

DUKAKIS vs. BUSH Candidate Comparison

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign Fund has issued the following comparison of Vice President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis on Lesbian and Gay civil rights and AIDS issues. Also included is a comparison of the Democratic and Republican Party Platforms.

GAY AND LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS

GEORGE BUSH:
POSITION: Opposes Gay and Lesbian civil rights as awarding "special privileges" to one group.

RECORD: Reagan-Bush administration supported Supreme Court 'Hardwick' decision denying Constitutional protections to Gays. The administration has not opposed the immigration reform bill.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS
POSITION: Supports civil rights bill. Opposes discrimination in the workplace. Supports non-discrimination laws regarding "security clearances." Opposes executive order protecting government employees.

RECORD: As Massachusetts legislator, introduced state Gay rights bill in 1974. As governor, he has lobbied for the bill.

HATE CRIMES
GEORGE BUSH:
POSITION: No known position.

RECORD: The administration has not supported bills collecting statistics on crimes against Gays and Lesbians.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS
POSITION: Supports legislation providing specific penalties for violence against Gays and Lesbians.

RECORD: Supported Massachusetts law that helped to define an assault due to sexual orientation as a civil rights crime.

AIDS DISCRIMINATION

GEORGE BUSH:
POSITION: Supports federal legislation outlawing discrimination based on HIV infection status.

RECORD: The Reagan-Bush Administration opposes efforts to enact legislation to prohibit discrimination based on HIV status.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS
POSITION: Supports federal legislation outlawing discrimination based on HIV infection status.

RECORD: Endorsed Massachusetts bill to protect people with AIDS, HIV or perceived to have AIDS against discrimination.

PRESIDENTIAL HIV COMMISSION REPORT

GEORGE BUSH
POSITION: Endorses the recommendations of the Presidential AIDS Commission. However, his campaign rejected endorsing the report in the Republican Platform.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS
POSITION: Endorses the recommendations of the Presidential AIDS Commission on the HIV infection.

AIDS TESTING

GEORGE BUSH

POSITION: Advocates confidentiality of HIV test results; supports mandatory or routine testing for military, immigrants, marriage licenses, those seeking assistance for sexually transmitted diseases and drug dependence and prisoners.

RECORD: The Reagan-Bush Administration has left issues of confidentiality and availability to the states. It requires testing for military personnel, immigrants, Peace Corps and Job Corps workers, foreign service employees and federal prisoners.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS

POSITION: Supports increased voluntary, confidential counseling and testing; advocates mandatory testing of military personnel and immigrants.

RECORD: Dukakis issued regulations banning testing for health and group life insurance. Opposes executive order allowing life insurers to require test for individual policies over \$100,000.

AIDS PREVENTION

GEORGE BUSH:
POSITION: Believes people should be educated about AIDS but prevention efforts should stress traditional moral values and strengthen the community family. Consistent decision to do this at the national level.

RECORD: Under the Reagan-Bush Administration, a nationwide mailing, originally conceived in mid-1980s, was not sent until June 1988 due to political infighting over contents. The administration refuses to provide explicit information on sex and drug use.

MICHAEL DUKAKIS
POSITION: Believes that AIDS education, including explicit information on sex and drug use, should begin in primary school with information based on age and ability to absorb material.

RECORD: Massachusetts was the first state to do a house-to-house AIDS prevention mailing.

PARTY PLATFORM

REPUBLICAN: No mention of Lesbian and Gay civil rights. Rejected endorsement of Presidential HIV Commission Report. Calls for research, compassion and expedited FDA drug review. Also calls for "protect[ing] those who do not have the disease." AIDS education that emphasizes "abstinence from drug abuse and sexual activity outside of marriage" and confidential testing and contact tracing. Advocates that people "remain on the job or in school as long as they are functionally capable."

DEMOCRATIC: Calls for Lesbian and Gay civil rights and the "rebuilding" of the civil rights enforcement machinery. AIDS planks call

EDITORIAL

The Tucson city's Planning Department recently stated that the U.S. census count of 619,400 people in metropolitan Tucson was incorrect. The city puts the figure at 643,533, ranking Tucson as the country's 59th largest city.

The city and the census people have often been at odds concerning an accurate count of the population.

A more interesting question might be asked. Where is the Gay and Lesbian population of the Old Pueblo, or for that matter the Valley of the Sun?

The Kinsey institute still maintains that the Gay and Lesbians constitute a solid 10 percent of the national population. Even using the smaller federal census figure, that means that there are nearly 62,000 Gays in metro Tucson and Phoenix. Using the size of the two cities alone, nearly 200,000 in the two cities alone.

It is easy to go out in Tucson on a Friday and Saturday night Gay bar hopping. If you could count 1,000 different people you would be lucky. So where is the rest of the so-called Gay population? Of course not every person in the Gay community is bar-oriented. Many are into private lives and private parties. Many are into parks and bookstores. Many are into religious activities and will many times go to church for drug abstinence.

But the total figure of visible Gay men and Lesbians still would not total 2,000 on a given night. The one exception where more Gays are visible at one function is at the Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic held each year in Himmel Park. This year the picnic drew over 3,500 people, and that was in one place, in the daylight for all to see!

This is not an essay about why don't Gay men and women come to the bars or bookstores. It is asking the question - where is the Gay population? Is it like the missing population that the city says the feds did not count? No, the Kinsey report is correct all right. The problem is that the Gay and Lesbian population remains closeted and unseen - and uncounted.

Does anyone realize what would happen if every Gay man and Lesbian stood up to be counted in this state alone? There would be a lot of changes you can be sure. From the state legislature right down to the local councils and commissions. The elections would change and the elected leaders would have to be more cognizant of and more empathetic to the needs of Gay men and Lesbians.

But, of course, given the immense diversity of the total Gay and Lesbian population, such a happening could not take place.

Or could it?

There is a chance at a small beginning. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, a day has been set aside throughout the country where Gay men and Lesbian women have been encouraged to come out, or take another step towards coming out.

National Coming Out Day is a grand idea and much is expected of it. There will probably not be any great increase in the visible Gay population at first, but as these days continue through the years, more and more will "come out" and the more that are visible, the more will be given the strength to follow. The old adage about strength in numbers is the secret to success.

No one expects that our Lesbian and Gay population can topple incumbent politicians or change our form of democracy. Not only do we not want to do that, it would be impossible since that diversity previously mentioned includes Whites, Blacks, Reds, Browns, Yellows, Democrats, Republicans, Socialists, Radicals, Liberals, Leftists, Rightists, Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, Jews, Mormons, and on and on and on!

What the strength in numbers will do is back down those who are determined to put our Gay men and Lesbians in the closet that they will not be heard from again. People who do not believe we exist in the numbers that we or Kinsey claim. People who still believe that we are perverted and a plague on society. People who claim to believe in religious as well as legal law, but would just as soon see the homosexual population cleared from this earth.

The answer is to take that extra step. Show that you can be proud and be a United States citizen and at the same time be Gay or Lesbian.

Show that you can be proud to be Gay or Lesbian and be an outstanding member of your community, your church, your office, your family.

The more visible Gay and Lesbian people there are, the easier it will be for those who have a more difficult time coming out because of outdated religious values, or outdated laws that continue to curse the homosexual population.

