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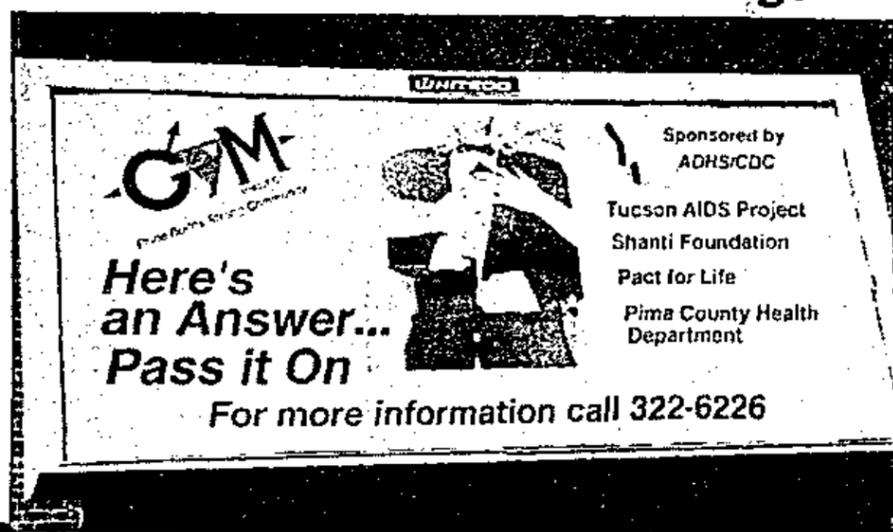
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Gay Young Men's Project Using Billboard To Send Message



TUCSON - On the northeast and northwest corners of North Fourth Avenue and East Sixth Street are two billboards that remind young Gay men to use a condom and practice safe sex.

The billboards are sponsored by the Gay Young Men's Project (GYM), which is funded by the federal Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services. The goal of the project is to impart safe sex information to Gay men under the age of 20.

Sergio Cano and Sai W. Htun are featured on the two billboards. One features close ups of Cano's and Htun's forearms on a bed, their hands reaching out a condom between them.

Another set of boards, scheduled

to go up next month, shows Htun whispering into Cano's ear, with the word, "Condom" overhead. The tag on all boards reads, "Here's An Answer...Pass it on."

Arthur Padilla, the project's coordinator said in an interview, "We're attempting to saturate the community with safe sex and risk reduction information."

Padilla added in an interview, "Services of these types for Gay men younger than 20 are limited. This is the under age bar crowd." He noted that much of the safe sex information is found in bars where Gay men gather.

The billboards are the first effort in a campaign that will include outreach at places where young Gay men hang out. Other efforts include the development of a documentary on Gay relationships.

Tucsonans Set To Celebrate Gay Pride

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbians from the Old Pueblo and from other parts of the state will converge to celebrate their pride, through Pride activities this week.

National Coming Out Day is the first of the scheduled Pride events. The event took place, today, on the University of Arizona Mall. Information booths from various Gay and Lesbian groups were set up on the mall.

The celebration is intended to foster Gay pride and awareness of Gay issues. A multicolored door was set up on the U of A Mall to signify coming out of the closet.

On Friday, October 13, the Fifth

Annual National Coming Out Day Ball will be held at the Student Union. There is no charge for admission, and it is open to anyone regardless of sexual orientation. The event runs from 8 P.M. until midnight.

The U of A police department will provide security. In an interview, Deputy Chief Harry Hueston said that there has not been any disturbances in the previous years the events have been held.

On Saturday, October 14, OUT-oberFEST, the Gay and Lesbian Pride picnic takes place from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. at the southwest corner of Reid Park. The event is sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. (See advertisement) For more information call TLGA at 622-3200.

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Colorado Amendment 2 Case Argued Before U.S. Supreme Court Called Most Important Gay Rights Case Ever

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Colorado's solicitor general, Timothy Tymkovich ran into skeptical questions from several Supreme Court justices when he argued the state's citizens have the right to prohibit laws that protect Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the amendment essentially says, "Thou shalt not have access to the ordinary legislative process for anything that will improve the status of homosexuals. I would like to know whether in all of U.S. history there has ever been anything like this."

Tymkovich did not provide a specific example. But he argued that voters have the right to bar all state and local laws giving homosexuals "special protection" from bias in housing, employment and public accommodations.

The case is the most important involving Gay and Lesbian rights to come before the court in nearly 10 years.

In a 1992 referendum, 53.4% of Colorado voters approved the amendment to the state's constitution. But the Colorado Supreme Court invalidated the amendment before it could take effect, saying it denied homosexuals an equal voice in government.

Jean Dubofsky, lawyer for the cities and individuals who challenged the amendment, said it denied homosexuals a political right enjoyed by everyone else, the chance to seek protection from discrimination.

"I think there is a right which everyone has to be free from arbitrary discrimination," Dubofsky said.

Tymkovich said Colorado voters approved the amendment in response to the success homosexuals had in winning enactment of anti-bias ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

He added, "The amendment is the voters response to political activism by a political group that wanted to seek special protections. That's a quintessential political judgment."

But Justice David Souter was skeptical. He asked, "Why is discrimination against one group dealt with under state law differently than discrimination against other groups?...I don't see in your

answer the kind of justification, independent of majority will, that equal protection calls for."

Justice John Paul Stevens added, "What is the rational basis for the people outside of Aspen telling the people in Aspen they cannot have this nondiscrimination provision?"

Justice Antonin Scalia appeared more sympathetic to Tymkovich's argument that ordinances protecting Gays against bias constitute special, not equal protection.

"They are laws that provide special protection to that particular category of person," Scalia said. Other forms of discrimination are not banned, he said, adding that employers can refuse someone "because you don't like the way they comb their hair."

Scalia then asked Dubofsky why, if states can outlaw homosexual conduct, Colorado cannot bar legal protections for homosexuals.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, participating in first argument since undergoing back surgery, asked Dubofsky whether states could respond to political activism by Mormons by passing a constitutional amend that says polygamy will always be illegal.

Such an amendment would be permitted, Dubofsky said, because it would not restrict Mormons' participation in the political process in the same way the Colorado amendment affects homosexuals.

The case does not address the morality or legality of homosexuality or Gay conduct. But the justice's ruling expected by July could indicate their views on the continuing validity of the high court's 1986 ruling that let states outlaw consensual homosexual conduct.

Voter approval of the amendment led Gay activists to organize a boycott of Colorado tourism that cost the state about \$40 million in convention business.

Several justices wondered how far the amendment goes in banning bias protection.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

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UPDATE

Calling All Volunteers To OUToberFEST

The Gay Pride Picnic is here! Saturday, October 14, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., southwest corner of Reid Park. Be there and be proud!

As long as you are there, how about donating just one or two hours of your time to help make the picnic successful. TLGA and the current volunteer staff are desperate for more people to volunteer and help out. Please call the TLGA voice mail at 622-3200 and leave your name and number. We will definitely call you back! Please help. It's your picnic and it needs you.

See our ad in this issue of the Observer for the entertainment lineup, park map and picnic details. See you there.

Share Bears Monthly Report

TUCSON - Here is the September financial report:

Income	\$478.77
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Carried Forward \$ 2.44
People Served 5

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. It really makes a difference!

AIDS Ride Joins AIDS Walk

TUCSON - Ammie Carpenter, data manager at PACT has organized AIDSRIDE to coincide with the 1995 AIDS WALK.

She formed AIDSRIDE, according to her, because, "Often, horse people are left out of participating in community

events because of their schedules. This is a great way to draw in the horse crowd." Carpenter hopes that 25 to 50 riders will participate.

The horse riders will begin the event with a parade around Rillito Downs Race Track, where the walk begins. From, there they'll trot over to the south Rillito River Parkway and ride parallel to the walkers, who will be on the north trail.

PACT Searches For Executive Director

TUCSON - The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, PACT for Life, is searching for an Executive Director.

This job requires strong administrative and financial skills, as well as a knowledge of contracts, ability to interact with the community for public relations and fund raising, and supervisory experience for a staff of 20+. Education level is not as important as experience. This position is open to anyone without regard to race, gender, or sexual orientation. HIV+ preferred.

Send resume and cover letter before November 16, 1995 to "Director", 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. Job descriptions available. EOE.

Club 2520 & The Biz Voted Tucson's Best Gay Bars

TUCSON - Club 2520 and Ain't Nobody's Bizness were voted as Best Gay and Best Lesbian bars, respectively, by the Tucson Weekly in their 1995 Best of Tucson edition of their publication.

