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Primary Elections September 8

TUCSON - Last Saturday, Aug. 25, a fund-raising event was held for County Supervisor Raul Grijalva at the Cactus Gallery. It was a combined fundraiser for Grijalva and a meet the candidate night. The event was sponsored by the Lambda Democratic Caucus. Grijalva is running unopposed in the primary and, so far, in the general election in November.

Pictured above are some of the dignitaries who were present and are supporters of the Lesbian and Gay community of Tucson. (l to r) Andy Nichols, who is running for state representative in Dist. 13; Supervisor Grijalva; George Cunningham who is running for state Representative Dist. 13; Kathy Mayer, co-chair of the Lambda Democratic Caucus; and City Councilman Bruce Wheeler who is not up for election this year, but arrived giving his support of the candidates.

Phone Calls Work! - AHCCCS Back At UA Medical Center

TUCSON - The July 29 issue of the OBSERVER announced that the Arizona state health care plan AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System) would no longer continue to fund health care through the facilities of the University of Arizona Medical Center because that bid was 'too high'. The UA Medical Center is the premiere medical facility to the AIDS/HIV community of Tucson and Southern Arizona as well as to cancer and heart patients - all of which UMC specializes in.

At the time of that announcement, Jerome Beillard, Executive Director of the People with AIDS Coalition - P.A.C.T. for Life of Tucson, said that the only way that this administrative decision of AHCCCS could be rescinded is by public action. Beillard called for a telephone blitz to the AHCCCS Director, Dr. Leonard Kirschner.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, a plan was worked out that won back the option for indigents enrolled in AHCCCS of being treated by UA physicians, and state employees can also expect to get the option back.

Beillard said that when he contacted Dr. Kirschner's office to ask if the telephone blitz had any effect in AHCCCS reversal of their decision, he was told that the office was deluged with phone calls and those calls were certainly a factor in the change of mind.

The plan was worked out between University Physicians, Inc. and Intergroup Healthcare Corp. Intergroup was one of four health maintenance organizations to get AHCCCS contracts in Pima County for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. So University Physicians sold its AHCCCS plan (University Family Care) to Intergroup for about $1.2 million.

The deal eventually could affect all state employees, whose health care options for the coming year were recently reduced from three plans to two, said the

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Some Arizona Officials Go To Bat For Gay D-M Sergeant

TUCSON - A month after Staff Sgt. Tom Paniccia made his announcement on national television that he was Gay, some members of the Arizona congressional delegation and candidates for the U.S. congress as well as state representatives and senators have begun speaking out about the on Gays in the military. U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini has written a letter to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney as has Rep. Ed Pastor. Jim Toevs, running for the District 5 House of Representative seat currently being held by Jim Kolbe, also has expressed his outrage.

Both lawmakers stopped short of demanding an outright reversal of that policy, which states that homosexual personnel must be banned from the military, but Pastor said the policy "denies an individual of his or her civil rights. Pastor asked Cheney to suspend approval of Paniccia's likely discharge until a "thorough review of the military's policy... has been conducted.

DeConcini suggested that the Defense Department set up a commission including military and psychological experts to determine whether the current policy is fair to homosexuals and whether homosexuals pose a threat to troop training and other military actions. DeConcini's entire letter is reprinted at the end of this story.

Jim Toevs has called on President George Bush to sign an Executive Order ending the current ban against homosexuals. "The arguments against Gays are word-for-word the same arguments used to keep African-Americans segregated and women excluded from the U.S. military services,: according to Toevs.

"What we need is a strict universal code of sexual conduct for the military that applies to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation," Toevs said. "members of the armed forces need to know that inappropriate sexual conduct will not be tolerated, and that discipline will be swift and sure. The foot-dragging and cover-up surrounding the Tailhook Convention incident is a national disgrace. Imagine the difference in reaction if the Tailhook incident involved inappropriate homosexual behavior instead of inappropriate heterosexual behavior," Toevs said.

The requests to revise the Defense Department's stance come as the Bush administration is reaffirming "traditional values" in the 1992 campaign. Conservative Christian groups are pressuring Bush to attack homosexuality as a character weakness and a sin.

Presidential candidate Bill Clinton has said repeatedly that he will repeal the ban on homosexuals in the military if he is elected. And in Congress a separate effort to repeal the ban is underway. More than 70 lawmakers have signed onto the bill sponsored in the House by Rep. Patricia Schroeder. A similar bill has been introduced in the senate. No Arizona lawmakers have signed onto the bills as of presstime.

Toevs said that "according to a recent government report, the Pentagon spent over $27 million dollars in 1990 prosecuting and discharging Gays and Lesbians from the military. This is a grossly stupid misuse of taxpayer's money, and if the president will not overturn this policy by Executive Order, then the Congress should do so."

"I call on my opponent, Rep. Jim Kolbe to support Rep. Schroeder's bill to end the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military, and to join with me in supporting full human rights for Gays and Lesbians in all aspects of American society," Toevs said. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is located in Arizona's Fifth Congressional District.

Senator Dennis DeConcini's entire letter to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is reprinted herewith:

"Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my view that the growing national debate surrounding the current Defense Department policy concerning homosexuals in the military needs to be addressed and ultimately resolved in a manner that both protects the rights of individual service personnel and the integrity of the military.

I am concerned about the policy established in DOD Directives 1332.14, "Enlisted Administrative Separations," (revised January 28, 1982) and 1332.30, "Separation of Regular Commissioned Officers for cause" (reviewed February 12, 1986). I believe that the underlying rationale of those Directives must be independently reviewed and, if necessary, updated to reflect the factual realities of late twentieth century living.

The fact that DOD Directives 1332.14 and 1332.30 were effectively

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UPDATE

Homophobe Quits UA Post

TUCSON - The stormy career of Peter Carruthers, physics department head at the University of Arizona since 1986, will end as he leaves his post as soon as a replacement is found, according to Faculty of Science Dean Edgar J. McCullough. Carruthers, who will remain a member of the physics faculty, cited burnout as a factor in his decision to step down.

Carruthers' tenure as physics department head has been controversial. Last Spring, he was investigated by the university for alleged discrimination against homosexuals after a memo he wrote likened Gays to Gila monsters. He was ordered by the university administration to attend anti-discrimination workshops.

Carruthers was also accused of his insensitivity toward women and he became embroiled in a controversy over UA physicist and mathematician Richard Morse, who refused to work under Carruthers.

In the mid-1980s, while working with a group seeking to bring the Superconducting Super Collider to Arizona, Carruthers clashed with former Gov. Evan Mecham.

Male Sexuality Workshop

TUCSON - The August monthly program of the Tucson Men's Cooperative will be "Male Sexuality: Messages, Patterns and Possibilities. It will be held on thursday, August 20, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Saint Andrews Church Meeting Hall, East 16th Street and 5th Avenue. The public is invited to attend; men and women are welcome. A donation of $5.00 is requested at the door.

"Men frequently receive many powerful messages about sexuality as they grow up," says Tim Wernette, workshop presenter. "These messages and pressures often lead to restrictive patterns and sometimes to harmful problems later in our lives when we develop sexual relationships. Those patterns and pressures are often similar for Gay, bisexual and heterosexual men."

This workshop will invite participants to examine the various messages they have received about sex and sexuality, how these have influenced our relationships and will explore new possibilities to enrich ourselves and our intimacy with others. For additional information, please call Tim Wernette, 298-2918.