National Coming Out Day offers that chance to take the additional step. There are many ways that you can do this. Even one small step by you can mean giant steps for those who follow.

No one is asking you to lose your job, get kicked out of the military, go to jail or lose your family and loved ones. For those whose life is so impossible to change by coming out, can do small steps and eventually achieve the coming out process.

If the visible Gay popula-
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UPDATE

ETHNIC MINORITY AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

TUCSON - AIDS has stricken America's ethnic minorities in disproportionate numbers. That's one of the reasons Lourdes Quinones, a nurse in New York City, worked to get October 12, 1988 designated National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.

Agencies in Tucson that are concerned about AIDS decided not only to observe Latino AIDS Awareness Day with a candlelight procession up "A" Mountain, but put together a weeklong series of events to focus on getting the word out about AIDS to all area ethnic minorities.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, there will be a press conference at El Palito Patio, 420 S. Main Street at 10 a.m. Representatives from the Latino, Black and Native American communities will describe local efforts to inform minorities of the risks of AIDS and discuss the higher incidence of AIDS nationally among Blacks and Latinos. They will also discuss the events scheduled for the week, which runs through Wednesday, Oct. 12.

On Friday, Oct. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be an Open House at the Tucson Urban League, 2305 S. Park. From 9 until 11 p.m. there will be Condom Distribution in the Kennedy Park area.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, there will be a performance of the play "Para Ti," by members of Arizona/Sonora Proyecto SIDA, at El Pueblo Neighborhood Center. From 9 until 11 p.m. there will be Condom Distribution at the corner of 6th Avenue and 29th Street. (Look for the Gigantic condom).

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7, 8 & 9, an AIDS Information Table will be set up near the entrance to the "Tucson Meet Yourself" celebration in the patio of the old county courthouse.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 there will be Open House at the University of Arizona AIDS Education Project, 3113 E. 1st Street. From 9 p.m. until Midnight, there will be information tables set up at local Gay bars for Gay and Lesbian minorities.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Candlelight Procession up "A" Mountain starting from Gethsemane Garden. Vans will be available for those unable to walk the distance. Ceremonies at the top of "A" Mountain will include Native American dances, comments by ministers and other dignitaries, and a memorial reading of names of persons who have died of AIDS.

Everyone in the Tucson community is encouraged to participate in any or all of these events.

COUPLES OF TUCSON ANNOUNCE OCTOBER EVENTS

TUCSON - Couples of Tucson will be hosting two events in October. Sunday, Oct. 16, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a social event where couples will bring their favorite game and dessert.

On Monday, Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m., a business meeting will be held, followed by a group discussion on what opportunities couples can utilize for growth. Newcomers are always welcome.

For further information about these events, or about Couples of Tucson, call Bev. and Bobbie at 888-8694 or Frank and Gary at 577-9886. Or write, Couples of Tucson, P.O. Box 56613, Tucson, AZ 85703-6613.

OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL SING

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship will host an Old-fashioned Gospel Sing on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Musical selections will range from the great old standards of the early American revival churches to contemporary country / western favorites. Many members and friends of the church will be sharing their musical talents as they sing their favorite Gospel tunes as solos, duets, trios and quartets.

The congregation will also have plenty of opportunities to select the hymns they remember from their childhood, the songs "mama used to sing".

Everyone is invited to join the congregation of Cornerstone Fellowship as they come together to worship God in song. Refreshments will be served after the Gospel Sing. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 3333 E. Grant Road in Tucson. For more information, call 881-3519.

HIV WELLNESS CLINIC

ADJUSTS HOURS

TUCSON - The HIV Wellness Clinic has adjusted its hours to accommodate speakers on relevant issues to Body-positive persons.

The Clinic meets every Saturday at the Broadmoor Building at 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252. The speakers will begin at 11:30 a.m. Topics and speakers for October, November and December are:

** Oct. 8 "Legal Issues" - Lynn Butler, HIV Test Counselor, Pima County Health Department, and Pam Liberty, Southern Arizona Legal Aid.

** Oct. 15 (tentative) "HIV is a manageable chronic disease" - Joe Brewer, Project Inform (the national clearinghouse for information on AIDS drug protocol and how to get them).

** Nov. 5 "Legal Issues" - Lynn Butler, PCRD and Pam Liberty, SALA.

** Nov. 19 "Safer Sex Workshop" - Shanti Foundation/Tucson

** Dec. 3 "Stress Reduction" - Sandy

** Dec. 17 "Legal Issues" - Lynn Butler, PCRD and Pam Liberty, SALA

G/L SKI-FEST SET FOR LAKE TAHOE SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- X-C Skifest '89, the first annual ski week for Gay and Lesbian cross-country skiers has been scheduled for Feb. 9 - 12, 1989 at Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Cross country skiers of all levels are invited to participate. Ten resorts in the Tahoe area offer miles of scenic tracked and untracked ski trails. The area is also known for back country skiing trails.

The organizing committee has scheduled free lessons for first-time and beginner x-c skiers.

Also planned during the week are a moonlight ski tour, a joint dinner and party with downhill skiers attending the Gay Ski Weekend at Tahoe that weekend, and a trip to Reno, Nevada.

Cost is \$145 for lodging, meals and a t-shirt for registrations postmarked prior to the Dec. 31, 1988 deadline. Cost is \$165 after that date.

For further information, call the 24-hour hotline at (415) 267-3027 or write X-C Skifest '89, 1475 Polk Street, #33, San Francisco, CA 94109.

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COMING OUT STORY

OCEAN PARK

"Uh-huh," she said, "but she doesn't have to put up with some of the games he plays."

"Uh-huh," she had said. She didn't miss a beat, just kept on talking. "Uh-huh." Was that it?

"Did you hear what I just said?"

"What?"

"That I've been seeing another guy?"

"Yeah."

"That doesn't shock you? Doesn't bother you? Are you surprised?"

"I know you. I think I know what you like. People are people. You know that doesn't bother me."

The Atlantic Ocean reappeared. The beer turned wet. My body resumed normal operations.

We talked. About being Gay, about being straight. A close woman friend from childhood recently told her she was involved with another woman. Though understanding, she was still upset. I told her to be strong, to be patient. To treat her friend no differently, yet not pretend the issue didn't exist. I consoled and supported her - a startling role reversal, I thought, given the situation. And by suggesting how to cope and deal with her Gay woman friend, I was explaining how her Gay male friend expected to be treated.

The sun and conversation shifted. We talked about the creative curse. Life on the island. Life in the city. The weather, the world, and whatever else it is that good friends talk about.

My ferry was leaving shortly. She had to get ready for work. She drove me to the dock. We exchanged a kiss and a hug, and my "thanks" covered more than her hospitality.

The ferry rumbled on toward the mainland. Watching the island fade into the sea, I savored warm memories and banished thoughts of work until the next day. I turned to feel the wind and the spray on my face. The water sparkled brilliantly in the late afternoon sun. Yes, I thought, it has been a wonderful summer.

[ED. NOTE: Excerpted from "Revelations: A Collection Of Gay Male Coming Out Stories," published by Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, MA, \$7.95 per volume, paperbound. Gary M. Spahl has written ad copy and taught computer science to elementary school children. He currently manages public relations for a Boston non-profit organization working to build minority capacity in that city. "Ocean Park" is his first published piece, and is for Anne, with much love.]