Club 2520 were cited for "Energetic atmosphere, which makes its one of the best alternative dance clubs in town." The Biz was cited for 10 reasons, ranging from Men's Night to the number one reason, Lisa Otey performing live.

HOURS was the runner up in both categories.

In Memoriam



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MSN Reaches Another Milestone

TUCSON - In just seven months of existence, the Men's Social Network, social organization for Gay men of all ages, has surpassed 160 members. Tucson Gay men have responded with enthusiasm to the extensive selection of social activities sponsored by MSN.

A minimum of two social activities per week includes a monthly potluck, video movie nights, dinners out, board game nights, card game nights, movies out, nature walks, hikes, field trips, etc. MSN schedules quarterly events with other Gay/Lesbian groups in Tucson. Guests are always welcome at any event.

Many of the members are people who are new, or relatively new, in Tucson and find delight in acquiring an immediate social family. Interested people are encouraged to attend events to get acquainted before joining. If they decide to join, the \$15 membership (\$25 for couples living together) pays for an 8 page monthly newsletter, table service, ice, and refreshments at events, postage and other operational costs. For persons experiencing financial problems, a few membership scholarships have been donated by other members.

For information about MSN and a newsletter listing the calendar of events, call Jerry at 690-9565.

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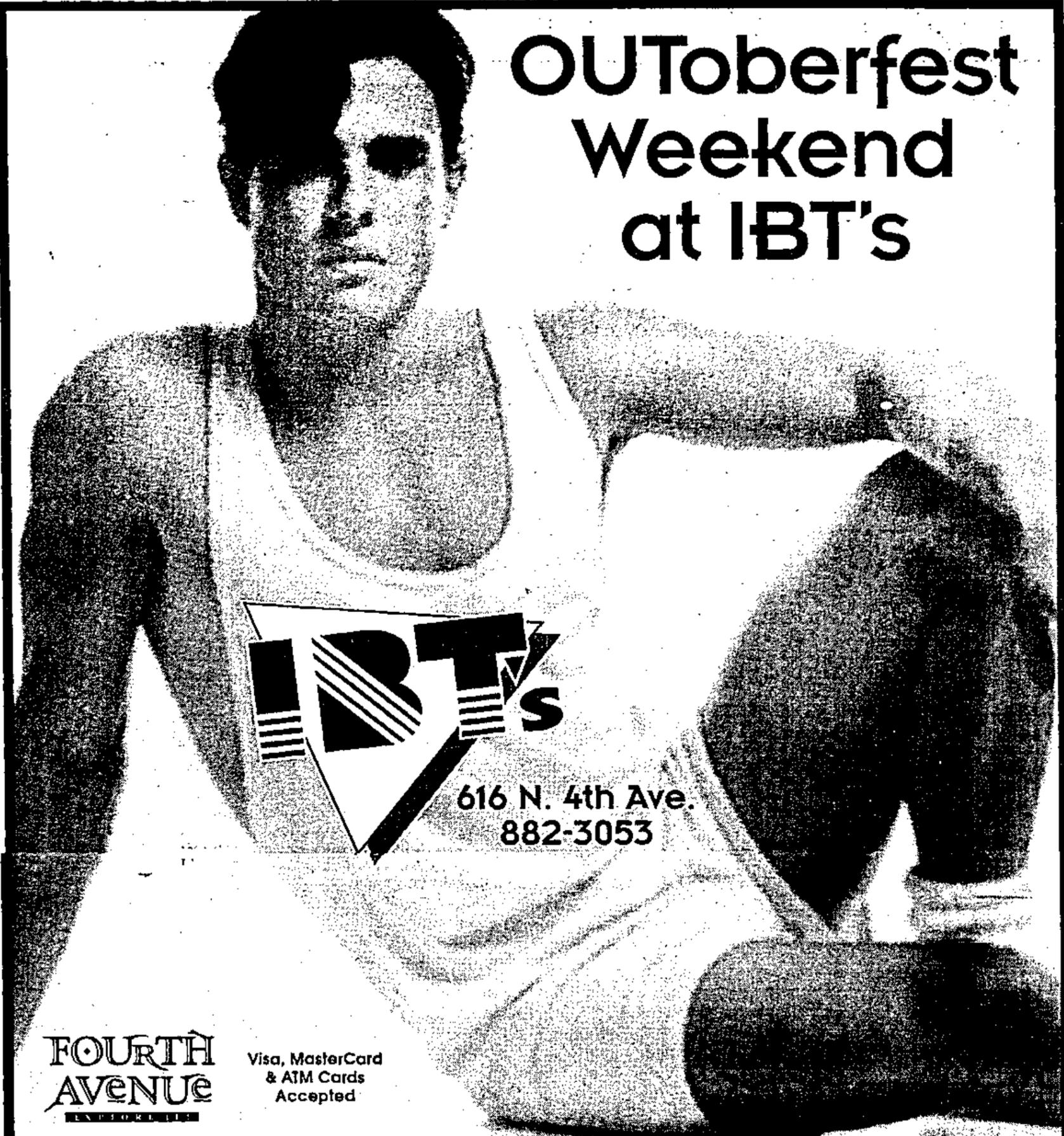
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The Bowling Beat

by Mike Mahynske &
Randy Bilbro

It's been a while since the H.I.-T.T. Committee has submitted an article, so we'll try to catch you up where we've been, the progress we've made, where we are now, and what's coming up in the next couple of weeks.

We're thrilled that for the first time in our tournament's history, we've secured a corporate sponsor in Desert Diamond Casino. This is a tremendous accomplishment and somewhat of a statement to the Gay community as well.

Fund raising in Tucson is never an easy task. The commitment of the Gay bars to the local community is paramount to staging an event like the Halloween Invitational Tournament-Tucson. We're proud to list as our bar sponsors six of the seven community establishments. Hours, Club 2520, The Graduate, IBT's, Stone-wall/Eagle, and the Venture-N have all agreed to be a part of our weekend and for that we thank them and ask you support them as well and thank them for being such great benefactors to our community.

Along the fund raising lines, we would like to extend our gratitude to Bert at the Venture-N for his ongoing support with Bert Burgers over the last few months. These Sunday afternoon events raised in excess of \$500 toward the tournament.

Over the years, we've tried to combine tournament activities with local activities to give our guests the real flavor of Tucson and to give our locals a chance to meet the out-of-towners. This year we have a Halloween Carnival and Costume Ball planned for Saturday evening, October 28. We're looking for organizations, clubs, ASO's, etc., to set up booths and games, have some fun, and make money for their organization at the same time. There will be no charge to set up and all proceeds will be yours to keep. The event will be in the ballroom at the Ramada Inn, University on Oracle. Anyone interested in setting up a booth can contact Mike or Randy at 882-8709. The Costume Contest will be later in the evening and cash prizes will be awarded to the best costumes. We're asking for a \$2.00 donation at the door with all profits going to local charities.

On Sunday evening, October 29, at 9:00 P.M., Mis(s) Hit(t) will be staged in the ballroom as well. This is a campy contest/variety show to crown, sash, and bequeath the title of "Mis(s) Hit(t) 1995." We're looking for entertainers, illusionists, dancers, strippers, jokesters, and drag queens for a night of fun, treats, and tricks. Both local and out-of-town guests will be performing. Again, we're asking for a donation at the door and all profits will go to the local charities. You don't want to miss this one!

During all of this, believe it or not, we actually do have a bowling tournament. The weekend begins Friday night with a fun no-tap tournament at Golden Pin Lanes at 9:00 P.M. Local bowlers who are not bowling in the tournament can participate in this activity. The cost is only \$10 for entry. The tournament is held Saturday and Sunday at Golden Pin Lanes and the host hotel is the Ramada Inn University and Conference Center on Oracle Road. The tournament registration fee is \$65 and forms are available at both the Wednesday and Friday night leagues or by calling 882-8709 if you need more information.



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POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

"Cheese Is Better Than Sex?"

AS WARD 3 TURNS: The Tucson mayor and council held auditions, this past Sunday, for prospective starlets, to replace former Council member, Tom "I've Been Written Out" Saggau, who broke his contract and fled to West Virginia and points east.

[And before you ask, the mayor and council will cast someone else in the role. They will not use the easy soap opera out by claiming the Ward 3 council member had plastic surgery, like they did when Eva Colunga replaced "Roy Boy" Laos, one of our favorite 'phobes.]

