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EDITORIAL

The turmoil over the recent AIDS Walk continues on unabated. In order to attempt to calm the waters, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has called a meeting of concerned persons this coming Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Cactus Gallery, 621 North 4th Avenue.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather input from Gays, Lesbians and Bisexual on streamlining the funding in support of our AIDS and HIV+ brothers and sisters.

The controversy is one that is dividing our community and hurting the credibility of our AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) and frightening those very people who we are concerned about - PWAs and HIV+ people.

Our local ASOs are doing a wonderful job in caring for our sick and dying. Their obligation to that HIV/AIDS community is being met in many ways and will continue to do so.

The quandary with many individuals appears to be their concern about the handling of monies given by people who thought their donations were going to direct patient care rather than for salaries, educational efforts and other administrative expenses.

There is no question that some paid personnel are needed to properly operate any of our AIDS organizations. There is also no question that these organizations need money to properly operate their offices (phones, office supplies, rent, etc.). There does seem to be some question about excessive expenses and it is hoped that this problem can be resolved quickly so that we can all get on with the care of our AIDS/HIV community in unity with the rest of the community.

The four Tucson ASOs understand the community's concern and are committed to holding a Town Hall Meeting as soon as possible. They are also encouraging the participation of the entire community in the planning of future AIDS Walks.

TLGA will call for the Town Hall Meeting as quickly as possible following this coming Sunday meeting in a neutral location that will seat several hundred people and be hosted by an impartial moderator.

It is hoped that at both of these meetings the fervor of the moment will be held in check so that a clear, efficient and objective plan can be put in motion.

Democrats Sweep Council Races

Voters Keep Current Voting System

by Mark Kerr - Observer Political Writer

The voters in the City of Tucson, approximately 18% of them, went to the polls this past Tuesday and cast their votes for three council seats and 4 ballot propositions. The voters retained the two incumbents running for re-election, and elected the Democratic candidate running for the open Ward 3 seat.

In Ward 3, Democrat Tom Saggau was elected over his Republican opponent, Ann Holden by a 6% margin. The Libertarian, Jim Mabry, who did not run a campaign but did garner 5% of the vote. Saggau succeeds Mike Haggerty, Democrat, who decided not to seek a full term. He was appointed to the Council to succeed George Miller, who was elected Mayor in 1991.

In Ward 5, the incumbent Democrat, Steve Leal, easily won re-election with 54%, to 31% for his Republican challenger, Steve Bennefield. The Libertarian candidate, Alice Bangle, garnered 7.0% of the vote.

In Ward 6, Molly McKasson, the current holder of the council seat, was re-elected by a 2 to 1 margin over her Republican challenger Patricia Lea. The expected challenge, by Libertarian Ken Smalley, who had raised between $15,000 and $20,000 for the race, never materialized, he received 14 percent of the vote.

The ballot propositions saw a split int the voters decision, two passed and two failed.

Proposition 100, which proposed to set up a salary review committee for the mayor and council passed by a near 2 to 1 margin.

Proposition 101, which would have stripped civil service status for department heads and deputy directors went down to defeat by a 10 percent margin.

Proposition 102, which proposed to set up an unbiased redistricting committee passed by a 7 to 3 margin.

The most hotly contested proposition, Proposition 200, which would have changed the way the city elects council members, from the current city wide, partisan ballot, to a ward only, nonpartisan ballot, was defeated by a 56% to 40% margin.

Here are the final results of the 1993 City of Tucson General Election:

WARD 3		
Tom Saggau (D)	20,130	47.4%
Ann Holden (R)	17,331	40.8%
Jim Mabry (L)	2,080	4.9%
WARD 5		
Steve Leal (D)	22,934	54.1%
Steve Bennefield (R)	13,493	31.8%
Alice Bangle (L)	2,983	7.0%
WARD 6		
Molly McKasson (D)	22,543	53.2%
Patricia Lea (R)	11,666	27.5%
Ken Smalley (L)	6,146	14.5%
PROPOSITION 100		
YES	26,147	61.6%
NO	14,607	34.4%
PROPOSITION 101		
YES	17,915	42.2%
NO	22,182	52.3%
PROPOSITION 102		
YES	29,508	69.6%
NO	10,857	25.6%
PROPOSITION 200		
YES	17,223	40.6%
NO	23,768	56.0%

Court Ruling Lets Pentagon Use New Policy On Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Supreme Court cleared the way for the Pentagon to carry out its new policy on homosexuals in the military while the Clinton administration appeals a federal judge's order banning all discrimination against Gay and Lesbian service members.

The justices' unanimous action, the granting of a stay against the judge's order at the administration's urgent request, was essentially procedural and did not necessarily reflect a judgement on the constitutionality of restrictions on military service by Gay men and Lesbians. That underlying question may reach the court either in a later phase of this case or in other cases now in the legal pipeline.

The court's action permits the Pentagon to put into effect the new "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy, which shields Gay service members from investigation except when their commanders find compelling evidence of homosexuality. The guidelines still subject Gay service members to dismissal for homosexual conduct or for disclosing their homosexuality in any but the most private of forums.

On September 30, the day before the new policy was to take effect, a federal district judge in Los Angeles, Terry Hatter, Jr., barred the military from taking "any action whatsoever against Gay or Lesbian service members" based on their sexual orientation or on homosexual conduct that could not be "proven to interfere with the military mission of the armed forces of the United States."

The judge said he would impose a fine of $10,000 a day as well as a contempt citation on officials who violated his order. As a result, the Pentagon suspended proceedings in 115 cases in which service members were being dismissed for homosexuality.

The administration has appealed Hatter's order to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in San Francisco, which will hear arguments in December. The Supreme Court's action blocks Hatter's order until the 9th Circuit rules on the appeal, which could be a matter of months.

Earlier this month, the 9th Circuit itself refused the administration's request for a stay of Hatter's order. It is unusual, although scarcely unprecedented for the Supreme Court to issue a stay of a district order.

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Colorado Denied Enforcement of Anti-Gay Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Supreme Court refused to let Colorado enforce its anti-Gay-rights amendment while state courts judge its legality.

The court, without comment, rejected the argument that Colorado court rulings set a too high legal standard for judging whether the amendment violates homosexuals' rights.

In the Colorado Gay rights case, the constitutional amendment approved by the state's voters in November 1992 bars any law or ordinance aimed at protecting homosexuals from discrimination.

It would cancel ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen that outlaw discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Those cities and a group of people, including tennis star Martina Navratilova, sued in state court, contending the amendment violates homosexuals' constitutional rights of equal protection and free speech and the right to petition the government. Navratilova later dropped out of the suit.

The amendment's opponents urged the Supreme Court to reject the appeal because state courts have not yet issued a final ruling in the case.

A state trial ended October 22, but the judge has not yet ruled.

UPDATE

Voters In 3 Cities Reject Gay Rights

CINCINNATI (AP) - Voters on Tuesday banned Gay rights protections in Cincinnati, repealed them in Lewiston, Maine, and said no to such measures in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

With 73 percent of precincts reporting in Cincinnati, voters decided 61 percent to 39 percent to amend the City Charter to bar the city from protecting homosexuals from discrimination. The vote also repealed recently enacted Gay rights protections.

A conservative group, Take Back Cincinnati, had collected 16,000 signatures seeking repeal.

Defenders of the ordinance included the League of Women Voters and Cincinnati's Roman Catholic Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, who said Gays deserve protection even if homosexual behavior does not.

Lewiston's recently enacted Gay-rights ordinance was repealed by more than 2 to 1 in the industrial and largely Roman Catholic city of nearly 40,000.

"The road to justice is a difficult one," said Celeste Branham of Equal Protection Lewiston, which fought to preserve the ordinance.

In Portsmouth, after the City Council rejected a Gay rights ordinance, it put the issue to voters to get their opinion on the matter. The vote was non-binding. Voters said no to the idea of Gay rights, 59 percent to 41 percent.

While the referendum showed how much the Gay rights movement has gained in recent years, they also illustrated the continuing backlash.

To date, civil rights protections for Gays in some form is the law or government policy in eight states and 75 cities and counties nationwide, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington.

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Artist Reception for Eddie S. Gallego

TUCSON - Ward 1 Council Member Bruce Wheeler, and his staff, cordially invites the public to join them as they celebrate the opening of their newest art display by local artist, Eddie S. Gallego.

Born here in Tucson in 1948, Mr. Gallego brings to us his breath taking, vivid renditions of the Mayan heritage indigenous to this area. His bold, colorful paintings are rooted deeply in the teachings and lore of the POPUL VUH, The Sacred Book of the Ancient Quiche Maya. This exhibit is a comprehensive viewing of the many elements of design employed by one of Tucson's most talented artists.

The office, located at 940 W. Alameda, will be open for formal viewing on Friday, November 12, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., with refreshments being served. Please come and meet the artist, at this time. Anyone not able to attend the reception is welcome to come to the Ward One Office anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and view the paintings on their own.

Donations and contributions will be greatly appreciated to Ward purchase of the exhibit for the City of Tucson for permanent art display.

To RSVP, please call 791-4040.

Court Ruling

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In taking its request to the Supreme Court, the administration stressed that there was no need at this point for the court to consider the constitutional arguments over homosexuals in the military. Rather, the administration based its argument on the scope of Hatter's order, which it called "breathtakingly broad."

When Hatter ruled the only case before him was that of a Navy petty officer, Keith Meinhold, who last year challenged his dismissal under what was then the armed services' absolute ban on homosexuals. The case was not a class action, and the government argued that Hatter did not have jurisdiction to issue a nationwide injunction that had the effect of invalidating not only the old policy but also the new one, which was not then before him.

The administration asked the Supreme Court to lift only that part of Hatter's order that extended beyond Meinhold's own case. The court complied with that request, leaving intact the part that requires the Navy to reinstate Meinhold and bars any adverse action against him.

Leaders of several major Gay rights organizations were critical of the administration for seeking the Supreme Court stay. "Our personnel are being turned into ping pong balls," said Gregory J. King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "For most, justice has been delayed."

Play Safe!

In Memoriam

TOMMY RAY STUMBO

Our friend Tom died of AIDS complications and Valley Fever last Wednesday, October 27 at St. Mary's Hospital

He is survived by his mother, two brothers and five sisters. The family held private services.

Tom will be missed by his caregivers at St. Mary's as well as the many friends he left behind.

Openly Lesbian and Gay Appointees to Clinton Administration Named

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Out of the closet high ranking and mid-level appointees of the Clinton administration were introduced to the national press corps in Washington.

The ceremony marked the first anniversary of Bill Clinton's election as president. William Waybourn, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and national co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian appointments project (COALITION '93), said no other administration in history has been so committed to naming open Lesbians and Gay men to such public positions.

President Clinton sent his "special regards" to the appointed officials, saying "I strongly believe that every individual in our nation has a valuable contribution to make to America. I have remained committed to the goal that the appointees of my Administration will reflect the great diversity of our country. Many openly Gay and Lesbian Americans serve proudly in the federal government, upholding the finest traditions of patriotism and public service." Clinton also said in his statement that he stood with the appointees "in the fight for equality for all Americans" and encouraged the appointees to "continue to stand up for what you believe."

Some of the appointees who met the press were: Roberta Achtenberg, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (HUD); Keith Boykin, Special Assistant to the President for News Analysis (White House); David Cruise, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (Commerce); Romulo Diaz Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs (Energy).

TLGA Set Meeting On AIDS Funding

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) has called for a meeting to brainstorm the present form of funding AIDS patients directly as well as other problems regarding the AIDS funding programs in Tucson. The meeting will be held at Cactus Gallery, Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3:00 p.m. All community-minded persons are encouraged to attend to air their views and ideas.

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Informing the Community

The Observer

1993: A period of Failure, Reassessment and Change

by Mickey J. Wheatley

The 1987 March on Washington was a turning point for our civil rights movement. All of us who made the pilgrimage were politically and spiritually strengthened by the mere sight of so many of us. Five years later, after a period of fervent organizing, we came back to Washington. This time, the procession was more parade than march, more celebration than rally.

We believed we had much to celebrate. Clinton's election was sealed by our vote, and he professed his support. He had promised to lift the military ban in July, and he had met with Lesbian and Gay leaders in the White House, an historical first.

