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Al Gore Stumps For Coppersmith In Tucson Appearance

Pictured: Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Sam Coppersmith, (at podium). Behind him (left to right) Sen. Dennis DeConcini; Tucson Mayor, George Miller; Congressman Ed Pastor; Lela Alston, candidate of Superintendent of Public Instruction; Vice President Al Gore.

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Writer

TUCSON - Vice President Al Gore praised the Arizona Democratic ticket, especially U.S. Senate candidate Sam Coppersmith, and blasted Republicans during a campaign rally held on Monday at the Tucson Convention Center.

Gore urged the 500 or so party faithful in attendance to "roll up your sleeves and go to work to elect Sam Coppersmith." Coppersmith is battling Jon Kyl, the Republican nominee and Scott Grainger, the Libertarian candidate for the seat being vacated by the retiring Dennis DeConcini.

Then Gore got down to business, delivering a fiery address designed to whip up support for the Arizona Democratic ticket.

"We have eight days left on the road to one of the most important elections of our time," he said. "It is up to you to decide whether we continue to move forward or call a halt to the progress and take a radical right wing U-turn back to trickle down Reaganomics that almost bankrupted the country."

"They neglected to respond to the AIDS epidemic and went six long years without even mentioning it," he said. "They neglected health care, the environment. They took us through two recessions, the second one deeper that anything since the Great Depression. And they have the audacity to say they want to go back to that approach. They quadrupled our national debt and created deficits in the $300 billion dollar a year range."

Gore praised Coppersmith for helping the administration achieve its most important victories. He said it is critical that Coppersmith be elected to maintain the Democratic majority in the Senate. Gore then criticized Senate Republicans for engaging in "scorched earth," obstructionist practices in the hope of "inheriting the ashes." He said GOP Senators "never met a filibuster they didn't join."

Coppersmith then spoke blasting his Republican opponent for trying to run on everybody's elses record but his own. Coppersmith continued about Jon Kyl, "About the only thing Jon Kyl has accomplished in eight long years in Washington, is a 100 percent voting record with Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and the Christian Coalition. That's not mainstream, it's extreme." He added that "Jon Kyl is just another Jesse Helms, but with better hair."

Coppersmith reminded voters that he is pro-choice on the abortion issue, while Kyl is not. "Jon Kyl say's he is for getting government off your back, yet he would have government make the most personal and private decision a woman can make: the right to choose," he said.

VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8 OR DON'T BITCH

Observer Endorsements For 1994 General Election Tuesday, Nov. 8

TUCSON - Next Tuesday, November 8th is election day. Registered voters across the state will go to the polls to cast votes for various elected offices, a recall election (in Pima County), retaining Judges to 9 ballot propositions (10 in Pima).

Next Tuesday is an important day for the Gay and Lesbian community as well. In this election, we have clear choices in most races; candidates and incumbents who support us; voted with us on legislation of concern; helping with the fight for basic civil rights to those candidates supported by the Radical Right, the Christian Coalition, Arizona Right to Life and other such groups that would strip away what few rights we have now.

Plain and simple, if we don't go collectively to the polls and cast our vote, the Arizona Christian Coalition, the Radical Right will be victorious and we can not afford, during these times of hate amendments to have that happen. We cannot let the Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson homophobic clones run our government, because we will lose and lose big! We have to send the message that we are citizens of this state and this country and we want our civil rights now!

The Observer has endorsed candidates for various offices and rendered opinions on the propositions on the ballot. The Observer feels that the choices listed below are the best position for the Gay and Lesbian community to take in the 1994 General Election. In some cases, the choice was the lesser of two evils, but we will explain below the endorsements. Here is the rundown of the 1994 General Election Ballot and our selections:

U.S. SENATE
Sam Coppersmith (D)

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

U.S. CONGRESS C.D. 5
Jim Kolbe (R)*

GOVERNOR
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ATTORNEY GENERAL
Grant Woods (R)

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Lela Alston (D)

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STATE LEGISLATURE
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Senate: John Dougherty (D)
House: No Endorsement*

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Senate: Victor Soltero (D)
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Phil Hubbard (D)

DISTRICT 11
Senate: Peter Goudinoff (D)
House: Elaine Richardson (D)
Jorge Luis Garcia (D)*

DISTRICT 12
Senate: No Endorsement
House: David Perkins (D)*
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DISTRICT 13
Senate: Patti Noland (R)
House: George Cunningham (D)
Andy Nichols (D)

DISTRICT 14
Senate: Ruth Solomon (D)
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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 100	NO
Proposition 101	YES
Proposition 102	YES
Proposition 103	NO
Proposition 200	YES
Proposition 201	YES
Proposition 300	NO
Proposition 301	NO
Proposition 302	YES
Pima County Jail Tax	YES

* CD 5 - According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Kolbe has a 60% voting record on bills of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community during the 103rd Congress compared to a 0% for Congressman Stump.

* For Secretary of State, Pete Rios, while not a reliable vote on human rights, is nonetheless preferable to the opponent, Republican Jane Dee Hull.

* The District 9 House incum-

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UPDATE

Phoenician Wins Palm Springs Leather Title

BUCK FRANCO

PHOENIX - Buck Franco, of Phoenix, won the title of C.C. Construction Company - Mr. Leather '94 in a competition held recently. The late night event, at the popular Catherdral City bar was sponsored by Black Moon Leather as part of the fifth annual Palm Springs Area Leather Regale Weekend.

The contest was emceed by Bob Michaels, Mr. Southwest Drummer 1994. Judges for the event were Dan Kelly, holder of several leather titles and twice an entrant in the IML contest, Tony Klatt, former Drummerboy, and Chris Reynolds, Southwest Drummerboy '94.

Franco will now take his regional title to Chicago, as a contestant in the International Mr. Leather competition to be held over the Memorial Day weekend. His prizes include $500 cash, given by C.C. Construction Company, five nights lodging at the Hyatt Regency Chicago compliments of Black Moon Leather, and round trip air fare to the IML contest in Chicago courtesy of Canyon Travel.

A native of Northern California, Buck has made Phoenix, Arizona his home for the last 13 years. He is a landscape contractor specializing in the design and installation of drought tolerant landscapes. Buck is also an accomplished musician and a former U.S. Marine. He is looking forward to the competition in Chicago, and hopes to bring the international title home to the Southwest. He is also available to lend a hand to any leather or charitable events in the region.

'Other Sheep' TV Show To Interview Asst. Police Chief

TUCSON - OTHER SHEEP, Tucson's Gay oriented religious television program will be airing a new episode featuring an exclusive interview with Assistant Chief Hill of the Tucson Police Department which will be available on the following dates, times and Tucson Cable Channel:

Channel 62 on Tucson Cablevision. Thursday nights, November 3 and 10, 8:00 P.M. Saturday mornings, November 5 and 12, 10:30 A.M.

Chief Hill will be interviewed on various topics of interest to the Gay community and tell a little about himself. You might be surprised at some of the comments from the Chief.

As usual, OTHER SHEEP welcomes comments from the community on it's program. Be sure to contact them and let them know your reaction.

Gay Man Pinned by Vehicle, Shot In SF Hate Attack

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - Two men drove onto a sidewalk in pursuit of a Gay couple, pinned one of the men against a wall with their four wheel drive and shot him in the chest.

Steven Damron and Victor Rohana, was wounded, wear walking bear the Castro District, the center of the city's Gay community, when two young men yelled at them from the passing auto.

Rohana said something to the men. The driver backed up about 100 feet to get in front of the pair and drove onto the sidewalk, police said.

The assailants fled after the shooting. Rohana was in stable condition.

"It is dismaying to think that in a city that is known for acceptance of individual freedom that this senseless act of violence still occurs," Mayor Frank Jordan said in announcing a $10,000 reward.

"We were Gay and they didn't like that we were holding hands," Damron said.

NOGALES, AZ - Artwork by artists living with HIV/AIDS is being requested for display as part of World AIDS Day Vigil in Nogales, December 1st.

Sponsored by Very Special Arts Arizona and the Mariposa Community Health Center, the art display and vigil will be held at the Santa Cruz County Courthouse, in conjunction with a display of panels from the Names Project quilt.

Interest artists should contact Lillian B. Hoff, of Very Special Arts Arizona, (602) 281-0406. Assistance is available for transport and other costs.

'Dykotomy To Play In Phoenix This Weekend

TUCSON - The long-awaited 'opera' by Slique Callahan, "Dykotomy" will open this Friday, Nov. 4 and play a three-day stint - Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Performing Arts Center in Phoenix. The Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and there will be a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Using the original score of the classic opera 'Carmen", Callahan has transformed the heterosexual tale of love and obsession into a Lesbian dramatic opera of love, obsession, rejection and ultimate acceptance.

Opening for the evening will be a rare appearance of Tucsonan Kathleen Williamson who, for this performance will consist of her most popular original songs. Over the last eight years, Kathleen has restricted her performance schedule due to other activities in law and anthropology. This is an opportunity to catch her act and experience an uplifting evening..

Rochelle Raya, from the Phoenix band 'Just Cuz' will also be performing.

Tickets for this limited performances of "Dykotomy" are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. For more information call 747-7426 in Tucson or 253-8099 in Phoenix.

'G' Word Needs Men In Bed

TUCSON - Gay Nineties Productions is auditioning for "What Queers Do In Bed", a series of comedy vignettes being produced to be shown on The "G" Word and possibly promoted for sale to a cable network. The current production calls for taping four of the sketches in late November.

The basis of the comedy is that it will appear that the men in bed are either engaged or about to engage in some hot sexual pursuits. When the camera zooms out it will become evident a little more innocent is going on.

The skits will last 30 seconds to 3 minutes and will require at least eight actors/models for the completion of the first round of taping. If you are interested in auditioning for one of these parts, an open cattle call will be held this coming Sunday, November 6th, at IBTS, at 4:00 P.M. For further information, contact Gay Nineties Productions at (602) 882-2075.

