



Navy Ordered To Reinstate and Commission Steffan

WASHINGTON, D.C., (AP) - A federal appeals court ordered the U.S. Naval Academy to graduate a midshipman who was expelled after saying he was Gay and directed the Pentagon to commission him as an officer.

The three-judge panel unanimously ordered the Navy to grant Joseph C. Steffan his diploma from the Naval Academy and to place him in the ranks of Navy officers.

Steffan was forced to resign from the academy in 1987 before he was set to graduate because Navy investigators confirmed he had told a midshipman he was Gay.

Steffan sued the Navy but a lower court judge dismissed the lawsuit.

In the decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Navy rules requiring Steffan's expulsion from the academy "solely because he admitted his homosexual orientation are not rationally related to any legitimate goal."

"America's hallmark has been to judge people by what they do, and not by who they are," Chief Judge Abner Mikva wrote for the panel. The court ordered the Navy to "grant M.r. Steffan his diploma from the United States Naval Academy, reinstate him to military service, and commission him as an officer."

Beatrice Dohm, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., called the ruling "an important victory for Gay and Lesbian service members and for all Gay and Lesbian Americans."

She said the ruling would serve as precedent for a lawsuit that challenges President Clinton's new policy allowing discharge of Gay service members who declare their sexual orientation.

Steffan resigned from the academy six weeks before he was scheduled to receive his diploma and commission as a Navy officer.

He left after a review panel recommended that he be discharged for "insufficient aptitude."

Steffan, who now lives in Sharon, Conn., was in the top 10 percent of his class and was slated for duty aboard a nuclear submarine. His grade was reduced from an A- to an F, according to his lawyer, Marc Wolinsky.

The appeals court noted that Steffan's "superiors never asserted that Mr. Steffan had engaged in homosexual conduct, and he never admitted to any."

Steffan's forced discharge occurred under Navy policies that have since been modified by the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" rule.

Passenger With AIDS Dragged From American Airlines Plane

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., (AP) - An AIDS stricken passenger who airline officials say had open sores on his face and who had hung an IV bag over his seat was dragged screaming off a flight and arrested after he refused to leave the plane.

American Airlines said that Timothy Holless' IV bag and his refusal to cover his sores violated company policy.

Holless, a Chicago resident, also declined an offer to take the next available flight and demanded to be arrested, an airline spokeswoman said.

"Our commitment is to provide discrimination-free travel for all our customers," Mary Frances Fagan said. "It seemed most appropriate and prudent to assure his safety that we ask him to take the next flight."

Holless, who was on his way

from Chicago to San Francisco when the incident took place this past Sunday, was arrested for investigation of disorderly conduct and released on his own recognizance, Chicago police said.

"It was awful. Just incredibly awful," said Robby Robinson, a board member of the San Mateo AIDS Program who witnessed the incident. "I'll never get that vision out of my head. Like it was his fault. Like he was being punished for being sick."

A spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation said people with AIDS should call airlines in advance to check for any restrictions.

"It's a growing concern at this time of year," Joe Fera said. "People with HIV and AIDS travel home to see family and loved ones, and many of them are ill and have certain needs that must be met."

New National Group To Form Summit Set For Mid-January

WASHINGTON, DC - Leaders of Gay & Lesbian Americans (GLA) have announced that they will hold a summit in Washington, D.C., to formally organize a new democratically-run national group for the Gay and Lesbian community. The summit will be held over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, January 15-17, 1994.

The purpose of the summit is to bring together Gay and Lesbian grassroots leaders who are interested in forming a national group with state and local chapters. Advocates from across America are invited to attend the summit.

Issues to be discussed include: establishing local chapters, utilizing computer bulletin boards to disseminate information, organizing phone-trees and letter-writing committees, and developing a Gay and Lesbian agenda, including sodomy-law repeal and passage of the federal Gay and Lesbian civil-rights bill.

Leaders of GLA include:

Jerry Hagerty (Regional Organizer) is a member of the Kansas City Pride day committee, and successfully lobbied his City Council to pass anti discrimination protection for Gays.

Ann Northrop (Regional Organizer), a well-known Lesbian activist from New York City, formerly of CBS News, will be one of the facilitators of the summit.

Michael Petrelis (Grassroots Coordinator) led the fight for justice in the murder of Gay sailor Allen Schindler, and organized the two largest ever ACT UP actions in Washington D.C.

Steven Reichert (Spokesperson) this year successfully fought to repeal Washington's sodomy law and was a vocal advocate for lifting the military ban.

Terry Schleder (Regional Organizer) is a leader of Boycott Colorado, testified against Amendment 2 in the current lawsuit, and founded Come Out/Colorado.

GLA is negotiating with C-SPAN to broadcast the summit nationwide to those unable to attend. Additionally, GLA is working with the Gay/Lesbian Law students of Georgetown University to have them cosponsor the summit, and to hold the summit on their campus.

"We encourage all who plan to attend this summit to come with their own written proposals on how best to structure this new organization. We will debate fresh ideas about how to achieve civil rights for Gay and Lesbian Americans," said GLA spokesperson Steven Reichert. "We hope that advocates from beyond the Washington Beltway realize they are our best hope for the future."

Those interested in attending the summit are asked to notify GLA by December 31, 1993. Letters of intent to attend should be mailed to GLA, P.O. Box 77533, Washington, DC 20013-7533. A small number of community housing slots will be available for summit participants who register by December 31, 1993. Suggested donation for the summit is \$35, but no one will be turned away due to lack of money.

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Government Drops Charges Against Robert Gallo

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The government dropped misconduct charges against Robert Gallo, the renowned AIDS researcher who had been accused of violating scientific ethics in his pioneering work on the virus.

Gallo, a co-discoverer of the AIDS virus and head of a laboratory at the National Institutes of Health, said the action "completely vindicated" him.

But Dr. Lyle W. Bivens, head of the U.S. Public Health Service investigation of Gallo, said the allegations were dropped only because his agency could not meet "a new definition of scientific misconduct" demanded by a review board.

A hearing on Gallo's appeal of the charges had been scheduled for next week. He had been found guilty by the Public Health Service's Office of Research Integrity of failing to give proper credit to other researchers and with making a misstatement in a science publication.

Gallo and his laboratory colleagues published a series of articles in 1984 that identified and proved that a specific virus was the cause of AIDS.

French researchers shortly afterward claimed that the virus Gallo identified had actually been isolated earlier at the Pasteur Institute and that the Americans were falsely claiming credit for the discovery.

After negotiations, the issue was settled in 1987 with both the French and Americans agreeing to recognize Gallo and Pasteur researcher Dr. Luc Montagnier as co-discoverers of the AIDS virus.

The controversy was revived in 1989 after new charges were leveled against Gallo and a senior scientist in his lab, Dr. Mikulus Popovic. The Office of Research Integrity and its predecessor agencies at the National Institutes of Health investigated and ruled last December that both Gallo and Popovic were guilty of misconduct in the 1984 AIDS research publications.

Gallo and Popovic appealed the December ruling. A three member board set up by the Department of Health and Human Services ruled last week that the office failed to prove its case against Popovic.

UPDATE

Arizona AIDS Funding Hearing Nov. 23 in Tucson Nov. 30 in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Az., - The Arizona Department of Health Services will receive an estimated \$1.8 million in federal funding to provide care and support services to person infected by HIV/AIDS and their families. This is the fourth of funding from Title II of the federal Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, passed by 1990 by Congress. In order to use these funds most effectively, ADHS has scheduled public hearings to receive input on unmet needs of people with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Public hearings are scheduled as follows: Tucson - Tuesday, November 23, 10:00 a.m., Public Works Building, 201 North Stone, Room C, (Stone & Alameda). Phoenix - Tuesday, November 30, 10:00 a.m., Arizona Department of Health Services, 3815 N. Black Canyon Highway, First Floor Conference Room.

