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Court Throws Florida Hate Initiative Off Ballot

TALLAHASSEE, FL (AP) - The Florida Supreme Court threw an initiative on Gay rights off the November ballot.

The court voted 6-0 to throw out the proposed constitutional amendment on procedural grounds because it failed to meet two requirements to make the ballot. All initiatives must deal with only one subject, and the summary that appears on the ballot must clearly summarize the text of the amendment.

The proposed amendment would have prohibited state or local laws from protecting homosexuals against discrimination.

The head of the American Family Association of Florida, a conservative religious group that proposed the amendment, virtually ruled out redrafting the proposal for another try. Backers had argued that homosexual behavior does not deserve or require group protection under civil rights laws.

Opponents had asked the court to reject the measure on constitutional grounds, but the justices didn't go that far.

Attorneys who argue against the measure praised the ruling.

"It is the first time in the latest wave of anti-Gay and anti-democratic initiatives that a state court has struck a measure from the ballot," said Suzanne B. Goldberg, a New York attorney for the

Gay rights advocacy group Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund.

The measure was one of 11 pending or potential state ballot initiatives that Gay groups say would prohibit recognition of Gay civil rights or legislate discrimination against homosexuals.

David Caton, president of the American Family Association of Florida, condemned the opinion.

"This was a very politically oriented decision to prevent any kind of a vote by the people of Florida to stop special rights for homosexuals," he said.

The group had argued that discrimination was the sole subject of the measure. The Supreme Court disagreed.

"The subject of discrimination in the proposed amendment is an expansive generality that encompasses both civil rights and the power of all state and local governmental bodies," Justice Parker Lee McDonald wrote.

The proposed amendment would encroach on the home rule rights of cities and the rule making authority of both the executive and judicial branches of government, the opinion said.

The measure also fell short of a requirement that the ballot language be "clear and unambiguous," the opinion said.

Guiliani: 'Debate, But Don't Hate' Over Gay Games

NEW YORK, NY - Difference of opinion over such issues as sexuality and next June's Gay Games don't have to turn into hatred among New Yorkers, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

He said that people can have honest disagreements about the morality of Gay and Lesbian conduct.

"Sometimes, when we get into those things, New York is beginning to feel like the Inquisition during the Middle Ages," he said at a City Hall press conference.

The mayor's comments came after three City Council members requested he "immediately and fully condemn" statements by the Rev. Ruben Diaz, one of his supporters, who has spoken out against the Gay Games sporting event to be held in the city.

Giuliani said that people could say, "let's condemn this person. Let's condemn that person. (Or) the mayor should issue a condemnation."

Instead, he said, "people can disagree with each other. It's okay. We'll all get along...Just because you're on the other side of that, don't turn that into hatred."

A letter to the mayor on the subject was signed by City Council members Thomas Duane, C. Virginia Fields, and Guillermo Linares, all of Manhattan.

"We unequivocally believe that Rev. Diaz's statements reflect a hatred for and ignorance of the Lesbian and Gay community and people with AIDS," they wrote.

Duane, who is openly homosexual, has also called for Diaz to resign as a member of the Civilian Review Board, which hears complaints against police.

Diaz had written an article in *Impacto*, a Hispanic weekly newspaper, complaining that the games would attract Gay and Lesbian athletes who "are likely to be already infected with AIDS or who can return home with the virus."

Anti-Gay Violence Down In Six Major Cities

WASHINGTON (AP) - Incidents of anti-homosexual violence in six major cities declined last year, a Gay group said. But the report's writer said such violence "remains an epidemic that is out of control."

"Because of under reporting by victims, we estimate that these figures constitute only a fraction - the tip of the iceberg, if you will - of the actual number of last year's incidents," said Martin Hiraga of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the report's author.

The number of anti-Gay incidents reported to Gay and Lesbian service agencies in six major cities declined 14 percent, from 2,103 in 1992 to 1,813 last year, the report found.

Meanwhile, the number of anti-Gay offenses, such as harassment and vandalism, rose 5 percent, from 3,316 to 3,484, in the cities of Boston, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York City and San Francisco, the report said.

While the decline in incidents coupled with the increase in offenses might seem to indicate each incident involved many more criminal or victimizing acts, the figures include 300 apparently orchestrated harassing phone calls over one weekend to a group in Minneapolis-St. Paul. That harassment campaign was counted as 300 offenses, but just one incident.

Excluding that situation, the number of offenses per incident still rose 11 percent, from 1.6 to 1.8.

"Whether reports of anti-Gay incidents are up or down, anti-Gay violence remains an epidemic that is out of control," Hiraga said. He stressed that while the report focused on six cities, the task force received reports about anti-Gay hate murders elsewhere.

They include an African-American Gay man shot in the head in Kansas City, Mo., on June 27, the day of a Lesbian and Gay Pride Picnic; a 25 year old Lesbian shot in the back at a Gay bar in Macon, Ga.; a young Gay man beaten and stabbed to death by three young men in a park frequented by homosexuals in Little Rock, Ark.; and a Gay man shot 15 times by three men in Tyler, Texas.

Brenda and Wanda Henson, "life partners" of Overt, Miss., whose Camp Sister Spirit has been harassed for months, brought their tale of threats and attacks to the news conference.

"We should have the right to live in peace on our property, in our community, without intimidation or harassment," an emotional Wanda Henson said as she put her arm around Brenda Henson.

The offenses that increased in the six cities last year were: Arson, up from two to six. Vandalism, up 10 percent, from 141 to 155. Harassment, up 35 percent, from 1,230 to 1,665.

The Offenses that declined were: Threats and menacing, down 9 percent, from 667 to 605. Physical assaults, down 16 percent, from 848 to 710. Robberies, down 28 percent, from 85 to 61. Police abuse, down 35 percent, from 248 to 161. Murders, down from 14 to 7, and murders in which the victim's sexual orientation was one of several factors, down from 24 to 18.

Hiraga said he welcomed any decline in reports of anti-Gay violence, but it was "too early and not possible to determine a general trend from these figures."

In five cities that have been documenting anti-Gay violence since 1988, the cities in the report except for Denver, the number of incidents increased 127 percent over the six year period, from 697 in 1988 to 1,584 last year, the report said.

Meanwhile, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program found there were 7,442 hate crime incidents reported to 6,180 law enforcement agencies in 1992, and there were 8,075 motivations for those incidents.

A single incident could have more than one motivation if, for example, the victim were a black, Gay male, and the perpetrator attacked him because he hated blacks and Gays.

Anti-homosexual biases accounted for 11.5 percent of the motivations.

Anti-black motivations topped the list at 35.7 percent; followed by anti-white, 20.6 percent; anti-Jewish, 13.4 percent; anti-Gay male, 8.3 percent; and anti-Hispanic, 6.2 percent, this month's FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin said.

The crime program started collecting hate crime information in 1991. Most UCR statistics are based on data from more than 16,000 agencies nationwide.

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UPDATE

Share Bears Feb. Income \$602.13

TUCSON: The Share Bears are those volunteers who stand outside of bars every first Saturday of the month and collect a dollar from patrons entering the establishment. They will be giving a monthly report of their income and expenses each month. For the month of February, the group collected \$602.13.

Here is how the money was spent:

Sneakers and socks.....\$ 19.24
Storage Unit Rental..... 46.40
Laundry Money..... 10.00
U-Haul Truck Rental.... 300.00
Household Supplies..... 8.47
Medical Supplies..... 32.95
TOTAL SPENT \$ 417.06

Number of people served: 6
Truck rental was for a client who had to move to Tucson from another part of the state for medical care.

Balance carried Forward: \$185.07

MPS 'Roast' Reserved Tickets Deadline Sunday, March 13

TUCSON - Due to an overwhelming demand for tickets, reserved tickets for the Nancy Norman Roast for the MPS Society on Saturday, March 26 at Club 2520, must be paid for by this coming Sunday, March 13. If tickets are not paid for by that deadline, they will be canceled and then sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Please contact Natalie or Beth at 747-7426 to pick up your reserved tickets.

Pride 1994 Logo Contest Deadline Nears

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) is not accepting logo submissions for the 1994 Pride Week. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 3.