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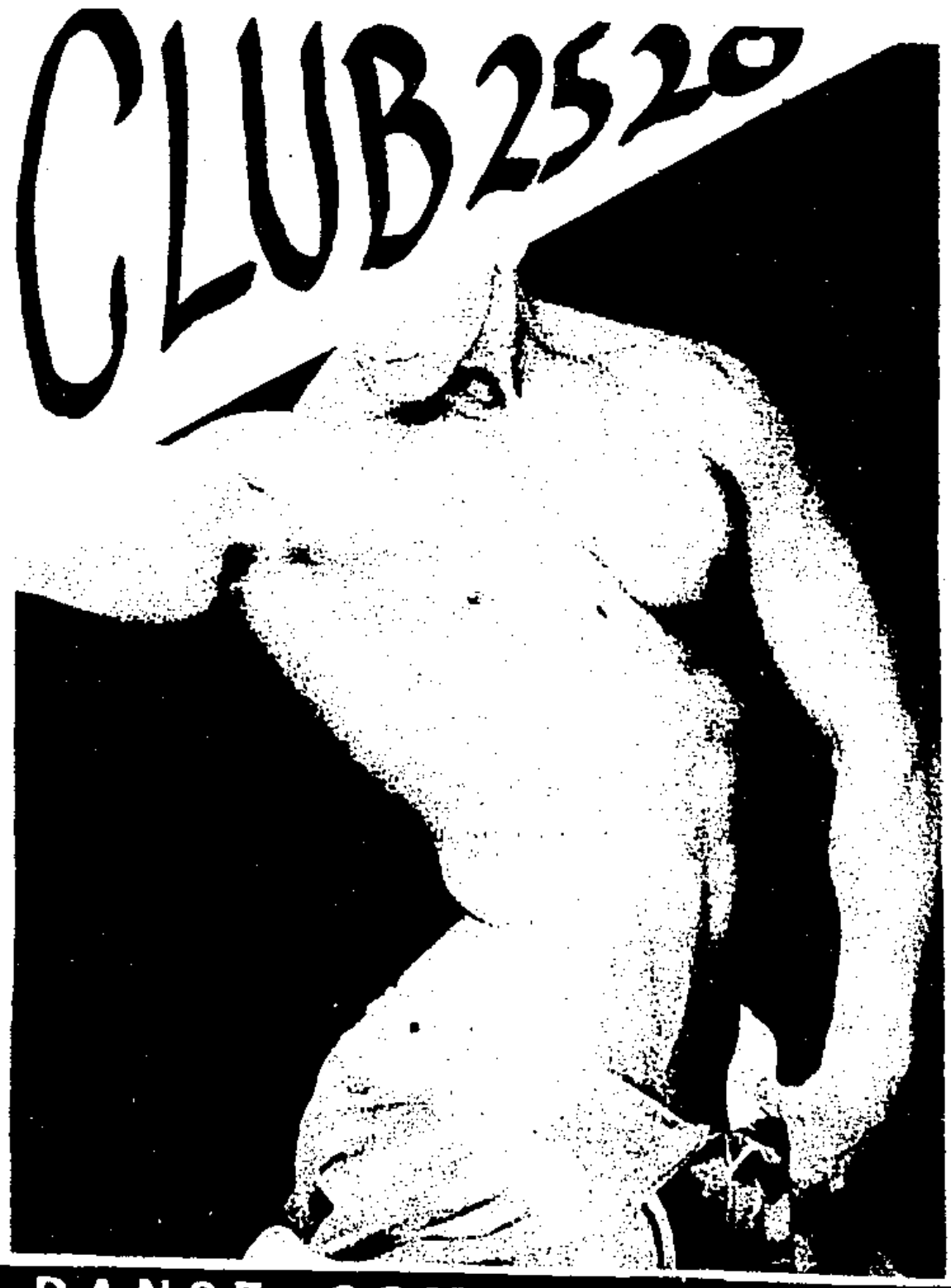

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POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

[This is the last in the series on the propositions on the November 1994 general election ballot. This week, Propositions 300, 301, 302 and the Pima County Proposition.]

Proposition 300 allows the voters to approve or disapprove the provisions protecting private property rights contained in section 1 of Senate Bill 1053 that was passed by the Legislature in 1992. If Proposition 300 passes, section 1 will become law. This proposition would not change the existing law on whether or how much a property owner should be paid as compensation for a governmental action.

Under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Arizona, the government may not take private property for public purposes without compensating the property owner. Courts have said that a taking may occur even when the government doesn't acquire title to the property. Some regulations restricting the use of property may be found so restrictive that they really take the property.

Proposition 300 would require state agencies, before a taking results, to examine their activities, including rules and other regulatory actions that affect the use of property, to determine if the action requires compensation from the state.

The agency's review would have to include consideration of the principles and standards contained in Proposition 300 and guidelines adopted by the State Attorney General, including an analysis of potential costs of, and alternatives to, the proposed action. An agency may take action to protect the public health or safety, but only if the agency's proposed action is no more than is necessary to address that risk.

Under Proposition 300 the State Attorney General would adopt guidelines to help state agencies to determine the kinds of activities that might require compensating the property owner under the Constitution. The Attorney General would then determine whether the guidelines apply to a proposed action.

After reviewing each proposed action and before taking the action, the state agency would submit the review to the Governor and the Legislature.

Proposition 301 allows the voters to approve or disapprove sections 2, 4, 11 through 23, and section 28 and parts of sections 5 and 6 of Senate Bill 1055 that was passed by the Legislature in 1993. If Proposition 301 passes, these sections will become law.

Proposition 301 would amend laws regulating lawsuits as follows:

1. Proposition 301 requires that a person begin a lawsuit within 12 years after the claim comes into existence unless another person fraudulently prevented the discovery of the claim during the 12 year period, unless otherwise provided by law.

2. Proposition 301 allows a person who is sued to show that the person bringing the suit has already received or may receive money for the damages claimed at trial. This evidence can be considered in determining the amount that can be recovered in the trial.

3. Proposition 301 allows insurance companies and other entities providing health care coverage to agree with the policyholders that medical expenses arising out of accidents shall only paid once.

4. Proposition 301 defines the standard for finding public entities liable for maintenance or operation of highways, roads, streets, bridges or rights of way.

5. Proposition 301 permits a jury to deny a claim by a person who is 50% or more at fault for the injury.

6. Proposition 301 provides that, on request by either party, the judge may allow installment payments for future health care costs and lost earnings.

Proposition 302 would provide for an increase in the present salary of state legislators from $15,000 per annum to $19,750 per annum as recommended by the Commission on Salaries for Elected State Officers.

A "yes" vote would have the effect of raising state legislator's annual salaries to $19,750.

A "no" vote would have the effect of maintaining state legislator's annual salaries at $15,000.

The last proposition was placed on the ballot by the Pima County Board of Supervisors for consideration by the electorate. This proposition is a proposed excise tax; also been referred to as the jail tax.

The excise tax will be collected by the State Department of Revenue and distributed to the Pima County Jail District. State law requires that this money be spent only for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining and financing Pima County jails, jail systems and correction facilities.

As per Arizona Revised Statutes, Sections 48-4021 and 48-4022, in perpetuity to be levied within the District at a rate not to exceed five percent (5% of the State of Arizona excise tax rate applying to each person engaging or continuing in the County in a business taxed under title 42, chapter 8, article 1 and Section 42-1572, subsection A, of the Arizona Revised Statutes. (In other words, an additional quarter cent on the sales tax; which pans out to 7.25 percent.)

Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

Chile Verde Days '94 is just around the corner. This year's Chile Verde Days will take place on November 19 &20 at Club 2520. There are many fun events planned for the two day event including; raffles, auctions, casino gambling, games, live entertainment, and the AGRA Jail. There will also be a barbecue dinner out on the patio with all the trimmings.

A new event this year that is sure to be a crowd pleaser is the AGRA Boots-N-Brief Auction. This is your chance to not only see some hot bodies in their undies but actually buy their skivvies for your very own (models not included).

Volunteers are still needed for this two day celebration. Please call AGRA at 323-0805 if you are interested in volunteering. . .

The November AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meetings will be held on November 20 at Club 2520 in conjunction with Chile Verde Days '94. Please remember to bring your canned food items for the AGRA Food Pantry. Lets remember those that are less fortunate than ourselves, especially as the holiday season approaches.

November kicks off the 1995 AGRA Membership Drive. Now is the time to climb aboard the AGRA Bandwagon folks. Join now and your membership dues will take you through December 1995. If you want to be part of a fun, energetic, community service organization, join AGRA, you will be happy you did. Membership is open to everyone. Call 323-0805 if you're interested.

AGRA congratulations the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) on a wonderful bowling tournament over the Halloween weekend. The AGRA Fund Raising Committee helped IGBO with their Balloon Sale during the award ceremony on Sunday. Over 300 people were present and everyone was very warm and receptive towards the AGRA members present. Our hats off to the organizers of this tournament on a job well done.

There will be a benefit show this Sunday, November 6, at Club 2520 for our own Miss Gay Arizona/Tucson, Lucinda Holliday as she prepares to compete for the title of Miss Gay America. Word is that one of our own AGRA members will be taking part in this show. In order to save his/her reputation (what little is left) I will only tell you that her stage names is Holly Boo and her wardrobe is by Foley's. She has been preparing for her grand debut day and night. Hope to see you all there for Miss Holly Boo's first in-drag appearance, well, at least in public.

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MY TURN . . .

by Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong

"Thou Shalt Not Commit Apathy"

Frogs are strong little creatures, warm and slippery, able to jump several times their own height and to balance delicately on unsuspecting lily pads while singing deep mournful songs to their sweethearts. Rumor has it they wait on their lily pads for that famous kiss which will magically transform them into princes yet the truth is that frogs, like sheep, can be led to the slaughter with great ease.

Put a frog into a pot of water and slowly heat it and you can watch the potential prince-to-be lazily swim in slow circles until the water reaches the critical point and the frog becomes soup. It is a sad commentary to make about frogs, how stupid can they be to allow themselves to be cooked to death. How easy it would be for them just to jump out of the pot. Imagine the frogs deliberately refusing to participate in their own salvation, they don't choose to jump, they choose instead to die.

The Christian Coalition and the Radical Right are supporting candidates (especially in Districts 12, 13 and 14) who are proud of their anti-Gay positions. One of our new police chief's first order was to start arresting men who cruise Reid Park (scores have been arrested this fall). According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force violence against the Gay and Lesbian community is on the rise.

I see lots of anti-Gay letters in the press and have noticed little response from our community. There is an abundance of apathy within our ranks when it comes to "getting involved". We claim we are to busy with our own lives to become enmeshed in promoting affirmation for our community; in combating injustices against us; in supporting candidates who understand the blessing of a diverse community. We avoid the realities, we won't hear the truth, we pretend that the struggles for equality and affirmation are superfluous, trivial and just plain silly.

There ought to be an eleventh commandment which says, Thou Shall Not Commit Apathy. Too many of us are walking frogs, eagerly waiting to swim in the pot. We come together for beer bust leather runs; bowling tournaments and barbecues, and we love them. They nourish our need for companionship and entertainment, but regretfully three times as many people will turn for a party then to work for Gay and Lesbian equality and affirmation.

Precious few of us commit time, energy and money to help fight homophobia. Experts tells us that the Gay/Lesbian political power, if orchestrated and acknowledged, would make our vote the second largest potential voting block in the nation (second only to organized labor). Imagine the power! We have the potential for clout, we have the opportunity to change the system. Yet we sit on our lily pads singing to our sweethearts.

We need to do more than party. It doesn't take much time to write a letter, or make a phone call, give a few hours a week to a Lesbian or Gay organization. Every time an anti-Lesbian or Gay articles appears in print; every time a news reported gives a slurred, biased accounting of activity, events, or programs in the Gay and Lesbian community (or flatly refuses to even report it at all - like October 8th Gay Pride Day); every time we see AIDS hysteria, we owe it to ourselves to publicly register our disgust and dismay. We must write, we must call, we must march, we must volunteer and we must vote.

