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HRC National Political Convention Endorses President Bill Clinton

by Mark R. Kerr

CHICAGO, IL - The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), one of the largest national Gay and Lesbian organizations, held their annual national convention, this past week in the city where the Democrats will hold their national convention next week. The HRC was broadcast on the C-Span cable network.

Many dignitaries, celebrities, openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials were present at the convention:

Candace Gingrich, Harvey Fierstein, Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-WI, Rev. Troy
Perry of MCC, Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, actress Judith Light, pro-golfer Muffin Spencer-Devlin, Chastity Bono, Amanda Bearse "Married With Children," Sean Sasser of MTV's "Real World," California State Assembly person, Sheila Kuehl, Mitchell Anderson "Party of Five," were present and spoke before the delegation.

Gay and Lesbian candidates, like Rick Zbur, whose running for Congress, and former candidates, such as Dale McCormick, who ran for Congress from Maine, spoke to the body.

The delegates considered many issues at the gathering. One of which was whether to endorse a presidential candidate in the upcoming election. The HRC voted to endorse the reelection bid of President Bill Clinton, despite his stand on the Defense of Marriage Act.
Elizabeth Birch, HRC Executive Director, said Clinton was the "best choice for the presidential campaign, who happens to already be in the White House."

Here are the highlights from the HRC meeting:

HUD Secretary, Henry Cisneros spoke to the body, and spoke of how the Clinton administration had raised federal funding for housing programs for PWA's by three-times the amount in 1992, from $49 million to $186 million.

Chastity Bono, activist and writer for The Advocate, praised HRC's work during the 1992 presidential election and subsequent elections.

Candace Gingrich, HRC spokesperson, talked about the importance of voting, and stressing to the delegates that they must spread the word about voting. Gingrich then introduced Rev. Troy Perry of MCC.

Perry preached to the delegates that if any of them had voted for Pat Buchanan that "they would die and go to Hell!" Perry went on to urge the delegates to give to the next generation, "Hope, healing and Heaven!"

Elizabeth Birch, HRC Executive Director talked about how Gays and Lesbians should do for the upcoming campaign, "seize the moment, raise money, organize and get out the vote." Birch said if they did this, "we'll win." Birch ended her address by saying, "The United States is a great nation, and we deserve everything it can offer."

Senior White House Advisor, George Stephanpoulos praised the HRC for their political activity. He said of the group that "They have opened the door to freedom for Lesbian and Gay Americans." Stephanpoulos praised HRC for their endorsement.

In a videotaped address, President Bill Clinton, accepted the endorsement of HRC. Clinton went on to talk about his accomplishments during his term as president.

Elizabeth Birch ended the convention, by urging delegates to work for liberty and justice for all.

Air Force Major Cleared Of Lesbian Sex Allegation

SAN ANTONIO, TX (AP) - A military jury has acquitted an Air Force major of having Lesbian sex.

Major Debra Meeks, had been charged with sodomy for allegedly carrying on a Lesbian relationship over a two-year period with civilian Pamela Dillard.

The five-man, two-woman jury deliberated for seven hours before acquitting her of the sex charge as well as the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer, which was filed after Dillard said Meeks had threatened her with a gun.

After hearing the verdict, Meeks put her head in her hands and slumped in her chair. Then defense lawyer Michael Tigar put his arm around her and she hugged him.

"This is a proud day for justice in the military," Tigar said. "Major Debra Meeks had the courage to refuse to accept an offer to plead guilty to something she did not do."

With tears in her eyes, she emerged from the courthouse, and said, "I'm just glad this nightmare is over. My dog is at home and I'd really like to go home to my dog."

CBA Business Fair Smashing Success

TUCSON - The Community Business Association (C.B.A) is Tucson's Gay networking organization among Gay owned or Gay-friendly businesses in the Old Pueblo. The group held its first Trade Fair last Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Double Tree Hotel. Nearly 40 booths were set up by members showing off their particular service or product. CBA now boasts nearly 100 members after less than one year in operation.

Shown above is CBA President Greg Hollman (r) at the microphone announcing winning numbers for the 25 plus door prizes that were given away during the evening's festivities. Mayor George Miller gave a short talk at the beginning of the evening and the large roving audience was later entertained by a great performance from Desert Voices.

Persons interested in joining the Community Business Association may call 793-9272 for more information about the groups meeting times.

Tucson Man Claims Denied Seat On Sun-Tran Bus For Wearing Gay Pride T-Shirt

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON - A man, wearing a TLGA Pride T-shirt was allegedly denied a seat on a Sun-Tran bus, solely because of the shirt.

According to the gentleman, Scott Young, in an exclusive interview, he had tried to get on the Route #3 bus, at the 22nd & Wilmot stop, Monday, August 12, around 10 o'clock in the morning. Young was alleged stopped by the bus-driver, described as an African-American gentleman in his 50's, with salt and pepper hair. He had planned to the bus back to his house, which is along the route.

Young said he had initially felt there was a problem with his bus transfer pass. Young's primary mode of transportation is the Sun-Tran bus. It wasn't the pass Young would soon find out.

Scott Young went on, he stated that a heated discussion allegedly followed, with Young repeatedly asking why he could not board the bus. Young said the bus driver kept saying, "Just because!" According to Young, he then pressed the issue with the driver, who then said it was solely because of the shirt Young was wearing.

Scott Young said he was allegedly wearing the 1996 TLGA "Pride Without Borders" T-shirt that he had purchased the night before. Young pressed the bus driver about what was wrong with the shirt, but according to Scott, the bus driver declined to answer.

So being rebuffed by the bus-driver, Young stated he walked to the next bus-stop, located at Fifth Street and Craycroft, and boarded another bus, "without a problem. Scott Young said he's filed a complaint with Sun Tran, the City of Tucson, and plans to file a complaint with the Human Relations Commission over the potential violation of the City's anti-discrimination ordinance.

When reached by this reporter, the Chair of the Tucson Human Relation's Commission, Dolores Fife, expressed her surprise that such an incident could take place. She added that the commission will look into the matter, if it comes to them. The Commission is the final arbitrator if a resolution to problems can't be reached.

Tucson City Attorney, Tom Berning, would not officially comment on the case, but said to this reporter that a full investigation has been launched. The Director of the City's Transportation Department, Benny Young, did not return several phone calls.

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Tucson Community Forum August 21: 'Management of HIV Infection 1996'

TUCSON - A community forum, "The Management of HIV Infection 1996" will take place, Wednesday, August 21, 6 to 9 P.M. The location of the discussion is St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 West St. Mary's Road, Century Room on the first floor.

Dr. Kevin Carmichael, MD, El Rio Special Immunology Associates, and Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, MD, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center/Special Immunology Program will be the featured speakers. Moderating the program will be David Hoover, CISW, Program Manager for HIV & STD, Pima County Public Health.

Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Goldsmith will briefly review the current state of HIV management and advances from the recent International AIDS Conference in Vancouver. David Hoover will then moderate an open discussion.

This event is sponsored by Abbott Labs, in conjunction with PACT for Life, Shanti Foundation and Tucson AIDS Project.

Wingspan Gallery Watercolor Exhibit

TUCSON - The Wingspan Gallery will present an exhibition of water-colors by Suzy Forevermore. The exhibits will open September 7, at the Wingspan Gallery.

An artists reception will follow where refreshments will be served. Call 624-1779 for gallery hours.

KXCI Airs Gay/Lesbian Weekly News Magazine

TUCSON - Community Radio KXCI, 91.3 FM has begun broadcasting the award-winning weekly news magazine, "This Way Out."

The program airs Wednesday's, from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M., and is a internationally-distributed programs by and for Gays and Lesbians. It's produced by Overnight Programs of Los Angeles.

"'This Way Out'" is a quality program which impressed me," says Joe Vincenzi, KXCI program director. "We thought it would serve our audience well. It complements the diversity of programs we offer."

The program includes a weekly summary of the major news events in or affecting the Lesbian/Gay community. The show also features interviews, feature stories, AIDS updates, media criticism, humor, and a variety of other features.

The program features Greg Gordon, Lucia Chappele, Cindy Friedman and Brian Nunes.

Shanti Benefit Concert Sept. 21

TUCSON - You are a cordially invited to a classical guitar concert, featuring Roberto Capocchi.

The concert takes place, Saturday, September 21, 7:30 P.M., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 545 S. Fifth Avenue. A reception, located at 222 East 14th Street, follows the concert.

Tickets are $10, with proceeds going to the Shanti Foundation. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance at the Shanti Foundation, 300 East Sixth Street.

For more information call the Shanti Foundation at 622-7107.

Gunderson Says Newt Warned Of 9th Term

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - U.S. Representative Steve Gunderson revealed the reason he decided not to seek another term in office: he said the Republican leadership told him they didn't want an openly Gay man to be a committee chair.

Gunderson, an eight-term Representative from Wisconsin, told T.V. reporters that House Speaker Newt Gingrich said some Republican leaders objected to Gunderson taking the position of chair of the House Agriculture Committee "because it somehow legitimized homosexuality."