"Revelations: A Collection of Gay Male Coming Out Stories" is set for an October release date and will be available soon at Books Bros., Ltd. in Tucson.]

TWO WOMEN AT NAVAL ACADEMY

INVESTIGATED

ANNAPOLIS, MD (GCN) - Two women attending the U.S. Naval Academy are under investigation for having a lesbian relationship. According to the Advocate, no one accused of homosexuality at the Academy has ever been cleared of the charges.

Last year, a male midshipman was expelled after he admitted he was Gay. "Homosexual activity" is considered by the Navy to be a violation of "professional aptitude" and can result in expulsion from the Academy. The two women are currently on leave.



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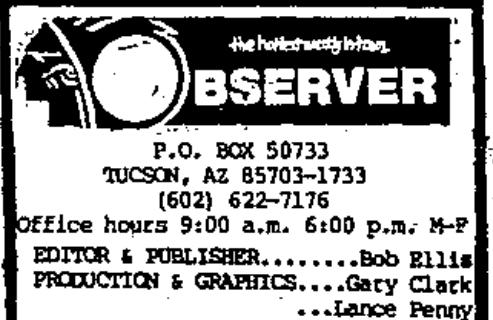
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COMING OUT STORIES

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Boston, Massachusetts

Ocean Park

The first annual National Coming Out Day will be celebrated next Tuesday, Oct. 11. Alyson Publications is celebrating this new Gay and Lesbian holiday by publishing "Testimonies: A Collection of Lesbian Coming Out Stories," and "Revelations: A Collection of Gay Male Coming Out Stories."

Alyson has granted OBSERVER exclusive serial rights to two stories excerpted from these books. Last week we printed "One Sunday," a Lesbian coming out story by Candyce Rusk. This week we are printing "Ocean Park" a male coming out story by Gary M. Spahl.

We thank Alyson Publications for permission to reprint these interesting stories. We hope you enjoy them and have a happy Coming Out Day, Tuesday, Oct. 11.

It was yet another perfect weekend during the warm and sunny summer of 1985. We were in Ocean Park, a small hamlet on Martha's Vineyard - a sweeping cluster of Victorian-era, gingerbread-style homes, looking out on a grassy common and beyond to the Atlantic. With a gazebo and geese and the whitecaps flirting across the water, it was classically charming and beautiful.

The grass was browning and brittle, tired from salt, wind and August sun. We sat, drinking beer, enjoying the space and the day. She was living on the is-

land, and I was ending what would probably be my last visit of the summer. In a few hours the ferry would take me home to the city. It was sad to be leaving - both the island and my friend.

We first met at work, in a restaurant. We were both finishing college, and seemed to be the only ones capable of tolerating each other's senior year bitching. We'd rant endlessly about deadline, wisecrack our way through the standard restaurant mania, then go out for drinks afterward and rant and wisecrack some more. She served. I bussed. Together we made good money. I liked her.

Unlike most workplace friendships, this one continued after our employment ended. With work no longer a common topic, our conversation expanded. She was an artisan and I was a writer, and we had long, soul-searching discussions. About the creative curse of achieving success only by refusing to be satisfied with your work. About family and friends. About hopes and fears and ideals. About whatever else it is that good friends talk about.

She was intelligent, and kept my brain from falling asleep at the wheel. She was creative, and I could empathize when sympathy wasn't enough. She had a lopsided share of tragedy in life, yet was always positive and upbeat and encouraging. I realized how important she was to me after she moved to the island.

I had come out to a few people, and was still quite new to the game. Positive reactions were reassuring and relieving; negative ones hurt. Goodbyes are always sad - sudden, permanent goodbyes are heart-wrenching. It was time to tell my island friend - to strengthen an already solid relationship, or to cut loose while there was still emotional time.

I had tried to tell her many times during this visit. On each attempt, something balked. How do I start? What if she hates me. It's not the right place. Right time. Right mood. Anxiety was high, for the risk was great. She was an important person in my life. A loss would be devastating. This was a big one, and could lead to a big hurt.

Sailboats lounged on the horizon. The sun whispered of lazy island heat. The beer was wet and warming - and went down easily. We talked. About our work, our family, our lives. It was not a trivial conversation - we would not be seeing each other for some time.

I tried to find a good place to start - a key transitional phrase or a brief lapse. My head spun with fears and hopes and scenarios. Outside, my body kept talking and listening and gesturing. Inside, my blood ran cold ... hot ... cold. My feet went numb, then my hands, then my feet

again. She talked, I listened. I talked, she listened. Ocean Park disappeared. The Atlantic disappeared. Breathing became difficult. Every cell screamed with anxiety. My heart pounded furiously. Throat and lungs swelled with unspoken words, waiting for release and acceptance - bracing for hurt and anger. The beer wasn't cold. It wasn't warm. It wasn't wet or dry. I chugged like a madman, I talked, I listened. She talked, she listened. The sailboats hung precariously on the edge of everything.

It came from nowhere, from everywhere. We were talking about relationships - whose I can't remember. It just fell into the conversation, unannounced, unplanned, unexpected.

"... Yeah, like, I've been seeing this guy for a couple of months now, and sometimes you just gotta take things as they are."

From the ocean, I watched myself say the words. From the gazebo, I heard myself say them. What was I doing? Not like that. Not without a preface, a warning. Not just thrown into the middle of a conversation. You blew it!

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THE 24th OLYMPIAD: THE BEST AND THE WORST

WORST HOST COUNTRY: Korea, for their interminable annoying nationalism, including the beating up of a referee after a decision which went against a Korean boxer. Korea broke the Golden Rule of a host: welcome your guest as a member of the family, and treat him with respect. (The Koreans were exonerated when, after another disputed boxing match involving a Korean, viewers of a Korean television network called to say how embarrassed they were at the travesty.)

WORST GUEST COUNTRY: The United States. How embarrassing to have our athletes in another country acting like conquering heroes. From stealing valuable art treasure by two American swimmers to losing all sense of decorum when America either lost or won a close competition, the U.S.A. continuously broke the Golden Rule of a guest: respect your host and his values; leave your host wanting you to return.

WORST MEDAL WINNER: The young American silver medalist in Tae Kwon Do. After a close match, he walked off the mat when his opponent (a Korean) was named the winner, and later said his medal meant nothing to him and he would never wear it again.

WORST LAPSE OF GOOD SENSE: To Ben Johnson of Canada and the other medal winners who tested positive for banned substances. (A \$15 million mistake for Johnson).

MOST OVER-USED WORD: "Controversy." Used at least once every day for 17-days, the word finally had meaning when Ben Johnson's drug test returned positive.

WORST COMMERCIAL: The Miller Beer Company's commercial showing a man in a bar ignoring the Olympics until the American National Anthem begins. He stops and watches an American who won a gold medal which says, in effect, the games aren't important; winning is. An all-too-pervasive theme throughout this year's coverage.

