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The Observer Endorses . . . . . .

As anyone can plainly see, it is Primary election time once again. It's time to separate the wheat from the chaff and get down to the business of electing our officials who will represent us come November 3rd when we elect everything from the President on down.

This election promises to be one of the more exciting that we have seen in many a year. With the citizenry furious at many of the incumbent politicians for everything ranging from not properly representing their constituents to writing too many hot checks - and plenty of other things in between.

Each election OBSERVER attempts to check out and endorse candidates who appear capable of doing the job for which they are running on one side and properly representing the Gay and Lesbian community in particular on the other.

This year the endorsements came a bit harder to come by. Many incumbents have chosen not to run again, some fearing the voters wrath, some tired of the political stalemates or some just feeling that the job does not warrant the hassle for the pay.

With that in mind, here we go again:

U.S. SENATE
Claire Sargeant (D)

U.S. CONGRESS
DISTRICT 2
Ed Pastor (D)

U.S. CONGRESS
DISTRICT 5
Jim Toevs (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 10
Betty Liggins (D)
Phil Hubbard (D)

STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 11
Peter Goudinoff (D)

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DISTRICT 11
Phil Lopes (D)
Elaine Richardson (D)

STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 12
Ann Day (R)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 13
Andy Nichols (D)
George Cunningham (D)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
John Kromko (D)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
Raul Grijalva (D)

COUNTY RECORDER
Winston Smith (D)

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Alan Lang (D)

COUNTY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT
Anita Lohr (R)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
PRECINCT 2
Felipe Lundin (D)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
PRECINCT 4
Kate Dawes (D)

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT I
Mike Dorgan (R)

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 4
Christine Roy (D)

Delta Lambda Phi Fall Rush

TUCSON-Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity's Omega Chapter at the U of A, a fraternity that is open to all men regardless of sexual orientation, has announced new dates for their Fall Rush. The new dates are Wednesday, September 9, through Saturday, September 12. Many activities are planned for the week long event and those interested in joining the fraternity are cordially invited to attend.

Delta Lambda Phi began at the University of Arizona last october and has been gaining momentum ever since. Since its beginning here the fraternity has been involved in a number of projects within the Gay community as well as within the University community. The men of Delphi are continuing and escalating this community involvement this year. Several projects are in the works, including sponsoring the IBT's scholarship for a Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual student and co-sponsoring the upcoming Second Annual Com-

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Phoenix Big Brothers-Big Sisters Lets Gays Serve

PHOENIX, AZ (AP) - The Phoenix area's Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization, following the lead of its parent group and other affiliates in Arizona, now allows Gays and Bisexuals to serve as volunteers paired with children.

As with other Arizona Big Brothers-Big Sisters affiliates, parents have veto power over potential matches involving their children, and can exercise it because of the sexual orientation of volunteers, officials said.

Linda Searfoss, executive director of Valley Big Brothers-Big Sisters, said formal approval for the change came several months ago when the non-profit agency's board added sexual preference to an existing non-discrimination policy.

Searfoss said the move, which was not publicly announced when it was made, resulted from a review of the organization's policies and not from any lobbying or pressure. The organization hasn't made any matches under the new policy, she said.

Philadelphia-based Big Brothers-Big Sisters of America adopted a non-discrimination policy in 1987 said marketing director Colleen Watson. The policy is recommended to local affiliates but not required she said.

Paul Cain, executive director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard, said he welcomed the local groupIs policy change, but expressed regret that it wasn't publicized by Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

"It's a positive step. The only thing I would question, though, is if it is not made known to the Gay and Lesbian community," he said.

He said the change could help dispel negative stereotype images of Gays. "Once we get people to realize that Gay people are your neighbors just like anyone else, I'd like to hope that these kinds of issues could go away," he said.

Watson said that to her knowledge, the only cases of molestation by Big Brother or Big Sister volunteers have been by heterosexuals.

Searfoss said parents of children in the Phoenix-area program are allowed to state preferences for volunteers to be matched with the parents' children, including religion, ethnic background, age or sexual preference. "Parents," she said, "have a veto power over everything."

The organization has 700 volunteers matched with children and a waiting list of 500 children, she said.

Big Brothers of Flagstaff and Big Sisters of Northern Arizona adopted a non-discrimination policy on sexual preference in 1988, said Kay McKay, who is executive director of the women's group and associate director for the men's organization.

The main concern in screening a potential volunteer is whether he or she is a "healthy individual," McKay said.

"Someone having a homosexual background is no more dangerous than a heterosexual. What you look at is their relationships," she said.

Fiestas De Independencia To Open as Shanti Fundraiser

TUCSON - Fiesta de Independencia; a commemoration of Mexico's independence from Spain, will be celebrated in Tucson on Sept. 4, with a special show that includes live music, and then continue again on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11, 12 and 13 at Rumorz, 2222 N. Stone.

Frank Perez is organizing the Fiesta as a fundraiser for the Shanti Foundation and to spotlight and encourage the support of Tucson's Hispanic Community in the Shanti Foundation.

To set the mood for a great fiesta, Friday Sept. 4, will be Noche Mexicana at Rumorz. The night will be filled with Mexican Music, dancing and the 3 contestants for Fiesta de Independencia Queen.

Friday, Sept. 11 marks the start of Fiesta de Independencia weekend. The fiesta will proceed to a gala conclusion on Sunday, Sept. 13 with the crowning of the fiesta queen. The time in between will be filled with music, dancing, food and game booths.

The exact Fiesta Schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11
Food & Game Booths open 6:00 p.m.
Live music from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

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UPDATE

T-Squares Anniversary Party

TUCSON - More than 30 people attended the T-Squares 8th Anniversary party at Club 2520 on Saturday, August 29th. At times there were enough dancers and room to get three squares of eight dancers on the floor at the same time.

Seth Levin, from Phoenix's Desert Valley Squares came down to call the dances for the afternoon and even did a little teaching as well. He called at the basic, mainstream, plus and advanced levels. Hors d'oeuvres, champagne and cake were provided by various T-Squares members and drink specials, publicity, and sponsorship were provided by Club 2520.

In addition to current T-Squares, there were T-Squares alumnus, dancers from the Desert Valley Squares and Sunburst Squares clubs in Phoenix and some beginners interested in the new basic level class the T-Squares will be offering beginning September 14th.