According to reports, Gunderson said Gingrich summoned him and delivered a warning two weeks ago. "Steve, I just want you to know that if you run, the conservatives are going to run a major independent expenditure against," he quoted Gingrich as saying.

Gunderson had announced he was going to retire several months ago. However, he began exploring the possibility of reentering the race after the death of Rep. Bill Emerson put in line to head the agriculture panel if Republicans retain control of Congress.

Peer Counseling Excellent Weapon In War Against HIV

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) - Peer-led educational programs offer the best environment for reducing high-risk behavior among young Gay men, according to a University of California-San Francisco study published in the August issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

AIDS researchers, educators, and activists have expressed alarm about high rates of unprotected anal intercourse between young Gay and Bisexual men for the past several years. When HIV-infection rates among men under 25 spiked again in the early 90's, new youth outreach programs became an urgent priority.

The study involved 242 Gay and Bisexual men ages 18 to 27 participating in eight-month HIV-prevention programs in Santa Barbara, California and Eugene, Oregon. The programs were run by Gay men primarily in their twenties in a discussion group setting. Researchers interviewed the subjects twice before the program began and twice at its close.

Two months after the program had ended, researchers reported a 26 percent reduction in unprotected anal sex with casual partners and a 28 percent reduction with long-term partners. One year later, while many participants again began having unsafe sex with their boyfriends, most continued to practice safer sex with casual partners.

Susan Keagels told local reporters that since "new young men will continue to come out as Gay each year, it is critical that there be an ongoing system to socialize them about the need for safer sex." She said additional efforts need to focus on safe sex within Gay relationships.

Ron -

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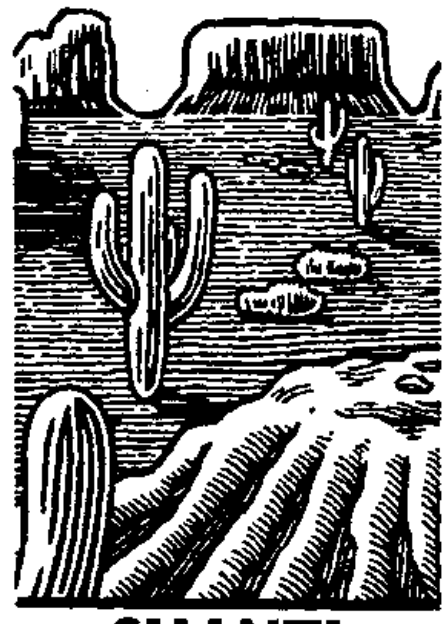

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POLITICS 1996

By MARK R. KLEIN

"All Right, Just Throw Up Your Legs And Slouch!"

"Rah, rah, rah! It's a commercial break!" A statement that can now describe politics, especially after closing notices were posted for the "Elephant Infomercial" last week after its dull, four-day run. Whoopie!

The Republicans finished their little soiree in San Diego last week. As expected, yawn, they nominated for President, Bob Dole of Kansas. They picked a man who witnessed John Brown's insurrection that led to the Civil War. Jack Kemp, a former everything was nominated for first runner-up.

Kemp spoke about football. Yea! He blathered about the good of supply-side economics for (white) America. Kemp went on about more opportunity (for white America) with the GOP in the Big House.

After 45 minutes of this, after rousing cheers forced by the GOP secret police, it was Doles turn. Dorothy's favorite son gave his stock speech, delegates cheered right on cue, the national media, bored by this big "dis-infomercial" gave it a thumbs-up. Dole talked about being the only candidate with values, despite going back on his 35-year record to have that football jock on the ticket. Dole talked about being old is advantageous, and of the values of society back then. Really?

Right, we were called "sodomites," and could be punished by death. Women didn't have the vote or any rights for that matter. America consisted of only 13 states. African-Americans were enslaved. The horse and buggy was the mode of transportation. Those were the days!

With the "Elephant Infomercial" over, "Martin and Lewis" headed off to start their campaign. As usual, their television debacle gave the Elephants a bounce in the 306 opinion surveys taken by practically everyone. The "dream-team" gave their kickoff speech outside the convention center.

Dole and Kemp blathered about themselves. Like we've not heard that! Both Kemp and Dole declared that Bill Clinton and the Democratic Party were, "elitist" and "undemocratic." Huh?

So white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant, males, who happened to be multimillionaires, owners of several homes; anti choice; pro private schools; against workers' rights; for tax cuts for the rich; against Gays and Lesbians together are calling Clinton elitist. Right, and Wal-Mart is opening up in Beverly Hills! The Republicans, with a platform already agreed upon: not allowing elected officials were differing viewpoints, the privilege of speaking; prohibiting other contenders for the GOP nod, despite their lack of delegate totals to speak, or be even nominated, are calling the Democrat's, "undemocratic." Go figure! . . .

Some last notes about the Republican infomercial. House Speaker, convention co-chair, and recluse, Newt Gingrich, declared the Republicans were "free and unified, just like beach volleyball." Cool dude! Gingrich and other Republican leaders restated that GOP was 'the party of the big-tent. Republicans were unified, tolerant, and accepting of all-views. Baloney!

So why then did Newt, and the Republican leadership in the House, go to openly Gay Republican Member of Congress, Steve Gunderson, and urged him not to run again for a ninth-term? [See an accompanying story.] If Gunderson ran and won, he'd be in line to be the next Chair of the House Agriculture Committee. Yes, a Gay Republican in leadership. Gads!

According to Gunderson, Gingrich said this would have the Republicans "legitimizing homosexuality." The Republican's, the big-tent party, just don't have room under the canvas for queer folk! With the result a good man is leaving office. Doesn't make you wonder when Jim Kolbe will get the pink slip? . . .

The Republican's weren't the only group holding a convention/infomercial this past week. Ross Perot's "Cult of Personality" held two gatherings, one in Long Beach, and the other at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to decide who (Ross) will get the (Perot) Reform Party nomination for President. Just a note for those playing the home-game, this whole charade was completely funded by the "Texas Napoleon."

The Reform Party members, a secret-society of 1.5 million were mailed ballots. Party officials touted their system of voting, saying it was better than the two major parties. But guess again! An underwhelming total of 49,000 voted were cast and accepted. Sixty-one thousand votes were invalidated by the accountants.

Well, this past Saturday, at the Valley Forge Travel-Lodge, the results were announced. The winner was . . . Can you guess? If you said the man who has bankrolled this venture, then pass Go and collect $200. The first Perot Reform presidential nominee went to the egomaniacal billionaire, H. Ross Perot. What a shocker!

The Green Party held their national convention and nominated consumer advocate Ralph Nader for President. Nader has promised not to campaign, and ask for contributions, or become a party member. The Arizona Green Party is fighting in court to get Nader's name on the ballot. If unsuccessful, the Green's plan to run a write-in campaign in the state for Nader! Arizonans writing, can it be done? . . .

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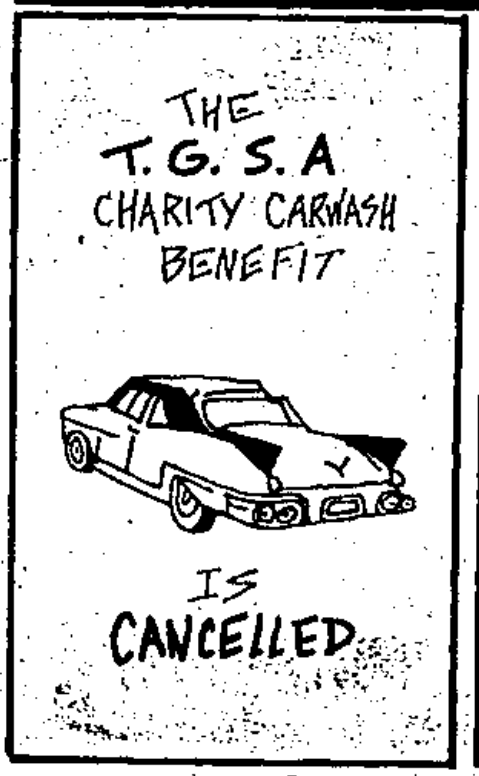

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Gay Rights Leaders Warn Of Political Apathy