The public is encouraged to testify at public hearings or to submit written comments to Doug Hirano, Chief, ADHS Office of HIV/AIDS Services, 3815 N. Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Arizona, 85015. Written comments must be received by January 15. For more information regarding the Ryan White CARE Act or the upcoming public hearings, contact the ADHS Office of HIV/AIDS Services at (602) 230-5819 or (800) 334-1540.

Barry Goldwater On Gays

LOS ANGELES, Ca., - Retired Arizona Senator and 1964 Republican presidential nominee, Barry Goldwater was a recent guest on NBC's "Tonight Show with Jay

Leno." On the show, the reputed arch conservative reiterated his liberal leanings on Gays in the military. Asked Goldwater, "Now what the hell harm can a Gay do?"

Program host Jay Leno then mentioned Goldwater's lengthy military career. Goldwater stated that his military service spanned forty years. He then added, "I never met a Gay, I never talked about a Gay, I've never talked to a military man in my life about the subject of Gays. So why the hell have all this trouble?"

Goldwater then went on to express the opinion that President Clinton could have brought the issue to a prompt and simple conclusion by signing an executive order.

House Approves Defense Bill with "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Provision

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House approved a \$261 billion defense budget that endorses a more restrictive version of President Clinton's policy on homosexuals serving in the military. [Arizona's delegation split down party lines on the vote.]

The most contentious issue of the year was Clinton's campaign pledge to lift the 50 year old ban on homosexuals serving in the armed forces, a vow the president was forced to abandon when opposed by the military and Congress.

Clinton set forth a policy of "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" on July 19 that says sexual orientation is not to bar to service, but open homosexuals will be forced out of the service.

Senate Armed Services Committee

Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a leading opponent of ending the ban, wrote his own policy that was adopted by the House and Senate.

The Nunn policy says "don't ask" about sexual orientation, but allows a future defense secretary to reinstate the question. It says "don't tell" because homosexuality is an "unacceptable risk" to morale, good order and discipline.

GLIA Thanksgiving Dinner

Well, it's that time of year again. Time for the G.L.I.A. Thanksgiving Day Dinner. G.L.I.A. (God's Love In Action) is a ministry of Cornerstone Fellowship which as been established to help people with AIDS. Cornerstone Fellowship is opening it's doors to welcome you.

We are lovingly preparing a meal and hope you will join us to celebrate Thanksgiving together. Dinner will be served between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. We would enjoy the presence of your company. You need not be a client of G.L.I.A. to attend this dinner, it is for the whole community. We look forward to this day as an opportunity to meet many new people who have not had the chance to come to either Cornerstone Fellowship or to a G.L.I.A. luncheon. If you have not made plans yet for Thanksgiving Day plan now to join us for good food and fellowship.

Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. It is one block north of Glenn and two blocks west of First Avenue. If you have any question call 622-8860.

We at Cornerstone wish to thank the members of our community who helped to make this dinner possible through their contributions of food and time.

Judge Bars Discharge Of Gay Marine While Suit Is Pending

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Pentagon may not discharge a Gay Marine sergeant while he is suing the Defense Department and the Marine Corps over its ban on open homosexuality, a federal judge says.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin issued a written order instructing the Pentagon not to take "any adverse action" against Sgt. Justin C. Elzie, who has sued the secretary of defense, the secretary of the Navy and the commandant of the Marine Corps.

Elzie's lawyer, Lanny Breuer, released the opinion, calling it "a very important decision for the rights of Gay people throughout the country."

Breuer said he will probably now ask for a summary judgement in Elzie's case against the government, meaning he will ask for an immediate decision in Elzie's favor. Sporkin is also hearing Elzie's lawsuit.

Breuer said he expected the government to appeal, but added, "We're hopeful and it looks likely we will prevail."

Chief Warrant Officer Bill Wright, a Marine Corps spokesman, said, "The Marine Corps will abide by the ruling."



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Some AIDS Patients Defying The Odds

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. - There is a wall of memorabilia in Rob Anderson's art studio, faded family photographs, quirky post cards, esoteric quotes from Eastern philosophy. The wall reveals poignant details of the painter's life.

It also tells the story of what it means to be a Gay man in San Francisco today. Sprinkled amid this collection are pictures of the dead, a former boyfriend, a masseur who advertised "gifted hands," the model who posed for some of Anderson's most beautiful pencil sketches.

Those pictures, the legacy of AIDS, are hardly shocking here in the epicenter of the epidemic. The shocker is that the artist's own image is not among them, and may well never be.

Anderson tested positive for HIV in 1979. Fourteen years later, the 40 year old artist remains healthy.

While dozens of friends and hundreds of acquaintances have died, Anderson's only complaints are an occasional cold or bout with the flu. He has never taken AZT or other antiviral medicine. His CD4 count, the number of crucial immune cells that are the chief target of HIV, is above 800, well within normal range.

"I think I'm going to live much, much longer than this, barring any great disasters," he says calmly. "I don't think AIDS is what's going to kill me off. I'm going for old age."

Many experts who once predicted the human immunodeficiency virus would kill everyone infected with it are beginning to believe Anderson may be correct.

As the epidemic moves into its second decade, more researchers are turning their attention to a tiny group of "healthy positives", people who for 10 years or longer not only have survived with HIV, but also have never taken antivirals and whose immune systems appear to be able to keep the deadly virus in check.

Of course, it is impossible to predict how many healthy positives will remain healthy. Twelve years after AIDS made its appearance in the United States, the disease is still an unfolding story. Because HIV can incubate for 10 years or more without causing symptoms, only time will tell how well this sub-group will fare.

Scientists, however, estimate that 10 percent of those infected eventually will fall into the healthy positive category,

a figure extrapolated from three long running studies of HIV positive men.

So far, those studies have documented 139 men who fit the profile. Only eight have been infected longer than Anderson, making him one of the nation's earliest documented cases of HIV. None has had the virus more than 15 years.

The blood of these healthy positives is becoming a hot commodity in medical laboratories, where researchers are working furiously to unravel the mystery of what seems to protect them from the ravages of HIV.

"They are a gold mine of information," said Paul O'Malley, who directs the San Francisco study in which Anderson participates. "My feeling is that these guys are the closest thing we have to a cure right now."

Although diet, exercise and a positive outlook may help, behavioral changes do not appear to be the link.

Instead, researchers are pursuing intriguing clues that point toward certain key proteins that shift the balance of the immune system, genes that may enable cells to fight off infection with HIV or infection with a weaker strain of the virus, or a combination of the three.

Or is it, as some suggest, simply that these healthy positives are at the tail end of a very long bell curve, and they too will eventually succumb to HIV, albeit at a slower rate than most?

"That's the big question," said John Phair, a Northwestern University infectious disease specialist who is studying this group, "and I don't have the answer to it. We don't have enough information to say that these people will not get some clinical problem due to their HIV infection. Whether they'll die of it, I don't know. We just need more time."

Dr. Susan Buchbinder of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is trying to figure out just what is going on with Anderson and the rest of her healthy-positive patients.

As the chief clinician at the department's AIDS Office, Buchbinder coordinates the medical research for the study in which Anderson participates. There are 42 healthy positives in her group, 8 percent of her total study population.

She has become convinced there is something special about these men. Buchbinder has found the healthy positives in her study are far more likely than others to carry a package of four genes that play an important role in helping the immune system fight off invaders. She says her statistical analyses show the chances of this being a coincidence are less than one in 10,000.

But some are not so convinced.

Haynes W. Sheppard, chief immunologist for the San Francisco Men's Health Study, said that among 300 study participants who have been HIV-positive for a for a decade, his group has identified 30, or 10 percent, whose CD4 cells alter infection, an indication that they are not entirely resistant to the virus.

