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New York City Pride Parade Draws Wide Array Of Marchers

Catholic Cardinal Conciliatory Toward Participants

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Tens of thousands of people, from men dressed as fairies on stilts to Buddhists to police officers, celebrated their homosexuality and mourned losses to AIDS as they marched in the 25th annual Gay pride parade in New York City.

No arrests were reported in the parade down New York City's Fifth Avenue as rumors that marchers might disrobe in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral proved groundless.

One woman did briefly bare her breasts but wasn't arrested. Two men on a float simulated a sex act but kept their shorts on; they seemed to particularly relish performing in front of about 15 counter demonstrators, including neo-Nazi's shouting "Sieg Heil" and giving the Nazi salute.

Some marchers chanted "shame, shame" as they passed the Roman Catholic cathedral, the focus of Gay protests because of Cardinal John O'Connor's past condemnations of homosexuality.

But, shortly before the parade started, the cardinal, long a target of Gay protests, had conciliatory words for Gays in his sermon at St. Patrick's.

"Most people whose sexual orientation differs from the majority are good, decent people who try to live responsible lives, " O'Connor said in the sermon.

"God gives them the same graces he gives everyone and loves them as he loves everyone, and as we must love them," the cardinal said.

Less than two hours later, with the roar of motorcycles driven by more than 100 Gay bikers, tens of thousands of men and women began the annual Gay pride march down Fifth Avenue and past celebrating their pride and mourning their losses to AIDS.

The bells of St. Patrick's provided an unintended backdrop for the noontime start of the march, pealing "Song of Joy."

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights had asked city officials to move the parade route so that marchers wouldn't pass the cathedral, saying they would commit acts offensive in church goers.

Mayor Rudolph Giulani refused to overrule the police permit for the march and participated in the parade. Police sealed off the sidewalks in front on the cathedral.

Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis, who came out a year ago and most recently disclosed he is HIV+, helped lead the parade as one of the grand marshals.

"There are no more secrets. They're seeing me as the whole person," Louganis said before the parade.

He added, "I hid for a long time and I felt like I was living on an island with barely a phone. This (disclosure) has been wonderful because it's kind of my ticket off the island."

Pop singer Cyndi Lauper danced and sang her hit "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" as her float passed St. Patrick's.

Marchers from the group Gay Men's Health Crisis struck a more somber note, chanting, "People are dying, where is the church?" Others chanted, "shame, shame" as they passed the church.

Police Commissioner William Bratton called the march "a very respectable parade, one that I think Gays and Lesbians could feel quite proud of.

TLGA Board Announces OUToberFEST Plans

by TLGA Board of Directors

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) is alive and will be producing the Gay Pride Picnic on October 14, 1995 at the southwest corner of Reid Park.

However, it is being renamed to OUToberFest 95, due to a significant number of people objecting to an event outside of June being called a Pride event. So it is being tied into National Coming Out day, hence the play on words for the new name.

Before we continue, let us admit right now that we apologize to those concerned, that Pride week was not as planned out as we would have preferred. We are a new board and acknowledging we are organizing a little late. We still have 3 1/2 months to prepare and ground work has already been firmly established.

The current advisory people that are assisting us and with all you enthusiastic volunteers that will be joining us soon, we will have an enjoyable, successful, and profitable picnic. However, it will only happen, if we all work together and contribute whatever talent and/or time you are able to donate.

There will be a call to volunteers meeting at Wingspan in early July (day and time to be announced here next week) for those interested in helping to produce OUToberFEST. Volunteers are urgently needed for upcoming events and planning, as well as commitments for time on the day of the picnic. Requested donated time would be 4-8 hour shifts or, whatever you can contribute. A partial list will appear in the Observer next week with a complete list displayed at the meeting.

For those unable to attend, please feel free to call the OUTLINE voicemail at 622-3200 and let us know how you would like to help or, send a check or money order, please do not send cash in the mail, to: TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Your canceled check will be your receipt). Estimate cost for OUToberFEST is from $10,000 to $15,000 so contributions are always welcomed.

That is all for now. Apologies again, for not being able to update everybody earlier. Right now, let us focus on working together to have a great time celebrating our diversity and the progress that has been made while creating and working towards a brighter future for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and transgender individuals.

If you would like to become involved immediately, there is a pre-meeting on Thursday, June 29, at Wingspan, at 5:30 pm.

P.A.C.T. Housing Update

by Cicely d'Autremont
PACT Housing Director

TUCSON - Five years in AIDS time is equivalent to an eon by any other time frame, and this summer the PACT Housing Program turns five, so we thought that we would like to give the community an update of where we've been and where we are.

The Housing Program began in 1990 with four units housing six people. The criteria were to be homeless and HIV+. It was exclusively a transitional program then, with a stay of up to 18 months. Rent was charged at 30% of one's adjusted gross income, according to the federal HUD formula.

The building was leased from HUD under the $1 per year program designed to house homeless people, and a portion of the operating expenses were paid by DES. The program was volunteer run.

Without expounding on details that probably only interest those of us who were swept away by them, this is where the program stands now. PACT operated nine 1-bedroom and four 2-bedroom apartments and one 4-bedroom house as transitional housing.

DES still pays a portion of the operating costs; we house an average of 21 people per month; the allowed stay has increased to 24 months, and the program is run by a social worker hired in 1991 for that purpose.

Aside from numbers, a major and recent change, made after much soul searching and hassling with balance sheets, we now require an AIDS diagnosis for new residents, verified by a letter from a doctor.

We are all functioning in a climate of increasing need and diminishing resources so this change is one effort to serve those most in need. Rent continues to be charged at 30% of one's adjusted gross income, which means that someone on SSI will pay about $126 per month for rent, utilities, and limited phone.

Another major component of the housing program that has always been there but is now being strengthened so that we may better serve our residents is something known in the field as a care plan.

This is a document created between housing personnel and resident that essentially deals with two categories. Now that you have a place to live, what

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GUEST EDITORIAL

[With a record of backtracking on important Gay issues, the White House insults Lesbian and Gay leaders at a "summit".]

Imagine being greeted at the home of friends and suddenly noticing they had on bright blue rubber gloves.

This is not a "Saturday Night Live" skit. It actually happened to a group of Gay and Lesbian elected leaders arriving for a White House conference.

The gloves worn by uniformed Secret Service agents not only were insulting to the arriving participants in the summit with administration officials, they illustrate profound ignorance about how HIV is transmitted, not by briefcases.

Only the blood-caked gloves O.J. Simpson tried on in court got more media play. The White House gloves became instant symbols, too. Although administration officials apologized the next day, the no-touch incident topped a litany of complaints about President Clinton.

During his 1992 presidential campaign, Bill Clinton was the greatest champion of Gay rights anyone could hope

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UPDATE

Wingspan Wants Your Art

TUCSON - Gay, Bi, and Lesbian artists, whatever your medium, paint, stone, metal, film, anything, Wingspan Gallery wants it for their first annual juried show in October.

Please submit three works at Wingspan on September 15. The jury (jurors to be announced) will select one. Pick up other two by September 22.

The show opens October 1; the big reception will be Saturday, October 7. Ribbons will be awarded for honorable mention, first, second, and third place, and Best in Show.

For more information call Bob at 571-8783.

Negative AIDS Tests Done Early May Be False Experts Say

LONDON, England (AP) - French researchers say some people tested for the AIDS virus may be reassured too soon that they have not been infected.

The doctors recommend revising guidelines for AIDS testing so that people get a blood test eight months to a year after being pricked by a needle that may have been contaminated with HIV.

Currently, most doctors recommend tests at three and six months.

The advice, by Dr. Jean Jacques Lefrer of Saint Antoine Hospital in Paris, was prompted by the case of a 47 year old woman who did not test positive until eight months after what is believed to have been the time of infection.

Dr. Thomas Schulz, an AIDS researcher at the Institute of Cancer Research in London, said there is still the possibility that the woman became infected with the virus after the clinic accident.

Tucson's New Gay Family

TUCSON - Is there a need for a Gay men's social network in Tucson? The votes are in, and obviously a major need in Tucson is being met.

In February 1995, a steering committee of 6 men representing age categories in the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, and 60's responded to a felt need to build a Gay men's family in Tucson.

After considerable planning, the first meeting of the Men's Social Network was on March 4, 1995 when 49 men showed up for the first potluck social gathering.

In less than 4 months, the Men's Social Network has 103 paid members. Prospective members are sent extensive information and a calendar of events and are encouraged to participate in activities before paying the $15 annual membership fee which covers newsletter publication and mailing, postage, table service for monthly social potluck gatherings and other activities, etc. Scholarships for membership are available if a person is experiencing financial problems. Guests are always welcome.

MSN has a minimum of one social activity each week, and usually more than one. The activities include video nights, movies out, dinners out, book club, social potluck gatherings, card game nights, board game nights, hikes, nature walks, trips out of town, etc.

The group is especially pleased that so many new men arriving in Tucson are finding an immediate social circle of caring friends. Indeed, the goal of building an extended Gay family is being accomplished. MSN is an inclusive group accepting men of all ages and ethnic backgrounds.

In addition to the monthly newsletters, the activities are announced in the non-bar calendar section of The Observer.

Cornerstone Fellowship Memorial Garden Enters Phase 2

TUCSON - An exciting and much needed project is underway in our community. It is called the Cornerstone Fellowship Memorial Garden and is currently in the 2nd phase of a four phase plan.

The garden will be open to everyone and will provide a beautiful setting for memorial services. It will include desert landscaping, fountains, a patio area, and a wall on which commemorative plaques of loved ones will be permanently displayed.

Although the garden will not in the near future be housing cremains a previously advertised, the scattering of ashes will be allowed.