Yet as I look back on last spring's event, I feel an emptiness of spirit. I sense the event was an expensive, monumental failure. I fear we took a U-Turn from 1987. What have we gained from the '93 March? How many of us have joined an organization? How did we get a million people to Washington, at a cost of tens of millions, yet all our national groups put together have less than 500,000 of us on their mailing lists? Did any group seek you out because of your participation in the March? How did we end up with a codification of the military, our first monumental national defeat?

When the military issue came up in January, we didn't get focused quickly enough. As Barney Frank complained, we organized as if we had until July to make our case, when the hard realities of Washington dictated we get Congress members on board within a few weeks.

Furthermore, our national organizations and media did an inadequate job of articulating to the community why the military issue was important. Unfortunately, the left wing perspective of many of our leaders made them squeamish about working for inclusiveness in a military they have often worked to disband. The uninformed masses in our movement were left to question what the military issue had to do with them. Yet the answer is so simple, the military is a training ground for homophobia, where drill sergeants define real mean as "not sissies." Our open inclusion would require the military to teach queer tolerance, undermining homophobia as the military's inclusion of blacks has worked to undermine racism. Also, our exclusion from open participation in the military is American Apartheid, the government's legal sanctioning of discrimination against its own citizens.

But I fear our loss on this issue is emblematic of a more fundamental problem. We simply haven't organized a real movement. When I look back on that last five years of organizing, I see that our strategies have mostly failed us.

Many of us focused on trying to get heterosexuals to like us. We attempted to accomplish this goal through lobbying, and encouraging our people to come out. The theory underlying this strategy is that if someone knows a Queer, he or she would be less likely to oppose our civil rights. In the meantime, we have been giving our money to heterosexual politicians, trying to buy their support.

The most explosive new force born of the '87 March, and the AIDS crisis, has been the militant groups, most notably ACT-UP and its progeny Queer Nation. The militant approach renounced the apologetic, "please-like-me" tactics of the other groups, with banshee cries like, "We're here, we're queer, get used to it." The militants strategy recognized that our movement had no significant national base, and used the couple thousand militant activists around the country to create the appearance of a large, vocal movement. These small bands of agitators used big stunts to attract the media's attention. The tactic was wildly successful. For the first time in history, we were constantly showing up on televisions and in newspaper headlines. We thought we'd arrived. Even President Clinton bought into our clever ruse.

And the strategy won some real gains. AIDS funding has been significantly increased, and we have a voice on how the money is spent. Hollywood is moving from homophobic portrayals like "Silence of the Lambs", to Gay positive themes in pictures like "Philadelphia" and "The Mayor of Castro Street". The practice of outing reluctantly created new banner holders like David Geffen and Liz Smith, and effectively silenced some of our closeted enemies.

Yet the militants didn't recognize the limitations of their strategy. In the fire test of our first big national fight, Congress discovered that the Emperor had no clothes. The militants could deliver us to the front pages, but did not have the strength to deliver a national political victory. We could get a million people to the Capitol Mall, but we did not influence Congress. Our failure to have a real, broad based movement, instead of the media created fiction of one, has left us scrambling for some answers. Where do we go from here?

I fear we lost on the military issue because we have a fundamental misunderstanding about how Washington works. We have focused on trying to get heteros to like us, to get our poll numbers up. This tactic has failed us if for no other reason than despite whatever we do, our poll numbers stay about the same. Besides, Washington doesn't work by poll numbers. Congress is moved by constituent lobbying. It's the folks actively involved in the process, by writing, calling, visiting or harassing their member of Congress, not the passive poll responders, that determines national policy. American politics is about power, not fairness. Remember, Sam Nunn has openly Gay senior staff, yet was our biggest enemy. He says he likes us, but so what? He did what plays well back home, and int he end, so did Clinton.

We have also mis-focused on trying to buy heterosexual politicians. How many time must we throw our money away on politicians unwilling or incapable of being our standard bearer? If we took all the money we're giving to politicians, and used it to build a strong, locally-based, grass-roots movement, we might find we can pay them less and get more. We can't rely on others to deliver us our freedom.

On the military issue, we were simply incapable of mobilizing a force that could even begin to counter the avalanche of opposition we encountered by a well oiled, right wing machine. So how then do we create this broad based movement? Let's look at the Christian Right for some answers. Despite low poll numbers for their ideology, they have enormous influence on Capitol Hill.

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by Big John

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Right at presstime, we went to the TAP Board Meeting (Tuesday, Nov. 2nd), and visitors were given the opportunity to speak for three minutes each at the beginning of the meeting. Two of our group elected to speak about funding issues, then we were asked to leave the meeting by Richard Nast, TAP Board President. While ten of us departed the room to try and reach an attorney by phone, two of our grpoup remained steadfast and refused to vacate the room.

One Board member, Kenny Hegland, said he was a Law College professor, as well as a member of the board of TAP. He cited ARS Title 38 as the basis for their decision to shut the visitors out of the meeting. One of the two steadfast individuals said Title 10 of ARS regulated non-porfit groups, not Title 38.

Interestingly, most of us had been mailed an agenda for the meeting, but they moved directly to ask us to depart after giving us the first ten minutes of the meeting. Since two of our group refused to leave their meeting, one member of the board made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and when the two steadfast persons departed, Ithe door was locked - then all departed.

Well, my story and my job at the Tucson Weekly was killed last week, and the following is an open letter to Douglas Biggers, the Tucson Weekly's Editor and Publisher:

Dear Mr. Biggers,

My apparent "persona non gratis" status at the Weekly has certainly confused and startled me. After various attempts to communicate with Dan Huff to discuss the project at hand, I think the message is clear that you requested him to "kill" my story. As a matter of record, I would like to request that you send me an official reason for your decision-in writing. I would also request that any materials submitted to your weekly for this project be returned to me as soon as possible.

You might also like to know that no fewer than two persons attending an AIDS committee meeting on Tuesday, October 26th, have told me that Richard Nast, President of the Board of Directors at Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), smugly stated at the meeting that "he had the Big John situation under control, and he had it on good authority that Mr. Haase would never be published in the Weekly..."

Well, when was it decided that Mr. Nast and TAP control the free press in the state of Arizona, and what do you think they fear? And, more importantly, what does your paper fear? In your column "The Skinny" you are always loudly "tooting your own horn" about how different the Weekly is from the TNI press... Your response to this local controversy has been enlightening and pathetic. Censorship is an ugly word-but censorship is what it is.

Your publication is based on a false illusion that it is making a difference, but obviously that difference is a selective process that the Gay community in Tucson cannot access in your publication.

I had hoped, when Dan Huff asked me to participate at the Weekly, that our association would be illuminating. Now, it seems that you have become, at the behest of Richard Nast, an obstacle to be maneuvered around, and curiously, part of the story.

Sincerely,
Big John Haase

Please send your comments and letters to the editor at the Weekly! I find it annoying that Mr. Nast hasn't better and more constructive things to do with his time than the suppression of information about his agency to 45,000 Tucsonans. My contribution to the Weekly was to have been more broad based than the topics seen here in the Observer, and I had hoped to bridge a gap between the Gay and straight communities. Dan Huff's position, as managing editor, was "Gay Tucson is your oyster, so write on!"

Whether you agree with my position on issues or not is irrelevant. What should enrage everyone on both sides of the fence is high-level censorship, and controlling a community voice of concern. If you advertise in the Weekly please call and bitch to them. If you don't advertise, call them anyway at 792-3630 and voice your uncensored opinion.

NALTREXONE (Trexan)

Now, thanks to Project Inform in S.F., I'd like to bring your attention to this week's medical topic, an existing pharmaceutical product used in the treatment of opiate (heroin) addiction. It's classified as a "narcotic antagonist" and interferes with the body's normal response to opium-derived drugs. Recently, some researchers have come to believe that naltrexone may also play a role in regulating the immune system. This theory has since been tested in clinical trials, where naltrexone has been shown to regulate some aspects of immune function.

Naltrexone stimulates the production of natural endorphins and, in high doses, blocks reception of opiates. What does this have to do with the immune system? Some researchers believe that the endorphins also provide an important link between the immune system and the central nervous system. Some white blood cells have receptor sites which are very similar to the opiate receptors on nerve cells. Thus, they attract endorphins. By interacting with these receptor sites, endorphins also appear to regulate certain immune functions.

There is evidence that AIDS is accompanied by lowered endodrphin levels and decreased sensitivity of the receptor sites on immune system cells. Whether this is a cause or effect of AIDS is uncertain. Some believe it is related to the fact that many AIDS patients show abnormally high levels of natural alpha-interferon, which itself has some endorphin-like activity. This high level of a-interferon appears to signal the brain to lower or shut down production of endorphins and decrease receptor site sensitivity, resulting in poorly regulated immune response.

Thus, some researchers believe that using small amounts of naltrexone may help re-establish the normal regulation of certain immune functions by increasing endorphin levels and the sensitivity of the endorphin receptor sites on white blood cells. They also have noted that the drug appears to reduce chronically high levels of alpha interferon for many patients.

Potential Side Effects:

Although naltrexone exhibits some potential for side effects in its normal use as a narcotic antagonist, it is used at far lower dosage with HIV patients. At the dosage used, no side effects have ever been reported and seem extremely unlikely.

Dosage:

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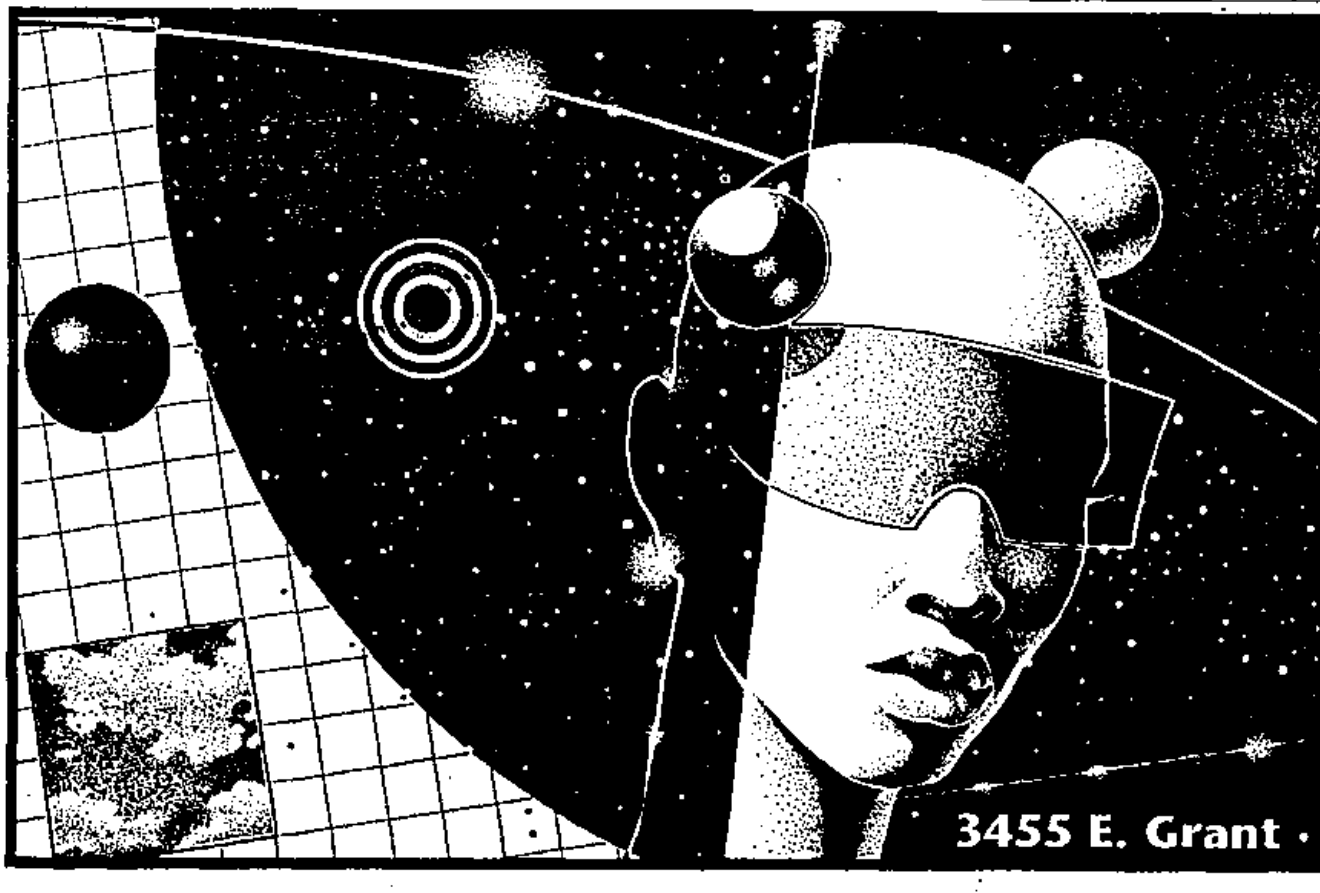

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Doing For Ourselves

The late Colt Thomas once said, "Straight people don't care about us. They really don't. And if we don't take care of ourselves, we're going to be in even more trouble than we already are."