[This article was written by Sheryl Stolberg of the Washington Post/L.A. Times News Service]

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Last Saturday, the Tucson Knight Owls kicked off this year's "Make-A-Wish" benefit drive at their beer bust at the Graduate. The red jars have not arrived at all local bars yet but hopefully they will be in by the end of this week. TKO is also holding a jar for the Stonewall/Eagle, to be delivered upon opening.

Now, all the members of TKO know that everyone's money is a little tighter these days, but they do ask and hope each of you will purchase those raffle tickets, \$1 each, and support this benefit for those children who have made a wish, and some that have already been granted.

The "Make-A-Wish" foundation is an organization who grants wishes to terminally ill children. And, this will be TKO's 8th year in a row they have held this benefit. Unlike some other benefits, 100% of all monies raised will go to the foundation.

This year's raffle prizes will be the annual \$100 bill, donated by TKO, 2 tickets to this year's Copper Bowl, a \$50 leather gift certificate, donated by the Venture-N, and dinner for 2 at the Double Tree Inn. And, as before, there will be items under the tree to be auctioned off, plus other smaller type gifts to be given out at the drawings.

Drawings for the raffle gifts, and the other smaller gifts under the tree, plus auction items, will be done throughout the evening's show at the Graduate. The winners for the main 4 raffle items do not have to be present. All other auctioned items and smaller gifts will be given out that evening. In all cases, those winning tickets will be placed back into the jar for the final drawing for the \$100 bill.

As the date for this show draws closer, I will be letting everyone know just who will be in the show so be sure to mark Dec. 18th on your calendar and plan to be at the Graduate that evening.

With Thanksgiving being next week, I wish to again mention a dinner that is being offered for anyone at the Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. GLIA (God's Love In Action), cordially invites all People With AIDS (PWA's), HIV Positive Persons, Friends, Family, and all individuals of the Community. The dinner will be served Thursday, November 25, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. For more information you can call 622-8860.



TBBS: On a recent excursion up to Phoenix, I ran into a previous Tucson Resident, Pam. It was good to see both her and her lover Lynn. But, Pam was wearing a t-shirt that had a message on it that just did not fit her. It stated, "You have been a bad boy, go to my room". Shouldn't it have read, "You have been a bad GIRL, go to my room"? Locally, and this one was requested, the Venture-N is practicing something similar to the changing of the guards at the Buckingham Palace. Their version is changing of the bartenders. It is going to be interesting when the new bar opens to see how many end up there.

When I mentioned a couple weeks ago about a detour around Tucson, never did I think it was going to happen in the way it was paved this past Saturday, again in California. Don't complain you say because a 8-2 season is nothing to complain about, and hopefully a 9-2 season, we will still go to a bowl. OK, I'll root for the Wildcats regardless which bowl they end up in and when they travel up to Phoenix to play ASU, but it would of be nice if the team could remember there are 4 quarters to each game, not 2.

That will be it for this week, and I'm sure some of you out there are saying - thank you. Have a loving and warm week, be sure to play safe, and lets all go into this coming holiday season with love for all.



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[Hostile Climate, is a report that has been compiled by the group, People For The American Way, a 300,000 member nonpartisan constitutional liberties organization. Hostile Climate reports, on a state by state basis, on anti-Gay activity that has gone on in the 50 states. Here is the report on the State of Arizona.]

A local conservative group announced plans to launch a statewide anti-Gay initiative. Frank Meliti, leader of Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, said the petition drive, which would place the measure on the November 1994 election ballot, is "a backlash against all the pro-homosexual garbage." Meliti's group is aligned with the national Religious Right organization the Traditional Values Coalition, a California based group headed by Rev. Lou Sheldon. The national organization will provide technical assistance to the Arizona organization, according to its political director, Steve Sheldon.

Local attorneys have been reviewing the initiative, and a petition drive was expected to get under way in August. Meliti said the initiative would bar all levels of government, from school board to the legislature, from enacting laws protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination. He added that his coalition would have no difficulty obtaining the 158,311 signature needed by July 1994 to have the initiative placed on the ballot. Meliti, who claims his group has 8,000 members, has denied that its measure is an "anti-Gay" initiative. "Since when is it discriminatory to refuse to accept homosexuality as a bona fide lifestyle? Is it discriminatory to refuse to accept other behaviors such as adultery, prostitution or child molesting as a bona fide lifestyle?" He wrote in a letter to a local newspaper.

No petitions have been presented to election officials as of this writing.

In Tucson, high school teachers requested the removal of *The Shadow Box* by Michael Christofer, a play to be performed in the community by the advanced high school drama class, for sexual innuendos and slang reference to sexual intercourse. The Pulitzer Prize winning play, an examination of issues of death and dying, includes a Gay character. It had already been approved by the principal, has been cast, and was in production when the objectors approached the superintendent with their complaint. The superintendent and the principal quickly canceled the play, citing inappropriate language. The drama teacher had already planned to delete inappropriate language from the public performance, but, claiming that "It [the play] had already done harm," the officials told her to select another play. "There's certain language we won't tolerate and certain values that we're going to uphold having to do with language," the principal said. The superintendent and principal then directed her to go through the 300 plays in the drama department archives and blacken out all objectionable words.

Later in the school year, the controversy resurfaced. With permission from the principal, the drama teacher held a rehearsal of scenes from *The Shadow Box* in class. A fifth grade gifted class and its teacher sat in on the rehearsal. The teacher was offended by the scenes from the play and later joined other elementary school faculty in a complaint to the high school principal. In response, the principal fired the drama teacher, a tenured faculty member and former teacher of the year. Eventually, the school board approved a negotiated resignation in lieu of

dismissal, allowing the teacher to complete the academic year. In return, the drama teacher agreed from commenting on the incident.

People For The American Way is planning to stage a public reading of *The Shadow Box*, as a forum for free expression. The cast will feature Broadway and Hollywood actors and will take place on December 6, at the Temple of Music and Art. The performance and forum is named "Tucson Talks: An Issue of Free Speech."



Diocese Uses AA-Style Program On Homosexuals

PITTSBURGH, Pa., (AP) - A program that counsels Gays and Lesbians much the same way Alcoholics Anonymous handles drinkers has been instituted by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

"We're not anti-homosexual," said the Rev. John O'Shea, chaplain of the Pittsburgh program. "No one knows how the orientation gets there. We're just against sexual activity outside of marriage. There are homosexuals who want to do as the church suggests and we want to help them."

The controversial program, known as "Courage," asks participants to acknowledge their need for God's help.

Since the program was announced earlier this month, O'Shea said he's heard two kinds of responses: homosexuals wanting to sign up and people who don't want the church ministering to Gays.

Courage chapters also are starting in Denver, Milwaukee and suburban Los Angeles.

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A press conference is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 1994, at 12 noon, to officially announce the formation of Gay & Lesbian Americans, and to discuss the outcome of the weekend's summit and present our agenda.

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

Goddard makes it two official Demo gubernatorial wanna-bees. Current Phoenix Mayor and potential guber-wanna-bee not making friends in southern Arizona. (Oops!) Arizona Demos pull off big dinner, without guest of honor; some notes from the dinner. (Yeah!) 1994 campaign news, (and it ain't good!) The four traitors and some end notes.

Former Phoenix Mayor and 1990 and 1991 gubernatorial candidate. Terry Goddard announced his candidacy for the 1994 Democratic gubernatorial nomination. He made his "launch" before the Monday meeting of the Democrats of Greater Tucson, (lovingly referred as DDT, I mean DGT).

In his announcement, Goddard blasted Governor Fifer's plan to attack juvenile crime. He also stated in his announcement speech that he promises to seek a bigger share of state tax revenue for Pima County. (How p.e.!). He said the current tax system forces Pima County and rural counties to levy higher taxes thus making it harder to attract new business.

