

## Observer/Community Benefit Ticket Sales Brisk



Appearing at the Observer/Community Benefit Oct. 7 will be comedienne Debbie Rice among other performers. See story below.

TUCSON - It is just a little over two weeks until the 9th Annual Observer/Community Benefit. Each year this event has grown. The entertainment has always been outstanding and this year the producers have gone all out to make it the most memorable yet. Headlining the event this year will be the internationally famous Gay a capella singing group, The Flirtations. This most talented group of four young men is currently on a cross country tour and we are most fortunate that they will be able to make it to this important benefit show.

The annual Observer benefit began nine years ago. It was initiated as a community event to help the Observer to purchase new equipment which allowed it to grow into what it is today. Since then, Observer has continued to hold the event to wholly benefit the Shanti Foundation of Tucson and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.).

Because of the successful past years, the benefit had to be moved to larger quarters at least five times, to accommodate the crowds. This year, because of the move to the Southwest Center for Music, many questions are being asked about the evening: First, the basic information:

The event is being held Friday, October 7 (the evening before the Pride Picnic). It will be held at the Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Ave., with all net proceeds going to benefit Shanti and PACT for Life.

At 5:00 p.m. the no-host bar

opens; at 6:30 dinner is served; and the entertainment begins at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for donations of \$20 or \$40, depending upon whether you will be joining us for dinner. Your \$40 donation includes dinner and special seating for the show. Your \$20 donation includes general admission to the show.

Anyone may join us for cocktails after 5:00 p.m. The location we've chosen for the evening has a spacious lobby area and cocktail lounge in which to relax and visit with friends. Some come early and enjoy a few cocktails before the show. There will be three bars open throughout the evening. All liquor for the event is donated by the local Gay bars and are voluntarily manned by your favorite bartenders. So all proceeds from the bars will go toward the benefit.

Dinner will be served in a room separate from the theater area where the entertainment will take place. After dinner, guests will move into the theater for the remainder of the evening, where they will be treated to Golden Circle seating in a reserved section. The intimate arrangement of the theater makes every seat a good one though, so those of you attending only the concert will not be disappointed.

If you want to reserve a table for dinner (so you can sit with your friends), we'll gladly do so for parties of six or eight. Just collect the ticket money from your group, purchase the tickets, and leave a name for assigning the table. All other dinner seating will be on a first come basis, and of course there will be plenty of seats for everyone.

To entice you into joining us for dinner, here is what will be served: Mixed greens with dried currants, almonds, red peppers and citrus balsamic vinaigrette; sliced brisket of beef with port and mushrooms; grilled chicken breast with apple and peach salsa; Dijon carrots with pistachios; new mashed potatoes with rosemary and roasted garlic; herbed dinner rolls with butter, pound cake pudding with berry sauce; flourless chocolate torte and coffee.

The entertainment will begin at 8:30 with these fine performers: the piano stylings of Mr. Jon Brown, the flawless vocals of Miss Anne English, the unique vocal arrangements of Mr. Peter Lara and Mr. John Haase, and the local entertainment portion of the show will be topped by the stand-up comedy of Miss Debbie Rice.

Tickets are available at local Gay bars and through Shanti and PACT. For more information call McLaughlin Media Group at 742-0543 or Scott Hawkins at 326-8925. This event has sold out for the past few years. Don't be left out! Get your tickets now. It goes to a fine cause.

## Hate Crimes Act Passed In U.S. Crime Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), called passage of the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act, included as part of the federal crime legislative package, a "statement to all Gay bashers and hatemongers that the Federal government will come down on their violent acts like a ton of bricks." Schumer was the principal sponsor of the House legislation. The Senate version of the bill, was introduced by Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA).

The new hate crimes legislation, modeled on a Wisconsin state law that withstood a Constitutional challenge in the Supreme Court last year, increases penalties for federal crimes that are motivated by prejudice, requiring that federal sentences be raised by at least three offense levels, translating into a one-third increase in the length of any prison sentence.

In its definition of bias, the bill mentions crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation, gender, religion, race, or disability (which by definition includes AIDS or HIV infection). Twenty six states have similar laws that enhance the penalties for hate crimes, but only twelve of them, and New York is not among them, include sexual orientation in their definition of bias motivation.

"This bill says to all homophobes that they will be put in jail for a long, long time if they commit violent acts," Schumer said. "Our society must have zero tolerance for Gay bashing and all forms of hate crimes."

The new law also continues the mandate of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act passed two years ago, requiring the FBI to track down hate crimes. FBI record keeping has provided the first official statistical evidence that hate crimes are a serious problem requiring legislative attention and not, as some conservatives have argued, isolated incidents that rarely occur.

Passage of the bill coincides with several anti-Gay incidents that have attracted widespread media attention. Just last month, a district judge in Utah caused a furor in the Gay community when he reduced the sentence of a murderer whose victim was targeted because he was Gay. In another incident in Houston, four teens were charged with the vicious murder of a Gay man; police reported that the killers chose their victim because they heard that Gay men had a lot of money and "were easy targets."

"Many vicious crimes against Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people are not federal crimes and will not be directly impacted by this legislation," said Tanya Domi, legislative director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, commenting on the same bill. "However, it is imperative that the highest level of government send a message that hate crimes will not

go unpunished in this society."

"Government is obligated to protect all of its citizens by confronting discrimination whenever it occurs. If we don't pay attention to hate crimes, despicable acts will happen more frequently," Schumer said.

## MTV Debuts 'Smart Sex' Sept. 27

NEW YORK, NY - On Tuesday, September 27, at 10:00 p.m. (EST), MTV: Music Television will premiere a groundbreaking, one hour special featuring a cross section of young adults who openly discuss their sexual attitudes, choices, and experiences, from the first sexual encounters to becoming secondary virgins to using condoms. Hosted by Christian Slater and produced by Linda Ellerbee's Lucky Duck Productions, "SMART SEX" provides young adults with an inside look at how their peers are handling sexual choices in the age of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)

Unlike many other programs about sex, "SMART SEX" does not preach. Shot in an intimate, realistic style, the program has no doctors or authority figures. Instead, "SMART SEX" features young adults from across the country talking to each other about relationships, about what people are doing and not doing, and about self respect.

"SMART SEX" features eleven young people, straight and Gay, in a variety of sexual relationships: single and safely playing the field; promiscuous and refusing to use condoms; HIV-positive and practicing safer sex; and choosing abstinence for now. Some of the people featured in the program include:

Jamal, 23, and his cousin Emile, 20, two students at The University of New Mexico, who praise women for carrying condoms.

Bill, a 19 year old from New York State, who says he has had sex with numerous women and is convinced that HIV has nothing to do with him.

Matt, 23, and Vickie, 18, two college students from Florida who discuss how their sex life is satisfying, even without sexual intercourse.

Vivian, a 23 year old actress in New York City who learns that "love does not protect you."

Carol, an HIV-positive mother from New York City who says she would sew a condom on her son to ensure that he practices safer sex.

"Many young people know the facts about HIV and other STDs. What

# UPDATE

## Wingspan Seeks Board Nominees

TUCSON -Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Center stated that "great strides" were made over the past year through the hard work of volunteers, staff and board members, coupled with donations of money and furnishings Wingspan has produced a vital new home for the diversity that makes up the community.

As part of Wingspan's renewal, bylaws were established that 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. The election is scheduled for mid-January, and a committee is now at work developing a slate of nominees which will be presented to Wingspan's Board at its meeting on Sunday, November 13th.

Election to the Board is for a one, two, or three year term of your choosing. Board membership require 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 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 Debbie Wood at 624-1779. Leave your name, address, and phone numbers where you can be reached, and we will get back to you promptly. The deadline is October 20th.

## Softball Tournament Finals

TUCSON - Tucson's Greater Softball Association finals will be held Sunday, September 25th, at Freedom Park; which is located on 29th Street between Swan & Craycroft. The games will start at 12:00 noon, with the championship games will commence around 6:00 p.m.

TGSA is expecting more than four hundred spectators will be in attendance for the finals; with spectators from Phoenix will be in attendance checking out their competition for next year.

TGSA League Commissioner Dan Senglaub reports that Tucson has the biggest community support in the country. So if you have not made it out yet to the ball fields, this is the one day you don't want to miss.

TGSA will also be hosting a full day of pick up softball games at the Gay & Lesbian Pride Picnic on October 8th with games starting at 8:00 a.m. So be sure to bring your glove. Everyone is welcome to participate in these games. Kids are also encouraged to play. With a kids versus parents game being scheduled around noon. All groups and clubs are encouraged to form a team for this day of pick up ball.

TGSA is also still seeking TGSA members to work security at the Pride Picnic. If you can help out, please contact your coach or call TGSA Commissioner Dan Senglaub at 622-4503.



## In Memoriam



ANDY K. VILLALBA

Andy K. Villalba, 31, born on May 17 in Safford, Arizona has gone to a better, peaceful and content surrounding on September 9.

Survived by a daughter and a son, mother and father, and 3 sisters and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother Pino.

Services were held this past week, with a Memorial Service in the planning. Memorial contributions may be made to: PACT for LIFE, 801 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

"Andy, you'll always be remembered as a father, son, and truly honest and caring friend! We love you always." - Rosa Aranda and Wayne Steele.

## 1-in-10 Auditions

TUCSON - One In Ten Theatre Company is holding auditions for the play, 17 Days, by Rick Garman. The auditions will take place Sunday, October 2nd at 1 P.M.; with call backs on Monday, October 3rd at 7 P.M. at the Historic "Y" Theatre, 738 North Fifth Avenue, Suite 131 in Tucson. The performance dates are November 23 through December 10.