The extravaganza took place at Cragin Elementary and could be described as a cross between the Miss America Pageant and Star Search, with 18 wannabees taking part in front of an audience of over 100 people. [They thought they were going to be an infomercial studio audience! Wrong!]

Here were the guidelines: Each starlet had 5 minutes to make a presentation to the Board, [those who showed up!], and answer questions about annexation and water. [Not about how to make the world a better place! There was no swimsuit and talent competitions either, and no song from Kathie Lee. So how can the mayor and council find the best talent?]

Here are the highlights [And I use that term loosely!]: The term "I'm a political novice and I have no agenda" was used more times than Zsa-Zsa and Liz have both been married.

One potential wannabee said, "I support environmentalists, I am an environmental." The only person who was taking this political event a bit too seriously was the rent-a-cop security guy, check the school grounds every 10 minutes.

And during the break, the "conspiracy crazed woman" constituent, (Observer 585), was there calling for a grand jury to investigate the appearance of Saggau. She tried to move the microphone and re-arrange the furniture and was asked to leave. [It would have been perfect if Saggau had walked in and said he was Tom's evil twin. But to no avail.]

Council sources tell this reporter that the choice is still up in the air, since four council members must agree on one person for them to be selected. The council is to consider the matter at their October 16 meeting. Expect it to go several ballots before anything is decided.

DUIH! One of the potential wanna-bees to replace Saggau was Investment Broker, TBC big-wig and KTUC 1400-AM [The 'phobes fave!], radio

personality, Carl Bedford. Bedford had run for office, in 1991, trying to oust Ward 2 Council member Janet Marcus, but was taken off the ballot for insufficient signatures.

With this background you think Bedford would know a person has to be a resident and registered to vote in that Ward for one year to be eligible. Right? Wrong!

Bedford changed his registered this past Friday, October 6, so he's been registered for less than a week in Ward 3. Bedford's "home" phone number listed on the Ward 3 Applicant List, is the phone number for where he's employed, McKee Securities, Inc., on Tanque Verde as an investment broker.

[And I bet his address is real too! So do you think he'll be the next Ward 3 council member? Would you use him as your investment broker? Do I have to ask?]

PROPOSITIONED: The voters, [all five of you], who will bother to go to the polls to elect a mayor and three council members, will have four ballot propositions to consider. This is a first in a series on the proposals.

Proposition 100 deals with the salaries of the Mayor and Council. The proposition would amend the City Charter to provide for a pay raise for the mayor and council.

Currently the mayor makes \$24,000 annually. Council members make \$12,000 annually. The proposition, if approved by voters, would raise the mayor's salary 50% to \$36,000 a year, and the Council salary would increase 50%, to \$18,000 a year respectively. [To note: The last pay raise the mayor and council received by the voters was in 1983 when the salaries were raised to their current levels.]

Arguments for: Bill Roemer and Dan Cavanaugh, the Co-chairs of the 1995 Fair Pay Committee, say that the mayor and council are, "people who make personal and often financial sacrifices in order to provide citizen leadership that every community needs. Proposition 100 is the least we should be willing to do in order to compensate them for their efforts. The annual fiscal impact of this proposition for each Tucsonian is 12 cents. That's all, 12 cents!"

Arguments against: Ed Kahn, Libertarian candidate for Mayor said, "Tucson deserves less governmental and less professional politicians. Maybe, if we continue to pay Miller/Wheeler for part time work, they just may get the message that Tucson wage earners want minimum government and maximum personal freedom."

Next week, Proposition 200.

GUESS WHO, DON'T SUE: What candidate's campaign manager approached this reporter this past week and asked incredulously, "Why didn't he get the Observer endorsement?" Plain and simple, he didn't bother to send back the questionnaire! Actions speak louder than words darling, and returning the questionnaire shows he wants our support!

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
By Raul Almeraz

Howdy Ya'll! Hope everyone was able to enjoy this extended weekend. If not, to bad, so sad.

from anyone who attended finals on your return home for details and of course dirt. Contact me through the AGRA Hotline.

This past weekend AGRA held its State Meeting at Charlie's in Phoenix. The Board Meeting was at 2 P.M. and the General Membership Meeting was at 5 P.M. Richard Gerardi and myself took it upon ourselves to take advantage and went up a day early to go out and play with the men of Charlie's. Needless to say we had too much fun. The meeting was very informative and AGRA-Phoenix is busy planning another great rodeo. It's great to know there's such great support out there for AGRA.

By the way, Champion Member Jeff Daniels of Nebraska says, "Hello", and Raybeline of Texas misses everyone and sends her love. We met up with her at the San Diego Rodeo.

Now as promised more details from the eventful weekend of the San Diego Rodeo. First off, RJ (My partner in crime) and I were quite the inventors. Condom packets that functioned as a compact (with mirror). Cell phone and potential husband locator. We were just too clever for our own good.

I would like to take this time to congratulate Hours, one of our Champion members on their fifth anniversary party. We heard it was a great time for all who attended. Congratulations Lee!

Now Ms. Teresa Housely, what is this I hear about royalty following no one at Grand Entry? Just for that you lose all your Princess points! You should have followed the Queens carrying the AGRA Banner.

Also, congrats go out to another champion member, Club 2520 for being named as the Best Gay Bar in Tucson in the Tucson Weekly, Best of Tucson issue. Congratulations to Bobby and his staff at Club 2520. You just keep getting better and better along with Club 2520, Ain't Nobody's Biz was named Best Lesbian Bar in the same issue. Congratulations to Melinda and the gang at the Biz, coincidentally another Champion Member.

A special thanks goes out to our very own Mommy Dearest (Bobby). Bobby made sure everyone was well fed at least once a day. His main purpose was to soak up all that alcohol from that weekend. Which brings up a couple of questions: Chi-Chi, what happened to your sombrero? Did you ever see the tattoo? And if so, at what price? Oh dear, your Visa gold has been reduced to brass.



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Last, but definitely not least, our very own AGRA-Tucson President, Bill Nugent; his Shanty took three awards in the Tucson Weekly, Best of Tucson. They were: Best Beer Selection. Best Patio. Best Place for a First Date.

Those of you who missed this trip also missed the reigning Miss IGRA, Miss DeShannon sprawled across a baby grand piano out in the lobby of the ballroom. The music was live and she still had to lip sync.

Events in the near future are as follows. - AGRA-Tucson will be holding its monthly meeting at Ain't Nobody's Biz at 5 P.M. Sunday, October 22. Come out and show your support for AGRA-Tucson.

Our trusty cruise director had a few of us on a 17 flight hike when we were unable to acquire an elevator to return us to the lobby. Later we found the elevator had been sent plummeting a couple of flights down to the basement and stranded there for quite some time. Amazing how much extra weight is placed when you have 30 drag queens in an elevator along with their handbags!

Antigone Books Newsflash!



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Trailride II is scheduled for October 21 as a morning ride. Also scheduled is the haunted hayride at 8:00 P.M. on October 27. For any of the events scheduled, please contact Bryan Collins through the AGRA Hotline for further details and to reserve your spot for both events. AGRA will have a booth at the Gay Pride Picnic. Come on out and visit with AGRA.

And yes, Gary, we all know that you had to work when you got back on Monday. (Whine, whine, whine!)