The new class will teach the 48 steps of the basic dance level as well as the stylizing and flourishes so beloved by the Gay square dance community. Classes will be taught every Monday at Club 2520 from 7 to 9 p.m. and dancers must be at either the September 14th or September 21st class to sign up. Classes are open to singles, couples, men, women, Gays, Lesbians and others.

Gay/Lesbian Alliance in Bisbee

TUCSON - The Gay/Lesbian Alliance of Bisbee meets every Sunday at the YWCA in Old Bisbee. Over the past several weeks, the group has been putting on a workshop on homophobia. The group gave a presentation at the Bisbee Poetry Festival that was very well received. So many people were interested in the group's presentation that there was a Homophobia Workshop for the general public on August 29th at the YWCA.

On the 13th of September, the group will begin a workshop on various "isms", such as racism, feminism, etc. The workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. except on the third Sunday of the month when it begins at 5:00 p.m.

On the 3rd Sunday of every month a business meeting is held starting at 7:00 p.m. Discussion at this meeting centers around what the group can or should do about problems that face the Gay/Lesbian community in southeast Arizona.

There are no fees or dues to be a member of the Gay/Lesbian Alliance of Bisbee.

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ing Out Ball at the University of Arizona.

If you are a student or just interested in being a part of Delta Lambda Phi, call the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association Resource Center at 621-7585 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 882-7880 after 6 p.m. for more information.

Catalina Camp-Out

TUCSON - Larry Mann is the first candidate from Tucson to ever run for Mr. AGRA (Arizona Gay Rodeo Association). This is a statewide competition wherein the winner goes on to represent Arizona at the national competition.

Parents FLAG-Tucson is honored that Larry chose us to be the recipient of his fund raising activities. Each contestant is required to raise a minimum of $500 for the organization or charity of their choice before January of 1993.

As an extremely innovative way of meeting his goals, Larry has decided to sponsor a three day camp out at Catalina State Park on September 11th, 12th, and 13th. For the incredibly low rate of $25 per person, camping fees as well as Friday and Saturday dinners and a Sunday send off brunch are included in the cost! .Larry also promises entertainment and surprises!

Mid-September should be a wonderful time of the year to share in the gorgeous surroundings of Catalina State Park. Larry has arranged for free horse facilities at the equestrian center for those who have a horse and would like to take advantage of the many riding trails available. For those of us on foot, the Sutherland Trail and Romero Trail as well as shorter nature trails offer dashing streams and waterfalls, breathtaking scenery, exercise and comradely, a combination we can't afford to miss!

The large group camping area is reserved and this includes access to free shower facilities. For those of you who may not want to fix you own Saturday breakfast or lunch, take heart, the town of Catalina has a great little place with lots of western charm called Claire's Cafe, or you can head down Oracle till you hit a conglomeration of eating choices.

Larry's focus was to provide a function that is a healthy and fun filled alternative type of fund raiser. He was looking for something that would include allowing people to bring their children as well as their pets (pets must be on leashes). He has come up with a winner!

Whether you bring your camper, trailer or tent, plan to relax, meet lots of new faces, and have a truly great time! No excuses! See you there!

For application forms, call Larry Mann at 882-6924.

1in10 Audition Alert

One In Ten repertory, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community theatre company, will be holding auditions for Gay male stand up comedians. the chosen comedian will be the opening act for nationally known Lesbian comic artist Lea Delaria for an October 8 performance in Tucson and an October 9 performance in Phoenix. A five minute monologue of original material is required. Audition are on Tuesday, September 15 at 8 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott Avenue, Tucson. For additional information, please call 446-2445.

CAMP OUT UNDER THE STARS

CATALINA STATE PARK

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Fiestas De Independencia

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12
Food & Game Booths, open at 6:00 p.m.
Music & Dancing starting at 9:00 p.m.
Presentation of contestants for Fiesta Queen & Show at 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
Food & Game Booths, open 4:00 p.m.
Contestant's Show, 10:00 p.m.
Crowning of Fiesta de Independencia Queen at 11:00 p.m.

The three contestants for Fiesta Queen are an important part of the Fiesta's fundraising. Each contestant heads a team named for one of the colors of the Mexican Flag.

Clarissa represents the Green Team.
Minerva represents the Red Team.

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Angelica West represents the White Team.

Each team has been working hard over the last few weeks to raise money which will be donated to the Shanti Foundation. The contestant from the team which earns the most money will be crowned Queen. Fund raising will go on up to the coronation on Sunday.

The Shanti Foundation of Tucson, the benefactor Fiesta de Independenica, is an organization dedicated to peer counseling for people with life threatening illnesses, including AIDS, their families and significant others. Bereavement counseling is also offered.

Nos vemos en la fiesta de Independencia. See you at the Fiesta.

What's Up Doc ?????

After last weeks column. I'm a little lost for items to talk about for this week. Of course, being the first of September and today I turned 36, I guess I'm allowed to have a slow week or a short column for a change.

In going over the calendar for both this month and next, I can see every weekend now has something scheduled.

This weekend, there is DL's Beer Bust over at the Venture-N and TKO will be holding their monthly meeting.

Next weekend, it will be time for TKO's monthly beer bust and their annual "Virgins Birthday Party". This special party is for all of us virgins born in the month of September, and I can tell you, there are a lot of us. Everything begins at 2 p.m. at the Graduate, along with the weekly pool tournament. TKO will be holding a dart tournament also. So bring those darts and lets all have some fun.

Then starting September 18th, it will be time for DL's annual Mystery Run. This is also a great run with lots of fun for everyone. Run applications are out, but if you do not have yours as of yet, contact any DL member at the registration on that Friday evening over at the Venture-N.

The last Saturday of September, it will be time for Partner's re-scheduled Panda Run. For more information on this one, contact Ben.

At this time, I will not even try to give you the schedule for October and November activities. As the different events draws closer, I'll pass the information on to you.

In sitting around the house Sunday, reading my newspaper, I came up with what I think would be a great idea. Instead of throwing all those coupons out, why not put them in a envelope, mark them for either one of the churches or AIDS Service Organizations, and drop them off at the bars. Then when someone from one of those organizations comes in they can be given to them for distribution to those who could use them. Maybe some day, I'll be able to put a box or something in each bar for collection of these coupons.

For now, that will be it. Have a beautiful and loving week and I'll catch you on the flip side next week.

WHAT I SEE FROM HERE

Anne C. Schmitt

VOTE NEXT TUESDAY - IT IS IMPORTANT

Don't miss the chance to vote this coming Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the Primary Election! This is an important election and, for some candidates it is the day of decision.