17 Days tells the story of a family forced to move on while dealing with the past. As three sisters pack up the family homestead, the sudden arrival of their uninvited brother forces them to consider the values that make up their family. The cast calls for four women, ages 33-60; one man, age 27-35; and two girls, ages 12 and 16. The man should be able to play piano and sing.

Auditions usually consist of cold readings from the script and with other actors, but may vary with director's needs. Please be prompt and expect to spend two hours at first auditions. Resumes and photographs are gladly accepted but are not necessary. Actors who cannot attend the Sunday audition may come to call backs by calling 770-9279 prior to auditions and alerting the director. One In Ten Theatre encourages the participation of all people without regard to race or sexual identity.

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*WHAT'S UP DOC???*



They say a picture is worth a 1,000 words. Once in a great while I come across a picture that is well worth it. In the recent issue of the ECHO, there is a picture of a friend of both mine and others around Tucson. Now, to be honest, if he had not pointed it out to me, I may have never seen it.

The picture I'm talking about is one of Bob O. from Phoenix. He is also a member of the Leatherfords. Seeing him, in the middle, with what looks like another friend - Dick S., I wonder just what the photographer was even thinking of taking the picture.

Yes Bob, and thank you for pointing it out to both me and others around Tucson, on your recent trip here in Tucson, it does leave questions about you. Of course, this is one picture that once you've seen it, you throw it away. Maybe this picture is one of the reasons your BETTER HALF sleeps in another room - sometimes.

Thank God they are gone - "YES, DEAR". After an all day packing, afternoon bar hopping, experience, I can truly say that I for one am glad that day was over. This is the only experience that I have recently gone through that I run, leave, depart, or whatever, when the kids start talking. Of course, (?) Daddy states that he has never taught them any of what they are talking about.

Along with the movers, I was very happy to meet two gals from Albuquerque, Marsha and Melody. What great gals, and a barrel of laughs. I can't wait until I get on their home turf, the second weekend in Oct. Of course, me being a perfect host, I did show them parts of Tucson, a couple of the different bars, even supplied them with a place to stay that evening.

They both told me that everyone they met while on this weekend excursion to Tucson were just beautiful. They also want to come back for a longer visit, one that also does not involve a move, just a weekend of partying.

Once in awhile, I try to send a message to someone via this column. Yes, it is not intended (this column) for purposes such as this but at times it seems as if this is my only reliable avenue. If there is any Copperstate Leathermen reading this, please have your club President either call Stan at 791-7471 or myself at 323-8994. This is very important because it concerns this years' Arizona Fellowship run.

It was good to see the Old Fart, Ben, behind the bar this last weekend at Partners beer bust. When he gets back there, no one is safe. Of course, later in that same day at the Arizona Fellowship meeting, I wasn't happy to see him and voting wise on that one I ABSTAIN. He can be an ornery old fart when he wants to be, which Annie tells me is 90% of the time. I've often stated she should receive Get Well Cards, having to put up with him.

Will Stan be wearing another fine piece of Value Village jewelry this coming weekend at TALL's beer bust? I guess, all of us are just going to have to be on hand to see.

Now that Gracy has 99% of her move out of the way and house sitters living at the old estate, the excursions around the bars in the afternoon hours has greatly decreased. But, you can bet, they haven't completely stopped. Now, she gets off work, goes home, and comes out later, cruising the local watering holes for those one night stands. No one is safe anymore.

And, with those two staying in Catalina now, David & Tom, they have surprised me. They have become very domesticated. They also, will probably not be seen as often because it is now a longer drive home than before.

I guess that will be it for yet another week. Good luck to the Wildcats as they take on the Cardinals this weekend, lets make it 3-0.

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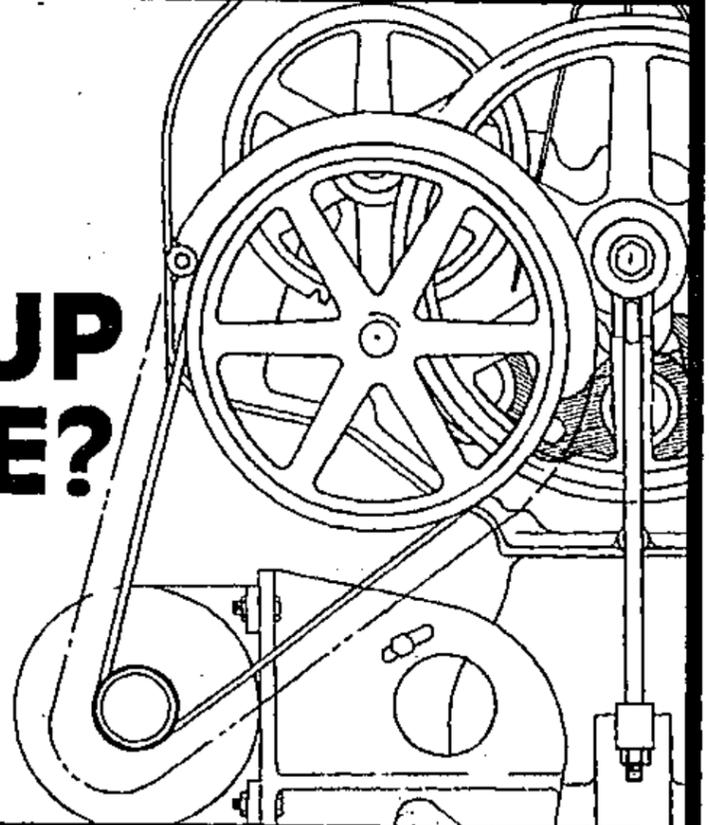
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by RY

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AGRA is currently looking for members that are interested in serving on the Dance and Entertainment Committee. The committee will deal directly in coordinating all entertainment for future events, including the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Anyone interested please call Addison at 323-0805.

Don't forget the Tucson Pride Picnic on October 8, 1995. The celebration will take place at Reid Park and start at noon and continue on throughout the afternoon. AGRA will have a booth set up at the picnic where we will be selling coffee mugs and T-shirts. Hope to see you all there.

The October AGRA Meetings will be held at Fort Lowell Park on October 16. We are planning a potluck-picnic for the meetings. The potluck will start at 2 PM, with the meetings following at 3 PM and 5 PM. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Happy Birthday wishes to Mark

Mitchell and Damian Trejo. Damian celebrated his 24th birthday this past week while Mark added another wrinkle at thirty something. Congratulations guys!

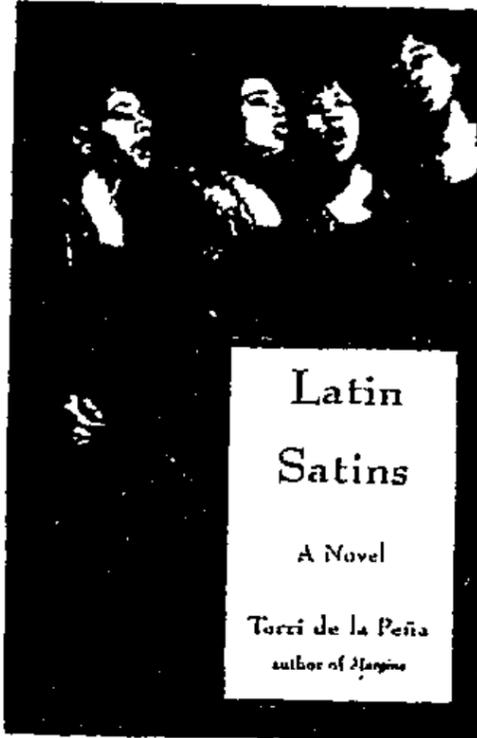
AIDS Walk '94 - Step out for the Next Generation will be held on October 22, 1994. This year's course will take us along the Rillito River. AGRA is currently putting teams together to participate in the walk. The number of people infected with the HIV Virus continues to increase at an alarming rate, especially among our youth. Please do your part to help educate our youth and stop this deadly virus.

I happened to stop by a local country western retailer this week. Seems a group of AGRA members did some shopping there last weekend and caused quite an uproar. Not only did they all help coordinate each others outfits, they all went into the dressing rooms together; regardless of whether they were trying clothes on or not. One client was even overheard commenting on how well the guys complemented each other as they tried on the various garments. The store employees are still talking about it.

Just a reminder to all members attending the San Diego Rodeo this coming weekend. Yours truly will be there with pen and pad in hand, so be on your best behavior.

P.S. Thanks to the individual who mailed me the picture of the cows. I now know the difference between a cow and a deer.

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BOSTON, MA - More than two thirds of the 158 books challenged or banned in the United States during 1993-94 were in school libraries or school curricula, according to the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. These figures, and a list of challenged publications, were released by the Office of Intellectual Freedom in connection with Banned Book Week, Celebrating the Freedom to Read, September 24 - October 1, 1994. Most of the books on this list are well-known but are considered dangerous or objectionable by individuals or groups who would deny others access to them.

Books viewed as condoning, explaining, or promoting homosexual lifestyles came under significant fire. Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite was challenged more than any other title. Gay literature or Gay education books were targeted more than any other category. In all, nine books published by Alyson Publications for the children of Gay or Lesbian parents, or for young adults struggling with questions about their sexuality, were challenged or banned during 1993-94. In addition to Daddy's Roommate, they include One Teenager in Ten: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth and How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?, both by Ann Heron; All American Boys by Frank Mosca; Gloria Goes to Gay Pride and Heather Has Two Mommies, both by Leslea Newman; and The Daddy Machine and The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans, both by Johnny Valentine.