November 8 is election day. Remember, in America, voting is a private, confidential affair. No ones knows how we vote. Even the most closeted Lesbian or Gay man can support the community by voting. If we don't have the time to find out which candidates are Gay supportive, we can rely on the list endorsed by The Observer. If only we Gay and Lesbian frogs can swim off our lily pads long enough to go to the polls.

As a kid in Wisconsin I remember laughing at the story about this dumb frog who thought he was a prince and kept running up to beautiful people asking for a kiss. As an adult living in Tucson I wonder how many of us are like frogs waiting to be kissed with equality and dignity.

The horrible truth is that unless we all do our part we will end up like the frog, blissfully suffocating to death in the warm waters of bigotry and homophobia. The choice is ours, but if we don't make it soon we may discover it is too late, we'll be soup. The water is getting mighty warm, my friends.

[The Rev. Strong is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson.]

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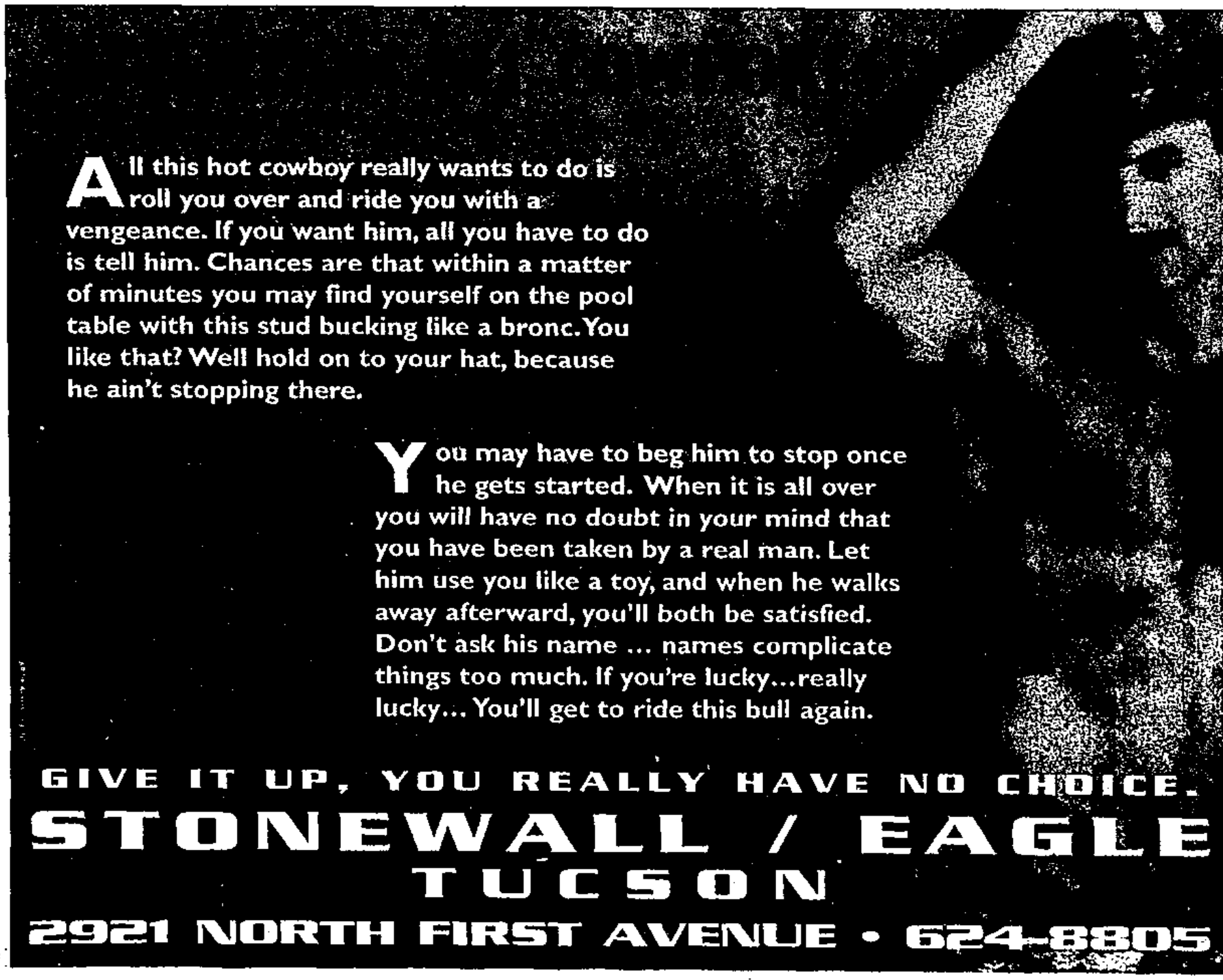

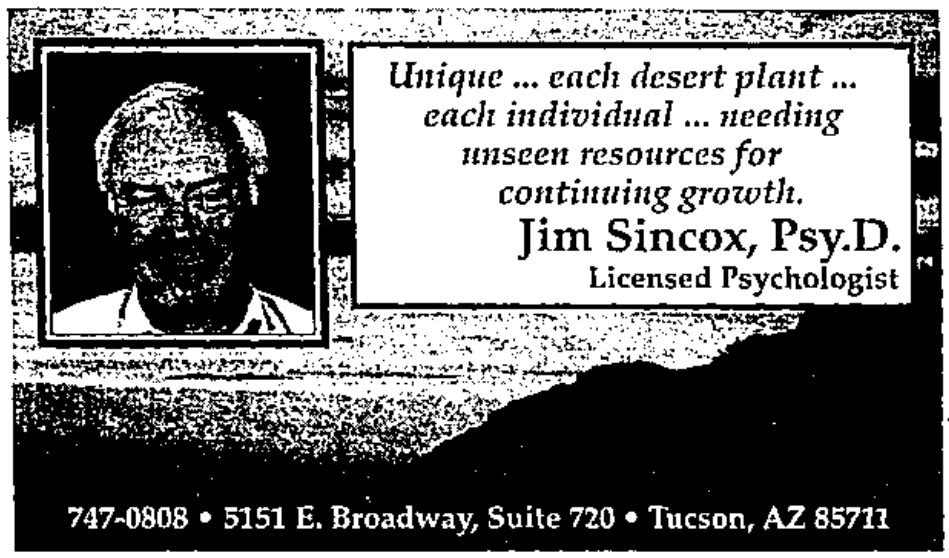

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Odds and Ends On The Tucson Scene

Stan Phalp presenting a representative from PACT's Food For Life Program with a check for $1,000, a gift from Tuscon Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL).

Dale McKissack (l) owner of Tuff Stuff Leather shown with store Manager Lee Ridinger at the opening of Tuff Stuff Too located in the Venture-N.

City Councilman Tom Saggau with a T-shirt that tells it like it is at the Pride Picnic last month.. Way to go Tom!

Symington, Buttrick Oppose Protecting Gays From Discrimination

PHOENIX (AP) - Two of the three candidates for governor said they wouldn't support bills protecting homosexuals from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Also, two out of the three, Symington and Buttrick, said they wouldn't back a bill allowing same sex marriages in Arizona.

In an appearance on a Phoenix radio station, the gubernatorial candidates took calls on Gay issues.

Republican Gov. Fife Symington and Libertarian John Buttrick said they would veto bills designed to provide protection for homosexual discrimination, while Democratic candidate Eddie Basha said he would support such a measure.

On the same sex marriage issue, Symington said such a bill would demean the institution of marriage. But Buttrick and Basha disagreed.

The question arose when a caller noted that Republican Governor Pete Wilson of California vetoes a bill that would have established the nation's first statewide domestic partners law.

Buttrick said he questions government's role in regulating marriage but said homosexuals should be provided the equal rights.

"I've often wondered why government is the broker of marriage," Buttrick said. "Marriage is a contract between two individuals."

Buttrick said his belief in equal treatment for all is the reason he would veto legislation that would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Elders: Gay Teen Suicide Rate High

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders says the alarming rate at which Gay and Lesbian teenagers are committing suicide has become a public health problem.

Elders told about 300 people at the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists conference held in Minneapolis that homophobia and Gay bashing have led to substance abuse and eventual suicides or attempted suicides.

"If we are beginning to lose 5,000 of our young people," Elders said, "that is a major public health problem." She asked journalists to be advocates by shedding light on the problem.

Suicide has become a leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24. In 1993, at least 5,000 U.S. teenagers committed suicide. Another 10,000 tried to take their own lives, she said. and black and Latino Gays and Lesbians are even more likely to commit suicide, she said.

Elders said that of all high school students, 10 percent of girls and six percent of boys attempt suicide.

Experts have had difficulty studying the issue because of inadequate methods of measuring the sexual orientation of teens who commit suicide.

Parents of teenagers who have committed suicide often don't their sons or daughters were homosexual. And researchers have found that they need to ask six to eight friends before learning a teenager's sexual orientation.

A 1989 report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report showed that the rate of attempted suicides may be even higher then those that are reported.

Gay and Lesbian teens are continually victims of anti-Gay violence: at school, at home, in the street.

"It's important not to blame the victim," Elders said.

Victory Fund Holds Special Election Night Receptions in 20 Cities

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On election day, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund will monitor the races of openly Gay/Lesbian candidates and provide up to the minute election results throughout the night at 20 special Victory Night Receptions across the nation. The Victory Fund will also provide updates on anti-Gay ballot initiatives and other races of special concern to the Gay and Lesbian community.

The November 8 Victory Night receptions are planned for Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, New York City, Boston, Kansas City, Richmond, Washington DC, Denver, Portland, Raleigh/Durham, Phoenix, Austin, Columbus, Providence, Madison, and Richmond.

"Our Victory Night receptions were one of the highlights of the 1992 election season," says Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold. "They are the perfect way for our community to honor openly Gay officials and celebrate the strides our community is making towards electing our own. And with a record 17 highly qualified Gay and Lesbian candidates in the running on election day, we'll certainly have a lot to celebrate."

In the Phoenix area, there are two openly Gay and Lesbian candidates running for the State House of Representatives; Ken Cheuvront (D) in District 25, and Denise Heap (D) is District 29.

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

The following is an excerpt from the Tucson's Men Study Newsletter.

"What is the Tucson Men's Study? What does it do for you? The primary defense of the Gay and Bisexual male community against the AIDS epidemic is in the quality of our AIDS prevention programs. One of the best ways we can find out if our programs are working is by studying behavioral data from Gay/Bisexual men came from the most severely hit epicenters, such as New York City and San Francisco.

"The Center for AIDS Prevention Studies in San Francisco and the Think Positive Project in Tucson, which includes the Tucson AIDS Project, the Shanti Foundation, the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson and the Pima County Health Department collaborated on the Tucson Men's Study to learn more about how Gay/Bisexual men are coping with the epidemic outside of these AIDS epicenters.

"The Tucson Men's Study is one of the largest samples of Gay/Bisexual men currently being studied in the United States. The data from this project will help determine the kinds of prevention efforts that are best for the Gay/Bisexual men it cities like Tucson. Since it is very likely that the vast majority of Gay/Bisexual men live outside the largest epicenters, it is believed the Tucson Men's Study to be an extremely important effort."