New Acting Director For PFLAG

WASHINGTON - Former Executive Director Tom Sauerman has left the employment of the Washington, DC-based Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. Louis R. Mendonsa, CFRE, formerly the federation's Development Director, has assumed the position of Acting Executive Director.

Mendonsa, a native of Lake Tahoe California, has over twenty years' experience in non-profit management and administration. Before coming to P-FLAG, he served four years as Regional Director for the United States Olympic Committee, where he was responsible for fund raising, development, and public relations in twelve Western states. He has also worked with the National Council on Alcoholism and the Sacramento, California United Way. In addition, Mendonsa has consulted extensively with local, regional, and national organizations in fund raising and development and non-profit administration. A dedicated father of six, including a Lesbian daughter, two heterosexual daughters, and three heterosexual sons, Mendonsa brings a strong personal commitment to P-FLAG and a deep understanding of the organization's mission and goals. Mendosa is joined in Washington by his wife, Debi, and two of their children.

Sauerman served as the Federation's first Executive Director, beginning with his appointment in October, 1990. During his tenure, the organization grew from some 250 chapters and contacts to its present total of more than 300 in eleven countries and the United States. Under Sauerman's direction, the Federation's Family AIDS Support Project was substantially expanded; its national, toll free helpline (1-800-4FAMILY) was established, and a project to reduce suicide among Gay and Lesbian teens, known as "respect All Youth", was undertaken.

"Tom has been a mainstay of the Federation virtually since its inception, both as a volunteer prior to 1990 and as Executive Director since then," said Federation President Paulette Goodman. "His devotion to our cause has been demonstrated in numerous ways, and we are grateful for the many benefits that have resulted from his years of dedication and hard work."

DeGroff Hired By CDC

TUCSON - Amy DeGroff, Director of Prevention Services at the Tucson AIDS Project, has been hired by the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta as a project coordinator. The Tucson AIDS Project has hired long time Pima County Health Department Epidemiologist Bruce W. Porter to replace DeGroff, beginning September 1st.

DeGroff was affiliated with TAP in its early years as a volunteer. She joined the staff in January 1988 to develop a street outreach program to IV drug users,a project that burgeoned into TAP's Prevention (education) Services Department.

According to TAP Executive Director Craig Bradford Snow, "Amy DeGroff is one of the leading HIV/AIDS educators in the country. While at TAP, she developed a Department recognized nationally for its vision, innovation, and methodology. In addition, as a part of the agency's senior management team, she has had a profound impact on the agency as a whole. We shall miss her terribly. At the same time, we are very pleased for and proud of her, as she takes her talents to the national arena."

DeGroff leaves a strong, diverse prevention program as her legacy to TAP, one informed by a coherent philosophy and impeccable standards in service delivery. TAP prevention services reach over 13,000 people annually, and educational materials developed by TAP are used in nearly 100 communities around the country.

Porter, recruited to replace DeGroff, brings a deep experience in public health, research, grant writing, and HIV-/AIDS. "One of TAP's founders and a long time volunteer, Bruce Porter is uniquely qualified to develop TAP's prevention/education programs," Snow said.

As Epidemiologist for the Health Department, Porter developed the Department's AIDS community education/prevention program and served as Project Director for the federally funded HIV Services Planning Project, as well as designing and operating the County's communicable disease reporting system. Porter has worked as a national consultant on HIV/AIDS programs for Carondelet Health Systems, and, according to Snow, "served as a volunteer resource and consultant to the entire HIV community of Tucson in a way unparalleled to anyone. TAP is most fortunate indeed to have attracted some of Porter's caliber to head its Prevention Services Department."

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION

AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - AUGUST 1, 1992

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS JULY	JUNE	MAY	DEATHS	CASES OF ARC JULY	JUNE	MAY	DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+ JULY	JUNE	MAY	DEATHS
APACHE	61,591	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
COCHISE	97,624	12	12	12	7	6	6	6	0	46	47	46	2
COCONINO	96,591	10	10	10	6	0	0	0	0	20	20	19	0
GILA	40,216	5	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0
GRAHAM	26,554	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	5	0
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	0
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1376	1350	1323	789	263	265	269	28	2227	2194	2175	57
MOHAVE	93,497	17	17	17	9	1	1	1	0	26	26	26	1
NAVAJO	77,658	6	6	6	4	1	1	1	0	5	5	4	1
PIMA	666,880	351	346	326	180	58	58	61	8	555	554	541	13
PINAL	116,379	15	15	14	12	3	3	3	0	27	26	26	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	6	6	6	3	1	1	1	0	4	4	3	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	20	20	19	12	0	0	0	0	31	31	30	2
YUMA	106,895	24	23	22	13	3	3	3	1	63	61	58	2
UNKNOWN		2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	158	162	178	0
	3,655,228	1856	1824	1774	1042	338	340	347	37	3182**	3150**	3126**	79

** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 1,397 PERSONS HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION.

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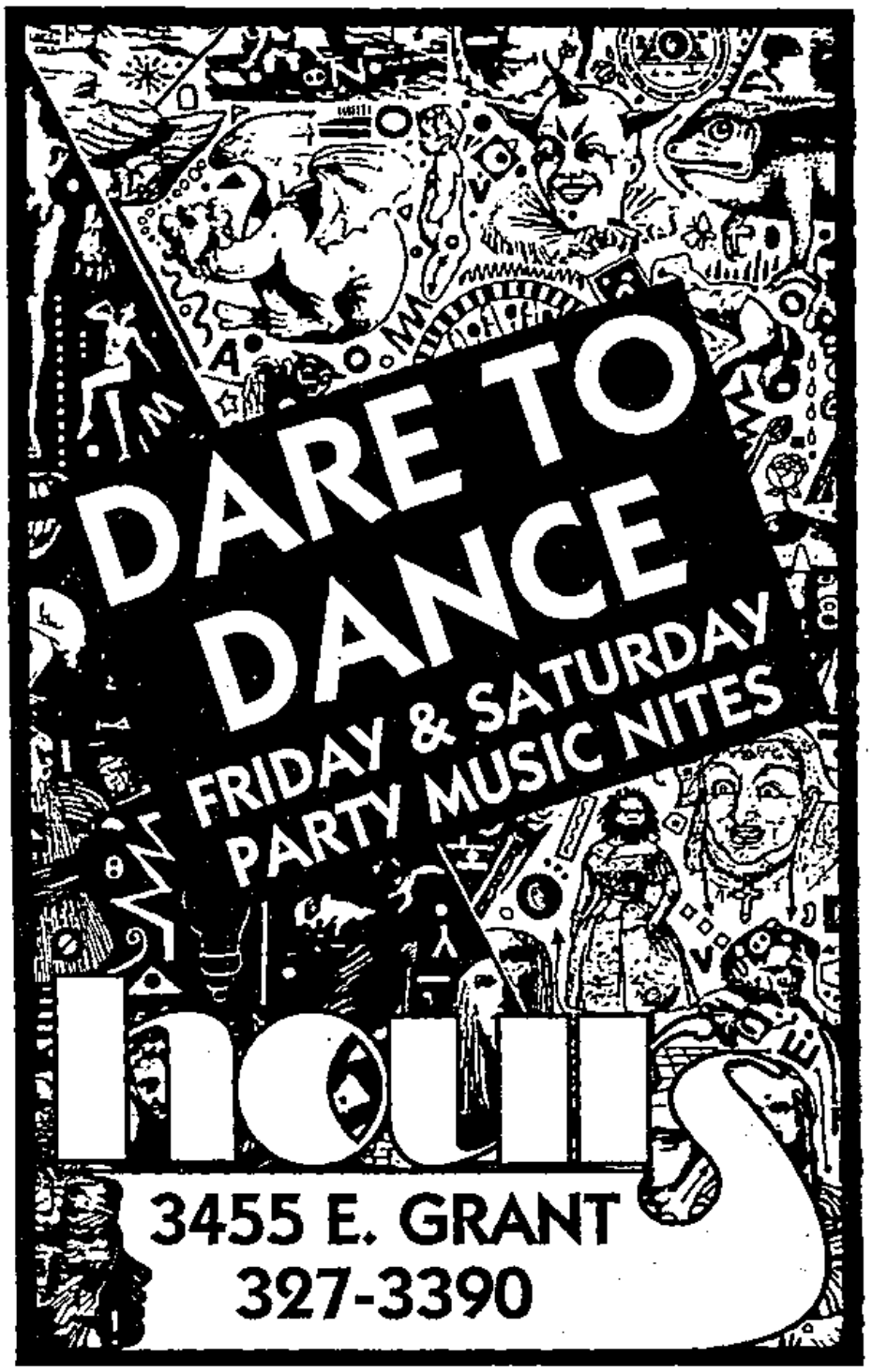