While Gay themes remained the most targeted category of challenged materials, other threatened works in 1993-94 ranged from traditional fairy tales to how to books about the occult, from dictionaries to religious works to social studies texts.

Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, the American Library Association, the American Society of Journalists and Authors. It is also endorsed by The Library of Congress' Center for the Book. These groups sponsor the week to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

**< PACT NEWS >**

by Frank E.G. Gallego

LIFE THRU ART was started four year ago by a group of dedicated artists. These concerned individuals called all their artist contacts and asked them to donate a piece of artwork. They all worked on different parts of the project. The Arizona Theater Company was asked for the use of the Temple of Music and Art. Friends were asked to work the night of the event. A mailing list was devised.

Everything was donated for the event; food, M.C., auctioneer, rovers, security, auction staff, bar tenders. When it was over, everyone stayed to clean up. Proceeds were given to PACT. When this program started it was one of the biggest money making events PACT has ever seen. It still is!

Please join us this Saturday, September 24th, at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 South Scott Avenue, from 5 PM to 10 PM. A full bar is available with all supplies donated by our local Gay and Lesbian bar owners. Donated food will be served for free. Cocktail reception and Silent Auction begin at 5 PM; Live Auction begins at 7 PM. Admission is \$10.00.

There is always a need for volunteers, not only for PACT, but for all other organizations that are so vital to our community's betterment and welfare. The holiday season is only 95 days away and what better gift to offer than a small amount of your time that will have far reaching effect and appreciation.

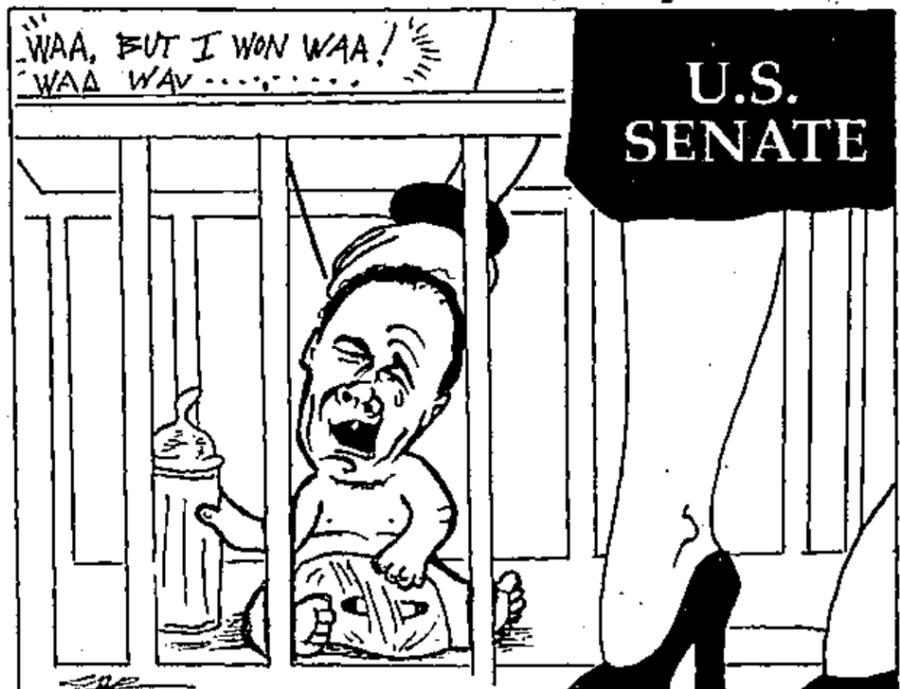
Forthcoming events you can participate with us are Life Thru Art, September 24th; Observer Benefit, October 7th; Gay Pride Picnic, October 8th; AIDS Walk, October 22nd; Festival for Life, December 3rd.

Please call these Volunteer Coordinators: TAP - Heidi Verbeek, Tom Schmidt (AIDS Walk) at 322-6226; SH-ANTI - Amy Wheeler at 622-7107; PACT - Mary Higgins or myself at 770-1710.

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*As I See It....*

*by Clark*



EDITOR:

"As I See It," there's a group of friends in this town that really care about each other. We also try not to take ourselves too seriously, when a malicious statement is made about one of us, we rally to the cause.

A message was left on our answering machine from the President of T.L.G.A., after Clark's cartoon came out on Wednesday. He was going to rip Clark a new asshole. Well, I believe this was said about Craig Snow a year or so ago and as far as I know he's still walking around with the same one he had a year ago!

Your cartoon was great and it was exactly how TLGA (minus Natalie & Beth) painted the picture, I guess it's one thing to say something, and another to a step back and look at it. As Woody says (ask Ricky N.) "you and what army!" Bottom line, life goes on and where would we be without a little comic relief, been there, done that, lesson learned, move on...

(By the way, I have this colorful conversation on tape. When I'm having a rough day I'll play it and it will be good for a few laughs.)

See you in the funny papers.  
Beth E. Tullis Perry  
Executive Director  
Board of Bored Directors

P.S. What's the difference of a head of an A.S.O. organization and the President of T.L.G.A.? ONE of the two has been held accountable for their use of public funds. The others' turn is coming!!

DEAR TUCSON COMMUNITY:  
The Gay Pride Picnic is approach-

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ing rapidly, and one of my tasks as the Queen of Gay Pride is to raise as much money as possible for this event.

If you have been to any of the clubs lately, you may have noticed pink triangles with clever messages, names, etc. on them. This was an idea I acted upon to generate more money for the picnic and give the community something fun to do.

There is more to these triangles than just donating a dollar which goes to help cut the costs of the picnic. I am also having a contest for the funniest sayings, or the most eye catching triangle and the winners will be announced at the picnic. Occasionally throughout the day, I will read the triangles deemed as most interesting, and award prizes. (Which could range from a bottle of Snapple, my new trademark, to a framed picture of Marilyn Monroe).

So, I encourage the entire community to support not only their local bar, but support your local Pride Picnic! Buy a triangle today, before it's too late.

Please also check the Observer for upcoming event surrounding the Gay Pride picnic. There will be a Pride Kick-off Beer Bust and show at the Graduate this weekend, and Raven and I will be hosting a 70's Disco Dance Party at Club 2520 next weekend.

The deadline for the triangles is Wednesday, October 5, as this is the date I will be picking them up from the clubs and sorting through them.

Thank you to all and let's make this years Pride Picnic the biggest and best yet!

Love, Adrienne Alexander  
Queen of Lesbian & Pride '94

EDITOR:

It is with high hopes the Observer will share this message with our community.

There is a woman is who is without a doubt one of the greatest spirits I have ever encountered. She embraced my poetry, my activism, and eventually embraced my family during a time of great stress and imminent loss. She spearheaded efforts within the community to come to my aide at one of the most vulnerable times in my life. Her name is Deborah Broner.

On a very somber day in mid-May of this year, I received news from my family in Maryland that my dearest brother, Timothy, was hospitalized and near the end of his life. Among the gaunt of feelings searing through my being was one of desperation. How was I to get home as quickly as I could? I placed three telephone calls: one to a couple, Vicki and Jacqui; one to Sula; and one to Deborah. Each sister responded expediently. Two days later I was on a plane with a round trip ticket to Baltimore-Washington Airport and close to \$300 in my pocket. These womyn and others (Susan and Vicki; Renee; Debra; Sara to name a select few) showed me what family is really all about.

I spent three weeks in Maryland commuting to and from the hospital each day to visit my dying brother. Each day, there were moments when I thanked the Universe for the memories of conversations of encouragement, hugs of warmth, and acts of human kindness bestowed upon me and extended to my blood relatives. Truly, to be able to be with my brother at the end of his life was a miracle of miracles. Each person who touched my life before getting on that plane had a part in that miracle.

Two days after I returned to Tucson, I received news of the inevitable. My brother Timothy had passed. My mother needed me for obvious and obscure reasons. A memorial service; hospital bills, calls to other relatives, etc. As before, I had no money. How could I get back to Maryland? Should I call on those who had already bent over backwards to get me there the first time? My Goddess!! What should I, what could I do?

It was the beginning of Pride Week, and I had coordinated an evening of entertainment for June 13th at the 4th Avenue Social Club. I did not know if I had the strength to go through the motions of a presentation when I was in so much pain. I shared my horrific news with Deborah and she took the reins of what was to be a fund raising effort to get me back to Maryland. She, and others, created donation jars and placed them throughout community business, as well as the Social Club that Monday evening.

My head was spinning in so much pain all I could do was "act like I know." Deborah put calls out to her friends and was able to get me on a flight back to Maryland that (monday) night. Another miracle with Deborah's name all over it.

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## Conservatively Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

### Wake Up!

My younger friends invariably open a conversation with "What's happening? Not much." The same can be said about Lesbian and Gay activism in 1994, not much.

Twenty five years after the birth of the Gay and Lesbian movement at Stonewall, our community faces a mortal danger from a swiftly growing and powerful enemy, the self styled "christian" right which would like to see us erased from the face of the earth, literally.

Make no mistake. This is not the mainstream type of religious bigotry we have learned to endure. Do not underestimate the visceral and virulent hatred of these people for Gay men and Lesbians. To them, we are the sons and daughters of Satan put on earth to destroy the "christian" family and their version of Christianity itself. We are the new anti-Christ. The "christian" leaders will do anything to protect and defend what they consider the very essence of their being from those who they believe threaten it. Witness the murders of doctors who perform abortions by "christians" defending the "right to life." This is only the beginning. Open Lesbians and Gay men are next. The ever-sanctimonious Jerry Falwell's and Pat Robertson's really believe that the Kingdom of Heaven will never be achieved so long as we are around. It is important that we comprehend this, and we do not minimize the potential threat to each and every one of us.