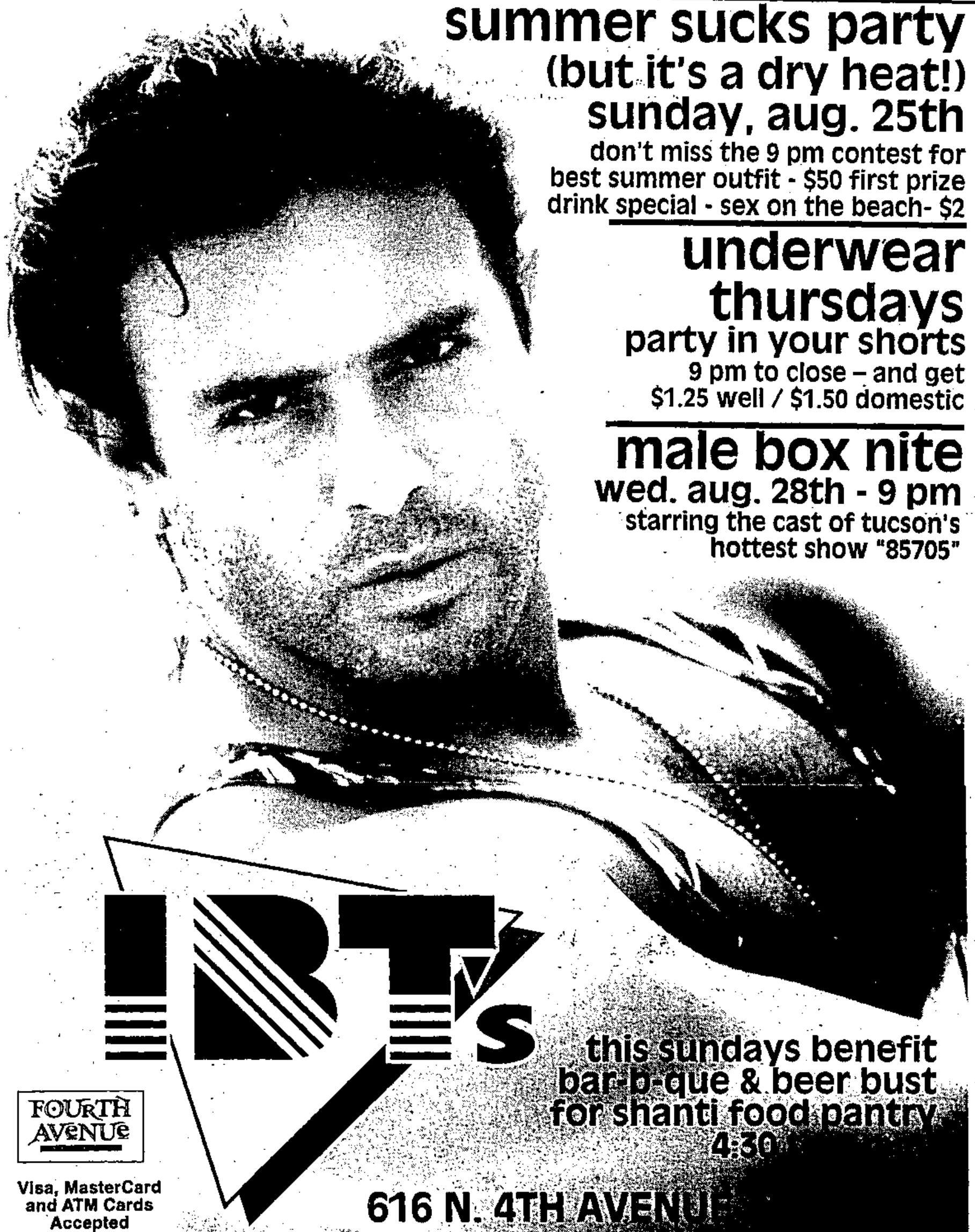
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - With neither the Republicans nor the Democrats likely to do much more than preach tolerance (much less acceptance or support) for Gay and Lesbian Americans, the leaders of Gay organizations fear many in their community will stay away from the polls this November.

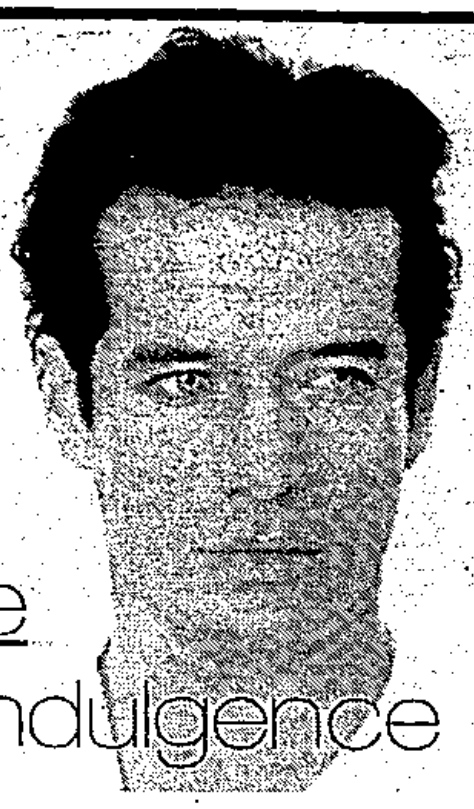
Debate over same-sex marriage has pushed aside discussion of other issues central to the Gay movement, from eliminating job discrimination to expanding resources to combat AIDS, and many Gay leaders say widespread disaffection is spreading in the community. The so-called "Defense of Marriage Act," which would ban federal recognition of Gay marriage, has broad support in the House and Senate, and is supported by both President Clinton and his likely Republican challenger Bob Dole.

"There is no question that President Clinton has alienated many Lesbian and Gay voters through the country," David Smith, communications director of the Human Rights Campaign said in an interview. "But he still has done more than any president in the history of the country to advance civil rights for Gay and Lesbian people."

Clinton's immediate attempt after taking office to ban discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the military backfired, leading to the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise which pleased no one. Since then he has made a number of large and small moves toward expanding civil rights protections to Gay men and Lesbians, but his retreats apparently resonate louder among Gay voters than his advances.

Clinton banned discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the federal bureaucracy outside the military. He ended the practice of denying Gays and Lesbians security clearances and "continues to support" the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. The bill, which would ban job discrimination against Gay men and women in the public sector, awaits congressional action.





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Dear D.,

There are many variables. The type of ring or bar you use will have a big impact. I would start by giving it a test by masturbating with a condom on and trying to break it. Using extra lubricant inside the condom can help and will add to sensitivity as well.

I would ask some perspective bottoms how they feel about insertion of pierced penises inside of them. My real question for you is why do you want the piercing? We are in a piercing frenzy. Is it a fad or some long time passion? I would consult some guys that have them and get the pros and cons.

I haven't seen any documented cases of PA's tearing condoms but that doesn't mean it can't happen. I would avoid extra thin condoms, but the bottom line is if it isn't sharp, there is not much to worry about!

Dear X,

I started drinking to have something to do at the bar, now I drink more and more. I am worried that I am an alcoholic. Signed, Buzzed.

Buzz,

You know yourself better than anyone. Are you an alcoholic? Admitting you have a serious alcohol dependency is the step most people skip between drinking too much and denial.

There are many warning signs; drinking daily, scheduling your activities around alcohol accessibility, drinking alone. Stop drinking for thirty days, if you can't you could be addicted. The chemical dependency is just part of the problem. Are you having a tough time coping and using alcohol to medicate?

This is a very serious concern, and I advise you to seek professional help. Call the GMHP at 622-7107 for a referral or check the sources listed in this paper or at Wingspan. Don't hesitate, writing in was a good start!

Dear X,

I've been dating guys for years with no luck finding a compatible partner. I see a guy I think is cute, but when we start dating it often turns into bad love. Do you have a checklist I can keep in mind to see if a guy is right for me? Sincerely, Match Made in Hell.

Dear Match,

Finding the right guy is a difficult process. There are many intangible qualities that attract us to people. My checklist looks something like this:

Can he make sound decisions? Can he talk about safe-sex? Does he have other interests outside of the bar? Does he have a career he likes? Does he have friends that are together and can be depended on? Does he take care of himself spiritually, mentally and physically? Is he doing the best with his body, clothes and other attributes that show people he likes himself and feels comfortable about his image? Does he have family support in being Gay? Is he out everywhere he can be?

The list is endless I know, but if you can answer all these about yourself, you won't need a checklist to find the right guy, he'll fall into your lap! Get your own house in order, and a relationship can follow. If you are dating guys that constantly disappoint you by being shallow or abusive you may need to do some real, self examination. You may be a good catch and attract bad boys for that reason, or you may be a perfect example of what you don't want. Good luck!

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Jim Kolbe And Me, Part 3

What would have happened if Jim Kolbe had said when coming out, "I am a Gay man, and I have hidden in the closet because I was afraid of what your disapproval would mean to my personal happiness. Now that I am going to be outed anyway, I admit the pain that led me to the closet. I am realizing that it is a good and natural thing that I am Gay. Gay men like me have always contributed mightily to society, hidden in closets because of straight people's homophobia. I hereby express my solidarity with my fellow Gay men, and proudly join the ranks of openly Gay people?" I leave the thought to you.

The Jim Kolbe incident is important because it deals with our public presentation as Gay men. It deals with our social legitimacy. What do young Gay teenagers feel when the media image of an important Gay man in our society is of him being flushed out of the closet like a drenched rat? Does anyone care about them? Or is it just OK, since they're homosexuals anyway, if yet another generation of them kill themselves in massive numbers?

If young Gay people, looking to the media for images of who they are, see Jim Kolbe shamed into admitting he's a Gay man, obviously they imbibe the idea that Gay men are pariahs of some sort. It's plain to anybody that a person who has to hide their love life at all costs from others is not a fully free, self-respecting human being. Internalized homophobia is poison! Closets are not friendly places! They are full of pain and paranoia, self-hatred and self-hiding. Inhabitants of closets are to be shown compassion, not judgment or punishment. The closet is there because of very real forces, the forces of straight people's homophobia. The closet is enforced with strict punishments.

