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International AIDS Conference Update

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN - The only speaker who stole the show at the opening of the 10th International AIDS Conference here was the only man in Japan to publicly reveal that he is infected with the AIDS virus.

"I am HIV positive," proclaimed Toshihiro Oishi, 25, a former law clerk who is waging a one-man campaign to break down the wall of silence and shame that still surrounds AIDS in Japan.

Oishi, an organizer for a Japanese Gay and Lesbian group, first went public with his HIV infection last summer. Since then, he's been urging others here to do the same. But so far, no one has been willing to take the risk. "Japan is a difficult society for us people with AIDS," Oishi said, alluding to the extreme social stigma and widespread discrimination that still face people with AIDS in Japan.

At one point, he asked all those int he audience who were infected with the AIDS virus to rise to their feet. A few stood up, then a few more, then more and more, until hundreds were on the feet, spanning row after row in the ultramodern convention center.

"We are all humans," Oishi told the crowd. "We must continue to live together." His remarks were greeted by thunderous applause.

Oishi's talk highlighted the opening of the AIDS conference, which has drawn together more than 10,000 scientists, doctors, care providers, educators and community organizers from around the world.

The conference is the first meeting of the international AIDS group to be held in Asia, where the AIDS virus is now spreading most rapidly. By the year 2000, an estimated 45 million people in Asia may be infected - more than on any other continent.

A decade after the first international AIDS conference brought the world's top experts together in hopes of finding a cure, scientists are still searching for answers to the deadly disease.

Optimism has dwindled in the face of one frustrating roadblock after another. Now, as the Tenth International Conference on Aids is under way there is no talk of miracles. Lessons of the past have been too sobering.

Early studies of the drug AZT suggested an effective anti-AIDS drug might be reality. But the AIDS virus's uncanny ability to adapt has thwarted single-drug strategies.

Encouraging early trials on possible vaccines to prevent infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, have all produced mixed results at best. No candidate vaccine so far shows any great promise.

Despite massive efforts to raise awareness about the disease and how it is spread, many communities are without AIDS prevention programs. Denial of risk remains the virus's biggest ally.

These also is concern that in the United States and elsewhere the epidemic is becoming "marginalized" -- taking hold in minority, poor and homeless communities already lacking health care and other social support.

Meanwhile, roughly 40,000 people are dying of AIDS each year in the United States.

"The human aspect hasn't changed," says D. Paul Volberding, director of the AIDS program at San Francisco General Hospital, who will present findings at the conference on ways to keep infected people healthy longer. "This isn't going to go away any time soon."

But Volberding and others on the front lines do see glimmers of hope.

1. A new class of potential anti-AIDS drugs known as protease inhibitors shows promise in early clinical trials.

2. Anti-AIDS campaigns in Thailand, India and Vietnam indicate new awareness of AIDS' dangers and provide hope of slowing the epidemic.

3. Basic researchers are learning more about HIV and the human immune system, clearing the way for potential advances in years ahead.

When a person is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus -- through contact with the blood, sperm or other body fluid of an infected individual -- the virus zeros in on immune system cells known as T-4 helper cells.

Once it breaks through the T-4 cell membrane, HIV becomes a part of the immune system cell and begins the process through which it copies its genetic material -- in effect, cloning itself.

The trick for scientists is to find ways to interrupt the viral life cycle, either to block infection in the first place or to stop it from spreading after infection occurs.

But drugs that looked promising in a test tube or in early human trials have time and time again proved disappointing. If the latest candidates, the protease inhibitors, are eventually approved, they will be the first new class of anti-HIV drugs since

AHCCCS Ceases To Exist After Oct. 1, 1994 ???

by John Haase

Talk about your can of worms, the number to call is 1-800-9626690 for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). If you are, or know anyone involved in the States indigent (I love that word) health care system, get off your ass an start examining where you or your loved ones will be seen and/or hospitalized.

AHCCCS's OPEN ENROLLMENT IS AUGUST 8 THROUGH AUGUST 31 ONLY.

AHCCCS will cease to exist by all accounts October 1st, 1994. Their patient list has been sold to CIGNA. However, what is unclear as of today's writing is if you're seen at El Rio, where will you be hospitalized under CIGNA's plan? Doctors cannot travel outside their carrier's list.

I can get no definitive answer as to why Carondelet is not listed at CIGNA (see list to follow). This, however, could change by the time you read this. I'm putting my money on Arizona Blue Connection (ABC) 1-800-431-5551 (see list to follow.

If you or your family members have MERCY CARE and get dropped for whatever reason, you will not be put back on MERCY CARE.

If you have any further questions, call 1-800-962-6690, first. This is the AHCCCS toll free phone number. Good luck!

Big John

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DOCTORS USED BY THE PLAN:
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CIGNA
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HOSPITALS USED:
El Dorado, Northwest, Tucson General, University Medical Center

PHARMACIES:
El Rio Health Center (registered patients only), Clara Vista, Santa Cruz Plaza, Walgreen's

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UPDATE

PACT 'Life Through Art' Set For Sept. 24 Volunteers Sought

Tucson - Saturday, September 24th, is a very important date for PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION FOR LIFE OF TUCSON. Our annual LIFE THROUGH ART fund raiser at the Tucson Temple of Music and Art will feature many artists' talents, both silent and live auctions for donated artworks will take place from % p.m. to 10 p.m. that evening.

Volunteers are needed for poster distribution advertising the event. If you can spare and hour or more to help on Saturday, August 20th, meet at the PACT office at 10 a.m. or call Mary Higgins or Frank Gallego at 770-1710.

A variety of volunteer support services leading up to the event, as well as the day of the event, are needed and your help is greatly appreciated. On Tuesday, September 6th, we need a mailing crew at the PACT office, 801 West Congress Street, at 10 a.m. Bartenders, barbacks, security, champagne servers, gallery hosts, ticket takers, front door receptionists, food servers and other support services for Sat., Sept. 24th, are available for volunteers.

All proceeds go to continue the work, outreach and assistance PACT provides our community. PACT provides information, early intervention services, pharmaceutical assistance, immune system profiling, support groups, housing assistance, Food for Life, hospital visitation, nutrition education and referrals to a.) those diagnosed with HIV or AIDS, b.) their families and loved ones, and c.) the Tucson community as a whole.

Jones InterCable Donates to TAP Fundraiser

Tucson, AZ When Jones Intercable customers purchase the Academy Award - winning drama "Philadelphia" on pay-per-view in August, $1.00 will be donated to Tucson AIDS Project by Jones Intercable and Columbia TriStar International Television to help fight AIDS in Tucson.

Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) is a non-profit organization that provides services for people with AIDS and their families, and education to prevent the spread of the HIV virus. T.A.P. relies on committed volunteers, local resources, highly qualified staff, and financial support from the community to help individuals and our community cope with the personal, financial, and social impact of HIV/AIDS.

"Philadelphia", winner of two Academy Awards, stars Tom Hanks as an up-and-coming young lawyer, who has just been fired by his prestigious law firm and believes he's been fired because he has AIDS. As he takes his former employers to court, a clear-cut battle begins with a fight for his reputation, for his life, and for justice. Directed by Jonathan Demme, "Philadelphia" also stars Denzil Washington, Antonio Banderas and Joanne Woodward.

This special $1.00 donation is made possible with the purchase of "Philadelphia" on Jones Intercable Pay-Per-View. Pay-Per-View is an easy way to see box office hit movies without the hassle of leaving home. Jones Intercable is pleased to make this donation possible and encourages their customers to choose pay-per-view when they want to see "Philadelphia" to help support Tucson AIDS Project.

"Philadelphia" premiered on pay-per-view on August 1st and airs throughout the month on Jones Intercable Pay-Per-View. Jones Intercable customers should tune to Jones channel 28 for previews and schedules or call 744-1900 for more information.

In Memoriam

T-BARR STEVENS
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MITCHELL ALAN REID

Mitchell Alan Reid, 37, died at the VA Hospice on the 22nd of July, 1994. He is survived by his father, Leonard and step-mother, Christel Reid of Austin, TX., half brother Anthony R. Reid, step-sister Connie R. Johnson, of Scottsdale, AZ., and step-brother James E. Bedwell of Tucson, AZ.

Mitchell is also survived by his companion, James Love, of Houston, TX. Both men were former employees of the Venture-N.

A memorial service will be held in Austin, TX. Date to be announced.

It was Mitch's wish that instead of flowers, those wishing to, may make a donation in his name to the Shanti Foundation, 602 N. 4th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705.

TSGA Bowl-A-Thon

TUCSON - A fund raiser for the Tucson Greater Softball League. Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile in Tucson will be hosting the "Bowl-A-Thon" on Sunday, August 28th, proptly at noon. Proceeds to benefit the Gay softball league.

You don't have to be a softball player or a bowler to join in on the fun. This is a family affair, so bring your family and firends and meet the players. Cheer for your favorite player as they zero in on a strike or a gutter. All in the nature of good fun! All interested persons are welcomed to participate. Registration fee is $10.00. For more information, contact Gil at 577-3565 or Pete at 793-6000, or John 797-0839.

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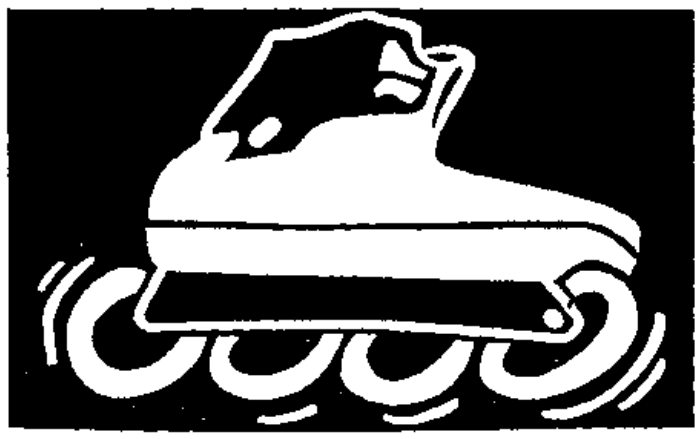

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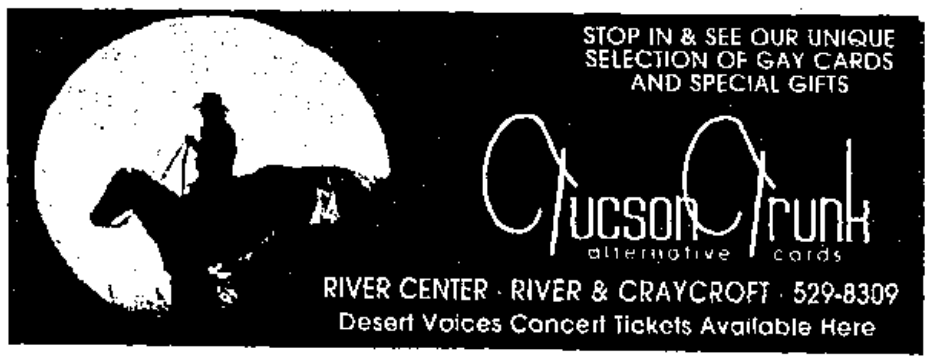

From The POOP SHEET
by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Isn't it strange how ignorance can produce such confusion!

