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OUToberFEST Pleases Large Crowds With Full Day Of Activities

TUCSON - The day was warm but those attending didn't seem to mind. There was something for everyone who attended the OUToberFEST produced by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) last Saturday, Oct. 14 at Reid Park.

Live entertainment by several bands, singers, dancers impersonators, fashion show began at 10:30 a.m. and continued until 6:00 p.m. Two performance stages were used almost continuously to entertain the crowd.

Tucson Police Department estimated the crowd at 5,000 at its peak in mid afternoon. But the area is so large and spread out that an accurate count was impossible.

Free beer donated by the Finley Distributing Company and Miller Brewing kept those attending from becoming faint from the warm sun. For those who did not want alcoholic beverages, free soda was available also. The large area was bounded by vendor booths of every type and description - arts, crafts, information, jewelry, food, etc, etc, etc.

Entertainers included jazz vocalist Lisa Otey; Lee Ann Savage and her dyn-o-mite party band, Reveille, Tucson's Gay men's chorus, Tucson's Lesbian and Gay chorus Desert Voices who participated in the opening ceremonies; the T-Squares dancing group; Them Girls, Melanie Morrison and Rochelle Raya; Rare Breed, performing Tejano and country oldies ; River Poets an all-female alternacoustic rock band from Santa Cruz, California;

A host of local performers who kept the afternoon buzzing along included Theresa Housley, Peter Lara, Michael White, Stuart Moulton with Lisa Lemay, Lucinda Holliday, "suzy b" of KXCI, Misti Malone, Holly Boo, Crystal Abrams, Jasmine Bouvier, Paris St. Clair, Adrienne ALexander, Miss Ellie, Mr. Kenneth Blake, and Jade Abrams

Tucson Mayor, George Miller, was on hand to read the OUToberFEST Pride proclamation and presented it to TLGA President John Haase.

All TLGA Board members as well as the 1995 volunteer committee members are to be complimented for an excellent production that from all appearances went off without a hitch. Congratulations to all.

Check out the centerfold in this issue of Observer for a photographic trip through Reid Park last Sunday.

AIDS Walk '95 Sets Records

2,700 Walkers Raise $95,000

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - This past Sunday morning, many people, representing all aspects and groups of our community converged on Rillito Downs, ready to walk, 10 kilometers or 5 kilometers.

The people walked with friends, groups, co-workers, lovers, family, memories and dedications to loved ones who had passed away from AIDS. The people had a goal in common: AIDS affects everyone and everyone can make a difference.

More than 2,700 people participate in AIDS Walk '95, the seventh annual walk-a-thon. The turnout was an increase of over 125% over last year's walk, when 1,200 walkers. AIDS Walk '95 was led by the first AIDS ride, with 50 supporters on horseback.

The Walk, as of press time had raised $95,000, which will be distributed among the three Tucson AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), Shanti Foundation and People With AIDS Coalition (PACT).

Elaine and Jim Cooper have been participating in AIDS Walks for the friends they have lost and now for their son John, who has been diagnosed with HIV.

Lyn Wilson has participated in all of the AIDS Walk because of the friends she has lost to AIDS. "It was because of my dear friend, Neal Brandon, who was one of the first people in Pima County who died from AIDS. I have not missed a walk."

Randy Patch was one of the top money raisers in this year's walk, said of his participation in past Walks and the present, "That he needed a distraction. I had just lost a friend to AIDS. I will do what I can so that it is the last one I lose to the disease."

Rachel Mandelberg said "AIDS is an important issue. I have lost friends to the disease and I won't want to see others go. We must raise awareness and show that AIDS effects everybody."

Steve Gottleib, president of TAP said, "The Walk shows the community is coming together, and that this will enhance services for the clients of the three ASO's."

The Walk began with a rally by the U of A cheerleaders. Speeches from elected officials, Congressman Jim Kolbe, State Rep. George Cunningham, Pima County Supervisor Mike Boyd, and Tucson Mayor George Miller. They thanked the walkers for raising money and supporting the ASOs.

TUCSON - AIDS Walk '95 held last Sunday, Oct. 15, drew a lot of walkers and reaped a lot of money both in record breaking numbers. Pictured above are The Caregivers Support Group who raised $5,500 and won a trophy for the best unaffiliated team. See story below. More photos on page twenty.

The AIDS Ride began the Walk with a trip around Rillito Downs and proceeded down the Rillito River. Walkers proceeded down either the 5k or 10k courses

When the walkers finished their respect courses. The Walk organizers announced the totals:

The Community Affiliated Group raising the most money was Desert Diamond Casino, $3,895.

The Community Unaffiliated Group raising the most money was Caregivers Support, $5,500.

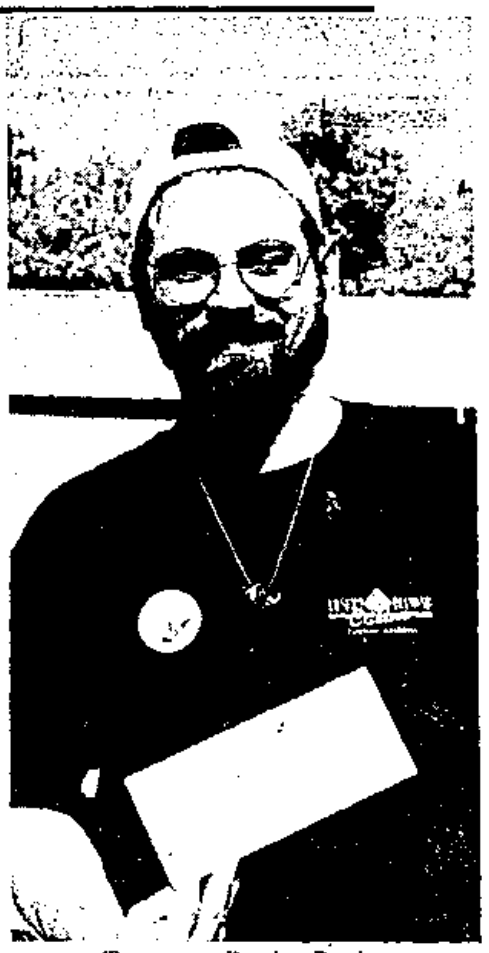
The School with the largest team was Hermosa Montessori, with 70 participants raising $3,286.

Individuals raising the most money were Barbara Shelley, $3,152. Randy Patch, $2,400 and William Richardson, $1,400.

Reaction was swift:

The Walk's organizer, Pat Lambert, a self described "middle aged grandma of two" said, "When I started the project, I was unsure of the communities reaction. Through our efforts, we doubled the number of participants, walkers, community leaders, and businesses. We raised $95,000. The outpouring of support from the community has been so rewarding. The walk honors those with AIDS and have passed away from AIDS and those who raise money to fight AIDS."

Craig Bradford Snow, executive director of TAP said, "AIDSWALK '95 was a wonderful event, thanks to the participation of so many community businesses and individuals. Significant funds were raised to assist people living with HIV and their partners and families and to help prevent the spread of HIV."



Tuesonan Randy Patch won an award as Individual Runner-up by raising $2,400 for the AIDS Walk '95.

Anne Maley, executive director of Shanti said "This year's AIDSWALK was a great success. Not only were such much needed funds raised to help us continue to serve our clients, but the dramatic increase in the number of participants speaks of increased awareness and commitment in the community. We are grateful for all the generous donations, and for all those who came out early Sunday morning to express their support."

Wayne Miller, executive director

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UPDATE

Purple Team Prize Drawing Results

by Misti Malone

TUCSON - Here are the results of the drawing for prizes at the picnic for the Purple Team:

Prizes	Winner	Ticket
Gas grill	Mike Tearne	8693155
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Mountain Bike	Deb Dwyer	8693194
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Clock	Daniel	8693161
Watch	Susie Rough	8692818
SALOC Tix	Art Lewis	8693747
Inv. The. Tix	Zipperman	8692741
Picture	Mario Salazar	8692877
Blue Coy. Tix	Alex	8692800

Thank you to all the sponsors for the raffle. These prizes can be picked up at the designated bars. For those items not sponsored by a bar, please contact Misti Malone at 577-1593 to arrange pick up.

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.