That was before we knew what AIDS was, before the fall of Communism, before the OCA and the Traditional Values Coalition. That was before the face of hatred had shed its mask of civility.

That was back when America looked at Gay Liberation with a sort of amused paternalism — "Oh, those silly kids. When will they grow up?"

One place that rabid hatred showed itself was in Dade County, Florida. Of course, Anita Bryant was so obviously a nutcase that the rest of America didn't take her seriously any more than they took us seriously.

Anita Bryant was at the time saying things like, "If gays are granted rights, next we'll have to give rights to prostitutes and to people who sleep with St. Bernards and to nailbiters."

At that time, most people were not worried about "granting" rights to queers; they were sure it would never happen. Too many people hated queers for them to get anywhere. Therefore the bemused middle class could just patronizingly "tolerate" us (rather like John McCain). It made them feel cosmopolitan and virtuous and hip and superior.

But the queers did something that the great white father didn't expect: they dared to assert that their rights were indwelling from birth as human beings.

Since we realized that being queer is just as natural as being straight, we've told our society that treating us differently was nothing but bigotry.

We stopped pleading for tolerance and began to demand what is our birthright as Americans: the right to live as we choose, insofar as we harm no one else.

We became the champions of our own cause. We were allied with the ACLU and People For The American Way and other liberal, sympathetic groups, but we drove our own struggle.

Now Dade County, Florida is killing tourists as they leave the airport. Anita Bryant is forgotten other than as a camp reference. Queer America, however, has not disappeared as Anita and her ilk had wished.

Courageous Gay men and Lesbians are defying the military, the courts, the churches, and the skinheads in the streets. We are claiming what is our right. We are helping ourselves to our place at the table.

The current issue of Ten Percent magazine says that we are good for TV ratings. Although people in polls may still rant about how unnatural it is to be queer, secretly they are fascinated. They watch us on Phil and Oprah and Joan and Geraldo and Jerry Springer. Sandra Bernhard and Lea DeLaria are getting the airtime and attention they deserved ten years ago.

Is this phenomenon of queers on TV due to a groundswell of popular support? Has America finally reconciled itself to the presence and persistence its queer children?

Get real. They're using us for ratings, but who cares? Real queers are showing their faces on national TV and sometimes even getting to talk. The shameless talk-show whores don't give a damn about our agenda or the sociopolitical meaning of our movement. They want Mr. or Ms. America to feel a tingle in the panties as they ask us if we really all like to dress in drag.

If it's a choice between that kind of phony visibility and utter invisibility, I'll take the talk show route any day. Discerning viewers will see the dignity and bravery of our people beneath the titillation and hype. We may even convince one or two people to come out.

Yet we must be careful to choose our media exposures. Whoever said "there is no such thing as bad publicity" must never have heard of the Oscar Wilde trial or the recently revealed escapades of the Roman Catholic priesthood in the U.S.

TV may continue to try to show Gays and Lesbians as eccentrics as best or deranged freaks at worst, but we must use the exposure to advance the cause of our liberation. We must control the message that is sent.

No one else is going to do it for us. Really. The Lone Ranger is never going to ride to our rescue. It's up to you and me.

If the mainstream of American politics continues to care more about football than the school board or library board, the religious right may be able to sneak many more of its "stealth" candidates into local government. These folks will continue to cut arts funding, ban books, and narrow the spectrum of liberties we acknowledge.

Did you vote yesterday?

I'm sure you have met people who don't bother to vote in local or state elections, preferring to "save it up" to pick a president once every four years. You may even think this way yourself.

Nobody in Washington, DC cares what is on the library shelves at Tucson High School. Our pathetic political training conditions us to respond to the "panem et circenses" of the big-spending national campaigns. We still don't bother to formulate our own opinions for the most part, but we put what little attention we can spare into the race the most remote from our own lives.

The various police forces in this part of the state are not overly concerned with preventing violence against queers. Much as we cherish Chief Hedtke, the officer on the line is much less likely to be sympathetic or overly helpful.

Do you carry a whistle?

Lots of well-intentioned people, from Elizabeth Taylor on down, are working their asses off to fight AIDS. Yet when the true heterosexual wave of this epidemic hits, where do you think the dollars and the famous faces will go?

We'll be left squabbling over how much Jim and Craig and Jerome and Anne get paid and what they do and who

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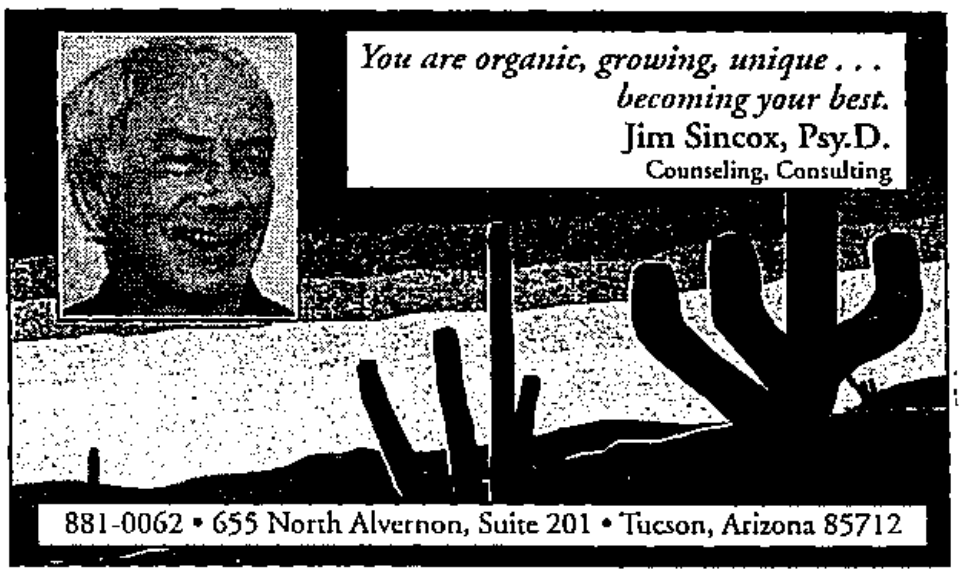

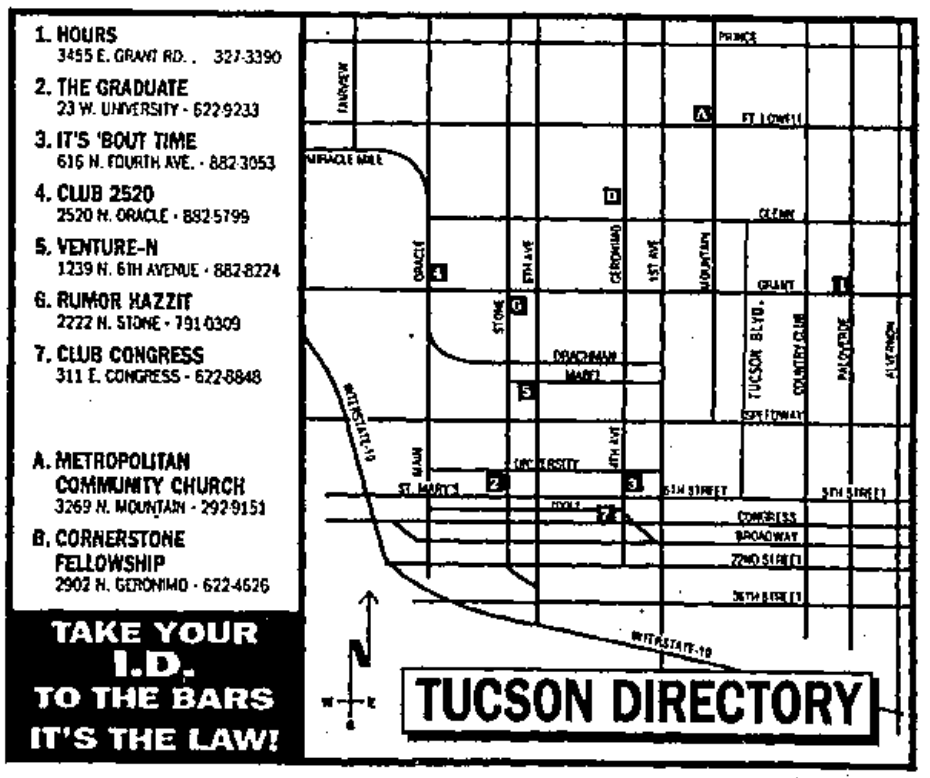

Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

A Cross To Bear

In the summer of 1992, in Houston, Texas, Pat Buchanan said, "there is a cultural war going on in this country for the soul of America." We know this wasn't a declaration of war. The people and organizations that identify themselves as opposed to "the homosexual lifestyle" (whatever the hell that is) have been plotting and carrying out Pearl Harbor type attacks for years. Their "coming out" to use politics to fight fellow citizens is a bold notion and long overdue. As a movement they got their first kicks in during the Presidential campaign of Barry Goldwater. Not against Gay and Lesbian America, but communists and civil rights. 1964 was a year to fear reds, blacks, and missles, not queers and dykes. Goldwater went down in a landslide but from the debris emerged a list of contributors.

This was the list that backed George Wallace in '68 and eventually became the genesis of direct mail, single issue fund raising. This is now the life blood of the individuals and organizations that oppose "the homosexual lifestyle." Since the finance reforms of the mid-seventies money has, more than ever, become the moving force behind political events. Money is the weapon, that's fairly new, but the idea of "Christian" cultural war is old as the Bible.

The history of Christianity records three approaches to war: pacifism, the "just war" theory, and the Crusade. I believe the persons and groups that now fight "the homosexual agenda" believe they are fighting a crusade. From the "Barry Brigades" of 1964 to the "Buchanan Brigades" of 1992, the rhetoric of American Purist philosophy has had an overt war like tone. Battle lines are drawn, the enemy is defined forces are mustered.

Crusaders go to war for religious or pseudo-religious cause. The enemy is total evil, therefor the enemy must be defeated totally. To the crusader there is no gray area between righteousness and wickedness, there is no gray area period. If possible, the enemy should be vanquished by honorable means (like say, a ballot initiative). But to smite an enemy indiscriminately, if you hate his/her sin enough, is quite excusable under those circumstances. These are the underlying characteristic assumptions of the crusader, and they haven't changed since the year 1095.

What has changed is the enemy. Muslims, to the Catholics or Protestants, to the French revolutionaries, to the Union or the Confederacy, to the Germans or the Allies, to the communists and now the "homosexual lifestylist", the crusading mentality has remained the same.

In 1649, Oliver Cromwell massacred an entire town then rejoiced in the "righteous judgement of God upon these barbarous [Irish] wretches."

The Bishop of London sent boys off to fight in World War I urging them "to kill Germans--to kill them, not for the sake of killing, but to save the world, to kill the good as well as the bad, to kill the young men as well as the old. I look upon it as a war for purity. I look upon everyone who dies in it as a martyr."