The current Mayor of THE city and potential Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Paul Johnson, has not gotten off on the "right foot" when it comes to making friends with, (potential supporters), southern Arizona leaders. On two separate occasions (all right, events, dinners!) Johnson snubbed an aide to a Congressman and ignored a very influential Pima County Supervisor, who could help him or now will hurt him. (Stop stepping on toes!!!)

The Vice President of the United States was to be in Phoenix on November 9 for a big fund raiser for the State Democratic party. Well, guess what, he could not make it, he was debating Ross Perot on NAFTA, on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Well, state party officials went on with the dinner, (could not get out of the deal), but they had a plan, a satellite hook up to Gore so he could give his speech. 650 people turned out for the dinner, a modest profit for the state party. (Good for them!)

Of course speeches were given: the three gubernatorial wanna-bees spoke, Basha funny, Goddard deep, and Johnson "long", (go figure!); Arizona's "ambitious" Secretary of State, "Icky-Dicky"

Mahoney gave a speech that went over like a "led balloon" insiders noted. But the best speech was of course by the Vice President, who praised the efforts by prominent southern Arizona Democrats, (Winston Smith and Allison Hughes), for their efforts. The event was a success!

Campaign news to report, and it ain't good! In Phoenix, specifically Legislative District 20, the current State Senator, the wonderful Lela Alston, Democrat, is planning to challenge the incumbent State Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. Diane Bishop and her red suit.

Well, State Rep. Debbie McCune-Davis, the Democratic Whip, (a leader not!), in the State House, who let Democratic votes "go flying" on most bills concerning the Gay and Lesbian community is planning to run for the open seat. The news gets worse, her opponent for the Democratic nomination is a Christian Coalition candidate. {Note to Sen. Alston, find some one to run, a friend to us, quick!}

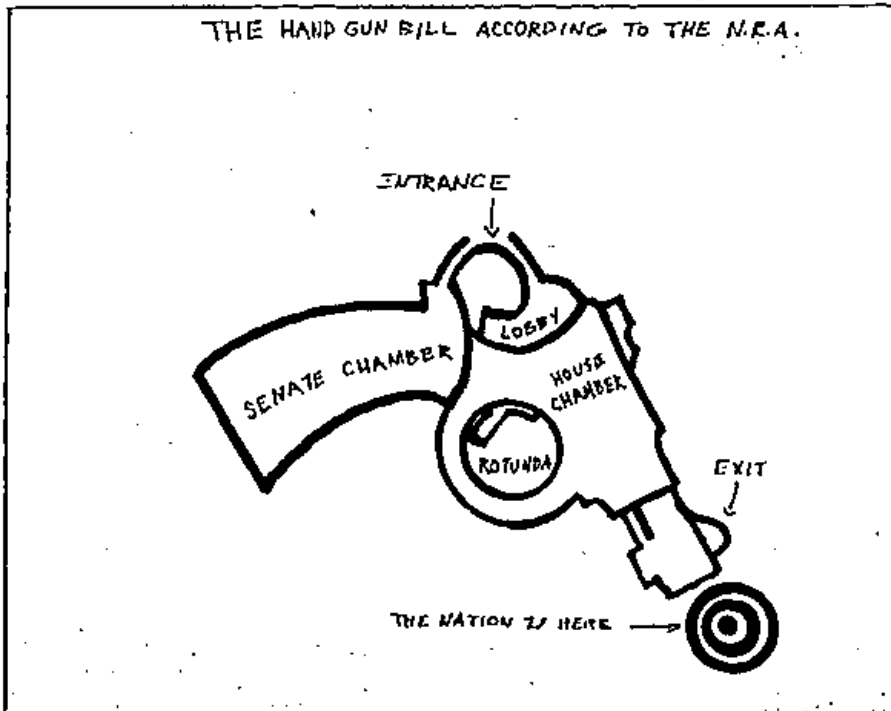
Well isn't the Arizona Republican Party supposed to be for lower taxes? Well, I thought so, but tell that to Pima County Representatives, (wimps!), Lou Ann Preble, Bill McGibbon of District 9, and "Freddy" Hershberger and Dan Schottel of District 12.

Well, these four "Maricopa Lackeys" caved into the Phoenix leadership, and their threats, when it came to the clean air bill, (the Maricopa problem!). They voted for it, despite the fact that a bi-partisan effort was initiated to force the Maricopa Representatives to address the issue of revenue distribution. Well, they caved, and got some promise to address the issue some time in the future. (How specific!) But that promise will not be kept, because the Phoenix Republican committee chairs got their "hoo-hahs" in an uproar over this, and don't seem like they will cooperate with Pima County on anything.

The question is, do we want representatives who represent Pima County or Phoenix? Plain and simple, the four "Phoenix lackeys" blew it, and we need to remind them of this come election day and show the four we want representation from Pima County, not Phoenix!

Until next time.

As I See It by Clark



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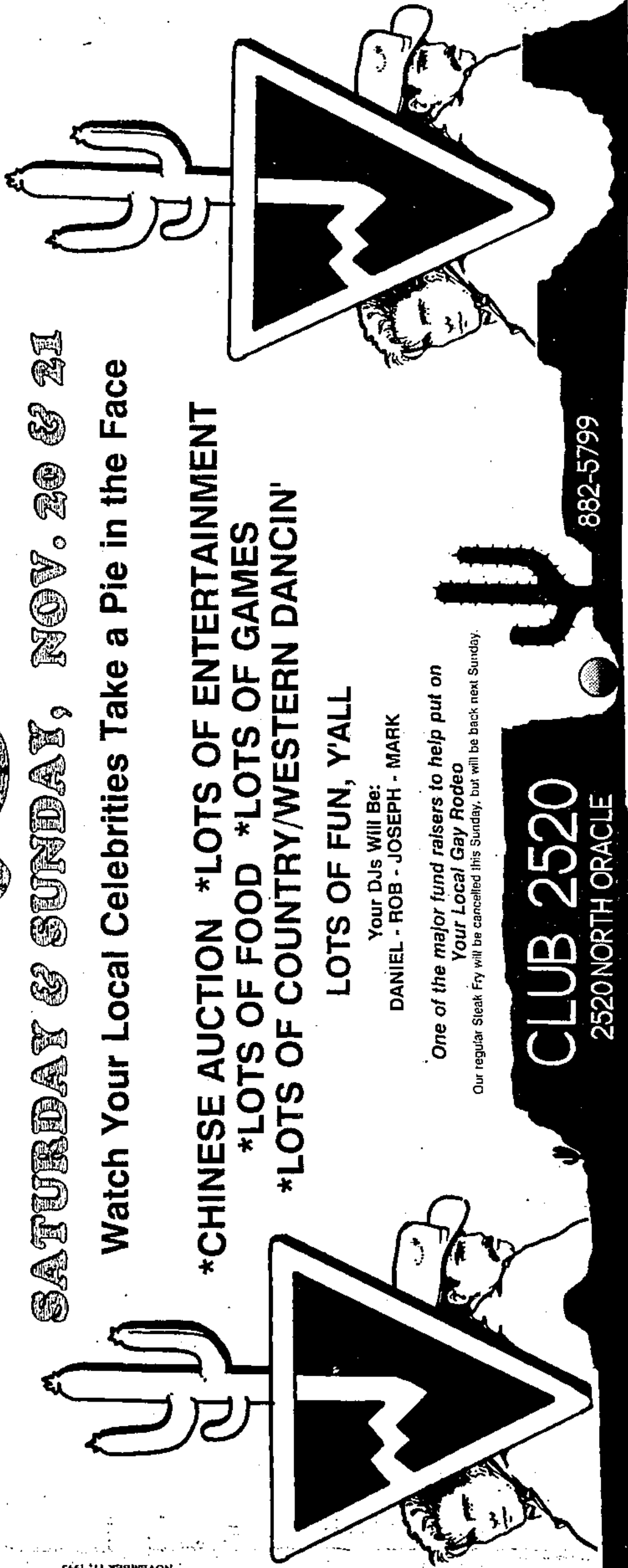
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FYI

by Big John

Every cloud must have a silver lining...come on and let the sunshine through...