Hearings To Focus On AIDS Funds Oct. 25

TUCSON - The Arizona Department of Health Services will hold public hearings statewide to gather input regarding distribution of $1.75 million in federal funds for people with HIV or AIDS.

The Tucson meeting is scheduled for 1 P.M., October 25 at the Public Works Building, Conference Room A, 201 North Stone Avenue.

Hearings also will be held in Phoenix and Flagstaff.

Written comments to the state agency can be sent to the Office of HIV/-STD Services, Epidemiology and Disease Control, 3815 North Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85015. The deadline is November 10.

Arizona has received funds from the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act since 1990. The federal funding is used for outpatient care and support services for HIV/AIDS infected individuals and their families.

Services include primary medical care, dental care, home health care, nursing care, medications and case management services.

Phoenix Gay/Lesbian Magazine Ceases Publication

PHOENIX - The Phoenix based Echo Magazine and X-Factor will cease publication within the next month.

In a letter from Jeff Ofstedahl, Advertising/Marketing Manager, reasons stated for the cessation were:

ACE Publishing, which produces both periodicals will be filing for bankruptcy. Members of the staff are accused of setting the fire that destroyed the offices of the publications.

In Memoriam

ROBERT ALLEN GRAHAM
March 4, 1963 - October 4, 1995

Robert was born on March 4, 1963 in Marlboro, Massachusetts and departed this life, October 4, 1995 in Tucson. Robert is survived by his mother, Brenda J. Graham, two sisters, Susan M. and Tracy Graham, and brother Michael, all of Tucson, Arizona.

Services are to be held, today, October 18, at Water of Life, MCC, 3269 North Mountain Avenue in Tucson.

Robert, we love you, we miss you and we'll see you on the other side. You'll be with us forever in our hearts.

Virus Found To Cause AIDS In Monkeys

KANSAS CITY, KS (AP) - A scientist says he has succeeded in causing AIDS in monkeys with a virus more resembling the one that infects people. The advancement overcomes one obstacle to the development of drugs and vaccines against the disease.

Vaccine research had been slowed because HIV, the human AIDS virus, has not caused monkeys to become sick with AIDS. However, monkeys can develop AIDS from the simian immunodeficiency virus, which is similar to HIV.

Bill Narayan, a virologist at the University of Kansas Medical Center, used a virus that combines parts of HIV with SIV and within six months, about 20 monkeys developed many symptoms seen in humans.

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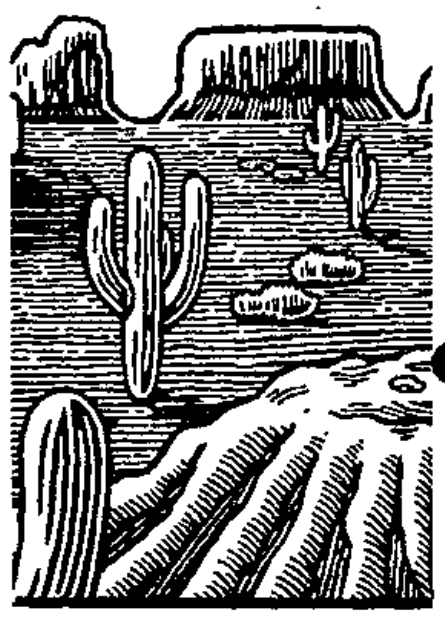

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AIDSWALK '95

The Tucson AIDS Project, the Shanti Foundation, and the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson wish to thank the entire community for its support of AIDSWALK '95.

It's Still Not Too Late To Help!
Donations from Walkers and their Sponsors may be sent by mail or delivered in person to the AIDSWALK '95 Office.

AIDSWALK '95 T-Shirts for Sale
Commemorative T-shirts designed by Tucson artist Perry Woods now may be purchased for $10 at the AIDSWALK Office. Proceeds from T-shirt sales will benefit AIDSWALK.

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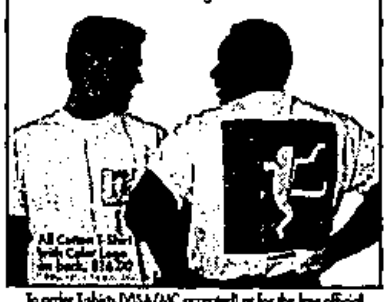

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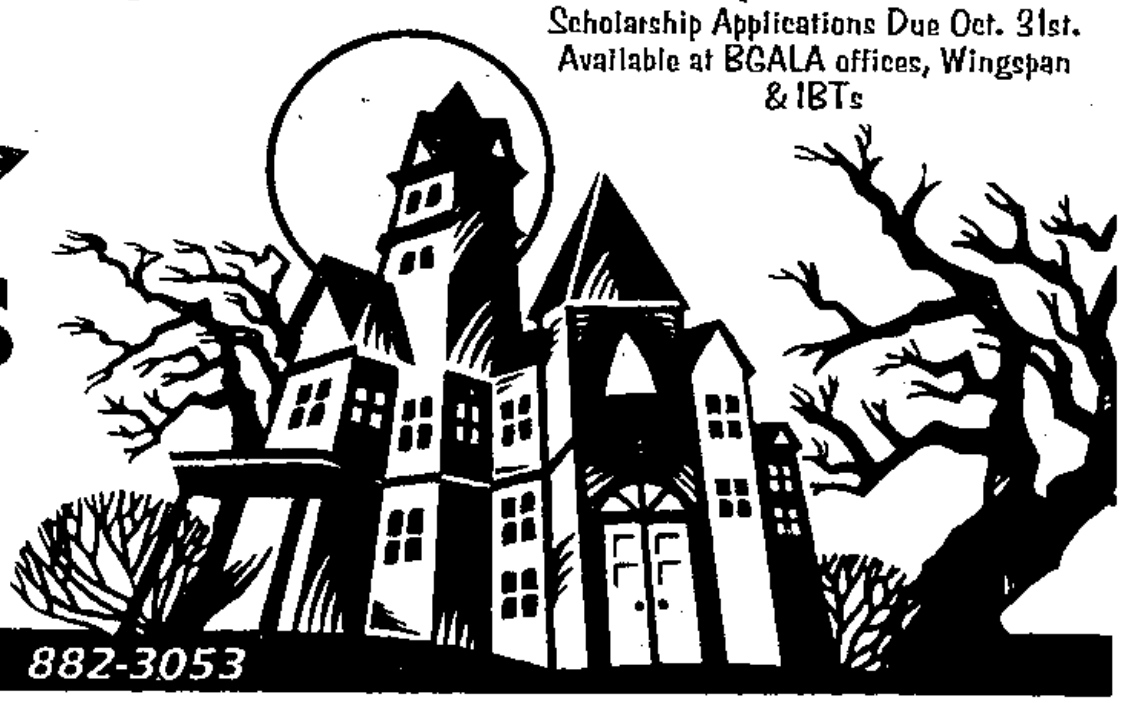

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TUCSON - Come and celebrate National Coming Out Day and Lesbian/Gay History month with your friends! Romanovsky and Phillips will share their brand of music and comedy at Pima Community College's Proscenium Theatre on Thursday, October 19 at 8 P.M.

As pioneers of the now popular Gay and Lesbian comedy movement, Romanovsky and Phillips have just released their seventh album, Let's Flaunt It!, a live recording of never before released material.

Following the show, an afterglow will take place at IBT's, 616 North Fourth Avenue. Meet Romanovsky and Phillips in person! Show your ticket stub for a drink special!

Tickets are still available at Antigone Books, Hear's Music and Tucson Trunk. This evening's Blue Coyote Production is sponsored by IBT's and Wingspan.

Farrakhan And Double Standards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The "Million Man March" organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan took place this past Monday on the Washington Mall

Attendance ranged from 400,000, according to the National Park Service to 1.5 million, according to Farrakhan. The National Black Gay and Lesbian forum had encouraged all blacks, Gay men and Lesbians, to participate.

The Forum's board of directors had voted not to endorse the march, "because we do not agree with its sexist and patriarchal tone and the homophobic comments made by some march organizers.

Farrakhan has long been known for his anti-Semitic, anti-Gay, anti-white views. By encouraging black Gay participation, and of course, including Lesbians, even though the march excluded women), the Forum saw some value in some of the event's proclaim goals, to demonstrate a commitment by black men to strengthen their place in the black family as well as to show a commitment to fight white racism.