IGRA finals rodeo is scheduled this month, October 19-22 in Denver, Colorado. Good luck to our AGRA participants at finals. I would like to here

Until next time, have fun and play safe! You may go now.
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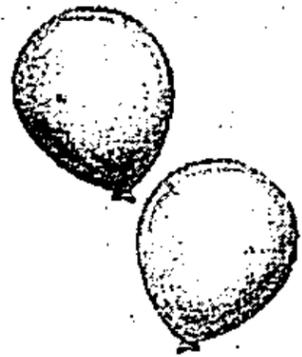
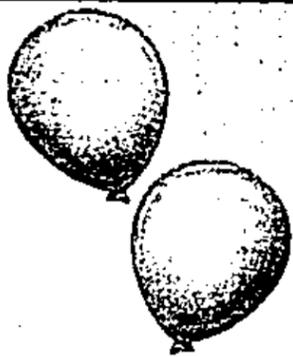
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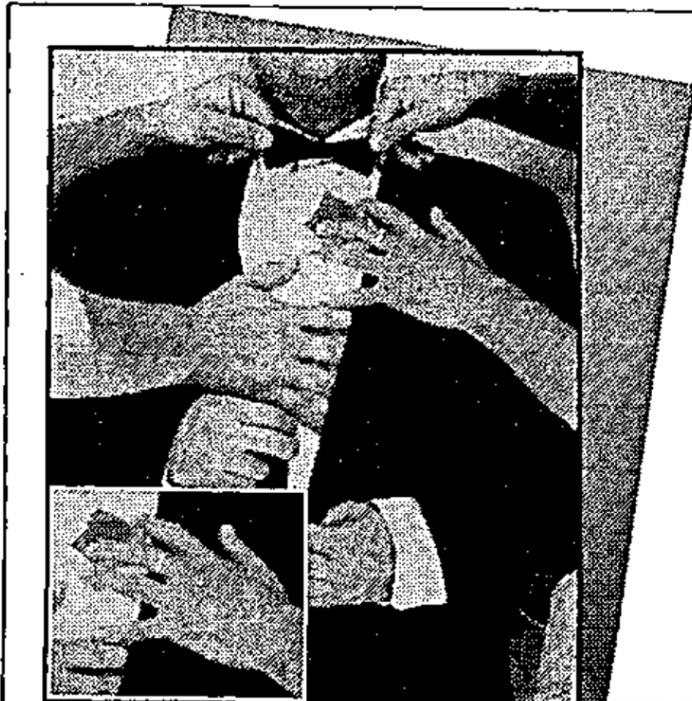
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In keeping the record straight (excuse this word), I have been very visual in the Desert States this past year preparing for International Mister Leather, Chicago 1995, as Mr. Venture-N Tucson.

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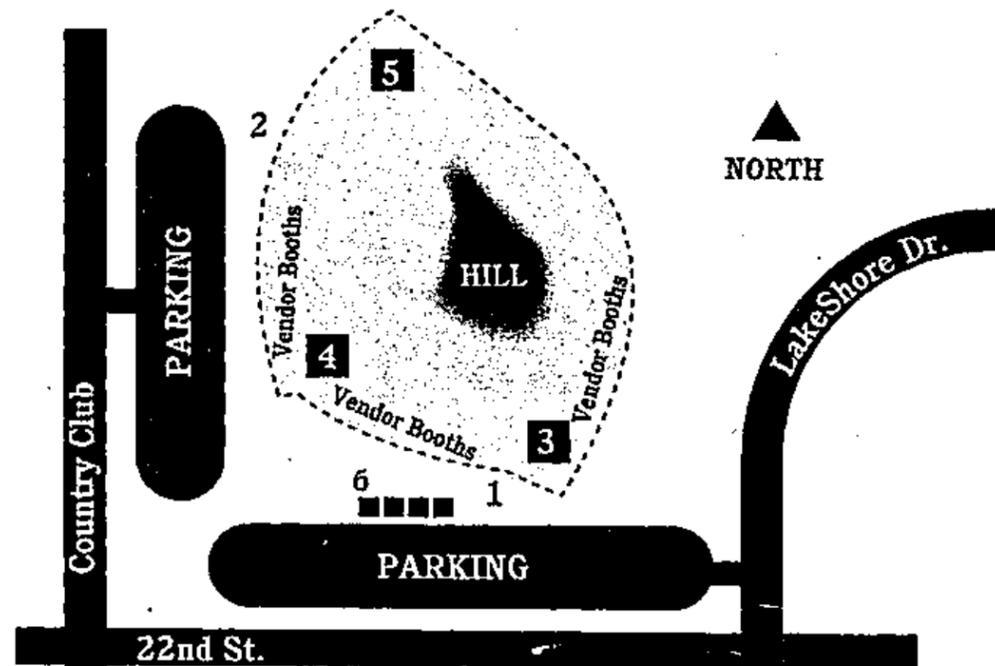
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Terry Mills - Early Intervention Center Case Manager: Terry is the case manager for Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) clients who are receiving services from the Early Intervention Center. As such, Terry conducts client intakes, keeps contact with a regular client caseload, and provides long and short term assistance or referrals as needed.

Terry may be contacted for assistance with applying for Social Security Disability, AHCCCS, General Assistance, Food Stamps, and other government assistance. Terry can also arrange to deliver food boxes, make referrals for legal or financial assistance. Terry speaks Spanish and has worked with EIC for three years.

Gladys Correnti - EAH Coordinator: Gladys administers the Emergency Assistance Program that helps clients pay delinquent bills related to housing. She screens clients for eligibility, helps them complete the application process, assesses their housing and service needs, and helps them develop a manageable budget.

Gladys may be contacted for emergency assistance and for other services including eye exams or glasses, limited dental services, mental health/substance abuse counseling, attendant care, and wheel chairs or other assistive devices.

Harold Lackey - Early Intervention Specialist: Harold conducts intake interviews for PACT services, is a peer counselor, and provides information about any service available through PACT and the Early Intervention Center. He may be contacted for information about the Medication Assistance Program, advocacy and support groups, immune profiles, and other PACT services.

Peer Counselor: Garry informs new clients about PACT and the services that are provided, assists clients in receiving medical services from El Rio Health Center, and can provide information about HIV and AIDS. He may be contacted for information on becoming a PACT client. Partners and family members who need information about caring for someone with HIV/AIDS are also encouraged to call Garry.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in AIDSWALK '95 this Sunday, October 15. Please check this issue for specific information.

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Hate Crimes Expert To Speak In Phoenix Oct. 14

PHOENIX - Arizona Psychological Association, in cooperation with Phoenix College and Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, is offering a presentation by Dr. Gregory M. Herek, October 14.

The presentation will take place at the Phoenix College Auditorium, from 7 to 8:30 P.M. The auditorium is easily located in the center of the campus at 1202 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Herek a research Psychologist at the University of California at Davis is a noted authority on prejudice against Lesbians and Gay men, anti-Lesbian/Gay violence, and HIV/AIDS related stigma. He has published numerous scholarly articles on these topics. His current research includes studies of the mental health consequences of anti-Lesbian & Gay violence, community and identity among Gay and Bisexual men, and public attitudes concerning the AIDS epidemic.

Dr. Herek is co-editor of Hate Crimes: Confronting Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men. His current research on anti-Lesbian/Gay violence represents the cutting edge in understanding hate crimes. It is being used in educating psychologists, law enforcement, public policy makers, social/human service providers, and the public about forms of bias related crimes.

"Hate crimes based on sexual orientation are wide spread in American society and have a serious mental health consequence of violence against Lesbians and Gay men, community and identity among Gay and Bisexual men, and public

attitudes concerning the AIDS epidemic," Dr. Herek said.

Since 1991, 630 hate crimes were reported in Arizona. Authorities believe only 5% of the hate crimes committed are actually reported, because many law enforcement agencies do not investigate whether crimes are committed for discriminatory reasons. The most significant increase in hate crimes in Arizona is in Maricopa against Gay men.

The public will be able to obtain information about local anti-Lesbian/Gay violence at the presentation. This includes the AVP brochure in English and Spanish, Report Hate Crimes Before Someone Beats You To It - Reporte Cualquier Tipo De Crimenes De Odio...Antes De Que Usted Sea La Victima. The materials available have been developed by the AVP, in cooperation with the City of Phoenix Police Department.

"Violence against Lesbians and Gay men affects everyone in our communities," Mark Colledge, AVP Founder said.

The presentation is a benefit for the Anti-Violence Project (AVP). Donations will be accepted at the door and all contributions are tax deductible. Your generous donations ensure that the AVP can continue its community advocacy, referrals, educational programs, and continue the development of new programs within the AVP.



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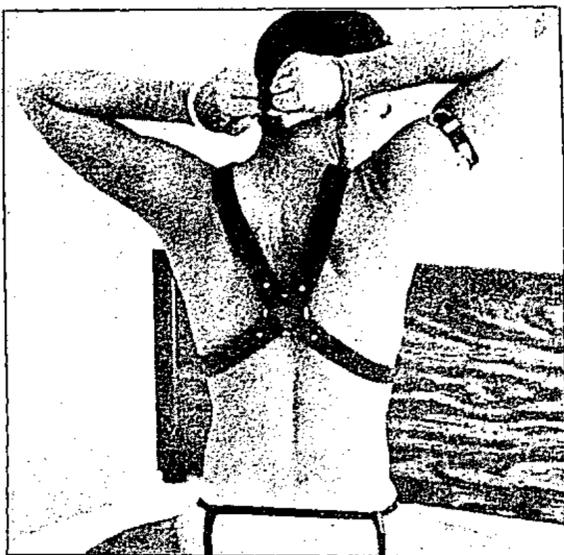
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"Yeah, So What?"