Plants, trees, benches, and fountains are available for purchase. These can display a nameplate in remembrance of a loved one.

Phase one of the project consisted of setting aside the land, beginning the preliminary landscaping, and forming a Board of Directors.

Phase two, currently underway, includes planting trees and bushes, along with digging trenches to lay underground water and electrical lines.

Phase three will include the construction of a wall (to display the plaques), laying the walkways, and fencing in the garden.

The final phase, will focus on completing the landscaping, making plans for the construction of a second wall (perhaps equipped to house cremains), and making provisions for the perpetual upkeep of the garden.

For more information on donations, or to inquire about the purchase of memorial plaques, plants, or other items, call or write Cornerstone Fellowship at 2902 N. Geronimo, Tucson, AZ 85705, 622-4626.

The Board of Directors is sponsoring a rummage sale on July 14 and 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to raise funds for materials needed to construct the first wall of the garden. The sale will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship's Social Hall.

PLAY SAFE

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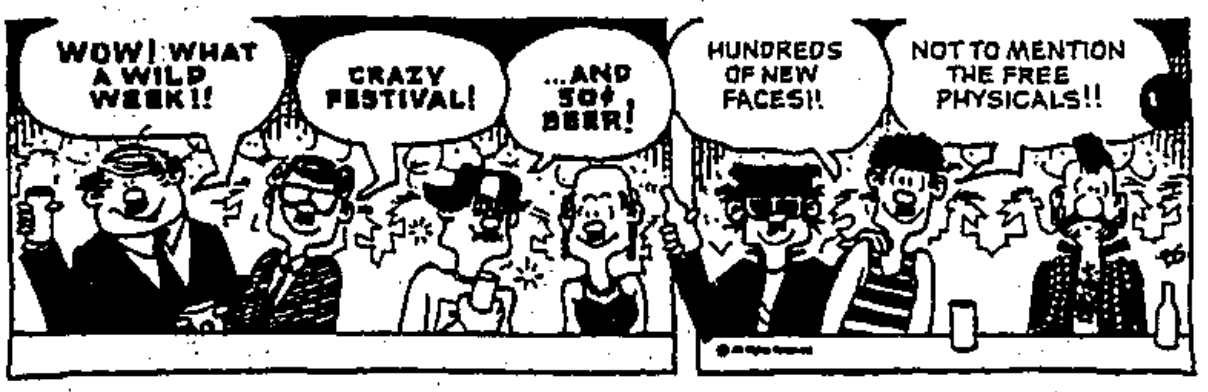

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

[This is the fourth part in a series providing information on HIV Antibody Testing.]

The following is a list of HIV prevention recommendations:

1) During sexual intercourse, be careful that blood, semen, or vaginal secretions are not passed from one person to another. Use latex condoms to stop the possible transmission of the virus between you and your partner. Oral sex is less risky than unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse, but it's not risk free!

2) It is best not to share IV "works" (needles, syringes, etc.). Even a little blood left on or in the "works" can contain the virus. If you do share, rinse your works twice with bleach, then twice with water after use by each person. This helps to kill the virus. [This information in no way advocates the use or sharing of "works".]

3) The following substances are harmful to your judgment: Alcohol, Amphetamines (speed), Amyl Nitrate (poppers), Marijuana, Cocaine, Crack, and Ethyl Chloride.

If you or your partner has a positive test result:

1) Inform all sexual partners or anyone with whom you have shared IV "works". This should be done carefully in order the protect your confidentiality. If desired, the Health Department can help you with this.

2) See your doctor or a clinic for a complete medical follow up.

3) Inform medical and dental providers that you are infected with the virus. Keep in mind the potential for discrimination.

4) Improve your odds of staying healthy by avoiding drugs, alcohol, fatigue, and stress. Eat a balanced diet and sleep regularly.

5) Do not donate blood, sperm, or any other body parts, except for HIV medical research purposes.

6) If you are considering having children, talk with your doctor about the risk of passing the virus to your unborn child.

Should you get the test? Recent research shows that early detection of HIV, followed by immune system monitoring and treatment can slow the progression to AIDS. Choosing to get the test is an individual decision that carries with it some difficult choices.

Consider taking the test if:

1) You think you might be infected and you want to know for sure so that you can consider getting medical help, enrolling in drug trials, or taking alternative treatments.

2) Knowing your antibody status will keep you from having unsafe sex and/or sharing "works".

3) You are think of having a baby or breast feeding a baby.

4) You would feel less stressed if you knew for certain whether or not you are infected.

Remember taking the test can bring up strong feelings and emotions. This may be a stressful time for you. Talk with your counselor about resources that are available in the community for support during the time you are waiting for your results. Also keep in mind possible social stigma and the potential for discrimination if you disclose your results to certain people.

Even if you choose anonymous testing, if you become sick with HIV, (progress to AIDS or ARC) your physician will need to report your diagnosis to the Health Department to comply with state law.

If you have any questions about HIV antibody testing call the Pima County Health Department, HIV Counseling and Testing Program at 791-7676. Appointments are available.

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson is one of Anonymous Testing sites in the community. Testing is by appointment only. Our offices are located at 801 West Congress, one block west of I-10. Call 770-1710.

Photos and tournament results of the fourth annual Pool Aid '95 held in Hollywood and hosted by Stephen Baldwin will appear in next week's issue.

I leave you with this in mind, "The best things in life aren't things." - Art Buchwald.

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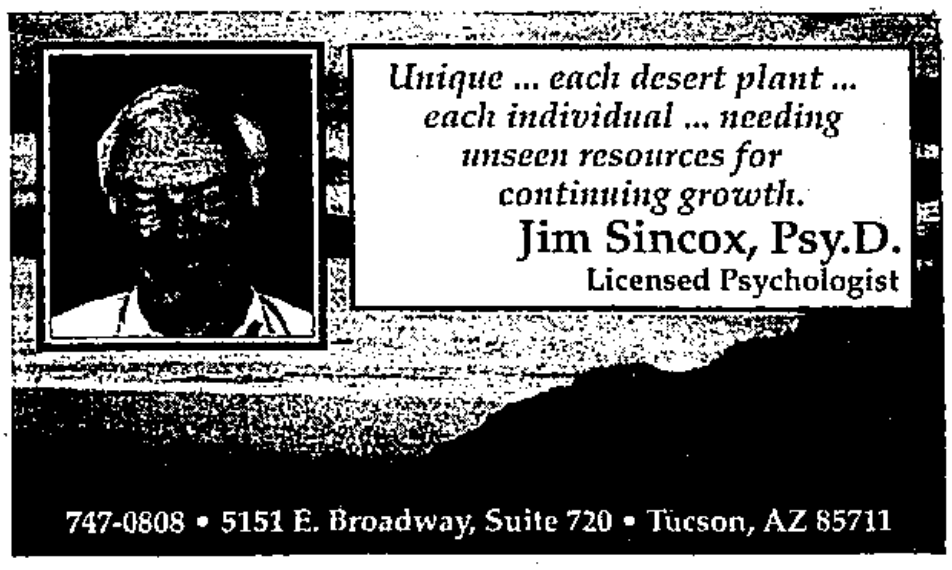

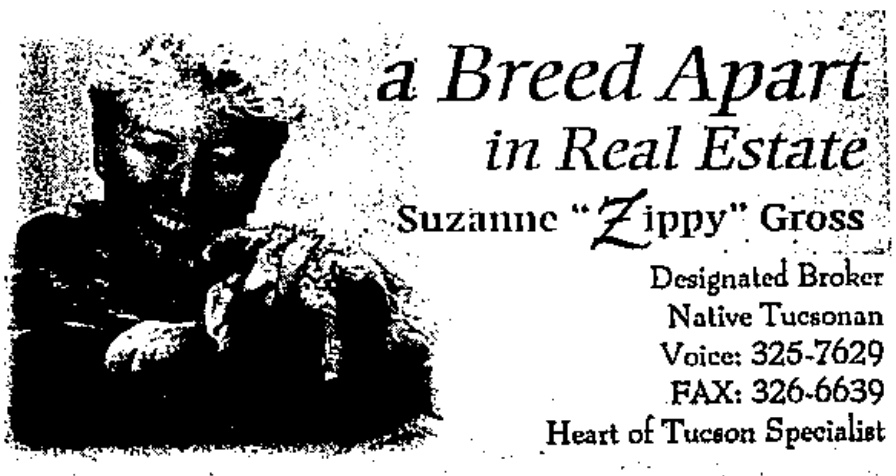

POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

ENDA NEWS

As reported (Observer 570), the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation, was introduced in the Republican controlled 104th Congress.

Here is an update on the efforts:

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act was introduced in both houses of Congress on June 15 as reported on by the press conference sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

In the House of Representatives, the bill is H.R. 1863. In the Senate, ENDA is S. 932.

The lead sponsors of ENDA in the 104th Congress are: Senators James Jeffords (R-VT) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA). As of press time, there are 30 Senators signed on as co-sponsors, 27 Democrats and 3 Republicans.

[Note: The two Senators from Arizona, Republicans John McCain and Jon Kyl have not signed on as co-sponsors.]

In the House are Representatives Connie Morella (R-MD), Barney Frank (D-MA), Gerry Studds (D-MA) and Peter Torkildsen (R-MA). There are a total of 122 Representatives signed on as co-sponsors, 111 Democrats, 10 Republicans and 1 Independent.

[Note: In Arizona, District 2 Congressman Ed Pastor; Democrat, is the only Representative from the state to sign on to the bill.]

The current version of ENDA has won more original co-sponsors in the 104th Congress then it had been introduced last year in the 103rd Congress, when it was controlled by the Democrats. Last year, they had 138. This year 152 members of Congress have co-sponsored the bill.