One race that is decided by Tuesdays's Primary is Kate Dawes, Democrat for Justice of the Peace. Kate has been endorsed by the Arizona Women's Political Caucus and is the first JP candidate ever to win their endorsement. She deserves the support of our community for a myriad of reasons.

Justice of the Peace does more than marry folks. They are judges in the courtroom who hear cases of domestic violence, assault (including Gay-bashing) and are capable of mandating counseling, treatment, jail terms and other sentences which can serve to deter more critical problems later on. By advocating innovative rehabilitation programs, and the strong sentencing to enforce participation in these programs, Kate sees that many future problems can be averted.

Kate has the integrity and experience to fill this important position. Twelve years as a trial attorney, eight years as a Deputy Pima County Attorney, Pro-tempore Judge in Pima Justice Court , Magistrate in Oro Valley and she is a former elementary and junior high school teacher (I find that anyone brave enough to work with junior high students can do anything else with ease!)

Most importantly, Kate will be a good and fair judge. Her communication abilities are of someone strong and honest. She is knowledgeable on issues affecting women and the Gay community. We need and deserve a public servant of such high caliber. Tell everyone you know to vote for Kate Dawes.

There are other races in which the primary can make a big difference. Check the list of endorsements on page one of this issue of the OBSERVER. We need to make our votes count and show support of candidates at the polls. Get out there and vote!

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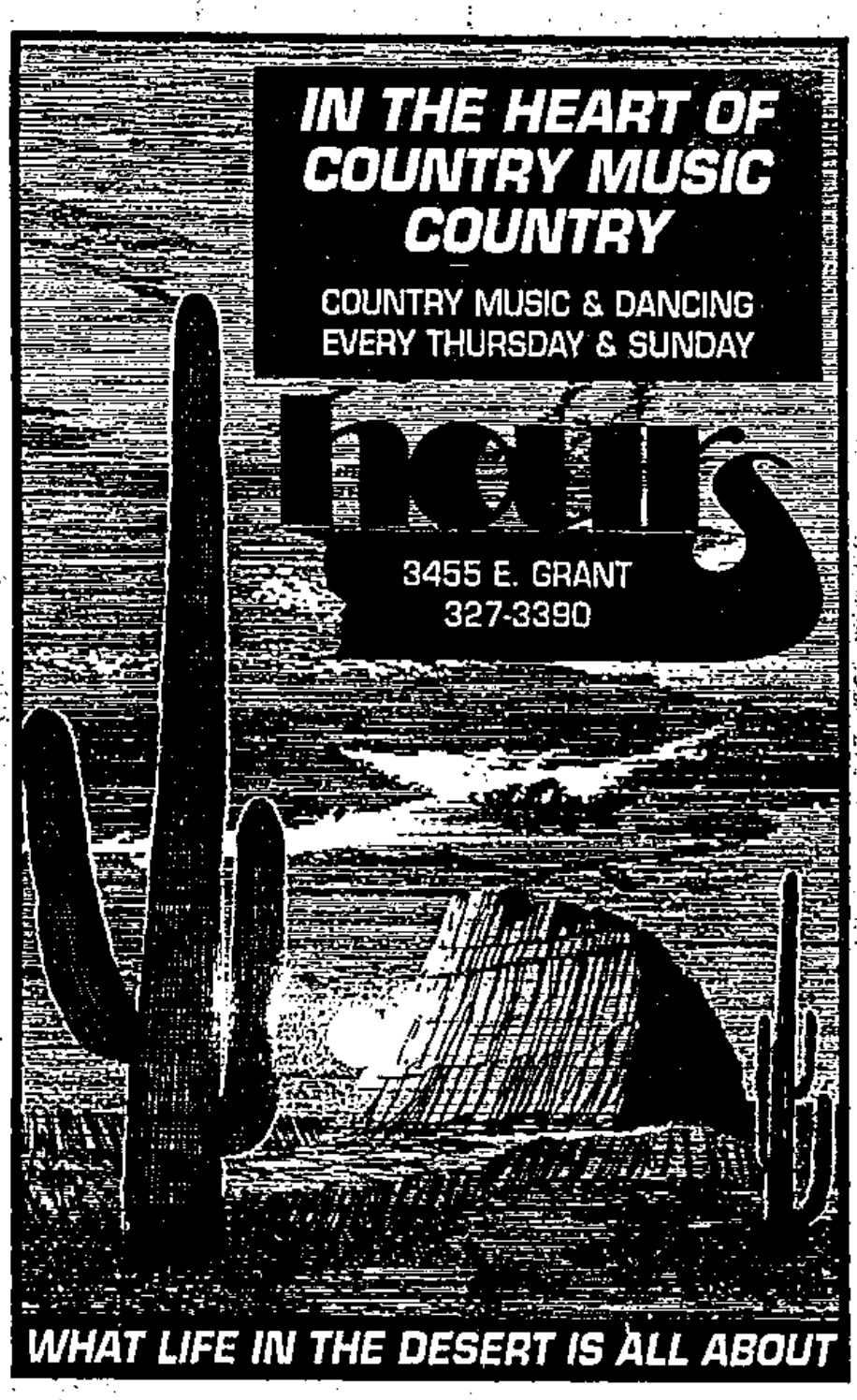

HOROSCOPES by DSW

ARIES
March 21st to April 20th

Someone special that you make a point of romancing notices all of your efforts. Putting yourself on the back burner pays off. Feedback from others gives you a positive outlook and makes you somewhat self reflective.

TAURUS
April 21st to May 20th

You get closer with co-workers this week and get to know them in a more personal nature, this enhances your ability to establish and network key business contacts. Work and personal relationships seem to meld.

GEMINI
May 21st to June 20th

Your love life gets the shot in the arm that it needs. All aspects of romance are rediscovered and utilized to their fullest potential.. Creativity plays a key role.

CANCER
June 21st to July 22nd

Family is high lighted. Home is central this week. All misunderstandings with family are cleared up and love does most of the mending.

LEO
July 23rd to August 22nd

Chance romance is in the picture. Fasten your seat belts, this week will have you busier than usual. You'll find you are very much in demand socially and in the workplace.

VIRGO
August 23rd to September 22nd

Pamper yourself with bargains and thrifty purchases this week. While treating yourself don't forget that special someone who deserves a little something nice.