1 in 10 Repertory Theatre Company

by Mario Magaña

In just a short time, look how far we've come. What started as an itch and an idea by a couple of local residents who "just wanted to do theater for theater sake" is an itch no longer. With a few donations, the community's support and a lot of sweat, One In Ten Repertory was born.

Now, three years later and seven productions to their credit, One In Ten is maturing into a noted theater company receiving consistently encouraging reviews from the Gay Community and critics alike. One In Ten produces only shows that center on Gay and Lesbian themes and people. Some of the most recent productions have included 'Doric Wilson's, STREET THEATER', a peek into the events and personalities of the Stonewall revolution, just 23 years ago. The beginning of our coming out as a viable, powerful segment of society. "Remember My Name" produced last winter, is a heart rendering look at the Great Quilt, the people who started it, fought for it, cried for it and the real heroes, those whose names will live forever on it.

One In Ten's most recent effort was "8 x 10 Glossy". In which a fine cast revealed one family's struggle to deal with a dark past, an uncertain present and move into their future. The turn out at the casting of "8 x 10" was so extensive that additional call back nights had to be scheduled. Seems to be a trend.

So, where does One In Ten go from here? Artistic Director Greg Smith McCurdy, and the Board of Directors are currently in the process of planning the 1993 season, and are looking for help and input from you. 1993 is sure to be bigger and better than anything we've yet seen from One In Ten.

Sound like something you would want to be a part of? Come on down. Experience is not necessary, just a sense of community and the desire to get more quality Gay theater on the boards. You need not be an actor, the need for technical (backstage) people is always present.

Are you good at searching out Garage Sales, meets and thrift stores? Can you create something new from something old? From this, set decorators are born. Did you ever put G.I. Joe's fatigues on Barbae (maybe adding a sequin or two?) Sounds like a costume designer to me! Ever want to design a set, costumes or lights? if you can wield a hammer or a saw, (okay, you at least know what they look like, well, we will show you). We can use you.

Of course, actors are always needed, but if you don't want to (or can't) be in the limelight, perhaps you can produce, direct, gather props, work on the set, or sell advertising in the program.

Everyone is welcome to come participate and enjoy themselves. This is an excellent opportunity for our younger people searching for their community to be among positive role models in a caring environment.

The Aura surrounding One In Ten Theater has proven to be a warm safe place for all of us who have found themselves there.

Call One In Ten today, do what you can, just for the fun of it. At a time when the world is such a hard overwhelming place, One In Ten is a soft pocket where you can be involved, energized and wrapped up in the security of your community.

The company is also in need of a space large enough to build their sets prior to a show's opening. An empty two car garage, small warehouse or other large empty space would allow One In Ten to create bigger, better and more beautiful sets. Call today. Be a part of One In Ten!

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As I See It..... *by Clark*

POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

G.O.P. CONVENTION

The Republicans are holding their National Convention in Houston Texas in the Astrodome. With the President trailing in most polls by 20 percentage points, the expectations are that Bush must come out with a plan to spur the economy and to create jobs.

So far, the Republicans have talked about their foreign policy successes. They have not talked about what they are going to do for the economy. They have adopted a platform, which has numerous anti-Gay planks, proclaims that the "traditional family" is the key to American success. They also voted against the right to choose, calling for a constitutional amendment banning abortion. The convention has had a tribute to former President Ronald Reagan, Pat Buchanan got his moment in prime time to deliver his speech. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas gave the keynote speech, a very lack luster speech, full of pop-gun patriotism and empty of ideas to help the country out of the economic doldrums.

On Monday, the Bush camp was not letting people bring in signs. They were body searching all the delegates for placards, guns, bombs. Tim Williamson, a Buchanan delegate from Colorado, got off the choice line of the convention, when he was interviewed on C-SPAN, he stated that he had not known of anybody recently being killed by a placard.

The Republican Convention seems stiff, scripted, dull and very lackluster. The Democratic convention was lively, energetic, ad-libbed and a truly spectacular extravaganza.

One thing you will not hear, nor see from the Republican convention, (and especially on the convention floor!), is SPONTANEITY.

TOEVS FOR CONGRESS

Plain and simple, Jim needs are help. With the primary election just around the corner, the general election, and especially Jim's campaign will be going into high gear. Jim needs volunteers to walk precincts, to help with mailings, (which will be massive), to work in the campaign headquarters to perform miscellaneous clerical duties, and anything else needed. Jim is our candidate, we must help anyway we can. Campaigning is not just attending meetings and events, schmoozing with current elected officials and former elected officials. Campaigning involves getting the literature out to the voters, putting up signs to advertise the candidate, holding coffees and teas to get the candidate out to different neighborhoods, helping to raise money to pay for all of this. Campaigning is hard work, and Jim must have help to do this. He is being out spent by Kolbe by a large sum. We must do what we can, mobilize people power against that pathetic excuse of a Congressman. Here is the information on Jim's campaign office:

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Call now, get involved, if you can give some time, then give, Jim is one the best candidates running on the Democratic ticket. Let us work for his victory. Call Now!

SIGN UPDATE!

Last week, I forgot to put in a couple of categories, regarding signs. Plus we have a new leader in one of the categories. Here is the update:

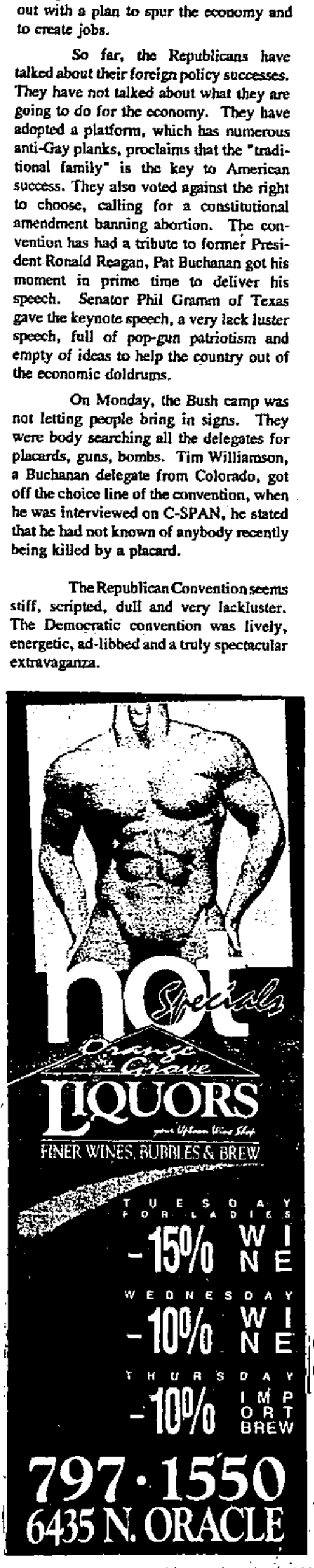
MOST LIKELY TO BE SCRAPPED (Signs that are awful, and the campaign will fire or shoot the artist responsible, and should replace the signs immediately). We have a new leader.