ENDA's support remains strong in Congress, and polls show that the majorities of voters of every political stripe favor equal rights in the work place for Lesbian and Gay Americans."

What's happened with the legislation. In the House, H.R. 1863 has been referred to the House Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, the House Committee on Governmental Reform and Oversight and the House Committee on House Oversight and House Committee on the Judiciary.

In the Senate, S.932 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

No hearings have been scheduled on either bill as of press time.

BOOK DEALS

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) is not the only person in the Gingrich clan writing a book.

Candace Gingrich, Newt's half sister, has retained a literary agent and plans to write, quoting Gingrich, "kind of unique" life story.

As for her half brother's books, she says she has no plans to read them.

GUESS WHO, DON'T SUE

A note to the "Martha Mitchell of Tucson Politics". The media is getting bored with the story, come up with a new angle!

So it goes for now!

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

Gay Bashing for Fun and Profit

by Frank Rich

NEW YORK, NY - Never having been treated as an untouchable myself, I asked Mike Nelson what the experience was like. Nelson, as alderman in Carrboro, N.C., was one of the first to be greeted by Secret Service officers wearing gloves when he arrived at a White House briefing for Gay elected officials.

"We were in disbelief," he said. "One of us kept saying over and over again, there must be some rational reason they're doing this, other than the one you might think."

But then one guard said the blue rubber gloves were "for protection", presumably against AIDS. "I was very angry," said Nelson. "It was an offensive action, and it betrayed a serious misunderstanding of how HIV is transmitted."

Nelson, a Democrat, was being polite. He might also have asked why the Secret Service automatically assumed that 45 Gay men and women were carrying the virus, or why Bill Clinton, who didn't appear at the subsequent reception, did not rush to apologize for so ugly an incident in what is, after all, his home.

Then again, it's unfair to single out the Secret Service or the president for slights to Gay people. Many politicians of all stripes would still rather duck or demagogue Gay civil rights issues, and the media, especially ratings obsessed TV news magazines, often exacerbate the problem by sensationalizing Gay topics.

Diane Sawyer not only devoted a whole hour to a coy pursuit of Michael Jackson's sexual orientation, but inflated the prurience of her efforts by refusing to ask the question directly or say the word Gay or homosexual.

Perhaps if other star TV interviewers had not erroneously implied that a bleeding Greg Louganis risked infecting a swimming pool, Secret Service officers wouldn't have been so quick to don gloves at the White House.

These incidents are benign, however, when set next to the right's exploitation of Gay people for partisan ends.

Though Robert Mapplethorpe's "Perfect Moment" exhibition now dates back six years it is still Exhibit A for all attacks on federal arts funding because the religious right has learned that Gay bashing is the most productive fund raising tool.

Pat Robertson routinely targets homosexuals in Christian Coalition mailings; on a recent edition of his daily TV program, "The 700 Club," he aired a report sounding the alarm that a Gay cabal is "rising to the tops of newsrooms" at ABC, CBS, NBC, USA Today, Knight-Ridder, the Washington Post and the New York Times, where it prepares to push "the homosexual agenda."

To see the impact of such invective on Americans, Gay and straight, there is no better object lesson than a new documentary film titled "Ballot Measure 9."

"Ballot Measure 9" shows firsthand what happened in 1992 when a Christian Coalition offshoot, the Oregon Citizens Alliance, fought to ban all anti-discrimination protection for homosexuals.

"Ballot Measure 9" has a somewhat happy ending; the measure was defeated. But on the same 1992 election day, a similar initiative was passed in Colorado.

Recently, in an action far more disturbing than any callous behavior by its Secret Service contingent, the Clinton White House declined to file a friend of the court brief challenging the constitutionality of that Colorado law as it comes before the Supreme Court.

The fact is that Gay people, simply because of who they are, can still be legally fired without other cause in most states. The protections homosexuals seek are merely basic civil rights.

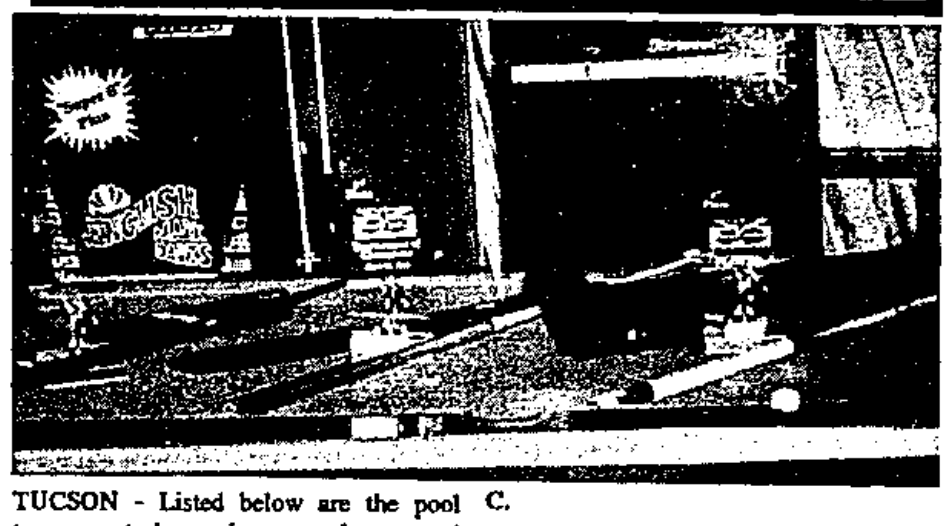
Some Republican leaders, William Weld and Christie Whitman, for starters, have the guts to say so, but they can only go so far in a party whose leadership is in thrall to Robertson and Ralph Reed. If the Clinton administration really cares about this fight, isn't it time to take off the gloves?

[Frank Rich is a columnist for the New York Times.]

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers!

SHOOTIN' AROUND TOWN

by Wayne Steele

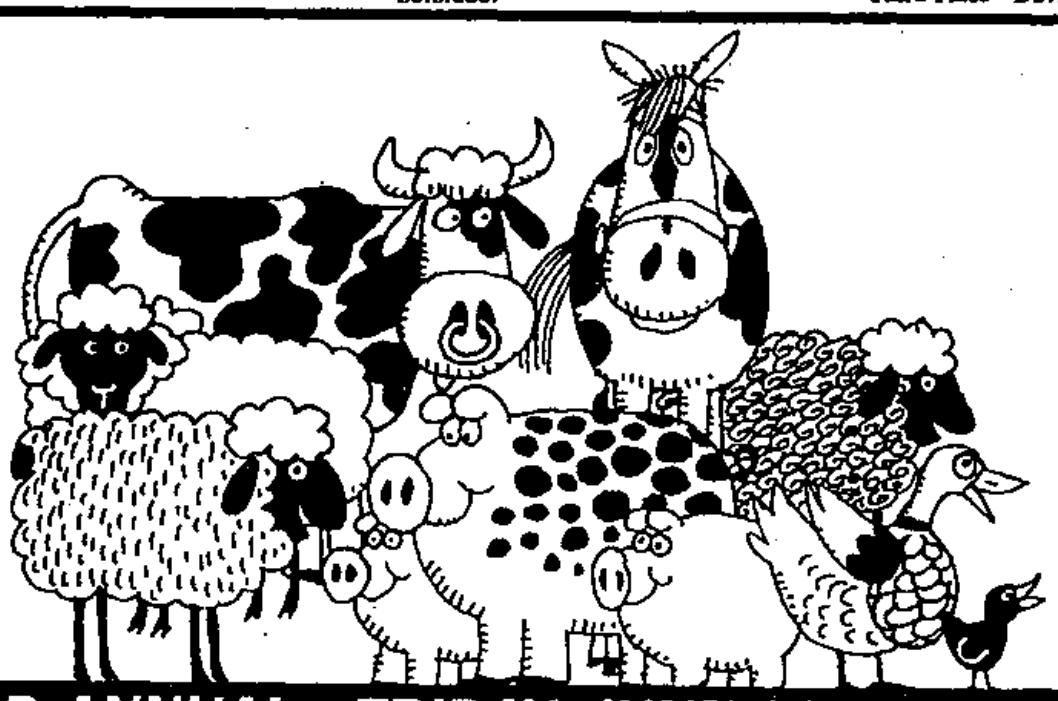


TUCSON - Listed below are the pool tournaments happening around town and some of the winners:

Stonewall/Eagle: 9-Ball Team Tournament. Winner take all, $35.00 to the champion. First Place - Kenny M, $35.00. Second Place - Wayne CS (9 ball on break, followed by cue ball). Third Place - David Z. First Out - Robert C.

This was the second of the Special Tournaments, through July 16th. 7/2, Bank 8, $5 entry, host David Z. 7/9, Team 8 ball, $5 entry, host Wayne CS.

The Graduate: First Place - Mike WC, $25.00. Second Place - Robert C, $15.00. Third Place - Nikki, $10.00.



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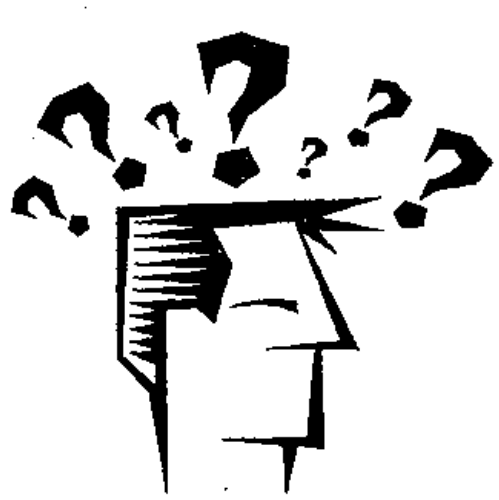

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by Addison McDorman & George Plentzas

Well, here we are again already. It's amazing how short a week can be. We hope you had a good one.