I feel solidarity with Jim Kolbe as my fellow Gay man. I share his pain at the results of homophobia in our lives. I respect him a lot for his Gayness, because I have some idea of the kind of burden it has been for him. Also, since he is from an older generation, the brainwashing he received as a child was probably more intense than mine. So I do not sit in judgment on Jim Kolbe, and least of all because he is Gay.

I can really only talk with authority about my own experience. When my lover was dying, and I felt the existential force of that process, I came out in a big way. Suddenly the vestiges of closetedness in my life felt like a huge dishonor to Barth, and to what we shared. For me to hide my love for him would have been to dishonor him, and the deepest parts of myself. Suddenly, he was dying, and that upped the ante. I no longer felt like a young person, invulnerable and inexperienced. Suddenly I felt very vulnerable, and at the same time called upon for a very mature response to an ultimate situation, his death. These are the kind of things that you have to answer to yourself for later, and I knew it. I couldn't help him die and play the games of the closet; I didn't have enough energy for both. Hiding from others suddenly seemed stupid, unbearably petty, and a wound to my natural self-respect.

Suddenly I realized that, with respect to my parents, I had to say, "My Gayness is an issue only because you have an issue with it! I don't agree that Gay is shameful or bad, and if you have a problem with it, I'll work with you on it, but I won't spare you my Gay self just because you don't like it. I like my Gay self, and as an adult man who can make his own decisions, I don't agree that my being open about my sexual orientation is bad, shameful, or disgusting."

The clincher for me was, suddenly I could say, at least to myself, "I am an adult man whose spouse is dying, handling it as best I can." Suddenly I felt authorized in some sense to speak out as an equal human being, because of the gravity and spiritual intensity of my situation with Barth. Straight people could no longer say, "You're just a silly faggot, pleasure seeking, unproductive." Coming out completely at that time was the most liberating experience of my life.

Barth died. I did a good-enough job of seeing him through--we loved each other. He gave me a spiritual and sexual legacy that I try to carry on. We suffered together before he died and then I suffered without him after. The grieving made me stronger, but not before leading me through the very pit of hell, the hell of separation from him, and of his annihilation. To make a very long and dramatic story short, I made my peace with Barth and our physical separation after a couple of years, and emerged a stronger, more whole, but still wounded version of who I used to be. I am HIV-negative. Like all people, I have a life to live, now deepened by my experiences with Barth.

Gay love has been a powerful force for me, tragic, comic, intense, human, vivifying, inspiring, silly, absurd communion. I wouldn't trade it for the world. And personally, I wouldn't trade my little world here in Tucson for all of Jim Kolbe's power and wealth, if I had to wound myself or stuff myself to get it. I would like to know Jim Kolbe's real story, of how he has really, in his most private moments, experienced his life. I imagine the pain of loneliness for him is great. Perhaps there is lot of loneliness among us gay men, for want of the assurance that someone else wants to touch our deepest heart. Our deepest heart is uncloseted.

I tell some of my story here, not out of ego, but out of a certain kind of humility. I don't presume to know what Jim Kolbe, or anybody else, should have done. All I really know is what I have experienced. I enjoy having the hard-earned freedom to share my story. There is power for me in sharing my story, in the hopes that it will encourage other Gay man to tell more of their stories.

If we each speak deeply and truthfully about our own experiences, we cannot disagree, but only learn by empathy from each other. To do this, we would have to be open to our pain emerging, trusting that our pain can be held--and healed--by other Gay men. Who we would be if we suffered that process is a beautiful mystery that we can now only glimpse. All I know is that it has something to do with how Barth and I loved each other.

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Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Hola!!! Saludandoles con el mismo ánimo, aunque un poco cansado por el viaje relampago a los pueblos del río Bavispe, y en esta ocación nos tocó celebrar las fiestas de Huasabas; que siguen su tradición y aquí sí se puede decir que "contra viento y marea", por las lluvias que estubieron refrescando y más que refrescando, "remojando" al gran número de bailadores y espectadores durante los bailes tradicionales alrededor de "kiosko" de la plaza principal del mencionado pueblo; y ésta visita al igual que las anteriores, sigue reafirmando los buenos gustos y sobre todo la buena organización con que se cuenta para que los visitantes disfrutemos de la sencillez y de la gran hospitalidad que son características de las gentes de esos pueblos de Huasabas y de Granados; asi es que, tenga presente "Las fiestas de Huasabas" si quiere disfrutar en grande sus próximas vacaciones por lo general son los dias 15 al 18 de agosto de cada año, "ojalá" tengamos oportunidad el año siguiente...

Y hablando de vacaciones.... nuestro amigo Ernie Pérez anda disfrutando del calorcito de Puerto Peñasco en sus muy merecidas vacaciones y ya nos traerá alguna información porque lleva en su agenda el de enlazar algunos contactos con el grupo "Amigos" de aquel puerto, pero lo que sí me comentó es que ya tiene algunas inscripciones para el concurso de Miss Gay Hispanidad '96 que está patricinando Salud es Poder; para el día 15 de septiembre en el Stonewall, también Ernie nos comenta que ya tiene la confirmación sobre la participación de los amigos que vendrán de diferentes ciudades, siendo los de: Nogales Arizona, Nogales Sonora, Douglas Arizona, Agua Prieta Sonora, Hermosillo Sonora, Guaymas Sonora (Miss Gay Carnaval '96); y Ciudad Ohregún; quedando por confirmar los amigos que vendrán de Cananea, San Luis Rio Colorado, Phoenix Arizona, Los Angeles CA.y muchos más, lo que le dará la calidad de evento que se tiene programado; lo que sí hay que recordarles, que éstas personas que vienen al evento NO estarán dentro del concurso, a ellos sé les dará un merecido reconocimiento por su solidarización con nuestra ciudad y nuestros amigos, pero el concurso será entre los participantes locales, ya que se tiene contemplado que el ganador trabaje y desarrolle eventos dentro de la comunidad local, y desde luego que tendrá oportunidad de viajar y trabajar con los grupos con que Salud es Poder está trabajando a nivel estatal, nacional e internacional, si necesita más información sobre los reglamentos para el concurso comuníquese con Ernie Pérez (322-6226) y lo que se está necesitando son amigos que ofrescan hospedaje a las personas que vendrán al mencionado evento. Este pendiente en las próximas Columna Abierta para más detalles del gran evento!!!...

Y les recuerdo que el día 25 de agosto será la tardeada en The Plug desde las 4:00 p.m. a las 7:00 p.m. a beneficio para Miss Gay Hispanidad '96 donde habrá tacos y tongoneo y luego la fiesta se continuará en el Ain't nobody's Biz con el mejor grupo Transvesti de Arizona EXTASIS a las 10:00 p.m. se les recuerda que se estarán aceptando donaciones. Por allá nos veremos!!!..

La nota de salud para hoy es que la hormona Melatonina, DHEA, Somatotropina es a hormona curalotodo... La clave para frenar el envejecimiento y ciertos males está en la melatonina y otras hormonas humanas, según unos recientes y polémicos hallazgos científicos.

¿Se siente cansado? ¿Tiene además el ánimo por los suelos? ¿Le vence la somnolencia?... No se preocupe; quizá la causa de esta apatía general se deba a que pasa poco tiempo a oscuras. Esto es al menos lo que sugieren las últimas investigaciones encaminadas a desvelar cómo la perturbación de los ciclos naturales de luz y oscuridad impuesta por la vida moderna afectan a nuestro bienestar físico y mental.

Desde hace décadas, los biólogos saben que la síntesis y la liberación de determinadas hormonas vitales coinciden con los denominados ciclos diarios o circadianos, como es el de la vigilia y el sueño. Por otra parte, cada vez es mayor el número de pruebas que confirman que el más leve desajuste en estos precisos mecanismos de relojería hormonal puede desde alterar la personalidad, el estado de ánimo y la libido hasta favorecer la aparición de múltiples enfermedades. Es más, varios especialistas están investigando las posibles aplicaciones terapéuticas de algunos de estos compuestos glandulares en la prevención del cáncer, la diabetes y la obesidad, la lucha contra las infecciones y el retraso del envejecimiento.