1. Christine Roy for Constable, Justice Precinct 4.
2. Terri Locastro for State Representative, District 13.

I know Christine, she has been great as Constable and should be re-elected. But purple, red, pink, and light blue do not work! Plus the signs are not readable. The graphics are too extreme and ill placed.

BEST DIAMOND SHAPED SIGNS (Signs that are on 4'by 4' material tilted to be like a baseball diamond).

1. Jim West for Justice of the Peace, Justice Precinct 4.
2. F. Anne Rodriguez for Country Recorder.



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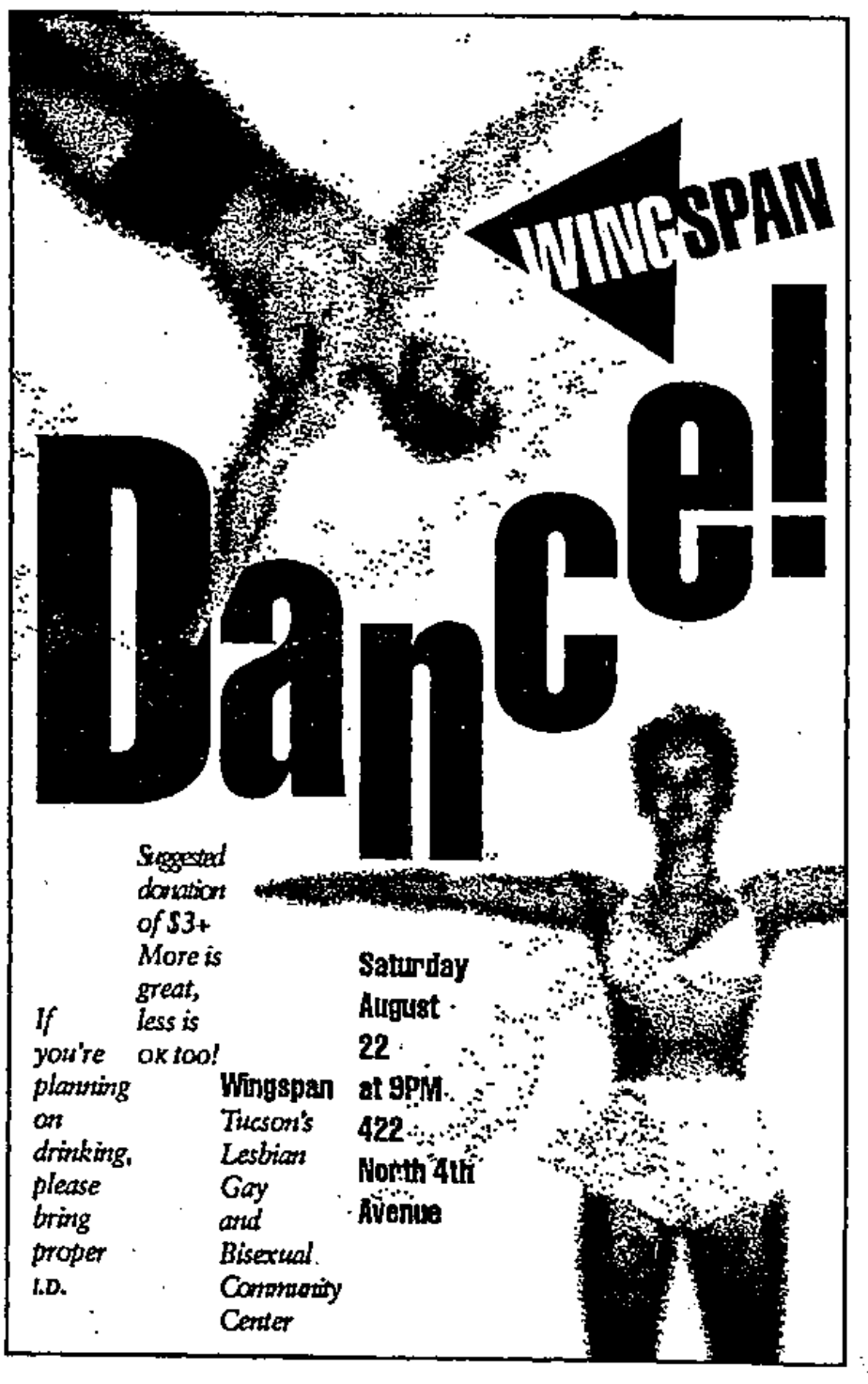

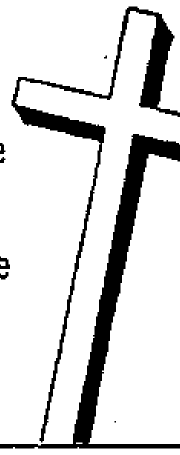

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Referring to the most unfortunate incident that every prominent social citizen has duly noticed (and hurled over) regarding one Bruce Lundquist and a Vanna White. All we are asking is 'why'.

Please don't let this unfortunate situation color Paul's good reputation. We pray this was just a bad acid flashback on Bruce's part. If this indeed was not drug induced, please do not let Bruce's actions affect Paul's reputation in any way! He doesn't do Kentucky well, which is where he'll have to be if this madness continues.

We the undersigned support Paul in his efforts for social redemption:

Moose; Gordon; Paul; Al; Tony; Doug; George; David and Rodney.

EDITOR:

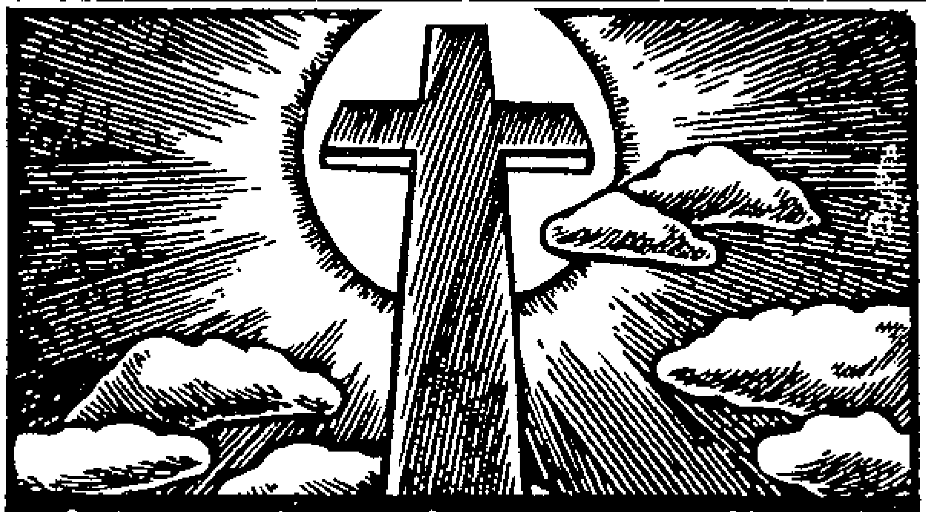
This is an "open letter to What's Up Doc".