BEST COMMERCIAL: MCI's brilliant "Seoul: The Last 24 Hours" series. Without any voice-over, the 60-second spots showed clips of athletes from various countries competing in events which occurred during the previous 24 hours. It graphically illustrated the point behind this quadrennial exercise: Do the best you can, whatever the outcome.

BEST PERFORMANCE YOU MISSED: Mexico's Jesus Mena, an unknown, who came from nowhere to win a bronze medal in Men's Platform Diving. Pre-occupied with Greg Louganis and his Chinese rival, NBC showed only two of Mena's ten dives, missing one of this Olympic's biggest stories.

MOST EXCITING COME-FROM-BEHIND: Greg Louganis and his edge-of-the-seat last dive to pull off a gold medal in Men's Platform Diving. Embodying the Olympic Spirit, Louganis overcame an impact with the diving board to win the Springboard Gold and then capped it off with the Platform Gold. A real thrill to watch. (Good thing NBC didn't miss THIS golden opportunity.)

WORST NBC REPORTER: Wally Matthews. (Is he a recent graduate from Journalism-101)? His boorish and puerile manner made his interviews painful and embarrassing to watch.

BEST UNKNOWN: Michael Carbajal of Phoenix who, not expected to do well or medal, made it into the Boxing finals. Even though he was

awarded a silver medal in a close match, he shrugged his shoulders as if to say, "Oh well, I did my best. I'm happy." NBC pre-occupied with their gold medal count, ceased mentioning Carbajal's win from that point forward —after a week of touting him as the best thing since sliced bread. Which brings me nicely to:

WORST CONTINUING THEME: Over emphasizing who won which medals —especially gold medals.

BEST CONTINUING THEME: NBC's "Olympics Past" profiles. It reminded us of some of the superb athletes and their achievements in previous Olympics. (Pity NBC didn't carry this theme through to 1988).

THE MOST EXCITING THING TO HAPPEN DURING THE 17 DAYS OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES: The launch of the shuttle Discovery the morning of Sept. 29.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

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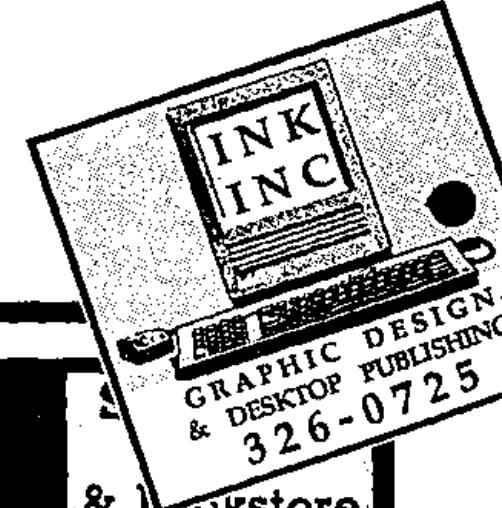


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All too often, too many of us feel that we can reach our spiritual fulfillment only by being in a certain place at a certain time. That this fulfillment can only be achieved by practicing certain religious rituals with a particular group. This may be the result of our training and our religious education or through our own choice because of a particular experience. But this need not be so.

The UFMCC is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the founding of this church. This makes the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches one of the youngest churches now recognized as an established church. Being the youngest does not mean that the teachings of UFMCC are new, but the scriptures have been reviewed to bring the teachings of Jesus Christ to re-evaluate the old established teachings of rejecting those who would be a believer and follower because of different reasons.

During the weekend of Oct. 21 through 23, MCC/Tucson will have a "Three Days In October" Spiritual Renewal. During this weekend, we will have Rev. Judy Davenport from MCC/Albuquerque as our guest speaker. On Friday, Oct. 21, we will have a pot-luck supper with an informal gathering of getting to meet Rev. Davenport. This will be followed with a formal worship service. On Saturday, Oct. 22, where will be workshops during the afternoon with a formal worship service in the evening. On Sunday, Oct. 23, Rev. Davenport will deliver her final message. Exact times for these services will be announced.

Rev. Judy Davenport joined MCC/Dallas fourteen years ago and

has been a minister of UFMCC for eleven years. She has served as District Coordinator in the South-Central and Southeast Districts. Rev. Davenport has been with MCC/Albuquerque for the past four years and is actively involved in the Albuquerque community and serves on the New Mexico Conference of Church's Task Force for AIDS.

Last Friday, Sept. 30, I attended a reception at the Temple Emanu-El, sponsored by Chai 'Aliz. The reception was in honor of Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb of Congregation Nahalet Shalom, a mixed Gay/Non-Gay congregation in Albuquerque. Rabbi Gottlieb is one of six female Rabbis and I feel fortunate in having met this dynamic person.

The invitation to this reception was open to the Gay community. By being a member of MCC/Tucson and being a Gentile, I was hesitant in attending this reception. But, to show support to this group, Annie and I did attend. We were warmly met by two members of Chai 'Aliz and introduced to the others in attendance. Annie and I were not the only ones outside of the Jewish community who were in attendance, but I wish there had been more. The atmosphere at this reception was unifying. Rabbi Gottlieb was spellbinding with her storytelling and her music.

If Tucson is to have a truly unified Gay community, we must each support the different groups in the community. I love the saying, "You are a stranger only until we have met." Thank you, Chai 'Aliz, I want to know you better.

Thought for the Week: Each of us is put here to be the answer, in part, to another's need.

Copperstate Leathermen elect new officers



TUCSON - On Saturday, Oct. 1, The Desert Leathermen celebrated their Second Anniversary at their home bar, IBT's. In addition, the group held swearing in ceremonies for their new officers.

Pictured above are the officers who will hold office for the year 1988-89. Front row, (l

to r), Ernie Hoop, Recording Secretary; Stan Phalp, Road Captain; Dennis Bell, reelected Treasurer. In the back row is Bill Finley, reelected to a second term as President of DL and Greg Parker, Corresponding Secretary.

We wish the new officers a very successful year in office.

Senate passes AZT funding bill

WASHINGTON, DC - The United States Senate, last Thursday, Sept. 29, approved a bill by Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) to extend by six months the federal government's funding for AZT (Retrovir) for low income individuals. The program was to have expired on Sept. 30, [OBSERVER, Sept. 14] the end of the 1988 Fiscal Year, and requires further congressional action to continue. The Public Health Service has estimated that 6,000 people are on the program.

"Weicker took the critical first step," said Human Rights Campaign Fund executive Director Vic Basile. "He put together the political coalition needed to win in the Senate. Now we must see that the House takes action, too."

The Weicker bill would provide up to \$15 million to continue the program through March 31, 1989. Weicker also persuaded Burroughs Wellcome, the manufacturer of the drug, to contribute \$5 million to pay for the drug.

In the Spring of 1987, Weicker first moved to enact the program which was established with \$30 million. At that time, it was seen as a stop-gap measure to co-

ver the costs of AZT - which then cost \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year - for people who otherwise could not afford it. However new drugs to treat AIDS have been slow to enter the market and the cost of AZT has fallen only slightly, to about \$8,000 - \$10,000 per year.

The proposed funds, if given final approval, will be distributed through state health departments. Each state may develop income guidelines for distributing the funds.

Basile that it is important to remember that Weicker is up for re-election and is facing a stiff challenge. "If he had not been in the Senate, we would not have funds to pay for AZT. We must see that he stays in Congress."