When I got to Washington after the November 1980 election, I gave a great deal of thought to how to deal with being Gay. I was not remotely ready to come out publicly, but neither was I prepared to re-create the hermetically sealed private life from which I had just begun to emerge.

My initial response to this dilemma is very relevant to contemporary discussions about how we Gay men and Lesbians should live our lives, because I tried hard for the next six years to live the way many straight people tell us we should live. Their question is essentially, "It's okay for you to be Gay, but why do you have to make a big deal of it? Can't you just do what you want to without telling everybody?"

The position urged on us by this attitude is literally impossible to maintain. No one can get through a week's interaction with other human beings without revealing his or her sexual orientation except by either lying outright or refusing to answer the normal civil questions that make up much casual conversation: "What did you do last weekend?" "Where will you spend the holidays?" "Are you married?" "Do you want to bring a date to the party?"

My most compelling evidence that this is an impossible way to live without a great deal of evasion and outright dishonesty was my attempt to do so from 1981 to mid 1987. It did not work. From the time I arrived in Washington, I was out to other Gay men and Lesbians but not to the public. In effect, I tried to live a dual life. With straight people, I ignored my sexuality and made no references to it privately, I spent much of my time socializing with other Gay people, with no effort to hide my identity. This mode of life became more and more difficult. I was uncomfortable once again with dissembling before straight people. The fact that I was a member of Congress, whose comings and goings were of some relevance to the media, exacerbated the problem, since it meant I had less privacy than most other people do.

What I learned was that once again, Abraham Lincoln was right: I could not spend half my time as a Gay man in private while enslaving myself to anti-Gay prejudice the other half of the time. Asking others to share my life at that point means asking them to follow a very peculiar set of rules about when to acknowledge Gayness and when implicitly to deny it-or at least avoid it in ways that could lead to awkwardness at best and de facto hypocrisy at worst.

As it became increasingly clear to me that this solution was not working either, my emotional state worsened to the point of a stupid involvement with a hustler which was later to cause me significant embarrassment. I became involved with this individual in 1985, at the same time as I was still trying to coexist as half Gay and half none of the above.

At any rate, by 1986 I was determined to complete the process of coming out. This determination was not motivated, however, by mounting fears of exposure. Neither the closeted Gay reporters nor the openly straight ones ever so much as suggested that they would make a public issue of my sexuality until and unless I chose to.

Confirmation that the press would not break the story against my will came in the summer of 1986, when I was "outed" in the autobiography of former Congressman Robert Bauman, a Republican who had lost his seat in 1980 after himself being "outed". The press declined to publicize my outing to any great degree. One magazine printed the excerpt of the book relevant to me, but with my name deleted.

This incident did serve, however, as sort of trial coming-out for me. When I learned that some newspapers might publicize Bauman's comments, I thought it best to prepare some of my colleagues for the revelation that might be coming.

The most interesting reaction I received came from Tip O'Neill. At first he assured me that no one would accept what Bauman had said. I replied that while I was not volunteering the information, it was, in fact, true. His reaction was troubling, not because of any negative feeling by him, but as a reading of the effect this revelation would have on my general political standing. The thrust of his remarks was that I had damaged my career and that any chance I might have had to be in the House leadership no longer existed.

At first this reply bothered me and caused me to feel a little sorry for myself I reminded myself that I was already enjoying the great privilege of serving Congress, where I felt free to pursue issues according to what I saw was right, with few political constraints, and that I had tried every possible variant of dealing with being Gay short of simple candor-without finding a satisfactory alternative. To start backsliding because it might hinder an already extremely slender chance to join the House leadership was not sensible. I thus felt free to resume my slow march toward "outness."

By the summer of 1986, the fact that I was Gay and might be planning to talk about it was not one of Washington's better-kept secrets. Some of my straight, liberal House colleagues discussed this with me, and, overwhelmingly, their view was that I should not make any public statement. To do so, they said, would be to risk "marginalizing" myself. My views on every other issue would be discounted, and I would be recast as a single-issue congressman. Their arguments were flattering, but in terms of not wanting to lose my advocacy for other major issues-but also, of course, a little depressing.

All of us at that point assumed that I would pay some price in diminished influence on some issues for being candid about my sexuality. Unlike my Gay and Lesbian friends, straight people tended to see little reason to pay that price. Generally, they underestimated the importance to me personally of dropping all pretense and equally underestimated the public importance of my making a simple statement that I am Gay.

The very fact that so many decent, wholly well-intentioned political leaders-themselves strong and effective opponents of homophobia-understood so little why coming out was important made it even more clear to me just how important it really was. Even my closest political allies saw the semi-closet in which I was living as a perfectly reasonable way to deal with prejudice. They urged me to

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Signed,
Cum-fused

Dear Cum-fused: There's no right or wrong on this issue, or any other issue. Invite him to rhapsodize on the merits of simultaneous orgasms, assuring him of a listening ear. Once he has expressed himself fully, trade roles so that you can express yourself equally fully about the merits of serial orgasms, while he listens. Then trade hourlong sessions where you do it once his way, once your way. You will have no further troubles!

Dear Dr. Bob: My dick sometimes loses its erection during sex play. What can I do?

Signed,
Mr. Softee

Dear Mr. Softee: Nowhere is it written that Phallus must stay erect at all times. In fact, this notion is a major mindfuck perpetrated on men. Getting an erection is the spontaneous act par excellence. To say to your dick, "You must get hard!" is like commanding someone to be unself-conscious at once! The penis has its own mind, its own ways. The comings and goings of erections are part of its wayward

charm.

If you accept the goings of your erections, you can trust that there will always be a next erection. Besides, your dick can feel certain sensations soft that it can't when hard. Hard penis is penetrator, and it is glorious. Soft penis is receptor, and that is exquisite. Never attempt to "make" yourself hard. Your cock knows how to do that all by itself, when it wants to. It's best to handle the incredible gift of having a penis with a light touch. Anxiety over whether you're a man or not (hard or not) is too serious. Get over yourself, girl!

Dear Dr. Bob: I love sex and have it as often as I can. Here's the problem: as soon as I come, I get spaced out and feel like "what did I just do?". I want to get away from my partner and be alone. This was OK when I was just having park sex, but now with this guy I've been dating a few weeks, it feels weird to have this reaction. He's noticed it and feels disappointed I can't be closer after sex, and sometimes it's gotten in the way of his orgasm. Any comments?

Signed
Manny in Marana

Dear Manny in Marana: You seem like a complex person! I'm guessing that you are only recently out of the closet, rebelling against your former homosexual chastity by having lots of sex (more than your body really wants?). Sounds like there's a real push-pull towards other men. The part of you that is homophobic, that you acquired just by being brought up in this culture, is probably telling you it's definitely not-OK to be orgasmically close to another guy.

When you're going toward the orgasm, you're probably feeling "yes, yes, this is hot, I like this," but once the orgasm's over, your guilt may be taking over, making you space out and withdraw. It's also emotionally risky to open up that much to another man, and you may be feeling some fear about that, which could make you want to distance yourself after orgasm. But whenever we risk, we're risking the possibility of something better. People think of risk solely in negative terms, but the only reason to risk is to gamble for something you want, like intimacy.

To be sexually close to another man is exciting and daring and yes, risky, but it's also an opportunity to have what you really want. St. Augustine said, "Omnia animal post coitum triste est," that is, "All animals are sad after fucking." Well, Saint Gus, it all depends on how it's done!

But Manny, I'd let your heart open a little more in this relationship, let go of any performance anxiety, and, on a practical level, attend to your partner's orgasm first. Let yourself feel your desire for his body intensely. Afterwards, talk to him about how you feel. Let me know how it goes!

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Review... Wingspan Art Show

by Leslie Vinson

A dozen Gay and Lesbian artists can be appreciated at Wingspan this month. If you start with the runners-up, Miss America style, you come to Barbara L. Davis's knockout Honorable Mention photograph, "Whitewinged Dove." Poised on saguaro blossoms, the bird combines the wildness of the desert with the elegance of a Japanese print.