Just what kind of column is "What's Up Doc?", when Elmer Fud starts taking pot shots at local personalities from the safety of his own "wabbit hole"?

Shame on you Doc! In one paragraph you expound on 'how good it is to be here in the land of bars aplenty', 'a little something for everybody'. And then you snap off a shot at Don Paugh, a major institution here in Tucson, and a featured player at I.B.T.'s, with your directive to 'get rid of that slow-ass'. What's up Doc?

Please delete this form of commentary in your future columns.

Sincrely
Big John Haas



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What's Up Doc ?????

The weekend everyone has been waiting for all year long is finally upon us. That's right, the First Ladies Run is here, starting with registration at the Graduate this Friday evening and continuing Saturday morning.

Also this Friday evening at the Graduate, it will be time for the annual President's Auction. A lot of different items have been donated for this benefit, so be sure to stop by and purchase. During the evening, the First Ladies, from the different local clubs will also be introduced.

Everyone will be meeting at the Graduate at 10 A.M. Saturday morning to begin the activities for the day, ending up that evening over at the Venture-N. This annual run has always seen a lot of fun crammed into the few hours of the day and this year will be no different. A complete run itinerary will be passed out when registering, plus any special instructions or changes, so I'll see all of you this weekend.

Last year at this time I was telling about all the rain TKO had to put up with their annual City of Rocks run. Well not this year, the weather was perfect. This year this run found 30 people scattered from one end of the suburbs (the name of the area everyone on this run camped out in) to the other. It made for a little longer walk to have your morning coffee, but it helped clear a few of the heads.

Yes, joining HDS (host club), and TKO this year were members of DL out of Tucson and MNM out of Albuquerque, and present on any run, a fair share of GDI's.

With HDS and Sadie in charge this year, everyone was not surprised with either the games or the evening (?) show. This years theme was Think Elvis and Poodle. Everyone was to dress up in something out of the 50's and do a number in the show. Of course, not everyone, myself included, was in the show, but we all did have to parade across the stage in outfits purchased at the used dress shop in Deming.

During the show, one of the performers was TKO's Gary T., doing Elvis. His supporting cast were his two dogs, Daisy and Abner. Well, Daisy after a minute looked up at Gary and then just laid down and went to sleep. Abner, just walked off the stage and claimed he did not know anyone.

The games ended up being hula hoop, hop scotch, and jacks. Can't you see 15 grown adults out there spinning a hula hoop, throwing a rock for the hop scotch, and catching that little ball while picking up those jacks? Those that did try all these games, if nothing else gave everyone sitting on the sideline plenty to laugh about.

And, in the tradition of Sadie, the way she keeps score for trophies after the games, the person who did the best in hop scotch (TKO's Joe) won a new (?) hat, and the best in jacks won the jacks. A special mini pollinating trash award was passed out to Tucson's Ron B., for his activities the evening before.

Yes, another City of Rocks is behind both HDS and TKO but each are looking forward to next year's version. Next year TKO will be the host club and announced Sunday afternoon, the theme will be Think Star Flower.

This run is one of those that if this reporter was to bring a bunch of notes back for publication, I was going to have to stay away from the beer, and everyone knows just how far that would go with me. I did catch a few of our local people being trashy, which I'm sure does not surprise anybody, but nothing earth shaking enough to bother writing about. Take David G., who practiced for two months to do a number in the show, had Keith do his make up, dress in a (???) outfit, only to slip off and go to bed when it was time for the show. Uncle Phil, well that dress he wore should have been burned at the border. Joe came out in a Joan Crawford mourning outfit. Tommy's outfit looked like one taken out of TKO's mini tacky ball box. After doing 3 others makeup, Keith's outfit was one I am sure Kimberly Ryan would never wear. Of course, the stupid outfit I wore was nothing to be bragging about either.

Let us not think that only TKO members were out trying to look pretty, because a few members of HDS were trying as well. We all know Sadie and some of the outfits she has worn so what could anyone say about them other than, it covered her body. Paul brought out his wash and wear wedding dress, styled out of the 50's, 1850's that is!

A lot of pictures were taken during the weekend, but the ones I saw from the Polaroid came out too dark for this paper. After some of the others are developed, maybe I'll find some I can pass on to you next week.

Oh well, so much for a quiet and relaxing weekend under the rocks and stars. Until next year, lets all put this totally different type of run behind us and go on. That is about all that can even be said for a run such as this and those of you that at one time or another has experienced this run, know exactly what I mean.

Now, lets get our act together and be ready for this upcoming weekend and the First Ladies Run. We will all have to be ready for the different games that will be staged or (if you want to call it) played, each local club will be putting a different one on.

That is it for this week. I hope you are having a beautiful week and love is flowing smoothly for all.

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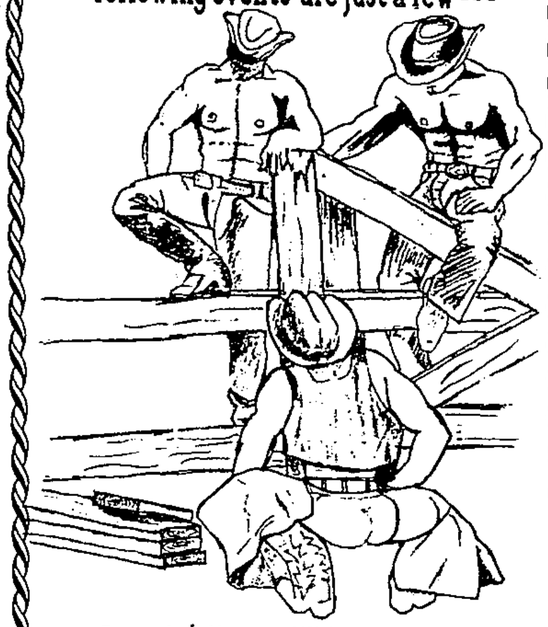

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
H.I.T.T. CASINO NITE & BEER BUST
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Congratulations to the T-Squares on their 8th Anniversary. We are proud to be your home bar. Thank you very much.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

GRADUATE - The annual First Ladies Run is this weekend and registration begins this evening and continues until Saturday morning. The Graduate will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday to accommodate those late people registering. The Annual President's Auction will be held here around 9:00 p.m. A fun group of people and they know how to party hearty.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

CLUB 2520 - Mitsou injured herself while filming her latest video and had to cancel her appearance here in July. Her appearance has been rescheduled for tonight. On a national tour promoting her new album, French-Canadian recording star Mitsou will be appearing here in her only Tucson appearance, beginning at 9:30 p.m. singing songs from her latest album and some of the older hits including "Dis-Moi, Dis Moi" that made her an international star. Advance tickets are $3.50 per person and well worth it. Tickets at the door will be $5.00. Everyone wishing to see this great new performer must have a ticket. Get yours now.

VENTURE-N - First Ladies continue their weekend run with a party and show here. Check it out.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

GRADUATE - The First Ladies Run winds up today and the Graduate will open at 10 a.m. to help cure those hangovers and will also have a send-off brunch early this afternoon. Winners of the various events will receive their awards also.