La melatonina, la deshidroepiandrosterona(DHEA), la somatotropina u hormona del crecimiento(GH) y otras sustancias hormonales guardan un potencial curativo que va mucho más allá del que hasta ahora se les asignaba. Así, por ejemplo, la somatotropina, además de estimular el crecimiento de los tejidos, podría comportarse como un elixir antienvejecimiento, según varios estudios financiados por el Instituto Nacional de la Vejez estadounidense. Un equipo de investigadores de los Institutos Nacionales de la Salud Mental -NIMH- en Bethesda, Maryland, acaba de hacer públicos los resultados de un estudio realizado con un grupo de voluntarios que fueron sometidos a periodos de 14 horas de oscuridad. Los análisis han revelado una serie de fluctuaciones en la síntesis de prolactina (hormona secretada por la glándula hipofisiaria que es esencial para la lactancia en los mamíferos y el instinto de cría en las aves) que se traducen en una mayor agilidad mental durante el día y un sueño nocturno más profundo. Hay muchos datos para confirmar estos estudios: en el libro " El milagro de la melatonina" publicado hace poco, Pierpaoli y su colega William Regelson señalan que la administración de esta hormona a seres humanos podría fortalecer el sistema inmune contra las infecciones, evitar la degeneración celular, prevenir las enfermedades cardiovasculares, alejar el fantasma de la depresión y la ansiedad e interrumpir el crecimiento de los tumores. Segregada por la glándula pineal o epífisis, la melatonina se vierte siguiendo un ritmo circadiano modulado por el fotoperiodo ambiental o sea, las fases de luz y oscuridad. Estas son percibidas por el ojo, procesadas en el cerebro y enviadas a la glándula, que se activa por la noche y descansa durante el día. Las últimas investigaciones apuntan que los suplementos diarios de melatonina frenan, al menos en animales, algunas patologías. Ahora bien, muchos especialistas advierten a la población sobre el uso y abuso de la melantonina, ya que aún se desconocen sus efectos a largo plazo...

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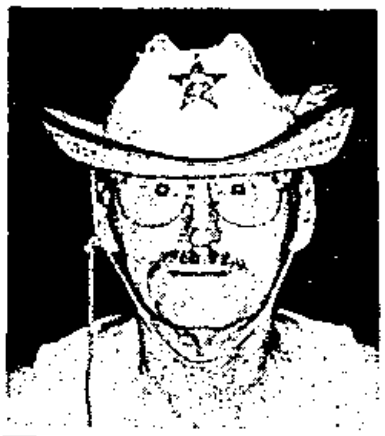

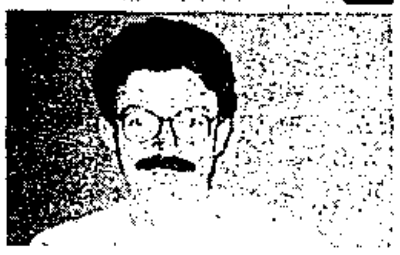

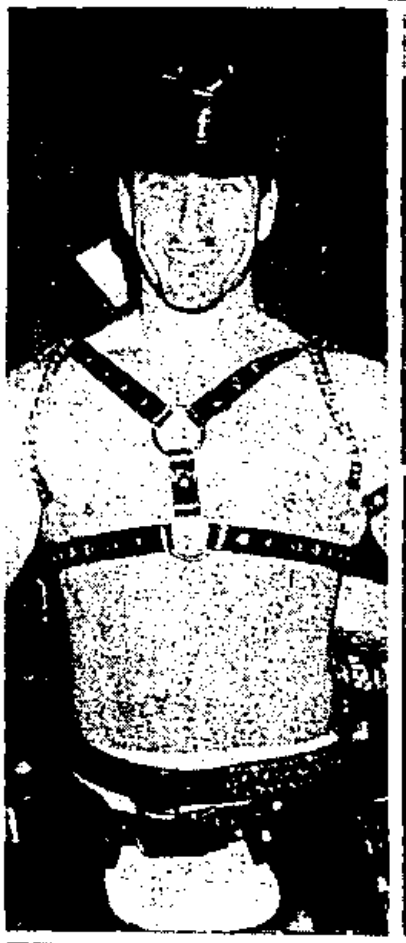

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UPDATE

Gay Church Challenges Rejection By Zoning Board

GREENVILLE, SC (WS) - A decision is expected shortly on a complaint filed by the Metropolitan Community Church against the City of Greenville.

MCC, a predominantly Gay church, was denied a permit by the city for what the zoning board said was a failure to address parking and traffic concerns. It was the first time in the city's history, a church had been denied a zoning permit.

The Greenville parish has undergone severe financial hardship because it has had to continue mortgage payments on the purchased property, while meeting rental obligations to remain in its current space.

Church attorney Suzanne Coe told Circuit Judge Danny Pieper that the only reason the board denied the permit was that the church caters primarily to Gay and Lesbian people. She pointed out that the building had previously used as a church and a school and the zoning board never objected.

Local reports Coe told Judge Pieper that, rather than neighborhood street congestion, "the majority of the testimony [given at the last hearing] against my clients had to do with homosexuality versus morality."

The judge stated during the hearing he would make his decision within ten days.

Another Christian Group Boycotts Disney Over Gay Issues

SPRINGFIELD, MO (AP) - The Walt Disney Company was targeted by another Christian group, citing its "[loss of] commitment to strong moral values" and its "moral shift in a number of Disney-sponsored films and events."

The General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God announced it was urging its 1.4 million members to "refrain from purchasing and supporting (Disney) products or attending their parks."

The 250-member Presbytery specifically criticized a book for teenagers entitled "Growing Up Gay," published by Disney-owned Hyperion Press, and Disney's acquisition of Miramax, which then distributed the movie "Priest," a film about a Gay cleric. The group then attacked the management of Walt Disney World for "allowing" an annual Gay and Lesbian day.

In June, the Southern Baptist Convention also voted to have its 16 million members boycott Disney because the company extends benefits to companions of Gay employees and releases R-rated movies. Earlier in April, the Roman Catholic group Knights of Columbus sold $3 million worth of Disney stock in protest over "Priest."

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Por hoy es todo, hasta la próxima semana, D.M.:

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Gay Pride T-Shirt

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The spokesperson for Sun-Tran, Yika Riley-Smith, said the bus company is investigating the matter, and will not have an official comment until next week. Ward 4 Council member, Shirley Scott, where the incident allegedly took place, was unavailable for comment.

[The Observer will have follow ups in future editions.]

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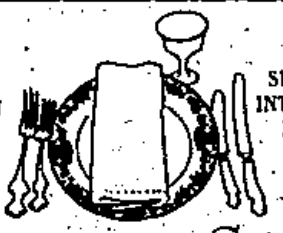

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by JD WRANGLER

Whoa! Another week has gone by, where does the time go? So much has gone on, where do we start. The Board and General Membership meetings were extremely positive. Darrin Land was elected to the position of PR Director and is focusing his sights on building stronger community relations, with the hopeful result of more community involvement in the 1997 Rodeo. Amazing what an aspirin and a Bloody Mary can do.

The membership also elected Lee Nordmark to represent AGRA-Tucson as this year's Grand Marshal. Less has been an AGRA member since 1991 and has sponsored many AGRA-Tucson events. In addition, she has supported the Gay and Lesbian community through ASO's and sporting events. It is time to reward this dedicated support. Thank you for all you have done and accept this honor as gratitude for your support of our Organization and your contribution to our community. Did anyone mention the part about the chicken suit and shaving cream yet?

In other news, charity events are starting as the Road to Royalty begins. Tami Caprice has begun her quest and is representing AGRA-Tucson. Give her your support and keep your eyes open for more candidates as they start their journey. Good luck Tami.

The new and improved Rodeo Program/Souvenir Packets were approved. The Surgeon General, however, has warned that papercuts can result from improper handling. The new design will include a smaller program with souvenir event cards describing each event. Program and souvenir sponsorships are available, but going fast! Contact the AGRA-Tucson hotline or a Board Member for information on getting your place in rodeo history.

AGRA-Tucson recently helped out one of Tucson's ASO's, PACT, by donating a board table, which PACT's Executive Board held a recent meeting around. PACT's Board was very excited over, and grateful to AGRA for the donation.

Upcoming Events: Saturday, August 24 is the Yard Sale at Hours. If you have seen my yard, I need one too! The Yard Sale will take place in Hours' parking lot, from 7:00 A.M. to??? If you have not gotten your donations picked up, call the AGRA-Tucson hotline to arrange it. Stop on by, remember, only seventeen shopping weeks until Christmas.

Sunday, August 25, the PR Cowboy invites one and all to the Venture-N for a barbecue. There will be a PR committee meeting to discuss upcoming events and Darrein would like to appoint a PR Volunteer Chair to coordinate PR volunteers at these activities. If interested, please attend this committee meeting. Until next week, keep yourself sitting high in the saddle and enjoy the ride life has to offer, but above all, be Safe!

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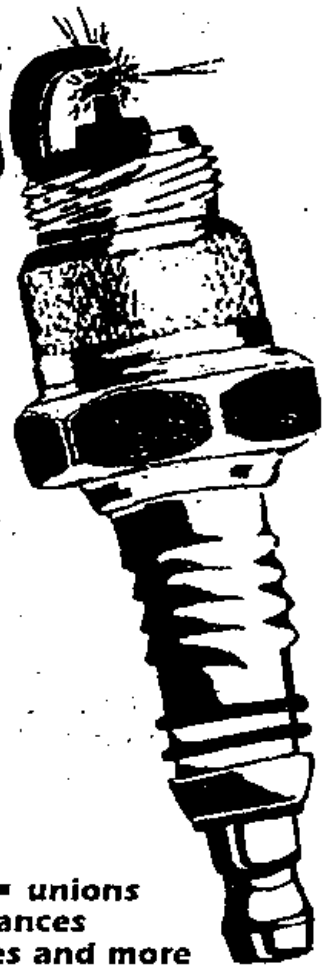

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17-Year-Old Marriage Void As Husband Found To Be A Woman

LONDON, UK (WS) - The British Court of Appeal has pronounced a 17-year-old marriage null and void after a wife discovered her husband was really a woman. The wife's counsel said the relationship was based on a "profound deception."