Don't you think School Districts which allow education about the gay & lesbian community should also allow their students education on ALL of the great Religious communities? I do. This way our children will learn what it's all about. Of course, it must be expected that none would endeavor to proselytize through the educational process.

As a parent, who also happens to be gay, I certainly would not want my kids to become gay simply because some teacher painted them a beautiful picture of the gay/lesbian, would you? And, I certainly wouldn't want them to become a Catholic, Methodist, Muslim, etc. for a similar reason. After all, our family has been evangelical Baptist for the past Century.

Oh, silly me! I keep forgetting being gay or lesbian isn't something anyone could choose to be no matter how wonderfully the teacher depicted it. How dumb of me. But, the kids could choose some other Religious Faith and this does scare me because it certainly would create divisions within our family. Possibly the schools could only allow Baptist prayers and this might keep them from falling away from "THE truth".

Isn't it strange how ignorance can produce confusion!

Of course, if we had children who weren't gay, the real truth is there is no way they could became gay. Like my kids, who are now 37 and 39 years old; they've been exposed to the facts of homo life and living for years...and they're still straight, because that's what they are. They know it and I have to accept that as a gay father because it's a fact of life. My kids are straight. Can you imagine trying to be gay if you're not?

On the other hand, when I was younger and they were children, my ignorant thought was that if I "raised" them to be Baptists, that's what they'd be...well, when they were youths, that's what they were. As they grew up and left home they allowed themselves to be educated about ALL other Religions as they sought for Truths. They could have saved a lot of running around if it had been taught in school. They didn't choose to remain with their childhood teachings. Oh, they're still a part of the Christian faith but no Baptists. I too, over the years, have not remained with the Confirmation of my youth and family upbringing. Some things in life we can choose, others we are fated to be unable to change and must accept.

Schools may only educate us about historical facts, scientific findings, the canons of various Religions, etc. Students who search for Truths will be obliged to select their own conclusions and will live with those choices. If a new light is shed upon something with the passing of years, then we make adjustments. Yeah, I know. It's a bummer; but truth is not always easy to come by because of man's ability to lie and hide facts. Remember the Kennedy assassination. Remember "the earth is flat". Remember Jim & Tammi Baker and Jimmy Swaggart.

CHANNEL CHANGE: Hail! Fellow actors! What role are you portraying on the stage of life? I am in a production at the moment which puts me in a multiple role. You know my role as a columnist. Then, there is the role as an author with 3 manuscripts in the works. There's the role as teacher of a class called "Acting for Everyone" twice a week; my role as a lecturer at Universities, Corporate gatherings, and gay/lesbian functions. There's my long-running role as "Dad", "Uncle" and soon-to-become "Grandpa". I also portray a waiter part-time at a near-by Denny's to keep up the image that all waiter's are gay. There is also my role as "quiet activist" and "AIDS provider" and I just auditioned for a new role as a Radio Talk Show host which may soon put me on a new stage set.

Yes, the world truly is a stage and we merely actors there upon. As actors we work WITH our casts of

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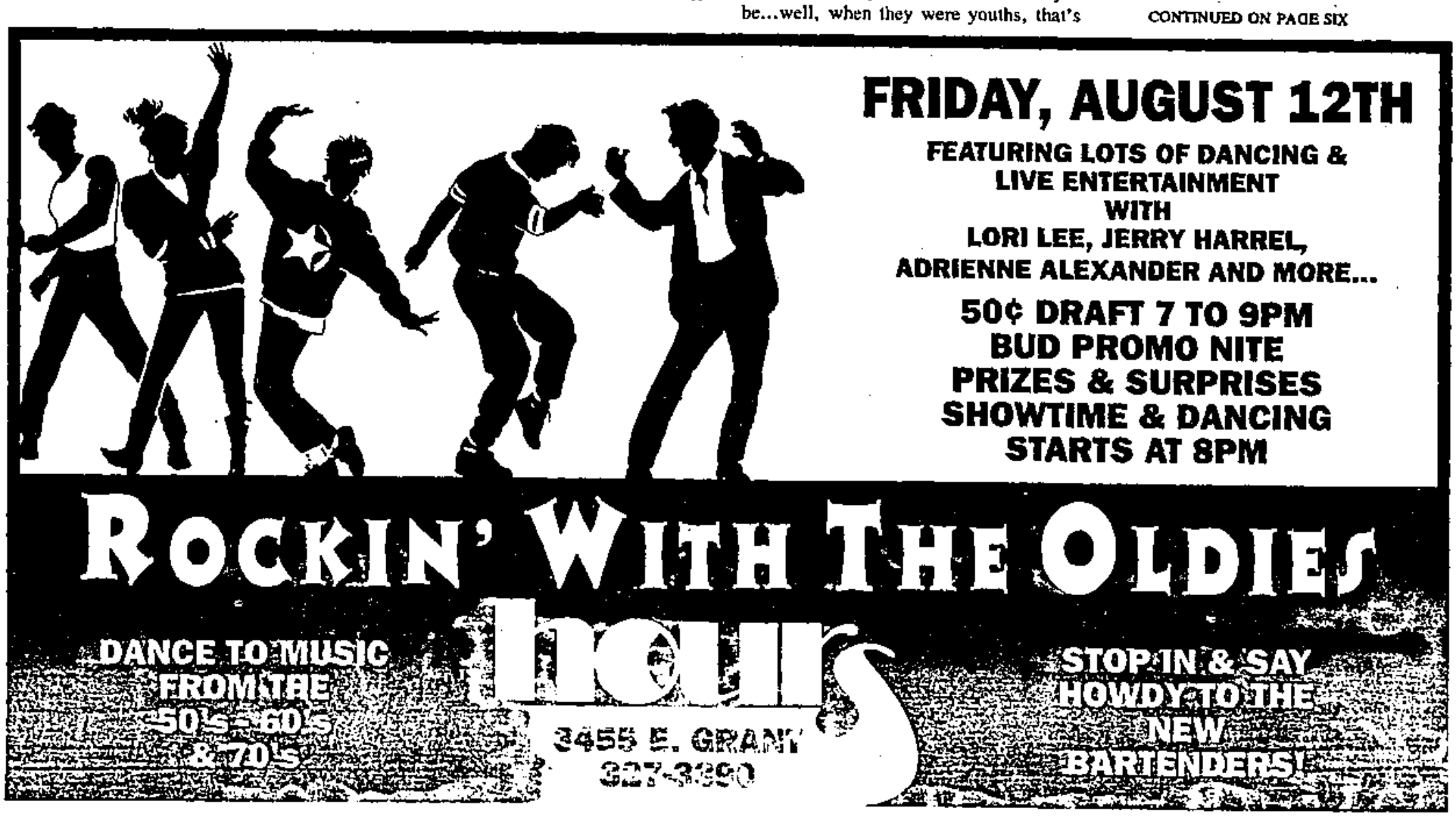

Montana City's Outrage & Action Curbs Activity of Skinheads

BILLINGS, MONT., (AP) - Police Chief Wayne Inman has seen what happens when racism and anti-Semitism are allowed to fester. As a cop in Oregon, he watched skinhead hatred turn murderous.

When the swastika appeared in Billings, Montana's largest city, Inman was determined to halt the hatred early. He and others stirred the community to a roar of outrage that appears to have cowed the racist groups, at least for now.

"Hate crimes are not a police problem; they're a community problem," Inman said in an interview. "Hate crimes and hate activity will flourish only in communities that allow it to flourish."

The first signs came last year, when fliers started showing up in Billings mailboxes, on doorstops and under windshield wipers. The fliers and anonymous phone calls vilified Hispanics, Indians, blacks, Gays, Lesbians and welfare recipients but reserved special venom for the city's Jewish community of 48 families.

Then came a series of seemingly random, isolated incidents:

In January 1993, a few skinheads slipped into a Martin Luther King Day observance. Afterward, participants found their cars papered with Ku Klux Klan material.

In the spring, skinheads began showing up in twos and threes at Wyman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, glowering in the back pews. As the Rev. Bob Freeman recalls it, "They were trying to intimidate us with 'the stare,' you know."

In August, a black swastika painted on white poster board was nailed to the door of Beth Aaron Synagogue, and tombstones were toppled in its cemetery.

In October, swastikas and racial slurs were spray painted on the home of a mixed race couple, white and Indian.

From his previous job, Inman recognized an emerging pattern, hate literature to intimidation to vandalism to personal attacks, which in Portland, Oregon culminated in the November 1988 beating death of Mulugeta Seraw, a young Ethiopian. Seraw's three skinhead attackers were fresh from a meeting of East Side White Pride at which to agents of White Aryan Resistance, a supremacist group, gave a spirited "recruitment" speech.

The skinheads plead guilty. The group's founder, Tom Metzger, and his son John, were convicted two years later of inciting Seraw's murder by recruitment.

"I saw the emergence of the hate groups and a community's denial. And I saw a wake up call that was the death of a black man," Inman said. "We didn't have to go through that here to get the wake up call."

What was different in Billings, a metropolitan area of about 100,000, was the united public reaction to the ugliness.

Inman kept repeating a message to civic groups and community leaders: Hate groups must be resisted, not ignored.

And the resistance was more than bluster. Within five days of the spray painted vandalism, 27 volunteers from a local painters' union swarmed over the defaced house and obliterated the slurs in 45 minutes.