RUMORZ - Minerva is running for Queen of Fiesta de Independencia as the red team candidate. There will be a benefit show for her here beginning at 9 p.m. The show will include Juan, Shanise, Leo, Clarissa, Tiffany St. Thomas , Christina de Alzis and, of course, Minerva. The money that these Queen cnadidates raise will determine if they are crowned Queen of Fiestas and all monies raised, win or lose, goes to Shanti.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

IBT's - The new IBT's presents a special fund raiser for Jim Toevs, Democratic candidate for Congress, Dist. 5. It's time to hoedown, complete with various raffle items and Colette's homemade chili. Come help support a candidate who will help your voice be heard. Party and festivities begin at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Fisher and Rodney Shanks.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

HOURS - H.I.T.T. will begin a big weekend of 50/50 sales here tonight. They'll also be selling freedom Rings and Triangles.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

CLUE 2520 - Tucson Squares, Tucson's premier Square Dancing Club, will celebrate their 8th anniversary tonight. Watch for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

CLUB 2520 - The final day of H.I.T.T.'s Dog Days Beer Bust Bonanza will take place all afternoon and evening here. The fun starts at 5 p.m. with Casino Night, a 50¢ Beer Bust, and 50/50 tickets good towards 1/2 the cash earned. Candy Plastique will be hosting a hilarious benefit show at 9 p.m. after which the winning ticket will be drawn, plus other special surprises. Lots of fun for everyone.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

IBT's - Free C/W dance lessons - advanced class from Tom Maza beginning today and will be held every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Attend six consecutive weeks and receive a free IBT's shirt.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

IBT's - Free C/W dance lessons. Beginning class from Tom Maza and IBT's. Will continue every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Attend six consecutive weeks and receive a free IBT's shirt.

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

RUMORZ - Fiestas de Independencia benefit coming up. Frank Perez is looking for some Queen candidates. Call him at 292-9170. Watch for more details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

The Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House will celebrate their 6th anniversary with a dance featuring Jeannie as DJ. The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Coffee and tea is provided. Bring your own beer, wine, munchies and favorite game. No hard liquor please. $2 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Happy anniversary!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

A benefit dance for Wingspan - Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Community Center. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 422 N. 4th Ave.Men and women most welcome. $3 suggested donation at the door, more is great, less is ok too. Beverages served. If you plan to drink please bring proper ID. Live entertainment and DJ music.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Cronies, the group of men 40 and over hold their monthly Video party. Call 888-7264 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

It's the 3rd anniversary of the Cronies group - men 40 and over. They are going to celebrate by having a Pool Party. If you would like to attend or learn more about Cronies, call 888-7264.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Tucson Desert Coyotes, Tucson's Gay Bowling League, will be sponsoring a free "Get-Acquainted" night of bowling at Golden Pin Lanes, West Miracle Mile, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited, experienced and new bowlers alike. There will be raffle prizes given away and information on the Fall League will also be available. For more info, please call Geoffrey (881-7501) or Dennis (743-3303). Come join the fun.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Tonight marks the beginning of the Fall season for the Tucson Desert Coyotes, Tucson's mixed (men and women) Gay bowling league. The Desert Coyotes have grown dramatically in the last two years and expect over 32 teams this year. There will be a brief league meeting at 8 p.m. to pass out league materials, etc., followed by the first night of league play at 9 p.m.l at Golden Pin Lanes, West Miracle Mile. Everyone is welcome, new bowlers are encouraged. For more information call Geoffrey at 881-7501.

SEPT. 10-11-12-13 & 16-17-18 & 19

One In Ten Repertory Theater will present "Untold Decades" by Robert Patrick - three one-act romantic comedies set in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. All performances at 8 p.m. except Sept. 13 which is a 2 p.m. matinee. Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott. Tickets $8.00 at Antigone Books. Call 446-2445b for reservations and information.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Sgt. Tom Paniccia, USAF will be special guest at this regular monthly meeting of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. This Davis-Monthan staff Sergeant marked a Gay rights milestone when, after 11 years in the Air Force, he came out on national TV. Now he fights, not just for his country but for all Gay men and Lesbians in the U.S. military. 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Free to OP members and newcomers.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W Dance Lessons 6-8 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks $1.00.

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 a.m. 2 for 1 Well and non-premium beer 4 til 8. Big John (courtesy of Venture-N)spins rock and country 2-6. Miller Lite and Genuine Draft $1.50 from 8 to close. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm $3.99. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 3 pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover, $1. 9 pm to 1 am

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks $1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 p.m. 50¢ mug Draft Beer 8 to close. Starting Aug. 31, advanced Country/Western dance lessons from 6 to 8 with Tom Maza.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing, $1.50 White Well.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Bud Nite: Bud and Bud Light $1.50 from 8 to close. Parker spins country/rock 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Bud & Bud Light Cans 99¢ all day.

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

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer 4 to 8 pm. Starting Sept. 2, Beginners Country Dance Lessons 6 to 8. Parker spins country/rock from 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps. VJ/DJ David 10 to 1.

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

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, $3. Men's Nite - Anyone in bare chest, boxer or jockey shorts or swimsuit 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well drinks and non-premium beer 4-8 pm. Blue Margaritas and Kamakazi shots $1.75 from 8 to 1. Parker spins country/rock 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. Draft Pitchers $2.00 all day. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. DJ/VJ David

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

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, $3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Tom Maza spins Country/Western Dance music from 9 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hora D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ David 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8, $3. 50¢ Schnapps 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Open Noon. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.

IBT's - Open noon. Jayne Wayne rides again! Happy Hour noon til 8 pm. 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer. Tom Maza spins Country/Western dance music from 9 to close. It's time. . .

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David VJ/DJ 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Cash Pool Tournament 3 p.m. $3 entry fee. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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by Ben Corbin

Do you believe in Christmas in July? Wee, I personally wouldn't believed it possible until this past week. Well, not to keep you in suspense any longer, and Angel gave the Publication Committee of MCC-Tucson a new word processor. It was delivered to the church last Thursday (by the Angel) and I have been working (or practicing) on it ever since. I know that this will not effect the contents of this column, but it will certainly help in getting this column into Bob's hands on time and in a readable format. Oh, this world of modern inventions! If I can only learn how to use this machine so that it doesn't take so much time in figuring out what key to use or what to do next. You have heard the old saying, 'it does everything except talk back to you." Well, don't you believe it with this machine. It does exactly that, and can it talk. I have never been the quiet one, myself, and it is a good thing that no one is hearing this conversation right now.

Enough of my own problems for this week. But, I will request a lot of prayers, believe me, a lot of them.

Summer vacation for the MCC Choir is now over. They will start rehearsals this week. The first performance of the choir is scheduled for Sunday, September 6th, at the Morning Worship Service, starting at 10:45 a.m. We will have several new voices in the choir, most of the former choir members will be returning, but we have lost a few voices from last spring. New robes for the choir and musicians are now being fitted to have custom made robes for each individual. The robes will add to the enhancement of the function of the choir during services.

Mid week service, which has been on summer vacation, will be resumed on Wednesday, September 2nd. This is an informal worship service to help those who need that extra up lift during the week. Communion will be served during the service.

MCC-Tucson would like to thank all of you who made purchases during our bake sale at the Graduate during Partner's Beer Bust last Saturday. Your support is greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this bake sale will be used to help send our delegates to the Southwest District Conference in California this November.

Thought for the week: Nobody notices what I do until I don't do it.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I wonder often, if perhaps some of my family HIV+ and to her Gays have been cruelly abused as children, or even adults; and learned "how bad we are" or we're "always to blame?" We're usually not allowed to express our feelings, but must stuff them down inside. We always wonder, "Who's at fault?" Us? God? We're told "God loves us," but yet, he didn't stop the abuse.