The Leadership Forum has made contingency plans for inclusion or protest. Keith Boykin, executive director of the Forum said, "The march was bigger than the Nation of Islam; it is a nation of black people, African Americans coming together. We are part of that community."

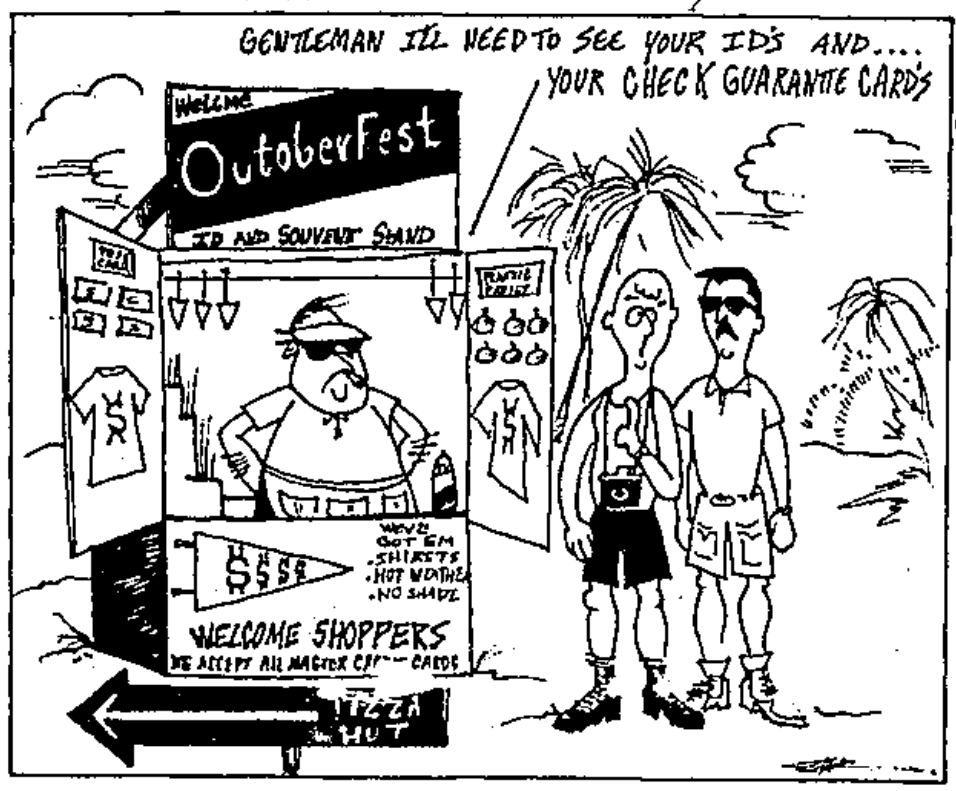
Scuba Divers Wanted

PHOENIX - There is a group forming in Arizona for Gay and Lesbian Scuba Divers.

It is intended that this group will hold monthly meetings consisting of club news, slide presentations and guest speakers. We will plan local and exotic dive trips for our group. Future club plans shall include owning our own air compressor and emergency Oxygen kit.

If you interested in Scuba Diving or you are already a certified diver we are looking for you. For more information call: Phoenix (602) 957-9399, Tucson (520) 291-9602 (digital pager).

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



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AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the over 600 attendees who enjoyed The First Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival over four nights on October 12-15. Thank you for letting us know that this is the kind of event you are willing to support by your attendance, your attendance, your purchase of the commemorative t-shirts and pins, and the ads placed in our program helped to make this project the success that it is.

We are grateful for the major funding support provided by the Arizona Travel Center, F.M.W., Fran the Retired Banker, Gadabout Salons and Godat/Janczyk Design Consultants and the in-kind donations of goods and services provided by Arizona Travel Center, Casa Alegre Bed and Breakfast, Dinnerware Gallery, Godat/Janczyk Design Consultants, Michael Halle Catering, The Screening Room, Triangle Traders, performer Johanna Gale, University of Arizona Library musicians, Sue Cho, Leslie McIntyre, and Lori Scott. We hope that you will let these businesses know that you appreciate their support of Wingspan and Gay and Lesbian arts by giving them your business whenever you can.

The Board is especially proud of the Film Festival Committee that showed the quality of commitment we are looking for in Wingspan volunteers and the model of teamwork that produced the Film Festival. These men and women provided long hours, hard work, and creative planning. Thanks to Joe, Jason, Bruce, Carol, David, Kraelynn, Less, Jerry, Ken, Keith, Meredith, Rafael, Bill, Judith, Brad, James, Jeralyn, and the Film Festival Chair, Karl.

The committee has asked that you give them feedback either personally or send it in to Wingspan. Tell us what you would like included in the plans for next year's film festival. Yes, there will be a Second Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival in 1996.

Thanks also goes to the Wingspan Board of Directors, resource volunteers and members who talked about the Film Festival, answered your questions, and passed out flyers to show their support for this event.

And thanks again to all of you for your continued confidence and show of support for the efforts of your community center. We urge you to become a member of Wingspan today if you value the contributions that events like this can make to Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community.

Marcia Paris, President
Wingspan Board

[Editor's note: A reader of this publication had written to Arizona Senator Jon Kyl about his vote on the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. The following is the response from Sen. Kyl.]

DEAR FRIEND:

Thank you for contacting me about the vote on the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. I appreciate the opportunity to share my views about this legislation with you.

We are all interested in finding a cure for AIDS and other serious illnesses. Last year, I voted to support this year's Department of Labor and Health and Human Services appropriations bill, which included a $53.6 million increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) AIDS research programs; and I will continue to support AIDS research because it is unlikely to be done in the private sector.

The Ryan White Act, however, does not fund AIDS research; it is a unique maintenance and treatment program, one that exists only for AIDS and not for any other disease afflicting Americans. According to a March 9, 1995 Congressional Research Service analysis of spending by the Public Health Service (PHS), there is no remotely comparable federal expenditure for the maintenance and treatment of any other disease. Although PHS did provide modest funding for a few "demonstration projects" last year, for instance, $4 million for an Alzheimers demonstration project, this amount is dwarfed by the $3.6 billion over five years appropriated for the Ryan White Act. While I can support federal funding for research, I do not believe it is an appropriate function for the federal government to pay for maintenance and treatment, especially when it is for only one disease out of the hundreds that afflict Americans.

There is also too great a disparity between federal spending for AIDS research and federal research spending into the cause and cure of other diseases. In 1995, discretionary PHS-NIH spending for AIDS research totals $1,105 per patient. This amount contrast sharply with PHS-NIH research spending of $256 per cancer patient; and research spending of $40.25 per heart patient.

When federal Medicare and Medicaid and other entitlement spending is added to this analysis, the disparity continues. According to the Clinton Administration, there are 1.4 million HIV/AIDS patients in America, and total annual federal spending per patient is about $5,-000. Yet, for each of the 8 million cancer patients, the amount of federal spending is $2,187; for each of the 20 million heart patients, the amount is $1,900.

I believe the Congress should try to ensure that limited federal resources are apportioned more equitably among all Americans suffering from serious diseases. The Ryan White CARE Act will lock in this serious inequity in funding for five more years. That's not fair to women with breast cancer, elderly tormented by Alzheimer's disease, or any other American suffering from a serious affliction besides AIDS.

In conclusion, I simply do not believe that it is appropriate for the federal government to try to value anyone's life more than anyone else's. Every life is precious and important. Yet, such a disproportionate valuation of human life is at the heart of the Ryan White bill.

Jon Kyl, U.S. Senator

EDITOR:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many that helped George and I raise over $2,400 for OUTober FEST '95.