Bigotry resurfaced the next month. On November 27, a beer bottle was hurled through a glass door at the home of Uri Barnea, conductor of the Billings Symphony. Five nights later, a cinder block thrown through a window sent shards of glass spraying over the bed of 5 year old Isaac Schnitzer.

Both houses were decorated with Hanukkah menorahs. Both houses has children at home with baby sitters.

The threats to children aroused a fierceness in the city. Christian churches distributed photocopies of menorahs. The Billings Gazette published a black and white picture of a menorah with an editorial, then a full-page version in color. Several businesses began providing paper menorahs.

Within days, the nine candle symbol of Jewish perseverance and resistance from second century B.C. was displayed in thousands of windows across the city.

On December 10, about 100 people attended a Hanukkah service at Beth Aaron Synagogue. Outside, other neighbors discreetly stood vigil in the dark.

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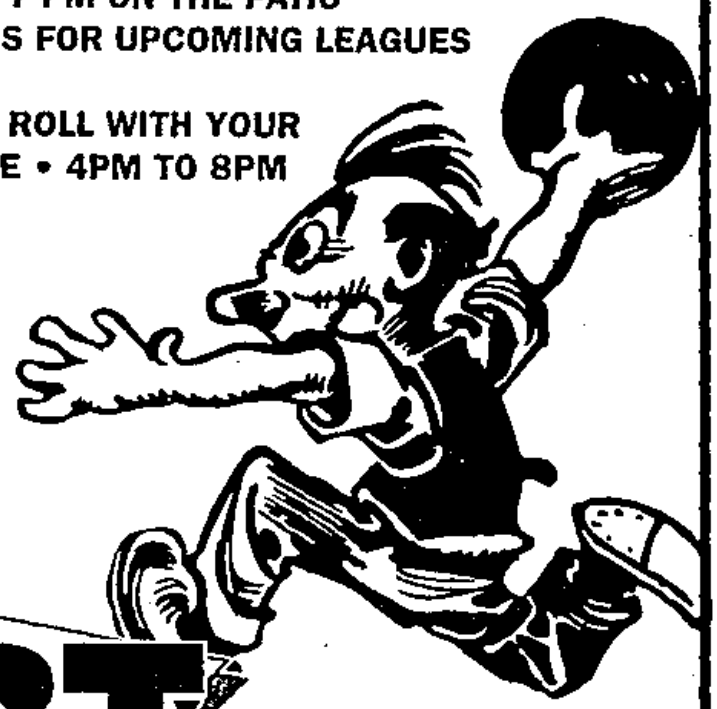

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On The Sports Front

Bats and balls continue to fly Sunday nights for the Tucson Greater Softball Association league play. Lightning stopped play for the 8 and 9 p.m. games, but not before two excellent, close competitions were completed.

The team from 2520 edged by the Dirty Dozen from Venture-N in a game which kept the crowd cheering and jeering. Both teams had individuals who blazed the ball out of the park for home runs. Excellent plays were made by both teams during the 6th week games of the 7-week season.

In the second game, Before Hours slid past IBTeaser's in fast and furious play. Injuries didn't slow the IBTeaser's down; they kept coming making the Before Hours players have to show off their excellent fielding shills along with strong batting to keep the Teaser's at bay.

Queer Gear and Still Hours were tied 3-3 when their game was called due to inclement weather. These teams will restart their match on Wednesday, August 17th at 8 p.m. at Oury Park Following the 8 p.m. matchup, IBTeaser's will meet After Hours at 9 p.m. at Oury Park to play their week 6 game which was canceled due to the storm.

These should be great, close games to watch as is evident by the tied score prior to cancellation. Let's get out there and support these players of Queer Gear, Still Hours, IBTeaser's and After Hours on Wednesday, August 17th, Oury Park Field at 8 and 9 p.m. for their make-up games!

Field Location News:

Sorry to report that adverse events have resulted in the TGSA losing its reservation at Freedom Park. THE REMAINDER OF THE REGULAR SEASON WILL BE PLAYED AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED (i.e. 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. games) AT OURY PARK AT ST. MARY'S RD. & I-10. See you Sunday at Oury Park!

TGSA week 6 standings:

Team	Wins	Losses
2520	7	0
Dirty Dozen	5	2
Before Hours	4	3
Queer Gear	3	3*
IBTeaser's	2	4*
Still Hours	1	4*
After Hours	0	6*

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DEAR EDITOR:

I was in Arizona on business recently and was happy to get hold of the July issue of the Observer, which helped orient me to the local lesbian and gay community.

I was shocked and offended, however, to read Part 5 of "Homosexuality and the Bible," under the heading "A View From the Rock." The column egregiously misrepresents Judaism. The columnist is ignorant or malicious, characterizing a multifaceted tradition of interpretative, often contested discourse, as a literalist and backward dogma.

While there are some fundamentalist Jews, that view hardly dominates or defines Judaism as a spiritual, cultural, and historical practice. Your readers may not be aware that two of Judaism's major branches in America–the Reform and Reconstructionist movements--ordain openly lesbian and gay rabbis. There are more than 100 lesbian and gay synagogues in the U.S.

That doesn't necessarily mean that homophobia is less prevalent among Jews than among anyone else, but to blame Jews for Biblical prohibitions against homosexuality is like the anti-Semitic libel that historically blamed Jews for killing Christ. Last time I looked, the organization pushing for anti-gay ballot initiative, organizing homophobic rallies, justifying gay-bashing, and promoting a fundamentalist presidential candidate was not called the Jewish Coalition.

The column asserts: "If you are not a Christian, you can do nothing to save yourself or make yourself right with God. The only way to make yourself right with God is to confess to Jesus Christ as Savior...All the 'righteous' acts in the world won't get even the holiest person into heaven unless that person is a born again believer."

Is religious intolerance acceptable because its proponent accepts homosexuality? It sounds like the same old bigotry to me. Sincerely yours,

Alisa Solomon, NYC

TO THE TUCSON LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY -

TLGA will be meeting on August 14, 1994 at the Southwest corner of Reid Park for a Pride Picnic security and volunteer committee. We need at least 50 people to help with the security this year as we need to obtain a special events permit to give the beer away. We will have two hour shifts starting at 10 a.m.

The meeting time will be 4 p.m. (so you can get to softball by 6). If you want to help but cannot make the meeting, please call John at 321-0985 or Debra at 579-7000. Help us put on the best event ever.

Also TLGA would like to thank John and Ron for helping us with a $50 donation, also David and Lindsey for your donation.

Debra and John, TLGA

OPEN LETTER TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY:

As the only person in a legal capacity of the Tucson Human Rights Coalition, I have made the decision ;to dissolve THRC. I made the effort to contact the two other incorporators, with no response from them. I also spoke to many different members of the THRS and they felt it was time to move on to other issues.

I have donated the money from the THRC account to TLGA. I did speak to the attorney for THRC and was told that was acceptable.

Looking back on the past sixteen months that we had to spend time and energy always thinking what would happen if we as gay and lesbian people had no civil rights, I feel THRC filled a void that existed in our state. We as a community in Tucson stayed informed about the anti-gay initiative in a way it was not happening on a state level. We could not have done it without all of you. Thank you and please join the TLGA Civil Rights Committee!

Also I want to say a special thanks to Bob Ellis and Gary Clark for always printing the meeting time for THRC and for promoting the organization.

Continue to "Fight the Right"

Debra Broner

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY:

I would like to take this chance to thank all the people that have helped me. This last month as been a very trying and difficult one. Through everything that has happened I've discovered who my real friends are have been touched by their warmth, generosity and overall humanity. Forgive me if this letter is too long, but there are too many people that I need to thank.

I would like to thank:

Frank and Dave at IBT's – your willingness to do anything for anyone is an example we should all follow; Chris and Ralph–you are what fraternity brothers are supposed to be, others could learn from you; To Eric and Felize--both of you are fabulous, and you know why.

To the literally hundreds of people who gave generously at 2520 to the Robert Strickland Fund--the outpouring from your hearts and wallets was phenomenal.

To Club 2520–thank you for allowing us to collect donations at your doors and for hosting the Robert Strickland Benefit on Thursday; To the Stonewall-for Sunday's benefit;

To all the female impersonators at both benefits–I hope people like you are always around, your hearts make the world too special not to be: p.s.- I now have a new found respect for your profession.

To Raven--"now and forever" you will always put a smile on my face and tear in my eyes; To Molly Logan--thanks for being that special type of friend that I hope I'll always have; To Rick a.k.a. Misty–thank you for creating Ashley, something I could never have done or had the courage to do alone.

To Bobby, Don & Keith, Sean M., and Frank (a.k.a. Nova) & Frank--thanks for getting me through that day that I though would never end; To everyone who helped or supported Ashley White and her performances--thanks for not laughing too loudly.

