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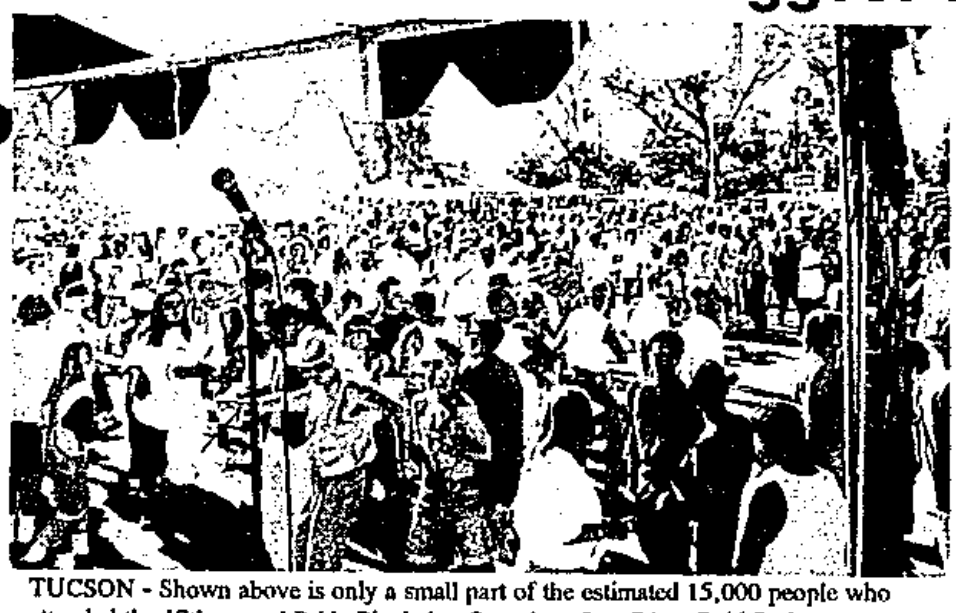
Pride Picnic Biggest Yet, Over 15,000 Attend



TUCSON - Shown above is only a small part of the estimated 15,000 people who attended the 17th annual Pride Picnic last Saturday, Oct. 7th at Reid Park.

The internationally known a capella singing group, The Flirtations, made a surprise visit to the Pride Picnic and pleased the crowd with a few of their songs. The group had headlined the Observer/Community Benefit the night before.

Beverly Ginn, shown above, was the recipient of the annual Richard Heakin Memorial Award for Political Activism presented at the Pride Picnic last Saturday, Oct. 8.

TUCSON - It was months in the planning, and it was well worth the wait. The 17th Annual Pride Picnic took place last Saturday, Oct. 8 at Reid Park.

After 16 years being held in Himmel Park on the traditional June Pride date, the newly elected Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) officers opted to move the big yearly affair to larger quarters and to a cooler month of the year. From the results of last Saturday's event, it was a correct decision.

The weather, staging, entertainment and political speakers all worked out for the presentation of an even paced afternoon while offering plenty of time for dancing, and enjoying the pleasant afternoon in the sun.

TLGA Co-Chair John Haase has estimated this year's attendance at 15-17,000 people in the park during the entire afternoon and evening. This figure was arrived at after consultation with the number of people who were 'tagged' before receiving the free beer that was offered and through consultation with the Tucson Police Department officers who were assisting in security for the affair.

Opening the entertainment for the afternoon, was the internationally acclaimed Gay a capella singing quartet, The Flirtations. Also appearing during the full agenda of entertainment included nationally famous disco diva, Viola Wills; Desert Voices, the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Chorus; Miss Gay Arizona (and Miss Gay Tucson), Lucinda Holliday; Queen of Gay Pride, Adrienne Alexander; Alotta Whoremones; a special appearance by John Haase singing the blues (but this time in song); Ms. Teresa Housley, and many other talented members of the Gay and Lesbian community both local and from Phoenix.

As is the case each year, Mayor George Miller read the document proclaiming Gay and Lesbian Pride Week '94. Others in the political field speaking to the crowd included Gubernatorial candidate Eddie Basha; Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate Sam Coppersmith; Brad Forst, Democrat who is running for State Treasurer; Pima County Supervisors Dan Eckstrom and Raul Grijalva; Tucson Vice-Mayor and City Council member Bruce Wheeler and council member Molly McKasson and Tom Saggau. State Representatives Elaine Richardson and Andy Nichols spoke as did openly Gay candidate running for the state legislature Denise Heap. Acting as Masters of Ceremonies for the afternoon were Ms. Candas Doolittle and Mr. Kenny Jacobs.

The Richard Heakin Memorial Awards for Political Activism were presented to Beverly Ginn former assistant City Manager and currently Legal Advisor to the Chief of Police. Beverly was an original founding member of the Gay Pride Picnic Committee. Receiving the male award was Dr. Michael Griffin.

There we over 50 booths surrounding the huge "Beer Garden" area dispensing food, information and gift items. For the first time, the Tucson Police Department had a recruiting booth set up. Everyone appeared to be doing a brisk business in the delightful weather throughout the afternoon.

Sound and DJ engineers for the day were John Weller with David Z. and David Pearson.

Congratulations to Big John Haase and TLGA Treasurer Debra Broner for spearheading this Herculean task and following it to a successful conclusion amid many stumbling blocks that were thrown in the path and all the volunteers who made the entire day run like clockwork.

Observer/Community Benefit Grosses Over $11,000

TUCSON - This past weekend was a busy one in Tucson. It has become known as Pride Weekend 1994. The Observer/Community Benefit scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7 was followed by the Pride Picnic '94 on Saturday, Oct. 8. Of course there were many parties in addition to the planned events too. And for the hardy, Reba came to town Sunday for a concert. No wonder there was so many glazed eyes Monday - fortunately it was a holiday for some.

To say that it was an exciting time is to put it mildly. After weeks of promotion, the Flirtations came to Tucson and endeared themselves to all who were fortunate enough to meet and hear them sing. At the Observer/Community Benefit they sang for nearly an hour to a standing ovation after each song from the SRO crowd. The following day, the Flirts sang before several thousand people at the opening of the Pride Picnic at Reid Park.

While In Tucson, the a capella singing group appeared on the local TV show "G Word" and later signed autographs and mingled with their fans at IBT's. The Flirts, as they are affectionately known to their fans, are so musically gifted, so hilarious, and so open and honest about being Gay, that they could probably get Jesse Helms to reconsider (but on second thought, that's doubtful)!

Opening for the Flirts at the Benefit were five Tucson entertainers who were absolutely flawless in their individual talents.

Jon Brown, pianist extraordinaire, enthralled the audience with two of his original pieces, "The Stalking" and "Forgiveness (Gia's Song)". Vocalist Anne English added more fans to her side singing the old favorite "Nobody Knows You When You're Down And Out" and brought out a lot of tears singing "Danny Boy" a capella to a hushed audience.

One of the big surprises of the evening was the never-before-heard talents of Pete Lara who absolutely knocked the socks off of everyone with his Puerto Rican rendition of, "Con Los Años Que Me Quedan" and "Hablemos El Mismo Idioma". John Haase rocked the house with "Empty Bed Blues" and "Dr. Longjohns" resplendent in his red high heel pumps. And rounding out the local talent, comedienne Debbie Rice kept the very upbeat audience in stitches with her fast-paced humorous satirical dialogue.

The annual Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation" (T.O.G.A.) awards were presented to Pam Liberty and Gary Clark for their activism and for the extraordinary work the have performed for the Gay and Lesbian community throughout the years.

150 people partook of a delicious dinner catered by Bacchante Catering prior to the concert and then were joined by nearly 200 more persons in the theatre to thoroughly enjoy an extraordinary evening of comedy and song.

Complimenting the entire evening

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<PACT NEWS>

Congratulations to Pam Liberty and Gary Clark, our newest TOGA award recipients announced last Friday at the Observer benefit. Both of you have accomplished a lot for our community and your examples of personal action have had and will continue to have very positive effect for all of us. Thank you.

The IX annual Observer benefit was a whopping success choreographed from start to finish by Rick Norman and Scott Hawkins. It was great fun being a waiter serving la cuisine magnifique from Bacchante. Rick Crause of Casas Adobes Flowers created exquisite center pieces blazing with color. The entertainment was the crowning (how appropriate!) of the evening with local talent that dazzled us. The shows climax was the unique program by the fabulous Flirtations. What a night!

People With AIDS coalition of Tucson is busy preparing for AIDS Walk, Saturday, October 22nd. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Call Tom Schmitz at Tap at 322-6226 for information.

Our next big fund raising event is the FESTIVAL FOR LIFE Saturday, December 3rd. There is a call for all our volunteers to contact Mary Higgins or myself at 770-1710. Prior to this event we will have mailing to do on Tuesday, October 25th, and Monday, November 14th, at the PACT office at 10:00 AM.

There is still time to cast your ballot for the TORCH Awards. Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help will hold its annual event Sunday, November 13th, at the Ramada Inn at 6:30 PM. Ballots are available at the offices of PACT, TAP and Shanti.

Hasta luego, y'all.

IBT's Voted Best Gat/Lesbian Bar

TUCSON - It's 'Bout Time (IBT's) was voted by the readers of the publication, the Tucson Weekly, in their annual Best of Tucson '94 edition.

IBT's was described as follows: "If you were running with the Jack Kerouac crowd in decades past, you might remember this hot spot as The Balcony or Mrs O'Leary's Cow. Since then IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue, has evolved into the quintessential Gay bar. The drinks are strong and reasonably priced; the personnel are personable; the music is "AB FAB" (that means absolutely fabulous) and the shows are provocative. So, if "AB FAB" suits you better than "PRE-FAB," groove on in."

Colorado Court Strikes Anti-Gay Law

DENVER, CO - The Colorado Supreme Court declared the state's anti-Gay rights measure unconstitutional, saying it bars homosexuals from "having an effective voice in government affairs."

The court ruled, 6-1, that Amendment 2 denies homosexuals equal protection under the U.S. Constitution.

The measure, approved by Colorado voters in 1992, prohibited state and local governments from passing laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination. It never took effect after a lower court blocked it. Subsequent rulings have all gone against Amendment 2.

"The right to participate equally in the political process is clearly affected by Amendment 2," Chief Justice Luis Rovira wrote for the court's majority.