The theme for this year is "Stone-wall 25: A Global Celebration Of Pride". That theme slogan as well as the wording "Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994" must appear on the logo.

TLGA is offering a prize of \$100 to the winning entrant. The logo appears on all T-Shirts and other souvenir products which will be on sale during and after Pride Week 1994 and up to the Pride Picnic which will be held on October 17 at Reid Park this year.

Submissions may be mailed to TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717 or may be brought to any TLGA meeting. Notices of their meetings may be found in the Observer Non-Bar calendar. For more information call 321-0985

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Fiesta de Mayo Contestants Sought

TUCSON - Fiesta de Mayo, the big fund-raising event for Pride Week and the Picnic will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7-8. Candidates who are interested in running for King and Queen of Pride Week are being sought by TLGA.

These candidates collect money from various fund-raising events and the money is counted as 'votes' and the contestant with the most 'votes' wins the title and will reign over the Pride Week activities, the Pride Picnic and other functions throughout the year.

Candidates may run in a variety of ways: as couples i.e. King & King; Queen & Queen; King & Queen; or individually as King or Queen.

Candidates are assigned a color which they represent. There already are candidates for the red team and the white team. Other candidates are needed. TLGA's budget for this year's Pride events is in excess of \$6,000 so more candidates are needed to raise that amount.

The 'votes' are counted at the final show on Sunday night, May 8 at the Fiesta de Mayo extravaganza to be held this year at IBT's.

Clubs, business and organizations are also sought for booths at the Fiesta. There will be a limit of 20 booths so early reservations are urged. There is no charge for the booths which can be used as a fund raiser for the club or organization. Game booths are encouraged.

TLGA is also seeking crownholders past and present to participate in the annual pre-Fiesta Crownholders show to be held at the Graduate on April 30. All crownholders are asked to check in by the deadline of Sunday, April 23 to be assured of performing. The same deadline applies to booth reservations. Call 321-0985 or come by a TLGA meeting for more information. TLGA's next meeting will be held Sunday, March 27.

Get the spirit and make 1994 the biggest of all Pride Weeks.

Desert Voices To Perform During Rodeo

TUCSON - AGRA-Tucson proudly announces that Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual chorus will give a mini concert as a part of the rodeo weekend's festivities. This performance is brought to the rodeo through the sponsorship of Compass Travel. The full chorus, 75 voices strong, will perform at the Ramada Inn Downtown on Sunday, March 20. Desert Voices is the closing act for the cocktail show beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday night's festivities will be the closing of the rodeo and the grand finale of the weekend full of nonstop rodeo action, dancing, and entertainment. AGRA is honored to have Tucson's own Desert Voices to put the finishing touch on the biggest and best weekend of the year. The mini-concert and all the activities on Sunday night at the Ramada Inn are free so everyone is welcome.

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Lesbian Mother In Virginia Appeals To Regain Custody of 2 Year Old Son



The Associated Press

Sharon Bottoms (l), and her partner, April Wade, field questions after the hearing

RICHMOND, VA., (AP) - A lawyer for a Lesbian who lost custody of her 2 year old son pleaded with the Virginia Court of Appeals to scrap what he contended was an outdated state Supreme Court precedent.

"To take a category of people and say they don't get to keep their own children, that's not what the law of this state is about," said Donald K. Butler, attorney for Sharon Bottoms.

But a lawyer for Bottoms' mother Kay, who was awarded custody of the boy, said the 1985 state Supreme Court ruling made it clear that children should not be raised by a homosexual parent.

The ruling held that a Lesbian "is an unfit parent if she exhibits hugging, kissing, pats on the bottom and sleeping in the same bed" with her partner, said Richard Ryder.

Sharon Bottoms, said after the hearing that her son has never seen her have any sexual contact with her live in partner, April Wade. She said in September that she and Wade had hugged and kissed in front of the boy.

The appeals court did not immediately rule in the custody case, which has drawn national attention, especially from groups for and against Gay rights.

A ruling is expected within six months, but "no matter how it comes out, this is going to the Virginia Supreme Court," Ryder predicted before the hearing.

Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford M. Parsons Jr. relied heavily on the state Supreme Court ruling when he awarded custody of Tyler Doustou to Kay Bottoms. The judge gave Sharon Bottoms visitation rights but not in her home and not in Wade's presence.

Missouri is the only other state whose courts have taken the position that homosexuality is reason enough to rule a parent unfit, Butler said.



AIDS Activist Bruce Voeller Dies

LOS ANGELES, CA - Bruce Voeller, a scientist and Gay rights activist who campaigned widely for condom use to prevent AIDS, dies of complications from the disease. He was 59.

tested 31 brands of condoms and ranked them for reliability.

Voeller is survived by three children and two sisters.

Voeller died of an AIDS related condition at his home in the Topanga Canyon area, Richard Lucik, his companion of 15 years, said.

The activist frequently testified before Congress on AIDS related issues and served on many federal, state and local councils, commissions, and advisory bodies on AIDS.

"He was a humanitarian," Lucik said. "His life was about doing what was right."

Voeller, who held a doctorate in developmental biology, biochemistry, and developmental genetics at New York's Rockefeller University, was considered an authority on human sexuality and the Gay movement.

Voeller was married with three children when, at 29, he proclaimed his homosexuality, leading to a divorce and child visitation battle that resulted in his winning visitation rights, Lucik said.

In 1980 he founded the Mariposa Education & Research Foundation to conduct research in human sexuality and find ways to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, said Lucik, the group's secretary-treasurer.

"The foundation was based on the principle that a lot of the damage we do to each other and ourselves is due to our misunderstanding of our sexuality," Lucik said.

Voeller was diagnosed with the AIDS virus before researchers learned that it could be spread through sexual contact. Once that discovery was made, Voeller became an activist for the use of condoms, Lucik said.

He published several papers on condom and spermicide use in the late 1980s. In a 1989 study, he and others

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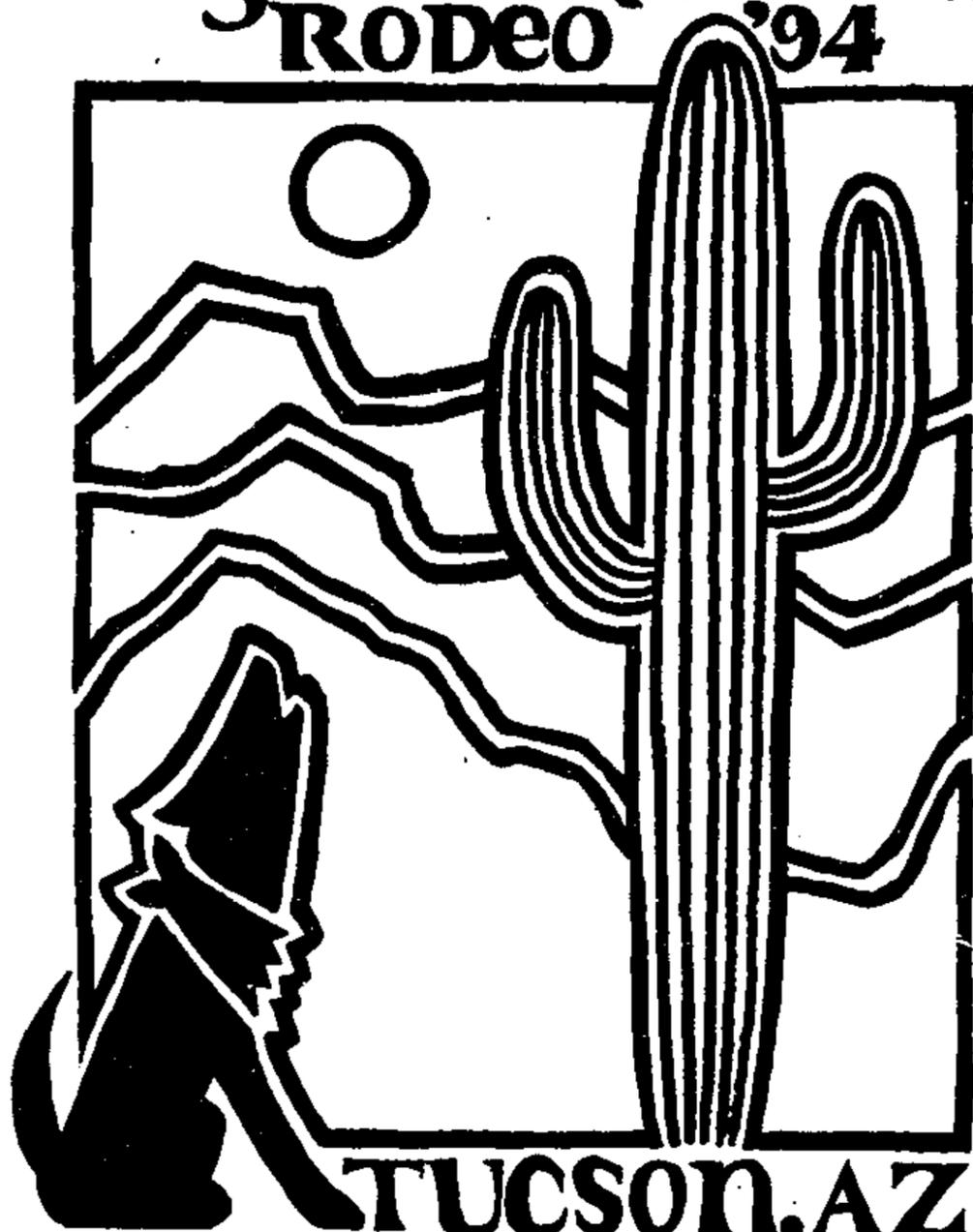
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We want to take this opportunity to say that over the past two years that we have been involved in fund raising for Shanti, we have developed a great respect for Ann Maley as it's Director. Ann has maintained the high professional and ethical standards that she inherited from Natalie. More importantly Ann has shown a sincere compassion and caring for her clients and people living with HIV.