The Campaign Fund has committed the maximum \$10,000 it can contribute to Weicker's campaign. Gays and Lesbians all around the country have made personal contributions to his re-election bid, as well, by sending checks made out to "Weicker '88" to the Campaign Fund. The Campaign Fund is located at 1012 - 14th Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

Couples/Arizona to host convention

PHOENIX - Couples of Arizona has been selected to host the 4th Anniversary Celebration/Convention of Couples National Network, Inc. During the weekend of Feb. 10-12, it is estimated that 100-150 Gay and Lesbian couples from all over the country will be in the Valley to attend this event, which is being called, "Celebration '89 - The Phoenix Festival".

Similar to the purpose of Couples National Network that sponsors the event, "Celebration '89" is not just a party, but meant to serve as a living example that - contrary to what many people believe - Gay and Lesbian relationships do last! Each year's anniversary is acknowledged, and many of the groups membercouples in the Network have been together 15, 20, 25 and even 30+ years.

Many of the groups' members are active in other community organizations, and some serve as

advisors for Gay youth groups, providing a positive role model for relationships.

The Phoenix sister group, Couples of Tucson, will be participating in Celebration '89, which is the most ambitious event ever planned by the local group in its three years of existence in Phoenix.

All local Lesbian or Gay couples are welcome to attend "Celebration '89" whether or not they are members of a Couples group. Tickets for the full weekend of events are \$125 per couple, but can be obtained for \$100 if a 50% deposit is paid by December 1. A limited number of tickets for the dinner-dance alone will be available at a lower cost. All ticket reservations must be paid in full no later than Jan. 13, 1989. For ticket information, write to "Celebration '89", P.O. Box 713, Mesa AZ 85211-0713.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

At this time I want to congratulate the newly sworn in officers of the Desert Leathermen this past Saturday who are charged with her overall operation of the club for the 1988-89 year. Being an officer of any club is not a bed of roses. Many hours of work, both behind the scenes and in club functions, has to be willingly put forth by each officer, some officers more than others, to insure the success of both general club operations and successful club functions.

Speaking for myself and a large segment of this Tucson community, we all look forward to sharing the coming year with all the members of Desert Leathermen, side by side in brother and sisterhood.

For Desert Leathermen's first activity, they will be having a Casino Night at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket on Sunday, Oct. 16. The game for the night will be Black Jack with chips to play on sale 10 for a dollar. Prizes for the evening can be purchased with chips won throughout the evening. Stop in and have an interesting time with the Desert Leathermen.

Get ready Tucson! SOS' annual Fall Hoedown is just around the corner - Sunday, Oct. 16. Talking to Big Mike, he tells me a great group of entertainers are lined up to entertain everyone on this always-festive day. Playing the music for the day will be Joey from Charlie's in Phoenix. On hand entertaining will be Charlie's Country Cloggers, Sunburst Squares, Tucson's T-Squares and the piano and vocals of Mr Doug Cooper. Plus dancing and many special activities for everyone's enjoyment throughout this full Hoedown day.

SOS will also be drawing the winning ticket for the VCR they are raffling off. Let's all support SOS on this special day, and buy up a large bunch of those raffle tickets.

Tucson is lucky to have a club such as SOS. A lot of unreported work is put out from this club, most of which is kept quiet to protect the identity of the recipients. A lot of financial donations and loans are made in support of needy people. The names are not published, but every dollar you spend at either SOS' Casino Night or at this coming Hoedown, Oct. 16, all goes back to needy individuals in the Tucson Gay Community. For the privacy is the reason that you have never seen a financial report of SOS operations in the OBSERVER.

I support SOS and praise the entire organization for the work behind the scenes they do and with them luck and success in the coming years. I highly encourage everyone's support of SOS and pray we never have to ask them for help.

In last week's local newspaper I read that all of the football game tickets to the UofA/ASU game, to be played in Tucson on

Nov. 26, are sold out. For \$1.00 you have a chance to win two tickets to this game. Located at all of Tucson's Gay bars are raffle jars, where you can purchase the raffle tickets. The raffle is sponsored by the Arizona Fellowship '88 Committee.

When purchasing these tickets, please print your name and a phone number you can be reached at. If one of your tickets is drawn and you are not present, I will try to contact you via telephone and keep trying until successful. If by chance I have not been able to reach you by phone, I'll also run the winner's name in my column in the Nov. 17 issue of the OBSERVER. The drawing will be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at 5:00 p.m. at TKO's Beer Bust.

All remaining raffle tickets will be saved for another drawing Saturday, Nov. 19 at Partners Beer Bust in the event that contact with the winner has not been successful. I already have my own tickets for this game and do not need two more, so please follow the instructions when filling out those raffle tickets and good luck to each of you.

News from the Community Awards of Tucson Committee (CAT). There will be a softball game at Himmel Park on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. This will be a benefit for the CAT Committee. Anyone interested in playing can sign up at Colette's or show up at the field in Himmel Park. I'll pass more on this day as the time draws closer.

Speaking of both the CAT Committee and Colette's, mark your calendars for Saturday Oct. 22. That will be the day Partners will be putting on a Beer Bust at Colette's - a benefit for the CAT Committee. Also, a good variety of German food will be on sale for that afternoon's lunch. All festivities start at 2 p.m. and continues until 6 p.m.

Thanks to an election and an appointment, Tucson now has a true Gay complex, known from this day forward as the "Queen's Parliamentary Castle". Living at this Castle are three Queens and one Princess in training. These four combine to hold offices in three different Tucson clubs, have two First Ladies, hold offices in both the CAT Committee and the Arizona Fellowship '88 Committee. To make this Castle official, it is owned by an officer of another club in Tucson and he is also that club's First Lady. Watch this paper and check your mail boxes for some interesting and fun activities coming at the Castle!

I guess that's it for this week. I do want to warn Durango's in Phoenix that you are going to be raided by Partners in December, so be prepared. As for everyone in Tucson, and everywhere this OBSERVER gets to, have yourselves a beautiful, safe, loving week.

Quote for the Week: "Most people want to be delivered from temptation, but would like it to keep in touch." - Robert Orben



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POLITICS '88

by Mark R. Kerr

This week I am not going to talk about this political story or that politician. Instead this week's column will be my opinions on several topics.

MINIMUM WAGE: Last week, legislation to raise the minimum wage from \$3.35 an hour to \$3.75 an hour was defeated in the Senate. The Republicans tried to get an amendment attached creating a sub-minimum 'training wage'. They said it would help create new jobs. Oh yes, jobs we could not afford to work for, and try to do the simplest things, like live.

The last time the minimum wage was raised was in 1981 from \$3.10 to \$3.35. 8 years is a long time. It would be nice if our national legislative bodies would realize that the cost of living has gone up and that people can't survive on \$3.35 a hour.

DOTKARIS & BUSH DEBATE #2: The League of Women Voters dropped their sponsorship of the second debate. League President Nancy Newman stated that the two campaigns had set down too many demands and tried to take control of the debates. They were hoping for the League's stamp of approval for the debate to make it legitimate. God knows the campaigns needed their stamp.