LIBRA
September 23rd to October 22nd

Your charisma is at an all time high. Donate time and energy to vanity this week. The Goddess of Love has cast her spell on you Libra, enjoy!

SCORPIO
October 23rd to November 22nd

As Venus enters Libra this week. Get ready for a blast from the past. This is a good time to define your partners past and present. Clean your slate for the future.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23rd to December 21st

You are feeling dazzling this week. One person very close to you focuses your feelings and intensifies your perspective.

CAPRICORN
December 22nd to January 19th

Social situations bolster your career/work opportunities. Someone you look up to in the work place gives you positive feedback.

AQUARIUS
January 20th to February 18th

Travel highlights the romantic picture. Whether with someone or alone, new sights are yours to behold this week.

PISCES
February 19th to March 20th

For those not in a relationship watch out for "Love at First Sight" this week. If you are currently in a relationship sit back and enjoy a more sensual and romantic union and secrets shared. Finances are a big plus this week.

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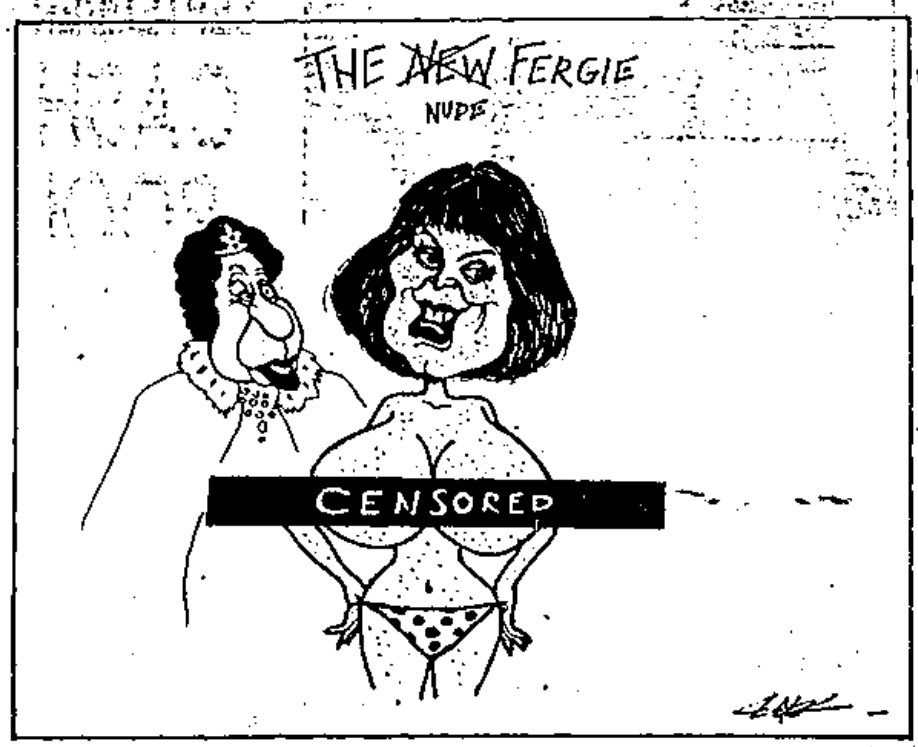
As I See It... *by Clark*



Soap Opera Uses Names Quilt

NEW YORK, NY - When Linda Gottlieb, producer of the ABC-TV soap opera "One Life To Live" called the Names Project in San Francisco asking if she could borrow some panels for the show, "I thought they would be delighted," she said, instead they turned us down cold".

One Life to Live's story line on homophobia began with fear, accusations and denial and it ended up wrapped in the warmth of the Names AIDS Memorial Quilt. Two episodes of soap featured 248 of the 21,000 panels.

We were doing a serious drama about homophobia and about how a town is gripped by fear," Gottlieb said, "so I began to campaign with each member of the Names Project, explaining the power of our story line and the fact that we can reach 8 million viewers a week. She prevailed, bringing to a culmination a plot line about a Gay teenager and a minister, about whom rumors have swirled for weeks.

More than 100 volunteers from the New Jersey chapter of the Names Project Foundation - parents, children and companions of people who have died of AIDS were included in the two episodes. "We wanted the extras to be real people who had dealt with the disease," Gottlieb said.

The tears provoked by the sight of the quilt, placed near a church in New Vernon, New Jersey, where the scenes were filmed,d were for real. "There was not an actor nor a crew member who didn't wee[," she said. "When you walk along it, it is like reading lives."

One Life received more than 1,000 supportive letters, some from Gay teens, "who wrote to tell us they felt invisible until we put on a realistic story."

And while some prime-time advertisers have balked at Gay themes, Mary Alice Dwyer-Dobbin, ABC senior vice president of daytime, says, "there have been n advertiser defections . . . and 99% of the feedback has been positive.

Dion Daly, spokesperson for the Names Project says weaving the memorial into the soap plotline is a perfect ending: "The quilt brings people together because of the love they feel for the people they've lost."

In the concluding epoisodes, the minister (played by Wortham Krimmer) comes to terms with the fact that his father (Roy Thinnes) comes to terms with the fact that his older son, died of AIDS. "He has always viewed his homosexuality as a blight on the family name," says Thinnes.

But as his dead son's lover (Bruce McCarty), friend Cassie (Laura Bonarrigo) and brother Andrew begin to sew William's panel to the quilt, the father steps forward to help.

"We felt this was a visually dramatic way to climax the story," Gottlieb says. "The quilt is not about death. Like the story, it's about love."

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Thanks to Candy Plastique, Gilda Fatale and Tiffany for a very successful fundraising show last Sunday for H.I.T.