And from the Advocate of November 2, 1993 we read:

"Events surrounding the death [of AIDS] of Kevin Oldham are a case in point...Just two days after Oldham died, his parents, William and Barbara Oldham, received a vicious letter from Phelps [Fred Phelps of Topeka, disbarred lawyer and Baptist minister] condemning their son. Part of the letter, which was also faxed to the local media, said, "Defying the laws of God, man, and nature, Kevin Oldham played Russian roulette with promiscuous anal sex and lost big-time." In the letter Phelps said that members of his church would picket Oldham's funeral because 'The Kansas City Star' newspaper had "made a hero of this filthy dead sodomite."

...But Phelps says he has little sympathy for the Oldham's. "Compared to hell and eternal punishment, their suffering trivial," he says. "If Kevin could come back, he would ask me to please preach at his funeral, and he would say, 'For God's sake, listen to Helps." Dying time is truth time. These poor homosexual creatures live lives predicated on a fundamental lie, and they die engrossed in the lie. It seems to me to be the cruelest thing of all to stand over their dead, filthy bodies keeping the lies going."

No matter who the enemy is they are dehumanized, objectified, and obliterated in the name of God. How can this be? How can the rhetoric and the Gospel be reconciled? It can't. We'll look into what's really going on in part two.

In the column entitled "The Society Page" I slammed Rep. Ed Pastor for his vote for 'don't ask, don't tell'. Due to incomplete information I wasn't aware that Rep. Pastor had also voted in favor of the pro-Gay/Lesbian Meehan amendment prior to voting for 'don't ask, don't tell'. My apologies to Rep. Pastor for my error.

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

Closet Door

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slighted whom at which fundraiser.

Do you practice safe sex?

If so, you should be around for a while to help comfort the dying and instruct the living in how to avoid AIDS.

If not, all the walk-a-thons in the world can't keep you safe. Even if our AIDS service organizations survive the current crisis (ask them how much funding has been withdrawn in the last month), they can't keep you safe or alive.

This, too, is up to you and me.

"Straight people don't care about us. They really don't. And if we don't take care of ourselves, we're going to be in even more trouble than we already are."

Colt Thomas is dead. You and I are alive.

Write to me in care of the Observer and tell me how you think we can help ourselves. You know what I think; I want to hear from you.

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DEAR EDITOR:

The article in The Echo about "AIDS Walk '93" was the last straw for me! It does matter if it was right or wrong to pay a walk coordinator. That problem will soon be addressed by the Tucson Community.

What I want to say to Mr. Toevs is, you should be ashamed of yourself for taking forty thousand dollars away from people with HIV/AIDS.

The amount of time and money I give to my Community can never have a dollar amount attached to it - I give for the love of my Gay brothers and Lesbians sisters.

It didn't matter if Mr. Toevs salary came from sponsors. Forty thousand is forty thousand and could have been used to feed, house, clothe and pay for medication.

AIDS IS NOT A CHARITY - IT'S IS A DEADLY DISEASE.

I feel sorry for your Mr. Toevs and your ideals.

Debra Broner

TO THE COMMUNITY:

I wish to thank everyone in the Tucson community for their love and support.

I wish to thank the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) for presenting me with their Ron Templeton Memorial Award.

My personal love and affection to all.

Sean Thomas

DEAR EDITOR:

Since living here the last five years we have seen and worked with the various AIDS Organizations and feel that the unheralded work that G.L.I.A. (God's Love In Action) performs through their all-volunteer staff, no top heavy paid for hired help organization,should receive more support and help from the Gay and Lesbian Community to help this unique Christian Group to perform their many hands-on services to the HIV/AIDS Community.

They are the only organization that maintains a complete working pantry year around stocking all kinds of food from frozen, can, to fresh and not only providing a place for those needing food to go to pick it up but also provides a delivery service for those without transportation. They also provide grocery vouchers. And every Tuesday they have a luncheon with a warm nourishing meal for HIV/AIDS individuals.

Other services that G.L.I.A. provides range from cooking and cleaning, yard work, moving assistance to giving rides to doctors, stores and other destinations. And they spend time with those who are lonely or shut in. Their volunteers are free to offer just about any services they wish.

All monetary gifts to G.L.I.A. are designated strictly to client related services, nothing goes to any heavy expensive administrative staffs as they have none. For these reasons we are giving all of our support to this fine organization.

Sincerely yours,
Glen Vogt, Robert Miller

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GAY COMMUNITY:

Once again it's that time of the year when I again ask you both my brothers and sisters to open your hearts and be generous to my kids at the Arizona Children's Home (Orphanage) located at 2700 South 8th Avenue, City of South Tucson, Arizona.

As you probably already know, David Zinke (my right hand man and my BEST FRIEND) has been conducting the raffle of "GODOT" - THE HUGE TEDDY BEAR, in hopes of trying to reach an estimated goal of $3,000.00, which will go to the Orphanage to help them defray some of their expenses.

This year, I'm soliciting the following: For Infants - Boy and Girls to age 16. New or Used Toys. New or Used Clothes. Food - Infancy, canned and stapled goods.

The drive will start on November 6, 1993 and will end on December 6, 1993.

Please, I know it's tough on everyone out there due to the economy, but lets try to be a little extra generous and help make some unfortunate child's a very happy and merry Christmas and let them know they're are people who care.

God Bless each and everyone of you.

On behalf of David Zinke and myself, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love you all, Rudi

EDITOR:

I would like to let your readers know about my network. It is a penpal network for Gay and Bisexual guys with long hair: students, thrashers, hippies, rockers, headbangers. There are no fees to join. To join send a recent photo, self-description, and International Reply Coupon to cover return postage. Write to: MANE MEN, P.O. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1P6C4.

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Presenter- Jane Monier (RN, AIDS Educator AIDS Education Project, University of Arizona)

November 8th - Nutrition / Supplements and Complementary Therapies

Presenters- Lyn Patrick (Lic. Naturopathic Physician)

November 10th - People Living With HIV Panel

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Mr. Venture-N '93 Chosen

by Sylver

"G" and "B" you're right, I failed top fulfill an obligation to myself. So I have decided to make my debut with the Friday extravaganza for Mr. "Venture-N" 93.

The patio bar was the place to be. Men from around the country stopped in, showing their leather and having a good time, to see who would become Tucson's first Mr. "Venture-N" 93. If you missed it, you missed a great time.

The Master of Ceremonies was Candas, dressed in her formal black leather gown, with her repertoire of jokes. She is one of the best MC's I have seen in Tucson. Also, belated congratulations on your Fiesta De Mayo Crown.

The contestants were required to give several performance to a packed audience: "Why I like Leather", "Sexual Fantasy", and "Dressed to Kill in Leather". They all gave great performances.

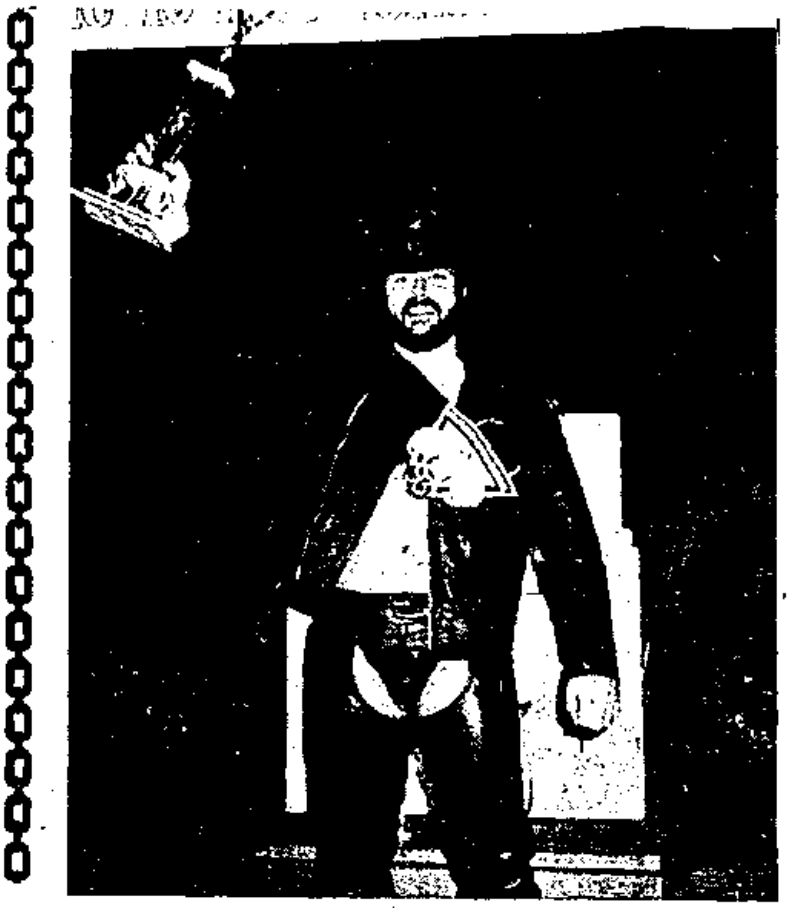
with his shouldering of a black leather couch onto the stage, and with his fantasy of leather and the fun to be had. Although the winner of the contest, the hairy chested, Brad Bivvins, did give me a rise with his hooded and handcuffed boy, congratulations Brad!

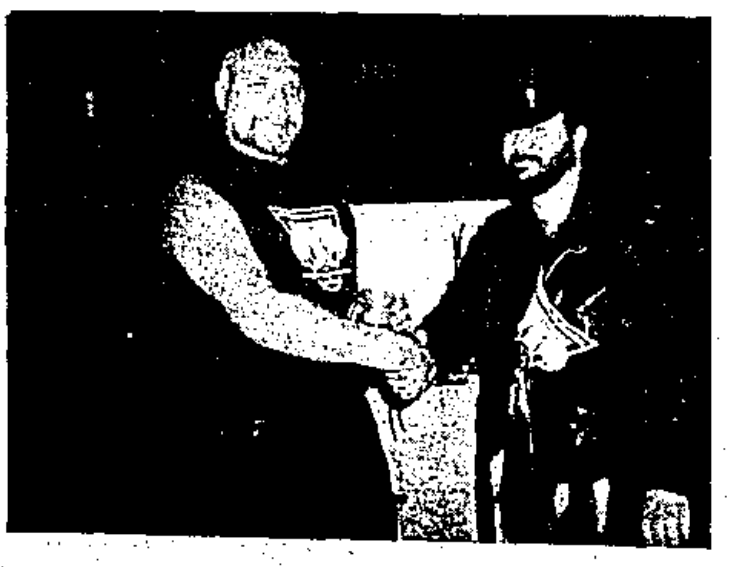
Watching the front bartenders and barback running around in harnesses and straps, made me think of more fantasies one could have.

Tucson should give a big thanks to the Houston "Venture-N" gang for their surprise visit and support. They capture the auction by purchasing some beautiful local art work that was donated to the Think Positive Organization to buy "condoms, remember they save lives." If you are ever in Houston, be sure to stop in at the "Venture-N" and say hi and thanks!

In articles to follow, I hope to tell you of Houston and other cities I have visited.

My favorite was contestant #2,





Conservatively Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

Gay men, and Lesbians too, are caught up in the cult of "cute". Without exception, all of our "cute" ones are young. This focus on youth and physical attraction in our community narrows our outlook and diminishes our ability to mature. It also does a great disservice to older (and, like me, just plain old) Gay men and Lesbians, the no-longer cute. By the same token, this attitude deprives the young men and women of our community of a wealth of experience, knowledge and love.

My friend and younger mentor, Betty Berzon, (Ph.D., author of Permanent Partners and editor of Positively Gay) wrote in The Advocate: "...older Gays don't get invited to the party. I wish it made more of them angry. By passively accepting a segregated status, the elders give permission to the youngers to continue stereotyping and segregating them. It is the same dynamic that keeps so many Gays and Lesbians in the closet. The heterosexual society has conspired for years to keep us invisible, and you know what? We Gay and Lesbian people are co-conspirators."

Many of our elders just return to the lonely closet from which they cam out when they were younger. They are the disappeared, the invisible men and women of our community. Then there are the unhappy few who still dream of taking part in the oft-heralded "lifestyle", the old Gay men and Lesbians, always outside, looking in at the party to which they were not invited. Finally, there are the lucky ones like me, who still find love and respect in spite of, or maybe because, of all the years. I've found some of the young men and women of a new generation, those who are truly accepting of the diversity of our community, who are anxious to learn from the past of shared experiences and pain.