It's urgent folks, urgent to continue your support of the various other AIDS Service Organizations. Don't be swayed by the continuing flap at TAP to not reach into your hearts and pockets and give what you can now for El Proyecto, PACT and Shanti. This could be a crucial crossroads in the mere existence of one or more of these agencies. We as a community cannot let this happen. I know many were offended by Bruce Fowler's uneducated attack on me, but please get over it, since everyone is entitled to their opinion, including Mr. Fowler, who is President of Shanti's Board of Directors. Shanti's daily operations could be jeopardized by a loss of revenue, and it should not be, since the work they do is volunteer based and valuable to our community. So please don't hurt Shanti just because you may have a philosophical difference of opinion with Bruce Fowler.

The first Ad Hoc committee meeting of the Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) took place last Sunday. The group's mission was to put trust back into community fund raising, and to get some serious "accountability" from the ASOs we give our money to. In order to accomplish this goal there was a strong feeling that all fund raising events in our community receive, or not receive, a TLGA seal of approval. This process will make certain that specific guidelines or criteria set by TLGA have been met by the agencies receiving the funds from our community. As a start, the Share Bears weekend fund raisers program will be monitored at the bars by TLGA, to ensure that proper accountability for funds is guaranteed, and that any agency receiving the Share Bears money will dedicate those funds to "direct PWA assistance" and not agency overhead, such as rent, utilities, etc. TLGA will also demand an audit of each agency's use of these funds, to ensure that they are properly accounted for. Other conditions may also be set at a later date by TLGA for receiving any of our community funds, such as compliance with the "open meeting" laws, access to information, etc.

TAP, for your enlightenment, grew out of the TLGA health committee back in 1984, when it recruited Dr. Bob Henry to organize a community discussion on the new disease that was then called Gay Related Immune Deficiency, or GRID. As we know, the disease was soon renamed AIDS. A couple of people at the Ad Hoc meeting were also involved with TAP as CORE group members way back when it was founded. The lesson to be learned here is... don't spawn an organization and then "assume" that they will do the right thing. That could make an ass out of you and me! Did you get it? (ass-u-me)?

TAP has appeared to have gone off to provide education, case management, and various kinds of assistance to Tucson and Pima County groups far removed from the Gay community. Some have even said that TAP is a homophobic organization with a lot of Gay people running it. Therefore, the TLGA committee believes it can help lessen competition at local ASOs by centralizing fund raising and distribution of money to agencies that subscribe to our community standards, to help our PWAs, and help these groups continue running - rather than shutting down because of the dollar drain to TAP.

A strong demand for accountability from all ASOs will also be a requirement for receiving our community dollars in the future. Also, several questions must be answered by Tucson AIDS Project before it will have the Ad Hoc committee's support. They include:

- (1) Did your Board of Directors know about TAP's contract with Jim Toevs? If so, when did they learn about it?
- (2) As a Board, will you communicate with our Ad Hoc group with expedience?
- (3) What rules of behavior, if any, do you have for board members?
- (4) What process do you use as an agency to select and appoint board members?
- (5) Do you own or operate any businesses or subsidiary corporations, other than TAP?
- (6) Out of what fund or account did the balance of payment to Jim Toevs come from?
- (7) What actually qualifies a person to be a member of TAP?
- (8) Where does your money go? We need an itemized breakdown.

"Humos die because of homophobia" was a very angry and true statement made by Robin Hardy at the meeting. Because of this we have all come to the conclusion that this grassroots committee sponsored by TLGA will involve itself in how AIDS money is raised and spent in our community. The "status quo" will no longer work.

There will be a letter of hope sent to TAP with an expected response time and some objectives and goals to be met if we are to continue supporting the organization. Otherwise "adios amigos!" and Craig can go entertain at big budget parties on the cocktail circuit, and we will guard our community's financial interests by endorsing appropriate fund raising for use by TLGA endorsed ASOs.

Last order of business was to solicit an attorney to work with this group on a "pro bono" basis. We have several that have given us advice over the past couple of months, but it was decided to seek permanent counsel to the TLGA group. More on this later.

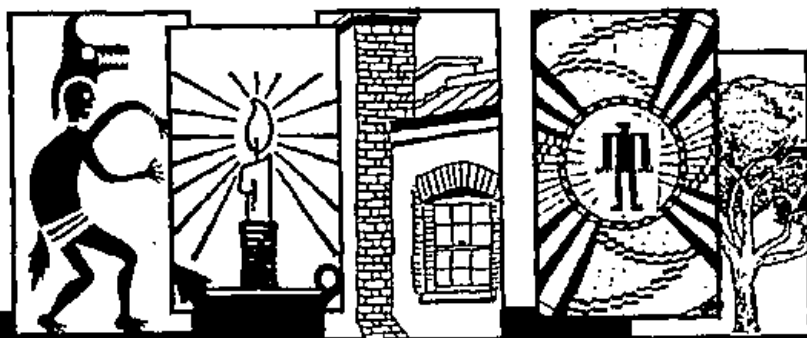
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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Going Underground

Saturday afternoon I was channel surfing and happened to see Craig Roters, the director of the "Say Yes To Life" school assembly program, on channel 18's "FYI Tucson". He was being interviewed by two supposed journalists who were throwing him give-away questions, glowing over his good works (including appearances at several business that are on the Rotten Fish List), and giving him suggestions of people to contact in order to expand his program. Roters never stopped grinning (which got to be unnerving). So much for impartial community affairs programming.

Does that scare you? It should. The Tucson Unified School District has invited a group of fundamentalist Christians into the public schools to preach to school assemblies, and your tax dollars are paying for it. A television station licensed by the FCC (and thus require to operate in the public interest) is encouraging this incursion into the separation of church and state. I haven't heard a word of protest to the station. Protests to TUSD have been ignored.

This month's Good News paper was printed by TNI Partners, Inc., the publishing operation that produces both the Arizona Daily Star and the Tucson Citizen. Can you read between those lines?

Monday afternoon I heard the voice of Frank Meliti announcing (yet again) his anti-equal rights ballot initiative. He told the National Public Radio reporter that "a couple of lawyers" in his organization, the Arizona Traditional Values Coalition, were going over the wording of the proposed initiative "so it won't get kicked out" (by the courts). He also anticipates getting petitions out by the end of November. Need I mention that if he gets his hate bill on the ballot, your tax dollar will pay for the crusade of hate that will follow?

Are you ready to fight for your rights? If you don't fight the right now, it will be much harder and much more dangerous after they have the hate law on their side. This proposed law will not be the end of their campaign, either.

The incorporation papers for the Tucson Human Rights Coalition have been filed. Funds are being raised in the community (thank you, Gilda Fatale and others) to fund the struggle that I assure you is coming.

Send your contributions and correspondence to THRC, P.O. Box 411-82, Tucson, Arizona, 85717. Call (602) 792-8640 to volunteer your time. Volunteers and money are needed immediately.

The facts lead me to believe that the religious right will probably win this battle. Look at the advance of fundamentalist Islam around the world. Those who believe they are fighting in God's army (and are willing to be martyred) are formidable and ruthless enemies.

Let's face it family, we are far outgunned here. These right-wing groups have been fund raising since Anita Bryant's heyday twenty years ago. They own television stations, radio stations, and newspapers, not to mention the toadying from the local "secular" media. If you think it will be easy to defeat this pro-

posed hate initiative, you are mistaken. People believe without question what their TV's and radios and newspapers (to say nothing of their teachers or preachers) tell them.