To anyone I've forgotten who has

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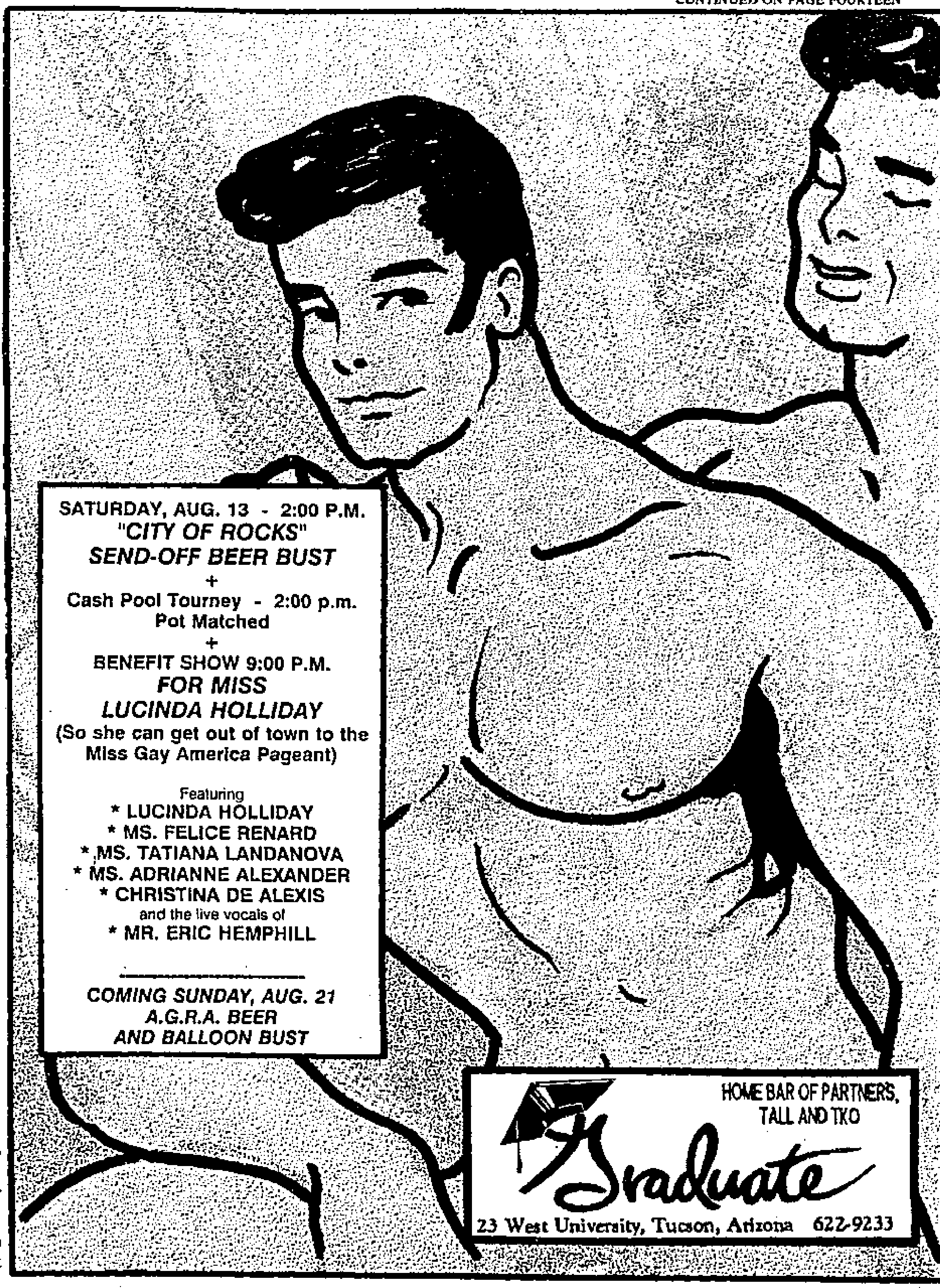

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AGRA-Tucson Chapter is sponsoring a raffle featuring tickets to the September 30, George Strait Tucson concert as grand prize. Tickets may be bought from any AGRA Board Member or Fund Raising Committee Member for $1.00 each or six for $5.00. Tickets for the raffle will go on sale this Friday, August 12.

Hours will be hosting a "Sock Hop" this coming Friday, August 12. AGRA will be there with the AGRA Balloon Bust. There are some great prizes including posters, arts and crafts, Tee-shirts, and a watch, to name a few. AGRA will also be selling the George Strait raffle tickets throughout the evening. Girls (and/or guys) get out your favorite poodle skirt, and guys ;get out your favorite pair of old blue jeans and come on down to Hours this Friday for a great evening.

Don't forget the deadline for the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Poster Contest is just around the corner. The contest is open to anyone, and the winner will receive $100. Contest deadline is August 21, at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in entering please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805 for full details.

The August AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meetings will take place at the Flamingo Sun Hotel, 1300 N. Stone, on August 21. Board Meeting at 3 p.m., with General Membership Meeting following at 5 p.m. We will select the winner of the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Poster Contest by vote during the General Membership Meeting. Please be sure to attend.

Immediately following the meetings at the Flamingo, The Graduate will host all AGRA members in attendance for 1/2 price cocktails. The Graduate will also sponsor a Beer Bust during the evening to benefit AGRA. If you can't make it to the meetings, join us at the Graduate for an ice cold beer and a great time.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of AGRA or would like more information, please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

By the way, has anyone seen Lucinda's Tiara and wig? Rumor has it that Edgar decided to take it for a spin or two, and the Tiara and wig have not been seen since.

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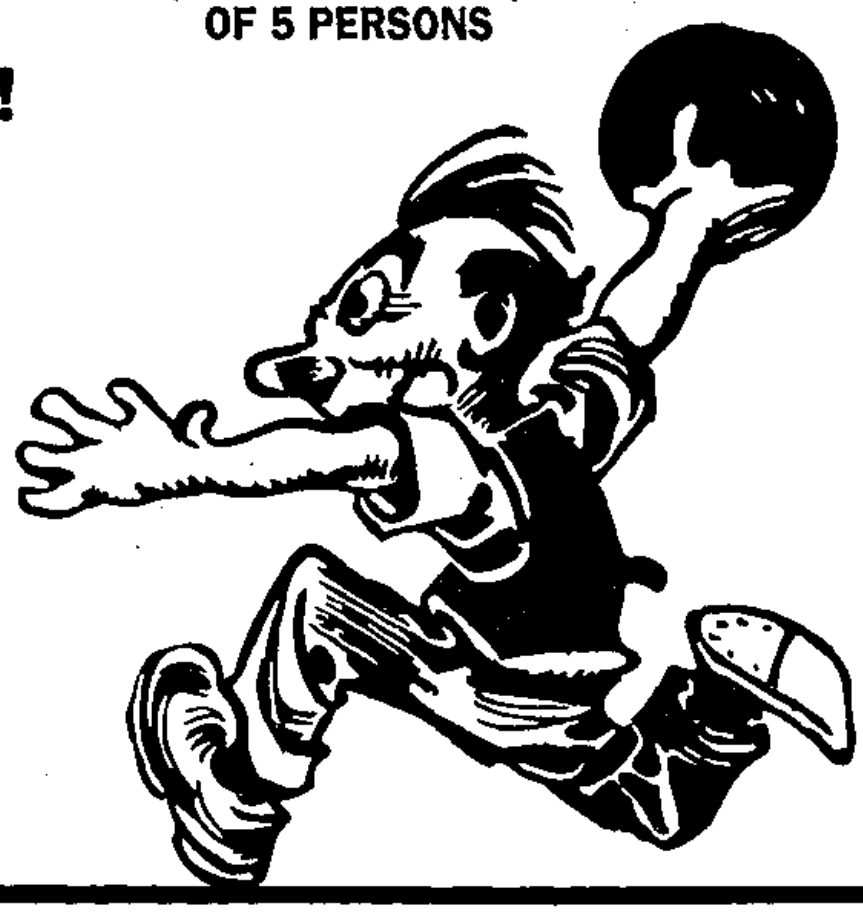

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AZT, which was the first drug approved for use against the virus.

"There's a lot of excitement" about these experimental drugs, says Derek Link, who tracks drug research for Gay Men's Health Crisis, an AIDS advocacy group based in New York. "But we still don't know if they work."

Protease inhibitors are different from the four existing anti-HIV drugs -- AZT, ddC, ddI and d4t -- because they target a different point in the viral life cycle.

The existing drugs all block the enzyme call reverse transcriptase, which copies HIV's genetic information into the DNA of an infected cell.

Protease inhibitors work later in the process. They block the enzyme the already-copied viral genetic material needs to become a new infectious virus. "The virus is created, but it can't work," says Hoffmann-LaRoche's Dr. Paul Hergenroeder.

Researchers know protease inhibitors alone aren't going to stop AIDS. Even if they exceed expectations, many other drugs will be needed, aiming at other stages of infection. And that will take longer.

Developing protease inhibitors "has been amazingly quick," notes Hergenroeder, because the technique had already been studied for combating kidney disease.

The rapid progress in the 1980's fighting some of the major opportunistic infections -- diseases that take advantage of an AIDS patient's compromised immune system -- also resulted from work against other diseases. Compounds already studied were taken off the shelf and tried in the battle against AIDS.

Luckily, some of them made a difference against such infections as pneumocystic carinil pneumonia, which used to speed AIDS victims to their deaths and now often is controlled or prevented.

But there aren't many old compounds left to try.

"A lot of the drugs that were already available have been looked at. Now, we're looking at the need to develop new drugs from the scratch," says GMHC's Link. "That's a more difficult process."

Still, says Volberding, "in the end, it's a single virus causing a single disease."

"Ultimately, there is the sense that we're making progress. Sooner or later we're going to cure it."

New Text Asserts Church Sanctified Same Sex Unions

NEW HAVEN, CT (AP) - In the Middle Ages, men who loved each other were commonly united by priests in Christian ceremonies much like weddings between men and women, a historian says in a new book.

In 12 years of research that took him to the Vatican library and elsewhere in Europe, John Boswell of Yale University says he found liturgies that joined male couples with invocations to God, the clasping of right hands and kisses to signify the bond.

Other scholars dispute the findings, saying the ceremonies blessed friendships not Gay love, and should not be confused with Christian marriage.

His book carries a June 30 publishing date but has been rushed into bookstores.

FDA To Debate Home Tests For AIDS Virus

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration debates a tricky side issue of the AIDS epidemic: Should Americans test themselves for the deadly virus at home?

Three companies are seeking FDA approval for drugstore sales of home test kits for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Supporters say home testing will increase the number of people who know they're infected so they can get treatment and stop spreading the virus.

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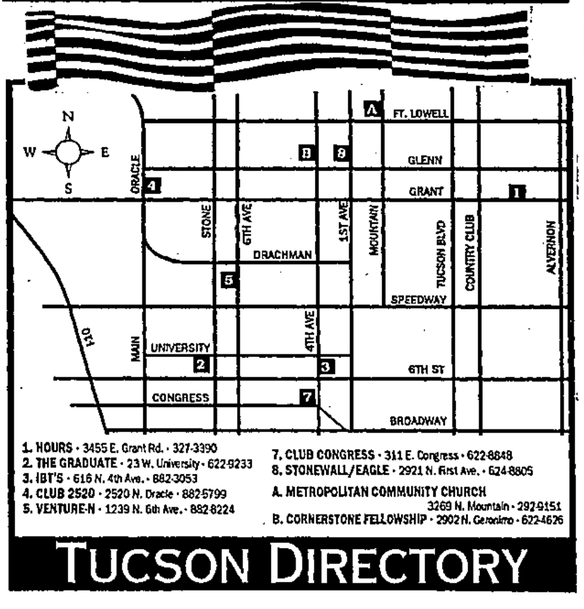

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News From MCC Tucson

Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey, MCC's new Senior Pastor, has been busier than a one-armed paper hanger: smoothing 'those'; redesigning worship services; trying out some dynamic new ideas; expanding our music program; encouraging congregational participation in both worship and praise aspects of each service; and swiftly stomping-out brush fires that may develop–before it's a desperate situation.