There is much to learn, so much to share in our singular community. What has happened before made today possible. What happens today, will make it better for those who follow us. For most of us, our community is the family that supplants our own. With some happy exceptions, too many of our biological families simply can't or won't really understand what we're all about. Even the most accepting, the most sympathetic feel the difference between us and them.

I strongly believe that we are a community, a family unlike any other. And I, and my multitude of brothers and sisters, are your parents and grand-parents. We love you with all our hearts because we have been where you are. We know. The others, the heterosexuals, just don't know, no matter how hard they may try. They haven't been there.

Most all of us were "cute" in our day. Many of us, like me, were in the closet, especially in those dark ages before we had a real community. We thus kept ourselves outside the joys of Gay life, even then. But, all of us, each and every one of us, was young like you.

Young Gay men and Lesbians, let us in. Invite us to the party. Most of us are pretty good cooks by now, so there'll be plenty to eat. We're really not as boring as you may think. Love us as we love you. Go out of your way, make the effort, to find some of the senior Gays and Lesbians in your community. Remember, you will be us someday.

And, to my peers, I ask that you open your hearts and homes to the young Gays and Lesbians in your community. It's worked for me, and I am truly enriched by my young friends. Call your local Gay and Lesbian campus and youth organizations. Ask some friends to join with you in inviting the young people over for coffee and beer. Prepare a spread. Get involved in your local chapter of PFLAG, and if there isn't a chapter in your community, start one. There are any number of young Gays and Lesbians who are thrown out by their families and desperately need help, for housing, for tuition. There are agencies in your community, both straight and Gay, which can accept tax-deductible contributions for such help.

There is so much you can do But, none of this will just happen. You have it make it happen. If we are able to rid ourselves of the stereotypes and the fears, our community will only be strengthened: young and old; Lesbians and Gays; of every ethnic, economic and racial group. We are represented everywhere and bound together by shared pain and joy and experience. We can build a family together that will have value beyond any other. We can build a community of liberation and freedom and love, for each other and for the world.

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

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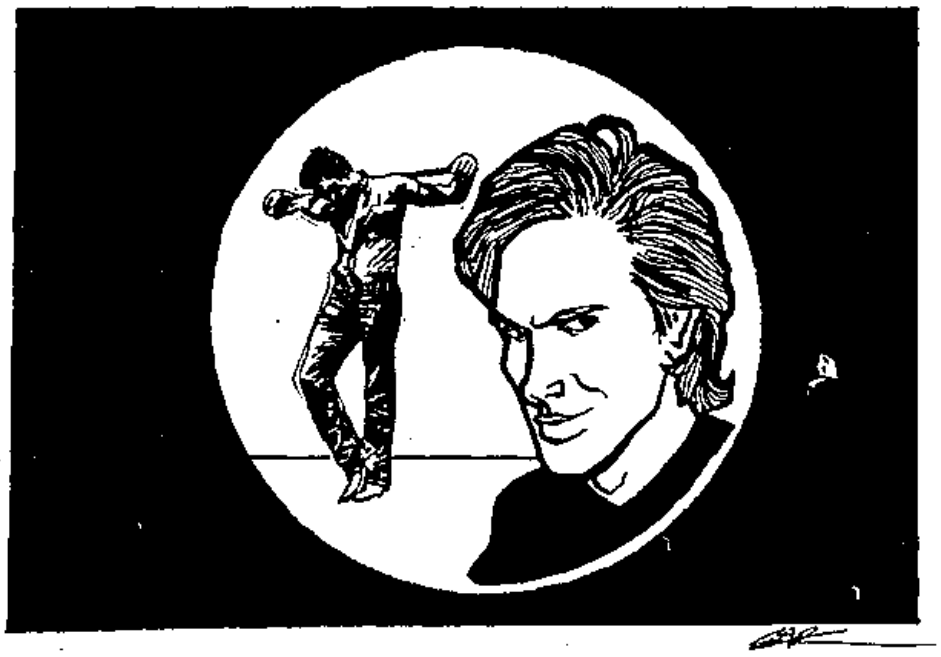

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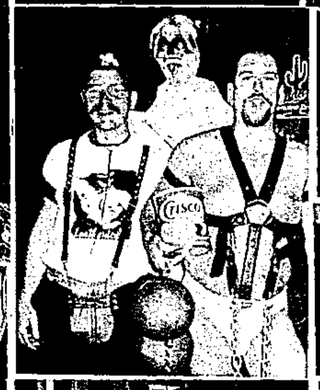

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

IBT'S - An all new, exciting Glamazon Show at 9:00 p.m. sharp hosted by Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CLUB 2520 - A.G.R.A.-Tucson CHili Verde Days here today and tomorrow. An action-packed weekend with fun for all. Home-cooked southwest foods, dancing, entertainment, raffles and auctions for great prizes and much more. Events begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. Community organizations are invited to have a booth. Contact AGRA at (602)323-0805 to reserve space now.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CLUB 2520 - AGRA Chili Verde Days continues with many events described above. Prior to that, at 3:00 p.m., AGRA Board Meets with a general meeting following at 5. Interested individuals are invited. You'll be welcomed into a great organization.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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"Demons of Death" haunted House open Nov. 5&6, Friday-Saturday 6 p.m. to midnight. Adults $6, Children 6-11 $4. Location, Old Shirley Ryanns, 5302 E. 22nd (22nd & Craycroft). Also at 5851 E. Speedway, next to Apollo Carpet (between Craycroft and Wilmot). Portion of proceeds to benefit Tucson AIDS Project.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Cronies/Prime Timers monthly planing meeting at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain at 7:00 p.m. For all Gay men 40 and over and their friends.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) calling a meeting today at 3:00 p.m. at Cactus Gallery 621 N. 4th Avenue. Discussed will be funding for AIDS patients and how to get it to them faster and more efficiently. All community members are urged to attend to give input and ideas of how to better the current system locally.

Lambda Car Club monthly social at 5 p.m. at Club 2520.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson will conduct the Annual Fall Rummage Sale in Goddard Hall at the church, 4831 E. 22nd St. 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. A large selection of next-to-new and some not-so-new appliances, kitchen items, records, tools, and tapes will be offered at the sale. A bakery table will contain goodies to tempt the palate.

At the Downtown Performance Center, 530 N. Stone at 9 p.m. there will be a consciousness raising performance cabaret, benefiting the Tucson AIDS Project. "Bearing the Soul" produced in cooperation with #13 and MadDog productions, will feature dance, music, poetry and performances by Hassan Al Falak, George Arntz, Arusha Baker, Padrice Stewart, Cathy Bornstein, Jezebel, Chris Gillis and more. No advance tickets. Suggested $5 donation at the door. Call Bill at 322-6226 for more information.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

A Benefit Show for TAP at Gaslight Theatre at 7010 E. Broadway. "I'll Be Home For Christmas" is a musical play and begins at 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9428 for reservations and more information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"Journey Through AIDS" a renewal day for people with AIDS, and caregivers, families and friends will be offered at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Rod from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration at 9 a.m. This renewal is supported by Tucson AIDS Project and led by F. Dick Mevissen, CSsR the director of Picture Rocks Retreat.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network tees off for miniature golf at Magic Carpet Golf at 1:00 p.m. Parents, kids and other family members are invited to attend. Meet out front, at 6125 E. Speedway. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information and directions.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - THANKSGIVING

Annual Thanksgiving for the community hosted by the MCC Church. Everyone is welcome to a traditional dinner - Turkey & Dressing, Pumpkin Pie and all the trimmings. Exact times to be announced.

God's Love In Action (GLIA) invites all people with AIDS HIV+, friends, family and all individuals of the community to come to the Thanksgiving Dinner being served at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall from noon until 3:00 p.m. Cornerstone is located at 2902 N. Geronimo (corner of Geronimo and Laguna). Call 622-8860 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Psychic Fair with Arts & Crafts at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. $2 admission includes displays, books, crystals, herbs & vitamins, shiatsu demonstrations and metaphysical lectures all day. $20 for half-hour readings - Tarot, astrology, numerology, palmistry, channeling, past life readings and more. Annual fund raiser for the Tucson Astrologers' Guild, a non-profit organization. For more info call 327-2954.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

One-In-Ten Theatre Company will present "Hannah Free", a benefit performance for P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) beginning at 8 p.m. at the troupes Historic "Y" Theatre. Get your tickets early and make this a sell-out performance with proceeds to our mom's and dad's. For ticket information or reservations call Priscilla Walker, 883-7383.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink $5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11 am - 2 pm; Tea Dance with Ron Rios 2:30 - 6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. (usually a cover for the band)

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

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

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Mount Madness "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 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 to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well.. $1 hamburgers 4-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. 'Monster Beer Nite' 25oz can of Foster's $2.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks $1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well $1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3 to 9 p.m. $1.75 Domestic Beer 9 to close. Fabulous Fabian show at 9:30 p.m.

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

wednesday

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

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

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.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well, $1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Mann. 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm, $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Sales Nite 9 to close. $1.50 Margaritas and Coronas + Chips & "Fizz" salsa.

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

thursday

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

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

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25, Heineken or Corona $1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Hot Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.

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

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). 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. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Strickler 9:00 to 1:00.

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

saturday

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks $1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Coronas 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Fiddle VJ/DJ 10-1.

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

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

Hello Tucson! Hello AGRA members!

Over the coming months this column will be loaded with important information informing all of you of exciting events held by AGRA-Tucson for the Tucson Gay Community. Whether you're an AGRA member or only a member of the general community I hope you'll make it a habit to check this column every week so you don't miss any of the activities and events available to you.

First order of business, AGRA members where are you? The time for all of us to be readily available for work and support is here! We need all of you, now! As you'll see from the below listed events and activities AGRA is going to be busy over the coming months, and we need all the help and support we can muster. Participate! Volunteer! Show up for meetings and events! It's your organization and its success depends upon the support of its members.

AGRA-Tucson invites the entire Tucson Gay community to attend a great weekend of activity at our "Chili Verde Days" celebration coming up on November 20 & 21 at Club 2520. This will be an action packed weekend with fun for all. Home cooked southwest foods, dancing, entertainment, raffles and auctions for great prizes, and much more await you. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Events will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. Community organizations are invited to have a booth. Please contact AGRA at (602) 323-0885 to reserve your organization's space now.

Hey cowboys, get ready to hit the dusty trail and ride off into the sunset! AGRA-Tucson has organized a sunset trail ride open to the entire community on Sunday, November 28, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the El Conquistador Stables. Don't miss this! A fabulous chuck wagon dinner of chicken or pork ribs and all the fixins plus dessert is included in the ticket price of only $35.00. Or you can join the group for dinner for only $15.00. All you cowboys and cowboy wanna be's will love this chance to dress in your western gear and climb up on old paint for an evening you won't forget. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, too! Buy your tickets now from AGRA Board Members or call 323-0805.

Hot! Hot! Hot! AGRA will soon start selling raffle tickets for four pairs of round trip tickets on Morris Air to four different destinations. These tickets, donated by Compass Travel and Morris Air, will sell for only $1.00 each. Buy lots! The raffle will take place at AGRA's Christmas Jamboree in December at The Graduate.

An speaking of travel, Compass Travel has arranged to donate 10% of its profits to AGRA for any member making any travel arrangement with compass. All you have to do is mention AGRA and the donation will be made automatically for you based on the total of your travel purchase. This applies to any type of travel arrangement, airline tickets, hotels, rental cars, cruises, etc. It's a great way to raise money for AGRA! Call Michael Allison, Compass Travel at 791-0333.

AGRA members, you're next meeting is on November 21st at the Chili Verde Days celebration. Board Meeting starts at 3:00 p.m. and the General Meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Be there! You're needed! Interested in membership? Come to the meeting, you'll be into a great organization!

And for the big news! January 14, 15, and 16 is set as the dates for the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix at the Corona Arena. Call AGRA-Phoenix at (602) 265-0618 or AGRA-Tucson at 323-0805 for more information. And Tucson's hottest weekend of all will fall on March 18, 19, and 20 with Tucson's own Gay Rodeo, the Saguaro Regional..

P.S. AGRA Board Members are selling Entertainment Books '94 for only $35.00! Buy yours through AGRA and help raise much needed funds!