The couple parented two children, aged 9 and 14, who were conceived through artificial insemination from a donor. The wife said her husband told her he'd had a vasectomy. Court documents reveal he used "an artificial sex aid" during intercourse.

Many unanswered suspicions led the woman to hire a private detective to investigate her husband's background. The husband's true sex was confirmed with the presentation of his birth certificate, which identified him as female.

A High Court judge ruled that the husband had married by committing perjury and that, consequently, he has not entitled to a division of marriage wealth or automatic access to the couple's children. The husband appealed.

Madeleine Rees, counsel for the husband, said that the case raised profound issues about the status of transsexuals in British society. She expressed hope that winning the case would represent a move in the right direction for the "true identity of transsexuals of both sexes."

Ben Emerson, counsel for the husband, said his client had "an unshakable conviction that at his core he is a man, although he is trapped in a woman's body." Mr. Emerson said it was never discussed before or during the marriage "what the nature of this man's birth position was."

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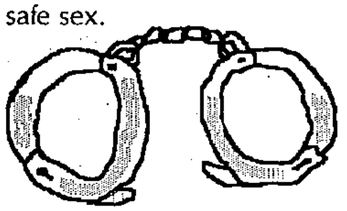

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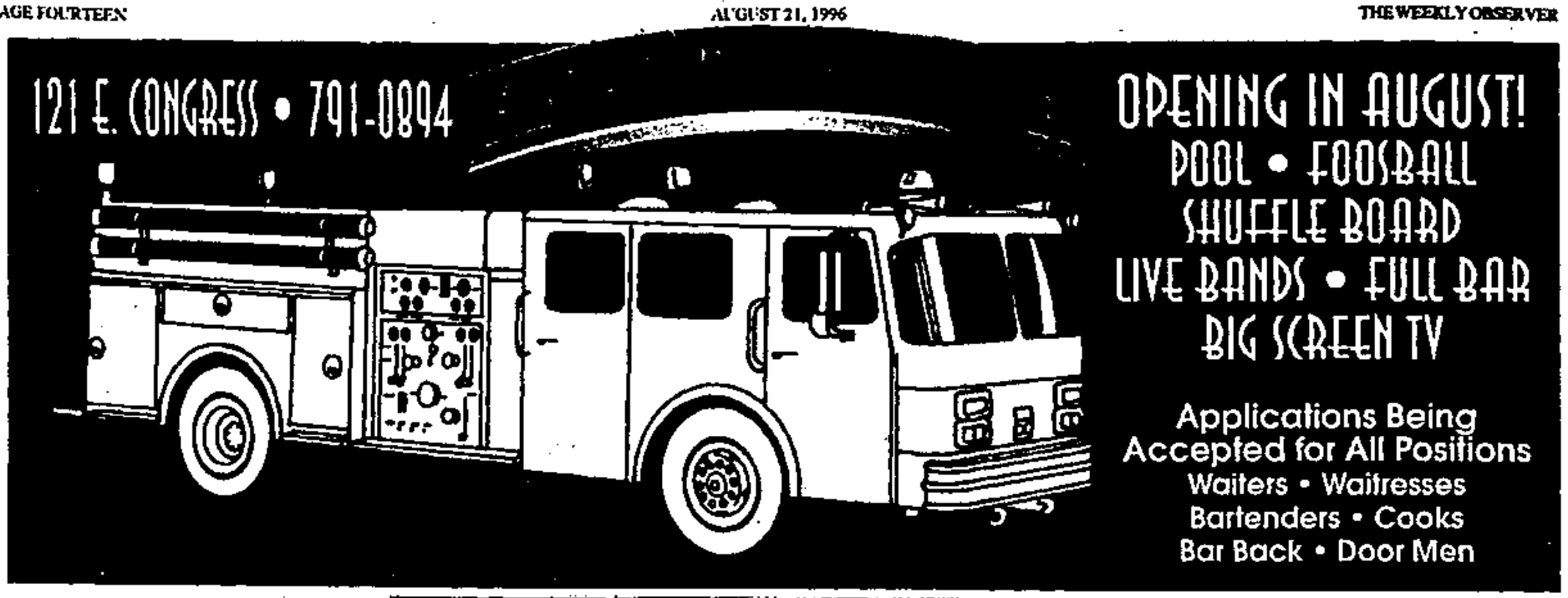

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EDITOR:

I would like to express my appreciation to the publishers of The Advocate for the responsible conduct they have directed toward Rep. Jim Kolbe. It is a perfect example of good journalism.

I for one, have renewed my subscription to The Advocate, and urge all of our brothers and sister throughout America to do the same.

Jim Smith

DEAR EDITOR:

Well Tucson, it was fantastic to be back in the desert and a city that holds many fond memories for me. I can't tell you how much fun I had been getting in drag after four years of retiring my pumps. The Tucson welcome I received at the "Roast and Toast of Aviva Diamond," was overwhelming. It was nice to see so many familiar faces in the audience. I also would like to thank those who decided to include me in this wonderful event.

There is one situation that took place during "Roast and Toast of Aviva Diamond," that has put a bit a thorn in my side. I was able to pick up a copy of The Observer and attend a good old drag show at IBT's, before I flew back to San Francisco. What disturbed me was the letter in the August 7 issue of The Observer and the reading of the same letter at the drag show at IBT's, written by Larry Moore/Lucinda Holliday.

Since I was apart of the roast as one of the emcees, I took offense to the tone and insinuations of your letter. Correct me if I am wrong but it does sound as if your letter is pointing a finger at one of us who was authorized to be in the dressing area during the roast. I am sure I am not the only one offended by your remarks.

When I first started doing drag, my drag mamma taught me never to leave anything of value in a dressing area that was not secured. She also taught me that if I was not apart of the production or show that I had no business being in the dressing area. I am truly sorry that your purse was stolen and most of all your money! I mean that!

Not being disrespectful, but Larry/Lucinda had no business being in the dressing area since he/she was not apart of the roast. Then when I was at IBT's while the drag show was going on, I hear Larry/Lucinda reading the letter he wrote because of his frustration of the theft of his/her purse and money to the audience. Might I add that not all of his information was correct? Personally, I don't think many of us were there to hear your frustrations read to us, we we're there to see the show. I too would be frustrated but with myself because I left my purse with $150 inside, unattended in an unsecured area.

The only flaw in the entire event of the "Roast and Toast of Aviva Diamond," was this unfortunate event. Which did not have to happen if those who were not authorized to be in the dressing area should have stayed out in the audience. I do not take lightly being accused as a possible thief!

As most of you know, I am not one to stand by when there is a thorn in my side. I would be never believed that the insinuation made by Larry/Lucinda would have been made without facts. I will agree it is a shame that someone would stoop so law as to steal another human being's valuables. May this be a lesson to all of us that no matter where you are there are people who take from others.

I may have retired my pumps after I moved to San Francisco and it may have been four years since I was in drag. But I still have the attitude of s drag queen and that is to be professional in every task of my life. The letter written by Larry/Lucinda was far from professional and offensive.

Sincerely,
Scott Lincoln/Christine Shade

1st Miss Nasty Bitch '96 Parody Pageant & TLGA Fundraiser Sept. 20

TUCSON - Drag Divas, nasty "bitch's!" What do they have in common? Some are drag divas, others are wannabees, but we're all nasty "bitch's."

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It's News To Me. . . . . by Steve Risley

You Heard It Here First: Did everyone enjoy the GOP's orgy of auto-adulation and self-abuse in San Diego? It wasn't a pretty sight, was it?

Well, you had better hitch up your sensible, black rayon, over-the-calf socks! Because the word on the political grapevine is that Bob Dull's staff did not perform a sufficiently thorough background investigation of Jack Kemp, particularly with respect to his post-HUD activities. With the presidential campaign shifting into high gear, several skeletons are predicted to pop out of Kemp's closet and sink the ticket. Sigh! Quell surprise.

As a life long, sole-surviving Whig, my choice is clear.

How to Succeed in Business: If you missed the Community Business Association's trade fair, August 15, at the Doubletree Hotel you passed up the opportunity to see local Lesbian and Gay business entrepreneurship in action. Friends and colleagues working together to life themselves, and each other, up!

Activity is well worth encouraging. The event gave attendees a chance to network, meet and talk with local Lesbian and Gay businesspeople about their experiences owning and operating various kinds of enterprises, and it showcased a number of Gay and Lesbian-owned commercial and retail businesses and services. But of equal of importance, it was a public and positive reflection of Tucson's Gay community.

