lie if you are not careful. Two people you have been with start comparing notes and target you to become the fall guy to consummate their friendship.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Your cooking talents come to the forefront as you entertain family and friends. Your significant other would appreciate your attentions at home for the week.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

A new change has taken place recently which has given new motivation to your lifestyle. With this added vitality you brighten the domestic scene and inspire family and friends.

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You pick and choose your friends carefully, but this week you allow a "open house" to increase your social roster. You may find a potential partner or love interest through your efforts.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

Obligations and Easter preparations have you going at a steady pace. The results that you have been waiting for will be available in the next few days. A consistent friend joins you for an intimate dinner.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

Health matters a big issue but, given your ability to bounce back, this problem diminishes quickly. Finances are on alert and it is not too late to recuperate. Stay close to home to bolster your confidence.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Your somber attitude is related to a disagreement with someone close to you. Iron out your differences and multiply your quality time together. No argument is worth the sacrifice of contentment.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Co-workers cannot seem to keep up your controlled pace. Offer to help when you have spare time and impress your superiors while doing so. An admirer treats you to a day/night on the town.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You tend to become quite impatient when someone doesn't listen correctly. This week make an effort to ease the criticism and boost your integrity. Many look to you for advice.

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Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

First and foremost, I must apologize to Tucson knight Owls, for not mentioning them in last week's article for their participating in Venture-N's Hides of March a few weeks ago. They served up a very nice continental breakfast buffet on Saturday March 19th, and we thank them. This will probably not stop Doc from reading me my beads in his column this week, but I guess I deserve it. My apologies, Doc (now, get off my back).

The Bears had a fantastic time at the Renaissance Festival last Sunday. We met up with some of the Desert Bears from Phoenix and got front row sear for Smeed and Blog - the singing executioners. Woof!!

It was a family oriented show filled with death and torture ("I just want to be the anti-Barney," said Blog.). They sang such memorable songs as "Flailings. Nothing more than Flailings." (I think our Chair Bear may have adopted this as his personal theme song.) From the King in purple leotards, to the troll who whipped himself while apologizing for what he wrote about you on the wall of the "privies" (toilets), to the massive final day crowd, there was always someone to turn your head. I could go on longer, but space is limited, and I've got to tell you what's going on this April.

Thursday, April 7 - The Bears will hold their General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Venture-N's patio. Drop by and see the men you love to love, and stick around because at 9 pm, we're having our monthly Bear Bust serving 50 cent drafts

until about midnight. Join us. All are invited.

Saturday, April 9 - It's spring, and a young man's thoughts turn to...The Bear Hug! This one is being hosted by one of our favorite members, Ralph G. (not to be confused with our other Ralph G.). Call for location and details. The party starts at 8 pm. BYOB, and don't be late, or we'll start without you.

Saturday, April 16 - In a fit of shameless self-promotion, the Bears will be going on a city wide, Bar Crawl. We'll be announcing our schedule in all the local bars and in next week's Observer. Failing that, just look for one of our boys in a Bear costume at your favorite bar on the evening in question.

And there's more events to come this month including Restaurant Night, a Wine Tasting Trek, and the Bear Business Meeting. Watch this space for more details.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: If your plans for the next weeks merely consist of being a couch potato, allow us to recommend for you viewing pleasure "Murphy Brown" with Robert Pastorelli as Eldon the house painter and Ritch Brinkley as Carl the lusty cameraman, or either of the "Star Trek" shows, particularly the ones featuring Klingons (if there is actually a planet inhabited by such luscious creatures, I'm boarding the next rocket out of here.).

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

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

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

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Viewer Discretion Is Advised

Warning: The following opinion essay includes obscenities, sarcasm, and disrespect of sacred cows. Viewer discretion is advised.

Viewer advisories have become commonplace. In shows like *NYPD Blue*, they seem part of the opening credits, along with the names of the actors and director. In San Diego, the television version of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* was preceded by two warnings. The first, from the local PBS station, included "adult material" boilerplate; the second, attached to the show itself, read, "Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* takes place in San Francisco, 1976. It is a chronicle of a particular place and time. Some of the material contained in this program may not be suitable for all audiences. Viewer discretion is advised." Both cautions were repeated before each episode of *Tales of the City*, for a total of 12 admonitions.

Around warnings 5 and 6, my girlfriend/lover/life partner/significant other/longtime companion (choose one) was yelling at the TV set. But I defended the announcements, arguing that at least San Diego PBS was showing *Tales of the City*, and uncensored at that. This was not an event to be taken for granted.

I told my sweetie about having viewed *Two for the Road* on a local broadcast station. At the end of the movie, instead of the loving exchange of "bitch" and "bastard" that neatly sums up the bittersweet relationship between the main characters, Albert Finney's an Audrey Hepburn's lips had moved soundlessly, as the powers-that-be saved San Diego from the corrupting effects of the two "B" words. This would be comparable to cutting out "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn" from *Gone with the Wind*, except that *Two for the Road* is a better movie and deserves more respect.

So a warning seemed a small enough price to pay to see *Tales of the City* with its funky humor, realistic language, and matter of fact homosexuality. After all, I said to my non-legally-sanctioned spouse, there's nothing wrong with respecting other people's beliefs, and if a little warning will make folks feel safe, hey, what's the big deal?

As a matter of fact, why not use warnings more often? They would be warranted on murder mysteries ("the following series is simplistic, full of stereotypes, and solves its dilemmas dishonestly"), current affairs presentations ("the following broadcast presents middle of the road and right wing opinions as though they express the full continuum of political belief"), infotainment programs ("the following telecast presents sniggering innuendo and puerile trivia as though they have value"), and sitcoms ("the following half hour promulgates compulsive and unimaginative heterosexuality and mindless persiflage as the only acceptable forms of human interaction").

Gulf War coverage would have been much improved by "warning: the following report presents whitewashed government propaganda as objective reporting." And how about truth in advertising? "The following commercial displays men as asinine animals and women as mindless sex objects."

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The world would be much improved by warnings at fashion shows ("the following exhibition presents emaciated women as sexy"), restaurants ("the following hamburger is masquerading as food"), professional baseball and football games ("the following show may include toxic levels of testosterone"), and schools ("the following 12 years will include propaganda, moments of excruciating embarrass-

ment, and extended periods of total boredom").

As a matter of fact, I'm surprised our founding fathers didn't include an announcement in the Constitution, perhaps right before the Bill of Rights: "Warning: The following document credits human beings with the ability to survive disagreement, grow from access to unusual ideas, and think for themselves. Viewer discretion is advised."

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 EEE-OOO-AAA-AAA-WALA-WALA-BING-BANG." I hope everyone has a safe and happy week.

This weeks column is dedicated to the memory of a fellow columnist, and one of Tucson's finest, Bruce Fowler. He will be missed by all of us that had the pleasure and honor of knowing him.

Bears

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For more Bear event info, contact our Vice Chair Bear Wayne at 887-31515 before 9 pm.

For membership info, call 882-4149. (Special notice: To Ron S. who called last week, I only got half of your phone number. Please call back.)