There's much more to tell you about but space is running out. See you next week with more news of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and it many upcoming events. Hope to see all of you members and prospective new members at the next meeting!

Think Positive PROJECT

by Rick Sloan, Shanti Foundation of Tucson

I would like to start by thanking Jim and the Staff if Venture-N for their generous donation of $580.00 to TPP. They raised the money by holding an Art Auction on Friday, October 29, in conjunction with their Mr. Venture-N contest. As you may or may not know, we are not a fund raising organization, but rather a federally funded grant program. Unexpected donations like the one from Venture-N enhance our efforts to limit the spread of HIV transmission in Pima County. We strive to achieve this objective in two ways: 1) direct condom distribution at the bars, and 2) educational and enhanced awareness programs and events within the Gay community. With this donation, we have ordered an additional sixteen cases of individually packaged lubricants to be distributed with condoms at the bars. We felt that this would be the most expedient way to get this money working for the community.

1993 has been a year of personal transition for me and in August, I decided to resign my position with TPP, effective at the end of our current contract, which ends December 31st. This decision is based upon my desire to focus on my professional interests. Additionally, I am taking a leave of absence from the Shanti Foundation of Tucson with the intention of returning in the Spring both to develop an educational program for teens and also to work in a counseling mode with clients on a volunteer basis. Having given a great deal of time and energy to this program, I have grown to love Tucson and am pleased to be a member of this community.

After advertising and interviewing for my position, Shanti is pleased to announce the addition of Geoffrey Wilcox to the Think Positive Project. Many of you will recognize Geoffrey for his efforts as a committee member of HITT and the Tucson Desert Coyote's, founder of the Tucson Lambda Lizards, as well as his work with the Children to Children program and his ongoing work with the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. He has lived in Tucson for two years, having relocated from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is employed as a marketing assistant. Geoffrey will be working with me in a training capacity through the end of the year. I am confident that he will be as valuable an asset to TPP as he has been to the other organizations with which he is associated. Please make him fell welcome.

In closing, please be sure to watch the paper for announcements concerning our last bar game of the year, "Sexual Pursuit", and more of the "R U Ready" comics series. Also be on the lookout for "Auto Erotica" in a bar parking lot near you. By the way, what do you think of the coasters at the bars? Let your TPP representatives or your favorite bartender know, as this will help us determine whether or not to have more designed for next year. Enjoy the holidays, folks, and thanks for readings.

Coalition Update

Congratulations and thanks to Gayle Ness!! On Halloween, she won the raffle for the Schwinn Cruiser, and as support for the coalition, she has most graciously donated it back to the Tucson Human Rights Coalition. Plans are now being made to either auction off the bike or raffle it again. Stay tuned for more.

Last week I noted that I would give an indication about fund raising and where the money is being spent. The organization has decided that a quarterly statement including these facts will be published in this space. Until the quarter is up, I can tell you that all funds raised to this date have gone to pay the phone bill and towards the cost of incorporation.

The leadership of THRC consists of 4 co-chairs. They are Ricki Statts, Frank Hartigan, Dan Overbeck, and Terry Bibbins. Plans are in the works to develop a board of directors, consisting of concerned members of both the Gay and Straight communities. We hope to have members from organizations such as Planned Parenthood, AFSCME, NOW, and the NAACP, to name a few. This battle needs to be fought by everyone, for United We Stand...

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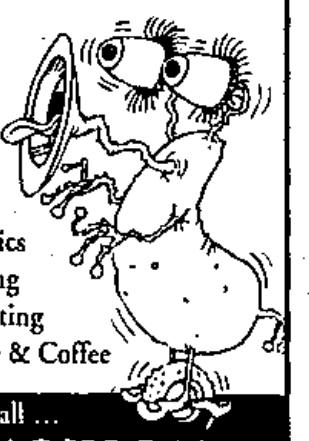

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This is one of those weeks when nothing out of the ordinary or of special interest is happening. We are in the preparation stages for the Southwest District Conference to be held here in Tucson next weekend on November 12th through the 14th. This alone, is a big job for everyone and just about everything else is on the "back burner".

It has been announced that MCC-Tucson will be hosting their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. Everyone is invited to a traditional dinner; turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie and all of the trimmings. Dinner will be served to anyone wishing to join with us on this day of celebrating our blessings through the year. The exact times for serving will be announced.

Thought for the week: Some people keep a special part of their memories for sins they have never committed but wished they had.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Each afternoon when I get off work I hurry down the street to try and beat the traffic. I usually get to Grant Road right when rush hour peaks. All of us grip our steering wheels and roar across town together, stopping only for the poor guy who forgot he couldn't turn left, and for the signal changes. Occasionally a friend will tell me they saw me on the road and honked, but I didn't see them. I was so focused and intent on what was in front of me that I never noticed anything else.

Did you ever know anybody who lived their life like the rush hour traffic driver? I'm talking about the person who is so busy living their life, achieving their personal goals, that they don't notice anything else. This was also a problem 2000 years ago, long before cellular phones, fax machines, and beepers. Jesus Christ addressed this problem in the Bible in the twelfth chapter of Luke.

He said, "Life is more than food and the body more than clothes. Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink: do not worry about it. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." What did Jesus mean by this? He was telling us to put our focus on God and on what his will is for us. When we do that he will take care of us and give us direction for our lives.

Are you tired of the rat race and the pressures of life? There's more to life than the fast lane. That kind of life can make a person feel so empty. But life doesn't have to be lonely and meaningless. Jesus Christ can bring about a change in your life to give you purpose and direction. He did that in my life, and he had done it for millions of others. Talk with a Christian about the change Jesus made in their life. He can do it for you too. When he does, your life will have purpose and meaning, and the rat race will lose one of its drivers!

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Rich G.

Greatings, everyone! Halloween was a blast in the Old Pueblo this year. I ended up at a costume party at IBT's last Saturday night. I saw quite a few of our members there enjoying themselves. This party was sponsored by the Gay bowling league in Tucson (IBTT) and they had many out of town guests here for the weekend. The costumes were of all types and descriptions. I took as many photos as I could. Somewhere in the crowd, I saw a familiar and good-looking face. It was "Al" from "Home Improvement". I'm sure it was! (grin)

The next two months should be a bit cooler. The snowbirds and winter visitors should be arriving in droves. I expect to have a few fellow Bears from northern states come here for awhile. I am sure they will want to meet our club.

This Thursday is our General Meeting. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the patio. At this meeting, we will be taking nominations for new officers for 1994. The nominations will continue until the December meeting. At that time, we will vote ont he nominations. All nominations can be given to John or Rich so they will be put on a ballot.

This week Brad sent everyone a survey. If you have not gotten yours contact him or Rich for one. This survey will help us define the direction of our club for 1994.

I have taken a good suggestion about the newsletters and put them in a binder for everyone to see. This binder will be brought to all meetings. We get other Bear par aphelia from around the nation and some of it is very interesting. Bit by bit, we are forming stronger bonds with our fellow Bears around the nation. However, we should continue to support each other in our own den, the Old Pueblo. Take care and see ya later this week. Hugz, Rich.

WHAT'S UP DOC???

Well, what can anyone say now? It seems the Road to the Roses has taken a detour around Tucson. That is to say, there still is a chance we could go back to Pasadena, but at this time that chance is slim. Of course looking at it from another side, the trip up to Phoenix would be cheaper and it would add to the schools bowl appearance record. I guess we are all just going to have to wait and see.

Now where have I heard the following before, "Wait until next Year!"

Today is the first of November. Each year at this time different groups and organizations around Tucson have plans for Thanksgiving, meals to be served to others and so forth. This year, I was asked to place a little in my column concerning just one of those approaching.

GLIA'S, God's Love in Action, will again be holding their annual Thanksgiving Day Diner, Thanksgiving Day, at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, on the corner of Geronimo & Laguana. Everyone is welcomed, especially PWA's and HIV Positive Persons. More information for this can be received by calling 622-8860.

Surprise! Last week I mentioned this years Arizona Fellowship Run and the lack of run applications around Tucson. Guess what, the ink had not even dried on the weeks issue when I received a phone call from Phoenix concerning this. I was informed said run applications are on the back page of the latest Transformer.

So, if anyone here is Tucson, who is not part of one of the local clubs, but does wish to attend this 4 day event up in Phoenix, pick up a copy of the Transformer and get it in the mail. I'm sure, if at the last minute you decide you wish to attend this run, you may show up in Phoenix on the day of registration and be able to register at that time.

Presently there is one benefit/raffle going on around Tucson, Rudi's benefit for the Arizona Children's Home. We have all seen the bear, top prize this year, and have noticed a raffle jar in each local bar. I do hope each and everyone of you reading this will at least take at least one chance.

Another jar that will start appearing in the local bars will be a RED jar. This one will be for TKO's annual Make-A-Wish benefit. Of course the traditional $100 bill will again be raffled off but this year there will be a couple other items raffled off. At this time I can not state what they will be because a couple details still needs confirming. Once confirmed, I'll pass on all information and prizes to you and put out a call for everyone to also help support this worthy benefit.

And, knowing full well that between now and the Christmas Day Holiday, there may be more benefits, each requesting donations from you. It would be nice if everyone had the money to be able to support each and everyone of them but lets face facts, everyone's money is tight now days. So, all anyone can ask is that you support those you are comfortable with. This holiday is traditionally for children but are not we all children in our own way?

Time to put this weeks column to rest. I'll try to keep you informed about all the different benefits, shows, runs or whatever that will be coming up. Thus, if your organization, group, or club has a benefit, or whatever, approaching, let me know and I'll pass it on to everyone. For now, stay loving and caring and cuddle a little closer to that special one in your life.

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WINGSPAN

Wingspan Seeks Board Nominee

Wingspan moved into the future over the past year, establishing Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Center at 422 North 4th Avenue. Beginning with a totally raw space, the hard work of volunteers coupled with donations of money and furnishing have produced a vital new home for our community.

As part of Wingspan's renewal, bylaws were established last October through an open community process. The bylaws call for annual elections of Directors to oversee the operations and direction of Wingspan.

Wingspan is currently seeking individuals interested in serving on its Board. Although the election is not until mid-January, a committee is now at work developing a slate of nominees which will be presented to Wingspan's Board at its next meeting on Sunday, November 14.

Election to the Board is for a one, two, or three year term of your choosing. Board membership requires attendance at one meeting per month. Also, as a Board member you will serve on a committee. Because of Wingspan's current goal to improve and expand its services, you may find that you are able to create a committee that suits your own interests and energy,or, you may want to work in areas of Volunteer Coordination, Fund Raising, Events Planning, or Information Services. Although Board membership is an unpaid position, the personal rewards of helping establish and maintain a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Center are many.

Wingspan invites all members of our community, both women and men, and especially persons of color, to consider how their talents and conviction can help create a better home for all of us here in Tucson. If you, or anyone you know is interested in contributing to the mission of Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community by serving on Wingspan's Board, please call Ken Godat at 624-1779. Leave your name, address, and phone numbers where you can be reached, and we will get back to you promptly. Call as soon as you can, but please, no later than November 5.