The following bars in this community were outstanding in their contributions of raffle prizes:

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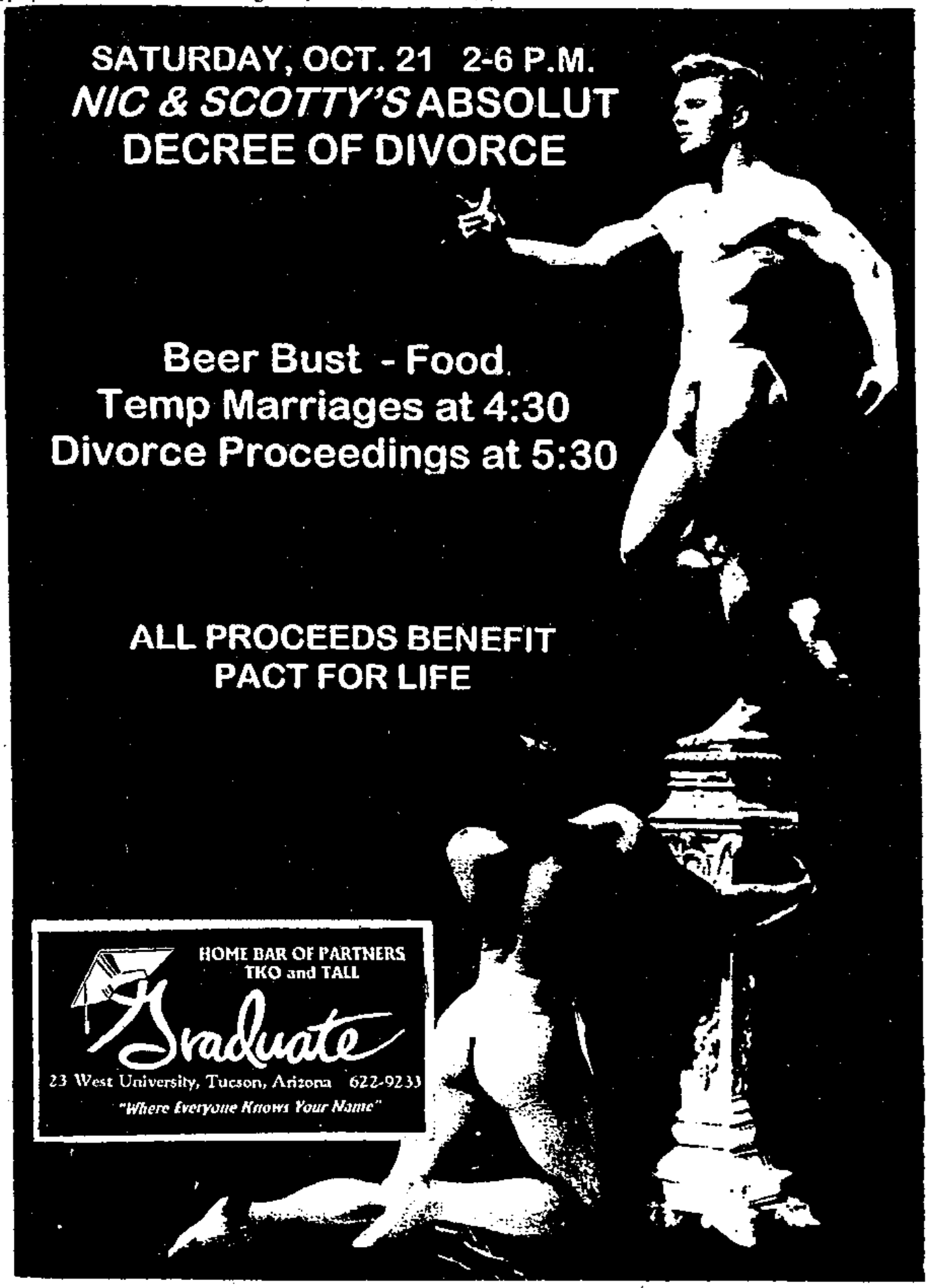

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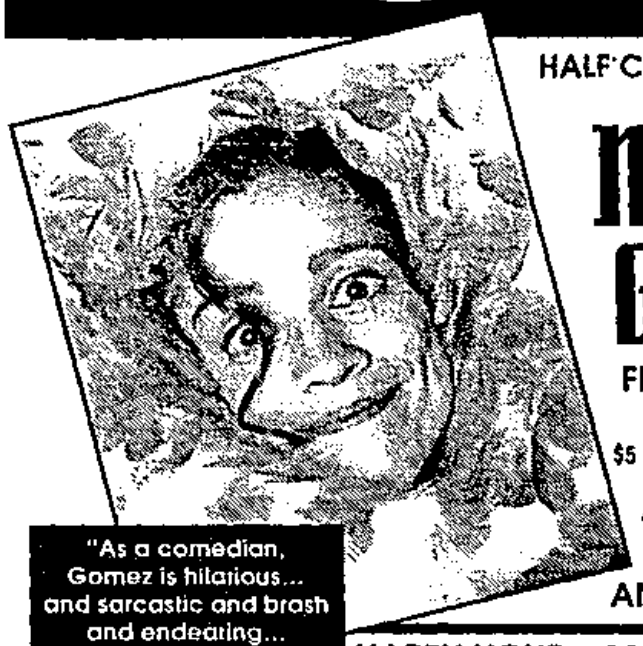

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THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

Dr. Bob Gets Real

Allow me, in this column, to express a mood. A mood on the dark side, perhaps, but worth exploring nonetheless. (Warning: plain talk ahead. If this offends you...)

Gay male life in the 90's can be pretty severe. Maybe it has something to do with the lack of women's energy in many of our lives, who knows? But it's quite harsh, and we can be quite harsh to each other. "Hold on, Dr. Bob! Look at all the deliriously happy, friendly Gay men you see when you socialize, in the bars, at parties, etc.!" Yeah right, and what if you had candid shots of our facial expressions the minute we get off stage? Not quite so fabulous. No, I stand by my thesis: Gay life is pretty harsh. We just don't like to talk about it. But we need strength to deal with it creatively and courageously, and we need to talk about it if we want to have a shot at coping with it. Many of us, however, are lonelier than we want to be. So to whom do we talk about it? Could I talk to you about it? You can write me and talk back to me about it.

Obviously, AIDS is at the top of the list of what makes our lives so hard: the fear, the suffering, the dying and grieving. HIV infection has as many different courses as there are HIV-infected people, but AIDS can be a totally merciless condition. Forgive me if I talk about my experience without prettifying it. I've seen a man I really cared about (his name was Barth) get weaker and weaker, less and less able to defend himself against more and more horrible infections. No matter how much he prayed, tried mainstream and alternative healing, or got emotional support, he just kept going downhill. He had periods of feeling a bit better. He suffered. Then he died, he just drained right out of this plane of existence. No mercy. No softness. No reprieve. He's gone.

I guess it's not true, though, that I saw no mercy. I've seen mercy shown by the caregivers, true tenderness and love. And this is unfathomably good, the human soul manifest. I've seen love shared more intensely because of the limited time someone has left to them. I've seen unbelievable courage. I sense the way in which Barth, and all those who have died, are still alive. (That's quite remarkable, actually!) But I could sure wish that there were easier ways to learn these lessons. Does it take something as horrific as AIDS to spur us Gay men to show love to each other?

Then there's the relentless objectification of men. This also is harsh. I'd like to believe that I'm loveable for myself, that someone could feel that I'm special and worthy of a (monogamous?) commitment. I want him to appreciate my physical beauty, too, but not in a merely commodified way. Not in the sense that, once he's "had" me, I'll be boring. Is this hopelessly naive?

I want more softness in my life. More affection and comfort, a little less gay male performance anxiety. From a stable somebody. Then I have to be honest with myself and ask, "Am I willing to give all this, too?" The honest answer is, sometimes! Sometimes I just want sex. And I do like my freedom. Aha! So I also am the Gay man afraid of commitment, objectifying my fellow men! This softens my self-righteousness considerably...

And then there's the love of substances. So many of us Gay men love our substances more than we love the men around us. Whether it's alcohol, cigarettes, poppers, pot, or harder drugs, the substance seems to be the perfect lover: it gets me high and asks nothing in return. Except the steep price I pay in overall healthiness. Substances are comforting, my own personal supply of pleasure, waiting for me, perfectly obedient to me. No demands like a real man would make on me. But then I get sucked into the addictive whirlpool, and my life drags more and more unless I use the substance. Another kind of slavery. Resist slavery in all its forms!