The first debate was a farce. All it was was a safe question and answer period. Every little detail was precisely negotiated. A debate is an argument between two parties on a topic or set of topics. A debate is for the voters to see which candidate's views are similar to the respective voter and for the voter to decide which candidate is the best candidate for the job.

Three cheers to the League of Women Voters for having the chutzpah to withdraw. The debates should be held by a non-partisan group and the group should set the terms, not the respective campaigns. As Newman put it, "The candidates should get out in front of their media advisers." I agree, the voters want specifics, views on various issues, not outlines or wrapping oneself up in the flag. Not hiding from the press or the voters. We want to know their opinions on the issues, proposals to solve various problems this country faces. Not dancing or sidestepping around the issues.

On Nov. 8th, we cast a vote for a person to lead this country.

HUNTER S. THOMPSON: It is interesting to note that the ASUA

Speakers Board is afraid to bring Hunter S. Thompson to the UofA campus to speak because he drinks. 1,400 people signed petitions to get him here, (I signed), willing to pay to hear him speak. The ASUA was afraid their integrity would be hurt. Bull!!!! They gladly paid for Robert McFarland, former National Security Council head who helped mastermind Iran-Contra and who tried to kill himself with an overdose of Valium.

They also brought Contra leader, Adolfo Calero here to speak. They gladly bring people whose views are to the right, conservative. But when it comes to the left, these resume-stuffing greedy right-wing students put them under a microscope and if there is the slightest flaw they are rejected. They must protect the UofA. What bull!!!!

It would be nice if the ASUA represented the students, and not themselves. Also, they should not dictate morals. Hunter S. Thompson is a syndicated columnist who writes for the San Francisco Examiner, and wrote several novels like "Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail," and the "Great Shark Hunt." Hunter is a gonzo radical journalist who drinks a lot, even on stage when he is speaking, that is a part of his mystique. If the students were willing to pay to see him, can't the UofA have the guts to bring him here?

Is the UofA an ultra-conservative, greedy, money grubbing business, or a university offering us a broad range on education, views, etc. Who knows?

THE INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE: Yes, the first meeting was held this previous Saturday. The turnout was poor, but some things were decided upon. (1) A questionnaire will be sent out to the various candidates to find out their opinions on issues concerning Gays and Lesbians, and to see if they are worthy of endorsement from the Community.

(2) To hold forums for those candidates and elected officials within the system to speak to our community and allow us to get answers to questions we might have.

(3) The next meeting will take on the formation of offices and the election of officers, also drafting rules for the group (a constitution and by-laws of sorts). Also, under consideration will be the proposal to work within the Democratic Party system or be an independent political caucus. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Shanti Office, 602 N. 4th Avenue. Please attend. We need to get united as a community and fight for our rights.

Until next time, take care.



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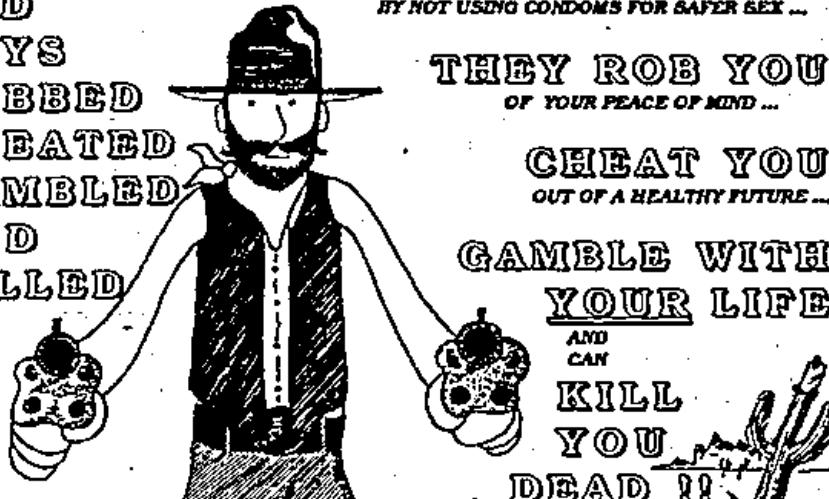
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tion of Tucson rises from 1 or 2 thousand to 1,500 to 2,500 that would be an incredible beginning, because, by next year's NCOB, that figure should accelerate to where, someday, hopefully by the year 2,000, everyone will be permitted to live their lives in peace and privacy. In mutual understanding and harmony. In friendship and love.

In Tucson on Tuesday, Oct. 11, NCOB will be celebrated by a Motorcade from Himmel Park at noon and completed by 1:00 p.m. If you feel you cannot enter the motor-

cade, perhaps, for starters, you might view the Motorcade and maybe wave, just a little. It doesn't hurt, and the next time, you just might want to get more involved. That's how it goes.

OBSERVER salutes National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11, and dedicates this issue to NCOB. We encourage everyone in the community to get involved in this day which should be a celebration that could rival Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. That first step might be difficult but the next one always becomes easier. Good luck.

PERSPECTIVE

by Nina Finley

CHAPTER 14

One day we were at the dinner table in front of the window when we noticed the cat was acting strangely in the tall grass across the road from the garden. All at once it jumped into the air and went back instead of forward. At that instant Old Shep, our dog, knew something was unusual and went to investigate. It was a snake and that poor thing never had a chance! Shep took that snake in his teeth and shook it so hard that parts of it flew as high as the windmill. When we saw what was happening, everyone took cover!

Rattle snakes were plentiful and to be avoided or killed if possible. Their venom was poison. Our men folks killed twenty-five that first summer. As for Shep, our old dog, he had been bitten by a rattler earlier, so he was only venting his dislike for them when he attacked it that day. He would attack anything he was not famil-

iar with and had a "run in" with a porcupine one day and got a mouthful of quills. The men had to use pliers to remove them from his mouth (from the inside)!

The area across the road south of the house was inhabited by a town of prairie dogs. Those adorable little rascals are the warning signals of the prairie.

When rattle snakes took over their burros, they let the snake take over, and they made another hole for themselves. The only damage they did was dig their holes to live in and they would cut all the grass around their hole, let it dry and then store it in their hole for future use. They would stand on the mound of dirt they had taken from their hole, and if there was any chance of danger to them, they would whistle and sound the alarm, so that those out scouting around could get back to their holes.

DUKAKIS vs. BUSH: Comparison

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for "increased support for expedited research on treatments and vaccines, comprehensive education and prevention, compassionate patient care, adoption of public health community consensus on the voluntary and confidential testing and counseling, and protection of the civil rights of those suffering from AIDS, AIDS Related Complex or testing positive for the HIV antibody."

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Voices Organized in Coalition for the Election (VOICE) '88, a coalition of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has issued a statement regarding the selection of Senator Dan Quayle as a running mate for Republican presidential candidate George Bush.

The selection of Senator Quayle — combined with the Republican Platform's stand on AIDS — raises serious concerns about the commitment of Vice President Bush and the Republican Party to fighting the nation's major health crisis. Quayle has not supported responsible AIDS policy and has opposed Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

Senator Quayle has voted to:

** "Restrict federal AIDS prevention activities on five occasions since October 1987. These votes were to censor the content of AIDS education materials despite opposition by public health officials."