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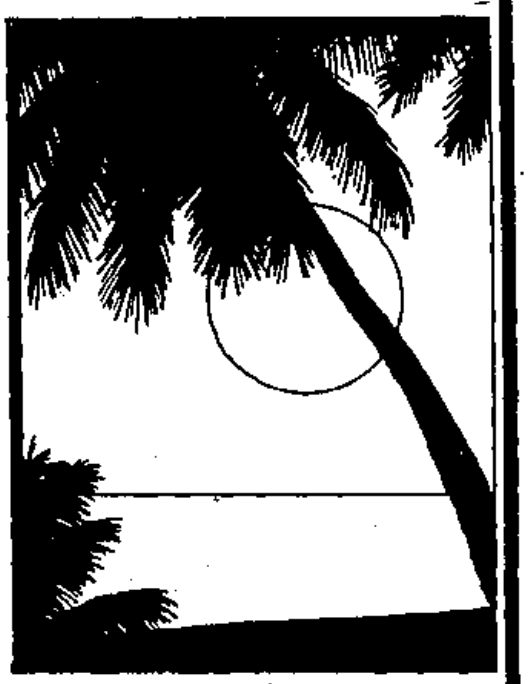

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32 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, looking for gwm, 24-37 for group get together, call for more information. ¤2769

Flagstaff, **TAME ME:** masc. 6'1, 180lbs, brw hair, stached, good shape, seeking masc. hairy dark haired male. ¤3784

Phoenix, **TWO STEPPIN' DADDY TYPE:** 46 ,6', grey hair, attrac., like rodeos & dancin', seeking intimacy w/o immed. commitment. ¤7652

Phoenix, **FOOTBALL PLAYER BUILD:** old fashion 6'1, 200lbs, brw hair & eyes, seeks rel. ¤4708

Phoenix, **LET'S PARTY!** 34 y/o, 6'2, tp, 170lbs, gwm, looking for party types/group fun. ¤4800

Phoenix, **VERZATILE:** gwm, 31 y/o, brw hair, eyes, 6', 250lbs, vers., btm, seeks gwm, 18-30 for poss. rel. ¤7996

Tucson, **WM** Prof, hiv -, tp, UR clean cut discreet masc btm seeking caring? (inexper ok ¤4865

Tucson, **LOVE TO WORK OUT:** 6'2, W/ brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, tattooed, seeking attrac. guys under 25, new comers a real plus. I'm N2 just about anything w/the right guy. ¤3263

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Arizona, **32, GWM,** 5'11, 160lbs, into travel, computers, & goodtimes, seekin guys 28-48 ¤6747

Arizona, **YOUNG LOOKING,** 45, clean, safe & honest, not into bars, lookin to meet guy 21-30, ¤7356

Arizona, **MAKE MINE BLACK:** WM seeks BM: 5'9. 165lbs, regular guy, masc. acting, into shooting pool, having fun. ¤3357

Arizona, **GETTING OFF CAMPUS:** 22 y/o, college student, new to area,looking for other guys my age to go out for a social drink or whatever. ¤2018

Arizona, **46 INCH CHEST:** 25, college student, 6'2, sandy blond, 200lbs, 46" chest, seeking bodybuilding enthusiasts around my age. ¤4843

Phoenix, **BLACK TOP 30,** seeks btm, 20-35, attrac. & in excellent shape, w/hairy bodies, if this is you please respond. ¤6919

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Arizona **OPEN TO ALL:** Interested in getting together for rel.? leave msg in my box. ¤6338

Tucson **PERSONAL TRAINER SOUGHT: HISPANIC** ,5''10, 180LBS, brw hair, love racquet sports, looking for guy who likes to work out & have fun. ¤6367

Arizona **V. STRONG GBM, 31, DESIRES** similar or hispanic for rel., if serious call. (you'll be surprised by the results.) ¤1817

Tucson **NEWCOMERS WELCOME:** 6'2, 210lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, look for inexperienced guys and anyone curious enuf to call. ¤3263

Phoenix **WE TALK WE MEET...** the chemistry's great! Yng Smooth good shaped, 5'11, 160lbs, new for Chicago, desiring the above mentioned. Call my box. ¤2844

Arizona **ATHLETIC 31,** hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, muscle, goodlkg, educated, masc, seeks fit WM, ¤4231

Phoenix **SHY BOY:** longing for others into the comforts of swimwear, & lingerie, call for my address, espec. if you match my interests. ¤4071

Tucson **RIGHT STUFF:** 33, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, looking for men 25-35, who keep themselves in good shape, like to stay on top of a good time. ¤4318

Tucson **YNG ATTRAC. HISPANIC: 19 YR OLD:** 5'8, 130lbs, blk hair, enjoy shopping, cruising, going out, cuddling up, seeks guy 19-24 for my area, ¤4580

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Phoenix **B AND DEVOTEE:** dynamic 44, 5'10, hairy, w/black hair, seeks, exceptional yng man for sub. times. ¤3688

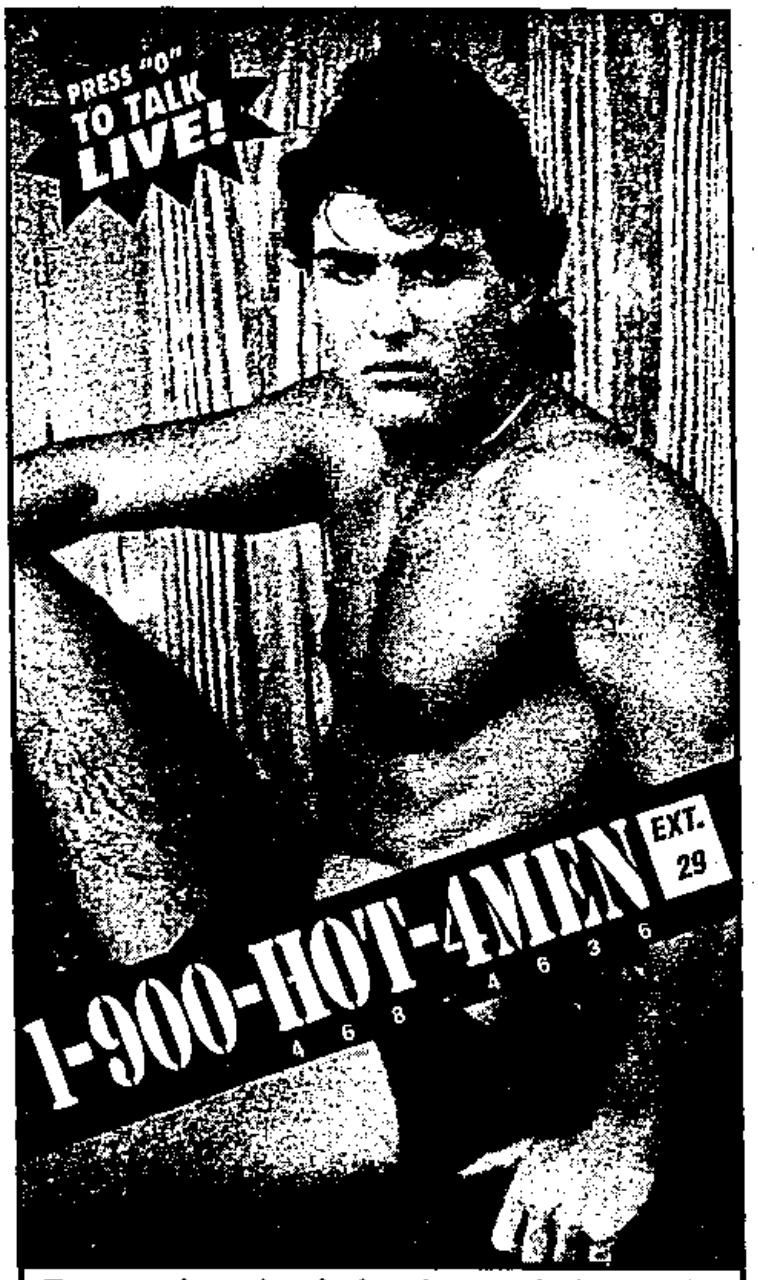
Tucson **SELF-EMPLOYED: CUTE** hairy, 38, 5'10, blond, 170lbs, enjoy C & W, camping, just wonna have fun, (no co-da's pls.) ¤3827

Phoenix **ALL EXPENSES PAID:** for right travel partner: 38, prof. GWM, seeks 18-25 yr old, to travel with at no expense. Call for details. ¤3861

Arizona **OVER 35?** 28, brw hair, hairy, 6'1, 180lbs, looking for guys over 35, for fun no matter when. ¤3887

Arizona **WE SHOULD MEET:** 28 yr old, 5'6, 150lbs, blond blue eyed, hairy chest, seeks friendship/rel./male bonding. ¤5049

Tucson **EXOTIC 21 YR OLD ASIAN MALE:** 5'5, 130lbs, seeking someone 18-25 for friendship maybe more. ¤5131



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Phoenix **RU NICE & HUNKY?** Versatile, nice looking 34, 6', blue eyed sandy blond, seeks local or visiting hunky guys who would like to have a good time. ¤2782

TUCSON, JUST DESSERTS. GBM 23, masc. athletic, interested in meeting guys mid-30's who are masc. attrac. into good times. Give a call. ¤2766

PHOENIX, STOP GUYS! LET'S GET SERIOUS! GM 30, 6', 230#, masc. husky, attrac, tired of being alone sks White or Latin close to my age or younger, serious, trusting, stable, attrac, wt/ht prop. If your tired of bars and searching ads, call me. ¤2908

TUCSON, ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS. Airforce veteran GBM 35, thin, 160#, 6'3", prof. clean-cut, HIV-, like cars, music, radio scanners, sks GWM 25-40, mil. vet, for friendship/relationship. No drugs or fml impersonators. ¤2902

PHOENIX, FRIENDS ARE A RARE FIND. GWM 20, Bln/Blu, 5'11", 31w, looking for friends. Please call and get my hm number. ¤3167

PHOENIX, FOR GOODTIME FUN. Very gdlkg GM 33, 5'11", 155#, Brn/Blu, moust. & masc., looking for masc. man early 20's. Give me a call! You won't be sorry. ¤4274

PHOENIX, UNBREAKABLE BODY. GM 28, 6'2", 185#, Blu/Lt. Brn, smooth body, workout 5 days wk, looking for other guys in the area for fun. Into sports, the outdoors. Thanks. ¤4597

CONSTANTLY WORKING OUT! GM Ital/Span. 29yrs., 5'9", 160#, Grn/Dk Brn, very attrac., 43c, 29w, sensitive. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's get some good hardbody fun going. ¤4688

FLAGSTAFF, PREFER HAIRY, FOREIGN A PLUS! Grad student at NAU, 6', 175#, Br/Blu, interested in safe fun with disc. educated male. Looking for friendship, like travel, outdoors, computers, good conversation and good fun. ¤5097

TUCSON, COUNTRY LIVING AND LOVING. Good-looking cowboy looking for muscular guys in the area. Give me a call. ¤5251

BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES A PLUS! GM recently moved to area 21yrs., 6'5", college student interested in seeking soulmate relationship with someone my age. ¤2025

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TUCSON, JUST OUT FOR FRIENDS. Give me a call, looking for other Bi males in the area. Give me a call, get my hm number. ¤5363

TUCSON, BIG ARMS! THE BETTER TO HOLD YOU. Irish-American 36, young-looking, 5'8", 180#, Brn/Blu, clean-cut, clean-shaven, stocky, muscular, lot of weight-training. Looking to meet guys in area, especially dom. ¤4824

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ARIZONA, SHOW ME YOUR WHEELS PARTY GUY! Slender party buddy to 35 wanted by graying 34 year old husky. Friendship first, then pos. relationship. Must be employed & have a car. ¤2259

TUCSON, FRIENDLY GLANCES FROM A BLUE-EYED STRANGER. GM 20, Dk brown hair, blue eyes, 130#, looking to meet people 18-28 who live in the area for a friendship and maybe more. Cast your eyes upon me! ¤2817

Arizona A SMOOTH BODY TO MAKE AN HONEST MAN NERVOUS! GM 5'10", 180#, Blk hair, Brn eyes, smooth body, clean-shaven, sks individual to get to know to start a relationship. Someone into outdoors, cuddling, honest & sincere. ¤2829

ALBUQUERQUE, BLAZING FUN UNDER THE SUN. Gay Hisp. male bttm. looking for other dom. men in the area. Heat up my days! ¤2236

ALBUQUERQUE, MOUNTAINTOP ROMANCE INCLUDED. GBM 22, 6'5", 210#, Br/Br. I like hiking and anything out in the mountains. If you're interested in good times and someone who is "no nonsense", give me a call. ¤2688

ALBUQUERQUE, LAUGHTER IS A GOOD SIGN. Looking for guys in the area. I'm GWM 49, 145#, disc. prof. seeking friendship with other Gay men, masc., caring, loving, good sense of humor. ¤5007

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HISPANIC, brw hair/brw eyes, 6', 185lbs, looking for guy into fun, movies. ¤1895

TUCSON, PLAY WITH ME: 6'1, 220lbs, large & hairy, call me if you enjoy just being who you are. ¤1556