For the betterment of our community we think that differences of opinion should be aired one to one with the person with whom you disagree before taking it to a public forum.

We look forward to the day when we conquer HIV as well as the disease of homophobia.

Sincerely, Dave and Frank

DEAR CLARK:

I was disappointed to learn that your cartoons will no longer be a regular feature in the *Observer*. Your unsparing eye has given us many incisive and wry commentaries on ourselves and our city.

I hope that we may look forward to more of your stuff in print as the absurdities strike you.

Yours, Frank Hartigan

ED NOTE: Our loveable Mr. Clark is taking a short sabbatical. He has indicated that he wants to re-construct his weekly cartoon and that he will return refreshed and once again take deadly aim at whatever and whomever his 'unsparing' eye sees as contributing to our community's unending absurdities.

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by Ace London

Kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! You're being blackmailed. And we all know why. Oh, you said it could never happen to you; I used to say that too. Now we all know that a person cannot be blackmailed unless he or she has something to hide. We all also know there isn't a thing, anyone can do to us IF all our closet doors are open - - except probably string us up because the truth hurts them that much.

For instance, there's a well-heeled businessman in my home town who thinks he is an out-of-the-closet Gay. Folks who view him on the Gay-bar social level in various stages of inebriation also think he's out-of-the-closet. After all, he's there with his "friend". Yet, when he attends social business meetings, does he take his "friend" with? Nope. He secures a "date" with a female friend. And if questioned as to who that man is who lives at his beautiful home? Well, you guessed it. His gardener, who else! A good friend to take good care of the estate. This is out-of-the-closet!?!? Could this Gay man be blackmailed? You bet he could. He's scared poopless the community-at-large will find out he's a homo. He's scared he'd be ruined financially and he's lived his life to make that money. Yeah, he's an easy target. BUT, I do know what he's going through because I've been there. - By choice I was there: just like he is; I wonder if this is why they used to call us "pansies"? No guts! Granted: no one ever said it would be easy, did they? The Times don't change in our favor if WE don't choose to change them, do they now?

Channel change: Are you a surviving mate in a relationship where your love died from AIDS complications? I am. It's been four years now and five Christmas's since he passed away December 10, 1989. Ever since that day, every Holiday Season, usually around December 7th, it starts for me. PARANOIA!! I guess it started when Doc said the words "Patrick has AIDS. He wants me to test you immediately." That was December 1988.

I was negative. After Patrick passed away December 1989, I was tested again. Still negative. When December 1990 rolled around I had developed a dry-skin problem; dandruff for days! I was having horrible nightmares. I requested, rather demanded, a test again. Still negative. December 1991 arrived rapidly and I was absolutely exhausted and couldn't seem to get enough sleep. Work has never made me this tired before, I told myself. So, once again: "Hello, Doc?" Still negative.

Doc was waiting for me though when December 1992 rolled around. Question number one: I suppose you will want another HIV test now that you've become a sexually active member of Society this past year, yes? he somewhat snidely suavely suggested. How rude! But he continued: You certainly haven't become a drug addict, have you? Are you having dry-skin problems again? Oh, I'll bet I know. You've been going through Nightmare Alley, haven't you?

So, I held my tongue and thought about it. I chose to allow myself to be intimidated and decided maybe I really didn't need a test because I really hadn't had any sexual encounter, I wasn't drugging, no new dry-skin problem. I was having horrible nightmares though.... but nightmares don't give me AIDS. I really hate to learn life's lessons the hard way, don't you?

Although I had grown over the year; I learned when December 1993 arrived that I still must have more to learn. All the same crazy thoughts of the past four Christmas's flooding my daily thoughts over and over again. This time however I began to search for WHY I attract this paranoia. Am I that frightened of the HIV Virus? I had to admit that yes, damn it, I am very frightened by that damned virus who had the ability to show me it could take my life-mate from me. It left me helpless to do anything but hold him in my arms when he passed over. Sure, I was frightened even though I'd never really thought much about it before.

Of course Madame Fear can alone trigger paranoia, but, what if Mr. Guilt had also allowed me to place some sentence upon myself? Guilt also is a trigger of paranoia. I couldn't think of any sins I might be guilty of.... well anyway. I'm getting another HIV test. Hey! Don't knock me! I'm stronger than I thought I was; found that out. I'm coping in my own way. I'm productive and I've chosen to make my time count for the sake of my man who died in my arms - and for the sake of those who have gone on ahead; whom we miss so much it sometimes drives us cross-eyed. So' I'd rather be safe than sorry.

That's it from the Poop Sheet.

Mr. London is the former Managing Editor of ZIPPER Magazine and THE COAST TO COAST TIMES. His autobiographical legacy: THE CLOSETS ARE EMPTY... THE DINING ROOM'S FULL is in hard cover by Ponderosa Publishing House.

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AGRA CALENDAR

Sunday, March 13, Club 2520: State AGRA Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m., General Membership Meeting at 5:00 p.m. AGRA buffet open to the public after the meetings. AGRA Rodeo kick off party at 10:00 p.m.

March 18, 19 & 20, Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson Rodeo Grounds and Ramada Inn Downtown.

In April, AGRA Trail Ride, details and date TBA.

A belated thanks to Lee and the staff of Hours for the hoedown. It was a great success! Thanks to the many people who donated auction items and special thanks to all of you who attended and gave such great support to AGRA.

So much is happening it'll make your head spin so let's jump right into the whirl of social events:

Sunday, March 13 is the big kick off party for the rodeo at Club 2520. The steak fry is canceled this week so that Peter can put on a great buffet for the public instead. The proceeds from the buffet are being donated to AGRA. Also, a beer bust to benefit AGRA goes throughout the evening. Thanks Peter!

At 10:00 p.m., begins all the evenings festivities. Rumors are that stars will be in town! L.J. (Charlie's, Phoenix) will be guest bartender, in his underwear yet! There'll be special entertainment, raffles, auction, etc. and some hot surprises. David Silver, one of the hottest strips in the west, will be making all of you sweat with the highlight of the evening, "Get into bed with AGRA". Rumors are there'll be close encounters between the sheets. You'll just have to show up to see exactly what'll happen! Don't miss it!

In addition to all the fun, AGRA will have a rodeo volunteer sign-up table for all of you in the community who want to help out at the rodeo in one of the many slots available. Please, we need you! Share a few hours of time and you'll enjoy the rodeo even more as an "insider"!