Scary? Yes! What is being done? Except for local action against city and state anti-Gay efforts, not very much. Our community is awash in apathy. Our two leading national organizations have become increasingly less visible as 1994 draws to a close. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is beset by financial troubles and the consequent resignations, firings and demoralization. The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) faces similar problems with firings, resignations and the lack of any cohesive program. The plethora of AIDS organizations, and the consequent bureaucracy thereof, is thrashing about attempting to maintain public and government interest in the plague that continues, grows, and is infecting a new generation of Gay men. ACT UP? Queer Nation? Where are they? All the other organizations? Who can hear their voices? What has happened to the anger?

The Victory Fund, the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, Gay and Lesbian Americans, what remains of the debt ridden Gay Games and Stonewall 25, they're all still out there, along with NGLTF and HRCF, competing for attention and money from an increasingly apathetic constituency. But the action is in the cities and the states and no longer in Washington, D.C.

Last year, 1993, was probably the best year for all of us. Our community was united around the Gays in the military debate and the March on Washington. In spite of defeat, political betrayal, and the continuing growth of the Christian Coalition, we appeared united as a community. As the final months of 1994 approach, nationally we are nothing.

The situation of our community today would suggest complacency, the

complacency that comes after a victory has been won. We have won nothing. It is not complacency. It is a deep and clinical depression with symptoms of total apathy, severe fatigue and an inability to do anything. What has caused this? The lack of charismatic leadership? The almost total dependence on President Clinton and his political party? The absence of a dramatic cause such as Gays in the military?

Whatever the malaise is that has so affected the American Gay and Lesbian population, we had better get over it, and quickly. We had better look to our neighborhoods, our towns and our cities, only so as far as our state capitals, and begin to take on the enemy. Our national organizations are no longer able to do the job. There are no national fights that we have a chance of winning in the foreseeable future except, perhaps, in the Supreme Court. We must take responsibility for ourselves, and our future. The battle is at home, where we live and work.

For over seventy years now, I have witnessed many momentous events, the rise and fall of Communism, the defeat of Nazism; war and peace; depression and prosperity; the civil rights movement; the revolution within the American homosexual community. I have seen it all, and I have actively participated in various public actions for almost six decades. But, never in all those years have I seen a force which is so inimical to a cause which I espoused, this time that of my Gay brothers and sons, my Lesbians sisters and daughters, and my grandchildren throughout the country.

Wake up! Inaction at this time in our history can mean death!



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There'll be delicious goodies from Bentley's. Be there or be square, hungry and cultureless! The following is a review of her new book, reprinted from "Off Our Backs."

The Latin Satins are a singing group, four chicana Lesbians who sing together and also, quasi coincidentally live in the same group house. As you can

imagine, tensions are high as the Satins search for love, fame and happiness. The story is told from the perspective of Jessica Tamayo, childcare worker by day, song writer and long time celibate by night. Over the course of this fast paced novel, Jessica deals with racist tenants in her back yard (willed to her, along with the house, by her aunt), a bed hopping housemate, AIDS in the Latino community, and threat of being ousted from her job for her Lesbian lyrics.

Gone from this story is the sadness and isolation of *Margins*, which was in many ways a coming out story; Jessica, out to her family, has strong and loving connections with people all around her, who understand and accept her life. These people, her father, who raised her as a single parent; her co-worker Albert; her sister (who owns a small business, shopping for women too busy to shop for themselves!); and most especially the other Satins (her cousin Cindi, the bed hopping lead singer Chic, and Rita, who's looking for love for her and her six year old daughter) add warmth and richness to her life. It's wonderful to read about a woman who's well loved and yet independent.

This is an exciting novel to me as an anglo Lesbian; it must be like a miracle to chicana dykes, vivid, exciting, believable characters living lives defined by many things, beyond race and sexuality. The Satins live, breathe, argue and pull together; they're more than stereotyped images. Our sexuality, our race, class, gender, together they shape our experiences in startling and unavoidable ways. But we're more than the sum of our parts.



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**POLITICS '94** by Mark Kerr

**PRIMARY RESULTS:** Last Tuesday, Arizonans, approximately 28.7 of the registered voters went to the polls and selected who their party standbearers would be for the various elected offices. All the ballots have been counted and here is how the general election ballot will look like for most of Pima County:

\*George Cunningham (D); Shane Wikfors (R).

L.D. 14: Senate - Ruth Solomon (D). House - \*Herschella Horton (D), Marion Pickens (D); Chuck Josephson (R).

- \*Indicates incumbent
- THE ELECTION THAT WILL NOT END!:** No this is not the name of a new horror flick. It describes the contest for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, which is still going on as of press time.
- The combatants: Congressman Sam Coppersmith and Secretary of State Dick Mahoney, who would face Republican Jon Kyl and Libertarian Scott Grainger in the general election campaign, are in the midst of a mandated recount of the ballots cast in the primary.
- Why might you ask? State law mandates a recount of ballots in any election where the difference between the candidates is .01 percent or 163 votes in the case in this contest. The "so-called" final results had Coppersmith ahead by 123 votes, 82,006 to Mahoney's 81,883.
- But, that has now changed. On this past Tuesday, it was revealed, that the results in Yavapai County were in error, due to the fact that through the auditing procedure which all counties go through, revealed that some duplicate ballots had been counted twice, Mike Wolf of the Arizona Secretary of State's office stated in an interview.
- The error pointed out, was corrected and Coppersmith increased his lead by 9 votes. The count now stands [As of Press Time], Coppersmith 81,995 32.1%; Richard Mahoney 81,863 32.0%.
- So with the way things are going, with the threats of legal action, the Democratic candidate will be known probably on November 9th, the day after the general election.
- LANG RECALL ELECTION A GO!** The Arizona Supreme Court this
- U.S. Senate: Jon Kyl (R); John Grainger (L); Democrats to be determined by recount.
- U.S. Congress (CD-2): \*Ed Pastor (D); Robert MacDonald (R).
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- ACC: Carl Kunasek (R); Debbie McCune-Davis (D); Doyle Vines (L).
- Mine Inspector: The incumbent Douglas Martin (R) is unopposed.
- L.D. 9: Senate - \*Keith Bee (R); John Dougherty (D). House - Bill McGibbon, Lou Ann Preble (R).
- L.D. 10: Senate - \*Victor Soltero (D). House - Carmen Cajero, Phil Hubbard (D).
- L.D. 11: Senate - \*Peter Goudinoff (D). House - \*Elaine Richardson (D), \*Jorge Luis Garcia (D); David Morales (R).
- L.D. 12: Senate - \*Ann Day (R). House - \*Freddy Hershberger (R); \*Dan Schottel (R); David Perkins (D).
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# 'G' Word Highlights

TUCSON - The G-Word, the only television program directed solely to the Tucson Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community have reached the half way point of their season.

The G-Word, which has lasted longer than some network programs and continues to thrive and build an audience. This is the first in a series of articles which will feature highlights of the previous week's broadcast.

The article is for those who don't have, can't afford or don't live in the area which has Tucson Cablevision, which the program is broadcast live on Cable Channel 64, Thursdays at 8 p.m. with rebroadcasts on Channel 62, [see TCCC Cable Guide for times.]

The show, originally broadcast live on Thursday, September 15th, featured the star of the show, Gary Clark, lovingly referred to as the "Debutramp of the Airwaves" by the staff and crew of the program.

The show's co-host for the September 15th broadcast, was Observer political reporter Mark Kerr, who talked about the primary elections, the results, the surprises and how the local media were caught with egg on their faces by calling Goddard the winner of the Democratic gubernatorial contest. Kerr also talked about the general election contest and who is favored by the political pundits.

The next guest on the show was Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance President, John Haase, who talked about the progress that had been made on putting together the Pride Picnic, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, at Reid Park, 22nd and Country Club. Haase also premiered the highly anticipated Pride Picnic Program on the broadcast. Haase also stated during his interview that volunteers were still needed to help with security and clean up for the picnic. Also that a picture ID would be mandatory for picnic goers to be served beer.

The G Word's new news team of Stan & Vince updated the viewing audience on the week's news and calendar of upcoming events. The highlight of the news portion of the program was The Observer benefit, which will take place on Friday, October 7th, (see advertisement in this issue of The Observer.)

Gary Clark then interviewed ASUA Sen. Jonathan Berner and Pima

Community College student and reporter for The Aztec Press, Madison O'Neil, about life on the campuses of the University of Arizona and Pima Community College for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students. They also discussed about being young and Gay during these times.

Gary Clark to end the program, gave the "Slap of the Week" and the "Pat on the But." Both of which had an international flavor.

The "Slap of the Week" went to the Canadian Government for their seizing of Gay and Lesbian literature at the US/Canadian border (British Columbia).

The "Pat on the But" went to Japan, for their allowing a Gay Pride Parade to take place, 1,000 Gay and Lesbian Japanese took part in the historic march.

The G-Word does have seating for an audience. So those who want to see the show in person, all you have to do is come down to TCCC, 124 East Broadway, approximately 20 minutes before airtime, 8 p.m. and you will be seated.

they don't know is how to use that information to protect themselves," said Linda Ellerbee. "Smart Sex" provides a personal look at the sexual choices young people are making and how some of them are now living what they've learned about safer sex...and some are not. This is a story of truth and consequences."