Moose Pagel's Honorable Mention, "Cowboy" and David Eyde's Third Place, "Yakopenem Drummer" are both photographs of the male torso. In "Cowboy" Moss shows his usual sensitivity to texture: smooth skin, denim, adobe, corrugated metal. The effect is carefully thought out. The New Guinea "Drummer" in the red darkness of the men's house is not thinking at all. His hair veils his face and sweat pours off him. Which is more beautiful?

The second place ribbon went to "Explosion", by potter Lisa Agababeci.

At a casual glance this is a puzzling title for this graceful ceramic vase with its rich, subtle color. Then you realize that the refined form stops at the shoulder. The lip jumps wildly up, like a strobe photo of, well, an explosion! Surely, the whole thing will go in a nanosecond right before your eyes!

Ron Mayo, took first place with his mystical collages. "Other Directions II", confines two men in a corroded pulley wheel. Strands of bright wire connect isolated scrap metal. It's all in a typically Mayo ground of crumpled, sooty films and cheesecloth that suggest debris of a disaster. And what's that paper face doily about? And that gritted set of teeth, upside down, threatening the viewer? What ever it is, it's powerful.

These and other impressive works show all this month at Wingspan Gallery, 422 North Fourth Avenue, during regular hours.

A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It's over at long last, the O.J. trial, I mean! What did you think about the verdict? It seems there are as many different opinions about it as there are people to express them! What about you? Are you among those who "knew all along" that he would get off, even though you were convinced he is guilty? If that is the way you feel, why do you think he was acquitted? Was it his high priced attorneys? While there has been no verified statements as to their fees, there has been speculation running from \$500 per hour to a flat fee in the hundreds of thousands of dollars range. Perhaps it was his popularity after all, O.J. is a famous football player, of better than average ability. Even though he no longer plays, he still retains some of his athletic skills, remember those commercials in which he jumps over chairs in airport waiting rooms? Some would call him a very attractive man, perhaps it was his looks that swayed the jury! And there are many people who feel that it was the "race card" which was the deciding factor in the jury's mind. There were many hours of testimony about the attitudes and actions of some of the L.A. police which some would say indicated that they had a definite bias against persons of O.J.'s race. Was this the reason the jury decided as it did?

Perhaps you are among those who

feel that he truly is innocent, and that the jury returned the only verdict possible. Or maybe you still are unsure as to his guilt or innocence, you feel that he was not proven guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt" and therefore concur with the jury's verdict.

Whatever you may think about the trial and its outcome, it certainly has been a learning experience for us all about how our justice system does, or does not work. And we can be thankful that we do not have to face a jury of our peers which has the power to decide our fate.

However, the Bible speaks of a time which is coming in which a far greater judgment will occur: "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...And I saw dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done recorded in the books...If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:11-15) At this judgment there will be no opportunity for some slick lawyer to get his client off on a technicality, no witness who does not remember critical occurrences, no jurors who decide the verdict was based on non-essential matters. While there seems to be an opportunity for many things to be revealed, the final judgment will be made on just one fact: "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:15) And in the verse immediately preceding this we learn that "The lake of fire is the second death." (20:14)

How do people have their names written in the book of life? There is only one way, by believing in Jesus Christ as savior. In the book of Phillipians, Paul refers to those who have been missionaries with him as those "...whose names are in the book of life." (4:3) While you may do many seemingly good things in this life, the only way to be acquitted in this promised future judgment is to make sure your name is written in the book of life. Why not accept Jesus today? Judgment may be closer than we think!

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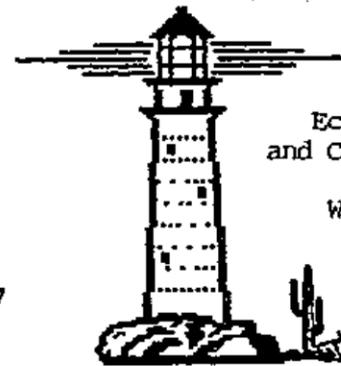
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake. Starring Helena Bubbles, Kristen with special guest, Tiffany St. Thomas (Miss Gay Tucson '1991-'92).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

IBT'S - Underwear Nite. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer to those in their underwear.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

IBT'S - Special Community Bar-B-Que 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. celebrating OUToberFEST. Come on by after the Festival.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Special OUToberFEST show featuring the men of Phoenix. The boys will warm you up!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

IBT'S - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que Sunday to benefit AIDS Walk '95. 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's "The Wheel of Bad Drag" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. (Taste and talent not required).

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "After The Walk Brunch" served from noon until 3:00 p.m. Then at 9:30 p.m. it's "OUToberFEST Outrage" show starring Aloia Whoremans.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

GRADUATE - 2:00 p.m., Nic and Scotties absolute decree of divorce. Temp Weddings and Beer Bust, Food. All proceeds go to FACT.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Male couples Support group meets to support each other in relationships. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Men's Social Network Book Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. New book selections will be made. The meeting will be held at Davy W's. For directions call Jerry 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

OUToberFEST '95 takes place today from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Speakers, entertainment, free beer and sodas (with ID only). See map of Reid Park in this issue of Observer for parking areas for the OUToberFEST. Be proud, be out, be safe and have fun.

Men's Social Network OUToberFEST Picnic. Stop by the MSN booth and visit or help staff the booth 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Southwest corner Reid Park.

Cronics Social Club monthly meeting at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:00 p.m. The program will include a speaker from U.S. West.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

AIDS Walk '95. The walk will be held along the Billie Trail, starting at the racetrack. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. Walk will get underway promptly at 9:15 a.m. The celebration and announcement of winners will be at 11:00 a.m. when everyone gets back. Food, refreshments will be available for sale before and after the walk. Entertainment, plenty of free water, extra rest room facilities, commemorative t-shirts (for adults who raise a minimum of \$100, and kids K-12 who raise \$50 or more); AIDS Walk buttons, lots of fun and a few surprises.

Come play and make new friends today and every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for sand court volleyball at St. Francis (NW corner of Swan and River). Fun-filled, recreational volleyball sponsored by the St. Francis Gay and Lesbian Support Group.

Men's Massage Group meets on the third Sunday of each month. Call to sign up. Fee. This is a good, safe and fun way to meet other men. Call Marc at 881-4582.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting at 4:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Dr. Paul Yergin will conduct a lively discussion of Gay travel experiences. Following the meeting the group will adjourn to Carlino's for a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronics Social Club are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Men's Social Network Dinner Out 7:00 p.m. at Mountain View Restaurant (Prince and Mountain). Call Steve 795-6718 for info.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

"Gay and Lesbian Domestic Violence" - Local Gay and Lesbian therapists will present information and facilitate discussion at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave., 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Music and comedy by openly Gay performers Romanovsky & Phillips. 8:00 p.m. at Pima Community College Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Tickets \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door, available at Antigone Books, Hear's Music or Tucson Trunk. A Blue Coyote Production sponsored by Wingspan.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Gay Young Men's Project presents "What Every Self-Respecting Gay Should Know". 6:30 p.m. at Shanti, 300 E. 6th. Tonight's topic: "Coming Out Of The Closet: without wrinkling your wardrobe." RSVP with Sergio, 322-6226.

Cronics Social Club - Train Trip from Benson Southward. Call 742-1271 for more information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Rainbow Families, a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every 3rd Saturday of the month. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, at River and Swant, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Tucson GIL Hiking Club will hike Butterfly Trail in the Catalina Mountains. A difficult but beautiful high elevation hike. \$2.00 to defray car shuttle. 7:00 a.m. Write P.O. Box 42532, Tucson 85733

Men's Social Network, discussion for Gay organic gardeners 11:00 a.m. Call 882-0985 for more info. Then at 7:00 p.m. join MSN for a discussion night with the topic of "Psychic Phenomena" Call Jerry or Las at 690-9565 for directions and reservations. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages), Board Game Nite II at 6:30 p.m. All sorts of board games available. Easy learning for beginners. Call Craig at 318-9348. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Cronics Social Club Mid-Month Dinner at Tony Roma's. Call 578-0840 for RSVP.

Men's Social Network Video Movie II, 7:00 p.m. "Fright Night" at Jerry and Lea's house. The vampire has a male helper who seems awfully familiar with his pal. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Western Steak Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance Lessons & Line Dance Jan 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-11, Progressive Dance Music 8-11 GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scrubs \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 11.

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 3-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.

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 50c draft. 301 Dan Tournament 3pm \$3 entry fee. Beer Burgers 5-7, Tuff Staff 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 - Well and shot specials 8-11. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!). HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm in midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRO Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 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. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bar!