On the home front, PACT's volunteers and committee members, chairs, are busy with members, chairs, are busy with the large mailings it takes to get ready for our FESTIVAL FOR LIFE coming up Saturday, December 3rd, at the Windmill Inn on north Campbell Avenue. This annual fund raisers brings our community together to show care, concern and gratitude.

Again, local business owners, managers, employees, donate food, bar supplies, equipment, (the list is endless) to enable us to sponsor a wonderful event that benefits so many in our community. A complimentary buffet and a no host bar will be featured and the buffet showcases some of our city's finest restaurant specialties.

Everything gets underway at 5 PM with the silent auction that continues throughout the evening. The live auction begins at 7 PM. Donated items from concerned artists include: Holiday Gift Baskets, Menorahs, Christmas trees, wreaths and fine art. Our celebrity host is the famed Mary Wilson of the Supremes. Tickets are available for $10 each at our office, 801 West Congress.

In addition, a fabulous raffle with three Grand Prizes valued at $3000 each will be given away and someone has to win! Two lucky people get to go to Australia for a buck. Two more lucky people get to go somewhere in the United States. The third winner gets to be pampered with goodies from Tucson. These tickets are also available at the PACT office and at: Gadabout Salons, Antigone's Books, Farmer's Market in St. Phillips Square on Fridays.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organizations and your time is needed. Please call Mary Higgins, Development Coordinator, Lee Sloan or myself for information or to register as a volunteer helping your brothers and sisters in need. Please think about it and give of yourself, call 770-1710.

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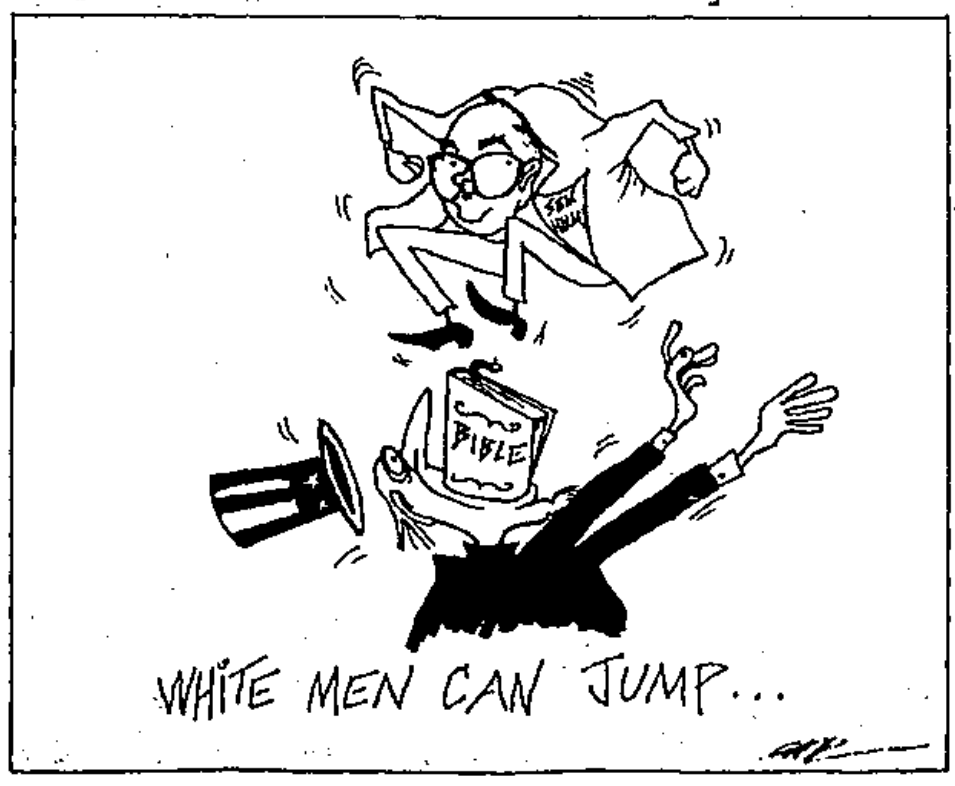

PERSPECTIVE by William A. Percy

AIDS Timebomb In Prisons

Sex between men in prison has been a staple of Gay male pornography ever since Jean Genet's influential skinflick of 1952, 'Un Chant d'Amour' but a series of recent reports in the American press on the scandal of prison rape have revealed a brutal. reality far removed from Genet's lyrical eroticism.

It is estimated that 290,000 rapes occur in U.S. prisons each year. With the prison population having trebled since 1980, mainly because of the failed war on drugs, overcrowding exacerbates the insoluble problems of prisons, which are truly schools of crime. America cannot build them fast enough and it now costs up to $50,000 a year to house a criminal.

In addition the terrible new scourge of AIDS makes rape lethal even for those youths held but not yet convicted. Most will get out infected and spread the plague when released.

Rape is an entrenched part of prison culture and tacitly accepted by the criminal justice system, as a series of spotlight columns in the Boston Globe found and a hearing that they provoked before a joint committee of the Massachusetts legislature in June 1994, the first anywhere on that topic, stressed.

Typically any young and newly sentenced man will be tested by older and more experienced inmates to see whether he can be "turned out" - in prison parlance - and made sexually available or whether he can defend his manhood. offers of friendship and gifts of tobacco are followed by threats of violence if sex is refused and the new inmate must choose between "fucking or fighting!".

Often the perpetrators and the victims are not themselves homosexual but take on dominant and submissive roles in which sex becomes a weapon of power for men who are psychologically disempowered by their imprisonment. White prisoners are commonly raped by black prisoners, weak by strong and middle-class by working-class.

Some new inmates adopt an older one as a sexual partner and protector but for many, once it is known they have been turned out by a "booty bandit", forced sex is a daily reality. Prison staff are often unsympathetic and any complaint of assault is regarded as ratting and snatching by the other prisoners and further assaults will follow.

Known homosexuals who might once have been the envy of their friends and regarded a spell inside as a prolonged cock festival will find that AIDS has broken the prison tradition of treating queens as cherished possessions. Young heterosexuals with no history of drug use are now prized more highly for risk-free sexual contact, reports Stephen Donaldson of the pressure group, Stop Prison Rape.

Fewer and fewer men are sentenced for homosexual offenses, with the exception of underage sex and the recent imprisonment of five S&M queens in the Operation Spanner case in England and several similar cases in the States.

However, a large number of throwaways - young Gay men forced out of their homes and onto the streets by their families - turn to drugs and petty crime and are disproportionately represented in reform schools where rape is even more prevalent than in adult prisons.

Overcrowding in the last ten years has forced prison authorities to house offenders two or three to a single cell, creating the ideal conditions for sexual offenses to go undetected and unpunished. This overcrowding, as in Britain, is largely due to the policy of increased policing and harsh sentencing of drug offenders many of whom have no prior offenses and no history of violent crime.

Ironically, the vacuous morality of President Reagan's war on drugs has left as its legacy an epidemic of situational homosexuality and HIV infection. Tell the lamb to just say no the wolf!.

AIDS, like tuberculosis, is rampant in prisons. (In 1992 the number infected with AIDS was 14 times higher than in the general population.) Sentenced for petty crimes, many offenders are in effect sentenced to death. Asked to comment on this covert form of capital punishment, the Massachusetts state Department of Correction spokesman, Anthony Carnevale, replied, "Well, that's prison. ... I don't know what to tell you.,,

Only in a handful of states is condom distribution permitted. For the authorities, it is evidently more important to pretend that sex does not happen in prison than to safeguard the lives and health of their wards. Prisoners are forced to improvise condoms out of fingers cut from rubber gloves or cellophane wrappers from cigarette packages and rubber bands. HIV is also spread by amateur tattooists using tin can lids as needles and heroin addicts sharing homemade syringes.

Drugs are as available as sex on the inside and if we end prohibition maybe we can distribute clean needles as well as condoms. In any case watch out when all these hardened infected convicts get out. More and longer sentences for all convicted do seem to be reducing the crime rate by keeping them off the streets. After the age of 27 they may, as some penologists suggest, be less likely to commit-violent crimes but they will certainly still be having lots of sex.

Plainly the authorities are not coping. After ten years of a policy which is tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime, America and Britain are sitting on a ticking timebomb of disease-ridden brutality.

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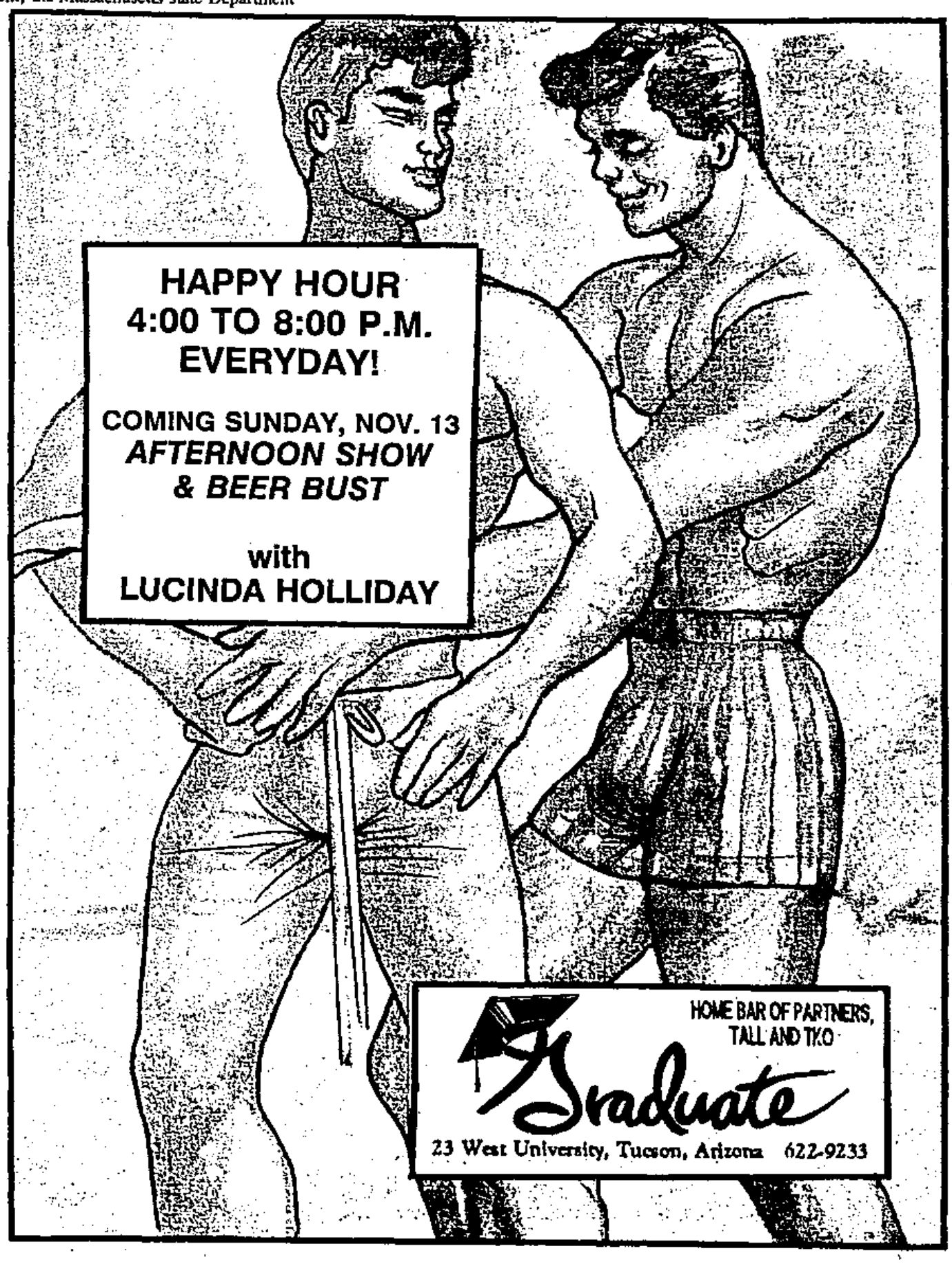