As the rates of sexual activity continue to rise, so do the rates of sexually transmitted diseases. By age 20, 86% of men and 77% of women have had sexual intercourse; however, only 17% of heterosexuals age 18 and older who have multiple sex partners always use condoms. In the past few years, the number of young people reported with AIDS had increased. AIDS is now the second leading cause of death among all 25 to 44 year olds, many of whom were probably infected in their teens or early twenties.

"In presenting 'SMART SEX' on MTV, we hope to raise awareness among young adults about making safer sexual choices," said Judy McGrath, President of MTV. "By sharing some of these young adults' stories with our viewers, we hope to encourage them to take steps to protect themselves."

## Empowerment Group at UA Wednesdays

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The group is facilitated by Guillemina Contreras-Arriola, M.A. Mountain States Regional Hemophilia Center and Special Immunology Program. For more information and registration call 626-2676.



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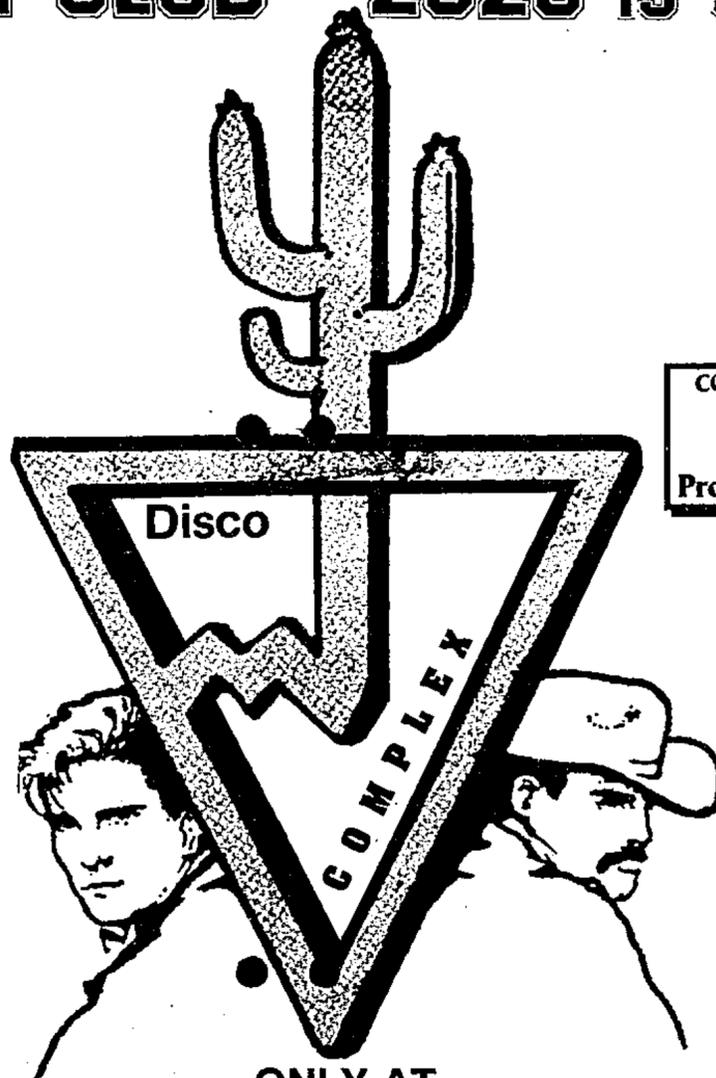
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**DOUG STEVENS**  
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After The Pride Picnic Party



THURSDAY,  
OCT. 27  
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# CALENDAR

## of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**IBT'S** - Special benefit show for Share Bears starring Miss Gay Tucson, Lucinda Holliday, Miss AGRA, Gilda Fatalé with Helena Bubbica, Adrienne Alexander, Kristen, Sasha, Electra Blue. 9:00 p.m. sharp! WIN a dinner for two at China Wall, 2547 E. Broadway. All proceeds from the show go to Share Bears.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**GRADUATE** - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust and Dinner here from 2 to 6 p.m. Come on by and celebrate with this fine group of leathermen.

**VENTURE-N** - Mr. Venture-N contest will be held tonight. Stay tuned for more details or ask at the bar how you can enter so you can get in shape before the 24th!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**CLUB 2520** - Live, from Nashville, the fantastic country/western vocals of Mr. Freddy Burch. 9:30 p.m. No Cover. Make it out to see this very talented entertainer in the first of a series of live acts being brought in by the Club.

**GRADUATE** - "Gay Pride Countdown" Beer Bust and food benefit for TLGA from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., then the benefit continues at 8:30 p.m. with a show featuring Queen of Gay Pride, Adrienne Alexander and guests Aluta Whoremones, Helena Bubbica and the live vocal talents of Mary Murphy and Eric Hemphill. 5-150 Giveaway also. Come on down and support your Pride Picnic.

**IBT'S** - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Tea-Dance from 4 to 8 p.m. All proceeds go to the Observer/Community Benefit Show.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**IBT'S** - The Amazing Glamazons are back. 9:00 p.m. sharp. Hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Lucinda Holliday.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

**CLUB 2520** - 70s Disco Party with hostess Adrienne Alexander, Queen of Gay Pride and Raven, Ms. Tucson/Arizona Pageant Promoter. Come and see your favorite disco hits performed by your disco divas! Prizes for houl hoop contest, best costume and disco dance contest. Don't miss it. Proceeds to benefit the Gay Pride Picnic.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

**CLUB 2520** - Big "After the Picnic Party" featuring the live music of Duag Stevens and the Out Band. Watch for more details.

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# Non-Bar

## CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

One In Ten Theatre Company will be presenting "Bar Girls" Wednesdays through Sundays beginning running thru Saturday, Oct. 1. Curtain is 8 p.m. at the Historic "Y" Theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave. Suite 131. \$9.00 general admission, \$8 students and seniors. Available at the door or in advance at Antigone Books. The play is an unflinching look at the strangely unique and often hysterical scene that is the Lesbian bar. More info at 770-9279.

"Jerker" is playing at a.k.a. Theatre and will play every Wednesday thru Sunday evening at 8 p.m. until Oct. 2. "Jerker" celebrates the Gay identity while reaffirming the validity of healthy sexuality.

"No Resuscitation Required" at a.k.a. Theatre is it's Late Show Series. The evocative work is written and performed by local poet/playwright McKil Berry. The performance continues Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 11. at 10:30 p.m. 125 E. Congress

The Galvez Gallery, 743 N. 4th Ave. is presenting an exhibit by artists Miguel Angel Reyes and Ricardo Valverde. The exhibit will run Sept. 22 through Oct. 22. In addition to his obvious talent as a painter, Reyes is an outspoken force in the Gay Latino art movement. He is an active member of VIVA!, the Gay and Lesbian Arts Project. He has also donated his work to ACT-UP, The Gay and Lesbian Services Center in L.A., the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Minority AIDS Project and the Gay & Lesbians Unidos.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**Cronics** (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) monthly social dinner is at 6:30 p.m. for more information and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**Cronics** (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) group enjoyment of the play, "Jerker" at a.k.a. Theatre. Make individual ticket arrangements in advance by calling 623-7852. for more information, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**FACT's** Life Through Art annual fundraising event at the Tucson Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. Donated objects d'art showcasing local and out-of-state talent will be up for bid through silent and live auction from 5 to 10 p.m. Full bar and refreshments will be available.

**Cronics** (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) bike in Sabino Canyon. Sightsee and exercise with friends. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Visitors Center at Sabino Canyon. For more information, call Jerry at 690-9565.

Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will take on the Florida Saddle in the Santa Rita Mountains today. Meet promptly at 7 a.m. to carpool 50 miles to the starting point. The total hike will be about 8 miles with elevation gain. If you choose not to drive, please be prepared to pay \$3 to the carpool driver. Bring plenty of water, enough food to last for a day of rigorous hiking, and clothes appropriate for all possible weather conditions - including a rain poncho! For more info call Les through pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number followed by the # sign (touch-tone phones only).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Tucson Prime Timers** (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) monthly meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Discussion: "Candidates & Ballot issues". Message center 887-7493.

Special Meeting Men Gathering facilitated by Bob Feldhaus and Marc Haberman and at 6 p.m. is the monthly Men's Massage Group. Call 881-4582 well in advance to register. Fee. Excellent way to meet new men.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Desert Voices**, Tucson's steller Gay and Lesbian Chorus will hold their first rehearsal of the season beginning at 7 p.m. at the U of A Music Building. Old and new members are being sought. Come prepared to sing!!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Galvez Gallery will host an opening reception for artists Miguel Angel Reyes and Ricardo Valverde. The exhibit will run from Sept. 22 through Oct. 22. The Jose Galvez Gallery is located at 743 N. 4th Ave. In addition to his obvious talent as a painter, Reyes is an outspoken force in the Gay Latino art movement. He is an active member of VIVA!, the Gay and Lesbian Arts Project. He has also donated his work to ACT-UP, The Gay and Lesbian Services Center in L.A., the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Minority AIDS Project and the Gay & Lesbians Unidos.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Cronics** (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at MCC Church. The program will be presented by a Gay attorney. Dessert and refreshments provided. For more information, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Ray Toss, organist at First Christian Church, will present a recital featuring the Rodgers 3-manual organ in the sanctuary of First Christian Church, 740 E. Speedway at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Toss will be assisted by Marianne Sarver, piano and electronic Keyboard, and Bonnie Brady, harpist. They will perform works by Bach, Gabrieli, Soler, Mozart, Van Hulse and several other contemporary composers in a program entitled "Tuneful Twosomes". There is no admission for this event. For further information call the church office at 624-8695.