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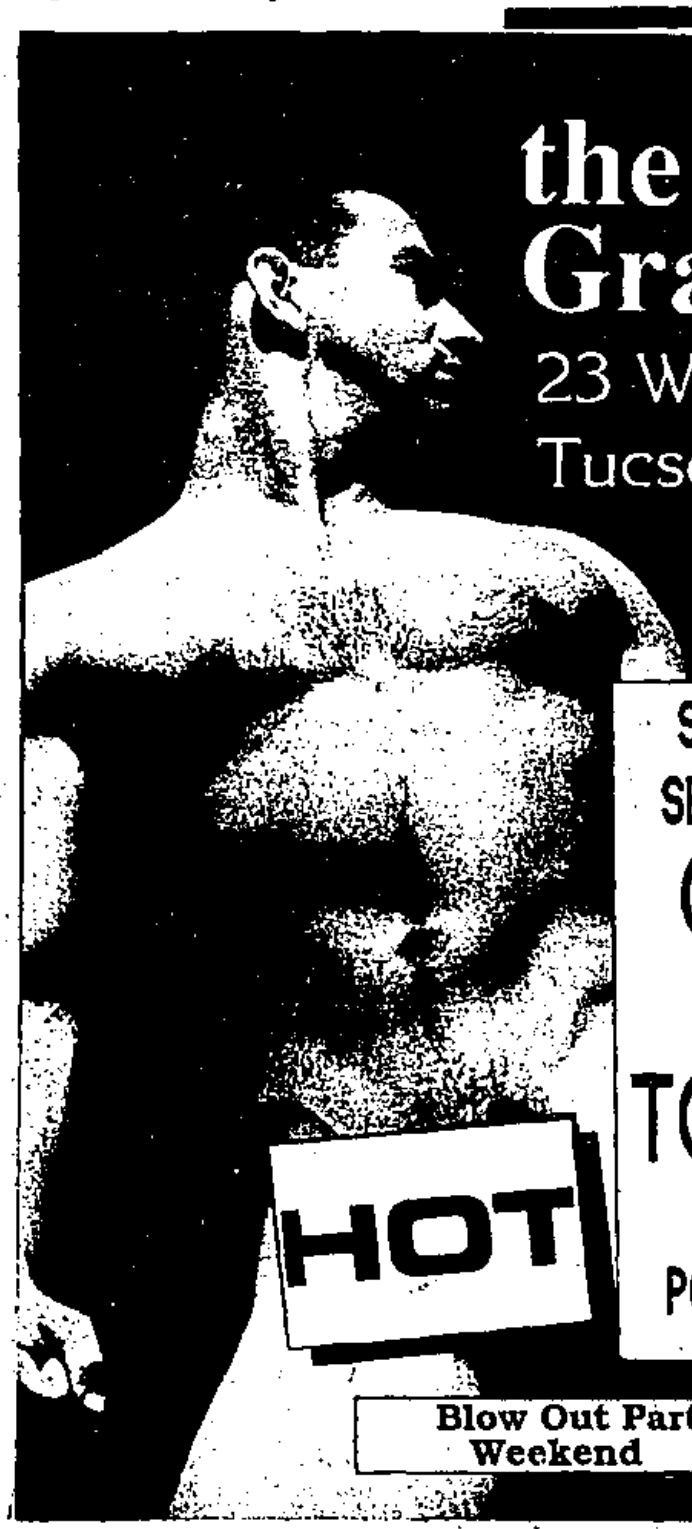

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Words, Words, Words

Words are born when they are needed. Conception occurs when a new word is coined, and delivery follows when "educated" people embrace it. The acceptance of computers into our lives brought us byte. On the other hand, some words are stillborn, such as jhe, which was to serve as a nongendered he-she replacement.

The vocabulary of a language exposes its speakers. A famous example is the Inuits' many words for snow, reflecting the importance of the cold stuff in their lives. English vocabulary reveals an anti-sex sniggering people that uses sex words as insults. The words that don't exist are also revealing; English lacks a positive noun for an unmarried woman who enjoys sex.

So, who are those "educated" people determining our language? it's the folks running the publishing houses, teaching at the universities, writing the magazines. Yes, it's our old friends, The Straight White Boys, or TSWBs. (Note: I do not believe all straight white men are bad guys; I simply cannot help but note how many of the bad guys are straight white men.) Our language is their language. No wonder a sexual female is a whore and a sexual male is a ladies' man. And, since language guides thinking, no wonder the jury trusted William Kennedy Smith ("boys will be boys") and didn't believe Patricia Bowman ("that slut").

Since the 1960s, more and more groups have seized the right to name themselves. Despite the protestations of TSWBs, the Gay community convinced much of the media to replace homosexuals with Gays and Lesbians. Although TSWBs complained that "gay used to be such a nice word," two factors gave us the victory: (1) the language finally needed a positive word for homosexuals, and (2) we fought hard to name ourselves; every Gay man and Lesbian who ever wrote a letter helped to achieve our victory.

But now some Gay men and Lesbians want to switch to queer. Similarly, while African American has widespread acceptance among African Americans, polls show that a sizable chunk of Blacks still prefer Black. How do we reach consensus on vocabulary?

I thought about this question while editing a book about hearing aids. I had been told not to refer to people who wear hearing aids as deaf people or hearing impaired people. They were people with impaired hearing, the logic being that people are more than disabilities (another disputed word) and doctors need to be reminded of their parents' humanity.

I agreed with the logic, but as I wrote the words over and over, often hurting the sentences' rhythm, I wondered, does this phrase accomplish what it's supposed to? Is a hearing impaired person less important than a person with impaired hearing? Also, can a change in wording make doctors recognize their patients' humanity? Remember, they've been ignoring their patients' humanity when those people are right in front of them!

I find Lesbians and Gay men an awkward phrase, though it is important to mention Lesbians, since we are all too often forgotten. And it is becoming important to mention bisexuals as well. But what about a hypothetical article on Lesbian and Gay and Bisexual people with impaired hearing? Really, wouldn't you just as soon read about deaf queers?

The evolution from AIDS victim to person with AIDS to PWA is instructive. It was important to get away from victim, but since people prefer shortcuts, PWA was inevitable, but is referring to people as letters humane and personal? And speaking of victims, people who were molested by relatives are now incest survivors, but, unfortunately, that term is not always apt. Some people who were molested go on to thrive, but others sink into self-hatred, despair, and/or addiction. Is that being a survivor?

One language change favored by many queers/homos/fags/dykes/Lesbians/Gay folk is reclaiming old insults. That's where queer comes in, along with dyke. And Tee Corrinne's "Cunt Coloring Book" is empowering and fun. But these words still rankle people of all backgrounds. Nor do they always communicate what the speaker means. When a radical group tried to out Jodie Foster by posting fliers saying "Jodie Foster, actress, director, Yale graduate, dyke," many straight people thought the fliers were from an anti-Gay group. Ironically, it may well have been their Lesbian friends who taught them that using dyke was homophobic.

English is in flux, which is a very healthy place for a living language to be. Ideally, the words that gain acceptance over the next few years will be positive and political, but also elegant and concise. Let's make sure those words suit us by writing and publishing and, yes, sending letters to the editor.