So who knew? Who knew life was going to be this hard? Not me, I can tell you. We need strength to deal with all this, and we need it desperately, as in right now. Where's it going to come from? The straight world? Yeah right, and the Pope may masturbate in public tomorrow, too. From God, or (I forgot, this is the 90's) the angels? These are just projections of our own power. No, I think it's going to have to come from (this is not for the faint of heart) ourselves! From within ourselves as individual men, and from each other. This means trusting that Gay men, myself included, have something strong and beautiful within us. Look at our energy, look at our creativity, look at our sexual wisdom, our sensitivity, our spirituality! We've been given seriously fabulous gifts along with our wounds! Gay politics should focus on our own gifts rather than trying to petition gifts from straight society.

The wherewithal to cope with our Gay lives doesn't have to, and it shouldn't, come primarily from outside ourselves. We seem to look everywhere else except among ourselves for the answer. The government, our parents, our doctors, the church... Let's get real. Fundamentally, it's not their problem! That's why they can never be as invested in our welfare as we are. It's just possible, isn't it, that as Gay men we have all the strength and talent and wisdom within us that we need to cope with our lives, difficult as they are? If that's the case, our task is to trust that strength, develop it, and share it with each other. That may take some doing, some concentration, some discipline. Are you and your Gay brothers worth it? You decide. (Next week: More Tantrik Sex Advisor!)

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker for the Gay community. He offers groups, workshops, and individual sessions. For more information, call 623-1732. Send your sex questions and other letters to Dr. Bob c/o The Observer.]

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On Sunday, October 8, 1995, the annual meeting of Wingspan took place at the Center. President Marcia Paris read a report of the events and activities that Wingspan has taken part in or produced so far in 1995. Wingspan members of both paid and volunteer members is currently at 351 and this is up from the 1994 membership of 185.

Elections took place at this meeting and the Board is proud to announce that new Board members include Kraelynn Fleming, Keith Koster, Ann "Bertie" Lozano, and Terry Reed. These new Board members will begin their term of service on November 1, 1995. They join the current Board members who are Karl Ballard, Bruce Corey, David Eyde, Ken Godat, George Kaplan, Bob MacMahon, Marcia Paris, Mark Schaye, Jim Sincox, and Michelle Yakovich.

Since this meeting, the Board is saddened to accept the resignation of Board member Ernie Slaight. Ernie served as co-volunteer coordinator, and provided endless hours of support to volunteers in that role. He also led a committee of volunteers to produce an excellent volunteer recognition picnic this summer. Ernie will continue on as a volunteer and member of Wingspan. We thank you Ernie for your valuable contributions and the model you served to many of us by "doing your best".

The next Board meeting will take place at the center on Sunday, November 12, 1995 at 6:00 P.M. The meetings are open to all.

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Congratulations to everyone who participated in AIDS Walk '95. Everyone's efforts in making a difference has been duly noted in our community. Monies raised will be well spent to help many.

MEET THE PACT STAFF

Patricia DeVito - Contract Monitor: Pat writes government grants, oversees existing contracts, negotiates future contracts, and provides administrative/technical assistance to the Executive Director and program personnel. Pat has a long history of AIDS work with many organizations in Tucson.

Ken Leist - Events Coordinator: Ken is responsible for all fund raising events that are PACT sponsored, that PACT participates in, or that PACT benefits from directly. He is the liaison between the Board Fund Raising Committee and the individual event committees. He also tracks revenues, donations, and income from each of these events. Contact Ken on how to get involved on an event committee or with fund raising ideas.

Dr. Lyn Patrick - Wellness Program Coordinator: A Naturopathic Physician, sees individual clients who are enrolled in the Wellness Program, coordinates program activities, conducts a quarterly smoking cessation course, provides an acupuncture clinic, and coordinates a Sunday massage clinic.

Lyn has a wealth of information about the role of supplements and good nutrition in the management of HIV. She can explain the scientific rationale behind the use of botanicals and complementary therapies for HIV.

Dr. Chad Schroer - Wellness Program Physician: Chad sees clients for Wellness appointments on Fridays at PACT, during which he makes suggestions for nutritional, botanical, or herbal supplements as additions to the client's Wellness Program. He also administers acupuncture treatments to clients who wish to receive them.

Chad is a medical contributor for ECHO magazine and is on the Boards of the Arizona AIDS Project and the Community AIDS Council.

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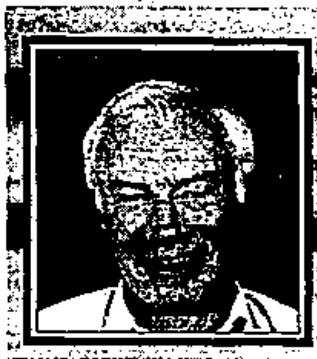

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by Mark R. Kerr

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AS WARD 3 TURNS: Vivian Leigh, where are you? The search for the Ward 3 Scarlett continues! [I bet David O'Selznick didn't have these problems!]

As we left our story, the five remaining Tucson City Council members were looking for a "Star Search Grand Champion" to fill the Ward 3 Council seat, abandoned by Tom "The West Virginia Poster Boy" Saggau.

This past Monday, during the weekly mayor and council meeting, our five Council members took up the matter, voting on four wannabees and failing to get the four votes needed to appoint someone. The mayor does not get to vote, he only gets to be a voyeur! [How kinky!] Here are the highlights. [If you can call them that!:

After the commercial break, Ward 4 Council member Roger "Lame Duck" Sedlmayr nominated Dave Fossdal. Sedlmayr said that Fossdal deserves the post since he lost to Saggau in the 1993 primary.

There was no second to his motion. [Just dead air!] Sedlmayr commented, "What's the problem? maybe it's that he is not politically correct. He has the support of the Recorder and the County Sheriff." [Sheriff Lobo?]

[Could it be that Fossdal did not have the support of the constituents in Ward 3, since he lost the primary by more than a two to one margin? I think so!]

Ward 5 Council member, Steve "I went to the Ward 3 forum, and survived!" Leal then nominated attorney, Michael "I'm not doing that joke!" Crawford. Roger Sedlmayr then seconded the motion. Ward 2 Council member, Janet "U-Haul" Marcus commented on Crawford, stating "He's the most unusual man." And called for a vote. The vote was three to two, with Ward 6 and 1 Council members Molly "We should have a signed letter from Saggau!" McKasson and Bruce "He hates it when I do this!" Wheeler voting no to Crawford.

Molly McKasson then nominated Ken Dahl, and the motion was seconded by Wheeler. The council voted two yes and three no on Dahl, with Marcus, Leal and Sedlmayr voting against Dahl. [Another plot twist!]

Wheeler then nominated Terry "I beat Mike 'The Spike' in court!" Anderson, a city employee in the Annexation Office. McKasson seconded the motion. Anderson went down in flames, by a vote of two in favor and three against. [Love this conflict!]

The council then moved to postpone the decision until next week. [Who's going to be the new Scarlett, stay tuned here, same Gay Standard Time, same column!]

SHE'S BACK!: A new starlet has emerged in the Ward 3 race, Tom Saggau's estranged wife Sue. [That's Susannah Poltronieri to you!]

Ms. Poltronieri filed with the City Clerk's office this past Friday for the Ward 3 contest. Ms. Poltronieri was unavailable for comment. ["That's a first for her!", according to many media sources.]

WARD 2: In the '95 City elections, the most overlooked race has been the one for the Ward 2 Council seat, currently held by Democrat, Janet "U-Haul" Marcus. This past week, I had the opportunity to "chat and dish" with the "Grand Dame" of the City Council.

Marcus is running for a third term, she was the first woman in Tucson to win re-election to an elected post. Marcus says, "I made history once, and I want to make history again!"

Marcus says her biggest accomplishment during her last term was to promote energy conservation for the city and to get Tucson involved with several Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs that have saved the city millions of dollars, and not costing the taxpayers one thin dime!

When it comes to issues of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community, Marcus voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Ordinance and the H.B. 2085 Memorial. Marcus said she supports the concept of a domestic partners ordinance. Marcus said she is proud of Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance and the fact that the Old Pueblo is "very open to diversity."

GUESS WHO? DON'T SUE!: Guess who, a creative openly Gay Republican, [Yes, there is one who is out in Tucson!], is planning to run for the State House of Representatives.

This person will announce their candidacy the early part of 1996, when the election season begins! [I just hope "Bette" and "Joan" are reading this!]