In Memoriam

TERESE MARIE ACREA
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Just as an eagle's spirit is free, likewise, Terese is now TRULY FREE. As her Native American beliefs taught her, her spirit can now soar like an eagle and find peace through eternity. Her unselfishness, kindness, warm smile and jovial laugh will forever remain as a happy memory for all of those she has left behind. She was a remarkably positive and open representative of our community.

On October 8th, our sister, Terese passed away. The Gay and Lesbian Community has suffered a tremendous loss with her passing. She was an active supporter of all Gay and Lesbian rights. Terese aggressively supported all AIDS services in the Tucson and surrounding areas. Terese was employed as a Correctional Service Officer, II, with the Arizona Department of Corrections. She was a member of the United States Army and she served in Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Storm. She was a member of the Army National Guard obtaining the rank of Sergeant-E5. Her specialty was Demolition and Chemical Warfare. She later moved to Tucson seeking career opportunities.

She is survived by her mother, Caroline Pilgrim, her brother, Ronald Cornwell and her sisters, Alicia Gehrer, Cathy Ferguson and Deborah Whitney. Friends may contact Evergreen Cemetery for service arrangements and visitation times.

TGSA Banquet Oct. 16

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) will be holding their 1994 Season Banquet on Sunday, October 16, 5-8 PM, at the Venture-N. All TGSA members are welcome to come to this celebration of pride.

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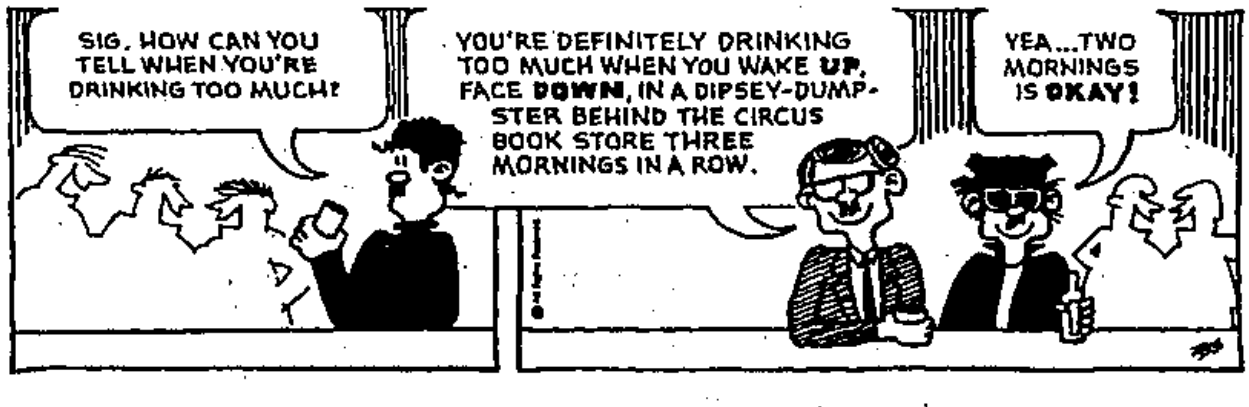

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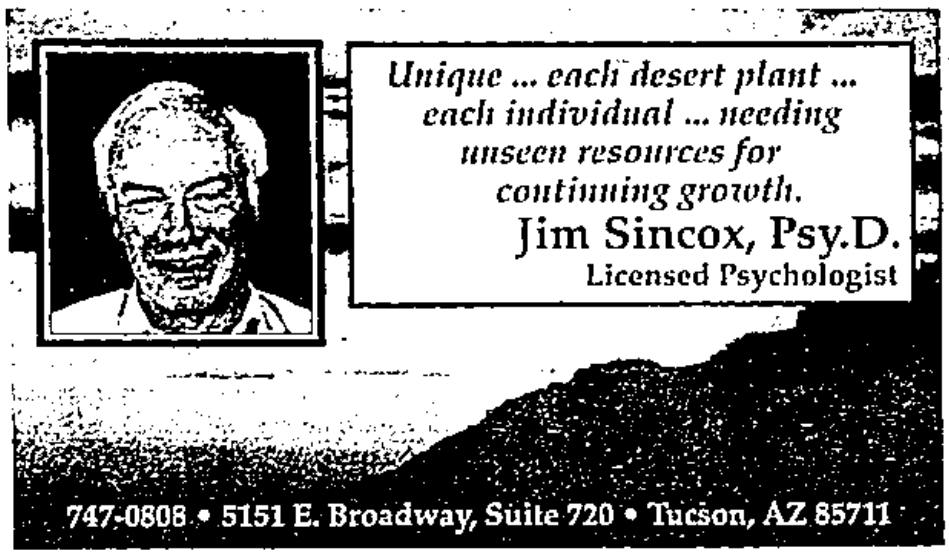

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

[If by chance you saw my first attempt at doing political commentary on the first three ballot propositions on the 1994 ballot on the television show The "-G-" Word, I hope the next few paragraphs will make up for my rushed, slightly hackneyed explanation.]

This is the first in a series on the ballot propositions on the 1994 general election ballot. In part one, we will cover Propositions 100 and 101.

Proposition 100 would Amend the Arizona Constitution to create the office of Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor would be first in the order of succession to the office of Governor and would step in to serve as Governor if the Governor died, resigned, was removed from office or was permanently unable to serve. The Secretary of State is currently first in the order of succession and would be moved down one step in priority. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor would act as Governor on days when the Governor is out of the state. Other specific responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor and the issue of salary are not included in this proposition.

A candidate for Lieutenant Governor would be from the same political party and would run as a team with a candidate for Governor in both the primary and the general elections. A voter would cast a single ballot for the "team" in each election. If the office of Lieutenant Governor became vacant after an election, the Governor would name a person from the same political party to be the Lieutenant Governor, if approved by the State Senate.

The Lieutenant Governor would serve a four year term (the same term of office as the Governor) and would be subject to the same term limits that are imposed on other top state elected officials.

Proposition 101 would amend the State Constitution to permit exchanges of state trust land for other public or private lands if (1) the exchange is in the best interest of the state land trust, (2) the other land is at least equal in value to the state land (as determined by at least two independent appraisals) and (3) the purpose of the exchange is to consolidate state land holdings or to transfer or acquire land for public purposes, including environmental protection. A land exchange would be governed by procedures, conditions and restrictions enacted by the Legislature. Exchanges of state land for federal land would also be subject to any additional restrictions imposed by the federal government.

In 1910, Congress passed the Arizona-New Mexico Enabling Act that authorized the residents of the Territory of Arizona to form a state government. One provision of the Enabling Act granted the new state millions of acres of land to be held in trust to support various public institutions (schools, colleges, penitentiaries, etc.). Congress allowed Arizona to sell or lease the land only under very specific conditions. The State Constitution explicitly incorporated the Enabling Act restrictions on the disposal of trust lands.

Through the years Congress has amended the Enabling Act to allow Arizona more flexibility in managing and disposing of trust land. In the 1930's two acts of Congress authorized the state to exchange trust land for other public or private lands. However, the state never amended its constitution to incorporate that authority for land exchanges of trust land. Since that time the State Land Department, acting under the statutory authorization, has periodically exchanged state land with the federal government and with private landowners.

In 1990 the State Supreme Court determined that without amending the State Constitution the state cannot conduct

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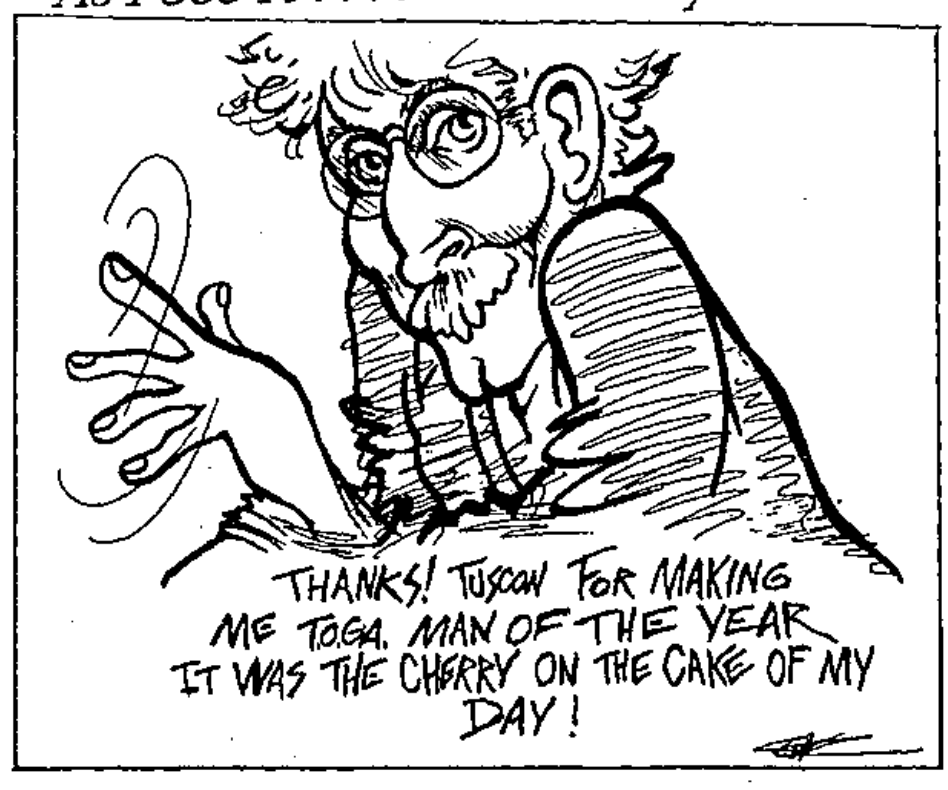

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'G' Word Highlights

[For those persons who may not have Tucson Cable, here are the highlights of last Thursday's broadcast of The "-G-" Word, the Tucson based, Arizona's only television show directed toward and covering the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community.]

As always the host of The "-G-" Word, man about town, TOGA Award winning and never at a loss for words guy, is Gary "Flirt wannabee." Clark. Gary's co-host for the big broadcast was none other than Chuck Brady, who was making yet another co-hosting appearance on the show. Gary and Chuck have been called the "Fred Allen and Jack Benny of TCCC."