The Board of Directors participated in a 4 hour board training session this past Sunday. It was very helpful and informative. The training will enable the board to focus together on the direction of our organization so that they may lead the membership more effectively and responsibility.

The Board's goal is always to act in the best interest of AGRA-Tucson and it's members. Remember that you are always welcome to become a member of AGRA-Tucson and help shaped the future of our organization.

The board will meet again in special session on July 2 in order to finalize this year's calendar of fund raising events.

Please remember to mark your calendar for the State board meeting and general membership meeting on July 9 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Hours along with the AGRA-Tucson anniversary party.

There is still an opening on the board for the position of Treasurer as well as committee members. If you or someone you know may be interested please call the AGRA-Tucson Hotline at 323-0805.

If there is anyone interested in being a contestant for the Mr., Ms., or Miss AGRA title please contact Addison McDorman at the AGRA-Tucson Hotline.

Don't forget that the Sid Spencer Show will roll into town on Friday, July 7th. He will be performing two shows at Club 2520 at 10:30 and 11:30 P.M. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Congratulations are definitely in order for AGRA-Tucson's Fund Raising Director, Edgar Calma. He wowed the crowd at the Stonewall/Eagle on Monday night with his illusion of Miss Holly Boo at the Miss Carousel Closet Ball. Don't forget to congratulate him on being Tucson's newest Royalty, Miss Carousel. (He actually has his very own tiara, now he needs one for his Stetson!).

He will be doing several shows in the name of Miss Carousel to raise money for local causes. We're sure he would appreciate your attendance and participation. Watch for information on these events in upcoming weeks.

Other than the Closet Ball, this weekend was a time for most of us to relax. Of course, anytime people meet for a night of dancing, there is usually an after hours breakfast party. Saturday night was no exception. The conversation was pleasant, until the subject of whipped cream came up (funny how that happens). Well, as usual, Raul just had to order some for breakfast or maybe just a late night snack? These late night food fests are a good chance to really get to know just who you associate with on a regular basis.

For those of you who were not at the Stonewall/Eagle on Sunday, we almost lost Barney when he passed the Event Horizon (the point of no return). RG's lighter than air legs just had to assert themselves again. You just can't keep a good boy down, especially on a bar stool.

Raybeline was out and about this weekend, but where was that passion packed plum of an admirer of his?

Until next time, see ya!

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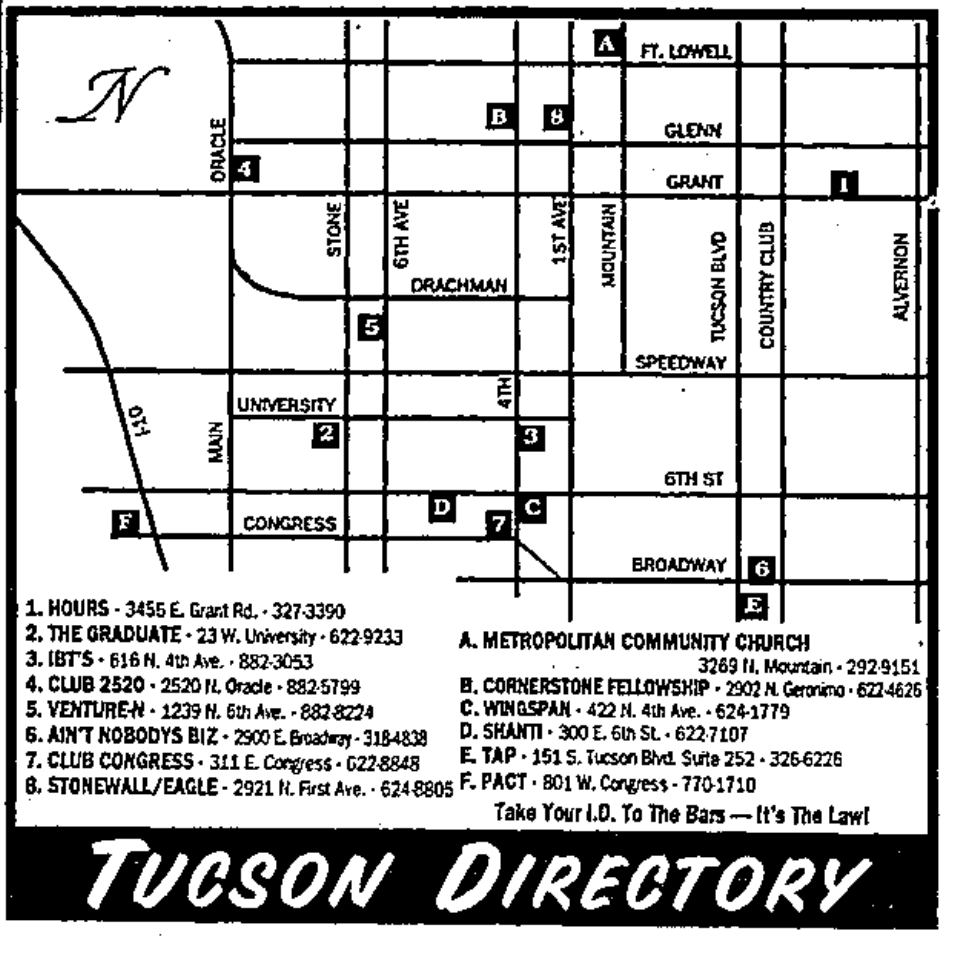

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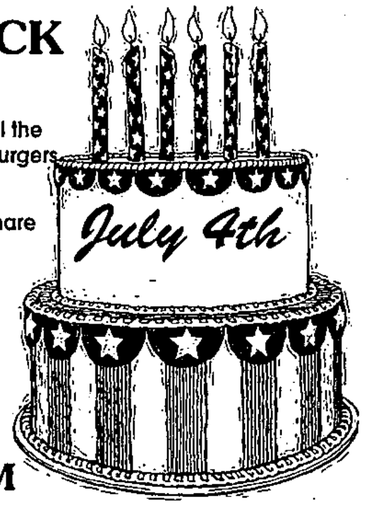

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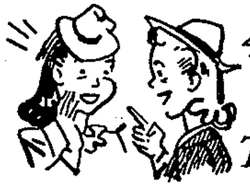

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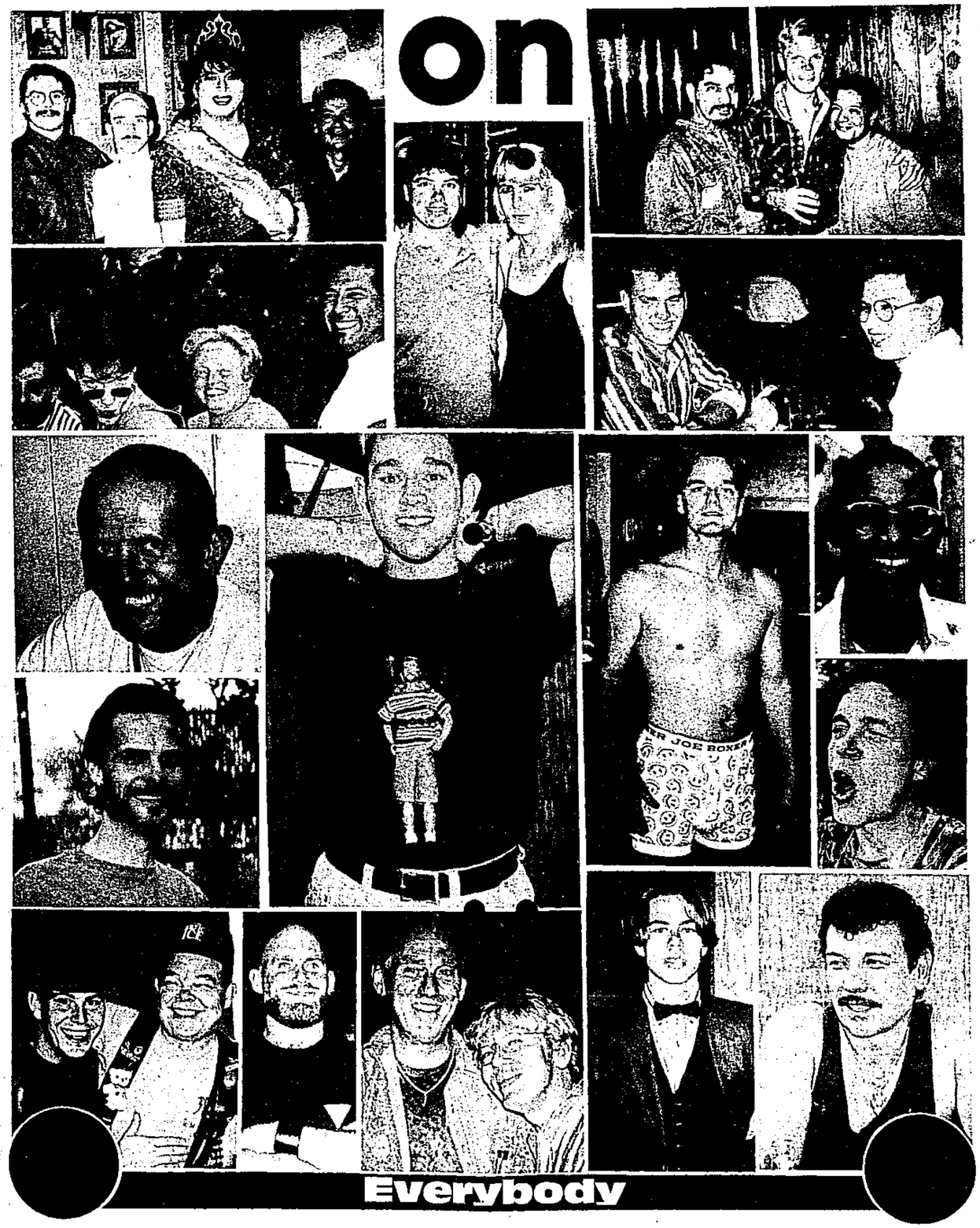

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DEAR TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY:

I'm back momentarily and need your help. What I am about to tell is easier than you might think.