Between the religious right's flag waving and Bible-thumping, they stand a good chance of outshouting the truth. You and I know that queer rights are not special rights, but the long overdue acknowledgement of our equal right to live as we choose. Others disagree, and they have fat war chests with which to finance this pogrom.

One example of the religious right's advantage in a political struggle is the fact Meliti has been on the radio (NPR, yet) several times in the last few months. The Tucson Human Rights Coalition has been more or less lying low since about July, waiting to see what our adversaries are up to. I don't have the stomach (or the temper) to watch Christian TV or listen to Christian radio, but I am sure their coverage has been far more comprehensive (and far less unbiased) than the stories on the university's NPR station.

If they do win the legislative battle, what do we do? Give up and hide in our houses or the bars? Slam the closet door shut again and sit in the dark? Concede defeat and accept second class (or third class, or fourth class) citizenship? Believe the trash they scatter about us in the media and the churches? Pretend nothing has happened? Wait for the knock on the door in the middle of the night?

Other groups of fighter for unpopular causes from the abolitionist movement to Sendero Luminoso have been outspent and outgunned and oppressed by laws. They didn't give up; they went underground. Yet we tend to romanticize resistance fighters: the contras in Central America, the mujahedeen in Afghanistan, the Resistance in WWII, Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

Make no mistake: no one goes underground by choice. Underground resistance is the desperate fallback of groups that have been politically outmaneuvered. It is infinitely more difficult and more dangerous than an open political campaign. Political campaigners may lose elections, resistance fighters may lose body parts or their lives.

Let's abandon for a minute my usual assurance (and deep belief) that the truth will indeed set us free. It didn't set us free in Germany, Austria, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, or France when the Nazis decided to add us to their crematory lines. Truth does you no good when you get killed for telling it.

While Pius XII and Lord Chamberlain were smiling and signing treaties assuring peace with Germany, other people were fighting (at risk of their lives) to save the human beings the Axis powers were determined to subjugate and/or eliminate entirely. These were the fighters of the underground resistance.

My university French professor (a humble, gentle, sweet little Norbertine priest) was a member of the Résistance in Paris during the war. He took part in operations that the Church officially knew

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AGRA Calendar At A Glance

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"Chili Verde Days," Saturday & Sunday, November 20-21, Club 2520, 6:00 p.m. till closing.

AGRA Board Meeting, Sunday, November 21, 3:00 p.m., Club 2520.

AGRA General Membership Meeting, Sunday, November 21, 5:00 p.m.

Trail Ride & Dinner, Saturday, November 27, 3:30 p.m., El Conquistador Stables.

Christmas Jamboree, December 19, The Graduate. Details soon.

Phoenix Gay Rodeo, The "Road Runner Regional Rodeo", January 14-16, Corona Arena, Phoenix.

Tucson Gay Rodeo, The "Saguaro Regional Rodeo", March 18-20. Details soon!

Get ready Tucson! "Chili Verde Days" are almost here! Grab your boots and hat and head on down to Club 2520 this weekend for an action packed Saturday and Sunday. That's November 20 & 21st. The fun starts every evening at 6:00 p.m. and there is great home cooked southwestern foods awaiting you. So come early and eat with us, then stay for the evening and party the night away with Tucson's hottest and nicest cowboys and cowgirls! This is one weekend you don't want to miss! There'll be great country western music and dancing, plenty of good food, auctions, games, raffles, and much, much more. The "AGRA Sheriff" will be



Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson
by Michael Allison

on hand so you can "swear out a warrant" on your most or least favorite person and have them thrown into the AGRA jail where they'll suffer till they come up with bail money. Here is a good chance for revenge! Thanks go to Daniel O'Sullivan who has volunteered to spin for your dancing and listening pleasure for the early evening and Club 2520's regular line up of hot country western DJ's will provide the always great and up to date hits till closing.

"Chili Verde Days" Weekend is also the kick-off for AGRA's hottest raffle of the year. Compass Travel and Morris Air have donated six round trip tickets for two to any Morris Air's west coast destinations. That's six trips for two! Raffle Tickets are only \$1.00 each and with six winners the odds are great! Tickets are available at Chili Verde Days and through AGRA over the coming month until the raffle at the AGRA Christmas Jamboree at The Graduate in December. Help AGRA raise much needed funds so we can give you the best ever Gay rodeo and maybe win yourself a great trip to hoot!

If you haven't bought your ticket yet for the AGRA Trail Ride and Dinner you still have time. This is going to be a great experience for you "seasoned cowboys" or for anyone who's ever wanted to see what the top side of a horse feels like. Come join the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and our many friends at 3:30 p.m. on November 27 at the El Conquistador Stables for a fabulous desert sunset trail ride; followed by a hearty chuck-wagon dinner of chicken or pork ribs, all the fixins, dessert and beverage. Tickets are

only \$35.00 or you can join us for the dinner for just \$15.00. Don't miss it! You can get tickets from any AGRA Board Member and of course tickets will be on sale at "Chili Verde Days" this weekend at Club 2520.

And for all of you people who aren't AGRA members we invite you to come check us out. You don't have to own a horse to join AGRA! We're a dedicated group of Gay men and Lesbians who love the southwest lifestyle. Of course, our main function as members of the International Gay Rodeo Association is to hold an annual Rodeo in Phoenix and in Tucson. Much of our activity is centered around fund raising to make these rodeos possible. That's why "Chili Verde Days" and our other fund raisers are so critical. The entire Gay community of Tucson loves the Gay rodeo and the great parties following each night, but actually only a handful of people manage to pull it all together and provide Tucson's Gay community with such a great event. We could use your help! If you've been sitting around thinking that you should get involved with something here's your chance! Come meet us at "Chili Verde Days" this weekend at Club 2520. Call AGRA at 323-0805 for additional details.

Tucson and Phoenix AGRA suffered a great loss with the untimely passing of Michael Bennet. He was honored as last year's Grand Marshal for the Tucson Gay Rodeo for the incredible amount of work and support he gave to us. To further honor Michael, the program for Phoenix's Gay rodeo, the Road Runner Regional Rodeo, will be dedicated to his

memory. Michael is missed very much by all of us in AGRA and the entire Gay community.

AGRA members, you're needed now! Hoping to see all of you at "Chili Verde Days", our General Meeting is on November 21, and at all upcoming functions. All of us love the rodeo but how many of you are willing to do anything beforehand to make it all possible? Are you? Show up and volunteer! See you soon!

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

The UFMCC Southwest District Fall Conference was confirmed by the many delegates in attendance to be a success. The hospitality given by the Ramada Inn was outstanding. It was estimated that approximately 150 were registered for the weekend, with 31 voting Clergy and 34 Lay Delegates in the Business Session. There were 14 offices in the District open for election. Our District Coordinator, Rev. Don Pederson, was re-elected to a new four year term. Our Lay Delegate, Ben Corbin, was elected to the position of Alternate District Lay Representative. The Conference climaxed and closed with the Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Ballroom of the Ramada Inn.

will be a special worship service held here at the church, 3269 North Mountain Ave, starting at 11:00 a.m. This service will be followed with a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service to join with us for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is welcome.

There are plans being made for a special Christmas Party to be held here at the church on Christmas Day. This party will be for the entire community, refreshments will be served, gifts will be given and a true celebration of the holiday will be observed. Watch for more details on this party as the time draws nearer.