And speaking of "Bette" and "Joan". Our two favorite Pima County "windbags" are seeking a higher, and the same; elected office. Sources tell me that the two are waiting to see which one will blink first and back off! [Yes, a sequel to "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane"!]

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Spokane County Corner Blames Gays For Rape And Murder Of 9-Year-Old

SPOKANE, WA - Dr. Dexter Amend, Spokane County Coroner in Washington State, has invoked Gays and child molestation stereotypes by blaming the sexual abuse and murder of a nine year old girl on homosexuals because an autopsy showed the victim had been sexually molested, including sodomized.

"She's been sodomized over and over and sodomy is a homosexual act, it is," said Dr. Amend, an elected official. "To have everybody think homosexuality is okay is a bunch of baloney. I don't care what the political ramifications are on this. It's a horrible, unbelievable thing that this child went through and they (homosexuals) destroyed her life."

His comments have outraged local human rights commission members and Gay and Lesbian citizens in Spokane and nationwide, and have called into question Dr. Amend's ability to perform his job as a medical official. The controversy has also stirred up scrutiny of homophobia and AIDSphobia in the medical professional in general.

The body of young Rachel Carver was found near the Spokane River. The girl's disappearance and murder has shocked the local community. Police arrested her uncle, Jason Wickenhagen, who confessed to the killing. The autopsy indicated the girl had been beaten to death and repeatedly sexually assaulted. Local television news reported that court records show Rachel's father, uncle and her mother's boyfriend are all suspected of molesting her over the years.

Although there is no evidence whatsoever that Rachel Carver was ever abused by a homosexual, Dr. Amend took the opportunity of releasing his autopsy report to condemn Gays and blame them for the spread of AIDS.

Dr. Amend's comments, as reported by local television and local newspapers, include: "It's a crime that we don't expose the homosexual community, and it is not just a simple, aberrant sexual activity. It is significant when it takes in innocent minds like the Carver gal.

"I think it (homosexuality) is an aberrant sex activity that is permitted by the thoughts and sensations that are associated with the sex act that drive people to do, abnormal things and animalistic things and as a result bring about cancers and death on the part of the recipients and the active individuals."

Until now, nobody has ever blamed or linked the death of Rachel Carver to homosexuality or AIDS.

Reaction to Dr. Amend's remarks was swift.

Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said, "Dr. Amend's bigoted and unconscionable comments are revolting, medically unsound and dangerous. He is fueling an environment of harassment and violence and has endangered the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual citizens of Spokane. His poisonous prejudice and erroneous "facts" prevent him from serving the health and medical well being of his community. We call on citizens of Spokane, the scientific and health professions, and all people of conscience to stop this medical monstrosity."

The Spokane Human Rights Commission (SHRC) has called for Dr. Amend's resignation, saying, "Dr. Amend has scapegoated an entire group of people. His comments are personal in nature and devoid of fact. Most sex crimes are not perpetrated by Gays or Lesbians, but by heterosexual males. Homosexuality and pedophilia are not the same thing. The SHRC welcomes the opportunity to help the public distinguish between the myth and reality regarding our Gay and Lesbian neighbors."

Members of the local Gay community are now considering a recall campaign against Amend.

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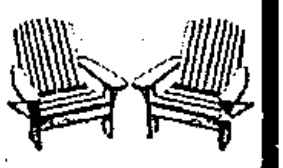

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

CLUB 2520 - Free Country Line Dance Lessons 8-10 p.m. "Flashback Disco with Eddy. Disco from 70s, 80s & 90s, 9 to 1.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

CLUB 2520 - Men's Night - 50¢ draft and 50¢ schnapps shots. "Techno/Disco Mania with Stefan 9-1.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

CLUB 2520 - "Girlesque" with Raven, Holly Boo, Electra Bleu, Candy Plastique and Cammi Devaine. 9:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Special Octoberfest Beer Bust and Bratwurst Bar-B-Que hosted by Scott Hawkins and Ricky Norman 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.. Proceeds go to IBT's UofA Scholarship Fund. (Scholarship applications due Oct. 31. Available at BGALA offices, Wingspan and IBT's).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

CLUB 2520 - Monday Night Football with Wrangler Bob in the Electric Saguaro Grill Bar 6-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

CLUB 2520 - "Cumbia Caliente" with Jaime 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. $1.50 Coronas & $2.00 Cuervo shots all night.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

IBT'S - The Ghoulie Show! 9:00 p.m. A "Halloween Spooktacular" hosted by Elvira, Mistress of the Dark. Starring Helena Bubbles, Kristen and special guest Angelica West.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

IBT'S - Special Halloween Underwear Nite. Prizes and surprises. 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

IBT'S - 4th Annual Black and White Ball. Costume prizes.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

IBT'S - Halloween Studio Theme Party 7:00 p.m. Food, fun, prizes and special surprises. Watch for upcoming ad.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

IBT'S - Traditional Halloween costume Party. Prizes and surprises. Contest judging 10:30 p.m.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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. Free.

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 and IBT's.

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.

As part of a "Week Without Violence" which is being sponsored nationally by YWCA, Desert Voices will take part in a "Celebration of Diversity":, an event sponsored by the Eliminating of Hate Crimes Committee. The celebration will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Northw3st Neighborhood Center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue. Come support our Gay and Lesbian community chorus. Other entertainment will include story telling, gospel singing, rap and rock music. Desert Voices willentertain fom 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Cronies Social Club - Train Trip from Benson Southward. Cal 742-1273 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 G/L 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 Les 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

Cronies 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 Les' house. The vampire has a male helper who seems awfully familiary with his pal. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guess always welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Tucson G/L Hiking Club will hike to rincon Peak in the Rincon Mountains. A very difficult, but beautiful, isolated trail to the peak round trip 16 miles with an elevation gain of 4,200 feet. Group will depart at 6:30 a.m. Write P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

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

FRI-SAT-SUN, OCT. 27-28-29

Desert Diamond Casino Halloween Invitational Bowling Tournament (HITT), Golden Pin Lanes.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Free, anonymous HIV testing at Wingspan 422 N. 4th Ave. 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

HITT Bowling Tournament Halloween Carnival and Costume Ball begins at 9:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn University Ballroom, 1601 N. Oracle. Admission $2.00. Organizations and clubs are encouraged to set up games and booths to make money for your cause. No booth/vendor fee charged. Call Mike or Randy at 882-8709 for details.

Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will tackle Rincon peak in the Rincon Mountains. A very difficult hike on the beautiful, isolated trail up to the peak. 4,200 ft. elevation. 6:30 a.m. $3. Write the club at P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) Video Night III, 7:00 p.m. "As Is" at Jerry and Lee's house. It's about a man with AIDS and the man who loves him. Jonathan Hadary was recently in town in person in "Angels In America". 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. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Western Steak Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-8, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8-1

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 5-7:30pm. 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 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 3pm $3 entry fee. Bert Bergers 5-7. Tuff Stuff Toot 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. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moose and Bruce Madness $1.50 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, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music.

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. 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 Cumbia/Salsa Mania & progressive dance music 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 $1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed $3 donation for Shanti. Bud cans $1. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-NRG dance music. 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. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50¢ off well and domestic 8pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 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. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. $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. Corona 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. Karaoke 8pm to close.2

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ shots of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tourney 8pm $2, bar matches 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 $1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.

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

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 Too! 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 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. . GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. 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 50¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backsideopen 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 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 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $5 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon, Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Colatas $3 Dance Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. 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 & Bagels w/$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! Opens at 8:30pm.

Gingrich's Sister Criticizes His Views On Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Candace Gingrich, the Lesbian sister of the House speaker, marked "National Coming Out Day" by addressing a rally at the Capitol and asserting that her brother's view on anti-Gay discrimination laws put him "in the minority."

Ms. Gingrich, who has been on a 51 city tour for the Human Rights Campaign, attracted some media attention. The group urges all Gay men and Lesbians to tell people about their sexual orientation in hopes of ending discrimination.

After her speech, reporters asked about her brother.

"I happen to know that he's in the minority," she replied. "I know that the majority of Americans do not want to see Gays and Lesbians in our country discriminated against."