Let me tell you just one thing: I was abused for 15 years; from age 5 to age 20, by the very people I loved the most. Not by God, but all the others. I have blamed God for so many years. if God loved me, "Why didn't he stop the abuse?" But, I never knew until now, that the people who abuse me were very sick people. It took a lot of time and therapy and prayer to find that out.

I am now 44 years old. A lot of people helped me see that my God did not forsake me. My message to you about our God is he created all, and all he loves; all things; plants; animals; and human beings. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even they very hairs of your head are numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:29-31).

We have been beaten down by some churches. I'm so lucky I found one that accepts me, just as I am; Cornerstone Fellowship. Everyone here has a lot of love to give: hugs, handshakes and the word of God. If you ever have a question about abuse and God, you'll find me there. We can talk together.

We have Worship Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6;00 p.m. We would love to share our service with you. You may have many questions from abuse to how to receive salvation, and a whole gamut of questions in between. Don't worry about it; whatever amount of time it takes to answer your questions to your complete satisfaction, based on God's word, the Holy Bible, we will be happy to spend with you. yes, there really is a church that believes a Gay individual can be a dedicated, committed Christian. We're the living proof. We have joy to share with you this Sunday! See you then.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
9:00 P.M.
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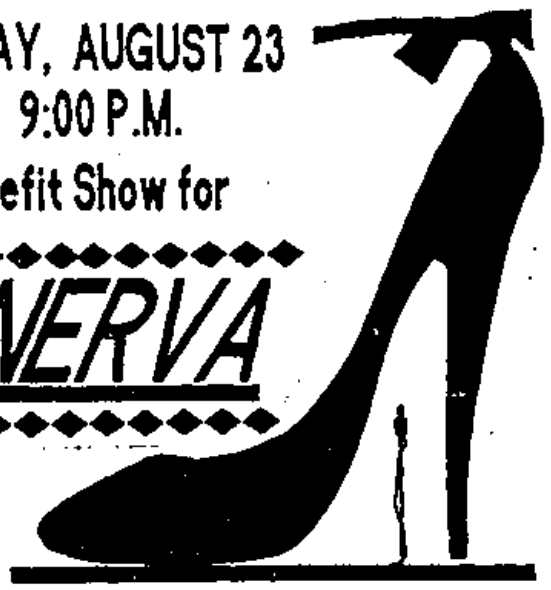

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BY; NENA TRUJILLO,
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I recently attended a "Leather Event" at one of our local Gay bars, and to my dismay, I found myself staring at several containers of Crisco. Being an advocate of safer sex,, my immediate thought was "Oh Noll, this is an oil based lubricant that breaks down latex condoms and could lead to a condom breaking while in use." So I decided to look further into this situation.

A growing number of Gay Men and Lesbians who at one time thought that they could not find satisfying sex following safer sex guidelines are turning to handballing (FF, Fisting) as a viable alternative to activity which might involve exchanging body fluids. Many are also finding it a beautiful and romantic way to make love.

The health risk from fisting,(FF), comes from the following areas;

Trauma,
Transfer of HIV,
and Other microorganisms.

Each of these risks can be substantially controlled.

To avoid infection from HIV or other microorganisms, the following precautions should be observed.

1. Both participants should learn the ins and outs (no pun intended) of this activity from those with experience.

2. Pain in the anal canal or vagina is a clear sign that this activity is being carried out with inappropriate speed and/or violence, or without proper knowledge of how it is done.

3. Use liberal amounts of lubricant to ease entry and keep things running without heat or friction.

4. If Crisco or any other oil based lubricant is being used for anal fisting, use latex gloves. The reason for the gloves is primarily to avoid transference of microorganisms from possible blood or fecal matter from the receiver to the top, through minor cuts or under the fingernails. If you are playing for a prolonged period of time, you will want to change gloves frequently, since the oil in the lube begins to degrade the latex.

5. For vaginal fisting, a water-based lubricant should be used along with latex gloves.

6. Never use the same glove on two people, and be careful to wash up completely between partners.

7. If you're going to fuck and fist, remember the following: If anal fisting is more comfortable for you with oil based lubricants (because these lubricants have more viscosity), be sure to fuck first with water based lubricants and latex condoms. "Smaller t[o] bigger" is an easy way to remember.

8. While handballing may be enjoyed as part of an SM situation, it is important that the top not use this as an arena for acting out power trips or creating pain.

9. Receivers should never participate in other anal sexual activity for at least several days after handballing.

I hope this helps clarify some questions that you might have had in your mind.

The Think Positive Project will continue to address issues around safer sex, self-esteem, and negotiating safer sex in upcoming articles.

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Double Mischief

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Whose Rights?

As certain Gay men and Lesbians make more and more noise in their protests, often in the name of the whole community, I wonder what they are fighting for.

Protesters recently poured paint on Benetton ads to contest the use of a picture showing a gay man who had just died of AIDS. While I understand objecting to the commercialization of AIDS, I don't agree with the protestors' conclusions or tactics.

Benetton has never avoided controversy. The company has utilized striking images of people of different races, sometimes in controversial poses, as when a black man and a white man were shown handcuffed together. A later Benetton ad featured rows of colored condoms. The latest series includes boat people and war scenes. In these ads, Benetton's name is quite small.

Is Benetton using controversy to sell their products? Would you buy a product because of a picture of boat people? Would viewing a recently dead man send you to the store to spend money?

I don't know why Benetton chooses the ads they use, but I'm glad they do. In magazines filled with anorexic models wearing overpriced clothing, Benetton injects thought provoking views of reality and fantasy. Yes, the ads are sometimes tasteless, but the images are often beautiful, and Benetton consistently treads where no one else dares to go.

Some people dislike big business presenting controversial images, preferring to leave that task to artists. But artists work in big business, and many creative Gays and Lesbians would like nothing better than a grant from big government. The Benetton protestors may hate this situation, but why pick on Benetton? Who else has even acknowledged the existence of gay men and condoms and racial tension?

And, in that picture of the man who died of AIDS, he looks holy. His resemblance to images of Jesus makes his death vivid and particularly terrible. And his family's visible pain shows that, yes, gays do have families, and yes, AIDS does cause real people to suffer. Is this a message to protest?

We all have the right to our opinions. Yet if the people who disagree with Benetton succeed in dissuading Benetton from taking chances, I will be deprived of pictures that have meaning to me. It's one thing to write letters and form boycotts, but covering up other people's images is downright Helms-ian.

Another example of some gays forcing their beliefs on others is Basic Instinct. The "official Gay word" has consistently been that this disgusting anti-Gay film should be stopped at every turn. Yet many Lesbians have enjoyed Basic Instinct, considering its murderous sexy women far preferable to the closeted coziness of Fried Green Tomatoes. If protestors had succeeded in changing the film, those Lesbians would have been deprived of a depiction of, as they see it, female strength.

Now protestors are complaining about the possible casting of Robin Williams as Harvey Milk. In the past, they say, his comedy was borderline homophobic, and, anyway, only a Gay man can play Harvey. as for Williams' past homophobia, let someone who is without sin cast the first stone. We all come from homophobic backgrounds, and it takes us all time to grow out of them. Williams seems to have shown that growth. More importantly, his fame will get the movie made, bringing Milk's ideas to millions of people who might otherwise know nothing about him. (If they could get a famous actor to come out of the closet for the role, that would be ideal, but I'm not holding my breath.)

Most importantly, Williams would do a wonderful job. His combination of energy, looks, charm, and mania is just right. But Gay protestors continue to insist that Williams is unacceptable to the "Lesbian and Gay community." And it the protestors go too far, the movie might not be made at all.