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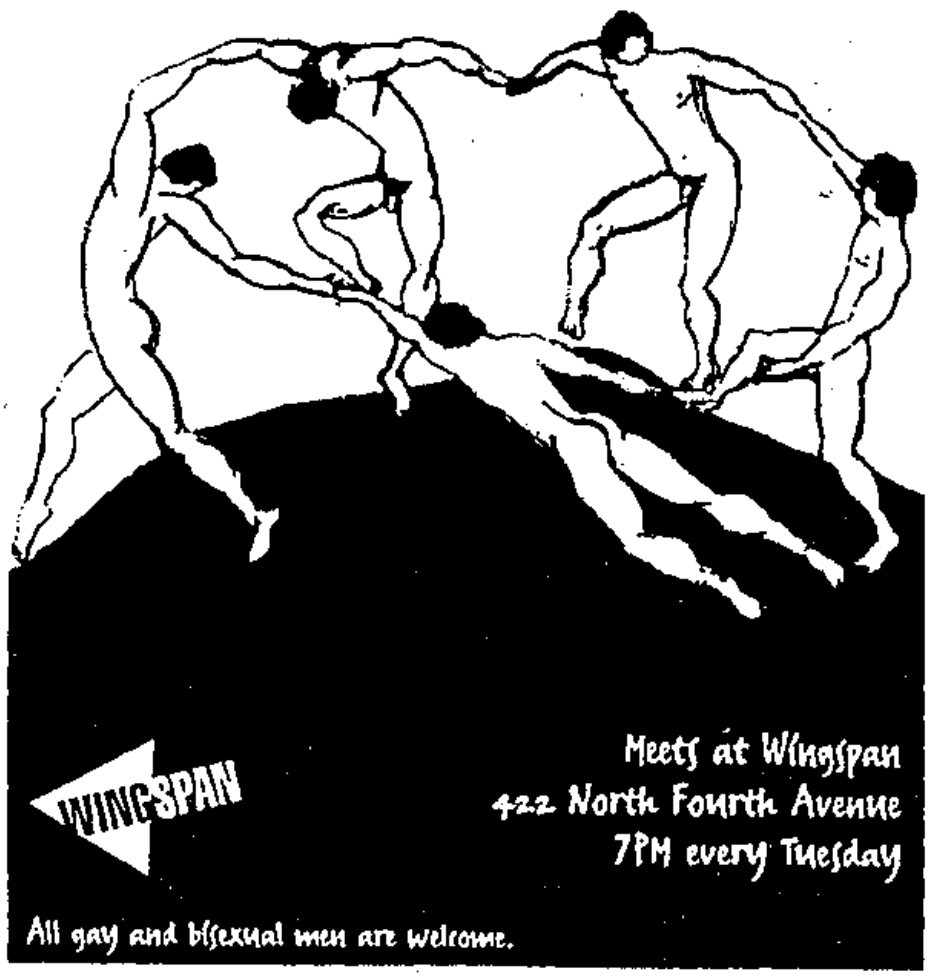

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'G Word' Highlights

For those few citizens of the Old Pueblo who don't have Tucson Cablevision, a VCR, a television program guide, a television set, or a good reason to be home on Thursday nights. We present once again the highlights from last week's live, big broadcast of The "G" Word. The show is seen live on Thursdays, 8 PM, on Tucson Cablevision Channel 64.

The show is hosted, as usual, by that artist, bon vivant, activist, horticulturist and recent graduate from ABC Tech, Gary "Shaken not stirred, and don't bruise the gin!" Clark. Gary looked radiant in his new outfit from the Jackie Smith collection from Kmart. Gary's co-host was none other than the Chair of the "Bored of Directors", Natalie Perry.

The special guest of the broadcast was Slique Callahan. Callahan, is the author of the Opera "Dykotomy", a Lesbian love story based on the opera Carmen. Slique told the audience about "Dykotomy" which will be playing at The Performing Arts Center in Phoenix on November 4, 5, and 6.

During the interview with Ms. Callahan, our host became just a bit parched, (you know those hot lights!), and called up IBT's and ordered a drink, and received one, (a Shirley Temple for the record), with a twist and an umbrella from the "Waiters" from IBT's. The "Waiters" from IBT's were the go-go boys who dance in virtually nothing on Thursdays! (And by the way, it was not Sweeps time!)

And speaking of boys, next on the show was the "G" spot, with the "G" Boys, those queers in hall, Jonathan Berner and Madison O'Neil. Their topic for the show was about coming out and the effect is had on others, especially those ina relationships. Their guest was Jonathan Berner's former girlfriend, Melissa, and she talked about the impact of Jonathan's coming out.

News was next, with The "G" Word's dynamic news team of Stan Phalp and Vince Ropol. They informed us of the news of the week of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Stan and Vince also debuted their new investigative report section of the news broadcast when they reported that the "G" Word political commentator Mark "Is it me or is it hot in here?" Kerr was the siamese twin of conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh.

Kerr, on his segment confirmed this sordid tale about his past. Mark said that the whole story, entitled "In The Shadows" will be appearing in the National Observer, and that he will be making the talk show rounds soon. Kerr went on to discuss the last of the ballot propositions on the 1994 general election ballot.

Next on the hit parade was filmed highlights from the Tucson Arizona Levi Leatherman presentation of monies to Food For Life, which had taken place on October 24th. Slique Callahan was back for part two of her interview with Gary and talked more about her show, and that she will be appearing in Tucson very soon.

The Slap of the Week went to Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Jon Kyl, for his homophobic record. The Pat on the Butt went to the Tucson Mid Year IGBO Bowling Tournament Committee for their success with the 1994 tournament with close to 350 bowlers participating.

The "G" Word welcomed a new member to the ensemble cast, which is now bigger than M*A*S*H. The new person is the announcer, the "Ethel Merman of the Airwaves. I had a dream and I announced for you baby!" Scott the Optometrist and Voice Over Artist. (Scott's last name is too long for this column).

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

I do not think you have to read every week about TKO's Red Shoes contest on 12 Nov. 94, or the Arizona Fellowship Run, the weekend starting 24 Nov. 94. Those of you out there that are interested in either, you already know the dates, times and everything else needed at this time. In both cases, all I'll mention this week is, I'll see you at both.

We have all seen those stories on TV, cop shows of one type or another. In some of the newer ones they are getting into the DNA testing. Funny for these, the DNA testing only takes a couple hours (show script time) to accomplish. But, the one stand-by has always been finger prints.

Most of us I'm sure have our's on record someplace. Just the other night I was given one of those little TBBS' and this one concerned another area some people could check for finger prints. In this case, my only question is, who would want to check? Without getting nasty, here goes, and this was given to me so again I remain innocent.

"So what else is news! Hopi bared his butt and got spanked by so may guys he must have finger prints, of half of Tucson."

Some people seem to go out of their way for attention. Would you like to be the person lifting those prints off that BUTT?

Just think, here it is the first of November and everyone is starting to think about Christmas gifts. I'm not sure just were 1994 has slipped off to but it does not help me trying to keep up with everything. I sit down each January and try to work out a run schedule for TKO, planning ahead, and before I realize it, it is time for yet another one.

You would think, planning a activities schedule for a year is easy, especially when there are only 3 major runs to work on or schedule. Also, your meeting dates are already planned, your beer bust are already scheduled, and those 3 major runs are already scheduled, so what else is there to worry about.

You can talk to any Run Captain or similar offices in any club around Tucson and they will tell you, those are only the tip of the ice berg. Some clubs will have a different activity or run each and every month. Some clubs will even schedule their respective meeting to coincide with some of the different runs schedules throughout the year.

You add into this schedule, planning meetings for major runs being held during the year, special meetings for special functions or benefits, you find yourself pulling your hair out just trying to work them all in.

Hell, you should hear some of the different problems that arise just trying to schedule a weekend campout for just one club. It seems everyone, at each meeting when suggested, always give a positive vote, then when it is time - NO SHOW. I have yet to every figure out, and I'm sure I'm not speaking alone in this, why someone will vote to have and participate in one of those campout's or any other little club project, when they know that they will not be on hand to support it.

I'm not sure just where I'm trying to head with all of this BS, it's just that being a Road Captain, Run Captain or an Activities Captain is not a bed of roses. Of course, I will admit, I love it and the challenges presented are worth the headaches. I guess it takes someone who is just a little de-ranged to handle all of it.

My hat goes off to my fellow planners, both here in Tucson and in Phoenix. We do a thankless job but we all love it, so we keep pushing along.

It seems, on to a different subject, each and everytime I say anything good about the Wildcats, they bring back previous stumble's or screw ups, Oregon 10 - Wildcats 9. Will we make it to the Rose Bowl or not? Will ASU kick our ass this year or not? I care but I am only a sideline coach but I do give a dam. What is it going to take to get them in gear, a bunch of us sideline coaches in the locker room at half time? (Now that sounds interesting.)

For now I've got to get this to Bob, make a few other stops and just keep pecking away at this computer, hoping something interesting will pop up out of it and even surprise me.

A REMINDER TO ALL ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS - THE FINAL MEETING FOR THE 1994 RUN WILL BE HELD ON NOV. 12, AT THE STONEWALL/EAGLE, STARTING AT 8:00 P.M.

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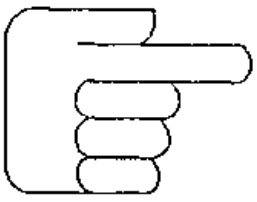

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IBT'S - Alan McLaughlin is moving away and IBT's is throwing a little party to say goodbye. Friends of Alan are invited to send him off in Tucson style from 5 to 8 p.m. He will be missed by the Tucson community for all the volunteer work that he has performed. Tucson's loss is Portland, Maine's gain.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

HOURS - Fundraiser for Lucinda Holliday a Miss Gay America contestant. Come out and support Lucinda in her quest for the Miss Gay American Crown. 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

CLUB 2520 - Benefit show for Lucinda Holliday, Miss Gay America candidate. Show is hosted by Felice Renard and will star Raven, Helena Bubbles, Samantha, Hat-N-Caine, Mr. Kenneth Blake and special guest Celia Putty (Miss Gay Phoenix) and Holly Boo.