The first guest on the show was Sam Behrend. Behrend is the Executive Director of Tucson Community Cable Corporation. Behrend talked about the wonderful world of public access cable; the trials and tribulations and some of the changes occurring at TCCC.

Next on the program was The "G" Spot, hosted by the "G" Boys, Madison O'Neill and Jonathan Berner. Who discussed topics and issues of concern to Gay and Lesbian youth. The "G" Boys also answered the question which stumped the band, "How do you know you're Gay?"

News followed with the "-G-" Word own news team of Stan "Roadkill" Phalp and Vince "my last name is spelled" Ripol. They reported on the week's event of concern; the Observer Benefit; the Pride Picnic; the Shanti Skate-a-thon, AIDS Walk '94 and IGBO.

Mark Kerr, political commentator for The "-G-" Word, did a first in a series on the ballot propositions on the November general election ballot. Plus while talking about the ballots, Mark did a wonderful impersonation of former Tonight Show host Jack Paar.

The highlight of the show was the following segment when Gary interviewed the special guests, The Flirtations, who were the featured performers at the Ninth Annual Observer benefit.

They'll make you giggle. They'll make you scream. They'll make you sit back in awe. They may even make you cry. But mostly they'll make you run to your friends to ask if they've ever heard of The Fabulous Flirtations, the world's most proudly Gay a cappella group.

The Flirts (as they're affectionately known to their fans) began singing on the streets of New York's greenwich Village in 1988. They have recently been seen and heard on Good Morning America, Donahue, MTV News, Nightwatch, National Public Radio, and the HBO documentary, Why Am I Gay?, and most recently in the Academy Award winning movie, Philadelphia.

The Flirtations are mostly about fun! You have to listen closely because they like nothing more than taking doo-wop classics and bending words to suit their purposes: "Mr. Sandman, send me a dream. Make him the cutest boy that I've ever seen." They told us about their varied childhoods, surviving name calling, confusion, sexual abuse, Catholic school, just to name a few topics. They also told us that one of them is 'married', two are single, one has a boyfriend, but they are all looking for dates!

They said that they would be performing at the Observer benefit, doo-wop classics, ballads, rock, folk songs, Gay anthems, salsa, and even a lullaby they wish they'd heard growing up. The Flirtations were and are Fabulous!

To close, Gary gave a salute to IBT's who was recently named Best Gay/-Lesbian bar by the readers of the Tucson Weekly in their annual Best of Tucson salute. Then with the closing credits was none other than Dave "Floor Manager Extrordinare" Shaffer, who proceeded to get into a paper-wad fight with the host and was victorious.

Benefit

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was the superb facilities offered by the Southwest Center for Music. The dining room was beautifully decorated by Scott Rehmann of Bacchante and adorned with flowers donated by Rick Crause of Casas Adobes Flowers.

The acoustically perfect theatre which seats 300 people comfortably, was made all the more pleasurable with perfect sound and lighting, giving an intimate and professional feel to the performance.

The entire production was presented by the Alan McLaughlin Media Group and produced by Scott Hawkins and Rick Norman who are to be commended for the smooth running evening. Mr. Dennis Lamb of Southwest Center was most helpful in assisting in this most successful venture.

At presstime, the benefit had grossed over $11,000. The net proceeds will go to People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.) and to the Shanti Foundation/Tucson.

A special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time in serving food, tending bar, selling and taking tickets, and all the various and sundry things that go to making up an evening like this. It was truly a community effort. And, of course, a special thank you to all who attended the benefit. Without you, this would not be possible.

For the other big event on Pride Weekend 1994, the fantastic Pride Picnic, see separate story.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Well, I survived and lucky you - I'm back. It was a very restful and well needed little break from the day to day living here in the Old Pueblo. Anytime you have a opportunity to visit a new town, it is always interesting and exciting. And let me tell you, this one was no different.

Yes, I know, no one wants to read about my trip and to try to be nice, just for you, here is my report.

We departed Saturday morning, stopped in Benson for breakfast, departed for Midland, Texas. There we spent the night. Sunday morning, on the road again, and arrived in Dallas.

Worked the bar scene, 12 of them, the first night. Went to the fair Monday AM to get set up. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, I helped in demonstrating the making and cooking of biscuits.

Departed Dallas Friday morning for Albuquerque. Arrived that evening and headed for the Social Club. Met up with friends and taken to the house we stayed at.

Departed Albuquerque Sunday morning for Tucson. End of the trip.

Ha! I lied. You do not possibly think I could or even would go on a trip such as this one and not come back with a few notes, do you? I do have plenty of notes and plenty to talk about this trip so to help matters, I'll break it down in two chapters. Chapter #1 will be everything from departing Tucson, the stay in Dallas and the departure for Albuquerque.

It may seem hard to believe but we departed right on time, that is the time the main pilot had chosen. Our first stop was down in Benson for some needed breakfast. It seems a shame but so far the complete trip did not even produce me one little note.

After leaving Benson, I nick named this trip for the three of us as "Priscilla II", and of course - me the young one. Hell, I set out to have a little fun on this trip so why not get off on the right foot from the beginning.

Arriving in Midland, Tex., we checked out two of the bars that was next to the Motel 6 we stayed at. The first one - RED NECK CITY. No problem, just across the street was one called "PJ's". NOTE TIME: The bar, I would say is larger than any here in Tucson and wide open. As for the bartender, nothing special but he was friendly.

Well, all of us knows that sooner or later, it is time to make that trip to the head. While on my of my excursions to get rid of some of the suds I'd been consuming, I noticed one of those machines on the wall. Closer inspection revealed the following. The top line said Protocol, second line Personal Products, third line Convince Center. For sale in the two slots in this machine -on the left, aspirin's for $.75, on the right, condumns for $.50. On top of the machine itself was a bottle of Ivory Liquid Hand Soap. When asking the bartender about this, he said that aim to please everyone, and most everything. If you are ever in PJ's, ask for Dave, the bartender.

To think this is all just the first day in Texas. I was beginning to wonder what the following 5 was going to bring.

At our first stop after hotel check in was the Pub Pegasus. Would you believe, I've only been in town less than two hours and I'm recognized. Sitting at the end of the bar were Alan & Gene, former Tucson residents.

Now this bar ended up being my favorite because in ways, it reminded me a lot of the Graduate. But, those *&^%$ bartenders, Wow! Ray told me that years ago he and others use to call the owner, Willey, Shamoo. One day walked in with some of those others and Willey said, "Here comes my Shametts."

Another one of that evenings stops was a bar called Numbers. On my trip to the head, I could tell I was in a very classy establishment. The sink to wash your hands in, also was the mop sink. But, being a classy joint, they did have one of those electric hand dryers.

Other places on that first days itinerary was the Anchor Inn (307 of Dallas), Big Daddy's, Buddies (girls hang out), Zippers (with male dancers, one wearing a dildo), and others that I really did not stay long enough to notice.

One day while visiting Buddies again, I met a couple of gals, Julie (aka Mork) and Mindie. Julie was the one sitting in the bar waiting for Mindie. Upon arrival and after some friendly conversation, Julie states - she wears the pants in that family. Mindie's response was - yes, but don't forget who hems them.

The main reason for going to Dallas in the first place was for Ray to demonstrate and cook biscuits at the Texas State Fair. He appeared for 1 hour each, three days that week. Now, being his helper, there was not much time for me to get out to check the scenery out at the fair. Also, during the passing out of those cooked biscuits, I did not even have a chance to talk to any that was walking through the line.

I've always joked about changing my battery in my pace maker (which I do not have) whenever I see someone cute. Well, sitting at the Anchor Inn, talking to one of Ray's friends, Larry, I spotted something and said, "give me a battery for this pace maker quick." The friends response was, "I've got battery cables and a 12 volt battery out in the car I can use if you think it will help you."

If you do stop in Buddies, be sure to say hello to the bartender, Betty. And some of the stories she was telling about Ray, well, you would of had to hear them for yourselves to believe.

I even met one gal that Ray use to bar hop with and would always get mad. It seemed all the guys would hit on her and not Ray, because they felt she was the butcher of the two.

The time I spent in Dallas, meeting all those friends of Rays, plus some I met on my own, will be a part of my cherished and fond memories for a long time. If I ever get the chance to go again, I want to spend more time at a couple of the (my choice) better spots and get to know more of both the dancers and the bartenders.

With then, I guess it is time to pack up and head for Albuquerque, but that will have to wait until next week. For the rest of this week, I'm resting.

THERE WERE LOTS OF POLITICIANS AT THE PICNIC TOO

Gubernatorial Candidate Eddie Basha and Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom.

Openly Lesbian Democratic candidate for the State House, (District 29), Denise Heap.

Tucson Vice Mayor, Bruce Wheeler (D).

State Representative, Elaine Richardson

Tucson Ward 3 Council member, Tom Saggau

Kenny Jacobs with Eddie Basha.