If production time permits, this will also be the kickoff and pre-sale of the 1994 Rodeo T-shirts. Bring some extra cash so you can get yours early and show your support for the rodeo, the biggest and best weekend of the year.

Well, it's not far away, next week is the rodeo! Hey, Tucson, getting a little bored with doing the same old things weekend after weekend? A little tired of seeing the same old faces all the time. Well, here's your chance for some variety of infinite quantity! Gay men and women are coming to Tucson from all over the country and they're going to be looking to meet the locals and party with you, Tuc-

son style! Plan on spending the entire weekend breaking the monotony! Be at the rodeo grounds no later than noon on Saturday and Sunday so you don't miss the Grand Entry festivities before the rodeo events begin. Stay for the afternoon and enjoy all there is to do, non-stop rodeo action, shopping, great food at moderate prices, and non-stop dancing and entertainment under the big top in the festival area.

And when the sun goes down the hottest parties of the entire year will kick in at the Ramada Inn Downtown. This will be the place to be! Crowds could easily pass the 3,000 mark for one hell of a party scene! There'll be live entertainment at the cocktails shows with dancing and entertainment continuing non-stop through the evening. This will top every party ever held in Tucson! Don't hear about it later and wish you'd made it! Come early, stay late!

Sunday nights Ramada events feature Desert Voices, Tucson's, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Chorus as the closing act to the 6:30 p.m. cocktail show. Plan on rushing on over to the Ramada Inn just as soon as the rodeo events are finished so you don't miss this! If you've never heard Desert Voices you're going to be in for a heck of a surprise, they'll have you standing and clapping after every number.

So, Tucson, the biggest and best weekend of the year is waiting for you, don't miss the chance to do something really different for a change. AGRA promises you'd be thrilled with all that's been done to make this the event of the year.

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MY TURN!

500th

Yes, this is my 500th column, and I continue on, weekly looking for different items of interest, club wise, bar wise, or just general BS you the readers may or may not enjoy reading.

Tucson, Arizona - funnel clouds? As I sit putting these notes on my disk for Job, the local weather is announcing the sighting of two different funnel clouds around Tucson. Funny, a couple visiting from Wisc., snow birds I guess, caught one of them on the cam-corder. I want last weeks weather back and real soon.

This coming weekend is time again for the annual 4th Ave. Street Fair. As a little suggestion, why not park your car or truck over at the Graduate. Then, hike over to the festivities on 4th Ave., check out the scenery, then head back to the Graduate and take part in TKO's beer bust.

With St. Patrick's day just around the corner, TKO will be serving Cornbeef and Cabbage for your delight. But, I guarantee you, their will not be any GREEN beer served by the Club. If you want GREEN beer, bring your own food coloring and do yourself, or beer.

As guest bartenders for this beer bust, TKO will be welcoming members of

the Arizona Rangers MSC out of Phoenix. Advance warning has some of them arriving Friday evening, with the remaining on Saturday. Stop by and lets give our Northern neighbors a friendly and warm Tucson welcome, and work their buns off behind the bar.

I gave the opportunity for Other TBBS's and of course, you might know, guess who happened to be the first to place a few in the envelop over at the Graduate - known other than that jokester himself - the big "Z". Check them out below, after reading my remaining column.

Well, the Hides (spelled correctly this time) of March is just around the corner and plans have all be laid out for everyone's enjoyment and entertainment. I'm not sure just when or if a list of activities will be published, but you can always stop by the Venture-N and get answers to any and all questions you may have, on this always fun filled three days.

Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, Happy Days, and many more Happies goes out from me to Club 2520. I loved your add in last weeks paper, now I can't wait to see what this weeks will be.

You, some of you that is, are safe this week - no TBBS's from me, for a change.

Other TBBS's: RE: That "Kissing Thing", it appears the real reason for the 86 was parking in front of a handicapped urinal without the proper permit. The Philly



Phab! A.K.A. Twitchy Twat blew whose nose last Saturday? (I like this one) At the rest home for retired bar tenders, you get faster service than someday's at the Graduate.

See you this weekend at the beer bust. Save some money from the Street Fair so you can sip a few suds, eat some Corney Beecef, and I'm sure some deesert.

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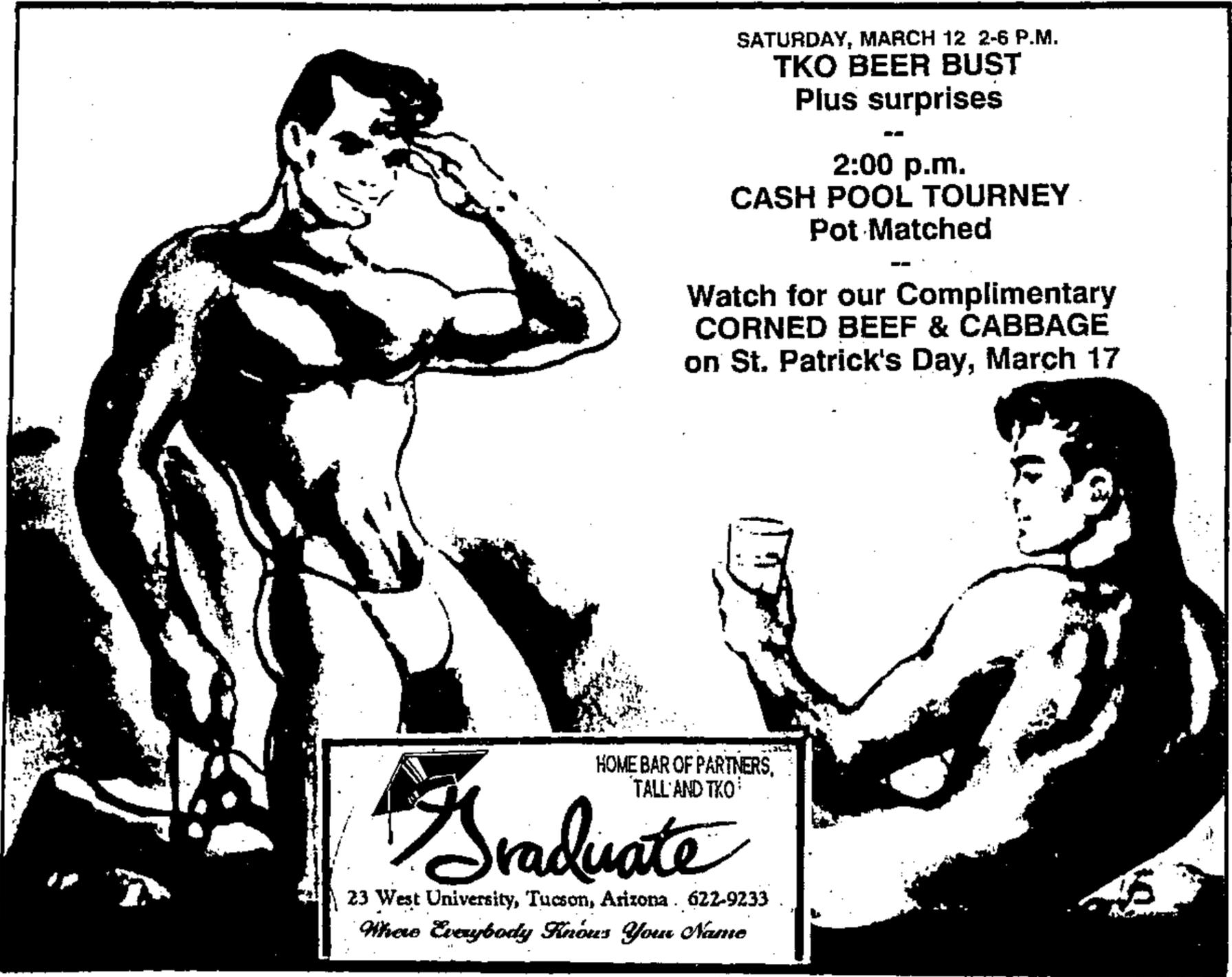
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POLITICS '94

by Mark Kerr

SB 1314 PASSED SENATE!

S.B. 1314, which changes how HIV testing will be done in the state, passed by a narrow margin, 16-14, on its third reading in the State Senate. The bill now goes to the House Health Committee for hearings.