Gingrich, R-Ga., has said that school programs that deal with Gays and Lesbians may be thinly veiled efforts to recruit homosexuals, and has rejected the idea of passing a law protecting homosexuals from job discrimination."

Maine Gays Seek Help To Defeat Anti-Gay Initiative

In less than 30 days, Maine voters will decide the outcome of a statewide anti-Gay ballot measure that threatens Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Americans everywhere.

Well funded national anti-Gay groups are funneling resources into Main to support the discriminatory measure. The initiative was specially designed by anti-Gay extremists to resist the kind of court challenges currently facing Colorado's Amendment 2. If it passes, they intend to clone it and bring it to states throughout out the country.

It is critical that you act immediately to help fair minded folks in Maine defeat the anti-Gay initiative, which will appear on the state's November 7 election ballot. The initiative would single out Lesbian and Gay people for discrimination and exclude us from equal participation in the democratic process.

Portland is currently the only place in Maine that includes Gay people in its non-discrimination law; federal and Maine state civil rights laws do not protect people from being fired or otherwise discriminated against merely for being Lesbian or Gay. If passed, Ballot Measure One would overturn the law in Portland and prohibit Maine from ever including sexual orientation in its non-discrimination laws.

Ballot Measure One is this year's only statewide anti-Gay initiative. Last year, Americans were threatened with such measures in ten states. 1994 voters rejected all of them, after much hard work by equal rights supporters. What happens in Maine this year will affect all Lesbian and Gay Americans.

Maine Won't Discriminate is the statewide coalition working to defeat the anti-Gay ballot measure, and it needs your help immediately. Current polls show that the vote could go either way, so your support today can make a difference.

YOU CAN HELP IF YOU ACT NOW!

Make you contribution right now. Every penny will go directly toward defeating the state's anti-Gay ballot measure. Call in your donation by Visa or MasterCard at (207) 761-1555, or make out your check to "Maine Won't Discriminate" and send it to: Maine Won't Discriminate Action Funds, POB 11061, Portland, ME 04104.

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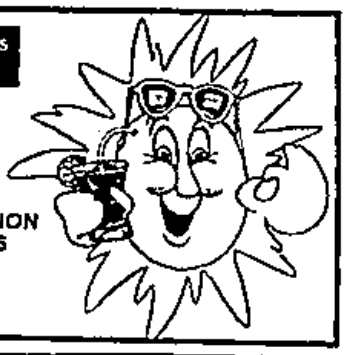

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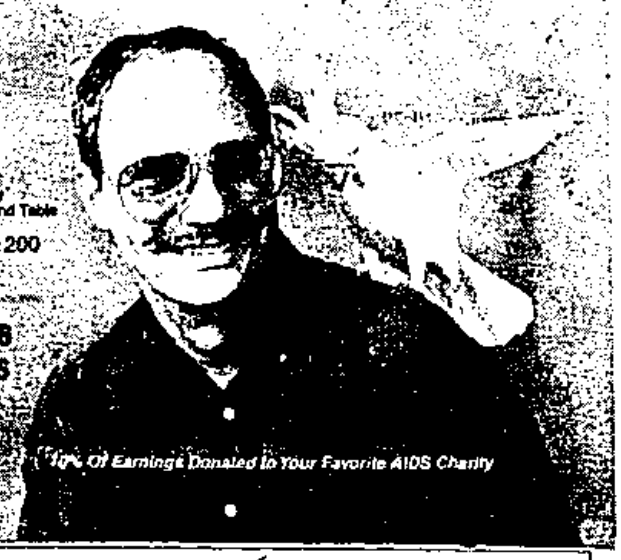

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Viewpoint

by S. Alexandra

"Hello Out There"

As I promised, here I am again. Since my last article, many things have happened. But one thing, I had hoped for, still hasn't transpired. I'm speaking of others, like myself, who have something to say, but have yet to express it.

I wish to thank all of the "family" members who read my first article, and expressed their feeling regarding it. You asked me to continue, so here I am.

I wish to personally acknowledge Bob Ellis and Gary Clark, and give them my thanks, for pictures of others in my group, Crossdressers, TO's, TS's, and TG's, and let them know I appreciate their help and support.

We are beginning to receive some recognition, and as my first article was titled, "A Single Step", now we are going to continue taking others.

OUToberFEST was a great opportunity, and with the mayor of Tucson, adding his, and the city's support, to make us all feel a little safer and more accepted, I would like to see more of the entire family, Gay, Lesbian, Bi and my own group, come out, and present a united front to the city of Tucson, and show them we are all people too, who just want the right to live our lives as we have always wanted, without having to walk in fear of losing our homes, jobs, and yes, losing our lives. Straight or Gay, we yet need to learn one very, all important thing, that could truly result in, peace on Earth, good will towards all people, and that is, to Love One Another.

If all our family would united and pull together, we could achieve many wonderful things.

I wish to acknowledge a new support group, that has just recently announced itself, and is now in the notice section of The Observer. If you feel it is what you might be looking or, I urge you to give them a call.

It is called "Evolvere" and is a Transgendered support group, that is just getting started.

As I have stated before, I love the "family", that I have become a part of, and I feel this love continuously growing. I want to thank all of you, for taking me in, I'm home at last.

Please help my work continue, by adding your own comments in The Observer, and let's all be proud of who we are, and all we are becoming.

Hello out there, come out and join us.

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Club 2520 for the gas grill. IBT's for the VCR. HOURS for the mountain bike. Stonewall/Eagle for the Boom Box. Ain't Nobody's Biz for the 35MM Camera.

There were additional contributors of prize items to the raffle:

Moose for Club 2520 for his donation of the "Men of Moose" picture. Jungle Red Gifts for their donation of the Kat Clock and Watch. Blue Coyote Productions for their donation of the tickets to Romanovsky & Phillips. The Invisible Theatre for the two tickets to a production. SALOC for the two tickets to any production (See article for winning numbers).

Special thanks to Stonewall/Eagle, IBT's, Club 2520, Ain't Nobody's Biz, and HOURS for allowing fund raising events in their bars.

Special thanks goes out to Larry Moore, a.k.a. Lucinda Holliday for donating the proceeds from the Miss Gay Latina '95 Pageant which was held the first Sunday of Gay Pride Week in June. In addition to that pageant proceeds, Raven/Parker Productions donated an additional $50.00. Thank you Raven! Proceeds from the Miss Carousel '95 "Closet Ball" Pageant held the following Sunday, ending Gay Pride Week were also donated with an additional challenge from Stuart and Crystal Abrams of $100.00. Thanks to you two, you are both very special people in my life.

Lastly, thanks to you, the Tucson Gay Community for all your support. For without you coming out to support these events, we would have raised $0. You all need to be very proud of yourself.

I wish to thank one more group of people. They are the Board Committee members and volunteers of TLGA., that put OUToberFEST '95 together. Without the hard work and dedication of these f individuals we would not have had a picnic this year. George and I are very proud to have served with these very fine people.

Sincerely, Misti Malone
Miss Gay Pride '95-96

SPORTS

Tucson Desert Coyotes Bowling League Week 5

TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINS
Rubber Queens	12.5	3.5	6959
Tres Amigos	12.0	4.0	7072
Noizy Poizons	10.5	5.5	6894
Team 12	10.0	6.0	6952
Pin Me Down	10.0	6.0	5183
Two Tall/Wide	9.0	7.0	6892
2 Peas & A Pod	9.0	7.0	6766
IIITT'ers	7.0	9.0	6666
Triple T	6.0	10.0	6936
Baker's Dozen	6.0	10.0	6745
Stray Cats	5.0	11.0	6652
Team 1	5.0	11.0	6523
Seaweeds	5.0	11.0	4976
Team 9	3.0	13.0	4959

Average - Men, Jeffrey T. 190. Women, Regina P., 140.

Game - Scratch - Men, Tom T., 246. Women, Regina P. 186. Team, Baker's Dozen, 561. Handicap - Men, Tom T., 270. Women, Elaine K., 239. Team, Baker's Dozen, 666.

Series - Scratch - Men, Jeffrey T., 590. Women, Regina P., 481. Team, Triple T, 1568. Handicap - Men, Patrick F., 724. Women, Elaine K., 647. Team, Rubber Queens, 1844.

Play Safe!