IBT's - Benefit Bar-B-Que for PACT from 4 to 7 p.m. on the patio. Retrogressive music and dance from 4 to 8 p.m. with DJ MIQ.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

IBT'S - The amazing Glamazons hosted by Gilda Fatalé and starring Angelica West, Helena Bubbles,with special guests Mr. Kenneth Blake and Sasha Valentine. Showtime 9:00 p.m. SHARP!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

GRADUATE - An afternoon show and Beer Bust to benefit Lucinda Holliday. Make it!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CLUB 2520 - Country/Western singer, Sid Spence is back, making his second Tucson appearance at the club this evening. A great talent and a great voice.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Cronies, (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at MCC Church, 3629 N. Mountain. Dessert and refreshments provided. For more information call Jerry 690-9565 or Merle at 888-7264.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5-6

Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will camp in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and climb Mt. Ajo. Group leaves at 10 a.m. for the long drive to Organ Pipe and camp near Mt. Ajo. The hike on Sunday will be approximately 10 miles with a 3,200 ft. elevation change and some rock scrambling. This is a trail with many cacti and other ankle grabbers, but the views from the top provide a unique perspective of the area that makes it worth the trip. Please pay your driver $6 for gas and plan your own meals. Contact Lee, pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch tone phones only) followed by the # sign!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Dr. Maude The Magnificent Comedy Show starring Maude Metcalf, 7:30 & 10:00 p.m. at Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Ave. $7 in advance and $8 at the door. "The shape of things to come! The new Post Mammogram Bra". A benefit to help Maude publish her autobiography. Raffle for prizes, special treat for Star Trek fans.

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) golden age movie afternoon. "Johnny Guitar" 2 p.m. Call Jerry 690-9565.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

PACT Festival for Life mailing at PACT offices, 801 W. Congress. Call Mary Higgins or Frank Gallego 770-1710 to volunteer.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Rainbow Families, a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet on Saturday, Nov. 19 and 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, at River Road and Swan Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig, 318-9348 for more information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Tucson Primer Timers (Gay or Bisexual Men over 30) monthly meeting 4 to 6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Speaker: attorney Bruce Seleb on "Legal Matters Affecting Gays". Message Center 887-7493.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Cronies, Gay men over 40 and younger friends, "A Day After Thanksgiving Video Movie Night" at 7 p.m. Call Jerry 690-9565.

Tucson CALENDAR

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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 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 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 + Mooer Madness "Beckers". 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 Mercy Monday. $1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

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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-Square 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 close Tattoo Tuesday. $1.25 well and domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

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. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

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)

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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 8 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 to 8 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. C/W dance 8-1

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 5 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, Country/Western 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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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

If you look at the calendar you'll see it's fall, but if you look outdoors it looks like spring or summer. I had a conversation with a child in elementary school last week and told her that it was fall now. She disagreed, and then asked, "If it is fall, why doesn't it look like it does in the pictures? Where are the red leaves?" That's a good question. Thing's aren't always what they seem to be. Sometimes changes happen and we're not even aware of them.

When you look at yourself in the mirror every day you may not notice changes, but if you look at an old photo of yourself, you will realize that you're not the same person as when that picture was taken. A television news program I was watching showed an elderly man having eye surgery to restore some of his vision after 30 years of blindness. His wife laughed and said she'd look the same as when he last saw her! She hadn't aged! His vision did return, and when he saw her he wasn't disappointed to see an elderly woman, not the young woman he'd married.

All of creation is in a state of change. The continents are shifting. The weather changes from droughts to floods. Plants grow or die, creating famines or harvests. Species of animals become extinct. New diseases are discovered. Yet throughout all of this change, the one who created galaxies and all forms of life never changes. God himself is constant. He says in the Bible in Malachi 3:6, "I the Lord do not change." He is the same today as he was back when he created the world. Because he doesn't change, the principles that he put down in the Bible are also the same. You see, God loves us and wants to bless us, but we have to do our part. He has some principles that we're to live by so that he can bless us.

What are these principles? What does God require of us? Every one of us sins, and sin causes to be separated from God. God made a way for us to come to him, and that way is through Jesus Christ. Before Jesus came, people had to go through specific religious rituals to have their sins forgiven, a picture of what Jesus would later do. Since Jesus came and died for our sins, all we have to do is accept him as our Savior and ask for forgiveness. Then we can be forgiven and be one with Christ. The book of Ephesians chapter two tells us all about it.

After we accept Jesus as our Savior, God wants us to live a changed life. He wants us to love others, to forgive people just as he forgave us, to be merciful, to be pure in heart, to be a peacemaker. (Matthew 5) He has so much to give us and to bless us with if we just do our part to change. God isn't the one who changes. He doesn't say, "OK. You don't have to live or act this way, but those people over there do." All of humanity is to behave a certain way, but all of us fail. God has so much to bless us with if we just do what he asks us to do. The world would be a wonderful place if we all followed what the Scripture say for us to do.

The change can begin with you. It happens in your heart. You'll look the same in the mirror, yet you and God know what is happening. Romans 10:9 tells us how to do it, how to make that step: "For if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved." It's the beginning, a wonderful new beginning. Don't believe all the lies about salvation not being for those of us who are Gay. God loves us all dearly, and Jesus died for everyone so we could go to Heaven. If you don't believe me, read it in the Bible for yourself!

AGRA

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Hey Joseph, there were some great pictures of you in your birthday suit. Not only are you a great DJ, but so photogenic as well.

Question of the week-Why are there Interstate Highways in Hawaii? Until next week.

Endorsements

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bents, Republicans Lou Ann Preble and Bill McGibbon are running unopposed but their record and opinions stated are unfavorable to the community. They also did not get the endorsement of AHRF.

* District 11 House. Jorge Luis Garcia while not a reliable vote on human rights, is nonetheless preferable to the opponent, Republican David Morales.

* The District 12 Senate race pitts Republican incumbent Ann Day versus Libertarian Roberta McMillan. Day's record is not favorable to the community and McMillian is an unknown quantity and has no real chance for victory.

* Single shot is a political term where a person votes for just one House of Representative candidate. Under the Arizona system, a single shot is one vote, but is worth two votes since persons vote for two house candidates.

* The recall election is a non-partisan race where you are selecting someone to fill the remainder of the current term. Don't punch Alan Lang's name unless you want to keep him on as county assessor. If you want to recall him, choose the name of one of the five men running against him.

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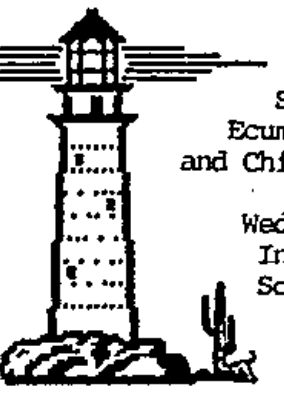

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Financial assistance is available to a limited amount of people with HIV for assistance in purchasing botanical and nutritional therapies as well as direct services such as acupuncture, shiatsu, body work and massage.

People not eligible for financial assistance may access the program and benefit from purchasing botanicals and nutritional supplements at cost from the PACT Buyers club as well as complimentary therapists for direct service on a sliding scale fee schedule.

For more information about the Wellness Program or eligibility for financial assistance call Mark Muchmore or Harold Lackey at 770-1710 Monday - Friday from 8am - 5pm

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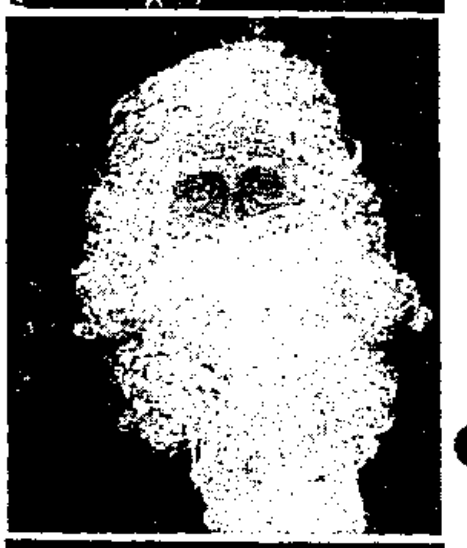

From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! What in the heck does "a word to the wise" mean? Evidently not much. Either that or we've just got some stupid members of our Gay community; folks who want to live on the edge of life and defy danger. Of course they do have the freedom to be as intelligent or as stupid as they want to...But to chose to be stupid!

I have listened now for a few years to warnings from Police Departments who do give a damn about us and want to help...warnings about not doing this or that. A warning as simple as "stay out of the Park", "Cruising in the Park may be dangerous to your health", "Gay basher on the loose! Be careful". Yet what does our community do? We go gaily forward and spout about ow "the pigs" don't know "shit from shineola". The, we read the headlines of another Gay victim of a hate crime because one of our own idiots decided to take some young piece of meat from the Park and the dude ends up killing him. It's called a "hate crime".

The next step is that we organize a protest group and let the Police know they're not being effective enough in protecting us. There is something wrong with this picture! What do we want? The Police to lace the Park with undercover cops for "our protection"? Come on girls, get real!

When I was a young pup, I was warned too. Mother said "don't touch the stove; you'll get burned." But like most children who know so much more than any authority figures, I placed my palms right on the stove. Walla! Guess what? I burned the crap out of my little patties and went crying for help to guess who? Correcto! The one who told me not to do it. Fortunately for me at that tender age of learning, she did not console me! First, she put me over her lap, blistered hands and all, and, added some blisters to my bottom. Then, she bandaged my hands and for months thereafter never let me forget my stubbornness and stupidity by making such little remarks as "don't you want to put your hands on the stove again?" Oh, the pain of barbed comments like that. They stay with one for years as evidenced by the fact I still remember after half a century.

What has impressed me over the years is there are valid and invalid warnings from authority figures. I.E.: "if you masturbate, it will fall off". I did. It didn't.

"If you touch a hot stove, it will burn you". I did. It did.

"If you hang around with the wrong crowd, you could get into trouble". I did. It led me many years ago into robbery and armed robbery.

"Watch your tongue, kid, it's in a slippery place!" I didn't. Nearly got expelled from College.

"Promiscuous sexual encounters can make your Doctor wealthier". Hello Miss Syph! I'll never forget the crabs I brought home. Ended up on my aghast wife's eyelashes!

"If you masturbate, you'll go blind". I still do, but I've had to wear glasses since the second grade.

"Don't pick up strangers in the Park or Tea Room". I did. I'm lucky all I lost was my valuables. Two acquaintances here in Reno recently lost their lives.

Yes, a "word to the wise" should be sufficient; but this is assuming everyone in our community is wise. That's an improbability. Most are like me; we seem to learn the hard way over the years, if we live through it all. Many of us are lucky enough to survive. Most of us have to get whopped on side the head with a 2 x 4 to start our brain working.