Tucson Mayor, George Miller

Tucson Council member, Molly McKasson

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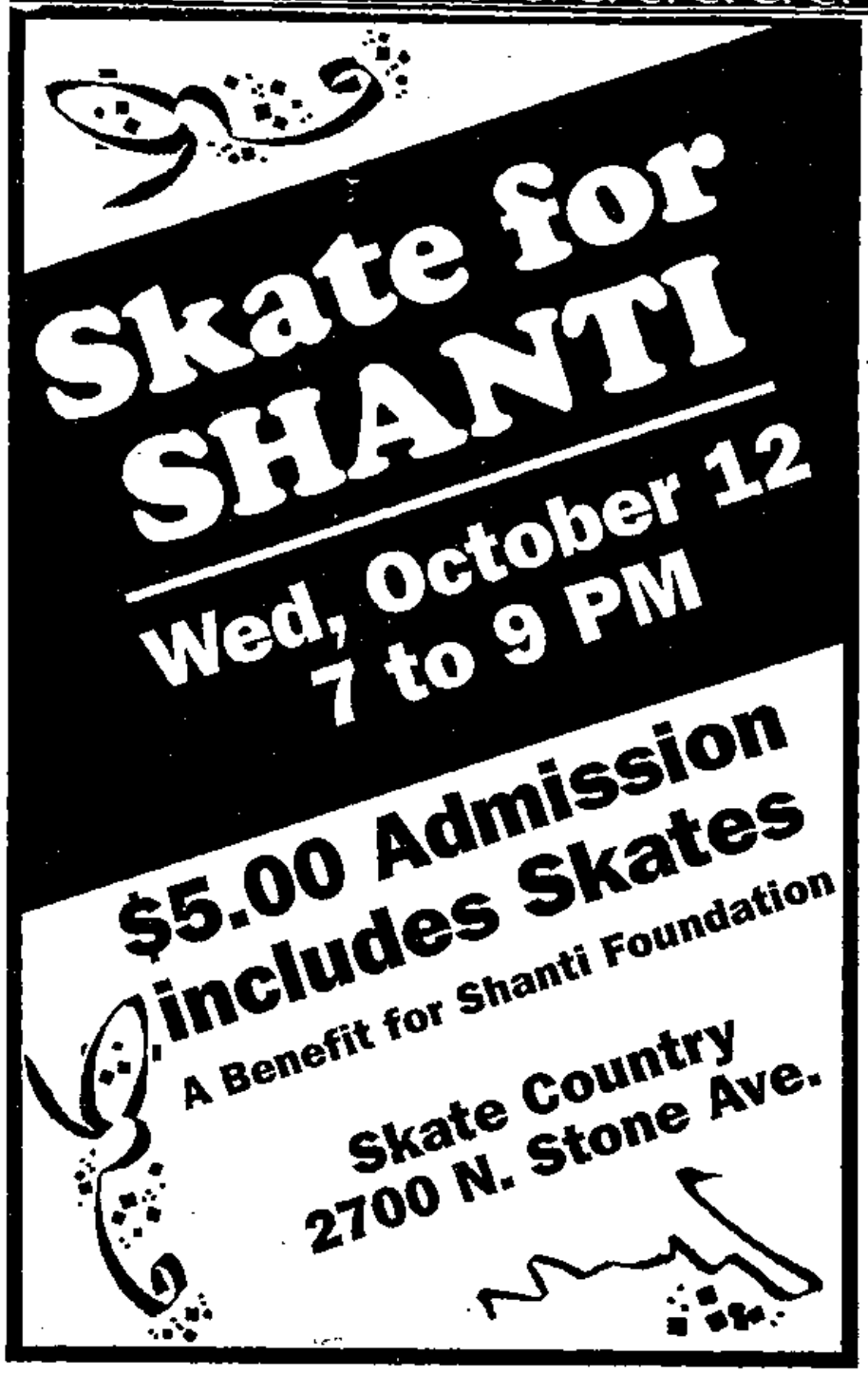

FYI

by Big John

The urge to just say SO THERE! and end the column is truly overwhelming but since I can only write in 25 pages or less here we go.

This past weekend was for YOU! It took an extreme amount of effort by a handful of very dedicated people to "make it so."

My good friend, confident and Treasurer Debra Broner, single-handedly put together a speaker roster second to none. So my pretties, if you weren't there, here's what you missed. First, scattered throughout the day at the top of every hour, political candidates and elected officials. This is an election year so vote for the Democrat of your choice.

At the top, the grocery guy himself, Democrat Gubernatorial Candidate Eddie Basha and Democratic Senatorial Candidate Sam Coppersmith, Brad Forst Democratic running for State Treasurer, Andy Nichols Legislative District 13, Elaine Richardson, District 11, and Denise Heap, District 29 (openly Gay woman). All had the turn at the microphones.

On the local level, Raul Grijalva, County Supervisor, spoke of the addition of sexual orientation protection to the affirmative action policy in Pima County. We in Tucson have had this for seventeen years now since the death of Richard Heakin.

Beverly Ginn, Legal Advisor to the Chief of Police, and Michael Griffin were recipients of the Richard Heakin Community Achievement Award. Bev co-wrote the city ordinance seventeen years ago and Griffin has been active with the formation of three aid service organizations in Tucson; an ardent watchdog and a true activist.

Mayor George Miller once again read the city proclamation that he presented to Debra Broner and myself during Pride Week last June at a City Council meeting. Vice Mayor Bruce Wheeler spoke of the amendment he included on anti-discrimination for AIDS/HIV in the same proclamation and how well our city has been served by Michael Griffin. Molly McKasson was there and spoke as well, the park is in her District. Thanks Molly.

My co-host for the day were the remarkable Kenny Jacobs, who handled all the speakers with a savvy-like Siegfried to Roy and whose presentations are always a cut above my expectations and the "charmed I'm sure" girl Candas, from the Venture N whose parts are still unknown. I thank you both.

It was by all estimates, and as I predicted last spring, the largest Pride Picnic ever. It was 87° and only 1,500 people drank beer, but boy oh boy, can you folks drink beer; 1,500 into 48 kegs equals 7,970 12 oz. glasses.

The crowds came early. By 1:30 there were over 2,000 people on the grounds. After talking to Finley Distributors, who supplied the beer, and the Tucson Police Department, the estimates float between 15,000 to 18,000 in and out all day which is a record. To you, the citizenry of Tucson and the state of Arizona, I say thank you. A special thanks to the City of Tucson as well for its support and charity.

As most of you are aware of, this is my first time producing this event. I sincerely hope you were all pleased. We had, for the record, no fights, no arrests, no problems, nothing but a good time. We did seem to have a news brownout. Please read my letter to Editors elsewhere in this paper.

T.P.D. told me that liquor control was as good as it gets and Finely Distributors said the same. I need to thank all the volunteers from every organization and bar in town; they whistled while they worked - you all did a superb job. My thanks to the Tucson Gay Softball Association and its members who started early and whose help was greatly appreciated.

I must personally thank David Schaffer, who, year after year, event after event, volunteers his time and energy to facilitate everyone's beckon call. He worked the Observer Benefit all day and night Friday and was by my side 7 a.m. Saturday. Without hesitation this man's performance levels are liken to no one I know. David, thanks buddy!!

Now this will appear to be ass kissin' time, but I can assure I only say and write what's going on out my window and honest to me, the proof is always in the puddin'.

Dave Huff and Frank Scheppis continue to have a commanding lead in supporting just about every community event. Their sense of participation is excellent and their club IBTs at 616 N. 4th Ave. is just plain involved. They are first in line, first in time and not just specific to my needs, they give to get and so do I, it works for me and I want to thank them for putting up with a lot. Gentlemen, thank you!

Meanwhile back at the ranch!

My line up of entertainment for the day was local and imported; My surprise guest for you was Viola Wills and I was just as surprised by the performance of the "Fabulous Flirtations" as you were.

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[The following letter was sent by John Haase, President of TLGA to the Gannett News service, Tucson Citizen and Arizona Daily Star and to The Observer.]

DEAR EDITORS:

Having just produced an event in Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona on Saturday 10/8/94 with an attendance of over 18,000, I am appalled your paper did not find this newsworthy enough to make the Sunday edition. When I called on Monday 10/10/94 to inquire as to why, I was told at the editors desk we needed to inform you. Check Steve Meissner's fax received last week; it seems my Treasurer Debra Broner did indeed do just that. Local affiliates KVOA, KGUN, KOLD were present and did on-camera interviews, including myself.

News is news, it's generally going on every day and not hand spooned to the legitimate press is it? There were two weeks running, two, full page ads and a cover story in the Tucson Observer (Gay Lesbian free press). Can no one at the Star/Citizen read? What happened to the concept of investigative reporting? I know several gay reporters on staff at your paper, why the blackout?

What you missed was the opportunity to be part of a historical event. 18,000+ Lesbian and Gay people, their friends, family and supporters, in solidarity, socializing and participating in what is great about this country - FREEDOM. On the stage, throughout the event, at the microphones were Democratic Candidate for Senate Sam Coppersmith, Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Eddie Basha, Elaine Richardson, Candidate District 11, Denise Heap running in District 29, Brad Forst, Democratic running for State Treasurer, Mayor George Miller, Vice Mayor Bruce Wheeler, Councilperson Molly McKasson, County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, Andy Nichols running in District 13.

"Oh well, you should have contacted us," is just not good enough. If you're unwilling to cover real news why should 18,000 people I invite to a picnic in the park read your damn paper. I represent a large group of real people in our town, who have, and intend to keep their civil rights. The Tucson Police Department, at my invitation, were present to vend information for recruitment of openly Gay and Lesbian people to join their ranks. This for your information is precedent setting. This is history. This is REAL news gentlemen. So please, get up off your couch potato butts and pay attention to what's going on in the community you are in charge of reporting on or the whole world will end up E-mail - WAKE UP!

Sincerely, John R. Haase, President
Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance

EDITOR:

The People vs. Kathi Mayer started out quietly and over the course of two months we ended up with a cast and crew of 38 volunteers. Thank you to all who helped honor Kathi and also helped raise money for the MPS society as well.

A special thanks to David Z., Rodney Shanks, Rhett Gable, Dave Shaffer, Sylvia Lafferty, Gerry Piccirilli, Sandy Hensen, Sandra Smith, Bert Lundy, Bob Ellis, Gary Clark, Carla Johnson, Parker Ruiz, Aviva Diamond, Brenda Brown, Dave Sherman, Galeanne Blodgett, Pat Ojeda, Al, Tommy and Georgia of 2520, Frank, Terry Harvey, Nancy Sarama, Dennis and Anne Schmitt.

To our Jurors: Willie Gradillas, Bobby Harris, Scott Hawkins, Dave Huff, Frank Schepis, Michael Sewell, Ricky Norman, David Locke, Harry Lewis and Bruce Lundquist. Congratulations to Ricky Norman who delivered a lovely bouncing baby while the jury deliberated. You were all too pretty for words!

And last but not least...A huge thanks to Kathi Mayer for being a good sport. A huge thanks to Scott and Natalie, and a huge thanks to Ricky Norman, the "Barbra Streisand" of MPS who wrote, directed and acted in yet another Ricky Norman production.

Sincerely, Beth E. Tullis-Perry

EDITOR:

Earlier this month, I joined with the Board of Directors of the National Coalition For Understanding (NCU) in unanimously voting to dissolve the organization. This decision was not taken lightly. It was the result of almost twelve months of frustration over our (my) inability to mobilize either the individual initiative, public attention, or the financing to even begin to realize the purposes for which the NCU was organized.