# Tucson

## CALENDAR

sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Hors d'Oeuvres. Best of 40s, 70s and 80s music begins at 7 pm.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**EAGLE** - Open at 10am with specials on Bloody's & Screws all day. Pool tournament 3pm with Beer Bust.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**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. Beautiful B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm, Disco dancing 8 to close.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7, Reverse Happy Hour 9-11. DJ 9pm.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moose Madness "Beckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Country Night, drink specials to those in western attire.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm for dancing.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Dart Tournament 7 pm.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing begins at 9 pm.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Skiny Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing skivvies.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to 11pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8 pm. All new male revue - strippers with hot attitudes and hot bodies 9:30 p.m.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schnapps Shots \$1.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all size. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.  
**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Sales Nite featuring Mexican Cambia, bands y top 40's. Corona and Margarita specials.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bar: Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "spawrdly naked" men.

thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, \$1.25 pitchers.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c Schnapps 9pm to 1am. 2-Step lessons 7 pm. Dart Tourney at 8, \$2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Uniform Nite, drink specials all night to those in uniform.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.  
**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Patis' on the Pumpers show 9:30 p.m. followed by disco dancing.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for shoes in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25, Dance 9-1  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Disco dancing all night long.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, winner take all.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.  
**EAGLE** - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and Bloody Marys until 7pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon, Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pils Coladas \$3. Dancing 8-1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm, Disco dancing all night long.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm.





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# LIGHT from the LIGHTHOUSE

by Adrian Alexander

News From MCC Tucson

Last Saturday evening, a remarkable young woman made history for the entire nation, being crowned the first hearing impaired Miss America. Despite being completely deaf in one ear, and having five percent hearing in the other, she modeled, spoke, strutted and danced her way into the hearts of millions of Americans.

For those of you who may have watched, Miss Alabama did ballet for her talent segment; which is not an easy feat for those of us who do have hearing. But by counting the music and feeling the beat, she is able, which goes to show you that nothing is impossible. She lives on what she calls the five point plan focused on the star. She believes this plan works because God is there to guide her. Maybe some others should follow this wonderful woman's words of wisdom. Watch for her during her reigning year, and wish her well.

For those of you who read last week, I do have just one correction. The formal installation of Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey has been changed to the 9th of October. This special service will take place during our normal 10:45 worship service. Following this event will be a catered lunch. If anyone would like to bring a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, the Gay Pride Picnic will be on Saturday, October 8th from

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the hottest topics permeating the news today in all forms of the media is the O.J. Simpson trial. An important part of this court case involves scientific breakthroughs within the last decade in the study of DNA. Humanity has known for a long time that each individual has his or her own specific set of fingerprints, so is it so surprising that we each have our own unique "genetic fingerprint"?

As fallible human beings, we often judge by outward appearances. We come to what seem to be logical conclusions based on what we observe. There are times when science can help us to get beyond what "appears to be". Let me give you an example using two different computers. Let's say that you have an Apple computer and I an IBM. Each computer has been equipped with its own program. Both programs are designed to achieve similar results, even down to the graphics. As a computer layman looking at the results of each program, wouldn't it be logical to assume that these programs were interchangeable? Yet, what would happen if you tried to feed an Apple program into an IBM computer? Obviously, the IBM computer would not understand the program because the coding would be so adverse to what it was designed to receive.

When we look at all the many different kinds of creatures upon this earth, we notice many similar characteristics to those possessed by humanity. We have been indoctrinated over many years to believe in the logic of humanity's evolution from lower forms of life. We observe different kinds of creatures adapting to changing conditions in the environment and fit that into our "logic of evolution" as well.

We already know that each human

noon until six at Reid Park. Anyone interested in donating time to the MCC booth (cooking, selling or sharing the word of God) is encouraged to call the church office or talk with Deacon David to see what times help is needed. Donations are also being sought for items to sell as well as food and condiments.

I must say thank you to all who read, complimented, criticized, and suggested on my column last week. It is through this column that I can reach out to the community, and if I bring a smile to one persons face or enlightened their heart, that I have accomplished what I intended to do.

Saturday, October 15 will be our monthly bingo session, with October's theme being Pride! On Saturday, October 22, there will be a special Congregational meeting concerning the Southwest District Conference. All are encouraged to attend, as a pot luck will be first, followed by the meeting.

New members are always being sought by Tucson-MCC. This month alone, four new members have been installed into the church. Stop in for a worship service and see what you're missing. Service times are Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. for informal praise, and Sunday's at 10:45 a.m. only.

No more news for this week. Until next week, peace, love and bugle beads!

being has his or her own "genetic fingerprint". King David said it quite well in the book of Psalms in his prayer to the Lord: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13) Truly, no other human being is "knit together" exactly the same as you!

Not only has God given every human being his or her own genetic signature, he has also given every different kind of creature its own DNA structure, one type of DNA cannot evolve into the DNA for another type of organism; its structure is designed to prevent that very thing. Variations can occur within a specific kind, but only within the limits set for that kind. Trying to mix the DNA structures of two different kinds of creatures is like trying to feed an Apple program into an IBM computer. Nothing can come of it. God always has, and continues, to protect the integrity of his creation in ways that science is only beginning to understand.

What does this tell us as human beings about our origin? What should it tell us about God and his holy scripture? Genetic study has shown us that for all practical purposes, the theory of evolution as it is stated is impossible! Humanity was created as humanity. The account of creation in the book of Genesis is not a fable. Adam and Eve did exist. Sin did enter the world through their disobedience to God. Yet through the great love and mercy of the same creator who knit each one of us together so uniquely, a savior was sent into this world. God sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap between God and humanity so that "...whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) The next time you look in the mirror, do

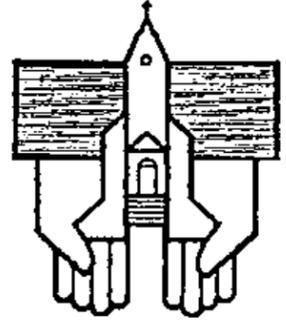
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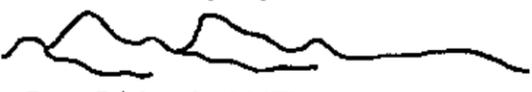


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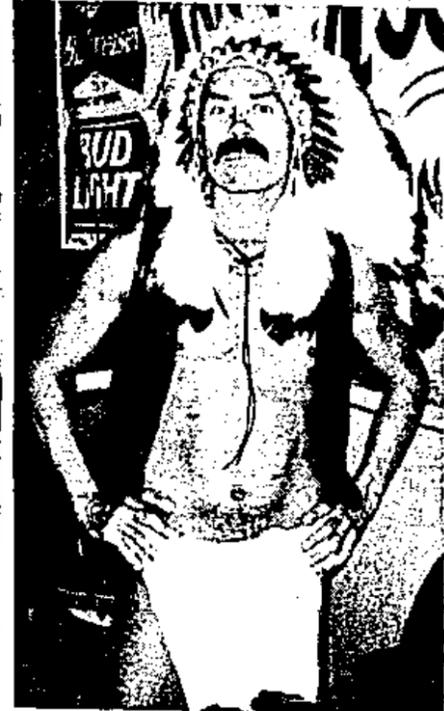
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Truly my life was surrounded by earth's angels.

There is much more to share with you. Friends helped me move. Friends found me a safe place to live; the home of a sister who offered to share her space with no financial pressure. Friends helped me stay above water when I began to drown in that sea of sorrow. Friends like Gregg, Scott, Connor, Robin (my new housemate), Linne, Debra, Renee, Robin (a brother), Edward, Mattie, Hassan, Glen, Greg, Shawn, Ross, and John, to name a few.

There are several reasons why I feel the need to share this with The Observer readers. Firstly, I want to publicly say THANK YOU ALL for your love, encouragement, hugs, kisses, tears, confidence, and strength. I will never forget your great kindness and support during this time of loss. Secondly, I want to let each and every reader know they should be DAMN PROUD to have such a circle of family and friends here in Tucson. There is an urgency of coming together during times when one of us is weak or in need of help. Thirdly, I want you to know that my family is very grateful that you were so willing to get me home. Before Timothy passed on, he expressed his gratitude to all who helped me to be at his side and he expressed his belief that the best place for me to be is here in Tucson. Your open arms and response to me has been at times overwhelming, and always amazing in my life as a survivor; as an African living in America; as a Lesbian; and as a member of the Universe who has, until very recently, felt like I just did not belong.

I pray that none of us lose anymore loved ones to this horrible nightmare called AIDS. I also pray that if death must come, in whatever form, then with it comes the love and miracles similar to what my experience has been. And my brothers and sisters, I pray that we come together, ALL of us, as the family that many of us have never had. Make that a priority in your life. We all need family and we all can be family to one another.

I used to think that family was just some far away dream. Through my friends here in Tucson, I now know family can be real.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A sister in the struggle,  
Meikel Addie Berry

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing to object to the "A View from the Rock" column that appeared in your August 31 issue. In particular, I was highly offended by the following paragraph from the column:

"OK friends. Go for the gusto. Let Satan distract you from the truth. Guzzle all the booze you want, shoot or snort all the dope you want, party with all the partners you want. The end is addiction, diseased or ruined bodies, ending up on the trash heap. Don't take time to listen to the truth, don't believe it when you hear it, and pay the consequences."