Say What?: OK. What's with all this Tucson bashing by it's very own doyeness and denizens. Why the constant derogatory references to our city as if it was some isolated, culturally deprived backwater?

Even our own Arizona Daily Star referred to it in one of last week's editions as a "burg." Could this possibly be true? As a recent refugee from a part of the world where everyone thinks he was born with the words "au courant" tattooed across his butt, I can tell you I was concerned Tucson might not be keeping up with the rest of polite society.

I decided to conduct my own little experiment to see just how deprived we really are around here and concluded that the best way to gauge such a thing was to go in search of some of the necessities of the good life.

After a couple of hours foraging for provisions I returned to Chateau Chaque with some imported French Roquefort and Italian parmasanno-reggiano cheeses and authentic prosciutto di Parma readily available at the Rumrunner Wine and Cheese Co. I picked up several bottles of Rosemont (Australian) shiraz and Marques de Caceres (Spanish) rioja wines from Cost Plus World Market out on Stone and River Road. I discovered at Reay's Market, chicken and basil sausages, along with a beautiful fresh fruit tart composed of sliced peaches, strawberries, kiwi and garnished with blueberries. I made a quick stop of Cafe Terra Cotta and left with boxes of spicy chicken and pasta salad, and traditional Greek salad.

A quick glance at the Star's own entertainment guide showed me that I have my choice of seeing the hottest and latest films both foreign, "Trainspotting," and domestic, Robert Altman's "Kansas City". There's a bargain priced preview of a promising play at Borderland's Theatre called "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." The Ballet Folklorico Mexica is coming to down.

I can have a world-class dining experience at any one of many superb local bistros, dinner houses and restaurants or a tasty nosh at a neighborhood eatery. I see that over at Centennial Hall the box office is offering tickets to see the Kronos Quarter, the New York City Opera National Company, as well a laundry-list of internationally renowned artistic performers and groups.

I could visit museums, public gardens, go watch dog or car races, attend live team sporting events, or shop for treasures at a mall, or one of the numerous speciality stores and shopping districts.

The results of this highly casual scientific experiment are in and I've just been handed the envelope. Tucson lacks for nothing, domestic or foreign, necessary to live in whatever manner one requires. You still want to lay that "burg" stuff on us?

My God! It's Aunt Gladys!: Well actually it was just her red dress. The person wearing it was an acquaintance, Mr. Testosterone, who, despite serious personal reservations, gamely agreed to place himself at the mercy of some of the City's more talented and creative female impersonators for a total full-on make over and appearance in a recent benefit drag-show. Could it be Rosemary Clooney? Mr. T., came gliding out onto the stage like the Queen Mary under full sail and impersonated his little heart out all in the name of fun and charity. You were brave, you were fabulous, you know who you are.

And then it was now . . .

Santa Clara County Adopts Partnership Registry

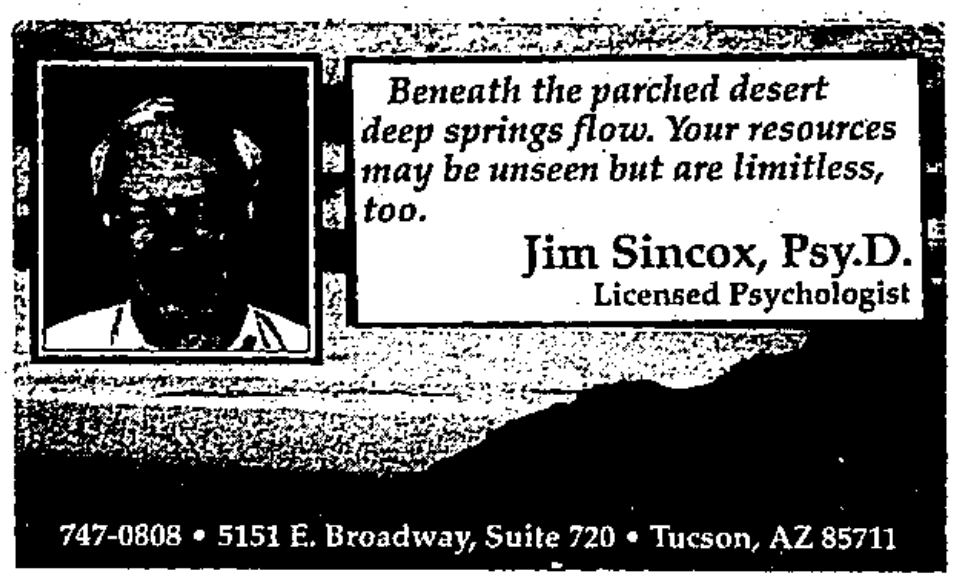
SANTA CLARA, CA (AP) - After often acrimonious debate, the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a domestic partnership ordinance that allows Gay, Lesbian and unmarried heterosexual couples to register their relationships with the county.

Nearly 2,000 people filled two auditoriums and an outdoor plaza as more than 150 speeches were made before the board. The vote to adopt the ordinance was immediately challenged with the launch of a petition drive to overturn the board's decision.

The proposal deeply divided the local religious community. The Santa Clara County Council of Churches, representing about 85 mainstream Protestant and Catholic churches, endorsed the registry. Evangelical church groups, which drew nearly 1,000 people to the meeting, are adamantly opposed.

The gathering was the largest turnout for a county supervisors' hearing since 1979, when evangelicals called on their members to rally against a law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. An evangelical-supported referendum succeeded in overturning the 1979 measure one year later.

Eight California cities now have domestic partnership registries. Santa Clara County encompasses 15 cities and 1.6 million people, making it the largest jurisdiction with such a registry in state.



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El Rio Immunology Associates

DR. DEBORAH GOLDSMITH, M.D., UofA Health Sciences Center Special Immunology Program.

DAVID HOOVER, Program Manager for HIV, STD, Pima County Health Department.

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Drugs, Drugs and More Drugs

by the Boston AIDS Writers Group

[The following is the second part of a story written by the Boston AIDS Writer Group. The Group covered the 1996 International AIDS Conference that took place in Vancouver.]

VANCOUVER, B.C. - There was a wealth of information on the effectiveness of the nine currently available antivirals used in combinations at the International AIDS Conference.

The mainstream press did a good job reporting the success of the triple combinations including a protease inhibitor and two nucleoside analogues.

The good news was that these combinations, like the Energizer Bunny are "still going." After a year most people who are using these combinations are maintaining very low viral loads. Studies on all three of the currently available protease inhibitors, Hoffman LaRoche's Saquinavir, Merck's Indinavir, and Abbott's Ritonavir showed promising data on their effectiveness when used in combination.

Saquinavir still has a problem being absorbed into the blood, but a new version of the drug that doesn't have this problem will be available soon. Also, Ritonavir has the most problems with side-effects, although doctors have found ways to reduce them.

More good news on protease inhibitors is that the combination of Saquinavir and Ritonavir is working well in early trials. It effectively reduces viral load and does not seem to cause any more side effects than each drug used alone.

Regarding protease inhibitors, the discussions at the conference were centered on the problem of cross resistance. Cross resistance is the phenomenon where HIV develops resistance to one drug, and is then resistant to another drug to which it hasn't yet been exposed. From these discussions emerged an important debate. Some people believe that all protease inhibitors are cross resistant with each other. This implies that those who have types of HIV that are resistant to one protease inhibitor, may have forfeited the opportunity to benefit from using the others.

Others scientists believe that cross resistance will not be such a large scale problem. In fact the jury is still out on whether Saquinavir is cross-resistant with the other two protease inhibitors, although there is a general agreement that HIV that is resistant to Indinavir will also be resistant to Ritonavir and visa-versa. Regardless, drug combinations must be chosen very carefully so that a maximum benefit can be achieved. Understanding the issue of cross-resistance between protease inhibitors is a priority for best using these antivirals.

Warning: Protease inhibitors must be taken religiously, on time, and at the full recommended dose. Missing doses or taking inadequate amounts of these drugs can cause HIV to become resistant to them sooner and render the drugs useless.

More reasons for hope at the International AIDS Conference came from reports on antivirals that are still in development. Many people who have types of HIV that are resistant to the current available drugs should have some options in the future.

Agouron's new protease inhibitor, Viracept, can reduce viral load to undetectable levels when combined with D4T. While it probably won't be approved until early in 1997, there is much interest in it already. Agouron also claims that this drug is not cross resistant with the other protease inhibitors.

Another protease inhibitor, Glaxo Wellcome's Vertex, due out in 1997 promises to be a good addition to the current arsenal of available antivirals. Pharmacia Upjohn also has a new protease inhibitor that will begin testing at the year. They too claim that their drug is not cross resistant to other protease inhibitors.

Glaxo Wellcome's new nucleoside analogue, known as 1592U89, dropped viral load as much as some triple combinations. Hopefully, it too will be available next year.

There are many other drugs in more primitive stages of development that work differently than any of the currently available antivirals. These drugs are expected to enhance the ability to treat HIV disease for everyone.