Tucson Lambda Lizards Bowling League Week 6

TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINS
Ooh Sh*t	15.0	5.0	14238
Looney Tunes	12.0	8.0	14222
Pigs R Us	12.0	8.0	14105
Too Much	8.0	12.0	13979
PACT Rats	8.0	12.0	13631
High Rollers	5.0	15.0	13803

Average - Men, Jack S., 187. Women, Jackie M., 154.

Game - Scratch - Men, Max V., 235. Women, Jackie M., 199. Team, Too Much, 815. Game - Handicap - Men, Max V., 275. Women, Michelle H., 240. Team, Looney Tunes, 1045.

Series - Scratch - Men, Jack S., 589. Women, Jackie M., 514. Team, Ooh Sh*t, 2347. Handicap - Men, Edward C., 660. Women, Michelle H., 642. Team, Looney Tunes, 2957.

Shootin' Around Town Pool Tourney Results

by Wayne Steele

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

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HOROSCOPES

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Renegade retrograde Mercury goes "direct" this week at about the same time that aggressive Mars "conjuncts" volcanic Pluto. What the heck does all of this mean? Possibly that while we can finally communicate without twisting our tongues, our directed words create a powerful, unstoppable avalanche of change. Change is often good, although it may not feel that good while it's all coming down. Read ahead to see how these three stooges create a mountain in your landscape.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

When you can finally get the words right with partners, you may be amazed at how fiery the sexual part of relationship can become. Gay Rams are proud folk; sometimes too proud to let down their guard and express their true feelings. Express away, dear Aries, and see how a few kind words will stoke the passion. Things may never be the same between the two of you!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you have been laboring under stressful conditions at work, relief is only a few days away when Mercury goes direct and puts all projects back on track. The Mars/Pluto conjunction puts the spotlight on relationships. Are major changes part of the plot line? Your actions here will set a course of change in how you relate to others on a one-to-one basis. Set the course in the right direction.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You can charm the pants off just about anyone now that Mercury goes direct. Romance, creative thinking and just plain fun is in store for all of you pink Twins. Work, on the other hand, goes through some fairly dramatic changes with the conjunction of Mars and Pluto. Never fear dear Gemini; sometimes we need to plow through and upend the landscape in order to sweeten the soil for future planting.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Mercury now settles some old familial scores; relatives will have to adjust to your lifestyle choices. Thankfully, that lessens the stress at home. Spice that good news with the Pluto/Mars conjunction. It's the perfect time to combine home with entertaining. Crabs love the warmth and protection of their pink shells. You will love it event more with a few pals around for laughs and affirmation.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions bellow with confidence now that Mercury has gone direct. Your words pack a punch my friend, so roar for the rainbow in a big way. The Mars/Pluto face off creates a few changes around the house, so be prepared. If the pipes burst because you plugged up the drain, don't despair; it may lead to surprising renovations and changes that will make you happy in the long run.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Thank goodness for Mercury's change of course! You'll be able to get your finances in order and clearly see what you need to do to prepare for the big "R" (that's retirement, sweetheart.). If you have some criticizing to do (what self respecting, proud Virgo doesn't?) understand that the Pluto/Mars conjunction will amplify your sentiments and create an avalanche or change. Once you harp, you can't change the tune.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Diplomatic Libras get the opportunity to set the record queer once and for all when Mercury goes direct. You are the center of attention and you can pave the path for all of us now with some well chosen words to the right folks. This may also be rewarding monetarily because the Mars/Pluto conjunction impacts your finances. Seek an agent darling and demand a percentage of the gross.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If you imagination has been a little off kilter, chalk it up to the renegade Mercury. Now however, you find your intuition a little better tuned to the music so feel the dance, as it were. Mars and Pluto conspire to place you squarely in center stage with a bazooka. Fire away proud Scorp! Your first impression will surely be a lasting one so make sure you are wearing clean underwear.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

All that foul and fetid baggage in your closet will explode on the scene, if Mars and Pluto have anything to say about it. Good thing too, dear Archer. You've tried to stuff it all away to the detriment of your true happiness and piece of mind. Thankfully, Mercury is there for you if you need to talk to a friend or find a social outlet. You express yourself adequately and get the support you need.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Wise, careful Gay Goats needn't fear for their professional future. With Mercury direct, it's possible to correct flagrant utterances of the past weeks and bandage the wound with authority figures. What you may find is that the Mars/Pluto conjunction changes the framework of friendships. You'll finally get what you need from the social dynamic and make a few necessary changes along the way.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Expand your mind and take your act on the road. At last the direct Mercury provides you with an accurate roadmap. You know what you want to experience and have the wherewithal to find it. The Mars/Pluto face off creates a few volcanic changes professionally. Good thing too; sometime you need to shake up the structure to see who falls to the bottom and who stands firm.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Just ask, dear Pisces and you shall have. Mercury goes direct and makes your appeal more appealing sexually. It is also an excellent time to seek therapy an delve deeply into buried roadblocks that prevent you from living proudly out and about. The Mars/Pluto conjunction suggests that travel may have tremendous and enduring impact on your life. Study, experience and thrive!

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NOTICES

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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 COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information. Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for 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 OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, 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 Mostly Books, 1001 N. Wilmot.

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"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call *Rich*, 318-0540 Tucson.

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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. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

PACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-2710 for info.

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Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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 drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist 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. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians 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 Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

LESBIAN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Jental available at Antigone's Books.

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"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.

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

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 almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter.558

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LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL THERAPY GROUP now forming at UMC Department of Psychiatry. This is a general process group, open to all interested. For a free individual interview, call Randy Brazie, M.D. at 626-6254. 580

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 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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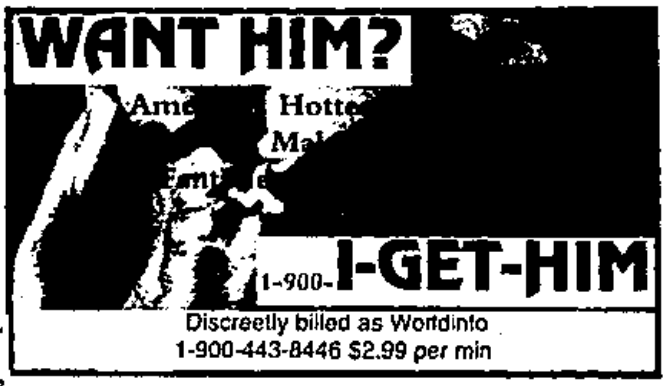

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AIDS Walk '95 Sets Records

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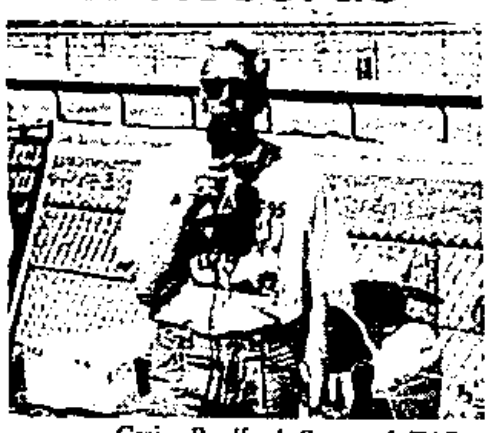
of PACT said, "AIDSWALK '95 was my first Walk in Tucson. I was very pleased with the diversity of the participants. It was especially gratifying to see the number of under 18 year old walkers. To me this meant that this event was causing a lot of AIDS awareness among the younger generation. Next to or equal to the importance of the funds being raised for the local ASOs, is the education of public awareness of AIDS prevention that can result from this type of community. If that awareness causes one person to avoid exposure to the AIDs virus, the event was a success."



Craig Bradford Snow of TAP, announcing the results of AIDSWALK '95.

Hermosa Montessori won the largest School Team Award after its 70-member team raised $3,286 for AIDS Walk '95.

A member of the Desert Diamond Casino accepting the Best Affiliated Team trophy after raising $3,895

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- because your partner says she is sorry or ashamed afterwards does not change the harm done or the danger you may be in.
- no one *ever* deserves to be verbally, physically or sexually assaulted.
- what is done in the privacy of the home must be agreeable with both people.
- you are free to manage your own life and ask for the help and support that you need.

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