Next week-end is Thanksgiving Day. On Thursday, November 25th, there

Thought for the week: Saints are sinners who just keep on trying.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What is your concept of love? Is it flowers delivered to your door? Is it candy wrapped up in a pretty box? Is it a candlelight dinner or a picnic laid out on a blanket next to the calm glistening waters of your favorite lake? Love has many forms, such as the love we feel for our spouse, our close friends, and humanity in general, but there are things that should remain constant when we refer to love. The Bible tells us that "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV)

The book of Isaiah in the Bible talks about the life and death of Jesus hundreds of years before he was born into this world. About his life it says, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isaiah 53:3 NIV) About his death it says, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." (Isaiah 53:5, 7 NIV) So what of humanity? What did people do then that many are still doing? Isaiah tells us that "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6 NIV)

What isn't love? For one thing, love isn't always convenient. It often requires sacrifice. The moonlight dinners can turn into the everyday problems of life: conflicts of interest, pressures of time, stresses of this world, and the struggle to communicate. Because we are imperfect human beings living in an imperfect world, we will often fail at upholding the standards of love. But there is one perfect being who did not fail upon this earth in any way, and he is Jesus Christ! His sacrifice for love gave all humans the opportunity to one day live eternally with him in peace, joy, and perfect love in heaven. The only thing we need to do to receive this free gift of eternal salvation is to accept Jesus Christ as our risen savior and Lord of our lives.

So what is your concept of love? Could your love, or that of anyone you know, compare to the sacrifice that the son of God, Jesus Christ, made willingly for you and me, or that our father in Heaven made by sending him? Have you gone astray? Have you turned to your own way? If you have, I pray that you will see that the true source of love is God and decide to turn your life over to the one who died for you, our savior Jesus Christ!

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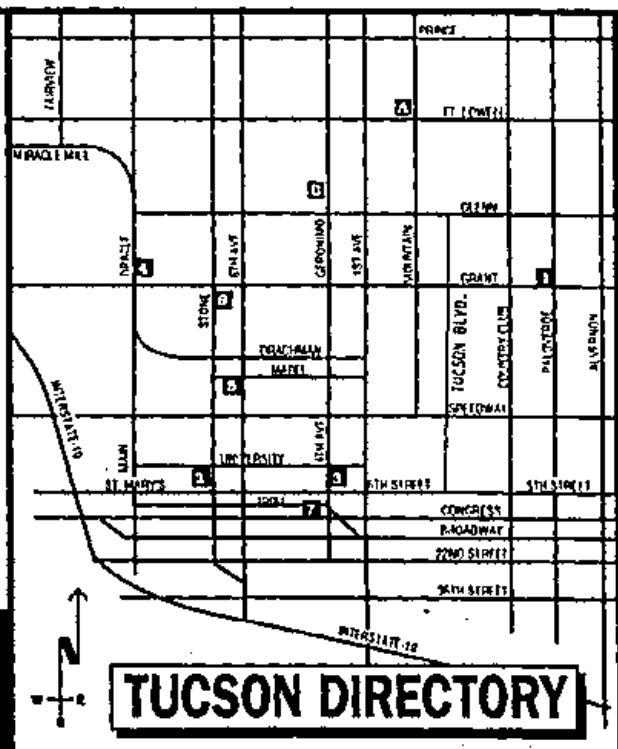
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nothing about and would have defrocked him for, had they come to light. He spoke very little about it; his conscience directed him to take action against the killing.

Although the Vatican and Britain (to say nothing of the USA) were pretending that nothing was happening in Europe, French, German, Dutch, and Belgian patriots, (among others), told the truth, took a stand, and worked underground to fight the evil that was threatening to take over the Continent.

Underground fighter moved refugees, hid people, and undertook military missions to fight the Axis. Others moved information to the Allies. We (who have been raised in a country that has never been invaded) have no idea what the fighters of the resistance risked for their ideals.

Hogan's Heroes was not the way it was. People got caught. Good guys died, some after torture and imprisonment. Good guys also killed people and blew things up to defeat their enemies. How many lives could have been saved if people had defeated fascism politically?

I have worried about what to do if it becomes illegal to speak openly about queer history and issues. I fought with my conscience over the idea of going back in the closet. Finally I realized that going underground is not the same as returning to the closet.

If we go back into the closet, we have to accept the lies again. I know it would be impossible for me. I would have to become part of the resistance.

If the Arizona Traditional Values Coalition is successful in outlawing legal protection of your rights, you have two choices. You can give up and take it, or you can go underground and fight back.

Going underground might seem dashing and romantic. It isn't. It means living in fear, endangering yourself and others, and using violence to settle matters. It is no one's first choice, but a last

resort.

Do you think I'm an alarmist? People in Germany in the 1930s were not intrinsically evil. They turned to Nazism because of unemployment, poverty, insecurity, fear of violence, and a sense of injured national pride. They thought Hitler could save their country and bring it back to good German values. Sound familiar?

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DEAR EDITOR:

It is with deep regret that misfortune and misunderstanding cause me to write this letter.

Being a new citizen of Tucson, I have had the pleasure of being a cast member of the Fabulous Falsies Revue held every Tuesday and Friday at Rumorz. Not knowing many people in the Tucson community, I'd say that I am off to a good start.

However, on the evening of November 9, while on stage performing a serious number, a quarter was thrown across the bar at me, thumping me on the chest and falling to the floor. Now, I had been doing a comedy number, this would have been fine & funny, but this not being the case, I was deeply hurt, embarrassed and upset.

After completing a number I had now lost total interest in, I searched the audience for whomever had done this and to find out why at this time I was told by a few people, (and you know who you are) who the culprit was. Needless to say, the informers were sadly mistaken, which is the reason I must write this letter of

apology.

First off, to David Z., I am sincerely sorry for any problems that this may have caused, it is clearly obvious that trouble was being started for no apparent reason other than deceit. For this I apologize, and hope we can still be friends.

Secondly, to Dave and Frank, I regret any inconvenience I may have caused with this truly ridiculous matter, but I do thank you for your caring and understanding.

Last but not least, to the individual that did this to me. If this action was meant as a joke, it wasn't funny. And, if a quarter was all you could spare, next time maybe you should consider staying at home and having your own show.

I must say I really enjoy Tucson, and look forward to meeting, and representing the community in the upcoming, Ms. Gay Arizona Pageant.

Until then, peace, love and huge beads!!

Sincerely, Adrienne Alexander

World AIDS Day Event Planned in Bisbee Nov. 30

BISBEE - Every city in Cochise County will be represented in Bisbee Tuesday, November 30, at 6 p.m. to carry the light and sound the bell, to say direct action must be taken to stop the spread of AIDS.

As a prelude to World AIDS Day, Dec 1, officials from every city and the county will, for the first time, come together for a candlelight march and service as a way of saying it is time everyone work to fight AIDS. The event, which begins at Copper Queen Plaza and culminates at St. Patrick's Church, is a dramatic effort to draw public attention to the AIDS epidemic in Cochise County, Arizona and around the world.

Speakers at the service will include District 8 State Representatives Paul

Newman and Mike Palmer, Chairman of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors; and local religious leaders and public health officials.

World AIDS Day will be marked across the county, state, country and the globe. The theme of this sixth annual World AIDS Day is "Time to Act!" Leaders and millions of individuals from around the country will stand together with representatives from every city in Cochise County and pledge themselves fully to the fight against AIDS.

The theme of light, as a tribute to those who have died and are living with HIV/AIDS, will be observed during the walk and at St. Patrick's Church. The church lights are dimmed, as they will be at the White House and towns across the county, in a visual demonstration of the commitment to fight AIDS. The service will also feature the Women of the Cochise College Choir; Bisbee High School Choir; and the Chorus of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance of Cochise County.

For more information contact Ramon Garcia, coordinator, at the Cochise County Department of Health and Social Services. In Bisbee, call (602) 432-9472. In Benson, (602) 586-3686; Douglas, (602) 364-7575; Sierra Vista, (602) 452-4969; and in Willcox (602) 384-4662.