Last Wednesday's worship service, August 3rd, was a unique innovation and a small taste of a possible combined Praise and Worship service, and lots of time to sing our favorite songs and hymns—with a Bible Study and Communion. Final details are still on the drawing board, but it looks exciting!

A warm welcome to our eight new members-in-good-standing! Like I said, this past week has bubbled over with great activities. Welcoming new Christian members to MCC is a pleasure similar to a warm fuzzie for everyone!

Next week, look for news of significant Board actions of our August 9th meeting. A time of transition is always difficult, as is 'change.' We're cutting loose with "Monsoon Madness" Bingo Saturday, August 20th, 6 p.m. All are invited to join in the fun, fellowship and laughter; and win some nifty prizes, maybe! Grab a favorite snack to share or a couple $1-$5 prizes for the games and Be There. We have a 'Heaven' of good time!

On Tuesday, August 16th at 7 p.m., the absorbing Bible Study of God's revelation to John the Beloved continues. Words fail to express the great need of Christians to comprehend this vital last Book of last Things. Be informed, and experience fun and fellowship as you participate in this valuable Study.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first." Jesus comforts us in hard-times.

THINK: Rejoice in trouble, as victory is absurdly impossible to all but God!

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

"O Lord, you ;have searched me and you know me...Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord...For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:1, 4, 13,14) The Lord knows every facet of our being, every thought and motive. He knows us better than we know ourselves. His knowledge and understanding of us is beyond our complete comprehension, as is the depth of His love. Unfortunately, what we human beings cannot completely understand, we often reject.

For many years I repeatedly heard two statements from Christians that I did not fully understand, and because I didn't understand them, I tried to ignore them. They told me that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven I must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and I must be "born again". How can people have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, I puzzled, and how can they be "born again" when they've already been born?

In our relationships with other human beings, experience teaches us that we cannot earn the genuine love of another, nor can we ignite those sparks within ourselves. Who pulls the trigger? What makes it all happen? We also know by experience that when love is not a two-way street, there is no personal relationship. A separation of some kind will occur, either physically or emotionally. Often it is both.

We cannot earn God's love because we already have it, but if we do not respond to it a separation will occur. How can we make it a two-way street? When asked by His disciples, "'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' " (Matthew 22:36, 37) Where do we begin? What does God expect from us? God has shown His great love for humanity. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) this is where we begin. In the Bible, Jesus tells us, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

We cannot earn our relationship with God. It is born of love through the gift of His Son Jesus Christ to us and must be returned in love by our acceptance of Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord. "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9) When we take that step of faith and accept Jesus, not merely as the Savior that we have heard or read bout, but as our personal Savior and Lord, we have said "yes" to God's gift of Love. Our love relationship with God has begun. But how did it all happen? Who pulled the trigger?

Long before you take that step of faith, the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is as work to bring you to that point, but you must take that step to reach out to God through His Son Jesus Christ. Once you take that step you become spiritually born again. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17)

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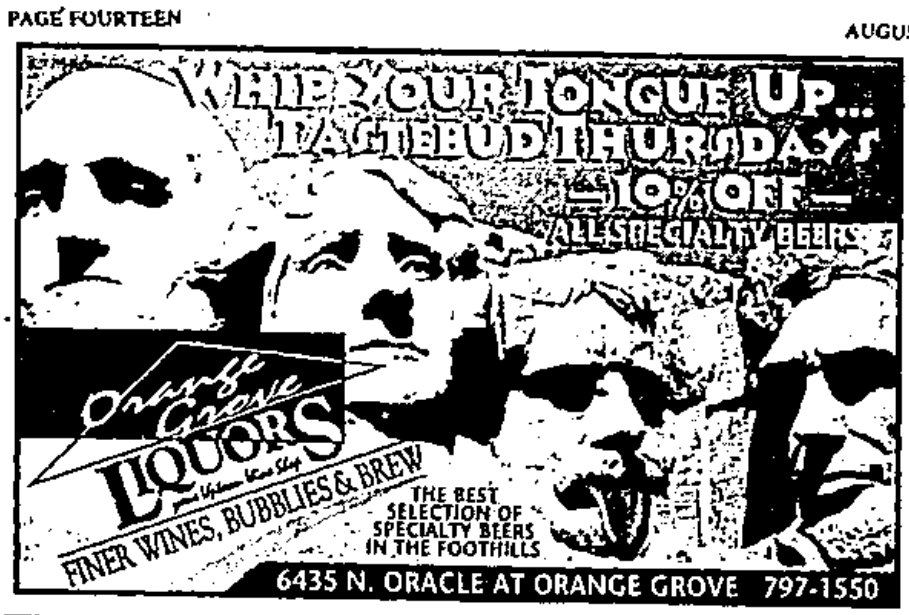

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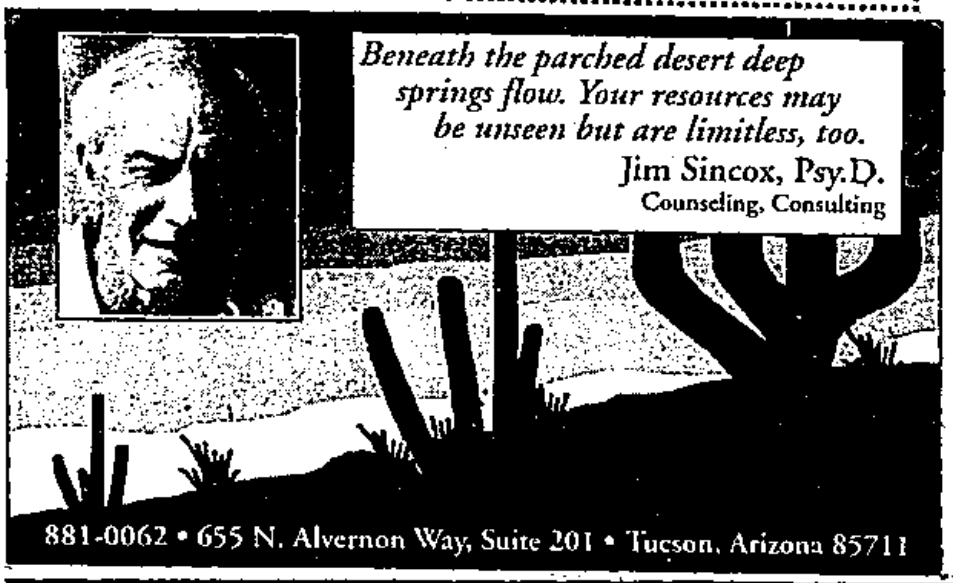

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Straight From The Hip
by Kenny Jacobs

Another Case of There You Are

"Hello, you've reached the office of Sen. Dennis DeConcini, we're holding down the fort here until Jon Kyl shows up....."

Senator Jesse Helms introduces anti-gay amendments to Senate bills all the time. It is what he does. It is how he defines himself. How does Sen. DeConcini define himself? Good question, and I'll tell you why:

S1513, The Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization Ace was amended by Sens. Helms and Smith of New Hampshire. The amendment prohibits agencies (read public schools) receiving money under the bill from encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle (there's that WORD again!) alternative. The amendment was adopted 63-35! Sen. DeConcini voted in favor of the Helms/Smith amendment. HIS PHONE NUMBER IS 202-224-4521. Please share with him your stories of what it's like to grow up gay in American public schools. Tell him what a little support would've done in your life (I will). Please tell him how shocked we all were that Sen. DeConcini got caught on the wrong side of this issue.

I was sick when I learned of DeConcini's vote on the Helms/Smith amendment. One of the people I met when I first moved to Tucson was a DeConcini. I met him at Club 2520. I wonder how the Senators' kin felt to learn a blood relative sold him up the river? I wonder if the Senator knows of his gay family? I guess I just expect DeConcini to vote better than McCain.

Senator Kennedy proposed an amendment to exempt HIV/AIDS education and suicide prevention counseling from the Smith/Helms amendment. The Kennedy amendment passed. The entire package goes to a House/Senate conference committee to hammer out the differences. Hopefully the Smith/Helms language will be struck from the final bill.

Just another thought, what if Jon Kyl wins DeConcini's seat in November? How would it feel to have two western versions of Jesse Helms representing Arizona in the Senate? I find that prospect unacceptable. I hope you do, too. Please donate time and money to the candidate of you choice (NOT KYL). I would suggest we send money now and set up an appointment to volunteer in the future. And as Paul Harvey would say, page two.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (S.2238/H.R. 4636) is very important to Arizona. If we can get it passed it will go a long way to defeating people like Frank Meliti and Ed Kahn. (Ed Kahn is the Tucson attorney who has vowed to overturn the Tucson Human Rights Ordinance). By passing this federal equal rights legislation we can prevent future job discrimination in Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Idaho, and the rest of the United States, no matter how many anti-gay initiatives the radical right might try to pass.

ENDA extends federal employment discrimination protections currently provided to all Americans based on race, religion, gender, national origin, age and disability to sexual orientation (gay or straight).

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ENDA exempts small businesses and religious organizations. ENDA prohibits preferential treatment, including quotes, based on sexual orientation. ENDA does not require an employer to provide benefits for the same-sex partner of an employee.

Please call your Members of Congress, call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or write:

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The Honorable _____
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Washington, DC 20510

To find out who your Members of Congress are, call the Human Rights Campaign Fund's membership services department at 202-628-4160.

(Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome)

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smiled or simply said a kind word when I needed to hear it--from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

I've been fortunate over the last month to realize how incredible our community is. For as much as everyone has been there for me, I hope you know that I would jump at the chance to do the same for you. Gratefully,

Ford Michael Radza/Ashley White

TUCSON AIDS WALK UPDATE

Planning for the AIDS Walk '94 is underway. A community steering committee has been meeting regularly and working on various tasks such as fund raising, marketing/public relations, walker recruitment and overall administration for the event. The steering committee members are E. Arriage, TUSD, Jerome Beillard, PACT, Mariene Cruz, TAP, Susan Gregory, Shanti, Marry Higgins, PACT, Dale Kuehnert, TAP, Sharon Kutzacbach, Shanti, Pete Lara, TLGA, Pam Liberty, Liberty & O'Neil, Anne Maley, Shanti, John Murphy, PACT, Tom Ragan, PACT, Craig Snow, TAP, Kayleen Sorohan, Ron Vang, TAP, Marcus Williamson, TAP and Carol Zimmerman, TAP.