** "Oppose the provision of funds allowing indigent people to cover the \$10,000 per year cost of AZT, the only drug certified by the government to combat AIDS. (See separate story this issue of OBSERVER.)

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CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

COLETTE'S - Big 2nd Anniversary show and celebration takes place here. Show features Dazzling Deb and the Dyketones PLUS Grace Jonz from Los Angeles and Valerie and Michelle from Phoenix. It all begins at 8:00 p.m. No Cover. PLUS the unveiling of the brand new dance floor and stage lighting!!! Be sure to attend this party, it's always a big one!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

COLETTE'S - The Sunday movie here is "American Werewolf in London" and it begins at 7:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - Sisters of Sonora hold their monthly meeting here beginning at 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Then SOS holds their monthly "Casino Night" from 4 until 8:30 p.m. THEN it's Tom's 8th Anniversary Party from 8:30 to 2777 with the live talents of Doug Cooper and a short show starring Aviva Diamond and Candy Plastique. Sounds like a fun day!

IBT'S - Miss Gay Arizona, Penelope Poupe joins the regular IBT cast for a great show from 9 until 11 p.m. She will also appear here for the regular Trashy Tuesday show (see regular calendar)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

IBT'S - Teno's Monday Movie today is "Batteries Not Included" starring Jessica Tandy and Rume Cronyn. Then at 6:00 p.m. the live vocals and musical talents of Doug Cooper who will play until ??? Great music for the cocktail hour and beyond.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

COLETTE'S - "National Coming Out Day" will be celebrated here with a big party sponsored by Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian/Gay Community Center. It begins at 6:30 p.m. \$1 for Wingspan members and \$2 for non members. NODD Motorcade applications also available at Colette's.

IBT'S - The monthly meeting of the Arizona Tavern Owners Association will be held here beginning at 10:00 a.m. for ITA members only.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey singing and playing during Happy Hour. A real pleasant way to wind the week down. TGIF!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

JOSHUA TREE - A Benefit for Shanti Foundation/Tucson, takes place here at 9:30 p.m. Frank Perez will present a Halloween Costume Fashion Show with costuming by Lupita Howard. It begins at 9:30 on the outdoor stage area and there is a \$2.00 donation at the gate to the entertainment area.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

COLETTE'S - The Sunday movie today is "The Hunger" and it begins at 7:00 as usual. A big screen and a big movie.

IBT'S - SOS Hoedown coming! Performers include Charlie's Country Cloggers; Sunburst Squares and the Tucson T-Squares plus special guest, Doug Cooper. Recorded music will be by Joey of Charlie's of Phoenix. Watch for more details on this BIG day. Western dancing, clogging, entertainment, food, etc. The whole nine yards!

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - Desert Leathermen will host a Casino Night here. Watch for more details.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

IBT'S - Popular musician Doug Cooper plays from 16:00 p.m. until ??? Don't miss this talented musician.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

COLETTE'S - Vocalist Anne English plays and sings for your listening pleasure beginning at 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

COLETTE'S - It's the monthly Country and Western Night here again, and heading this evening will be C/W singer Karen Hadley from Los Angeles. It all begins at 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

GRADUATE - Direct from Los Angeles, Country and Western singer Karen Hadley will perform here beginning at 9:00 p.m. No Cover. Don't miss this fine performer from Phoenix.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

COLETTE'S - A Benefit Beer Bust for the Community Awards of Tucson is set here from 2 until 6 p.m. in the afternoon. All proceeds go to C.A.T.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

COLETTE'S - The 7:00 Sunday movie tonight is "Lost Boys" and it's a real good one. Don't miss it.

GRADUATE - The 6th annual "Turnabout Show" will be held here again. See Kenny or Roger to sign up, and watch for more details. It's always great fun.

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| 4. "NEXT WEEK" | 8 | 4 | .667 | 420 |
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| 6. DICK'S LITTLE INDIANS | 7 | 5 | .583 | 443 |
| 7. TEAM #2 | 7 | 5 | .583 | 375 |
| 8. LUCKY DEVILS | 6 | 6 | .500 | 432 |
| 9. STRIKER FORCE | 6 | 6 | .500 | 419 |
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TEAM HANDICAP GAME: DICK'S INDIANS 665 / BOTTOMS-UP 662 / TRES AMIGOS 648

Non-Bar

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 - Monthly meeting of Great Outdoors at MCC church building, 560 S. Stone. Election of new officers and a proposed rate structure change. Important meeting. Members and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

JANUS THEATRE 3302 N. 7TH Street in Phoenix begins performances of "Franny, The Queen of Provincetown. Performances are Oct. 6-7-8-14 & 21 at 8:00 p.m. Oct. 15 & 22 at 8:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. matinee performances on Oct. 15-16 & 22. Tickets available at all Dillard's Box Office outlets or call 267-1246 in Phoenix.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 - Gay Film Festival sponsored by Shanti Foundation/Tucson. "Boys In The Band" shown at 3 p.m. at YWCA, 205 E. University. Admission free with safer sex rap following.

From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship will host an Old-fashioned Gospel Sing. Musical selections range from great old standards of the early American revival churches to contemporary country/western favorites. Everyone welcome. Cornerstone is located at 3333 E. Grant Road in Tucson. Refreshments served after the Gospel Sing.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - "National Coming Out Day". Wingspan, Tucson Community Center group will hold a press conference at Himmel Park from 11 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a motorcade from Noon until 1 p.m. from Himmel Park and returning there.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - "National Latino AIDS Awareness Day", culminates a weeklong series of Ethnic Minority AIDS Awareness events. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a Candlelight Procession up "A" Mountain, starting from Gethsemane Garden. (Van available for those unable to walk the distance). Ceremonies at the top of "A" Mountain will include Native American dances, comments by ministers and other dignitaries and a memorial reading of names of persons who have died of AIDS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 - Arizona Gay Rodeo Association presents a "B" Scale Rodeo at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Arena at 29th and Baseline Road in Phoenix. Not an I.R.G.A. sanctioned rodeo, this will have 100% payback of contestant entry fees. Tickets \$5 at gate. Full service bar available, also hamburgers and Mexican food.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Gay Film Festival will feature the Tucson Premiere of "Staircase", a rare film featuring Richard Burton and Rex Harrison as lovers. Presented by Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Admission free with safer sex rap following. Shown at YWCA, 205 E. University Blvd.

Couples of Tucson will host a social at 4:00 p.m. where couples will bring their favorite game and dessert. For further information call 888-8694 or 577-9886. Newcomers are welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 - Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association monthly meeting at Hotel Park Tucson (Acacia Room); 7 p.m., no-host beverages. 7:30 general meeting. Richard Kimball, founder of the Center for National Independence in Politics, urges self-reliance among our country's leaders through an informed electorate. Unbiased non-partisan information about issues and candidates is pledged. Free to OPBPA members and newcomers. \$5 for repeat visitors at the door. Information (602) 297-3794.

OCTOBER 21 - 23 - MCC/Tucson celebrates 20th Anniversary of U.P.M.C.C. and "Three Days In October" spiritual renewal will be held at MCC/Tucson. Rev. Judy Davenport from MCC/Albuquerque will be guest speaker. Potluck Supper Friday, Oct. 21 to meet Rev. Davenport.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCT. 22 & 23. "Womyn Loving Womyn Retreat" in Oracle co-sponsored by Wingspan and the Gofa Women's Center. Information and registration at Antigone Bookstore, Gofa Women's Center and the Third Friday Womyn's Coffeehouse or call 882-8374.