Here is how the southern Arizona Senators voted on the bill: YEA - Day and Bee. NAY - Soltero, Goudinoff, Noland and Resnick.

The focus is now on the House Health Committee and we must act to stop this bad piece of legislation. We must call the members of the Health Committee, toll free, at 1-800-352-8404 and urge them to vote down this bill.

Here is the list of Representatives on the committee to call: Rep. Susan Gerard, Chair, Rep. Lou Ann Preble, Vice-Chair, Rep. Linda Beezley, Rep. Don Aldridge, Rep. Bob Edens, Rep. Sue Grace, Rep. Herschella Horton, Rep. Jack Jackson, Rep. John Kaites, Rep. Richard Kyle and Rep. Andy Nichols.

LATEST GUBERNATORIAL POLL

KAET-TV, the Phoenix Public Television Station released their recent poll on the gubernatorial race.

On the Democratic side, former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard leads with 50% of registered Democratic voters surveyed. Eddie Basha is second with 14% and the current Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson is third with 12% and 24% of those surveyed are undecided. The results were based on a sample of 212 Democrats and has a margin of error of 6.7%

On the Republican side, Fife Symington leads with 44% of those surveyed. The current Attorney General, Grant Woods, was second with 24% and Barbara Barrett was third with 8% and 24% undecided. A total of 231 registered Republicans were surveyed and has a margin of error of 6.7%.

MARCUS WILL DECIDE ON "IDES OF MARCH"

Recently, another publication had reported that Tucson Ward 2 Council Member Janet Marcus was not going to run for re-election.

"That's not true," Marcus said in a phone interview. Marcus also stated that the story was "erroneous" and "wonders who made it up." She also added that she had wrote a letter to the editor responding to the story and that in the letter she was going to make her decision on March 15, 1995, "The Ides of March." She also said in the letter that she just may run for the Pima County Board of Supervisors, stating that an "intelligent woman is needed on the Board."

ARE THEY OR AREN'T THEY?

Two State Senators, Cindy Resnick (D-Tucson) and Chuck Blanchard (D-Phoenix) are the subject of the latest rumors about their candidacies.

Resnick, who has been mentioned as a candidate for U.S. Senate has put off her decision until May 1. Rumors abound that she has received word that she won't be receiving monies from EMILY, the PAC that helps to elect women candidates.

The second rumor about Resnick is that she is also considering not running for reelection to the State Senate as well. More on this later.

Chuck Blanchard, mentioned for everything from Mayor of Phoenix to Congress has filed his organizational papers for a run for Congress in CD-1. But, allegedly Blanchard is having second thoughts about the AG's race. Rumors abound that the current A.G., Republican Grant Woods, is contemplating a run against Gov. Symington in the GOP Primary.

MODERATE GOP WINS BATTLE

This past Saturday, the Pima County Republican Party met at the Sabbar Shrine Temple in Tucson to elect a new Chair to succeed Kate Lynch, who had resigned.

There were two candidates nominated for the post. The moderate faction of the GOP nominated former Pima County Assessor Rex Waite. The conservatives nominated former County GOP Vice-Chair and paint store owner, Chuck Josephson. Waite defeated Josephson by a vote to 376-130.

END NOTES

If you are wondering if Congressman Ed Pastor is going to run. The answer is yes, he plans to and will announce his bid in a few weeks.

Former State Senator, David Bartlett has made the second cut for the Tucson City Attorney's position, to succeed Fred Dean who had resigned. Bartlett currently heads the Civil Rights Division for the Arizona A.G.'s office.

Talk about a recall campaign, the Town of Oro Valley held an election this past week. On the ballot were several bond proposals, propositions and a recall of Vice Mayor Cheryl Skalsky.

Small problem with the recall? The people who want to recall the Vice Mayor could not find anyone to run against the Vice-Mayor. Talk about a waste of money!

And so it goes.



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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Flaunting It

Keeping secrets is hard. When you have a secret to keep, you must be constantly vigilant: one word can ruin everything. Secrets demand strict internal monitoring of everything you say.

If you tell a lie in order to preserve your secret, the difficulty of keeping it increases by an order of magnitude. The worst thing about telling a lie is that sooner or later it necessitates another lie. After a while, keeping track of the lies within lies is just too hard. Eventually someone is looking you in the face and saying, "But I thought you said..." and you're standing there saying, "Uh," and desperately trying to come up with just one more lie.

If you are queer and in the closet, you have an explosive secret. In order to pass for straight, you have to lie about your life: who you are, what you want, who and how you love. If you're not out to anybody, you have to live the lie all day, every day. You must build an elaborate facade to hide your truth from the family, the boss, the teachers, and the world.

One day, the pressure is too much. Either your web of lies collapses or you finagle a way to tell the truth to somebody. If you're lucky, the person you tell is understanding — maybe even sympathetic. Perhaps, just perhaps, she or he is even "that way" as well.

If you're unlucky, you get thrown out of your house, your church, your school, or your job. Maybe you get disowned or beaten up. Maybe you get taken advantage of or blackmailed or seduced or raped. Maybe you get killed.

More likely than those horrible outcomes, you end up with one person who knows your secret. You've relieved some of the stress of guarding yourself against the whole world, but you still have a secret.

Then perhaps you start going out to the bars and other private places where queers can meet and socialize. You start to meet other Lesbian and Gay people and to realize just how diverse we really are. You probably see at least one person you know — and s/he grins as you wish you were halfway around the world and in disguise.

AGRA/Tucson Needs

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; bailing 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.



As you become accustomed to being visibly queer, the secret becomes less and less important. Maybe you don't want your parents to know; maybe you still want to appear straight at work or at school. But overall, you begin to realize that you are one of a huge group of normal, everyday people who happen to be queer.

Then one day, it happens. It's Monday morning in study hall or around the office coffeepot. Everyone is sharing stories of what they did over the weekend: movies, dinners, trips, dates. Without thinking about it, you chime in about the dinner and movie you shared with your girlfriend or the party you went to with your boyfriend. It gets quiet for a moment, then the chatter resumes more loudly.

As you walk back to your desk or on to your next class, you hear someone say, "Can you believe how that queer was flaunting it?"

If you've been lucky enough to be around a large Gay and Lesbian community, you will know that casually mentioning a same-sex date is by no means flaunting it.

Dykes on Bikes riding bare-breasted up Market Street, drag queens in Las Vegas-style feathered, sequined headdresses, groups of leather-clad men having sex in alleys or parking lots — that's flaunting it.

If most of straight society saw even a tiny bit of the more radical or defiant parts of our family, they'd faint dead away. Why do you think those TV preachers and fundamentalist Christian fundraisers always show footage of the Gay Freedom Day parades? To scare the sheep into paying them to keep the world safe from the raving queers.

Being honest about your life is not the same as flaunting your sexuality in the faces of straight America. Once you are able to see your life as the equal of any other, it becomes natural to talk openly of your lovers or friends who are queer. What seems extraordinary at first to your classmates or co-workers becomes routine, everyday chat about your life.

Before long, you have forgotten how to monitor your conversation in order to filter out your former secret. At the same time, the people around you have become accustomed to hearing your lovers' and friends' names and the simple details of your queer existence. You may still raise eyebrows in the grocery checkout line, but you won't care any more.

After you have accepted your life and become comfortable with being honest about it, then it's time to flaunt it. Showing our more outrageous sides to straight people is good for them. It shows them our creativity, our sensuality, our defiance, our pride, and our determination to live our lives as we wish. Besides, it makes our everyday lives look as tame and ordinary as they really are.

If you're still guarding that awful secret, get rid of it. Tell someone. Tell everyone. Flaunt it. Come out, you'll be a better, happier, and more whole person for it. Come out!