Our most recent development is that we hired a coordinator for the Walk. Tom Schmit came to Tucson from Hawaii where he had worked for two years organizing and planning AIDS Walks. In addition to helping the steering committee with fund raising. Tom is responsible for recruiting walkers, coordinating committee work and helping with the publicity for the event. Tom has lots of energy and enthusiasm--both of which are needed to make this year's Walk a big success! Welcome Tom.

The other good news is that we have found donated space for the Walk office. The location is right around the corner from TAP at 2630 E. Broadway, suite H (off Broadway, just east of Tucson Blvd). The telephone number is 795-1852.

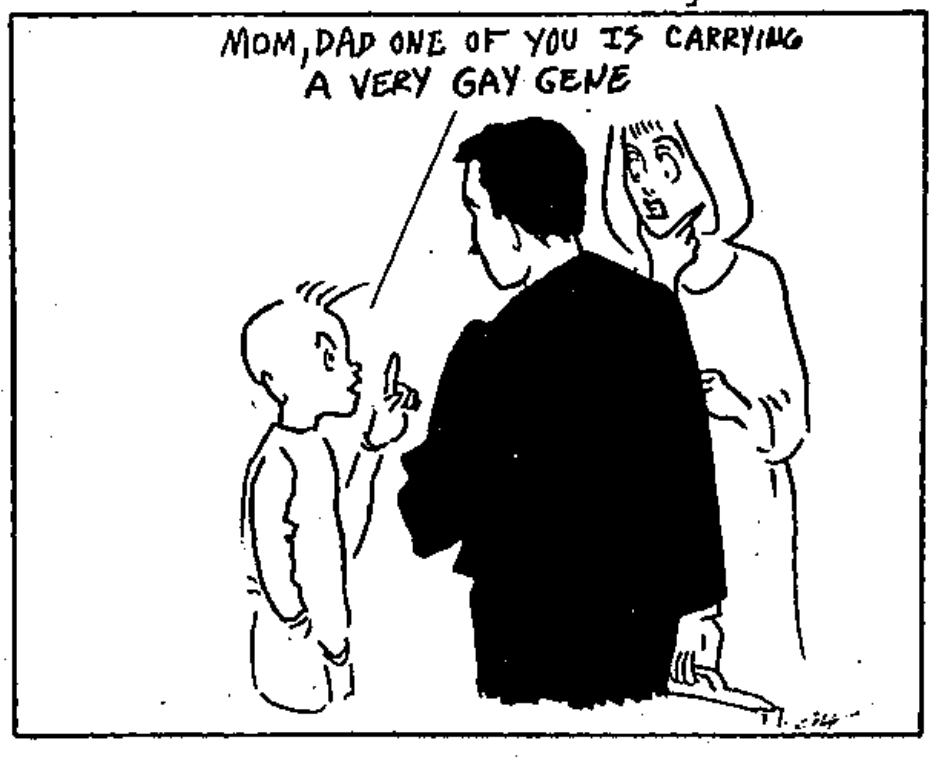
Members of the steering committee and Tom are working hard to raise the $35,000 cash we need in corporate underwriting. To date we've received $8,050. Total in-kind donations confirmed to date include office space: $2000, furniture (SW Gas), $1000 advertising for the Walk -- The Weekly: $5000 and TNI (The Star & Citizen): $10,000. We're moving ahead but have some work to do to meet our goal.

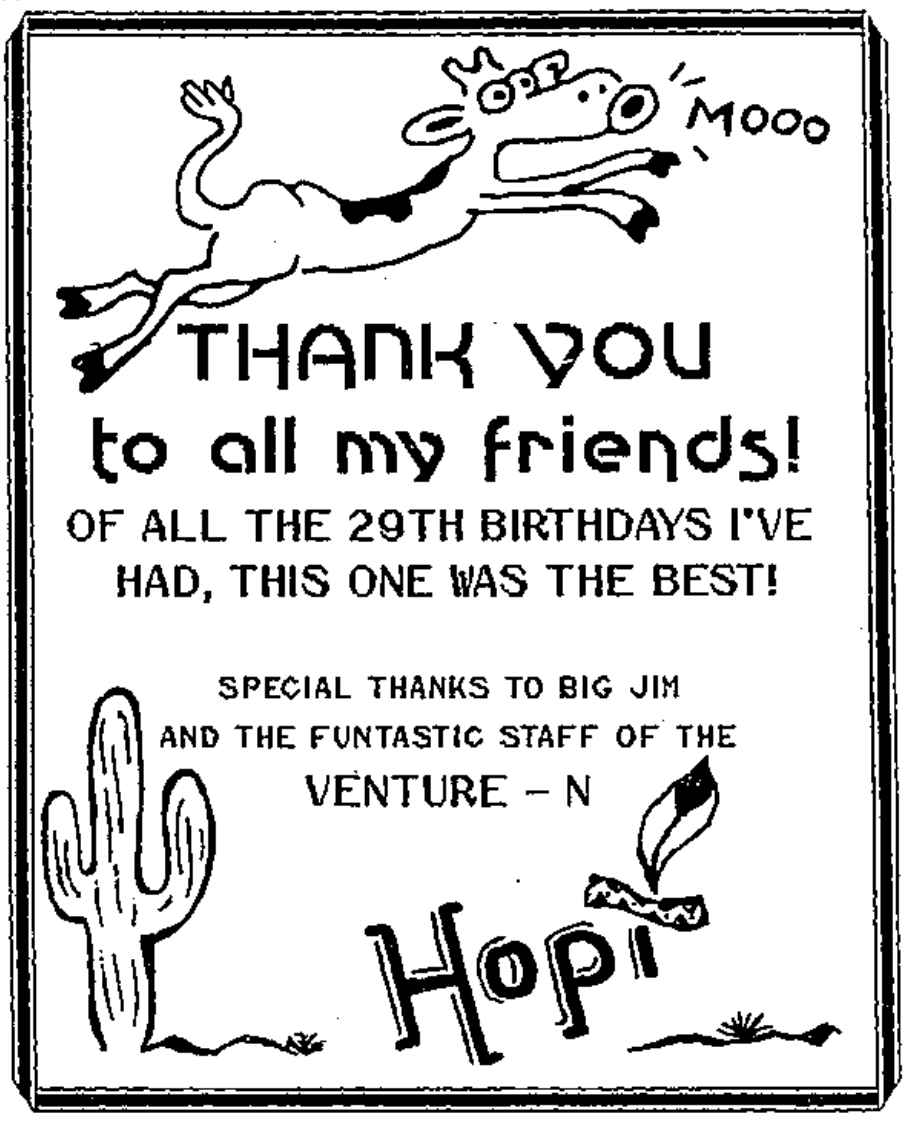
Our most immediate needs are walkers and corporate underwriters. If you are interested in forming a team of five or more walkers, or if you can help us fund raise, please call Tom or any of the Directors at the ASOs. We would love to have your input.

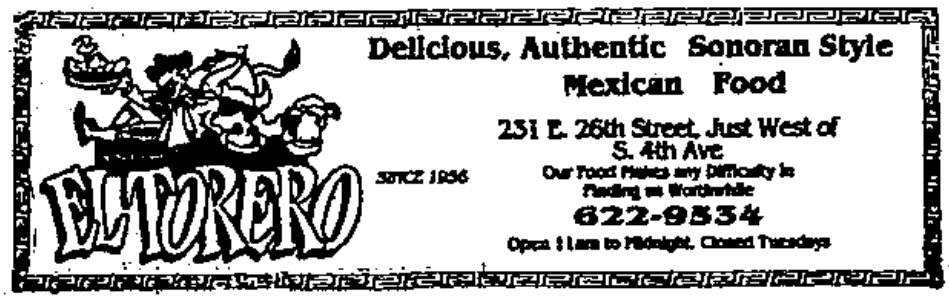
1994 AIDSWALK BUDGET

REVENUE:	CASH	IN-KIND
Underwriting (Corporate & Individual)	$35,000	
Income directly from walkers	$110,200	
Tee shirt Sales (50 @ $10 each)	$500	
TOTAL REVENUES	$145,700	
EXPENSES:		
Walk Coordinator	$7,500	
EREs, travel, etc. for Walk Coordinator	$1,500	$750
Marketing Materials	$2,000	$500
Billboards	$2,000	
Printing & Postage	$7,500	
Tee Shirts Production	$7,500	
Walk Office Space/Utilities/Telephone	$2,000	$2,000
Security, traffic control, etc.	$500	
Entertainment/staging	$1,500	
Refreshments: water, sport drinks, food		$500
Portable toilets		$1,000
Canopies, tables, etc.		$1,000
Insurance	$500	
Miscellaneous expenses	$2,500	
Advertising		$55,000
Major Gift/Prizes		$25,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	$35,000	$85,750
NET REVENUE	$110,700	
PROCEEDS TO TUCSON AIDS PROJECT	$70,230	
PROCEEDS TO SHANTI FOUNDATION	$20,235	
PROCEEDS TO PACT FOR LIFE	$20,235	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS	$110,700	

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







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If you have any complaints concerning of police activity in Tucson parks, contact Dave Sherman at 882-0662

CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

HOURS - "Rockin' To The Oldies" featuring live vocal talents of Lori Lee, puppeteer Jerry and Friends and Miss Adrianne Alexander. There is a big Bud promo starting at 7:00 p.m. with 50¢ Bud draft, and promo hats, t-shirts and lots of goodies. Don't miss it!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

GRADUATE - The day starts with a Tucson Knight Owl "City of Rocks Send-Off" Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. then at 9:00 p.m. A really big benefit show for Lucinda Holliday to help her as she goes to vie for the Miss Gay America Crown this fall. Besides Lucinda, the show will feature: Ms. Felice Renard; Ms. Tatiana Landanova; Ms Adrianne Alexander; Christina De Alexis and the live vocals of Mr. Eric Hemphill.