Hope this hasn't put a crimp into your Park cruising...but, friends can be so damn obnoxious at times wit their desire to tell you truthfully like they see it. Unfortunately for you, you're my friend. Oh! Think about this next time you hear of the funeral of a brother killed by a Gay basher in some Park. Yes, there are places on earth where angels do fear to tread. So, my helped friends, "look before you leap" from a "frying pan into a fire" and all of those sort of authority figure warnings; it just could be that "to be or not to be" may be the only warning you really face.

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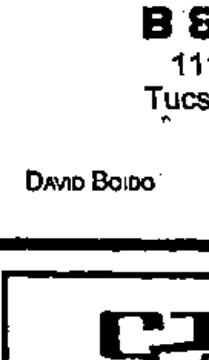

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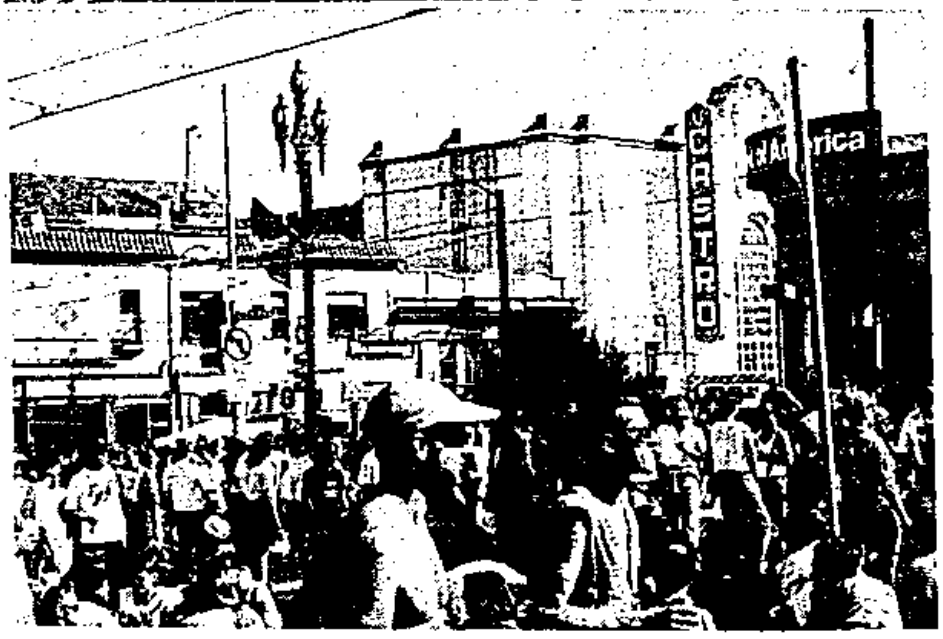

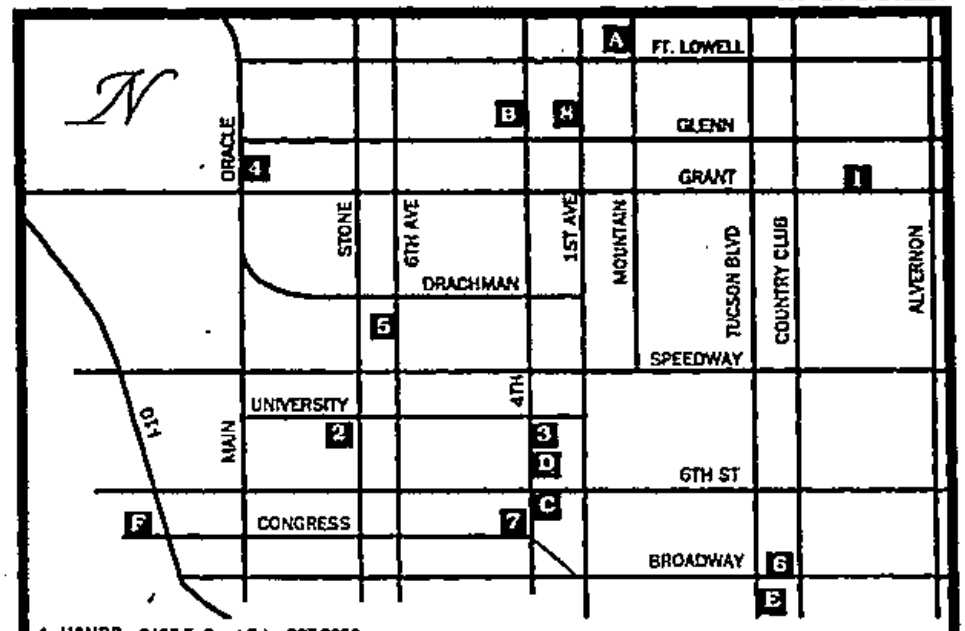

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

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You Call This Progress?

You know those people who always look on the bright side of things? the ones who see the cup as half full? They make me feel guilty. I'm just this side of paranoid, barely restraining myself from taking a machine gun for a stroll through congress, and there they are, beaming. Radiating white light. Look at the bigger picture, they say. We've made so much progress.

People tell me I "analyze too much" and "it's just little things" I get upset about. I do harp on negative particulars, I know, but they add up: termites only take teeny-tiny bites out of houses, but when they're done, the houses fall down.

Let's talk about the treatment of women. How it hasn't improved that much. How it certainly hasn't improved enough.

Start with one of those negative "little things": the end of The River Wild. (If you hate hearing about endings, don't worry. There isn't a surprise in the whole movie.) The family's safe. Meryl steered the raft down the rapids against impossible odds, while her husband hatched a bizarre plot that would never work in a million years (it does in this movie). Meryl's the hero. But at the end,a forest range asks Meryl's son, "Were you scared?" "Nah," says the boy. "I knew my mom would get us down the river." (Spoken with the tone of "I knew she'd get us home for dinner.") 'What did you father do?" asks the ranger. "He saved our lives!" says the son, triumphantly. End of movie.

This scene smells like an apology for having a female hero. Imagine a new end to True Lies: "Oh, yeah, Arnold rescued us from the bad guys, but Jamie Lee saved our lives." Yeah, right.

The standard excuse for movies always centering on a man is that girls are taught from a young age to identify with boys, so they're willing to watch boys' and mens' movies. Boys don't learn to identify with girls. For a movie to succeed, supposedly, it has to focus on a guy. For life to succeed, supposedly, it has to focus on a guy.

A recent biography of Brecht reveals that he stole much of his work from three of his female lovers. But the biography is still about Brecht! I guess we need that male to identify with.

Bicycling magazine recently sympathized with a male racer who was penalized for harassing a woman; her point of view was ignored. Bicycling claims to cater to men and women.

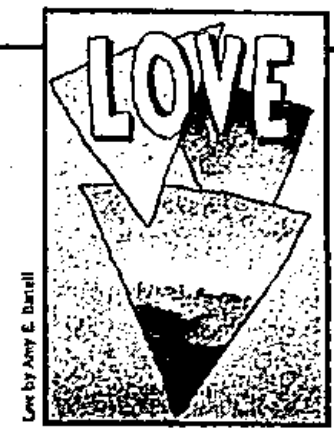
Pirates of the Caribbean, a hugely popular ride, appears at Disneyland, Disneyworld, and EuroDisney. Pirates includes tableaus in which women are sold as "brides" and then chased around by men they want nothing to do with. These are rape scenes! But some women are so well trained in the male point of view that they dismiss their own discomfort at Disney presenting rape as a fun moment in a kid's ride. I guess rape is one of those details only we crabby feminists are supposed to notice.

Marcia Clark, the woman prosecuting O.J. Simpson, recently changed her look and voice to seem "softer" and "friendlier." Says the New York Times, "Jurors, both men and women, are put off by tough female lawyers." Of course a strong woman seems strange and unfamiliar to many people; there are more dinosaurs in popular culture than there are competent women. And Clark can't be the hero. A guy's got to be the hero. The River Wild says so. Since Clark wants to win her case and put O.J. in jail, she has to camouflage herself to sneak past male assumptions. Femme that woman up! Curl her hair. Make her smile. Ignore that she might feel humiliated by having more attention paid to her looks than her competence. Ignore that making her change her hairstyle is an insult to all talented women. What's our problem? None of us are supposed to identify with the woman.

The judge who gave a man 18 months for killing his wife because she had sex with someone else certainly didn't identify with the woman. "I seriously wonder how many men married five, four years would have the strength to walk away without inflicting some corporal punishment," he said. This judge, who has probably never for a second considered the point of view of a woman, easily felt the pain of the man. Forget that she lost her life; his feelings were hurt.

The River Wild, Bicycling, the Brecht biography, and Pirates of the Caribbean are the termite bites. Marcia Clarke's makeover is the house swaying in the wind. The 18 month sentence is the house collapsing.

Don't tell me "little things" don't matter!



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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let us examine November in its entirely this week. The Rainbow turns autumnal as the months positions us for the upcoming holiday season. It can begin with a passionate kick in the patoot as the Sun enters Scorpio (let's heat up the scans at election time, kids) and conclude with a gleeful, in your face display with the Sun in zestful Sagittarius. All signs will undergo a change of perspective as the planets heat up new areas of our lives. Read ahead to get a clue.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Activity is centered on self discovery and psychological breakthroughs. Are you living up to your true potential? Are you living your life true to yourself? If the answer is a "no" or even a qualified and wavering "maybe", you can do what needs to be done to correct your journey. Let's just say the planets have handed you a road map.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Partners are the key to your happiness and fulfillment this month. If you are in a solid relationship, you are able to feast upon it's offerings. If you are searching for that special some one, you have a clearer idea of what type of individual will suit you best. Pursue all leads and give halfway hearts a push in one direction or the other.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Beneficial payoffs are imminent to all Gay Twins who have faithfully placed their nose squarely on the old grindstone. The job might have required a greater effort than usual and you might have felt unappreciated and over worked, but the rewards are now there if you have put in the necessary effort and speak up for your rights and dignity.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

You are tempted to place a little well earned lucre into where you will have the most fun. This is not a bad thing if you can truly afford it. (In fact, there is every indication that, if you have done your financial homework, you will be rewarded with a little investment pay out.) Watch the bottom line, but don't be afraid to have a good time!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The limelight beckons. Will you heed the call? (Look who I'm talking to...Leo the dramatic!) This is the time to set foundations for future success and stability. It can either be achieved on sheer chutzpah through your winning personality and sense of leadership, or it can be built through family connections and lifelong associations.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Communications become crystal clear and affirming. Give yourself a wider than average berth of comfort to say what needs to be said. Your are able to sugarcoat even the most rancid of news and the most biting commentary. Try your hand at writing, you can make a name for yourself (as well as help our community) through the literary or journalistic spare.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Money may have been a concern in the past, but the planets seem to have given you a respite from worry. Maybe friends will come through just when you need them or maybe you have finally developed a bit of monetary sense. Either way you need to build on the advantage gained today in order to insure a secure and golden future.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Scorpios can not only light up the center stage this month, but can set it on fire. There is every indication that the time has come for you to demand your rightful place in the world and in the corporate arena. Yes, it's transformation and assumption time, so plan your course carefully and strategically in true scorpion fashion. Meet, greet and succeed!