The American Lesbian and Gay community, so very beleaguered at this time in history, does not need yet another organization unless it is able to make a very unique contribution. The NCU was not able to accomplish this.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have given your generous financial and moral support to the concept of the NCU and, I believe, has thus indicated your friendship and confidence in me. I deeply regret having let you down. I pledge, however, that I will continue to exert all my strength and energy to the struggle to bring Gay and Lesbian Americans into the mainstream of our society.

Please let me hear from you: Marvin Liebman, Apartment 806, 1330 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20036. Telephone (202) 659-1942, Fax (202) 785-3255.

Thanks again for your support of a worthwhile venture that couldn't quite get off the ground.

Marvin Liebman

TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY:

It's that time of year when I again solicit toys, clothes and food for my kids at the Arizona Children's Home (Orphanage).

Ages for boys and girls range from infancy to 16 years of age.

Both David and I will again be doing the soliciting this year. Please be generous and help to make some child's Christmas a very happy one.

God bless all of you for your generosity!

Love from both, David & Rudi

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THE WEEKLY OBSERVER

CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

IBT'S - Special Glamazon show to benefit Gilda Fatale's quest for Miss IGRA. Show features Gilda (Miss Gay AGRA), Lucinda Holliday (Miss Gay Arizona and Miss Gay Tucson), Adrienne Alexander, (Queen of Gay Pride '94), Angelica West, Helena Bubbles and special guest appearances.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

HOURS - They've gone country!@!@! Start Hours anniversary weekend early - dance your feet off.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

HOURS - The 4th Anniversary begins. 6:00 to ????. Promo Night - raffles t-shirts, shooters, etc. Give-aways. Join the Bud guys & Coors and Arizona Beverage with Goldschlager and Midori products and United with Myers goodies.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

GRADUATE - Partners' Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. today with a cash pool tourney also with pot matched. Y'all come!

HOURS - 4th Year Anniversary Party here from 5:00 p.m. tpo closing. Country continous... The Sloppy Joe Buffet starts at 5 p.m. Door Prizes, raffles, entertainment with Ms. Tseresa Housley, Jerry Harrell and Lori Lee. Drink Specials, dancing and fun the whole night long!!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

IBT'S - Come join the crowd to celebrate the life of Fritz Schneider here from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your laughter and your memories. There will be food - friends and dancing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Free bar-b-que'd hamburgers on the 'cool' patio plus 50¢ draft beer plus pool tournament. What a great ways to spend a Sunday afternoon.

VENTURE-N - Tucson Greater Softball Association Picnic Banquet here with presentation of trophies and a special BBQ from 5 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Commissioner Dan.

SATURDAY, OTOBER 22

GRADUATE - A benefit show for Lucinda Holliday in her quest for Miss Gay America title. More later.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

CLUB 2520 - The fantastic and really hot band, Black Box, will be playing here tonight. They'll be playing their hits, "Everybody, Everybody", "Strike It Up", "Fantasy", "Ride On Time", and "Open Your Eyes". Tickets for this once in a lifetime shot at seeing this group 'close up' are only $7.00. There's limited space and limited seating so get your tickets now and get there early!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

CLUB 2520 - The ever popular Dena Kaye will be returning here for an evening of great country/western singing. Mark your calendars now and be there for a fun and entertaining evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Friendly Fire, the excellent women's band based in Tucson will be playing from 7 to 10 p.m. Make your plans now!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Halloween Contest here at 9 p.m. But the party starts at 7:00 p.m. $100 first prize, $50 for second and champagne for 3rd. Hors D'oeuvres and drink specials too.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CLUB 2520 - Sid Spence will be making his first Tucson appearance here this evening. A great talent and a great voice.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

"No Resuscitation Required" at a.k.a. Theatre in it's Late Show Series. The evocative work is written and performed by local poet/playwright Meikil 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, both from Los Angeles. The exhibit will run 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) video movie night ("Parting Glances") at 7 p.m. Call Jerry 690-9565.

THURS.-SUN. OCTOBER 13-16

The Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will be houseboating on Lake Powell. Participants will leave by 6:00 a.m. on Thursday for the long drive to Lake Powell and spend four days on the lake exploring the water, the beaches and the small canyons that feed the lake. The cost will be approximately $200 with reservations. For information and/or reservations contact Les McAllan through pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch-tone phones only) followed by the# sign.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

A cool 10 mile hike is scheduled by the Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club through water in the unique Aravaipa Canyon. Two groups will approach the canyon from each end and exchange car keys so that all hikers will be able to hike the entire length of the canyon. High clearance vehicles would be helpful. Reservations have been made for five people entering from each. One group will leave Tucson at 5:30 a.m. for the long drive to the east end. The second group will leave Tucson at 7:30 a.m. for the short drive to the west end. This is very level terrain, but your feet will definitely be wet, so wear old shoes! Reservations are necessary --Contact Les McAllan at pager 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch tone phones only) followed by # sign. The cost will be $4 for gas and $1.50 at the trail head (bring change).

How "non-sexual" can a Gay notarized event be? ANDES/Tucson members and guests are invited to participate in a "Hand-On" Sensitivity workshop for Gay and Bisexual men where barriers come down, masks come off and uninhibited openness is always appropriate. For details, call Wayne at 325-7607.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) monthly social dinner at Chad's at 6:30 p.m. For more information and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Lambda Car Club, Grand Canyon Region, Tucson Group will be driving to Casc Grande to tour two great salvage yards (Wiseman's and Hidden Valley). Make your list of parts you have been looking for and join the group. They will leave Tucson from the Jack in the Box at Grant & Oracle at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay or Bi-sexual men over 30) monthly meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Speaker: Dr. Randy Oberhoff on "Gay Issues". Message center 887-7493.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Lesbian Avengers, a political action group will be at Tucson Women's Commission, 240 N. Court and will be showing their video at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Festival for Life event mailing at PACT offices, 10:00 a.m. 801 West Congress. Call Mary Higgins, Frank Gallego at 770-1710.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

A Town Hall Meeting sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project of Tucson will hold a seminar at the Ramada Inn from 6 to 8 p.m. "Homosexual Teens, who are they, where are they, what do we say to them and how do we treat them?" is the subject. For educators and those interested in the education of our children.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) excursion at the zoo. 9 a.m. For more information call Jerry, 690-9565.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Hors d'Oeuvres. Best of 60s, 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.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 4-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10 am until 8 pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. 50¢ Draft. Stonewall opens 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 BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7, Reverse Happy Hour 9-1. DJ 9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Moon Madness "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ 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. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 8pm with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Many Medley, $1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

- Open at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Dart Tournament 7 pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ 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.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 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/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Wet Jockey Short Contest 10pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schnapps Shots $1.

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

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ 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/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Cumbia, banda y top 40's. Corona or Cuervo Gold $1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly naked" men.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, $1.25 pitchers.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ Schnapps 9pm to 1am. 2-Step lessons 7 pm. Dart Tourney at 8, $2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Country/Western Nite; Drink Discounts for those in Cowboy Hats.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, $3 entry fee.

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 8pm, 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cruise Party, $1 well and domestic Beer. Leather/Uniform Nite. $1 Well and Domestic for proper apparel.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 3 pm. Pot matched, winner take all.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina 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/EAGLE - Open at 10am. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Leather/Uniform Nite - $1 well and domestic all nite for those in proper attire.

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

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LIGHT from the LIGHTHOUSE

by Adrian Alexander — News From MCC Tucson

Pasts, presents, and futures. All must go through changes. This is exactly what MCC-Tucson went through this week.

Our most important change has now occurred. Sunday marked the celebration of the installation of our new pastor, Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey. For those of you who attended, it was a very touching ceremony. I was surprised and honored to be a part of the installation process, by giving Nita her stole. You wear it well and will guide the way for many of us. Congratulations!

Highlighting the service was none other than our Assistant District Coordinator, Rev. Diane Miller, who I must say is an excellent public speaker. It truly was a joy to have her with us to share the special day.

For those of you who are interested, this Saturday, October 15, will be "Pride" bingo in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 22, there will be a special congregational meeting regarding the Southwest District Conference with a pot luck first. The topic of discussion for the meeting will be on instructing our lay delegates how to vote for our congregation at the conference. This is a very important function, and a chance for your voice to be heard.

Do not forget the upcoming holiday festivities that will also be taking place. The thanksgiving and Christmas plans are well underway. Please be sure to partake in them!

MCC is on a call for members. Week by week the church begins to grow. Won't you please come join us and see what we are all about?

MCC recently participated in the National Coming Out Day at the University of Arizona. A good time was had by all and they distributed flyers and pamphlets concerning our church.

For those of you who may have questions or concerns about MCC-Tucson, please feel free to contact the church office at 292-9151.

Until next week, peace, love and bugle beads!

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Welcome Home! The big sign across the back of the house read. I could hardly believe it! For one of the few times in my life I had nothing to say. It was overwhelming. I stared at it, blinked, blinked again, and yes, it was still there. It was real. Then all the noise and activity began to sink in. Tables and chairs borrowed from the church were set up, while enough food to feed a ship full of sailors appeared as if by magic. people were crowding around me. I couldn't even cry! You see, I was wearing my U.S. Navy uniform, and sailors don't cry. I was hugged and squeezed and smothered by so many relatives, many of whom I hadn't seen for several years. And friends, so many I couldn't them all. I had just come home on leave and hadn't seen my family for several months. It was the first of November and I would have to leave before Thanksgiving, so my family and friends were holding an early celebration.

Why was this such a monumental event in my life? My fathers had never loved me, none of the three of them. My birth father abandoned me. My adopted father never loved me, and eventually he left too. My stepfather was disappointed in me, and I was a nuisance to him. I had felt left out for years. Then I had begun the long battle with my sexuality, which compounded the whole thing. Yet, here were over two hundred people swamping me with all kinds of affection! I had become pretty much a rebellious, stubborn, and even scared teenager. As I look back, I have to take responsibility for at least part of it, but I came from a household where we didn't talk much, and little affection was shown in front of others. Kids were to be seen and not heard, so I had internalized many of my feelings. I didn't really know how to respond to love when it was shown to me. I craved it. I agonized for it. But I was also scared of it, so I decided that I would close off my emotions and never become close to anyone as long as I lived because if I did, they would also betray me.