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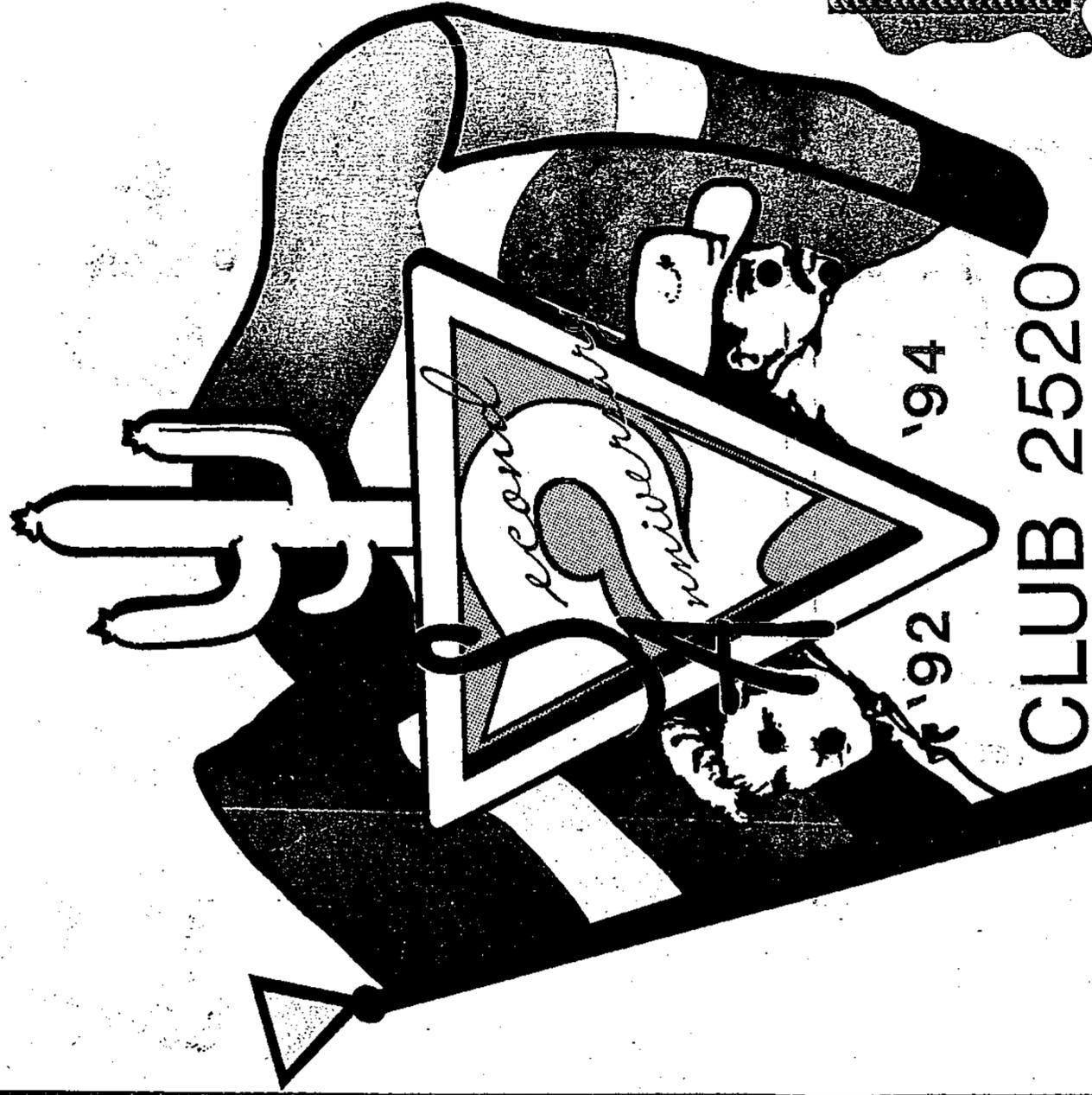
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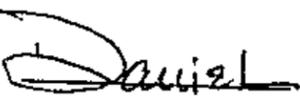
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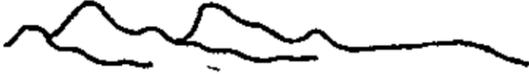
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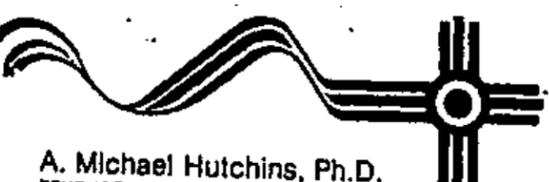
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The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

Greetings from the Gutter! It seems as though the Winter doldrums are over: the warm, sunny days have started, the pollen season has begun with a vengeance, AGRA-Tucson's Spring Rodeo is just around the corner, and the Spring tournament season has begun.

Both of Tucson's Gay/Lesbian bowling leagues are heading toward the home stretch, with about 5 weeks to go for the Desert Coyotes (Wednesday) and 10 for the Lambda Lizards (Friday). (By the way, both leagues have openings for fill-in bowlers due to team members moving away, etc. Would you like to make a short-term commitment?)

Speaking of leagues, the teams

Shanti Receives \$10,000 Transportation Grant

TUCSON - Shanti recently received a \$10,000 grant from National Community AIDS Partnership/Tucson Community Foundation to develop a 24 hour transportation program for people with HIV/AIDS.

Transportation is a major barrier for many people living with AIDS. Too often clients miss doctor appointments, support groups and can't get out to buy food or pick up prescriptions.

Shanti has designed a very simple transportation program using a taxi cab company for the majority of the rides. We have a few volunteers who can provide transportation for people needing help with their shopping or other essential errands. In addition, wheelchair service and monthly bus passes are available.

The program is for people with HIV/AIDS who have no other transportation options. To access the service Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. call Shanti 622-7107, PACT 770-1710 or TAP 322-6226. After 5 p.m. and on weekends, call Shanti and follow the directions on the voice mail system for urgent delivery and someone will call you back and make arrangements for a cab ride. Remember to leave your name and a telephone number where you can be reached.



currently in first place are Triple T on Wednesday and 6 Balls, 2 Splits on Friday. Congratulations to both teams, but remember, it ain't over 'til it's over.... better watch your backs!

Tucson sent 17 bowlers and some very generous and willing "helpers" to Phoenix last month to participate in the 11th annual Phoenix Regional Invitational Tournament. Although none of our local bowlers placed in the actual events, we captured a little money in side-pots and ladder brackets.

In addition, we staged a very successful fundraiser, the now infamous Balloon Stampede. Thanks to Geoffery, Jackie, Robin, Chris, Danny, Max, Randy P., Cookie, Randy B., Mike M., Jimmie, Chuck, Dennis, R.T., Tommy Windsor (from Tampa), Mike Tallent (now from SF), and our friends Mark G. and Rick P. from Phoenix for helping make this such a success.

And of course, a special thanks to P.R.I.T. and Paul Burnett for inviting us to raise money to offset the costs of putting on our own tournament this coming Fall.

Coming events: Sun., Mar. 13th: Las Vegas Airline Ticket giveaway at IBT's (8pm).

Sun., Mar. 20th: St. Patrick's Day No-Tap FUN Tournament (PIIX)

Mar. 25-27th: TREAT-Three Rivers Eastern Area Tourn. (PGH, PA)

Apr. 22-24th: California Spring Classic Tourn. (Anaheim, CA)

May 25-29th: I.G.B.O. XIV - Oklahoma City, and...

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Women's N.C.A.A. National Softball Championship; All taking place in Oklahoma City over Memorial Day weekend.

Finally, on behalf of the Tucson Desert Coyotes, the Tucson Lambda Lizards, the Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson, and I.G.B.O. Mid-Year '94, good luck to our friends at A.G.R.A. - Tucson: here's wishing you a safe and successful Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Let's Rodeo, Tucson!

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

CLUB 2520 - More 2nd anniversary celebrating here with Kevin Andrews and his First Class Male Revue performing in the disco. A first rate male strip show that is currently traveling from coast to coast showing off their wares. Don't miss this group.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

RUMORZ - Crash is bringing Karaoke back here again beginning at 9 p.m. It's proving to be a real popular event here. Come on by and try your singing talent out.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust and Dinner will go on from 2 until 6 p.m. along with the regular Saturday Pool Tournament. Good food, good drinks and great friends.