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SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Itchy feet? You may be tempted to travel and seek unexplored vistas. Gain new perspectives on life by either packing your bags and getting out of town or volunteering your services for a Gay cause or two...or three. (Sagitts have unbounded energy when they are motivated.) Intuitively, you know which activity will provide you with that special surge.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Friends are there when you need them and need them you might. You are also able to lend support to a pal in trouble. Strength is derived through large social groups and organizations, so it is wise to get involved. Although it may seem that you can't seem to say the right thing at the right time. They do say actions speak louder than words. Do it!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

It is possible to cash in on career aspirations now. The planets indicate that lucky opportunities will come your professional way and a whole new adjustment is possible. Is it that your are finally dancing to the rhythm of corporate politics? Not bloody likely with that independent, spit into the wind attitude! It's just that you now have an opportunity to grab onto a shooting star.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

You continue to suffer from a lack of self confidence, but you must realize that it is all in your mind. If you feel undereducated, enroll in a class. If you feel stifled, travel to the open spaces. Don't encourage the gremlins with sad sack thoughts. Give yourself a break and fulfill your dreams. There is nothing like a personal victory to drive away the blues.

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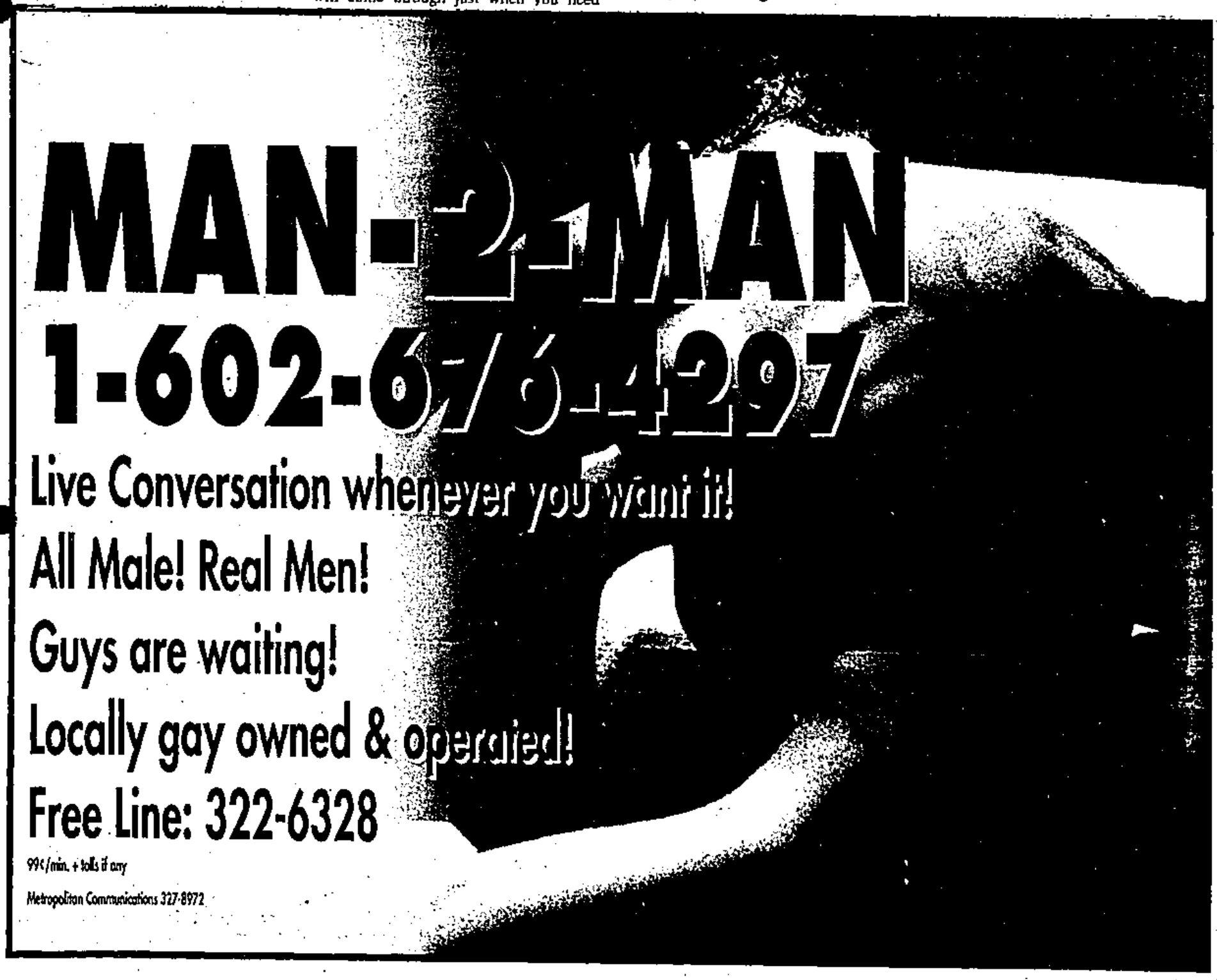

American Gay & Lesbian Atheists Calls Upon IRS To Monitor Churches For Political Movement

HOUSTON, TX - As the political season reaches "high gear," the national office of American Gay & Lesbian Atheists is busily watching the degree to which churches and religious organizations in the Houston area are involving themselves in partisan politics.

American Gay & Lesbian Atheists has been instrumental in having the Dallas office of the Internal Revenue Service maintain an open file (File 4940 Dal) on Houston area churches and religious groups which involve themselves in the political process, such as endorsing candidates for public office. AGLA has documented numerous cases of direct political involvement by churches. In some cases, the political involvement of churches was so blatant that some churches placed campaign signs on their properties.

"Such political involvement by churches is harmful to basic freedoms and civil rights of many, particularly Gays and Lesbians," says Don Sanders, national director. "The strongest opposition to equality of rights for Gays and Lesbians comes from the churches and the Christian scriptures. Many ministers bastardize the non-profit status accorded them under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service by directly instructing their congregations for whom to vote and how to vote on key issues, such as abortion rights, women's rights and rights for Gays and Lesbians." Sanders points out that efforts to stop churches from influencing politics have proven ineffective. "However," Sanders says, "if status accorded them under the directives of the Internal Revenue Service, much direct partisan political involvement on the part of churches would cease."

During this political season, AGLA is carefully monitoring the antics of the so-called Religious Right and the support of their candidates by churches. "If the churches will not abide by the law which prohibits them from endorsing candidates, instructing their congregants for whom to vote, or funding political campaigns,we hope that our efforts to encourage the IRS to look into these matters by giving them documentation on his obvious abuse and illegal activity will help prove to the churches, once and for all, they should get out of the political game, or lose their tax exemption," says Sanders.

Victory Fund Candidates Subjected To Anti-Gay Campaigning

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Gay and Lesbian Victory fund reports that openly Gay and Lesbian candidates face an increasing amount of anti-Gay campaigning, even from opponents who claim to be "Gay friendly."

One explanation for the increase is the rise in power of the Radical Right and its demonization of the Gay and Lesbian community as a fund raising gimmick. "The Radical Right has stepped up its attacks on openly Gay political figures as part of its overall strategy to undermine the strength of our community, and to raise money," says Victory Fund Deputy Director Kathleen DeBold.

DeBold added, "They know that qualified Gay and Lesbian officials dispel anti-Gay stereotypes and increase our community's visibility in an extremely positive way, something they don't want to see happen."

Seventeen of Victory Fund's twenty six recommended candidates this year are in states that were targeted by the right for anti-Gay ballot initiatives.

"There are many ways to exploits homophobia in a campaign," says political activist David Mixner. "A straight candidate Gay-baits when he calls himself The Pro Family Candidate implying that the Gay opponent is anti-family."

Another popular way for a straight candidate to introduce homophobia into a campaign is to make an announcement to the effect of, "I don't intend to use my opponent's homosexuality as a campaign issue," thereby making it a campaign issue.

Blatantly anti-Gay candidates have no qualms about using standard Radical Right rhetoric like the homosexual movement, special rights, Gay agenda, and traditional family values. Candidates trying to win over moderate voters are more subtle, however, and encode their homophobic messages. They may claim, for example, that their Gay opponent is part of a fringe movement supported by an unnamed special interest group with a non-traditional agenda.

As more openly Gay candidates run for office against "Gay friendly" opponents, the Gay and Lesbian community is discovering that friendship has its limits. An the Gay and Lesbian community is discovering that friendship has its limits. An increasing number of Victory Fund candidates are running against candidates who market themselves to the Gay and Lesbian community as "Gay friendly" but turn to Gay baiting when the going gets rough. "I believe that as the Gay and Lesbian community matures politically, more of us will understand the difference between qualified openly Gay and Lesbian candidates and "Gay friendly" straight candidates," says Mixner. "The question that Gay voters must ask themselves is, 'How can a straight candidate who engages in Gay baiting represent our best interests?'"

For Victory Fund candidates, the increase in Gay baiting has meant an escalation in the cost of campaigning. Openly Gay candidates must be more qualified and better prepared than their straight counterparts, they need to raise more money early in the race so they can define themselves before the other side does, and they need to raise surplus funds to refute anti-Gay attacks. "We've made great strides in electing our own these past few years," says DeBold.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

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

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YOUNG AND GAY?

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WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jam. $2 at the door (more if you can, 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 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 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.

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?

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

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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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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS! Arizona Nude Dudes or ANDES/Tucson for 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.

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

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 891, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Billy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in processing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0803 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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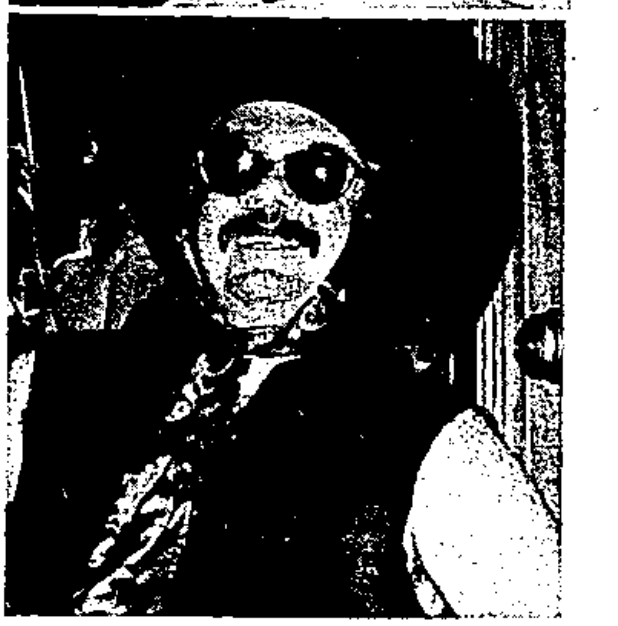
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