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm, \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cambia/Sala Maxia & progressive dance music 8-11 GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well, 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prices and surprises.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Dad case \$1. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-NRO dance music. VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50c 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. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50c off well and domestic 8pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance, or disco.

IBT's - Open Noon to 2am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Red 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. Corona or Cerveo Gold \$1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Cerveo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c shots of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tournay 8pm \$2, bar matches pot.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heinekens or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 11.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - w/ a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Pity specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff 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 Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8pm to close.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c 8pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-11. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot watched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Thaiqurris, Pilsa Colada \$3. Dance Music 8-11.

IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 2pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-11. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Jags w/1 Moody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



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Wingspan To Present First Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

TUCSON - Wingspan Community Center will present Tucson's very first Lesbian/Gay film festival as a part of Tucson's National Coming Out Day events taking place in October.

The festival will take place Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15 at the Screening Room, 127 East Congress Street.

The festival will present two full programs nightly. Eleven recent films will be presented, in short and feature length, including comedy, romance, gothic, documentary, fantasy and post-modern styles.

Films include Only The Brave, an

ultra realistic coming of age portrait of two Australian teen-age girls; Relax, an experimental short where the major character has constant concerns of contracting HIV; World And Time Enough, chronicling the lives of two Gay men and their search for identity and family; and Carmelita Tropicana, a day in the life of a Latina performance artist in New York.

Carmelita Tropicana will attend the special following the Sunday films. Reception tickets are available at Wingspan. Film tickets are \$5 at the door for each evening. Discounts are available for Wingspan members. Advance festival passes are also available at Wingspan. For more information call 624-1779.

Schindler Killer Denied Parole

by Lisa Marie Neff

FT. LEAVENWORTH, KS - Terry Helvey, the killer of Gay sailor Allen Schindler, was denied parole after a Fort Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary office was swamped with faxed protest letters, according to Gay activist Jim Darby, who initiated a campaign against the parole.

Helvey is serving a life sentence for murdering Schindler, of Chicago in October 1992. Schindler had told a Navy lawyer he was Gay, and the Navy was pursuing his discharge, before he was found in a pool of blood in a public restroom next to his home port of Sasebo, Japan.

Helvey, a shipmate of Schindler's, was convicted of the murder in 1993 and sentenced to life in prison, after plea bargaining out of a premeditated murder charge. A second shipmate who also took part in the fatal beating, Charles Vins, pleaded guilty to three minor offenses and served 98 days in jail. Vins also plea-bargained with the government, taking the lighter sentence for talking about Helvey.

Dorothy Hadjys, Schindler's mother, received notification from the prison that Helvey was going before the parole board the following day.

Hadjys called Darby, president of the Chicago chapter of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America. Darby initiated a protest of Helvey's possible parole and the delayed notification sent to Hadjys.

Darby called the notice "just another example" of the government's disregard for Hadjys: last year she received a call from a Pentagon official who, confusing "Hadjys" with "Helvey" thought she was talking with Helvey's mother. Hadjys told the official, "I think you have the wrong number. I'm Allen Schindler's mother. I'm Mrs. Hadjys, not Mrs. Helvey. I'm not the mother of the sailor who committed murder. I'm the mother of the sailor who was murdered."

The Fort Leavenworth parole board that reviewed Helvey's prison record for the past year did not find any extenuating circumstances to qualify an early release. Helvey, remains in prison and will likely stay there until at least 2002.

Darby said the faxes objecting to clemency for Helvey and protesting the delayed notification of Hadjys overwhelmed prison officials. He said Schindler's mother "received calls from the Navy

and Fort Leavenworth, telling her that there was an absolute stampede of faxed coming through on their machine. The paper was all over the floor."

Darby said Hadjys learned from a source at the prison that the late notification might have been the result of "someone in the mailroom who realized who the letter was going to and decided to purposely delay it."

Prison officials were "apologetic but not very sincere" with Hadjys, Darby said. He suggested sending similar protests each July when Helvey comes up for review.

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Colorado Amendment 2

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asked whether it would allow public libraries to refuse to lend books to Gays. Justice Ginsburg wondered if a hospital could refuse to offer kidney dialysis to homosexuals.

Tymkovich avoided direct responses.

Ginsburg compared Gay activists' tactic of seeking local anti-bias ordinances to women's suffrage proponents who long ago sought the right to vote in cities when they could not win such a right statewide.

But Tymkovich said voters can decide that all Gay rights issues must be decided on the state level rather than by various city governments.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said the Colorado amendment was unusual because "here the class (of homosexuals) seems to be adopted for its own sake."

Gay Pride

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The last of the Gay and Lesbian Pride activities is AIDS WALK '95, to raise money for AIDS prevention and services will be held Sunday morning, October 15.

This is the seventh year of the AIDS WALK. Last year, 1,200 participants raised \$75,000 for HIV/AIDS services. This year, as of press time, 2,000 people have registered and the goal of the walk is to raise \$150,000.

Proceeds from the walk go to Tucson's AIDS Service Organizations, Shanti Foundation, Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) and People With AIDS Coalition-Tucson (PACT for Life).

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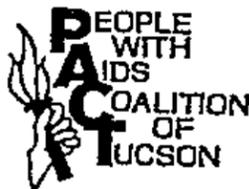
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Venus, the planet of love, changes signs this week, moving from diplomatic Libra to passionate Scorpio. If you find that life has a little more oomph usual, blame it on the stars and have a blast while you can. Read ahead to see where this inflamed Venus charges up your chart:

VENUS

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Lucky battering Rams sure know how to use the hot and bothered Venus in Scorpio energy to its fullest effect; right in the old boudoir. Enjoy proud Ram, but choose your lovers wisely. Sometimes this type of energy is indiscriminating and it would be a darn shame to waste this feisty time with less than desirable liaisons who turn out to be more trouble than they are worth.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Turn on the juice with partners to spice up relationships. It's the mandate of Venus in hot, hot, hot Scorpio. Gay Bulls sometimes become so comfortable in relationships that they can become unexciting. Rejoice! This splendid planetary push puts a little surge even in the staid. For those of you who are still searching for that special someone, you pack more wow in your act than even before.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It may not sound particularly glamorous, but Venus in Scorpio will help you get the job done more easily. The planets pave the way for success in any detailed project and you can attack any job with verve and enthusiasm. It is also an excellent time to review your diet and exercise regime. We need to look our best and this great Venus energy supplies all the incentive you will ever need.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Venus in Scorpio provides enough creative zest to keep you active and having fun. Try your hand at any artistic endeavor or plan a delightful party of five. The planet of beauty may also add a little dash of romance into your otherwise drab life. Who says pink Crabs need to stay home in their frowsy house dress? I say get out there and kick it around town.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Even proud and adventuresome Lions learn to enjoy a warm and cozy time at home when Venus waltzes into Scorpio. It is time to turn inward and rebuild family ties while the lovely planetary energy is right. Eyes may open and minds may clear; give folks one more shot at being decent human beings. Be your magnanimous self and let the world beat a path to your door.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Venus in maniacal Scorpio puts quite a bit of power and temptation in your words. I suggest that you use this energy to its fullest advantage in pushing our agenda. You can sway even the most unswayable critic with your unerring logic (that's the Virgo part) and unnerving confidence and charisma (that's the Venus in Scorpio part). Wow! Go get 'em and bring 'em round to the rainbow.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Passionate Venus in Scorpio makes you more acquisitive than usual. This zesty ardor must be directed to financial and security related matters. Let's face it dear, you are not the most practical of folks and time does fly. The gauntlet has been thrown; get yourself a financial

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

advisor and plot a course of action. (And that does not mean seducing the advisor!)