First, I got a chuckle last month when my good friend, Kenny Jacobs, told you I was not running TLGA due to "personal reasons." Ha, ha, I say! Come out, come out whenever you can, reality check please! It should be no secret, it's the Big "A". My health is seriously compromised, in what is termed late stages and have contracted 4 terminal diseases.

But Alas, "Don't Cry For Me Argentina." The show must go on, and that show is "OUToberfest Picnic 95" Saturday, October 14, 1995, Reid Park. It coincides with National Coming Out Day.

It is my mission to present to you an extravagant day of entertainment, featuring Pussy Tourette. Pussy who? Get a grip on your panty hose kids, French bitch will rock your world. It also will be my basic swan song for Big Wanda Welgis a we know her, a.k.a. Big John.

Now, the help I desperately need is from the entire town to make this happen. Having just returned from a glamorous near death experience at the fashionable St. Mary's De Carondelet Villa I'm not recharged as much as I am re-directed to throw you a gala unlike anything before. Last year should have proved my point. If you were there, you know it did.

Money, money, money is always the issue. It occurred to me that with the near 20,000 people in attendance last year sent Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance 50 cents there would be enough capital for 2 picnics.

What's the bottom line, my weary readers ask? What with so many places to place your hard earned change located in the desk drawer.

I would ask anyone who has ever had a great afternoon at any pride picnic over 18 years to help us produce this event. Can't do it without you.

Please send us (TLGA) a check, clean and simple isn't it? Whatever you can afford, $1, $5, $10, $20. Our goal is to raise $10,000 which is what the day costs. Help us help you party and play.

Last year was "Fabulous." This year is my last year dancing on this rock. Help me go out with a bang. Won't you send a check to: TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Or direct deposit to: TLGA, #095816352 at any First Interstate Bank. Want to play, gotta pay. Thank you so much. TLGA's new phone number is (520) 622-3200.

Other issue at hand. Contestants for King or Queen. I need to know who is playing and planning on performing Alexis, Crystal, David Z., Lucinda and Candas. Let's break a leg and every little bit helps. Call 321-0985 for a color and tell me who your treasurer is.

Love, peace and light,
Big John Haase

DEAR FRIENDS OF GREG:

Great big thank you to everyone that turned out to remember Greg Bennett at the tree planting ceremony at Himmel Park on June 20.

Though everyone could not attend that wanted, some 50 or 60 of Greg's "Arizona Family" (coined by his family in Michigan) did come out. Some even came from Phoenix. As well, I know family members and friends in Michigan were here in spirit. All in all, the tree planting ceremony and gathering afterwards at IBT's seemed to be a good way for many of us to begin closure and healing. Once again, thank you to all.

I would like to give special thanks to: Bob Ellis and Gary Clark for their supportiveness and sincerity. I especially appreciated their concern since I don't know them well and they've been through this so many, many times.

To Chuck Ingram for his moral and financial support. To Dave Huff and his staff at IBT's for the beautiful food and flowers provided. To Skeets Matthews for delivering soft drinks to the tree planting. To Hank Stone and AGRA for the use of their feed tank.

To Kevin Rogers for his videography. To Bruce Lind and my neighbor Pedro Davis for photography. To Mary Higgins and Chuck Ingram for commemorating Greg during the tree planting. To Greg Bennett's family and my partner Claude Holcomb for their unwavering support without which none of this would've happened.

And finally, thank you Lee and Eddy and the staff of Hours for their remembrance, and their attendance at the tree planting and IBT's.

[A book has been put together with many images of Greg in it and signed by many friends. It will soon be delivered to his family. If you have not gotten a chance to say something to Greg or his family, call me and we'll make sure you do. Call Mark Landsfeld at 795-6737.]

I lost one of the most dependable friends ever to have entered my life. I feel another hole in my heart, as I know many others do too. Greg was special, special to me, and special to others. But Greg wasn't any more or less special than anyone else.

Tucson has lost several special people in recent weeks. I didn't happen to know any of these people, but each one was as special to someone as Greg happened to be to me. The lesson that seems so difficult to learn is that everybody is special! That lady doing her makeup in traffic who seems to be purposefully getting in your way and slowing you down, the bank teller with the huge hair, that older man with hungry eyes that disgusts you, that Lesbian with the cold hard edge, that wildly effeminate boy who always acts so goofy that normal looking middle-aged African American man who never seems to smile, the large woman with worn-out shoes that takes two seats on the bus, all these people are special; They're all the result of a unique and usually difficult life experience. It's when we lose sight of this understanding that we laugh and point and make fun of people and generally fail as human beings.

I've focused a lot on Greg in recent weeks and on his friends and the new connections I've made since his death. We are all connected - people I never knew; people I thought I didn't want to know.

In writing all of this, I only hope that we can all love and respect each other just a little more than yesterday. Because, with as much as each one of us has been through, with as much loss as we've all experienced, we should be beginning to realize that we truly are all special.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Well, here I am again. Doc will return next week, joy or sorrow for you readers!

I talked to Doc this past weekend and I was reprimanded for giving out false information. Not that he denied any of his activities which were reported but I do have to make a correction. It was at Sir James and not Sir Georges where he did his flashing act. After all, some of us Queens do get out men mixed up on occasion.

For those of you who are planning to attend TKO's 15th Anniversary party, it will be held this coming Saturday, July 1st. There was some confusion on the actual date but for the record it is being held this coming Saturday, July 1st.

In the past two articles that I have written for Doc, I have dwelt on the past. In this article let's look to the future. What will be happening next week? For some of us, we won't be around to find out. Let's speculate.

I don't think that homosexuals will be accepted as equals by the heterosexuals, maybe tolerated as an alternate lifestyle but never accepted as being right or proper. There are far too many who think that sex is for procreation and nothing more. To have sex just for the pleasure that it brings will remain a taboo for many, many years and I don't think that anyone living at this time will be here to see the change.

I believe that there will be great in the next few years with our national, state and local laws that will give more human rights to those minorities who have been oppressed. New laws will be enacted and many old laws will be eliminated. As long as the general public is kept aware that there is a group of individuals who will not just disappear and go away, the tolerance will become more pronounced.

I believe that the AIDS virus will be conquered and totally eliminated in the very near future. As long as men of science are faced with a challenge they will meet that challenge and will conquer the obstacle. A great lesson will be learned from the devastating results of this virus and we will be a better and more understanding public.

These changes will not happen unless we as individuals make them happen. If we want the heterosexuals to accept our lifestyles, then we must first accept the different lifestyles within our own Gay community. We must not only be tolerant but supportive of all individuals. If we wish to be free of bias and prejudiced opinions then we must free ourselves from bigotry. If we want the public to accept us then we must let the public know who we are.

Finally, don't leave it up to someone else to do what you feel should be done. Take the initiative and do it yourself, there will always be someone to help you follow though if necessary. The statistics now proclaim that 10% of the population is Gay, a how do you want to be living you life in the future?

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This is the week in which we celebrate our country's independence from England. With that independence came freedoms, rights, traditions, and customs unique to the United States of America.

A few of the most important freedoms are the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion. Freedom of speech allows us the right to say what we want, when we want, and where we want. Freedom of the press gives us the opportunity to print our own opinions, even if they differ radically from the "norm" or from that of our government. And finally, freedom of religion affords everyone, citizens and foreigners alike, the opportunity to belong to any church of any denomination, or even to "worship" any "god" we want.

Yes, as American citizens we are truly free...or are we?

Well, according to the Bible, ",,,everyone who sins (is not perfect) is a slave to sin, and nothing we do in and of ourselves can free us from that burden. But, there is hope! Jesus says, "...if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36) According to the Bible, "...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) To call on the name of the Lord means believing that Jesus' death was for your sins. When you are saved you have the promise of spending eternity in heaven. Now, that's freedom!

So this Independence Day, as you think about how blessed you are to be an American, and perhaps as you try to appreciate all the freedoms you have as a citizen, why not take that extra step and call on Jesus Christ, so that you, too, can experience total freedom.

Happy Independence Day!

Gay Course Protested At Puerto Rico University

SAN JUAN, PR (AP) - Religious student groups are protesting a new Gay literature course at the state university, arguing that it violates their traditional values and promotes homosexuality.

Eliezer Sepulveda, the spokesman for student protestors at the Cayey Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, said that they worried the course "shows only a pro-Gay point of view" and eventually could become required for obtaining a degree.

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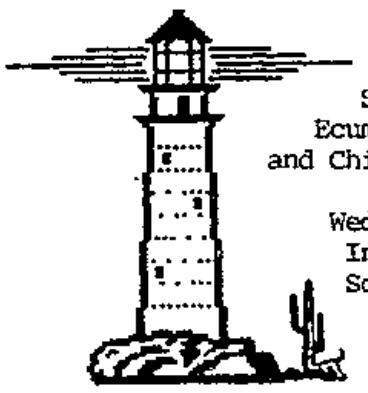

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Tourney Seedings Still In Doubt

Anything can happen on a Sunday night at Freedom Park and it usually does. Because of that the seedings for the 1995 TGSA Tournament will be decided on the final week of play, July 9. There is still a question for some teams whether they will qualify in the recreational or competitive tournament. Here's how Sunday's games went to set the scene for the final week.