The paragraph I quoted clearly implies that people with AIDS or HIV disease deserve what they get. In this sense, the writer is no different from Pat Buchanan, who said in 1983, "The poor homosexuals, they have declared war upon nature, and now nature is exacting an awful retribution." Or, as a 1987 editorial in the evangelical magazine *Christianity Today* suggested, "God might be judging

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sexual sin with AIDS."

As someone who is living with HIV, I totally reject this line of thinking. I do not believe I "deserve" AIDS. Neither did the five friends I have lost to this epidemic, nor do my friends who are still living with AIDS/HIV as best they can. It is bad enough that we have to hear this garbage from non-Gay "Christians," but it is truly disgusting to hear it from Gay "Christians."

I would like to think that I am simply reading more into the writer's words than was intended. But I don't think I am, and neither does anyone else with whom I have discussed this column. Rather, the column reflects the cramped and loveless legalism characteristic of much of evangelical and fundamentalist Christianity. Many of us in the queer community have sought to escape this sort of mentality, but the "A View from the Rock" writer is apparently dedicated to perpetrating it. No wonder so many of us are turned off by religion!

Cornerstone Fellowship, as the source of the "A View from the Rock" column, constantly touts itself as a "Gay friendly" church, and even advertises a ministry to people with AIDS/HIV. But if this writer's views are typical of most or all Cornerstone members, I suggest that this church is anything but "Gay friendly" and certainly no place for any self-respecting PWA or HIV positive person.

I invite any and all response from members of Cornerstone Fellowship.

Sincerely, Stan Wonn

DEAR EDITOR:

Enclosed is my letter of September 5th written to John Haase, President of TLGA and Debra Broner, Treasurer of TLGA.

I think it will explain the controversy over the Commemorative program, last week's "As I See It" cartoon and the (still to come) financial accountability and apologies that I, and several other community members, will be asking for. I guess when I said, "We expect you to do the right thing," they just didn't get it.

Positioning late, discounted ads before those that were paid in full and on time is ludicrous. Pulling Annie Schmitt's business ad was unprofessional and unethical. If they did not print the promised amount of programs (and they said that they did not intend to) then that is false advertising and illegal. But on a personal note, lying to me and Mike Griffin just to get the program out of my hands is unexcusable.

These two "untouchables" will be hearing more from me. I don't do immoral, unprofessional, unethical or illegal very well.

Enough said, Natalie Perry

[Here is the reprint of the above mentioned letter which was dated September 5, 1994]

Dear Debra and John,

The events, conversations and screaming matches of the past few days absolutely appalls me. For that reason I am writing this letter.

On July 6 or 7, 1994, John presented me with this project of producing a commemorative program for the Gay pride picnic. Reluctantly, I agreed to take on this project. Within days, I had written a proposal outlining the content of the program, a timeline for producing it and a statement of potential income, approximately \$4,000-\$5,000. At the time, I estimated that we could produce 5,000 copies of a 40 page program for approximately \$3,000. I thought that the program could produce a profit of about \$1,000.

After investigating prices of production, I called a meeting and presented those costs, (see attached), informing you that the program would NOT produce income for the picnic, but that it would cover its own cost; therefore, not costing TLGA anything to produce this very nice, "unifying" contribution to the community.

You both seemed happy to let me take this project and run with it. According to the timeline, the deadline for discounted advertising was August 8th.

The deadline for all other advertising was August 15-20th, which we extended to August 22nd. A few weeks prior to that deadline, Debra decided to pitch in and help me with the ads, since the others we recruited to help, didn't.

I kept reminding you both of the deadlines we'd all agreed upon. Regardless, you both pressured me to extend that deadline another week, to August 29th, which I did. I had made a commitment to the advertisers that this program would be "out" one month prior to the picnic on October 8th.

Annie Schmitt, who donated many hours to design and lay out the program, accommodated very late ads but had dedicated the period of August 22-August 31st to our project. On September 1st the program was completed and ready to be printed, 2 weeks later than stated in my original timeline.

On September 1st, John informs me that you have gathered 2 1/2-pages of additional ads; but the program was done and I informed you: it was too late to change it. I suggested an insert for these ads or returning the money and asking for donations at the picnic if additional funds were needed.

Since John discounted at least two of those late ads, I suggested an insert or supplement to the program, which might justify the discounts, as those ads would not be a permanent part of the program. Debra, you agreed with me and I thought you understood that the integrity of the program could not be compromised.

How all that changed and threats of police intervention etc. happened, I don't know. Debra, why you went on a wild goose chase to the AlphaGraphics, is beyond me. Why you didn't call a meeting to discuss our differences, I do not understand.

I am professional in what I do. I am respected for being ethical and honest. I do not and will not compromise those characteristics for you or anyone else. We owed those people who advertised on time, the product that we promised.

I told you at the beginning, that I had the experience and expertise to make this project happen. Obviously, neither of

you understood just how professional I would be.

You have both agreed, in the presence of Mike Griffin, that you would not change the design and layout of this program, as it stand. I expect that you will keep your word in this matter. John, don't forget about the accountability you ask from others.

The dollar signs that you two see attached to this program should be directed toward collecting donations at the picnic, not in compromising the design of the program or the trust of our advertisers.

On Monday, September 5th, I relinquished all involvement or responsibility for this project to John. What you do with it is up to you. But Mike, Annie and I expect you to do the "right" thing.

Enough said.

Sincerely, Natalie Perry

DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Here is my view of the Commemorative Program issue.

I was first approached to layout and typeset the program for the Pride Picnic by Natalie Perry who had taken it upon herself to produce this project for the interest of the community. The projected goal at that point was a 40 page program with 20 pages of advertising. I understood that these ads were being sold with the understanding that 5000 copies would be printed the first part of September and that a large number of them would be distributed outside the Tucson area in an effort to bring in the outside "tourist" market for the picnic. The deadlines for ads, as well as the deadline for getting it ready for the printer, were set in order to assure that the production would allow it to be ready to distribute by the second week in September. This was a reasonable plan.

As the project neared the initial deadline for ads there were not as many ad pages as they had hoped for and the deadline was extended a week for them to round up additional advertisers and thereby warrant the producing of the program. This was accomplished by obtaining over 14 pages of ads to underwrite a 28 page program. The reduction in the number of advertisers in no way changed the final number of programs to be feasibly printed because the number of ads sold was still in direct proportion to the number of text pages.

After all the ads were in and the text edited to the point of usability I proceeded to plan and layout a publication which would do justice to the content and serve the advertisers to their best interest. A few last minute ads were allowed because they had been "sold or promised" and were just slow in responding for various reasons. In order to accommodate these ads several of the photographs were eliminated so as not to extend the layout the another four pages and increase the printing cost. The final layout reached completion on a Wednesday evening and a photocopy of that was given to Natalie so she could show John Haase how the overall product looked. The next morning John called to say that there was information missing from the program. "Ads for several bars and at least one additional business were still to be included." These ads were never on the list of advertisers and there was not existing ad sheets for them.

The next phase of this interaction is partly hearsay and partly confirmed. I heard that John had shown the copy to the other bars who had not bought ads and shown them ads that were produced for

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# POLITICS *by Mark Kerr*

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past week struck down the appeal of Pima County Assessor Alan Lang who had questioned the validity of over 60,000 signatures; thus paving the way for the recall election, scheduled November 8th, the date of the general election.

Five challengers, who all have spent time working in the assessor's office will appear on the ballot with Lang. They are custom home builder Ralph Armenta, Assessor's officer division manager Rick Lyons, real estate broker Steve Murray, deputy assessor Delbert Strunk and former assessor Rex Waite.

**S.2238 UPDATE:** How does business feel about the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. Well in the Second Panel of Testimony in front of the Senate Labor & Human Resources Committee, the four that testified, Justin Dart, former Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; Warren Phillips, former CEO & Chairman of Dow Jones Industrial; Richard Womack, AFL-CIO and Steve Coulter of Pacific Bell expressed their support of S.2238. Here are the highlights of their testimony:

Warren Phillips of Dow Jones talked about Dow Jones Employment policy, which covered sexual orientation and was implemented in February of 1993. He stated "...prejudice doesn't belong in our workplace; talented people do." Phillips said.

He went on to state about the ENDA that, "...this bill supports business by helping to create an environment where all workers can produce and excel." "It has been the law of the land that employment discrimination is unacceptable based on race, gender, religion, ethnic origin or other non-performance related considerations. It is time to include sexual orientation. It is the right thing to do. It is the sensible thing to do. It is also the business like thing to do."

Richard Womack, Director of the Department of Civil Rights of the AFL-CIO, stated that the union has been a strong supporter of civil rights legislation prohibiting discrimination in many areas.

Womack went on, "It is a fundamental principle of the AFL-CIO that civil rights be extended to all citizens in a democratic society. Support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 is part of our commitment to that principle.

"The AFL-CIO believes that is the responsibility of trade unions to guarantee that workers be judged on their work

and not by irrelevant criteria that address their private lives. Dismissal, harassment and intimidation of workers for reasons unrelated to their job performance is an employer tactic well known to the labor movement.

"The AFL-CIO protests any action taken against a worker solely on the basis of sexual orientation and we support legislation at all levels of government to guarantee the civil rights of all persons without regard to sexual orientation in public and private employment."

Steve Coulter, Vice President of Pacific Bell, talked about their employment policy, implemented in 1981. Coulter said that Pacific Bell is "...a better business because of it."