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

The emphasis this month is on self value, self improvement and growth. Now is the time to focus some positive energy on yourself. Don't cling to someone who is not right for you. Work out the old insecurities that make you say "yes" to the wrong people.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

This is a major decision making time. Evaluate your relationship and decide if its really giving you what you want. You can only compromise so much. Realize that you don't have to sacrifice your freedom and happiness just to be in love.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

At all costs, you want to break from the past and begin a new cycle in your life. Get rid of everything that is holding you back and tying you down. You have more power than you think when you express yourself directly. You are more restless than usual.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

In an effort to expand and branch out, you re-evaluate any relationship that demands too high of a price. Since your moodiness results from an unacknowledged discontent, pay attention to your need to be free of constraints. Your situation will change for the better when you summon the courage to take assertive action.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 23

You need to adjust your opinion of someone you are interested in. Look at the situation with a clear head, rather than that huge "Leo" heart. There is a lot you are choosing not to see, and it is setting the stage for eventual disappointment. Get out, party and consider other people.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

A professional flirtation could blossom at a holiday party, but the decision is up to you as to how far you want to take this. Don't allow shyness to slow up your timing. Look around you, feel your own power and be willing to take some risks. Your challenge now is to feel beautiful and free.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Watch your tendency to blow a minor conflict out of proportion this week. Don't allow your need for security and commitment to make you act in a manner that is not in your best interest. Don't dwell on feelings of loneliness or discontent. Throw yourself into optimism and see how quickly attract others.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23

Excitement surrounds you and you make the most of all contacts. There is plenty of opportunity now for both playing the field and developing a long list of ongoing admirers. You lose focus and forget a certain someone in the background. Look before you leap. A fantasy attraction is already attached.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 21

You are adventurous and freedom loving and not afraid of risky thrills. You love expansive philosophies, the great outdoors and people with a stunning sense of humor and fun that they make you forget what

time it is. You make the most of your popularity and go for what you want, and you get it!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

A lack of objectivity could cause your love life to suffer. Don't allow yourself to get bogged down by trifles. Emotional tensions can pull you in different directions until a situation is clearly resolved. Lighten up and take your ego less seriously.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

After the 15th of the month, planetary influence makes you more serious about what you want in your love life. The flashy and superficial leave you cold. You want a quality person, and this attitude attracts the right people to you. Still, you are cautious, in control and not ready to commit.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

This month, you are highly prone to fantasy, and not in a position to see a significant someone for what they are. Don't surrender yourself so easily to an apparent "ideal". Be patient and give the situation some time. You may be surprised after mid-month when the other side of this person arises.

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TUCSON - Arizona Nude Dudes of Tucson (ANDes/Tucson), a non-sexual social nudist group for Gay and Bisexual men, is sponsoring two contests. One to design a logo for the organization and another to come up with a catchy and appropriate name for their newsletter. A prize of a night's stay for two at Tucson's elegant Casa Luna bed & breakfast in the foothills will be awarded to the winning entry in each contest. (Date of stay subject to availability.)

The logo should feature a nude male and be appropriate to symbolize Arizona Nude Dudes of Tucson. The newsletter name should be original and appropriate: such ideas as "The Bare Facts," and "Nudesletter" have already been used.

Deadline for both contests is November 30th. All entries should be mailed to: ANDes/Tucson Contests, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, Arizona 85728-4044.

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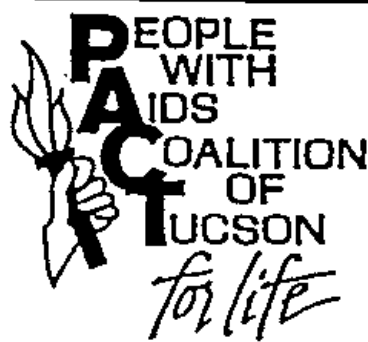
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A Cross To Bear (Part III)

In part one we sketched out an illustration of the "christian crusader" mentality, including the fact that it is inherently non-Christian. Part two showed that only the Biblical literalism could justify their anti-Lesbian/Gay/Bi campaign. We showed that the historical use of the Bible as an instrument of destruction against Lesbians is the result of misuse and abuse of scripture. Why would someone engage in this campaign?

Money. Let's look at the Christian Coalition first. The Christian Coalition was founded by Pat Robertson in 1989. It has a staff of more than 30 and an annual budget of over \$12 million dollars. Since 1989 it has grown to over 400,000 members from 750 chapters nationwide, with the goal of signing up 700,000 members by the end of this year. The C.C. plans to have full time staff in over twenty states by the end of 1993. The C.C. publishes a national newspaper, the Christian American, with a circulation of over 200,000.

The Robertson family owns the Family Channel, found on most cable systems nationwide, and recently announced the start up of a second channel featuring game shows. The crown jewel in the Christian Coalitions' empire is "The 700 Club" with an annual income of \$140 million dollars. Other pieces of the crown are:

Regent University, a fully accredited university with graduate programs in communications, education, religion, and law. Almost 1,000 graduate students are enrolled at Regent with plans to expand to 12,000 through extension programs;

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ). The ACLJ was set up to mirror the ACLU but with a much different bend. The ACLJ just opened their western U.S. headquarters in Phoenix.

Our second example is The Concerned Women for America (CWA). CWA was founded in 1979 by Beverly LaHaye and now claims over 750,000 members, making it the country's largest women's organization. It is considered to be the most effective multi-issue, grassroots lobby today. Period. It has a staff of 25 and operates on an annual budget of over \$10 million a year. They publish two monthlies with a combined circulation of 350,000 and produce a half-hour daily radio program ("Beverly LaHaye Live") that reaches another 350,000. The CWA philosophy is found in the words of Mrs. LaHaye:

"America is a nation based on biblical principles. Christian values dominate our government. The test of those values is the Bible. Politicians who do not use the Bible to guide their public and private lives do not belong in office." (Ms Magazine, Feb. 1987)

Here are some other heavy hitters:

Donald Wildmon's American Family Association (AFA) has a 600,000 member mailing list and a \$7 million dollar budget. Their specialties are boycotts of companies advertising on T.V. shows that AFA finds have a "anti-family", "pro-abortion", or "pro-homosexual content."

Focus on the Family is headed by Dr. James Dobson. They produce semi-

nars, voter guides, books, children's magazines, and a radio program that airs on more than 4,000 stations worldwide. Focus employs about 900 people and has an operating budget of \$80 million a year.

These are not all the "crusader" organizations, but they are the most profitable. Of course money isn't the only motivator for the "crusader". There is a great deal of sexism, prejudice, and internalized homophobia as well. But because their motivations may be sick doesn't mean their plan are stupid. They know that we fight breast cancer, HIV, alcoholism, and each other on a daily basis. The resources we use to fight for our civil rights come from the same pocket.

To paraphrase Bette Midler, "Enough about me talking about this, what do you think about this?"

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

Bears of the Old Pueblo

The bear surveys should have been received by all members. They can be returned to Brad or dropped off to Big Ed at the Venture-N to Leather. I have seen some of the result of another Bear club doing a survey and I am sure we will want to do some similar things.

Boy, it sure got cooler last week! Enough to raise the fur on my body and make me seek the comfort of my fellow Bears.

A camping trip was scheduled for last weekend. A few brave bears made the trek up to Mt. Lemmon on Friday night. The rain had not started (yet) and a camp site was quickly set up with a fire.

We did not want to believe the weather reports of upcoming storms. We figured that they would pass to the north and all we'd get would be some rain. Wrong. The next morning the snow started and we decided to try again on another weekend.

Shortly after we came down the mountain, the rangers were requiring tire chains for cars going up there. Unfortunately, I did not have any. Anyway, we did have a great party at the Venture-N during the Sunday burger dinner. There were many laughs and hugs, and a few new drinks created just for us. Try them out, they're called the Bear Hug and the Bear Mint.

This Thursday is a business meeting before the Thanksgiving holiday and the upcoming General Meeting in December. At that meeting, we will be voting on new club officers. Everyone should be there to vote. For information on activities or the club, please call 579-9175. Hugz, Rich.