FRI.-SAT.-SUN., MARCH 11-12-13

IBT'S - It's Spring 4th Avenue Street Fair time and the weather is going to be beautiful so this promises to be the biggest and best yet. Thousands of folks all cruising up and down 4th Avenue right outside the bar. Inside there will be a showtime extravaganza starring those Amazing Glamazons who will be performing on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday with shows at 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Don't you miss it. The back gate will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

CLUB 2520 - An AGRA Kick-Off Party takes place here all day and evening. There will be a state-wide meetings held here with both AGRA Board members and the general membership. There will be plenty of other "stuff" going on too. "Get In Bed With AGRA" is only one of the tempting ideas being offered! No Steak Fry this Sunday but AGRA will be serving up some of their great western-style food that's bound to please your taste buds. In the evening, that HOTHOTHOT Dave Silver will be taking it off for you on the disco side and Dolly & Reba will be performing with Candy Plastique on the C/W side. Your C/W DJs will be Rob and Daniel. There'll be lots of other activities too and all monies will go to defray costs of putting on the Saguaro Regional Rodeo coming up next weekend March 18-19-20.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

It's St. Patrick's Day and there will be lots of parties, wearin' of the green and corned beef and cabbage. Watch next week's calendar for a full menu.

MARCH 18-19-20

VENTURE-N - It's "Hides of March" time here. Check it out. More details and times later.

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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.

Non-Bar

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

The Newman Center on the UofA campus is sponsoring an open forum on "The Reality and Struggles of Catholic homosexuals in the Church" in conjunction with P-FLAG-Tucson chapter. The event is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Newman Student Center. Call 327-6662 or 575-8660 for more information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

A benefit concert for the Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) will be hosted by nationally renowned singer/recording artist Jamie Anderson. Also included in the evening of theater, poetry, comedy and song include Women of the Blood (improvisational theater), Russ McCoy (singer-songwriter from L.A.), The Courage Sisters (singers Patty Sundberg and Molly Who), Meikil Addie Berry (poet) and Pastiche (choral ensemble from Desert Voices). Performance starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd. Tickets are \$7 in advance for regular seating, \$15 for preferred seating at Antigone Books, Hear's Music, Hours or from a THRC member. Tickets are \$9 at the door for general seating. Interpreted for the deaf, concert area is wheelchair accessible. All proceeds benefit the Tucson Human Rights Coalition to help fight the recently introduced anti-Gay initiative.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

The Awareness Project will meet today at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbus Branch Library at 22nd and Columbus. More info call 742-1535

FRI., SAT., SUN., MARCH 18-19-20

It's time for the annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds hosted by the Tucson satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. It's three fun-packed days of dancing, eating, fun, entertainment and of course, plenty of rodeo action. Check the posters and flyers for complete schedule of events. Make plans to see it all. It's a wonderful event with lots and lots of out-of-town people coming. For more information call 323-0805.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network meets for a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The March meeting will be held today at 4:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are invited to attend at St. Francis in the Foothills, River and Swan, Room 31. A play area is provided for children adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Today and every third Sunday of the month, Picture Rocks Retreat hosts a spiritual celebration for Lesbians and Gays with mass at 6:00 p.m. and a potluck supper immediately afterwards. For more information on Masses or programs call 744-3400 from 9am to 4pm weekdays.

There will be an ecstatic Loving Men's workshop at 1:00 p.m. for four hours. This workshop is about becoming more in touch with yourself and others sensually, better communication, more intimacy and better relationships. Sign up by Wednesday, March 16 by calling 881-4582 for more information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Desert Voices will present their spring production at Pima Community College West Campus. General admission tickets are \$7 per person available at Antigone's. Their last performance was a sell-out so be sure to buy your tickets early.

Celebrate a traditional Passover Seder and see how its elements impact our Christian Faith at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner, music and fellowship. Reservations requested. Call 622-4626 to RSVP or for more information. \$3.00 donation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at IBT's at 3:00 p.m. to plan Pride Week '94 and the fund-raising events leading up to those days. Perspective candidates interested in running for King and/or Queen of Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994 are urged to attend. Others interested in becoming involved with plans for Pride Week in Tucson is urged to attend.

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

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.

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CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon, Island Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$3. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 75c 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Branch 11-2; Live music by Harina & Hill, Friendly Fire 7:30-11:30 (Usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-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/EAGLE - 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. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 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 Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz 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/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing 8-1. Westerns Nitel Specials on well and domestic beer to those in western attire.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. 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 Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schaepps 75c

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

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

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

STONWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Nitel 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 everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all site. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring mixed dancers. featuring caged dancers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 75c

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 beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 6 pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Mars, 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

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

STONWALL/EAGLE - 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 beers to members of bowling teams and leagues.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Beer Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "spardlyf saked" week.

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 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.75 5pm 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 - with 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 Liada.

STONWALL/EAGLE - 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 slightly for dancing. Uniform Nitel 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 men 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 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schaepps 75c

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

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 David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot D'Gawrta. DJ Jeff Stricklen 9 to 1.

STONWALL/EAGLE - 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 Schaepps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1.

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

RUMORZ - Open 3 p.m. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda (Tudale DJ) 10-1.

STONWALL/EAGLE - 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.

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

We live in a world where violence, injustice, suffering, and hatred are things that we either see, hear about, or experience first hand on a daily basis. One of the questions commonly asked of Christians is, "If God is loving and all powerful, why does he allow such bad things to happen in this world?" For the best and most complete answer to any question concerning the mind and purposes of God, one would have to ask God himself. As he tells us in the Bible, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8,9) But God's word gives us insight into the answers to many of the questions that trouble and confuse us.

The Bible tells us that God is love. He created humanity to worship him, praise him, and love him, but genuine love cannot exist unless it is freely given through choice and free will. This choice made the possibility of evil very real, as well as the possibility of expressing genuine love for our Creator, and eventually enjoying the eternal rewards promised to all who love the Lord and profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

God did not create the world in the state that is in now. Evil came into this world as a result of the pride and selfishness of man. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and fell from grace, all for creation fell into turmoil as well. Nature was no longer always kind to man. Animals preyed upon each other, and conflicts ensued between men and his fellow man. The Bible tells us, "We know that the

whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemptions of our bodies." (Romans 8:22, 23).

God has remained faithful to his creation. Evil will one day be destroyed and the creation renewed. Ultimately, God will dwell with man. His word tell us, "...I am making everything new!... 'He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.'" (Revelation 21:5b, 7) When there is nothing to overcome, no choice to make, there can be no misunderstanding, no patience, no faith, no love, and no victory!

Humanity has a limited capacity to understand anything beyond this world. Without the Bible to teach us and the Holy Spirit to guide us, comfort us, and inspire us, we see only the world as it is today with our hopes resting largely on ourselves. We tend to confine God into our perspective, restricted by our logic. We must remember that God is eternal, and that the time we spend upon this earth is nothing compared to eternity. He loves us so much that he sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, down from the glories of Heaven to suffer the hardships of this world and to die on the cross for the sins of the world so that all might be restored to him. Each one of us has a choice either to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and reserve our place in God's beautiful new creation, or to exist eternally without him, forever tormented by our decision.

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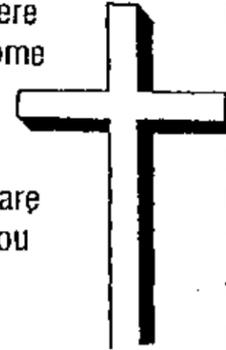
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Legacy Salutes Uncommon Women: An International Lesbian Awards Ceremony

NEW YORK, N.Y., - LEGACY, an endowment fund, whose mission is to provide financial support for projects which address the social, cultural and educational needs and which promote the civil rights and well-being of all Lesbians in today's society and for future generations to come, announced that they will be hosting an event saluting women. It is called "Legacy Salutes Uncommon Women: An International Lesbian Awards Ceremony." They will be celebrating the accomplishments of Lesbians throughout the world.

telephone and Social Security number of nominee (will be kept confidential). A brief biography or description of her achievements (no more than 50 words and preferably in English). A black and white photo.

Legacy is also conducting a search for 25 outstanding Lesbians students to be the recipients of \$1000 grants. Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited college or university. Special consideration will be given to the following factors: academic performance, awards, employment, service to the Gay/Lesbian community and personal/financial hardship.

The event will take place on June 19, 1994 in conjunction with Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25 in New York City's prestigious Town Hall. Although still in the early planning stages, our evening's agenda will consist of an awards ceremony, presentation of scholarships and a fabulous celebration of Lesbian talent.