That November day, I took the first step on my journey to maturity, to search for that love I needed so badly. Eventually I realized that I had to expose myself and become vulnerable, because that's what love demands of us. It hasn't been easy, and I am still learning. It has become better. I have experienced almost unconditional love with my spouse for many years, and now I have a new family in my church. Yes, I've had setbacks, disappointments, tears. But I have found the secret. Can I share it with you?

I now have a father, a daddy, who really does love me unconditionally. He has forgiven me all my past and continues daily to forgive me anew. He floods me with the security, peace, and happiness I always wanted. That father is God. He has never abandoned me, or failed me, or disappointed me. He loved me so much, even before I was born, that he sent his only begotten so to die for me! Out of all the nice, good, handsome, popular, and wonderful people in the world, God chose me to love. Why? I didn't do anything to deserve it. Well, he's just that way! I have also found out that I'm not the only person he has done this for. God loves you as much as me, and the death of Jesus, his son, was for you and for all people. He has a big banquet table already spread for us, and there is a huge sign over the gate to Heaven with my name and your name on it. It says, "Welcome Home." We will be given the finest clothes to wear and a crown to show how much he loves us, and Jesus will say to us in front of all the angels of Heaven, "Come, you are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." (Matthew 25:34) Then we will sit at the table with him in a place of honor.

Like me, you may have wandered off, gotten lost, and are living in darkness, scared and confused. I've been there. Well, my friend, it's so easy to come home. All you have to do it call out to God, to let him know you want him and him only. He will not deny anyone who sincerely calls out to him. I've come home, and God is waiting for you to come home today.

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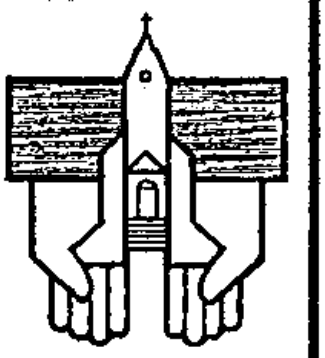

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		AUG.	JULY	JUNE		AUG.	JULY	JUNE		AUG.	JULY	JUNE	
APACHE	61,591	7	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0
COCHISE	97,624	28	28	28	15	6	6	6	0	41	41	41	3
COCONINO	96,591	20	17	17	12	0	0	0	0	20	19	19	1
GILA	40,216	8	8	8	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
GRAHAM	26,554	8	8	8	5	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
GREENLEE	8,008	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,844	7	7	7	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	0
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2557	2519	2476	1602	575	555	543	61	1807	1810	1811	128
MOHAVE	93,497	44	44	43	23	5	5	5	1	27	27	26	4
NAVAJO	77,658	13	12	12	9	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	1
PIMA	666,880	766	763	752	452	107	105	95	14	506	506	518	42
PINAL	116,379	45	43	41	25	6	6	6	0	32	32	32	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	10	9	9	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	37	37	35	24	6	5	7	1	33	34	33	3
YUMA	106,895	45	45	44	24	10	10	10	1	52	52	52	5
UNKNOWN		8	5	5	5	1	1	0	0	113	113	112	1
	3,655,228	3605	3554	3494	2218	720	697	677	79	2649**	2653**	2663**	189

** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 2,030 PERSONS HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION.

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POLITICS

by Mark Kerr

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land exchanges. The State Land Department has halted its land exchange activities. The effect of Proposition 101 will allow the State Land Department to resume state trust land exchanges. The department's ongoing trust land lease and sale programs would continue.

Why should the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community should rally around the candidacy of "the chubby grocer", Eddie Basha. Simple his views and positions on issues of concern to us make him "light years" better that J. Fife Whitebread, whose record stinks and frankly doesn't care.

Eddie Basha recognized long ago that we are all different, and it is our diversity that gives us strength as a state and as a nation. Eddie is committed to policies of inclusion, not exclusion. We must invest in people, and put them ahead of politics if we are going to change the status quo in Arizona. He understands that all groups must have a place at the table to the decision making process.

Eddie knows that all the challenges facing our state affect the Gay and Lesbian community. Crime, education, transportation, the economy; all these issues impact Arizonans, regardless of their sexual orientation. Some of the hurdles we face as a society, while affecting all of us, have a greater impact on the Gay and Lesbian community. The following are some of Eddie's positions on these concerns:

EMPLOYMENT - The movement to permit discrimination against homosexuals was being brought by Frank Meliti and his Traditional Values Coalition. Discrimination is repugnant, regardless of its form or its target. When Meliti asked to circulate his petitions in front of Bashas' grocery stores, Eddie's response was a firm, unequivocal "No!" Eddie's repulsion of disparate treatment is also what led Eddie to ensure that Basha's health care plan includes coverage for the HIV virus.

LAW - With all the gang violence, crime, corruption in our society, it doesn't make sense for us to spend out valuable judicial resources patrolling the bedrooms of consenting adults. Eddie stands behind Senator Goldwater's famous statement, "It is none of the government's business how I conduct my life."

MARRIAGE - We must move toward recognizing the evolving nature of what constitutes a family. Eddie understands that because the laws in our state do not permit marriages between people of the same sex, Gay and Lesbian couples are not accorded the same treatment as heterosexuals. For a Gay or Lesbian couple, Arizona's refusal to recognize same sex marriages denies same sex couples the protection provided by domestic violence laws, denies a partner the health insurance benefits provided by their mate's employer, denies mates the right to make medical decisions on behalf of their partner, denies a partner a share of their deceased mate's estate, and prevents same sex couples from adopting children. These rights and privileges should not be predicated on a person's sexual orientation.

Eddie campaign slogan reflects his attitude toward business, government and life, "People. Not Politics."

Here are the results of the latest poll of various statewide offices up for election this year. To get the details over with, the survey was co-sponsored by KAET-TV and the Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University. The margin of error is plus or minus 4.7% Here are the results:

U.S. SENATOR	
Jon Kyl(R)	39%
Sam Coppersmith(D)	31%
Scott Grainger(LBT)	6%
Undecided	24%

GOVERNOR	
Eddie Basha(D)	50%
Fife Symington(R)	34%
John Buttrick(LBT)	2%
Undecided	14%

SECRETARY OF STATE	
Jane Dee Hull(R)	31%
Pete Rios(D)	12%
Ernest Hancock(LBT)	8%
Undecided	49%

STATE TREASURER	
Tony West(R)	31%
Brad Forst(D)	20%
Undecided	49%

CORPORATIONCOMMISSION	
Debbie McCune-Davis(D)	23%
Carl Kunasek(R)	17%
Doyle Vines(LBT)	8%
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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	
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David Z (from my home bar IBTs) was the balance and equalizer we needed to party, (who says you can't tweezer while you work her). DJ David Z I love you, thanks.

To Tony DeNinno, Executive Producer of The "-G-" Word, who graciuously let T.L.G.A. use his truck for pick up of much need materials. A big thank you, Tony, I really appreciated it.

To facilitate sound production was John Weller of I-Mag. This event would have been much different if he had not been included. My production assistant was David Pearson of Pakstar Sales and an excellent DJ in his own right. Mr. Pearson was also my contact agent in bringing Viola Wills to town. To my favorite disco Diva of "Stormy Weather" A special thanks.

Welcome to the party goes out to Melinda of "Ain't Knowbodies Biz" and her manager Teresa and security guard Chris. Melinda co-paid for Viola Wills and got a second show that same evening. In exchange Viola charitied back $500 of her fee - so, Vi baby, hope your back here soon.

The day started with Crash of Rising Star Production who opened with Kareoke and lent his equipment to the event all day to use - thanks again Crash.

Very special accolades to Lee at Hours on Grant Road who moved her anniversary celebration back a week to this Friday and Saturday (Big Party Saturday) to accommodate and support the picnic - so please make it a point to stop by and say happy birthday to Hours and to hear Ms. Teresa Housely who performed at the Picnic - Ladies, XOXO means it!

Special thanks to Boccata Bistro at River Center at Craycroft and River Road and their fast food outlet Pronto on Speedway, west of Country Club for the support and gift certificates. To Bobby and Patrice of Triangle Traders who manned or womaned the T.L.G.A. booth and....

THE QUEENS -

Queen of Gay Pride 94 Adrienne Alexander, who raised over $3000.00 for T.L.G.A. to underwrite this cost of this event and has my gratitude. Next year's King or Queen of Gay Pride will start out in June to coincide with Stonewall Historical events and the final winners will be announced at the Picnic with a full scale floor show review at the Picnic - so Adrienne reign will be through the 1st week of October, 1995.

Fiesta de Mayo is no longer a T.L.G.A. event. It belongs to "Minnie" Minerva or to whomever she delegates the event to. I would hope that this becomes an even stronger event for him and that the title holder will be challenged to run for a title as King or Queen of Gay Pride '95. I look forward to the challenge of working with Minnie and am glad that the issue of non-Latino candidates can be resolved by this change.

I need to quit writing!!!!

I also need to that Jalissa Michaels whose Patti LaBelle was wonderful and Sharon Jackson whose rendition of Jennifer Holiday in Blue was stunning. They represented Phoenix well and are invited to play with us any time. Lucinda Holiday for his help, friendship and money raising abilities to Lotta Whoremones who should try steroids and a smaller trunk (sorta like Myra Breckenridge, ya know). To Desert Voices for their participation - look for their upcoming calendar and to the Desert Leatherman who I promise to take better care of next year. And to all the color guard - I promise something mellower and shorter, thank you.

Down to the wire here. Now with extreme special thanks to my friend Russell Wells of FX Hair on 4th Avenue, my bass player at the Observer Benefit and the Picnic, and to my darling Kevin Clavinova/ Wolf/Rodger, (I just drive him crazy with names). His accompaniment at the Picnic and the Observer Benefit as well was most appreciated and not ignored.

I apologize for torturing you at the Picnic, my voice just gave out. I was an opening act at the Observer Benefit and screeching all morning at Reid Park took its toll.

Finally to Alan McLaughlin, Scott Hawkins and Rick Norman for not only bringing the Flirts to town but for managing to bring them to the Picnic for all of us to enjoy. It was the icing on my cake. I love you all. Bob Ellis for everything and as always for the "space" and last of all to Natalie Perry for contrast.

My work for next year has already begun and man oh man is it cut out for me. Life has more imagination than I can carry in my dreams.