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saturday

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

RUMORZ - A Fiesta de Independence show with five Mmexican and American music. Come on down and get into the spirit of this big Mexican holiday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

CLUB 2520 - A male strip show will be here beginning at 9 p.m. and will feature that popular trio Roy, David and Dino. Better get here early if you want to get a close-up view!

IBT'S - Labor Day Party. To celebrate their remodeling, IBT's is having a "Construction Party". Wear your hard hat and tool belt for special drink prices. $100 cash prize for the best construction drag. $50 second prize. $25 third. Party starts at 8 p.m.

RUMORZ - Bucky's once-a-month Omelette Brunch takes place here from noon until 3 p.m. Later in the evening, a big fund-raising party and special show to help out Jim Toevs, candidate for U.S. Congress takes place here beginning at 8:30 p.m. Billed as "An Evening With The First Family", this will be an evening of political satire performed by some of Tucsons finest actors and actresses and yes, a couple of female *impersonators* too. There will be a special appearance by 'Murphy Brown' too!

MONDAY, SEPT. 7 - LABOR DAY

GRADUATE - Labor Day Morning Madness show at 11 a.m. with Madame X, Aviva Diamond and others. A complimentary Brunch will be served too.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

RUMORZ - A benefit show and Beer Bust for Angelica West (aka David Z) begins at 9:00 p.m. Angelica is running for Queen of Fiestas de Independencia which takes place here Sept. 11-12-13. The show will feature Madame X, Locinda Holliday, Gilda Fatale' Raven, Christina de Alexis and Kristin. Proceeds raised go to Shanti Foundation Tucson.

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

RUMORZ - Fiestas de Independencia benefit coming up. See page one of this issue for more details.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

HOURS - Benefit for Telvi Roybal, contestant for Ms. AGRA. All proceeds to go to P.A.C.T. and Lee Thompson Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Join in the scavenger hunt, entertainment, games, food, drink specials and lots of country dancing. It all begins at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

RUMORZ - Live dance music by Beaux Cormier and Dominaux Device. More later.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

HOURS - Big 2nd Anniveresary party set for her beginning at 9 p.m. Entertainment, food, dancing and lots more. Check it out.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

CLUB 2520 - The popular country/western performer Dena Kaye will be performing two shows here beginning at 9:30 p.m. Make plans and mark your calendar. She's excellent.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

HOURS - 9:00 p.m., H.I.T.T. Halloween Costume Dance Party with a pumpkin carving contest on the patio at 3 in the afternoon.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Picnic in Himmel park as a fund raising event for Minerva who is running for Queen of Fiestas de Independencia. All you can drink and eat for the small price of $3.00 with proceeds going to Shanti Tucson. It starts at noon. Come on out and enjoy the fresh air and contribute to a good cause.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Help celebrate the grand opening of the Jim Toevs for Congress Headquarters today from 5 to 7 p.m. It's located at 2536 E. Broadaway. Stop by and learn how you can join other Southern Arizonans in the effort to reclaim Congressional District 5. Call 881-0107 for more info.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House will have a special Voter's Awareness event this evening. Register to vote or show your voter's registration card at the Lambda Democratic Caucus information table, and receive a free gift. Gifts include a $10 Antigone gift certificate, signa artwork, coffee mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc. $2 at the door as usual, more if you can, less if you cant. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. 2 for 1 Well and non-premium beer 4 til 8. Big John (courtesy of Venture-N) spins rock and country 2-6. Miller Lite and Genuine Draft $1.50 from 9 to close. Gil Leon DJs Country/Western at 8.

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

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

monday

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

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 p.m. 50¢ mug Draft Beer 8 to close.

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

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

tuesday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Advanced Country/Western dance lessons 6-8 with Gil Leon. $1.50 Bud/Bud Light and C/W dance 8 to close.

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

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

wednesday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. or Tacos @ $1 each. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer 4 to 8 pm. Beginners Country Dance Lessons 6 to 8, with Gikl Leon and Tom Maza. C/W dance 8 to close.

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

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

thursday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well drinks and non-premium beer 4-8 pm. Margaritas and Kamakazis $1.50 from 8 to close. Gil Leon DJs Country/Western at 8.

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

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

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "All you can eat" "beer battered" Fish Fry $4.50 or "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, $3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

saturday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Jayne Wayne rides again! Happy Hour extended noon til 8 pm. 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer. Tom Maza DJs Country/Western at 9.

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

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

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Memberships

1. Any royalty contestant must be a member in good standing with AGRA. The contestants must remain in good standing throughout their reigning year.

2. The winners must maintain their good standing status throughout their reigning year.

3. Contestants and winners must agree to all rules and regulations concerning the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association.

4. A $50.00 entry fee must be paid to AGRA, and be paid in full by 10 (ten) days after entering contest.

Charity Organizations

1. Make sure all monies raised go to a charity that is an Arizona tax exempt, non-profit, 501C organization.

2. You must have a representative from you charity at all of your benefits to verify all monies raised and to give you a receipt.

3. If holding impromptu fund raisers, be sure to have several of your AGRA officers or members verify the amount of money raised. Always get receipts and signatures of the persons who verify the amount of money.

4. All monies must be distributed to the charity or charities involved within 72 hours after the benefit.

5. A minimum of $500.00 must be raised for charities to qualify for contest entry. failure to provide receipts will disqualify contestant.

6. Person raising most monies shall receive special recognition.

Judging Of Contestants

Judging will be performed by a panel of five (5) judges on three (3) categories:- AGRA uses IGRA rules for judging.

Personal Interview (Miss in male attire)
Western Wear (Miss in female attire)
Horsemanship (Mr. and Ms.)
Talent (Miss)

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COMMUNITY OPINION LEADER INTERVIEW

Q. What is you attitude toward safer sex?

A. "Because I enjoy sex, abstinence is not my choice. Therefore, safer sex is my only option. Knowing that AIDS is quite preventable, yet remains a growing epidemic tells me that too few people are choosing life through safer sex."

Q. How do you negotiate safer sex?

A. "Being very clear that it is either safer sex or no sex, I am very able to take charge of my sexual interaction. If I'm with a guy who shows me that he wants me inside him without a condom, I tell him there's not a chance. Others may not take responsibility for themselves, but I will always practice safer sex for me and him."

Q. What is the most difficult thing about safer sex?

A. "Like seatbelts, I may not like condoms, but I'd never drive without one on. I look forward to a monogamous relationship in which we both are clear and honest about our monogamy. We may choose to get tested together, and if we are both negative, we could have unprotected sex."