Each applicant must submit by March 15, 1994: Name, address, telephone and Social Security number. A personal, insightful statement about her achievements/goals in writing (500 words or less), video or audio tape (no more than 5 minutes), or any other suitable creative format. A letter from a faculty member of professional in the Gay/Lesbian arena. A college transcript. A black and white photo for inclusion in our Awards book (if desired).

Legacy is reaching out nationally and internationally by conducting a search for outstanding Lesbians who have actualized Legacy's mission and who serve as examples in their community in exceptional ways. We would like to honor these Uncommon Women as we are asking for recommendations. All nominees will be included in the Legacy's Salute to Uncommon Women Program Book.

Please send all submissions to: LEGACY, 147 West 79th Street, Suite 4A, New York, New York 10024.

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Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

This past week has gotten very weird for some of the Bears. It's been a week so rife with plot twists that even Norman Mailer would say, "I'm sorry, I'm not buying it. It's just not believable." But these are personal matters, and I'm here, to discuss business. So let's get down to business.

Movie Night will be at Troy and Bob's house, Saturday, March 12. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. Bring one of your favorite video tapes, one of your favorite foods, and one of your, least favorite towels (The hot tub, remember?) Call for location. All Bears, Bear-lovers, and non-Bears invited.

The third Wednesday of every month is Restaurant Night. We'll start gathering at Venture-N at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., we'll decide upon a rather inexpensive restaurant and head there for food, fun and frolic. If you're late, don't panic. Either call or visit the Venture and ask the bartender where Bears went. Remember, Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m., see you then. All are invited.

Venture-N's second annual Hides of March will be next weekend, March 18-20. The Bears will be serving Beef Stew on Friday the 18th, 7-9 p.m. Believe me, since the Bears know how to eat, we also definitely know how to cook. You won't be disappointed.

Usually, the last Thursday of every month is the Bears' Business Meet-

ing. However, since the last week of March is Holy Week, the Bear's decided to bump the meeting up a week for others' convenience. So the meeting will be at Troy & Bob's house, Thursday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your dog. Let everyone in on it.

For those of you who won't be wrapped up in deciding what Easter bonnet you should wear, there is going to be a special trek up to Casa Grande for the Renaissance Festival's final day on Sunday, March 27. Get to the Venture-N parking lot at 8 a.m. so we can carpool North. All are invited. Remember to pick up your tickets at your local Fry's ahead of time. If you forget, don't worry; there's always time to pick some up when we get there.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: The Bashful Bandit on Speedway, but before you go bouncing in there, let's lay down some ground rules. One: this is a straight biker bar (no jive). Two: dress down (not just casual, but 'down'). Three: don't approach anybody even if they're alone. Chances are they'll approach you. Four: discretion at all times. Five: Loosen up, you're here to have fun. (Trust me, you probably will.)

Until next week, happy hunting.

For more info, contact our Vice Chair Bear, Wayne, at 887-3115 before 9 pm.

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

A change in work requirements or domestic situation is upon you. This goes smoothly for you and ruffles the feathers of those who are caught off guard. You are definitely confident at this time.

TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Your ever changing mood is on a high this week. You are more bubbly and exuberant than in the past few weeks and welcome the refreshment. Money matters need to be addressed and settled before moving on.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Your body language engages the glances of a secret admirer and you like what you see. Check out the goods before you accept the package. A trojan horse is something you can do without, at this point.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

A surprise visit from someone that you have always been attracted to brightens your week. Those in a relationship find that your bond is very strong and growing deeper.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Material madness drives you crazy this week. Careful not to spend beyond your means. We all know Leo loves a good bargain! Hormones are racing to be satisfied. Satisfy the craving.

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Some interesting travel news has your mind wandering to far off destinations. Find out all the info you can about your favorite place. This dream vacation should become a reality in the months to come.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

Your social schedule is especially heavy including friends and family. The only drawback with all this entertaining is your closest friends may feel a tinge of neglect. Balance it all out and everyone is happy.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

New situations, new environs. You put your confidence and skills to the test with glorious results. You are apt to fail when given a new opportunity so police your actions and you will perform well. Sales is a plus!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Your view of an idyllic world is changed when you observe some very common practices, accepted as routine, prevailing in a situation you once perceived differently. Your attention span wanes with disillusion.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Your creativity is greatly rewarded this week. Be sure to provide many options when trying to attain a specific goal. Too often confusion is bred by single mindedness. Branch out and have your fingers in several pies.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You are riding on the coat tails of a very generous benefactor. Take notice to have insurance because the rug may be pulled out from under you at any given moment. The likelihood is very probable this week.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

To incorporate all of your talents you devise a project that not only satisfies you but, makes money too! This could be something still in the works but, keep in mind, it will work and there is a demand for it. More power to you!

Smith College Offers Benefits To Gay And Lesbian Partners

NORTHAMPTON, Ma., - Smith College begins a new policy granting health insurance and other benefits to live-in partners of Gay and Lesbian employees.

The women's college joins a number of other schools around the country that have adopted such measures.

The policy is "one more step of recognition that our lifestyles are respected on this campus," said Joan Balles, a Lesbian who works in the Smith registrar's office.

Eileen Corbeil, Smith's benefits director, said the move was drafted in keeping with the campus ban on discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

The new policy, which was approved by the board of trustees, gives a variety of benefits to domestic partners of Gay or Lesbian faculty and staff, including health and dental insurance, use of the college gym and library, and family leave.

Such benefits were already available to married couples.

The college defines a same-sex domestic partner as someone "who is sharing a long term committed relationship of indefinite duration."

The partners must be at least 18 years old and share a home for at least 12 consecutive months to be eligible for benefits. They must be "financially responsible for each other's well being" and the employee must work at least half time.

Corbeil said she expected fewer than 20 of the campus's 1,250 employees to sign up for the benefits initially.

Some employees have proposed similar benefits for unmarried heterosexual couples in long term relationships. But Corbeil said the campus is not ready to extend the policy to them.

"It's going to take some study and thought before we decide to change the rationale," she said.

She said the new policy was offered to Gay and Lesbian partners because they are not allowed to marry in Massachusetts.

"What we're doing in fact is reaffirming marriage as the basis," Corbeil said.

There are about 2,700 students at the elite women's college.

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Pen Pals Send Dahmer More Than \$12,000

MILWAUKEE, WI (AP) - One woman said she wanted to teach serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer about Jesus, so she sent him \$350, along with some Bible literature.

Another woman sent \$50 so that Dahmer could buy "cigarettes, stamps and envelopes." And a 74 year old nun sent \$10 to reimburse Dahmer for postage on two arts books that he mailed to her.

"He did awful things but way deep down he isn't a mean kid," she said.

In all, Dahmer, who admitted killing and dismembering 17 men and boys, has received more than \$12,000 from letter writers around the world, according to prison records.

The gifts have come from as far away as South Africa and France, and include a \$5,920 donation last year from a woman in London.

The money and letters are itemized in the files of Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage, where Dahmer, is serving life sentences, The Milwaukee Journal reported.

People who send money to Dahmer represent "a very sick group of people around the world that contribute for whatever reason," said Thomas Jacobson, who represent relatives of victims.

The relatives have obtained judgments against Dahmer worth more than \$80 million, but Jacobson said his clients have so far received nothing.

It is "an absolute travesty" that Dahmer isn't sharing his donations, Jacobson said.

Jeffrey P. Endicott, the Columbia warden, said no law forbids Dahmer from soliciting financial assistance, as long as he does not commit fraud. But prison officials have restricted Dahmer's spending since November, when they learned of the unpaid judgments.

According to prison records, which show how much money an inmate receives and how he spends it. Dahmer received \$11,000 in 1993. His parents were among the donors.

Besides the donations, Dahmer earned 24 cents an hour as a prison gymnasium janitor. He lost that job because he imitated a prison employee on the telephone. The incident kept him in solitary confinement for more than a month.

In late January, according to the latest records available, Dahmer's assets were \$4,284. He has bought magazines, comic books and cassette recordings, including Gregorian chants and sounds of humpback whales through catalogs.

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