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 6:030 to 10:30 on the patio. Come on out and enjoy the fresh air and some fresh men!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

IBT'S - The afternoon Beer Bust and B-B-Q will benefit the IGBO (Internationaal Gay Bowling Organization) Tucson Tournament Committee from 4 to 7 p.m. hosted by Miss Gay AGRA, Gilda Fatalé. It's a great chance to sign up for the coming League Play also.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

IBT'S A Benefit Show for Gilda Fatalé who is running for Miss International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) in the nationals. 9 p.m. She's the current Miss AGRA and now she's hot after the big enchilada! Good luck girl...

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - The long-awaited opening of this women's bar where Gay men are welcome will take place at 4:00 p.m. Check their ad in this issue for daily hours and events. See you there!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

GRADUATE - Big Arizona Gay Rodeo (AGRA) Beer and Balloon Bust. More later.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

FRI., SAT., SUN., AUGUST 12-13-14

The Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club Chiricahua Mountain Exploratory Weekend has been CANCELLED.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network , Rainbow Families, holds a potluck at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish, yourself, and your kids out for dinner and play. Call Mary at 690-1634 or Craig at 318-9348 for directions or more information.

Come participate in a "House Party" benefit to elect openly Lesbian candidate Denise Heap who is a candidate to the Arizona Legislature from Dist. 29. Her goal to become state government's most visible advocate for Gay and Lesbian concerns. 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 5710 W. Belmont Road. Videos from Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25 events will be shown. Call 579-7000 for more information. $5 donation requested.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

The last Men's Massage Group Workshop of the summer will be held at 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fee. This is open to the public and is a fun and safe way to meet someone new. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

A Benefit "Skate for Shanti" from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Skate Country North, 2700 N. Stone Ave. $5.00 donation (skates included) A benefit for the Shanti Foundation sponsored by Cafe Malange.

Tucson Greater Softball Association will play make-up games that were rained out last week. They will play at Oury Park Field at I-10 and St. Mary's. 8:00 p.m. Queer Gear vs Still Hours. 9:00 p.m. After Hours vs IBTeasers. Come on out and support your favorite team! Please remember that no glass bottles are allowed at the park.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and friends) mid-month dinner social will be held at 6:30 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and directions.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Rainbow families, a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church at River and Swan, room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Voters for Human Rights host a fundraiser for Representative Elaine Richardson (Dist. 11). The fund raiser will be held at 2223 E. Edison from 6 to 7 p.m. Stonewall 25 and Gay Games IV will be shown from 5:30 to 6:30 when Elaine Richardson will speak. A $5.00 suggested minimum donation at the door. There is a cash bar.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Vault Mine/Mt. Hopkins hike in the Santa Rita Mountains. Hikers will depart from the carpool site at 7:00 a.m. to reach this 10 mile hike while the air is still cool. There is a 3,000 ft. elevation gain, but the pace will be moderate with many interesting sites to see along the way. The drive to the trail head is about 50 miles and the passenger feel will be $3.00. For more information call Les McAllan pager 446-3711 and enter your number followed by the # sign. Touch tone phones only.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

EAGLE - Opens at 10am with specials on Bloodys & Screws all day. Pool tournament 3pm with Beer Bust.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm. Disco dancing 8 to close.

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

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 well $-1 + Mimic Madness "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Country Night, drink specials to those in western attire.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ 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. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

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

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm for dancing. Karaoke 9:00 p.m.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing begins at 9 pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Skivy Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing skivies.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to 11pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.

STONEWALL Open at 8 pm. All new male lrene strippers with hot attitudes and hot bodies 9:30 p.m.

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

wednesday

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

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

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ 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 & well. $1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Combia, banda y top 40's. Corona and Margarita specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 $1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly naked" men.

thursday

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

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Uniform Nite, drink specials all night to those in uniform.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

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

STONEWALL - Open 8pm. Puttin' on the Pumps show 9:30 p.m. followed by disco dancing.

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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. . GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Lunacy 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL - Opens 8pm. Disco dancing all night long.

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

saturday

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

EAGLE - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and Bloody Marys until 7pm.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Dancing 8-1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Lunacy 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

STONEWALL - Open at 8pm. Disco dancing all night long.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 5pm.

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LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

Consent: compliance or approval especially of what is done or proposed by another. Capable, deliberate and voluntary agreement to or concurrence in some act or purpose implying physical or mental power and free action.

The act of consenting plays a pivotal role in our lives every day. We consent to make available our time and services from 9 to 5 for the person who signs our paycheck. We consent to drive on the right hand side of the road and come to a stop when the light is red. We consent to go home with another human being in hopes of enjoying a mutually satisfying physical encounter.

So why does the general population thank that the moment you put on leather you relinquish that precious, God-given right to consent - or not to? Just because you adorn your body with tanned cowhide does not automatically guarantee that you'll be bound to a pool table at wrist and ankle to be gang raped. Unless, of course, that is what you consent to.

Perhaps that's the scariest part of the entire leather scene - taking responsibility for your own actions. Unless you ego is intact and your self-concept is relatively well defined, it's not likely you're going to be comfortable consenting to dominate or submit to another individual for a period of time. Or exploring those deep dark fantasies which may, or may not, include physical endurance or even pain. If you're not ready to face your desires and take responsibility for acting them out, then you're certainly not ready to enjoy the consequences of consenting to allow another person to "force" you to lick his boots or writhe under the kiss of a hot lash.

Don't get me wrong - I'm not saying that leather folk have their shit 100% together. Far from it. We are on the same journey of self discovery and personal/spiritual growth as everyone else on this planet. And, on the whole, we are moderately well adjusted, community minded, hard working citizens who hold jobs, own homes and even have families. It's just that the leather lifestyle has afforded us an avenue to explore one fa et of out psyche.

Beware, though. As in any group there are likely to be a few unscrupulous individuals who prey on the weak or take advantage of inexperience. So before you throw those hands behind you back for the hand cuffs, use your common sense and good judgement. Know exactly what you are consenting to and have a good idea what the other person is all about. Bottom line: be safe and have fun.

A ton of safe fun was the order of business at the second annual DL summer campout (Camping with Hillary) in mid July. The wildfires certainly weren't the only things to light up the Chiricahuas that weekend as nearly 20 participants partied, tried their hand at a number of games and contests and just did some old fashioned "communing with nature". Feeding the crowd was definitely a challenge since no open fires were allowed, but with a little ingenuity and a lot of patience, we managed to sate everyone (including a multitude of forest critters that marauded through camp every night). Saturday night we were treated to an awesome spectacle when a hellatious thunderstorm pummeled the mountains for several hours. All emerged moist but unscathed come dawn.

Keep an eye on the new message board at the Venture-N above the cig. machine. It's DL's was to keep you abreast of upcoming functions and activities. We would be more than happy to announce happenings for other groups as space and time permit.

Time is running out to buy your tickets for the hot oil massage by the jock-strap-clad pledge, Nips. The buck-a-ticket proceeds will be donated by the lowly pledge to PACT Food for Life and two winning tickets will be drawn at DL's monthly beer bust this Saturday evening, August 13th from 7-10 p.m. Contact a Desert Leatherman for further info or tickets, or just show up Sat. night, buy your tickets and consent to have some 50 cent drafts and a good time!

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AGRA-Tucson Chapter Poster Contest

TUCSON - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Tucson Chapter announces the 1995 Sahuaro Regional Rodeo (SRR) poster contest to select the official poster design for the March 1995 rodeo. The winning design will be used on posters publicizing the 1995 SRR, with the possibility of also being used on rodeo brochures, programs, and T-shirts. The winner of the contest will receive $100.00

The contest is open to anyone, AGRA membership is not required. All entries must be 11" x 17" with a 1/2" blank space border on all four outer edges. A Sahuaro Cactus must be included in the design, and the only lettering allowed is 1995 Sahuaro Regional Rodeo. Enough room must be left on the poster for location, dates, phone number, logos, etc. Posters may be black and white or color, but if in color, it must be original art work or original photograph. Place your name, address, and phone number on the upper left back of your design.

All entries must be registered by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, 1994. They may be brought to the AGRA Membership Meeting on this day at the Flamingo Sun Hotel, 1300 N. Stone, Tucson. Entries may also be mailed to AGRA-Tucson Chapter, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85712.

The winning design will be determined by a vote of the AGRA Membership at the August 21st meeting. The winning design and original art work become the sole property of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. All other entries will be destroyed unless other arrangements are made by the artist. Any returned entries will be at the artist's expense.

For more information contact the AGRA-Tucson Chapter office at (602) 323-0805.

Lesbian Resource Project "Clothesline" Comes To Phoenix

PHOENIX - The Lesbian Resource Project invites Arizona women to join them on August 27th, Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the LRP, 3136 N. 3rd Ave, Phoenix to create your shirt and hang it on their clothesline. This day is a women-only event. LRP will hang the shirts for public viewing on September 8th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

The Clothesline Porject is a very moving tribute to the women who have suffered at the hands of violence. It is similar to the AIDS Quilt in the power of the display and emotion it conveys.

Literally, it is a Clothesline with hanging shirts. These shirts have been individually created by a survivor of violence or a friend of a victim, who want to tell their story. It is an opportunity to break the silence and air the dirty laundry.

The Clothesline Project began in 1990 in Cape Cod and has since spread across the United States as a national phenomenon. Such an event speaks volumes more than any statistic ever could. The reality is that the world is not a safe place, "that the justice system cannot and will not protect us, and we need to step up and take control".

If you would like more information about the Clothesline Project please call (602)-266-5542 or (602)-266-5797.

Waddell Cup Awarded for Gay Games

NEW YORK, NY-The Federation of Gay Games announced the recipient of the Tom Waddell Achievement Award during closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV in New York City.

Selected from a slate of more than 70 candidates from around the world was Ms Rikki Streicher of San Francisco, CA. Federation Awards Committee co-chairs Sara Lewinstein and Brent Nicholson-Earle presented her the Waddell Cup before an audience of more than 50,000 artists, athletes, and supporters in Yankee Stadium.