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Fabulous Venus in your own sign amply demonstrates why Gay Scorps can be the most charismatic of folks. You pack a lot of power in your personally now (Venus is not the only planet in that area of your chart at this time.) Use this hot intensity for niceness and not for nastiness. The temptation may be to settle an old score but you must know that revenge is one of the few dishes that is best when eaten cold.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Good things will come to those Sags who give back to our community. Lovely Venus in Scorpio intensifies all volunteer efforts and produces dramatically effective results. It is time to be counted. Intuition also benefits from Venus' warmth and

beauty. Envision a world of diversity and equality and then do what you proud Archers do so well; take it on the road!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Friends are like putty in your hands when Venus enters Scorpio. Not only do folks gravitate to you, but you can command the group effort. This is fine as long as you don't let the whole darn party turn into a great Gay Goat empire. There is a time for conquering and a time for democratic camaraderie. I strongly suggest the latter; eventually Venus moves on and the blush will be off your rose.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Get your career plans on track when Venus glides into calculating Scorpio. Projects that you may have been designing as part of your overall plan for advancement may begin to blossom and pay off. If not, you are not able to give them a little extra

push in the right direction. Aquerians often have problems with authority figures, but now delightful Venus in strategic Scorp makes it a game you can win!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Even if you are no longer a student, use this terrific Venus in Scorpio energy to expand and enhance your life's course of study and overall knowledge. The planets give you a truly global perspective and the itch to travel and experience. Who knows, pink Fish may even snare a foreign friend to help in this fabulous journey. Keep your eyes and mind open; you never know who will swim by.

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Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments:

Ain't Nobody's Bizness. 10/3.
First Place - Rosa M, \$50.00. Second Place - Betty, \$20.00. Third Place - Wayne CS, \$10.00.

Ain't Nobody's Bizness. 10/7.
First Place - CJ, \$35.00. Second Place - Mikel, \$17.00. Third Place - Janet, \$5.00.

The Graduate. First Place - Jim H., \$30.00. Second Place - Mike WC, \$20.00. Third Place - Jim H, \$10.00. First Out - Lee LC. Lucky # - Jerry.

Stonewall/Eagle - First Place Curtis JP, \$40.00. Second Place - Tony WR, \$25.00. Third Place - CJ, \$15.00. First Out - Greg JR.

Desert Coyotes League Looking For Bowlers

TUCSON - The Tucson Desert Coyotes Bowling League are looking for bowlers of all levels to take part.

The Desert Coyotes bowl every Wednesday, 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes located on West Miracle Mile. The league welcomes anyone interested in bowling in one of Tucson's two Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues.

For more information, call League Secretary, Mark Rosenbaum, at 743-3303.

Disney Offers Gay Partners Health Benefits

BURBANK, CA (AP) - The Walt Disney Company will offer health insurance to live-in partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees, as well as the partner's dependent children.

"We made this decision because it brings our health benefits in line with our corporate non-discrimination policy," Disney spokesman John Dreyer said.

He refused to discuss any possible impact on the squeaky clean Disney image, saying, "We are a family oriented company."

The Rev. Louis Sheldon, leader of the Traditional Values Coalition, sharply criticized the new policy. "With the understanding that the homosexual agenda has penetrated Hollywood, it should come as no surprise that Disney now supports anti-family values," Sheldon said.

"Disney is no longer Walt Disney, it is a secular, anti-family corporation," he said.

The new policy, which goes into effect January 1, will not cover live in heterosexual partners. Disney's approximately 70,000 employees learned of the change in a recent newsletter.

Disney joins several entertainment giants, including Universal Paramount Pictures, Sony and Warner Brothers, that have extended benefits in the last



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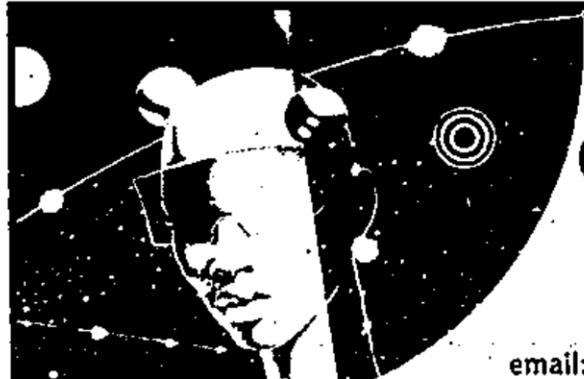
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A Coming Out Story

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continue living a life that was costing me a great deal emotionally, thus demonstrating to me that we would not be successful in abolishing homophobia without doing a better job of telling the straight majority exactly what it is all about.

Thus, paradoxically but profoundly, the advice I got not to come out strengthened my resolve to do so. But it simultaneously strengthened my conviction that this was something to be approached very carefully, so that I could do it in a way that minimized the political damage almost everyone foresaw. My solution was to accelerate a process I came to think of as leaking out.

By the mid 1980s enough people had figured out that I was Gay that I could joke about it with both straight and Gay friends. I was even enjoying the fact that I could finally make light of being Gay, after years of schlepping it around as if it were the world's heaviest burden. This in itself was a very important sign to me that self-hatred was rapidly disappearing from my psychological makeup. Directing humor at myself had, I believe, a disarming quality and made it less likely that my Gayness would be used as a weapon against me.

As it turned out, when I did finally give Kay Longcope the answer I had told her she could elicit, and The Boston Globe printed it on June 1, 1987, the consequences were far better than I had anticipated. Politically, it had no negative effect either on my ability to win re-election to the House or on my ability to function within that institution. I have run for reelection three times since coming out.

An estimate from a 1987 poll that I might lose about two or three percentage points turned out to be accurate, but even so I was reelected in 1988 by a margin of 70 percent to 30 percent. Two years later, I won 66 percent to 34 percent, in what was generally a bad year for Democratic congressional candidates. In 1992, I received 68 percent of the vote as compared to 26 percent for the Republican candidate and 5 percent for the Ross Perot candidate. In 1994, I ran unopposed.

Also subsequent to my announcement I was asked by the House leadership to run for the Budget Committee, and I was appointed in 1993 to the Speaker's leadership advisory group. The two most respected evaluators of congressional reputation, the Almanac of American Politics, published by the National Journal, and Politics of America, published by Congressional Quarterly, explicitly asserted that coming out did no damage what so ever to my standing in the House. In fact, being out has clearly enhanced my effectiveness as a member of Congress, precisely because it has benefited me so much personally.

Since November 1994 I have been working with the Democratic House leadership in its opposition to the conservative Republican House majority. Early efforts by the Republicans to delegitimize me by stressing my sexual orientation backfired, and I do not believe many people think that my being Gay in any way detracts from my participation in the leadership effort.

The personal consequence of my public coming-out have been extraordinarily favorable. The most important of these was meeting my lover, Herb Moses, in August 1987. He has transformed my personal life and is the major reason, I think, that I am in a frame of mind to do my job more effectively. My relationship with Herb has since led to a second coming out, this time as one half of a Gay couple.

Herb and I decided early on that we would do things as a couple just as other couples do them. We do these things not to make a statement but simply because they are the kinds of things couples naturally want to do together. The fact that we are together in a wide variety of environments and circumstances in which Gay or Lesbian couples have not previously been visible helps the fight against homophobia.

In the end, any assessment of my coming-out decision ultimately boils down to a good news/bad news analysis. The good news is that coming out brought none of the negative consequences I anticipated. But the fact that I did find myself anticipating them is bad news and the very fact that I had to come out at all, even worse. In a rational and unprejudiced world, I would have let people know I was Gay as soon as I found out, just as I have with every other important aspect of my life, without worrying a great deal about the consequences.

Analogously, regarding homophobia in general the good news is that there is a lot less of it than there used to be, the bad news is that it ever existed in the first place, and the worse news is that it remains far stronger than is healthy for a society dedicated in theory to equality under the law.

Remembering how far we've come toward the goal of equality, as well as how far we have to go to reach it, are both essential if we are to get there.



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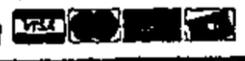
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AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

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 about weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9363 for information and a newsletter. 558

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary G. 770-9979

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ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-6226.

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P.F.L.A.O. - 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 85740-6764. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's thinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

YOUNG AND GAY

Lesbian and Gay youth 25 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Episcopalian 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), 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Thrudmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON

Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbian and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foot-hills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

TUCSON HIKEING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Androgene's Books.

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

NOTICES

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

L.T.S., EX-L.T.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meeting and activities. Call 791-7946 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 836-1708 for more info.

METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, informal discussion on dreams, power of mind, etc meets on Mondays 7-8:30pm at St. Francis in the foothills Room 31. (River & Swan) 318-0540.

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

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

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

GAY COUNTRY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Male activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. No "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Corona, AZ 85652.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

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

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, #85, 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.

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

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE

Men and women both welcome. Office 574-2272.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region for information about membership or activities call Rich, 318-0540 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. Title 581-8850 or Room 968-2344.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Filly 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.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geranium (near 1st Ave and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Ari (520)762-9133.

SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 41772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

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

TUCSON HIKEING CLUB. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol-free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

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If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Fred. 585

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