Love, Peace, & Light,
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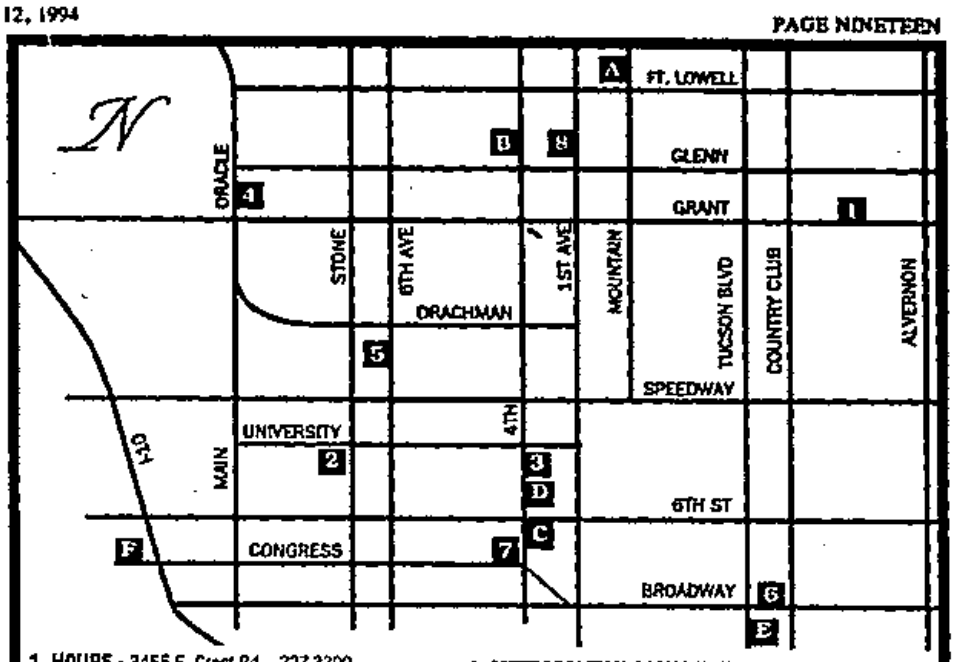

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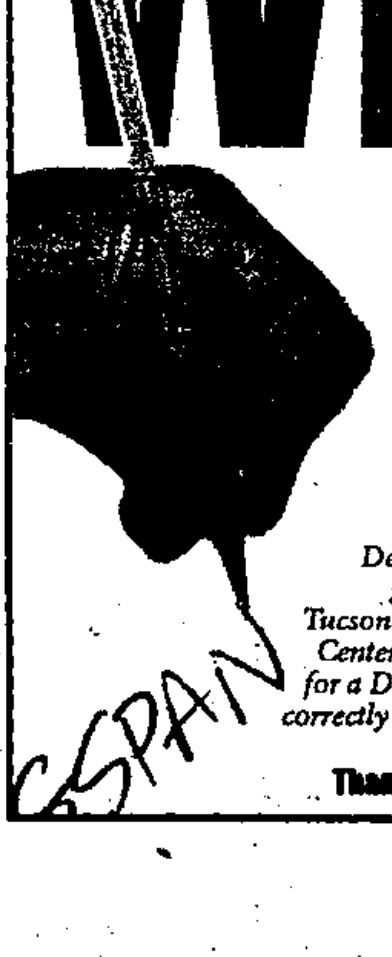

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DEAR EDITOR:

Thanks for the opportunity to work with you on the 9th Annual Observer Community Benefit, starring the fabulous Flirtations! Because of a lot of hard work by a lot of people, I think this year's show will be standard by which future productions are compared.

The Flirtations were overwhelmed by the reception they received in Tucson and commented many times on the outpouring of love they experienced here. They made many new friends during their stay, and are very much looking forward to coming back. Not only did they put on a great show to help raise money for PACT For Life and The Shanti Foundation, but also honored us with an (unpaid) appearance at the Gay Pride Picnic.

Special thanks go to the show's co-producers, Scott Hawkins and Rick Norman, who orchestrated the local talent part of the show, co-ordinated all the wonderful volunteer waiters, ushers and bartenders, and who spent many tireless hours (and sleepless nights) putting all the small details together to insure a flawless production. My hat's off to you guys, you're the best!

Kudos to Scott Rebmann and Stephen Luckett of Bacchante Catering for an excellent pre-show dinner; to Rick Crause of Casas Adobes Flower Shop for the beautiful floral displays; to Jeff Kane of Arizona Travel Center for arranging travel; to Gary Aegerter of A&A Limousine and Don Johnson of Ramada/Downtown for helping to keep our costs down; and to Dennis Lamb of Southwest Center For Music for all his assistance in making the show happen.

Thanks too, to the bars who donated liquor and bought dinner tables; to All at Club 2520 for the portable bars; and especially to Dave and Frank of IBT's for helping to raise funds to buy tickets for clients of the local ASOs who couldn't afford them, and for hosting the "Flirt with the Flirts" promotion at their bar. Borrowing from The Tucson Weekly's "Best of Tucson" comments, you guys are truly "AB FAB".

Standing ovations were certainly deserved by our local talent: the amazing keyboards of Jon Brown; the dazzling Anne English (who did find her ring); the thrilling Pete Lara ("who knew???"); the incomparable John Haase (love those size 11's); and the hilarious Debbie Rice. Our dinner guests were entertained by Kevin Rogers and Andrew Cheng on piano.

Also instrumental in the effort were Anne Maley and Amy Wheeler of Shanti and Mary Higgins and Frank Gallego from PACT who sold ads for the program, and Anne Schmitt of Smart Art and David Locke of Alphagraphics, who produced it. And please support the advertisers, they deserve your patronage!

Finally, but most importantly, thanks to everyone who supported the event by their attendance. Because of your generosity, PACT For Life and The Shanti Foundation will split the proceeds to continue their services to people infected with, and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Warmest regards,
Alan McLaughlin

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the Viewpoint article by Mr. Jim Rice. I must protest to his reference to ancient Moasic law condemning all wrongdoers to death. Because of the new and everlasting covenant through Jesus Christ we are promised eternal life. Mr. Rice to deny this is to say that the agony and death of Jesus on the cross was for nothing and that shatters the very foundation of Christianity.

The views expressed by you Mr. Rice and obviously Cornerstone Fellowship are exactly the same as those expressed by the Pat Robertsons and Jerry Falwells of this world.

May I suggest Mr. Rice that you clean up your own back yard before you stick your pompous nose into someone elses.

Jesus came to teach love and acceptance for all people and that includes ALL Gays, straights, Lesbians and yes, Drag Queens. if you continue with this hate filled rhetoric, the only one that will be left to listen to you and Other Sheep Ministries is your sheep puppet and only because it has no choice.

Mr. Rice, THINK AGAIN!

Sincerely, James Carlin &
David Ruder, Deacon-MCC
Tucson

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the Viewpoint column written by Jim Rice in last weeks issue of the Observer.

I realize that this article was line an editorial, but I must state my mind because I believe that this article is nothing but lies.

Who, Mr. Rice, are you to write such nonsense? The one statement that I am highly referring to is, and I quote, "Cornerstone and I personally are not out to condemn, accuse, or judge anyone." This, coming from you is unbelievable.

I recall an evening in August that I attended a function at MCC-Tucson in my capacity of a female impersonator and as the Queen of Gay Pride for a going away celebration. Not knowing you personally, a fellow member of MCC walked up to me and said, "Jim Rice is here. He hates drag queens." That gave me all the more fire to perform that evening. But, as David Ruder, a deacon at MCC, went out to perform a number, you got up from your chair and your dinner, and exited the church. If I am wrong, please correct me, but I know, and all that were there to celebrate witnessed this event.

I must say, setting all religion aside, you sir are a bigot.

Normally, I would never be this harsh to anyone, and I am usually really close mouthed about everything, but this one really struck me to heart. You personally affected and offended me. And I don't even know you!

Then to top it all off, I found out that you wrote a letter to the MCC District Coordinator, Don Pederson, and implied that "MCC is letting drag queens into their church." This fact really disturbs me.

I became a member of MCC because of the liberal, accepting and loving atmosphere. I am not pressured, swayed, or told to do something that I am not. if anyone is not out to judge, it is MCC-Tucson.

You need, however, to watch how you and Cornerstone "point out" things to people. I really don't appreciate you writing out an article that says that if I drink, do drugs, and have sex, that my partners are going to leave me lonely, etc. The part about the incurable sexual disease is ridiculous. Tell me, oh mighty one, what is this better way.

Get off your cross, Jim Rice, we need the wood.

Sincerely, Adrian Alexander,
MCC Member & Drag Queen

OPEN LETTER TO TLGA:

To John, Debra, Kenny and all the people who helped with the '94 Pride Picnic, way to go Gang!! This year's picnic was the best yet. The change of location was much need, as we (the Tucson Lesbian and Gay community) have grown a lot. Himmel Park could no longer contain us. Moving the date to October turned out to be a major blessing. The weather was perfect. I didn't see anyone pass out from heat stroke and we didn't have to create a mud bog to cool everyone down.

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There was a wide variety of vendors and information booths, well space and well placed. I would love to see some good vegetarian food next year, anyone willing? I was pleased and surprised to see TPD with a booth. Good effort on their part to establish a relationship with the Lesbian and Gay community that doesn't involve one of us in handcuffs.

The speakers this year were varied and well spaced. We didn't have to sit through an hour of boring speeches to get to the music. Thanks to Eddie Basha for joining us. I hope his support of equal rights for all continues after he is elected. It was a treat to hear Desert Voices. They are a wonderful representation of our community.

TLGA did a fabulous job! I hope the success of this event will silence some of the critics and detractors in the community who insist on complaining and not getting involved. Change can be good, as was proven this past Saturday.

Yours in Pride,
Michelle Yakovich

DEAR EDITOR:

After attending the Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic on Saturday the 8th of October. We have only one thing to say to T.L.G.A. and Mr. John Haase and Ms. Debra Broner and the countless volunteers that made this year's Picnic the very best ever.

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Sincerely yours,
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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

There will be a benefit show today, October 12, at IBT's to benefit our very own Miss AGRA-Gilda Fatale as she prepares to compete for the title of Miss IGRA later this month. The competition will be held during the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Denver on October 21-23. The AGRA Fund Raising Committee will be on hand throughout the show promoting their famous Balloon Bust. The show promises to be a great one with a star studded cast. Come on down to IBT's and help join us in wishing Gilda the best of luck as she competes for Miss IGRA.