Q. What do you want to tell the world about safer sex?

A. "There are so many wonderful, sexy, and safe ways to please each other. Ask your partner what he wants and tell him what turns you on."

Bit of the Old South

by Sean Thomas

It's a very difficult thing not to be judgmental. Many of us as people let alone Gay people are guilty of it. We as the rest of society base too much on physical attributes and not on the true person. The true person being the one locked into this physical form which we call our bodies. I, like anyone else, can appreciate a firm body and a pretty face. But those things fade and what you will have left is the true person. The reason I bring this up is that it has always been bewildering to me how we on one hand say we should recognize and respect the true person and on the other hand seek out the physical as the priority. To me it is an on going battle. I guess if we are looking for a trick, the physical will do. But if we are looking for more? Why do I bring this up? Just to motivate a little discussion and thought. it is important for us as a people to constantly discuss and bring those things that are important to us. This is one of the ways we grow.

And finally, a couple of people had problems with my last column and it's viewpoint. Please voice your opinion in print. Discussion can be very healthy.

Till next week: Sean.

POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

SIGNS: The Primary

Well, this past week, so more campaigns put out their signs for the electorate to view and decide who they are going to vote for in next Tuesday's primary election. Some will help, some will hurt, and some people will just point and laugh at! Here are the primary results:

MOST LIKELY TO BE SEEN ON "SANTA BARBARA": Paul Julien for Recorder, Republican. (Too turquoise, too cute print, too Californian).

MOST LIKELY TO NEED GROWTH PILLS: Michael Bryan for State Representative, Democrat, District 11. (Too small!!!)

MOST LIKELY TO RECYCLE THE SIGNS: Tony Terry for State Representative, Republican, District 13. (He is using signs from the last two times he has run for this office. Maybe the third time is the charm? Not!)

But, last week, the best of the worst were put up all over, (and I mean all over!), Tucson. We have the winner of the MOST LIKELY TO BE DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE AWARD. And that goes to our friend, State Representative Patti "the homophobe" Noland, who is running for the State Senate in District 13, Republican. Her signs look like a younger picture of Jane Wyman from "Falcon Crest", hanging over the fireplace with that perky expression. (Patti must not have liked those grapes!). Yes with her sunshine yellow dress that looks like a banana without a peel. And I loved her "hairdo", so soft and severe. These signs will end up being redone, by at least 1,000 people who have already purchased their magic markers waiting in anticipation for the "Golden Girl".

Well, enough of the sign schtick, just a reminder, Tuesday is the election, please go to the polls and vote.

Play Safe!

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This past weekend at our Sunday Evening Worship Service, we were honored with the presence of our Southwest District Coordinator, the Rev. Donald Pederson. Rev. Pederson, as he so aptly put it; came to relax, worship and be fulfilled with the service. After the worship service, Rev. Pederson met with the Board of Directors and discussed the new Memorial Rose Garden and the plans the plans for the Southwest District Memorial to be placed in the garden.

The Memorial Rose Garden is underway and is on schedule for the preparation of the area. The District Memorial will have to be approved by the entire Southwest District at the upcoming Conference scheduled in November before positive plans can be made. From the discussion between Rev. Pederson and the Board of Directors, this will be the first and only Memorial in existence by a predominately Gay group at a permanent location. Tucson will be known all over the world for this Memorial Garden and will, in the future, attract many visitors. MCC-Tucson is very proud to be a part of this venture.

Rev. Perry and Peggy were in Phoenix this past week at a leadership conference and brought back many new and exciting ideas. A survey has already be given to members and friends who were at our worship services last Sunday. Watch for the new changes that will soon be initiated and announced.

The Beacon, our church newsletter, is now off the press and in the mail this week. If you would like to be on our mailing list, there is no subscription fee and is mailed in a plain wrapper through bulk mail. Our mailing list is private and is never given to any organization, business or to any private individual, your privacy is guaranteed. Write to MCC-Tucson, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Tucson Arizona, 85719-2245, if you wish to be added to our mailing list.

Next weekend on the Labor Day Holiday, it will be just that, a Labor Day for MCC-Tucson members and friends. There will be someone here at the church starting at 8:00 a.m. to help delegate the work. We will be painting the trim on the front building (the pink has to go), there is yard work to be done, there will also be jobs of different kinds in both of the buildings so that no one will be left out. A luncheon is planned for those on the job, and a Pot Luck Supper with a Social Game Night will follow. Sorry, no supervisors are needed.

Mid-week Services are back again. After a summer vacation, our Wednesday Evening Worship Services will resume this Wednesday, September 2nd, starting at 7:00 p.m. This is a very informal worship service where you can chose your favorite hymns, share your joys and needs with a loving group. of course, Communion will be served for your Spiritual uplifting.

Thought for the week: Political speech, the art of making deep noises from the chest sound like important messages from the brain.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I would guess there are many of you reading this article who have had some experience with the Holy Bible. Maybe many more wouldn't open it if it were the only book on the planet earth! Those are the "lonelies" of our community; who've been beaten over the head with it so many time, they've made a complete turn-around and headed in the opposite direction.

As a result, these unfortunates stay as far away as humanly possible from that "place" where everyone has a Bible, a "church". That's really a shame. Hebrews 10:25 is very clear about what you and I, today, consider "attending church." Paul says: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Jesus had something to say about his church, and who hasn't heard this Scripture: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18) Now, the author of the Book of Acts is unknown, but generally thought to have been the apostle Luke. Acts 20:28 has a stinging message to you and I today: "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the Church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Any of you former church goers will recall Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 1, verse 22: "And God placed all things under his (Jesus') feet and appointed him (Jesus) to be head over everything for the Church, which is his (Jesus') body, the fullness of him (Jesus) who fills everything in every way."

No doubt about it, the Bible is God's inspired word, and it declares repeatedly what a major role the "church" has in God's plan. I've heard about every excuse there is for avoiding the churches like they are concentration camps, nowadays! "I can worship God in 'nature' best; I don't have to go to church to make sure I don't end up in hell when I die!" etc., etc. If you just don't want to go to church, the one excuse is as good as another.

I do love Joshua; particularly Joshua 24:15, stating, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, 'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!' "

We'd love to share our Worship Service with you this Sunday. How about dropping by our "church", at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.? You probably have some questions and we sure will do our utmost to provide you with some concrete Scriptural answers. We'll be waiting at our church door for you Sunday; sure hope you can make it. Yes, we sure are a Bible based Christian church; but no one ever has or ever will be "hit over the head with the Bible." You'll love our service.