Venture-N and Ain't Nobody's Biz II faced each other in the opening game. The Biz II held their own for the first few innings. The score was 4-3 Venture-N after three. Then Venture-N went on the offensive . Robert S., Emmett H., and Curt B. all went four for four. Arnold S' triple brought in three runs to clinch the lead at 18-3.

Queer Gear is looking good and getting into tournament form as these women handled the men from IBT's. Queer Gear's strong outfield plus a singlefest at the plate was the combination they needed to best IBT's 9-5. Queer Gear's final league game will decide whether they will be playing in the recreational or competitive tournament.

After Hours battled Stonewall/Eagle at 6 pm. Stonewall/Eagle needed this win to get out of the cellar and After Hours needed it to stay out. This was a hard fought game in both dugouts. Stonewall/Eagle was off to a fast start in the first inning highlighted by a grand slam from Mike who batted 1000 for the game. L.A. made a triumphant return from a three week trip and along with Jason also batted 1000. Terri pitched a strong game and was backed up by strong plays from Suzy at 3rd and Nancy at 1st. Madison entertained with the two step on the bases. Stonewall/Eagle went into the last inning with the lead but the Hours team still had their last at bat. They were going to go down swinging. With two base runners on, Tina O. stepped up and pounded and inside the park home run. There was a play on her at the plate but she dove head first to avoid the tag and was safe with a mouthful of dirt. Laurie kept the rally going with a dramatic triple in which she had to do a head first dive into third to avoid the tag (hope your knee is O.K.) After Hours could not pull off the come from behind win and Stonewall/Eagle won 13-10.

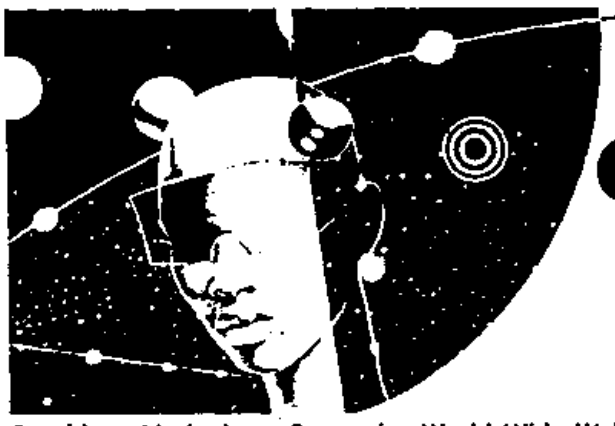
At 7 pm Before Hours and Team 2520 took the field. Team 2520 almost turned a triple play in the 2nd inning. With two runners on and no outs, John fielded a ground ball at third, steeped on third for the force-out, threw to Greg F. at 2nd for another. Diana from Hours beat out the throw to first to avoid the triple play. John also contributed in another double play. Coach Robert hit two home runs and a single to go three for three with two runs scored and two RBIs. Before Hours scored five runs in their last at bat but it wasn't enough to overcome Team 2520's lead. Toby R. had two home runs and Sheryl P. played outstanding in the outfield with five put outs. Team 2520 won 12-8.

The last game was the Biz I against Still Hours. Still Hours is a team still on the bubble as to which tournament they will be playing. In fact, they looked good in this game holding the Biz I team in the first inning. The Biz kept squeaking in the runs with solid hits despite Still Hours efforts in the field. Polly P. threw out a Biz runner attempting to get to 2nd. Trish P. and Mary O. combined for a double play. Still Hours struggled at the plate but did get a beauty of a hit from Moe. L. Biz I won 12-2.

There are no games next week due to the Fourth of July holiday. The final league games will be played on July 9, with the tournaments taking place the weekend of July 15 and 16. The recreational tournament will be played on Saturday, July 15 starting at 2 pm with the championship game on Sunday. The competitive tournament will take place on Sunday, July 16 starting at 11 am. Watch for this article in two weeks to see the match-ups.

Sunday, July 9: 4pm, Venture-N v. Before Hours. 5pm, Still Hours v. IBT's. 6pm, Team 2520 v. After Hours. 7pm, Queer Gear/Egg Garden v. Ain't Nobody's Bizness II. 8pm, Stonewall/Eagle v. Ain't Nobody's Bizness I.

Week 8 Standings	
Ain't Nobody's Bizness I	7-1
Venture-N	7-1
Team 2520	6-2
Before Hours	5-3
Queer Gear/Egg Garden	4-4
Still Hours	4-4
Ain't Nobody's Bizness II	2-6
IBT's	2-6
Stonewall/Eagle	2-6
After Hours	1-7



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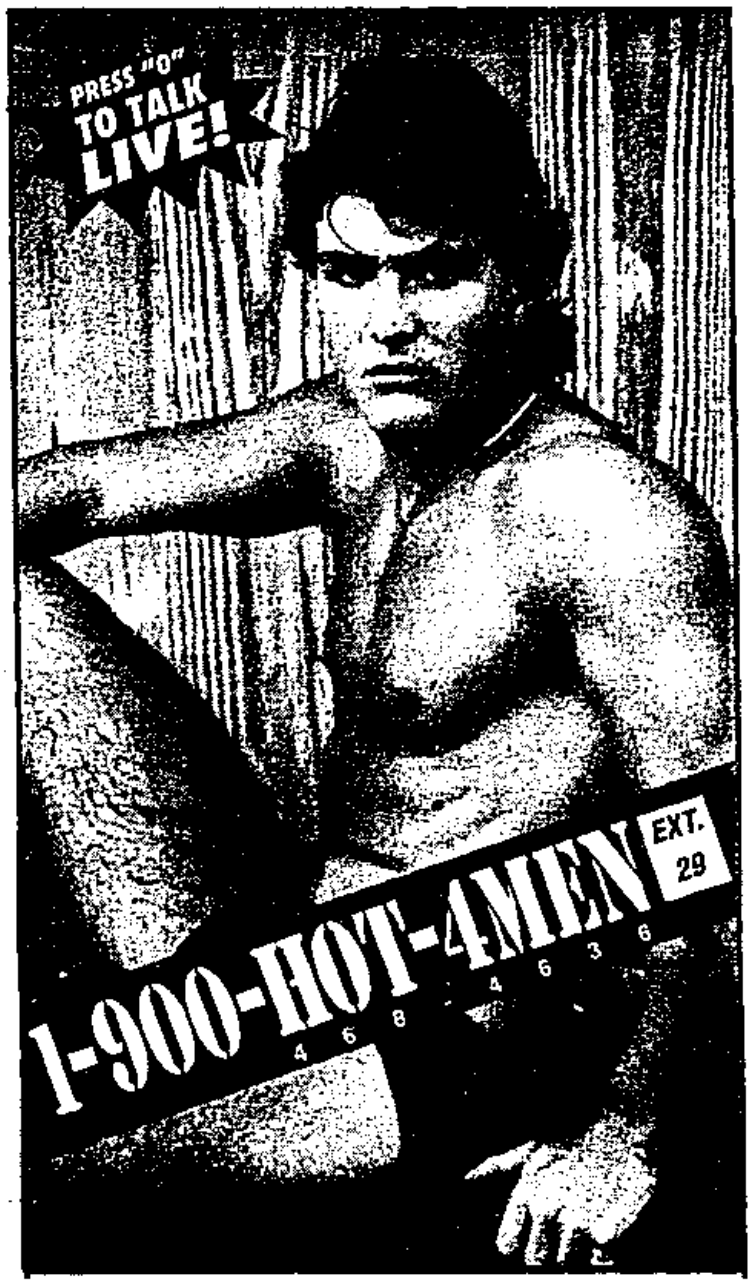

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Pride month finishes with a crescendo. It's time to get out there, flex our colors and show the world who we are. This week, the glorious Sun enters Cancer which helps to fill us with sense of family and unity. Last year we commemorated the quarter century anniversary of the birth of Gay Pride. This year let's look forward and toast to an era of equality, respect, happiness and strength for us all! Read ahead to see how the Sun in Cancer reflects on each sign:

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

It's time to mend bridges with family members. The Sun in Cancer stresses ancestral obligations and baggage that we cart around for years. Approach recalcitrant relatives one more time and, without compromise, rid yourself of the burden that they may have placed upon you. You may be very surprised how well the whole affair may go in this era relative enlightenment.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The Sun in Cancer enables you to warm up to others through your comforting words and ideas. Yes, your words heal like balm; make the most of this planetary energy to bring people together and reduce conflict. It may be time to put your theories down on paper or write that letter to the editor that will impact us on a greater, albeit neighborhood level.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Financial planning comes under greater scrutiny when the warm Sun enters protective Cancer. If you have carefully planned for your future security, you may see some benefits of your hard work now. If you have been less than diligent, this is a great time to begin the strategic process. You now recognize what is and what is not important to your feelings of self worth. Big bucks alone is not the answer.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 21

The glorious Sun in your own sign will warm you like blessings from the goddesses. Be free and strong, my friend. The planets now guide you to greater acts and magnificent opportunities for new beginnings. This is the time to meet as many new people as possible; first impressions will go extremely well and will lead you to wonderful friendships. Be proud of who you are and embrace your lifestyle.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Pack your sunglasses. The Sun in Cancer shines like a floodlight. Suddenly your dark closet is wide open and brightly illuminated. And you know what; there is nothing in there to be ashamed of. It's funny how the planets know just the right thing to do at just the right time! Enjoy your new found freedom and use your extra good fortune to volunteer for Gay causes and charities.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Friends come to the rescue when the Sun enters Cancer. Allow pals to take care of you and don't be afraid to do a nice thing or two for them. Your social circle provide you with affirmation and pride. Use this time to get more involved in group oriented activities and movements that have greater social consciousness. It's fortunate that the planets have an unusual way of leading where you should be.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You may have faced one or two challenges in the career area of your life, but now, with the fabulous Sun in protective Cancer, it is time to repair and surge ahead in your professional goals. Authority figures are listening and are ready to act on your behalf. Your ideas have merit and purpose so don't be afraid to say what you think. Efforts will not be in vain.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The Sun in Cancer practically catapults you into the global arena. Queer Scorps bring the movement one giant step forward with their keen sense of strategic imperative and combative insistence. We don't call you "The General" for nothing, kid. Plan our course for the next year. Take our message to the world and take no prisoners. The stars have spoken.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