Coulter said of S. 2238, "...this bill is very narrowly drawn. No special privileges. No quotas. Religious groups, small businesses and the military are exempt. It fits easily within our own way of working. And it brings uniformity to the law."

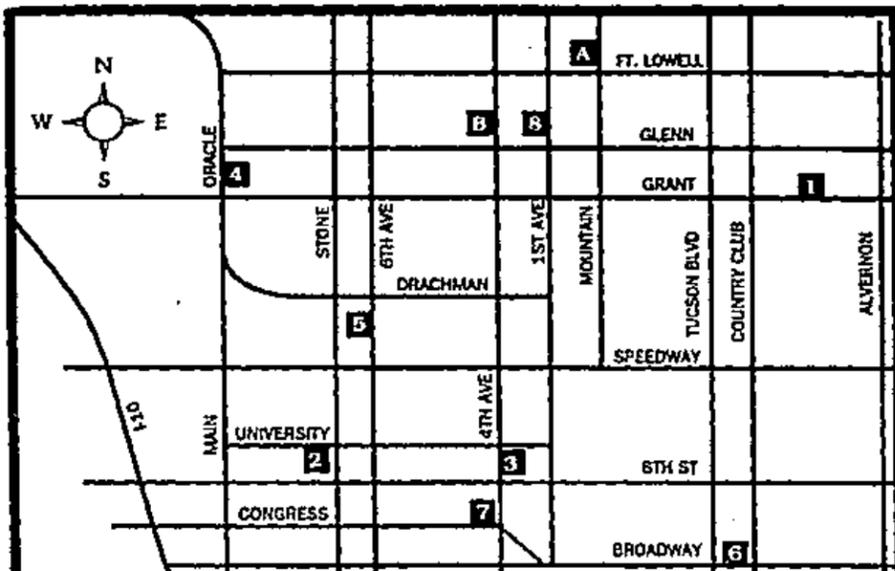
Justin Dart, the former Chairman of the President's Committee on the Employment of the People with Disabilities, stated flatly about S. 2238 and why he supports it is, "...because, none of us are truly free until all of us are free.

"Civil rights puts the 'free' in free enterprise. America is not rich in spite of civil rights. America is rich because of civil rights.

"The Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 will produce profits that will reduce deficits and enrich every citizen in terms of money and of quality of life. It's the right thing to do. We will keep the sacred pledge of liberty and justice for all."

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 10:** The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming November general election is October 10th. If you are not registered; have changed your address; want to change your party; you need to before October 8th. For further information call the County Recorder's office at 740-VOTE.

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Happy anniversary! It had been said that this little group would not last this long, but we've overcome adversity to reach our second year, and we celebrated last Saturday with a dinner at the Blue Willow restaurant.

Despite one terribly rude queen bitch server (temper, temper), the Bears had a fantastic time doing what we do best: eating! The food was wonderful, and afterwards, there was a White Elephant gift exchange, which means you take whatever item in your home that you want to get rid of, wrap it up, and give it to some poor unsuspecting slob...er, I mean, the willing recipient. I gave away an old comic book, and in return, I received an incomplete screw driver set and a full can of Silly String. (You can almost hear the evil laughter, can't you?) No one was spared from my wrath as I spritzed that pink, non-toxic goop over all my Bear friends at the Venture-N after dinner. However, the best gift of the night went to our Chair Bear Troy who received a pair of fuzzy blue animal slippers (toucans, to be exact) and a straight porno tape called "Wet Dream on Elm Street"! Somebody was really cleaning out their closets that night.

Thanks to everyone who made the dinner such a success. Let's do it again next year.

Now, our upcoming events:

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 -**  
Bear's Business Meeting at Ven-

ture-N's patio at 7:30 PM. If anyone had any ideas as to how to improve our little group, drop by.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 -**  
Bear Hug at Ralph G's. This is the party that comes ready made with its own reputation. It's a time when Bears can be Bears in all their natural glory. Starts at 8. There will be a gate fee.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 -**  
It's the Bear's General Meeting. As always, it's on Venture-N's patio at 7:30 PM, and, of course, everyone is invited. Afterwards is our Bear Bust starting at 9 PM where we'll be serving 50 cent drafts until about midnight.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 -**  
Movie Night/Pot Luck Dinner at Andy A's home. Our last Movie Night was a great success. Let's see if we can do it again. Showtime is a 7 PM.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: This week, we've got to give the nod to the Blue Willow Restaurant. When the Bears were there on Saturday night, we saw quite a few prospects at the other tables.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

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We seem to have a planetary pileup this week with Mercury and Mars playing a central role. This is certainly not the time to forge ahead with ill conceived plans. Such actions will inevitably come back to haunt us in a big way. On the bright side, this planetary activity is merely a passing shower. All will be back on track in week or so. Read ahead to see how each sign is affected.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

When all is said and done, would you really be happier going at it alone? I think not. The relationship rumbles and tumbles because you are not properly listening to partners' demands. Much of the static is due to Mercury squared Mars; better judgement, hence direct action, fall short of the mark. Put your energy into getting your own house in order.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

You may be a little Bill who has gone astray at work, thanks to Mercury and Mars. Thoughts concerning job task requirements may somehow lose in the translation from idea to action. This is also a time to consider what you say and how you speak on the job is not necessarily important enough to act upon now.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Fun may cost much more than expected when Mars and Mercury face off this week. You are in an acquisitive mood indeed, and may be tempted to purchase a few items of beauty or grab a couple of hot tickets (no names please!) to a show. The main thing is not to overextend yourself financially. Mars gives you a bathtub full of greed and chutzpah but not even a cup of common sense.

**PHOROSCOPES\***  
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

It is almost as if Mars and Mercury provide that spark of balance and clear cold reality for you. It is obvious to you that life must be met head on and it is important to go out and meet and greet, but your priorities are well placed close to home and hearth. Your mind is safely tucked into your jammies even while mars pushes you out into the limelight.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Your thoughts become the banner you shoulder to carry the cause forward. Mars and Mercury create a unique opportunity for you to express yourself passionately and effectively. Mars is currently sitting in the are of your solar chart that rules service to others while Mercury is inflamed to not only speak, but also yell. Get out there and do it for our community.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Friends seem to need more than a little helping hand now and Virgos are there to help. However, with Mars squared Mercury, I suggest you test the needful waters a little before you commit. How much will this cost you in terms of raw dollars and cents? Is it necessary? I'm much more of the mind that a strong shoulder is worth more than a blank check.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

It is time to assume center stage and move forward in your career. Mars and Mercu-

ry provide a planetary rocket to soar to corporate heights or to higher levels in the greater world arena. Libras come off like just another politico now; there may not be that balance that many of you prefer to have in relationships. You must, however, strike while the iron is hot. Go sizzle something.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

There may be something to this Mars/Mercury square that makes you a bit more mystical and other worldly for a while. If you are embarking on a long journey or a much needed vacation, try to add a bit of religion, spirituality or occult to the itinerary. Try a book or two on the subject. You may find something unique and useful that you could use later.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Be careful of letting your mind get carried away with the group cause. It can potentially wreck deeply committed relationships or cause you to take action for the wrong reasons with less than satisfactory results. Mars square Mercury can pit the best of intentions against unsound personal actions. In other words, don't throw out the lover with the bath water.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Your mind is plotting and planning in the corporate arena while you rattle and roll in relationships; such is the dilemma of Mars squared Mercury. Don't allow anxieties about your career to manifest in foolish action with partners. Not everything needs to be accomplished yesterday and

not everybody has your quest for authority and success. Respect on other levels is possible and quite satisfying.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

The mind is wandering off to exotic realms and delightful escapes, but the drudgery of the job must take precedent. Mars gives you the energy you need to handle job tasks one by one, but Mercury places your mind elsewhere. So what? Plan that dream vacation while you pound out those widgets. Just make sure those widgets are to specification.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Don't allow your party hearty actions to rock the boat with lovers. Both of you know your heart is in the right place, but when Mars squares Mercury, actions speak much louder than words and thoughts. It may be far better to transfer that feral energy into the higher arts, a dance performance rather than a disco demonstration, perhaps?

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Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wiggspan, 624-1779.

**WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jane. \$2 at the door (more if you eat, less if not).

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers Fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wiggspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

**GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON**  
Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

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

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

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

**LICHEN HIKING CLUB** for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Babyfruit Journal available at Anisette's Books.

**CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX**  
For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wiggspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

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

**MALE, FEMALE, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP.** Info: Steve, 323-8436 or Wingspan, 624-1779.

**FRIENDSHIP HOUSE**, a group living facility for people living with HIV/AIDS. Private rooms with shared kitchen and living area. Free cable. For more info call Paul, 622-1437. Contributions accepted for direct patient services.

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**SUN COUNTRY NATURALISTS:** Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturalists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

**GAY & LESBIAN HIKING CLUB.** Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, call pager number 416-3713 and leave your number followed by a # sign or write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

**MANTI MEN:** Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 211, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

**AFFIRMATION (Tucson Chapter)** Support group for Mormons, ex-Mormons, Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals and their families and friends. For more information write P.O. Box 78461, Tucson Arizona 85703, or call 791-7946.

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

## Notices

**ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 370-1314.

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

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

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. AR information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

**GAY COWBOY CLUB** - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Maverick, Box 9545, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

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**GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP.** This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570-0027

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

**GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a lift! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Monty Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

**TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE**  
Men and women both welcome. Office 624-8265.

**"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region"** for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-3808 Tucson.

**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ethnic 581-8850 or Room 968-2584.

**JOIN US! PLCC,** Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLCC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Osceola Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

**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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