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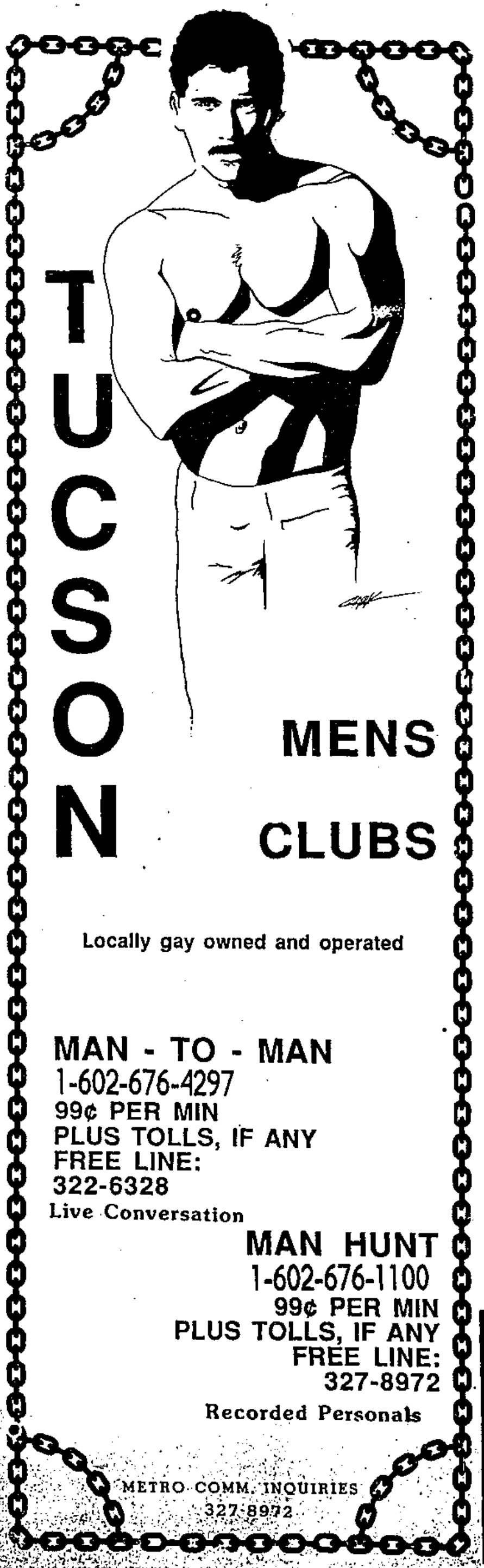

The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

It's tonight, it's at Golden Pin Lanes, and it's free! The Tucson Desert Coyotes will host their annual Get Acquainted Free Bowling Party, starting at 7 p.m. this evening at Golden Pin Lanes (1010 West Miracle Mile). It will be a loosely structured, easy going way to meet the bowlers (both old and new), learn more about the league, get help with forming teams, and roll a few games at no charge. There will also be raffles, prizes, and a few special surprises, plus a drawing for free round trip airfare on America West.

Goodbye desert, hello neon desert! Eight local bowlers are heading up to "The Strip" this weekend to compete in the Las Vegas Showgirl Invitational. This annual Labor Day event draws many Arizona bowlers, not just for the bowling, but also for Vegas' big draw: Elvis Impersonator sightings!!! Since the hotel and casino and the host bowling center happen to be located in the Showboat Hotel and Casino, it is possible that a little gambling might also take place. Good luck to all of the guys and Marlo, too!

H.I.T.T. hits the home stretch. With the conclusion this past Sunday of their August fundraising blitz, H.I.T.T. is entering the home stretch as Halloween tournament weekend draws nearer. Manu full teams have already submitted entry forms and in fact, applications seem to be running 4 to 5 weeks ahead of this same time last year. Preparations are underway to make this the best and most memorable H.I.T.T. yet and thanks to the hard work of some very special people, plus the generosity of our Community, it look as though we'll be able to "do Tucson proud."

Our deepest appreciation. As briefly as possible (yeah, right!) I'd like to acknowledge and thank the many people who really helped us out during these past weeks of fundraising hell: Many thanks to the staff and management of our local nightspots for allowing us in, especially Lee at HOURS, Art, Kenny & Stan at the Graduate, and Michael and Peter at Club 2520. Thanks to Candy Plastique, the reigning Miss Gay Tucson, and he co-stars Tiffany St. Thomas and Gilda Fatale for their time, energy, spirit gum, (and not to mention their tips). Thanks to Debra Broner and Cactus Gallery, Po Folks, and Laffs for the casino prizes, to the Pork 'n Fish Ticket Patrol, to Jerry Harrell (glad you got IT while you had the chance), and the extended H.I.T.T. Committee members: George, John, Mike T., Mike and Randy, Greg, and Sparks, (It was nice to see you Billy!) We are especially grateful to Michael Bennett of Club 2520 for donating the Alan Jackson concert tickets raffled off last Sunday.

Finally, we are most grateful to all of the men and women who bought our tickets, supported our beer busts, played our casino games, and showed their pride by purchasing our Freedom Rings. Thanks for you support!

Notes From Desert Voices

Desert Voices held its first rehearsal of the season this past Monday night. The evening was spent reading music for the holiday season in preparation for the chorus's December concert. Music from the 16th and 17th centuries is planned for the program in addition to the more traditional holiday music. Director of Music, Jim Gall, led all 31 voices through a Christmas Hymn from the 17th century and a Spanish carol from the 16th century. The rehearsal concluded with the familiar "Sleigh Ride". The enthusiasm was high on Monday night as all of the members are anxious to learn more about music and singing. If Monday night was an indication of the community's participation and energy level, then Desert Voices is in for its best season yet.

It is still not too late to join this fast growing organization. The last day to be a member of Desert Voices will be Monday, September 21st. It will be necessary to close new membership on this date in order for the chorus to begin its work on the program for December with a core group of singers. rehearsals are every Monday night starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Harvill Building, Room 428, on the University of Arizona campus. There will not be a rehearsal this coming Monday, September 7th, due to the Labor Day holiday. Rehearsals will resume on Monday, September 14th.

Keep reading the Observer for chorus developments as we will be starting some new projects this season and performing more in the community.

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

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