What type of Pride week would this be without a reference to sex? The Sun in Cancer brightens up your more feisty prospects so take a spin or two around the dance floor. Don't be too surprised if you find out a bit more about yourself in the process; the sun not only heats up, it also illuminates. You may learn more about what makes you tick, and, in turn, what really makes you happy.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Partners are there for you. The beautiful Sun in Cancer makes even the most independent Goat long for companionship and a simple sense of sharing and togetherness. If you have a partner, enjoy each other to the fullest! If you are still searching for that special someone, it may be a great time to get out there and look. I see a striking profile on the horizon.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

It may be time to take on the world of work and tackle each onerous little task one by one. The Sun in Cancer gives you indefatigable energy to get the job done and get it done correctly the first time. Get 'em all out of the way. This is also an excellent time to institute a new diet or exercise regime and stick to it. The benefits will be noticeable almost immediately.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Dear pink Fish, get out there and have fun. This is a direct order from the Sun in Cancer. Pleasurable activities are highlighted, so don't shut yourself away. Don your party hat, board the train for Party Central and have a great Gay time. The Sun may also make you luckier than usual so you may want to risk a buck on the lottery; hey, you never know.

For best results, read both your Sun sign and your Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, send birth date, time, place, name of this paper and s.a.s.e. to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.

From The POOP SHEET
by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! There is a light on the horizon and we may someday have an openly Gay President in the White House.

Of course, this will more than likely depend upon the ability of the present Gay community to educate the general public...especially to let them know we've already had some homos in the White House so there's nothing to fear!

Now don't expect me to spoon feed you on all the facts; you'll have to pick up the spoon yourself if you really want the nourishment.

Let's start with an undisputed one. He's probably undisputed because he never really accomplished much as President. We just glaze over his presidency in high school and college studies.

I do think, however, that you might be rather amused when you look into who his Vice President was and what happened. Yes, James Buchanan was certainly OUR president.

Now, let's look into a bit of the life of a President who did make real contributions: a President whom we do study;a President whom our nation and the world looks up to and honors.

Of course, in his day he couldn't be as honest as he may have liked to have been, but society was even more strict then and homophobia was no less of a sickness.

As a youth, he wrote poetry, love poems to "friends". He was described as being "sensitive". Haven't we heard that one before!? It was said his compassion was "characteristically that of a homosexual"—what ever that means! Are straights characteristically un-compassionate?!

By the way, when one is looking backward in time into the lives of our ancestor's, we must be aware of the difference in terminology used then as compared to now.

Think of how historians might refer to "us", in and out of our closets,a hundred years from now. Anyway, you get the point. A hundred years ago the catch phrase used to denote one's homosexuality was as Carl Sandburg biographically quoted: "he had a touch of lavender in his soul and a hint of the May breezes."

When our President was in College, he and William Hearndon formed a circle of young bachelors. Their premise? Why young men of our nature don't marry. It must be noted however that all did marry later in years...which brings back memories of myself as I too was able to "hold off" from marrying until the age of twenty eight. Ah! Blessed social pressures! Then and now!

During the years of formation of his Law Office, our hero stated when Joshua Speed applied: "I have a large double bed upstairs which I share with store clerks now and then."

They were bed partners for four years!

Whenever he was questioned about why he hadn't married, he told a story of a broken heart. The love of his life had died of consumption and he'd vowed to never look at another woman. The interesting part of this is that historians can't find any evidence of this woman having existed.

When asked about his circle of young bachelors group, he proclaimed that "friendship is the highest of human virtues". The letters written between these friends do no exist today: many think the new wife destroyed them since she also banned Joshua Speed and William Hearndon from their home after marriage.

It is recorded that neighbors heard the newlyweds arguing about her breaking up the relationship with Speed. When our hero decided on the political arena, advisors told him "with the reputation you've gotten, you couldn't be elected dog catcher without being married."

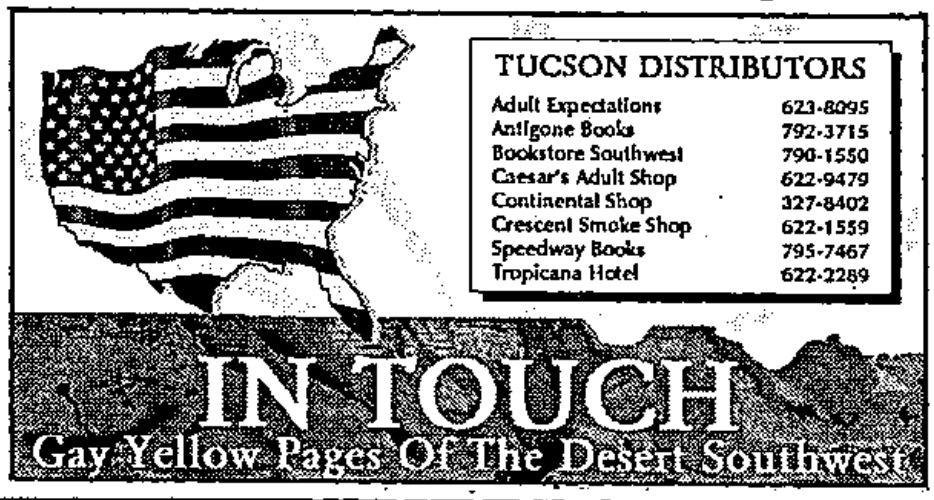
This set the stage for Mary, who'd missed her chance with Stephen Douglas, to now propose marriage with our hero...who incidentally left her standing at the altar the first time around...because he was "nervous". Speed told him to tell her in person why he didn't want to marry her. When our hero couldn't do it. Speed became furious and returned to Kentucky and married a widow.

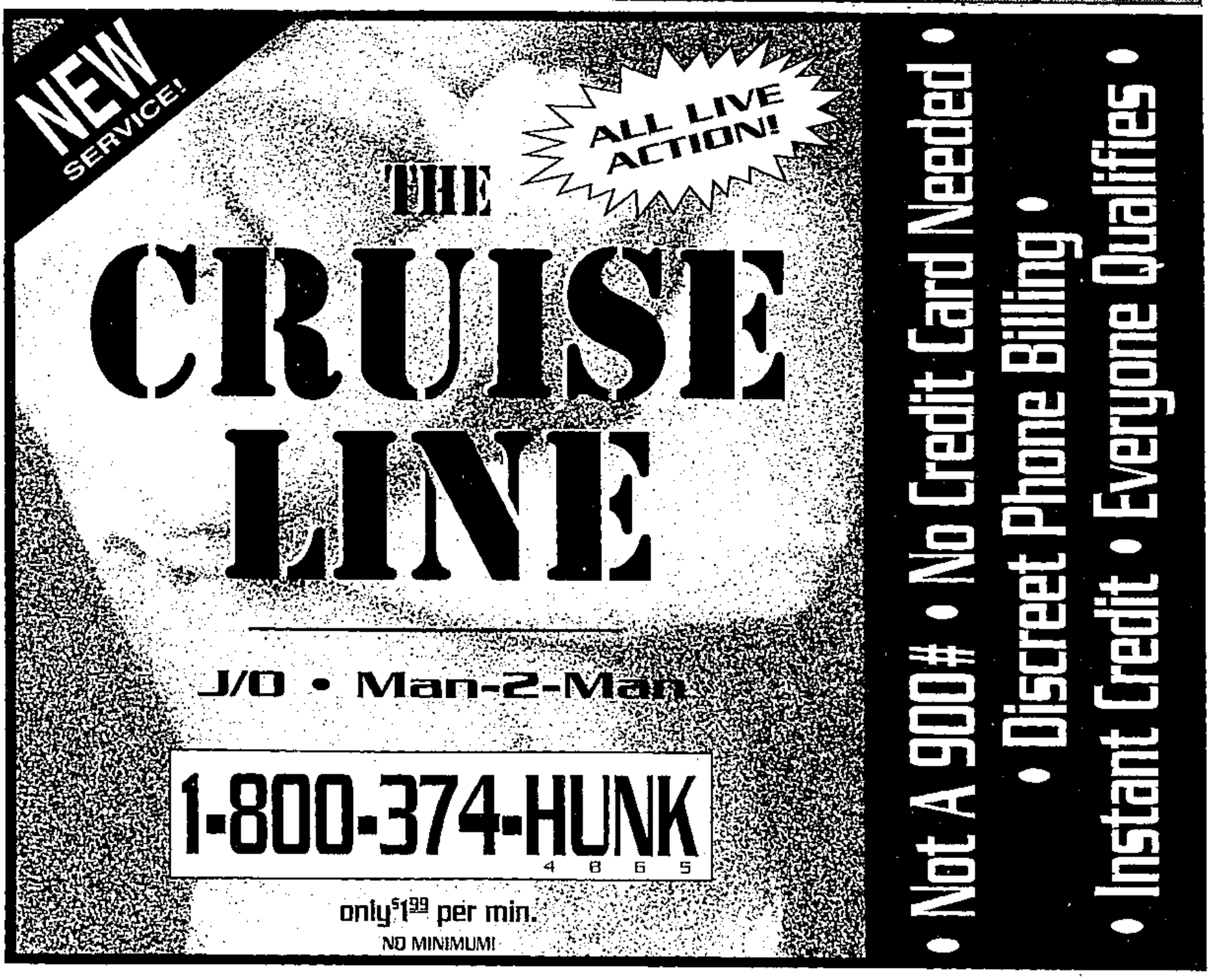
The second wedding date was set and Mary became Mrs. Abraham Lincoln: who became our 16th President.