ENERGETIC 5'8, 140lbs, blond, blue eyed,40, ¤1159

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MASTERFUL MAN WANTED: 34 yr old GWM, sub. 155lbs, let's play. ¤4297

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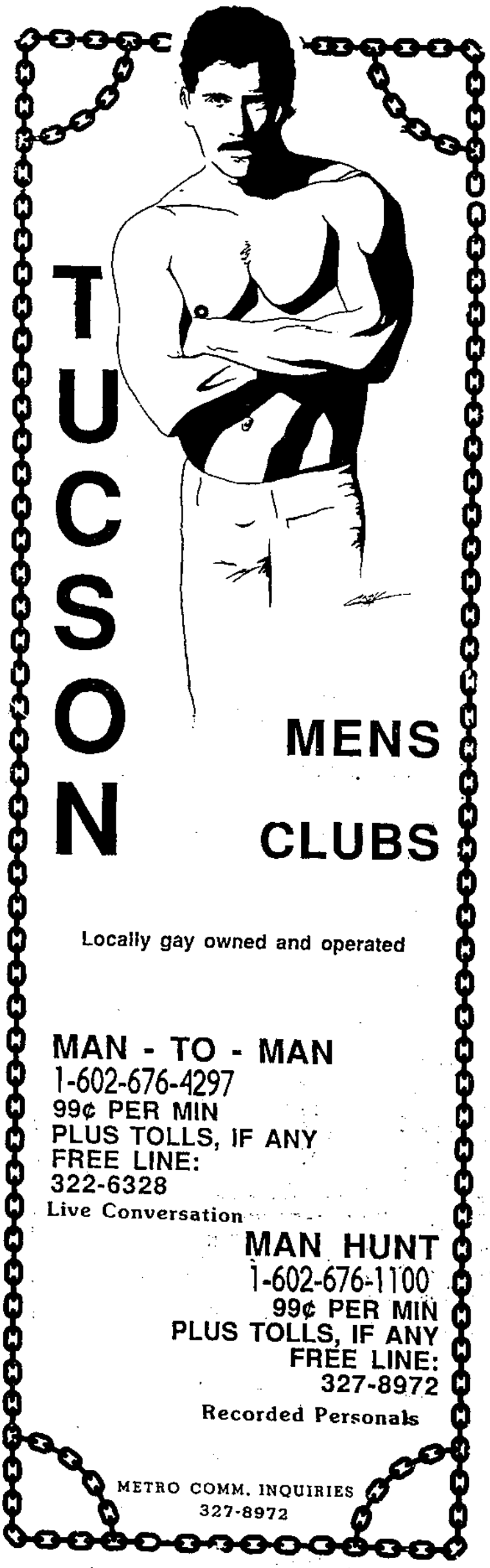

AIDS Advances Status As Killer of Both Sexes

ATLANTA (AP) - AIDS has become the top killer of American men aged 25 to 44, as expected, and the fourth leading killer of women in the same age group, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stated.

The disease has struck 339,250 Americans since the start of the epidemic in 1981 and killed 204,390 of them, the center said in a new report. An expanded definition of AIDS added 48,915 Americans this year to the government's count of diagnosed cases.

The disease has been rising steadily for the last few years as a leading cause of death for men aged 25 to 44, said Dr. John Ward, chief of AIDS surveillance at the center.

Last year, it became the number two killer of men of those ages nationally, and researchers said then that they expected it to rise to number one.

Last year, only unintentional injuries surpassed AIDS as a killer in that age group for men. It was sixth among young women last year, after cancer, unintentional injury, heart disease, suicide and homicide.

The report found that AIDS has moved up to become the nation's eighth biggest killer overall since 1981.

The broader definition went into effect in January and "helps portray the problem more accurately," Ward said.

From january to September, the center added 85,526 to it's count of AIDS patients, a 141 percent increase over new diagnoses in the same period last year, the agency said.

More than half of this year's new patients were diagnosed under the new definition of AIDS, which recognizes people who may have been ill for years.

But the jump doesn't mean AIDS is mushrooming. The center estimates the disease is increasing at 3 percent to 5 percent a year, a growth rate that has been steady since 1990.

Play Safe!

HOROSCOPES by Daryl

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 19
Discouragement with a hopeful relationship dissolves and you fall back on an old flame to boost your spirits. This familiarity breeds future speculation for specific romantic interests.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20
This week you live through the experience of others and gain insight to save yourself steps on lives journey of mistakes. Children figure prominently and soothe the bristly behavior.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 20
Things in the workplace are streamlined and lend toward advancement. A superior in upper echelon management has their sights set on you. This interest could extend beyond your professional limits.

CANCER
JUNE 21 - JULY 22
A recent change in your living situation prompts you to uplift your outlook on your lifestyle & significant other, where applicable. Your relationship or potential interest is empowered towards compatibility and thrives.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22
Finances progress towards a downside risk and require more attention this week. You uncanny ability to win friends and influence people proves to secure your future employment opportunities.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22
You are in the right place at the right time this week. No need to curry favor as all avenues are open. Work and play assume the same genre. Back in the opportune moments.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22
You find yourself somewhat self-centered on several issues this week. According to you nature you address each and everyone of these issues in an attempt to balance that which remains un paralleled. Hurt as few people in the process as possible.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21
Happy birthday, masterful Scorpio! Like the Phoenix bird this month brings you from the depths of discontent and misfortunes to the gifts of patience and the sunny skies of rejuvenation. Thank the cosmos for the power of one self.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21
Your ignorance to those that are close may hinder you more than expected. Open the lines of communication and you will find that solutions to surmount able problems will be easily diffused. Respect family relations.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19
Much to your surprise you are spotlighted and attain a center stage position with friends. Your efforts as the underdog come to fruition as you are rewarded by friendships and close associations. Enjoy your relationship of every kind. You worked for it.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18
For some reason all your activities center around the workplace. This could mean nothing but positive things. Your ability to transcend social situations and make everyone feel important makes you an indispensable commodity. Good luck!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
Demands will be placed on you through family ties. Do your best to accommodate without over-extending yourself. Repeat offenders may not have your best interest at heart and will keep coming back for more until you lay down the law. Wisdom will be your best governor.

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

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

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. Information 624-1779.

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

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AT BASE AGAIN, A men's discussion group, meets at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave, at 7 pm every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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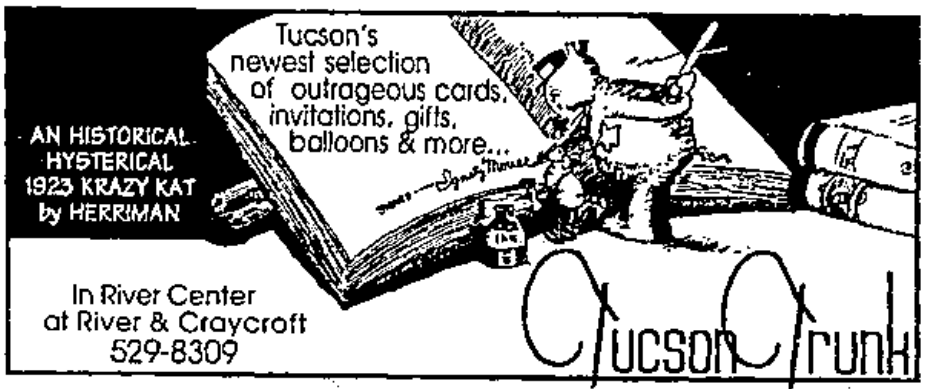

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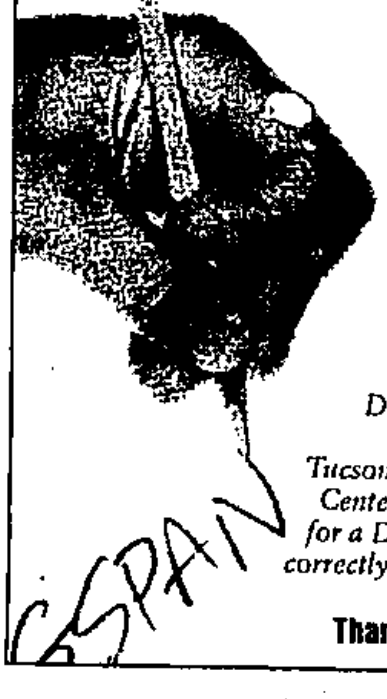

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Twenty years ago, the U.S. political arena did not have an organized Christian Fundamentalist movement. We watched the ragtag band of televangelists on UHF as an amusing diversion. Yet these eccentric cranks did their homework. They gained control of more media outlets. They slowly and patiently built a base of zealots who gave them money and did their bidding. They used their flocks' weekly ritual of church-going to preach a right wing political agenda. Twenty years later they are a major political force that progressive people must seriously reckon with. While our top six groups have a combined budget of $12 million, the top six right wing Christian groups will spend $213 million this year. They will battle and batter us with a multitude of referenda to stop our advance.

We need to emulate those right wing zealots. Like the right, we need to take the long approach. We need to accept that big gains will not come without the slow, deliberate work of building an active, area by area, grass-roots base of adherents to our cause. We need to accept the strength of our opposition, and stop reaching for too much too fast. The military disaster shows what happens when our reach exceeds our grasp. Let's stop being naive about what we can accomplish, and build for the next decade so we'll be ready for real accomplishments.

There's talk from some quarters about holding Clinton to the fire, forcing him out front on passage of a federal civil rights bill. These advocates argue that folks like Sam Nunn said the military issue was special. They believe that we can hold these politicians to their professed support for us in other areas. This approach invites further disaster. Clinton doesn't have the power to accomplish this task without a movement, and we haven't built one yet. Congress members will have some new excuse to vote against us, and we don't have the clout to do anything about it. Let's not make the same mistake twice. When we're ready, nothing will stand in our way.

Like the right, we need to build our own media empire. It is no longer enough for us to try to manipulate the mainstream media for our own purposes. The media has its own agenda, as the pictures of Senator Nunn in the battleship bunks demonstrate. We need control of our message, and to get our message heard by all our people in a format appealing to contemporary viewers and listeners. We need TV stations that can plug into the 500 channel future. We can build a network empire like the right wing has if we have the long term vision and determination those crackpot preachers had in the 1970's.

Ratings will determine who our advocates will be. The more popular the personality, the bigger and more vocal the viewers or listeners. By using ratings as a guide for what personalities stay on the air or get into prime time, we will help build a movement based on popular personalities who build constituencies for their programs. These personalities will use the power of the medium to create social change, just as right wing celebrities have use TV and radio. We have the money and the talent to create a queer network that can rival the 700 Club.

We have been hearing increasing discussion that many activist have an anti-leadership bias. This phenomenon has been labelled "horizontal hostility", "oppression sickness" or, most recently, "sissy/bully syndrome". Yet I believe that these "leadership bashers" are not suffering from some Gay related psychosis; their complaints are merely symptomatic of a movement wide malaise of apathy and criticism that stems from having no voice int heir own movement. These critics are not anti-leadership, they oppose a system of self appointed leaders. Many of us long for leaders, leaders that speak to our deepest hopes, and for our most basic rights.

We don't have the right's church base to build leaders and constituencies. We need to find a way to use our political institutions to create these broad based constituencies. Leadership by board of directors made sense in the past, when we were happy if we could get a room full of people together. We are well past that point in our history. It's time to make our institutions democratic. Only democracy can stem the apathy and "horizontal hostility" of our movement.

We can no longer entrust our future to boards of directors. Despite all their hard work, the efficacy of this approach has waned. We need a national organization based on area chapters, with local and national leadership chosen by a majority vote of the group's members. Democracy can bring our movement the kind of leaders it so desperately needs. Leaders create constituencies, and the constituencies develop leaders. Democracy can create our Malcom X, our Martin Luther King, our Pat Robertson. If people feel they have a voice, they are more likely to join up. If our board members can see fit to trust our people, to give them a voice, I guarantee that our ranks will swell with the most committed, determined Queers this country has ever seen.

So let's have the courage to invite criticism, to take the long view, to change our institutions, and to build the most fabulous grass roots movement this country has ever seen. We have been oppressed for thousands of years. Let's work like there is no tomorrow, with the patience of those thousands of years.

[Mickey J. Wheatley is a civil rights attorney, and former staff attorney of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.]

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