Remember when a protest was suggested of Designing Women because Suzanne told a Lesbian character, "if we can put a man on the moon, we can put one on you"? Some of us thought that line was funny and true to Suzanne, and the show as a whole was excellent.

Later, word went out that the Gay community should congratulate Quantum Leap for jamming a 90's Gay sensibility into a 60's story. I was embarrassed by that show; if Gay power leads to such polemic stupidity, we're not making progress.

There are endless examples, but the point is clear; it's important to protest and be politically active, but no one can speak for all Gay men and Lesbians.

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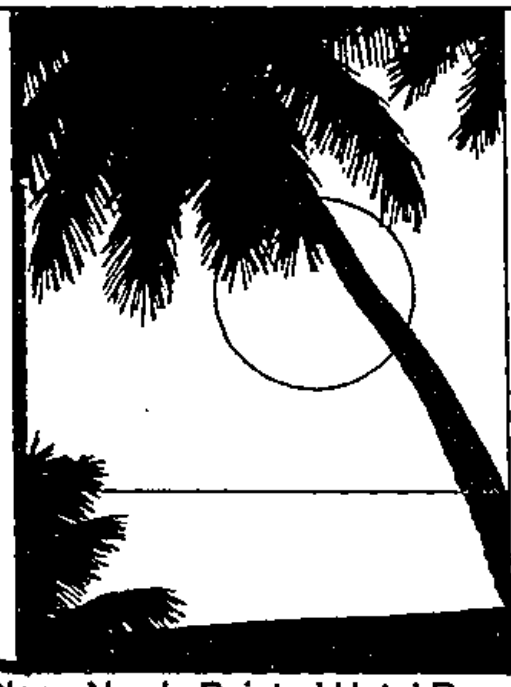

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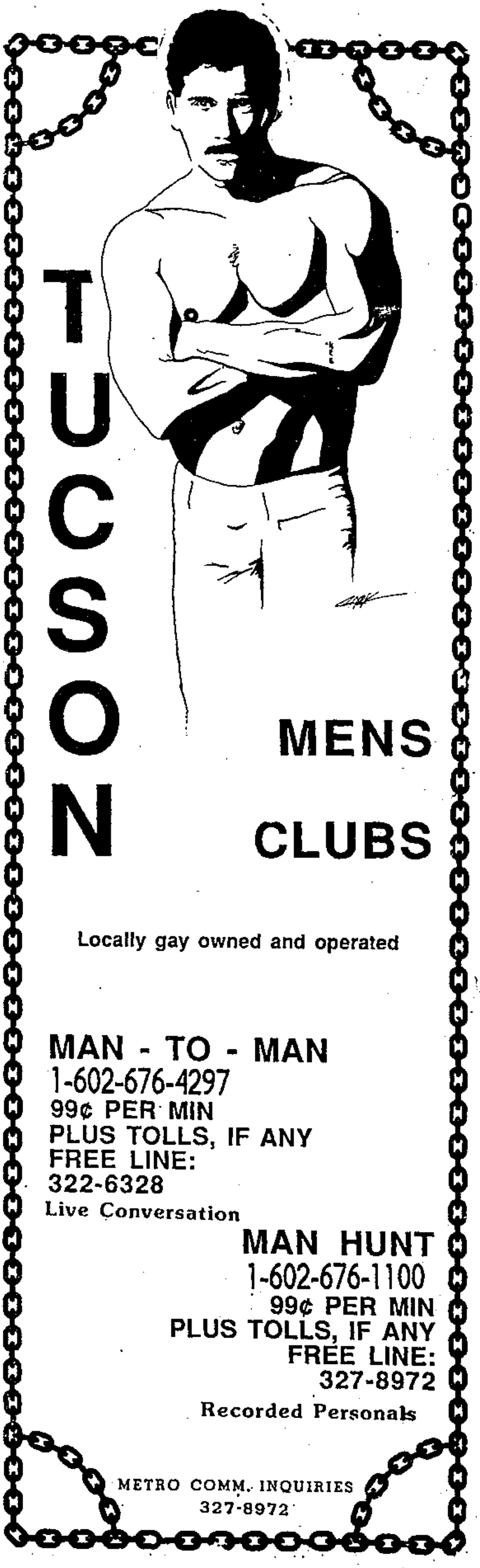

Notes From Desert Voices

Do you know that this season will be Desert Voices eighth consecutive season? That comes to four years of providing our community with an active choral ensemble. Have you heard about Desert Voices but don't really know what it is all about? Or worse yet, did you know that there was a chorus in Tucson for Lesbians and Gays? It's true, there is a mixed chorus especially for you. You now have an opportunity to come to our first meeting this coming Monday night, August 24th. This meeting will give you a chance to check us out and get your questions answered. We are scheduling a Welcome and Orientation that will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Choral Room at First United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of Park and Fourth Street. The Choral Room can be entered at the northwest corner of the church.

The evening will consist of a very informal program, a short voice check for the purpose of section placement, and a question and answer period. Light refreshments will be available. the season will get underway on Monday, August 31st at 7:30 p.m., site to be announced. We are expecting to increase chorus membership this fall after having received many response at our June concert and at the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Meet Yourself. Why not take part in one of our community's growing organizations? So mark you calendar now! All of us at Desert Voices are looking forward to seeing you this Monday night.

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suspended as a result of the broader "stop loss" policy which you put into effect for the duration of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, thus allowing Gays to be sent to the Persian Gulf region for combat with the understanding that they would face resumption of discharge proceedings upon their return, appears to me to strike directly at the heart of the underlying issue.

Mr. Secretary, I urge you to immediately take two steps to address this issue of basic fairness. I urge to appoint a credible commission, independent of the Pentagon, composed of both military, psychological, and sociological professionals, to study the current DOD policy on Gays in the military, the factual impact of Gays on troop training and readiness, the scientific and sociological analysis behind the policy, and the adverse impact, if any, of the presence of openly Gay men and Lesbians in the Armed Forces.

Issues of civil rights and fairness as they relate to gays in the military should be thoroughly reviewed, as they were for blacks in the military in the 1940's and as they are currently being reviewed for women. i would expect that the Commission publish the results of its study within six months of convening, and make them available to both the President and the Congress.

Additionally, out of basic fairness to the men and women who are being affected by this policy, I urge you to immediately suspend the adverse personnel actions being taken against Gay service members for the duration of this study. The precedent for such a suspension was established during Operation Desert Shield.

This is understandably a difficult, emotional, and controversial issue which underscores the need for an open and thorough review based on scientific analysis and military efficacy by experts in the fields of military science and public sociology. Gay men and Lesbians deserve to have their civil liberties protected as are those men and women who have chosen to serve their country in the Armed Forces, and who happen also to be Gay, should be based on fact and documentation, not emotion.

I look forward to your timely response to this request.

Sincerely,
Dennis DeConcini
United States Senator."

Phone Calls Work
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dean of the UA College of Medicine, Dr. James Dalen.

"It's like turning disaster into victory," said Dr. Dalen, who is also provost for medical affairs.

The news is very welcome to people living with AIDS, many of whom are on AHCCCS and most of whom are seen by UA doctors who specialize in acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human immuno-deficiency virus which causes it.

"It's good that we can maintain our relationship with all AHCCCS patients," Dalen said. "I don't want the AHCCCS patients to be any different from the richest people in town."

Beillard remarked that the outcome proves the theory that telephone calls work. And said that when you are asked to phone for whatever reason - "if you believe in the cause, be sure to call."

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