Of course when one knows the truth, it is much easier to understand what he was talking about when he stated: "those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves". We certainly have all felt that pain and anger.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

Play Safe!





CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

IBT'S - Male Box Nite! Come play post office = get your male box number and a chance to win prizes!

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

HOURS - 2nd Annual "Party Till The Cows Come Home". 8:00 p.m. Promo Party - prizes, raffle, Pride Picnic Fundraiser, Cow Contest. Come dressed in your best cow outfit. Cash prize. See You There!

SATURDAY, JULY 1

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust 3 to 7 p.m. Stop by and check out their big Dungeon event which begins tonight and runs through July 4th! Patio Beer Bust all weekend.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - PRIDE EVENT: Drawing for trip to San Diego.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust on the patio with all proceeds to benefit IBT's Scholarship Fund. 4 to 7 p.m. then at 9:00 p.m., Wet Jockey Shorts Contest with $75 to the winner, 2nd get $50 and third $25.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Bucky's fabulous Omelette Bar from noon until 3 p.mn. will start your day right and then stick around for the 4th of July Special Pool Tourney and then at 9:30 "Desert La Cage" with hostess Crystal Abrams and special guests.

VENTURE-N - Sunday Bar-B-Que will benefit Share Bears plus $1 shots of schnappe and Patio Beer Bust all this weekend.

MONDAY, JULY 3

IBT'S - Bathing Suit Contest and Dance Party with prizes of $50 - $25 - $15. Judging at 11:30 p.m. Put on your best suit!

TUESDAY, JULY 4

HOURS - 4th of July Bar-B-Que 2:00 p.m. and Adrianne's famous Indian Fry Bread. Come party with the Hours gang.

IBT's - "Thank You Picnic" and Pre-Fireworks Party 4 to 8 p.m. Dancing 9 to closing.

VENTURE-N - 4th of July Bar-B-Que on the patio with proceeds going to the Condom Fund.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Felice Renard, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona. Kristen and Miss Gay Tucson 1995, Electra Bleu and Special guests. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

CLUB 2520 - "The Country Gentleman" Sid Spencer will make a return visit here. Shows at 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. with appearances by Holly, Raven and Felice. For the best in country/western vocalizing, Sid is it. He's making a national tour promoting his new recording.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Wingspan's Artist of the month for June is Danny "Moose" Pagel. His black-and-white male photographic studies have attracted increasing attention in the past three years. The show will run through June 29. More than two dozen works will be on view at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. For more information call 622-1779.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Card game night. 6:30 p.m. Variety of card games, some just starting. Call Jerry at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

PRIDE MONTH: VideoQUEER.o 7:30 p.m. at UofA Modern Languages Auditorium. Admission is free but $2.00 is appreciated. Five stories of family ties, Lesbian desire in haptic vision, transgendered people, a letter of Gay desire and discontent and a controversy of Gays in the military. VideoTENSION'S sponsored are the U Office of Summer Session, a division of Extended University, U College of Fine Arts, U Department of Media Arts, U Library Film Collection, Arizona Media Arts Center and the InnSuites Hotel at Randolph Park.

Dream Group for Gay and Bisexual Men, 7:00 p.m. every Thursday, Bring a dream or part of a dream to share and learn about yourself and others. For more info, call Robert Feldhaus, PhD 623-1732.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Men's Social Network monthly potluck social gathering at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Bring your favorite dish to share with friends.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) celebrate the holiday at a potluck and one-of-a-kind view of the fireworks at a member's house at the base of "A" Mountain. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions. Bring a food dish to share. Soft drinks and tableware are provided. Guests are always welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Men's Social Network movie night. 7 p.m. "Spetters", a Dutch film with subtitles and sexual content stronger than American movies. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

VideoQUEER continues tonight at the Screening Room beginning at 8:00 p.m. with two documentaries that challenge the whitewash of the mainstream media. "State of Emergency" investigates police brutality and "Spin" exposes the illusions and unguarded moments of television through the use of intercepted satellite feeds. Gay and Lesbians Fight the Radical Right"" includes the Academy Award nominated documentary "Straight from the Heart" designed to challenge the misinformation distributed by the Right Wing. Single admission $4.00. Call 622-2262 for more information.

Men's Social Network Book Club meeting at 7 p.m. This second meeting will be dedicated to discussing favorite authors and book and selection of reading/discussion titles for next month's meeting. Call Davy at 529-8648 or Steve at 795-6718. Guests welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Hors d'Oeuvres. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. 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 11 am 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 Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moose and Bruce Madness $1.25 well and shot specials 8-1. 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 - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Trash Disco nite.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Dart Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bar

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cumbia/Salsa Mania 8-1..

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 Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed $1 donation for Shanti. Bud cans $1. Stonewall opens at 9pm Trash Disco.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 8pm. Schnapps Shots $1.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all nite. ID required. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

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)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Cuervo or Cuervo Gold $1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, $1.25 pitchers.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ Schnappe 9pm to 1am. Pride T-Shirt Specials - $1.50 domestic & well drinks for those in any Gay-themed T-Shirt. 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. Beer specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm. Hot male strippers.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 10 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¢

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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 Lust. $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), 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
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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.

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #65, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

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"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Mike White 888-0471 Tucson.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rona 968-2384.

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

ARE YOU A MAN who enjoys fun and fellowship with Gay men? Call CRONIES 888-7264 -- A social group for Gay men.

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Long and short fiction workshop at 7:00 p.m. fourth Friday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write: Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter.551

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CINEMA COMMENTARY by Jack Melichar

THE INCREDIBLY TRUE ADVENTURE OF TWO GIRLS IN LOVE

Picture, if you will, two high school girls who are as dissimilar as any two girls can be.

Nicole Parker plays a young lady quite cultured, very tidy, extremely wealthy and black. At the beginning of the movie, she is evidently not sure of her sexual preference, or at least not quite ready to accept it.

Laurel Holloman's character, on the other hand, has almost no polish, belongs to the lower middle class, spends her time after school working in a gas station, and has given a whole new meaning to the term "pig pen". She not only accepts the fact that she is a Lesbian, but revels in it (as the movie opens, we find her in the ladies room of the gas station being ravished by (or ravishing, it is difficult to tell) a rather frumpy married woman). Oh, and by the way, this one is white.

With such different characters, it is not hard to imagine the unusual twists and turns this movie might have taken. Unfortunately, not many of them appeared here. In fact, the story line is too predictable, uneven, and at times, just plain boring. In the hands of a competent screen writer and director, this movie could have been quite good. Yes, and "If wishes were horses, beggars could ride, if horse S..t were biscuits, they could eat "till they died." But it ain't the case!

It seems to this viewer that much more could have been made of the internal wrestling that one goes through when trying to define his or her sexuality, and the pain of the rejection that so often accompanies coming out at this age (or any age for that matter). Instead, it was dealt with quickly and quite superficially.

Had the cohesion and pace of the last few minutes of the film been sustained throughout, it could have been fun. Alas, "If wishes were horses....".

I do recommend that if you have a desire to see this movie, you plan to go on Friday, June 30 (opening). I don't believe it will be around for very long thereafter.

PACT Housing

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else do you need to live well, and where you going to get it?

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PACT is also building, thanks to another HUD grant, 25 apartments which will be permanent housing for low income disabled people. Stay tuned for actual opening date, but we're scheduled to break ground this fall.

Meanwhile, we know that there are many people with limited incomes who have their own homes and occasionally need help with the rent of that August electric bill. For this, we have emergency assistance. More details next week.

For information about housing call Cicely or Lisa at 770-1710.

Guest Editorial

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for. Then he became president. First he caved on Gays in the military. Then his first AIDS czar, Christine Gebbie, was rendered invisible. The president was reluctant to meet with Gay leaders, even at last week's "summit," Clinton dispatched Vice President Al Gore to represent him. The administration declined to file a court brief to support Gay rights in Colorado. Some champion.

These failures were on the minds of marchers in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade through downtown San Francisco. They will be remembered when California voters, including a half million Gays and Lesbians, go into voting booths in November 1996.

To us, the civil rights of Gays and Lesbians seem clear and unequivocal. Clinton has some self redeeming to do.

One way he could do this is by insisting on passage of a new federal bill to outlaw job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Introduced by members of Congress from both parties, the legislation would prohibit employers from hiring, firing or promoting based on a person's sexual orientation.

Let's see how bravely the president fights for this important bill.

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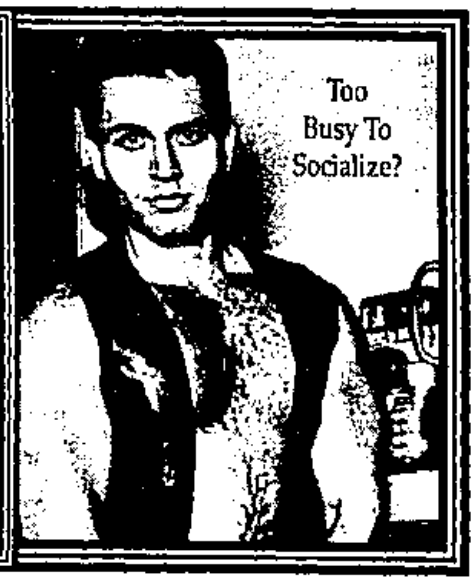
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