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CALENDAR

Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 8 pm or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 7:30 \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Nine Down Nite" .75 Wine 6 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Mike's Mimosa's \$1.50, Bloody Marys \$1, Champagne Cocktails \$1.50 Noon to 4 pm. Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens 4 pm. .75 Schnapps. Strip show cancelled till further notice. Dancing.

RITA'S - Noon to 7 pm Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.00; B-B-Q, fresh fruit & salad 2 to 7 pm.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 plus Schnapps .50 a shot and Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. WJ/DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Miller bottles or Schnapps .75 - Noon to Midnight. 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1, well drinks \$1.25 + Monday Bowler's Specials. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Drink specials on our Light Board specials day and night. Teno's Monday Movie at 4 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 4 p.m. Football on the big screen. \$1.00 well drinks 9-1.

RITA'S - 6 pm to Noon Marys and Screws .75 - 6 pm to 6 pm Well \$1.25; Longnecks \$1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on big screen. .50 draft beer and sandwiches. Pool Tournament at 7 p.m.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1, well drinks \$1.25, + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ at 9 pm. Pool Tournament 10:00 pm, 525 First Prize.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing to music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Dranks \$1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. "Trashy Tuesday" show at 6 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Progressive Dance Rock with Randy in Disco 9-1. \$1.25 imported beers

RITA'S - 6 am to Noon Marys and Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well \$1.25; Longnecks \$1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 pm. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 2-8 pm Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1, well drinks \$1.25. Draft Beer Bust Bud or Bud Lite .25 per glass plus .75 Schnapps from 8 pm to close. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps .75 8 pm to Midnight. Raffle drawings at 10:30 p.m. for prizes.

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 pm - 1 am.

OUTRAGEOUS - Long Neck Domestic Beer Bust 8-10 .50, 10-12 .75; after Midnight \$1. Top dance hits with Jeannie.

RITA'S - 6 am to Noon Marys and Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well \$1.25; Longnecks \$1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 pm. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Ruben.

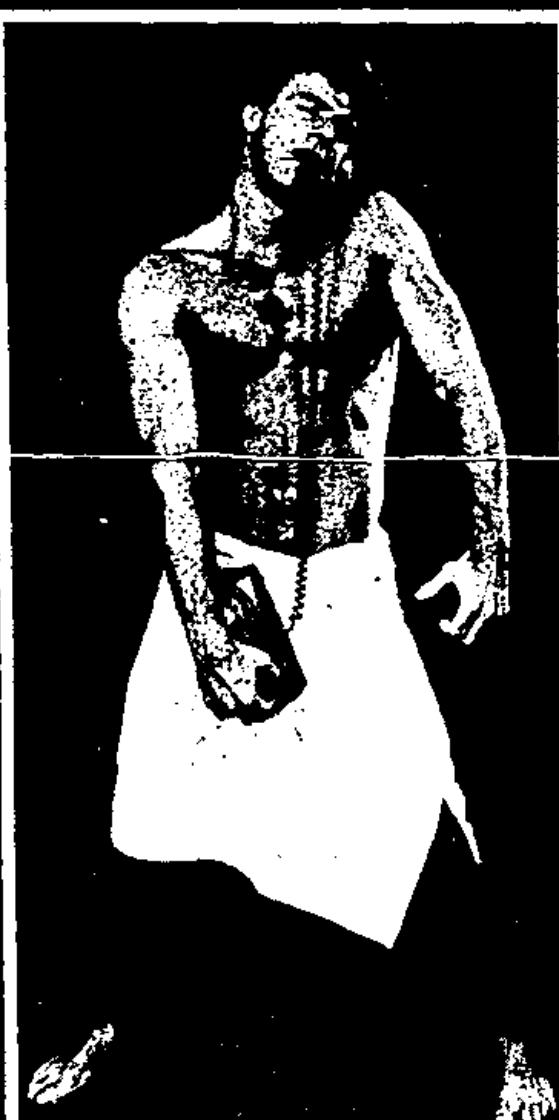
thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1, well drinks \$1.25, + 'Stop Light' specials. WJ, 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

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by Michael - Tucson

The New Moon in Libra Occurs at about 2:49 p.m. Tucson time on Oct. 10 with Aquarius to the forefront, or Tucson's chance to express its novelty.

ARIES

3rd House: A busy communicative period, lots of writing, documents of a legal nature will bring about changes in your home environment.

TAURUS

4th House: A chance to expand or improve your home and the possibility of a Virgo person to share it with.

GEMINI

5th House: You may have a sudden unexpected windfall, or win the office pool or even the Pick this period. A romantic affair with an older person could also be in the works.

CANCER

6th House: Attention to details at work could save your job, or if you are looking for a new job, you may have an opportunity. Some separations may occur. Watch your health and diet now.

LEO

7th House: Did you want a romance with a Virgo? Now is your chance, or even a new business partner. You could get into some kind of health business.

VIRGO

8th House: Separations, with a chance of inheritance are a possibility now. You may have to act as an administrator for an estate.

LIBRA

9th House: Sign up for some college courses, or study religion, philosophy or law on your own. You may take a long trip to a foreign place or meet some people from a foreign place.

SCORPIO

10th House: Some public attention is possible this week, or you may receive a promotion or raise on your job. You could even get an award of some kind.

SAGITTARIUS

11th House: Your time to join some club or group, get a senior citizens card or be elected to some organizational office.

CAPRICORN

12th House: This is a time to be at your best in any business dealings where your ethics might be in question. You will probably be the subject of rumors and gossip, but if your motives are pure, you will come to no harm.

AQUARIUS

1st House: This will be your time to let it all hang out, express yourself and all your wonderful new ideas, some of them may take hold and reward you with good deals.

PISCES

2nd House: You may make a few bucks this week on some kind of real estate deal, but do not be over-confident, and be sure to check all the fine print before you sign anything.

[ED NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 327-4243 in Tucson].

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AFFIRMATION, Gay and Lesbian Mormons meet monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. Write: AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 26601, Tempe, AZ 85285-6601 or call 921-4025.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you? Call Information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

SOURCES UNLIMITED is a non-profit information and referral service for the Lesbian and Gay community. Businesses and individual listings are free. Call 884-1606 in Tucson for information.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 297-3794 or write OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at 602 N. Fourth Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. only. Phone 622-7107.

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ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECT, S.I.D.A. is seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish speakers in both Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. For further information, please call Enrique at 741-1965 in Tucson.

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 326 AIDS. Hours: M-F, 10 a.m. to Midnight. Information, Counseling, HIV-Related Services.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON is a fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, 2956 N. Campbell #481, Tucson, AZ 85719 for more information.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP NOW FORMING. The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. For information, contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D., 327-4024 Tucson. 217

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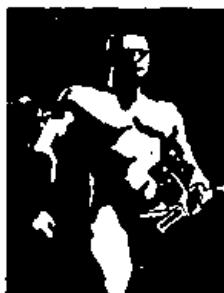
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