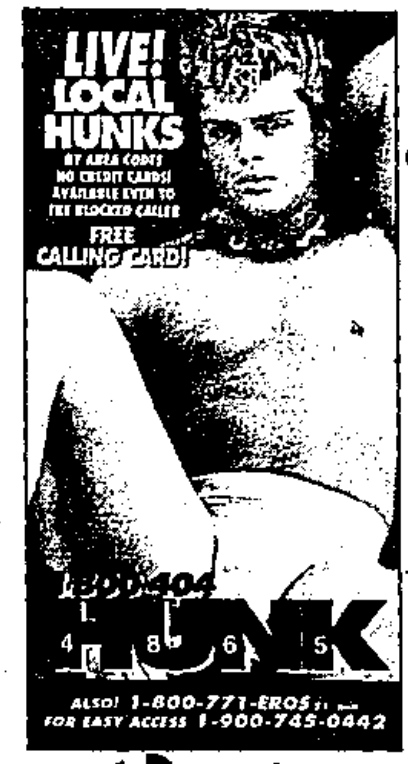
Closing ceremonies and the presentation of the Waddell Award culminated the week-long sporting and cultural event, which was the largest multi-sport even in the world this ear.

Ms. Streicher was nominated for her long-time commitment to the Gay Games movement. She has been involved since the inception of the games and was co president of the San Francisco Arts & Athletics Association prior to its evolvement into The Federation of Gay Games, Inc. Ms. Streicher was instrumental in the formation of The Federation in 1989 and still serves as a director.

Ms. Lewinstein said, "Rikki has been a volunteer, a business leader, and team organizer in San Francisco for more than 40 years. She personifies the standards set by Tom Waddell and deserves this honor for inspiring great pride and leadership."

The Waddell Cup was first awarded in 1990 at Gay Games III in Vancouver, B.C. after a Canadian organization donated funds to purchase the silver cup to be a perpetual gift to deserving individuals.

This year The Federation selected three finalists for the cup, including Deidre Paul of Toronto, OT and Bob Weaver of Honolulu, HI. Both are founding members of The Federation, community volunteers, and leaders of their home athletic an arts organizations. Bob died of complications due to AIDS a week prior to gay Games IV where he was scheduled to participate in the physique competition.



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PACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 795-6055 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85713

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YOUNG AND GAY!
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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

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

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 41141, Tucson AZ 85717 or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Venture-N patio.

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JOIN US! PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-3293.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 895, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS! Arizona Nude Dudes or ANDES/Tucson for short, is a Gay men's nudist group. We hold local activities each month and have connections to Gay men's nudist groups across the country. For further information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044. For faster reply please include phone number.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

In today's life, we are all use to standing in one line or another. And, being the 'trust everyone' type of person, and one also who can sometimes almost believe everything I read, even my own BS, I pass on the following.

Standing in line to 'P' - Yes, and I read it in the Observer so it has to be true. In last weeks paper, the following was printed under the Housing/For Sale section. "Post-war 'modern' beauty, 32 bedroom, 1 bath....." Could you imagine if there were 2 or 3 drag queens living there, all in the same show that evening?"

Just because I do not weekly publish a tid bit or two about one of my favorite targets, it does not mean I've forgotten them. And, and it seems weekly now, they bring up the fact that another week has gone by and there was nothing about them in my column, no fear - the pen still works.

Saturday, prior to TKO's meeting, I stopped in the Graduate for a cool Bud. Tending bar was, as usual, Stan, but - wearing cut offs! Did you see those stubby legs sticking out of the bottom and of course, all those cut off style strings? I was wondering if one of those strings was connected to something else, maybe for convenience or necessity.

Another favorite I seem to hear about is David W. The other night he was given a new nickname, by Tom. This time it's 'Pumpkin'. Upon hearing this, another customer sitting there made the comment that this pumpkin has a BIG STEM.

This coming Saturday, it will be TKO's beer bust time again at the Graduate. This beer bust, the date and time will not be changed, referring to one over at the Stonewall/Eagle. (Just kidding Hank)

Run applications for this years City of Rocks run will be on hand and if anyone wishes to pay then, I'm sure TKO's club Treasurer would be willing to accept it. Also, and this is for all of you that will be going this year, the trailer will be parked at the Venture-N, that Thursday evening (18 Aug), 7 p.m., for pre-loading of your camping gear. Also, the club will be holding their regular (another party excuse) Pre-Run party, so why not join us?

Finally, just a reminder to all Arizona Fellowship Committee members that may read this column, this months meeting will be held this Saturday, at the Stonewall/Eagle, at 7 p.m. It may seem a long way down the road before this years run version, but before we know it, we will be signing people in for it. A lot of work still has to be accomplished, by all, to guarantee another successful run.

I guess that should just about cover the important information I seem to always pass on so I'll just leave you with a 'BY'!

'RED SHOES CONTEST'

The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

WE'REBAAAAAAAACK! This Friday, August 12th will mark the start of the Fall bowling season in our community as the Tucson Lambda Lizards kick off the season with a free night of bowling at Golden Pin Lanes. This 'get-acquainted' evening will begin at 6:15pm with a brief organizational meeting at which league rules will be established and information about fees, schedules, and so forth will be discussed.

Following the meeting, the league will host open bowling until 8:45 at no charge. Official league play begins one week later, Friday, August 19th. Interested bowlers needn't have a complete team nor be highly experienced or high-average bowlers.

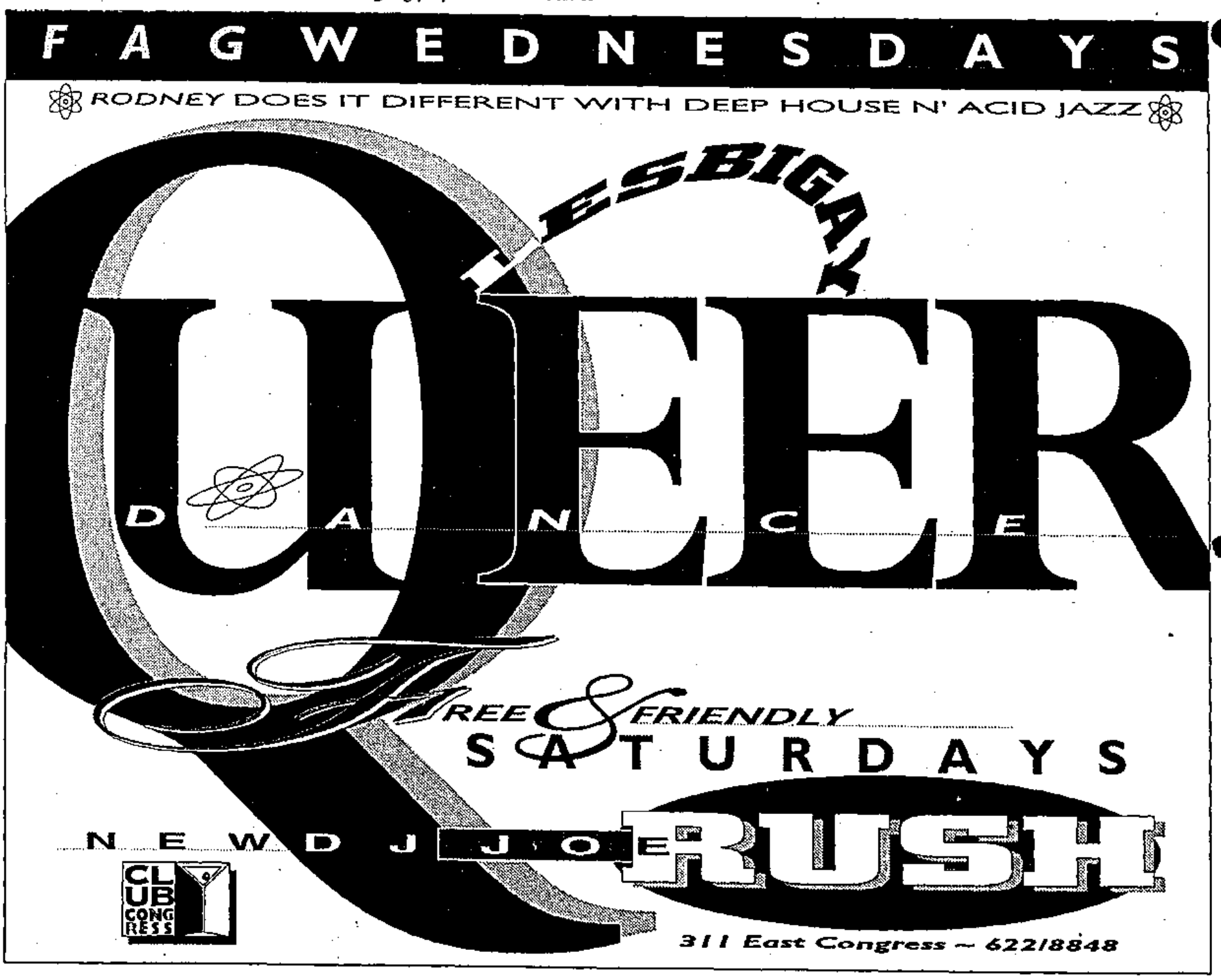
A similar-get acquainted night for Tucson's other Gay league, the Tucson Desert Coyotes, will take place next Wednesday, August 17th beginning at 8pm. A brief meeting followed by complimentary open bowling during which you can get to know some of the regulars, meet some new friends, and hopefully sign up to join Tucson's largest Gay and Lesbian participatory activitiy.

All events listed above will take place at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile, between I-10 and Oracle Road. For more information, please call 743-3303.

Other Upcoming Events

This Sunday, August 14th, the IGBO Tucson Tournament committee will be hosting the B-B-Q at IBTs from 3 - 6pm. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Tucson Mid-Year Gay/Lesbian bowling tournament to be held here over Halloween weekend.

IGBO, the International Ga[illegible] Bowling Organization, has selected Tucson as the host of their Mid-Year tournament and meeting. This year's tournament will be much larger than our annual H.I.T.T. tournament and will have participants from all over the U.S., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. (More infomation of IGBO and the Tucson Mid-Year tournament in the coming weeks).

Then one week later, Sunday, August 21st, the Venture-N's weekly patio BBQ (featuring Bert Burgers and Ernie Weenies) will be also be a IGBO Tucson benefit event. Please come out, enjoy the heat, have something to eat, and support the this worthwhile event.

That's all for now... hope to see many, many faces (old & NEW) at the Bowling Get-Acquainted events this week. Come join us; you'll be surprised how much fun you can have!