AGRA congratulates Hour's on their four year anniversary. Hours will host their four year anniversary party this Friday and Saturday. The AGRA Fund Raising Committee will be at Hours on Saturday along with the AGRA Balloon Bust. Congratulations Lee!

The AGRA Tucson Chapter meetings will be held this coming Sunday, October 16, at Ft. Lowell Park. There will be a picnic/potluck in conjunction with the meetings. If your last name begins with A-F, we ask that you please bring one of the following: pickles, tomatoes, relish, chips, or lettuce. G-M please bring a side dish (salads), N-R please bring a dessert, S-Z please bring beverages and ice.

The meetings will be held at the east end of the park in the Woodland Riparian Hohokum Site, Ramada #7. Look for the signs that will be posted near the Tennis Courts. Hope to see you all there.

We're happy to report that a total of $309 was raised during the Pride Picnic by AGRA. We had Tee-Shirts and Coffee Mugs for sale. A big thank you to all those who supported AGRA and bought items at the picnic. A special thanks to those who volunteered their time to work the booth. All your help is greatly appreciated.

Chili Verde Days is right around the corner folks. This year promises to be the biggest and best yet. All the details are being ironed out at the moment and full details will be made public very soon.

I'm not one for gossip, but this I must report. One of our members was caught in a lip lock this past weekend with a visiting guest from Oklahoma. Let me tell you people, this was no ordinary lip-lock. It kind of looked like they were attempting to swap tonsils. I won't mention names in order to protect the guilty, but I will say that our little kissing cowboy worked very hard this weekend. Not only did he provide great country dance music, he made our out of town friends feel right at home.

By the way Edgar, I hear the catch of the day is Grilled Haliboo! I'll have to try it sometime.

For more information on AGRA or if you would like to become a member please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

The Bowling Beat

by Randy Bilbro

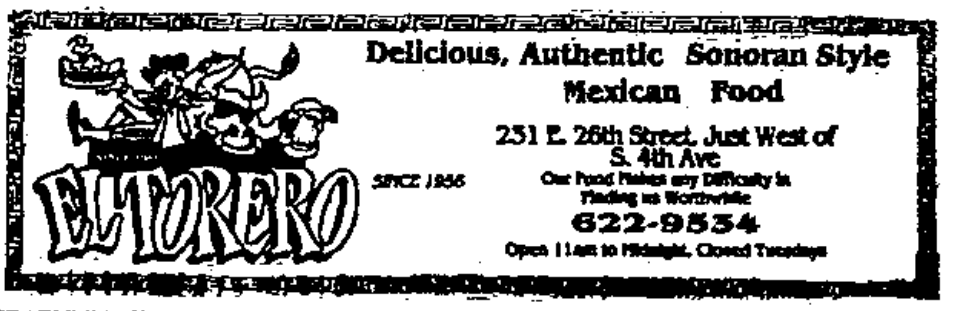
In less than two weeks, Tucson's Gay population will increase by another 500 to 600 men and women, all of whom will be participants and guests for the International Gay Bowling Organization's (IGBO) Mid-Year Tournament. Out of town guests will begin arriving as early as Saturday, the 22nd of October, and will continue to stream in until the following Saturday, with the majority of them staying through the Halloween weekend. While actual bowling will only be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, several excursions that showcase Tucson and the Southwest are planned for early arrivals.

In an earlier column, volunteers were sought to help out during the tournament weekend. I would like to thank those who came forward, and let anyone else know who might still be interested that we need a few more people willing to assist, meet some new friends, and have some fun on Halloween weekend. Registration, 50/50 sales, side pots, ladders and brackets are a few of the areas that are still not quite filled. If you think you would like to help, you can reach me at 293-0023 or Mark & Dennis at 743-3303.

We're trying to wrap up the ad sales; however, we still have some space available in the program for the weekend. Just as a friendly reminder for those who have purchased ad space, correctly sized art for the ad is due to Mark Rosenbaum by Friday the 14th.

One of the excursions planned for our guests is a day trip to Tombstone and Bisbee, which will be done on a 47 passenger charter bus and will be on Thursday, October 27th from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. It looks as if there will be a few available seats on the bus and we would like to offer them to the local community, again offering Tucson a chance to mingle with the out-of-towners. The price tag for the day is $45 that includes the transportation costs, lunch at the Copper Queen Hotel, a T-shirt to commemorate the occasion, beverages on the bus, and a whole lot of fun. Give me a call at 293-0023 if you would like to go!

On the local scene, congratulations to the Venture-N Dirty Dozen for winning the TGSA Softball Championship this past weekend and thanks to TLGA and all concerned for a great Gay Pride Picnic!



HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Both Mercury and Venus go "retrograde" this week, which means that they look like they are going backwards in the sky. Astrologically, this type of activity can throw things into confusion. We become fuzzy and, perhaps a bit overdemanding. Add Mars into this recipe (that planet changes signs this week) and you have all the ingredients for a stinger. One lump or two?

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Mars insists that you party tres hearty, but Mercury and Venus will almost guarantee you that the applecart of sex will be overturned by such antics. Pioneering Gay rams will plow right into recriminations and bad feelings if you don't consider your actions, words and manner with lovers. You don't want to party alone...do you?

TAURUS
APRIl 21 - MAY 21

You are ready to redecorate, move or change your surroundings, come what may. Did you happen to let partners know of your plans? It's all in the delivery, dear. Mercury and Venus toss you a curveball in relationships while Mars turns on the juice in your homebase. My suggestion is to compromise on a simple paint job and leave the difficult choices for later in the month.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You are not as happy as you could be on the job. Mercury and Venus retrograde could cause some miscommunication at work. Compounding this is fiery Mars which now insists that you make your strong opinions known, come what may. Not good! Since wasted time and frustration are all part of this transit you must know when to shut up. Sit tight, this will pass.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Investments become the reason for being as Mars pours on the energy in monetary matters. Maybe money is becoming more important because you have tasted the wild grape. Increased funds will help you enjoy life even more...or so you think. Not every great thing has a huge price tag associated with it. Who said the best things in life are free? Maybe some hack...

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

You are literally pushed into the great ebb and flow of life. It's center stage or bust, says Mars. Mercury and Venus, however, gently remind you that there is no place like home. Don't go chasing that farther star at the expense of the warm fire at home. Your real security and glory i snot what strangers think of you, but what you gain from your deep pool of friends and family.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Intuition works over time with Mars entering Leo. Just be sure that your wild ideas are not yelled out too loudly; Mercury and Venus will have a way of making you sound like a nut. I really do believe that you say that UFO, but then I read all the tabloids. My advice; use this energy to volunteer and be of service to our community. Gay causes need your meticulous help.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Mars encourages you to become the social gadfly as friends and acquaintances take up more and more of your time. Mercury and Venus however make the purse strings a little tight. It is a good reminder of the old adage. A friend in need can be pest. Offer a warm shoulder here and there, but don't offer monetary support. You need all you have.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Scorpios feel the need to make a big career push now with Mars in Leo. Do what you must behind the scenes, but don't assume the limelight just yet. Mercury and Venus are casting a pall on front stage antics. You will surely flub the big lines while the retrogrades persist, even if you rehearse your lines. Never mind, Scorpios are behind the scenes strategists anyway.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Itchy feet? Mars encourages you to travel and explore the exotic, which may not be too bad of a thing during the retrograde. Mercury and Venus affect hidden things in your life so you may be more susceptible to con artists and bad intuition vibes. A rest may be just the ticket. If you don't want to travel, curl up with a good book.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Feeling a tad feisty? Capricorns are being given that Mars charge in the area of your life ruling sex and other people's money. Let's go for the sex! I do, however, recommend that you choose your lovers wisely, don't sample them among friends. Mercury and Venus could cause some hard feelings and misdirected communication among pals and within your social circle.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 18

Relationships take on a greater importance with Mars entering Leo. Pouring all that energy into one-to-one relationships is a good idea, but keep an eye on career issues, too. Mercury and Venus in your professional arena makes you realize that it cannot be an either or situation. You simply need all aspects of your life in balance to be truly happy and successful.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The job beckons and you are ready to take on all tasks, thanks to Mars. it is a fine time to stay close to the action and not travel. Venus and Mercury make any vacation plans go awry, albeit in minor ways. Forget to pack your toothbrush? Forget your money? Get lost on your way? Blame it on the planets, put in some overtime and rent a movie on the way home.

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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. "Educating Our Community Since 1985".

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

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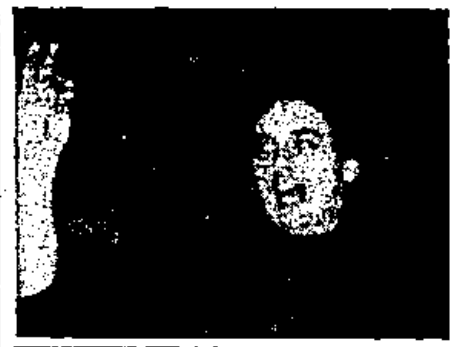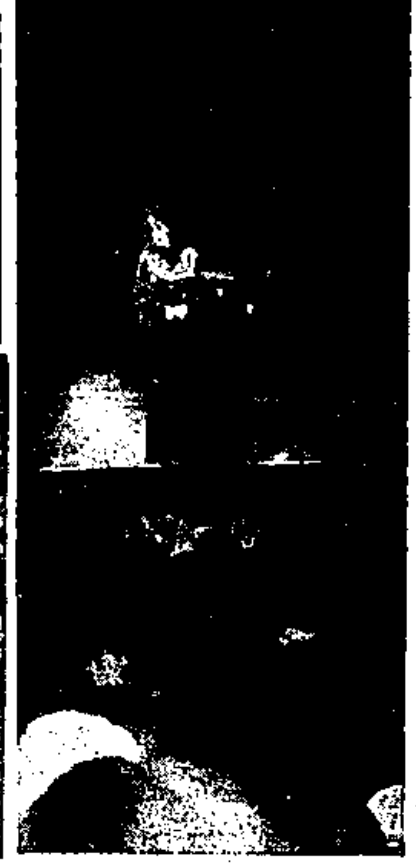
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