For a conference built up with a press conference to discuss the possibility of curing HIV disease, the important news was in other areas. This doesn't mean clearing the virus from the system can't be discussed: in fact it is an exciting possibility.

The success is that the question can now be seriously considered. However, as Dr. Deborah Cotton of Mass General Hospital said quite eloquently, "If these treatments can eradicate the virus, wonderful, but let's have the press conference then." In the mean time, there are many options for people with HIV disease to extend their lives and their health.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the most momentous decisions a person can make is the purchase of a house. There are just so many different things to take into consideration: The location - foothills, close to work, secluded or close to neighbors. Type of home - condo, townhouse, one or two story. Exterior of the house - stucco, adobe, brick, frame. Landscaping - desert, wide expanses of lawn, gravel yards. Number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Formal living room or family room. Attached or a detached garage. The list can go on and on.

For most of us, one of the more important, if not the most important consideration is the financial aspect. No matter how much we like the house, no matter that we have decided that this house is just the perfect one of us, if the price is not within our reach, all other considerations don't matter. Because a home is the largest single purchase in a person's life, it is sometimes necessary to make sacrifices in order to be able to afford to purchase one. A person may have to decide between steak and sandwiches, between going to the theater or renting a video, just to be able to save for the down payment.

After that perfect house has now been purchased, it soon becomes apparent that there are a few problems with it. For example, the roof leaks; the hot water heater goes out; the walls need painting, and the yard needs to be weeded! Then comes the question, was this really the perfect house for me?

I have good news for you! I know just where the perfect house for each one of you is! You will never be disappointed with it, and the price is right! Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." (John 14:2a KJV) You may not be able to afford a fancy house here on earth, but there is one waiting for you in heaven! And you will never have to worry about the plumbing going out or the cooler not working, because Jesus went on to say, "I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2b KJV) Since Jesus is preparing your mansion in heaven, you know it will be just right! Jesus paid for your mansion when he died on the cross for your sins, so you don't have to worry about being able to afford it!

How can you make sure you are really going to have a mansion in heaven? Like I said, Jesus has already paid a price for it, but there is something you have to do. You have to make your reservation. You do that by accepting the forgiveness which Jesus offers you. Then you can be sure that Jesus is preparing a place just for you. See you in Heaven!

Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita — News From MCC Tucson

If wee things that need to change, what does it take?

First we must decide what needs changing. Then we need to decide on a plan of action. Once a plan of action has been established, set the process into short or small steps and goals. It is imperative for us to allow for challenges and changes to the original plan to reach the ultimate goal. There are several steps that will help us along the way.

The timing must be right for the implementation of each of our small steps and goals. It is difficult to plan a snowball fight in July in Tucson, Arizona. November through March in Maine would be appropriate. Check the climate of the target groups we want to address. Since this is an election year, and many of our elected officials are trying to get reelected. They do not want to appear to be leaning too far "left" with special interest groups. Perhaps next year, after the elections, it would be more appropriate to bring our issues to the political arena.

Other, smaller changes, perhaps with house rules, starting a covenant relationship, dealing with issues that have been put off too long, can be timed as appropriate in a short period of time. Every situation will have its own special circumstances and time lines.

Attitude is the next issue to deal with. Different attitudes are required for each different step or goal we are working to change. We can be pushy, belligerent, unwavering and in-your-face. We can try listening, ready to work out a compromise. Or we can just not care and forget even trying to complete or continue working toward the ultimate goal, it's too much trouble. Different steps and goals require different skews of attitude to see anything through to its intended conclusion.

Life experiences, (our life and knowledge up to this time) carry a huge part of how we will deal with all aspects of this process. We may have biases or prejudices that color the way we see things. These can either be helpful if added with others' life experiences. On the other hand, if we stand firm in my way or no way, reaching intended goals will be very difficult if not impossible.

Perseverance is the final part of this process. Small goals may be accomplished quickly, yet even they may take years to come to completion. When working on a goal that involves a very small group of people, there are two possible outcomes: Reaching a consensus. The group splits into two or more factions. These are possible outcomes for larger groups, but compromise is an added option to maintain the integrity of the group without wasting too much time or losing too many members of the group.

We are going to be dealing with City, State, Regional and Country issues. As each step includes a larger population, we must take our stand behind the representative(s) who most closely fit our personal agenda. Then we must not leave all of the follow-up work to them. There will be petitions that need signatures and people willing to get others to sign. As different intermediate goals are met and we focus on the next one, there will be other things we will need to do.

Finally, never lose hope that the changes you are working for will come to be a reality! Just remember, "Timing, Attitude, Life Experience, Perseverance, and Hope." Until next week.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

The Earthling Chronicles

You're lying in your backyard, a cool breeze tousling your hair, reaching for your iced drink, when a spaceship lands. Out glides a beautiful being who glows with a pure white light. The visitor beckons with a loving, unutterably graceful gesture. The neighborhood birds sound like angels; the roses in the backyard are so fragrant that you feel faint. You realize that you, little ole you, have been invited to board the spaceship and join this heavenly creature in the adventure of a million lifetimes.

This radiant being isn't one of those aliens that abduct people on deserted highways and perform medical experiments on them. There are no anal probes in this scenario, unless you really want one. Every fiber of your being tells you this alien will treat you well.

Do you go?

Now that scientists have found little fossilized squirmy-looking microscopic thingies in a Martian meteor, this question has a new significance. Maybe it really could happen. Maybe the meeting of humans with life forms from other planets is only a decade or a year or a month away. Maybe it has already happened.

News like this can be a litmus test of people's belief systems. Some folks on the Internet, people who believe that the United States has hidden alien corpses in New Mexico since the late 1940's, see this announcement as the government's way to start admitting that aliens have been here all along. Some scientists see the news as unproved and accuse the meteor researchers of seeking personal glory. Many people, I suspect, don't care if there's other life in the universe.

With the size of the universe, it has always seemed to me mathematically unlikely that we are alone. But those microscopic Martian leftovers take such beliefs out of the realm of statistics and into the realm of reality.

Years ago, my ex-lover's boss was shot and killed protecting her kids during a hijacking over Pakistan. I had heard about the hijacking on the news and not much cared, but when I heard that Susan's boss was murdered, the hijacking became real.

In some weird way, the hydrocarbon remnants in a Martian rock sitting on Earth had the same effect. Maybe life outside of earth is real. Maybe Mars is real. Maybe all that stuff we've read about Jupiter and Pluto and dwarf stars and supernovas are real. Mind expanding indeed.

Unfortunately, some people's minds don't expand, as an article in New York's Daily News showed. Some Christians, it seems, are already discussing the need for missionaries to other planets. And they had questions: Do Martians suffer from original sin? Could you convince a Neptunian to be baptized? Did Jesus die for Plutonians' sins?

But wouldn't different questions have been more humble, more reasonable? Like: Do we really know everything? Do we really know anything? Could the aliens teach us something?—

I shouldn't be surprised that people who shoved their beliefs down the throats of North America, South America, Asia, and Africa, and who would gladly outlaw homosexuality, would see the miracle of nonearthling life as just an excuse to recruit. I shouldn't be surprised that people who refuse to acknowledge the love of two people of the same sex wouldn't embrace the intelligence of creatures from entirely different worlds. But didn't the news give them pause, just for a second?

I guess absolute confidence doesn't need to pause.

I don't have absolute confidence, and I love to pause sometimes. If there is life on other planets, are we being watched? Have we already been rejected? Would they understand our words as language or hear only the gibbering of monkeys? Would one planet end up taking over the rest? Or, dream of dreams, would one race manage to introduce peace and harmony to all other sentient creatures? Can aliens fly? Can they read each others' thoughts? Does the concept of homosexuality have any relevance to the way they live and procreate? Could one of them be a better president than Dole or Clinton?

So, the spaceship lands, the alien beckons. Would I go? Yes, I think I would, if I didn't freeze up from fear. But I'll tell you one thing: if I found myself naked, caged in a Venusian zoo, being forced to mate with some garage mechanic they picked up in Kansas, I'd be real disappointed.

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Beginning September 3, PACT will resume regular hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming LIFE Thru Art fund raising event scheduled for Friday, September 20. This annual event will take place at the Double Tree Hotel on South Alvernon. Concerned artists donate their work to be auctioned off through silent and live auctions. Volunteers can call Ken Leist, 770-1710, to sign up. Areas needed include: set up, ushering, a silent auction, a live auction, clean up, tickets, cashiering. . . .

AIDSWALK '96 is just around the corner and your help is needed. Join a team or get one started by yourself. Get sponsors and get involved. For registration information call, 322-9191. Anyone interested in riding their horse(s) in the RIDE for AIDSWALK, can contact Ammie Carpentar, RIDE Coordinator, on the "horse hotline," 770-1314. AIDSWALK '96 is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, at Rillito Downs, (North First Avenue and Wetmore Road.) Everyone wins! Prizes will be given for the top money collectors.

I leave you with this in mind, "If you are too careful, you are so occupied in being careful that you are sure to stumble over something." - Gertrude Stein.

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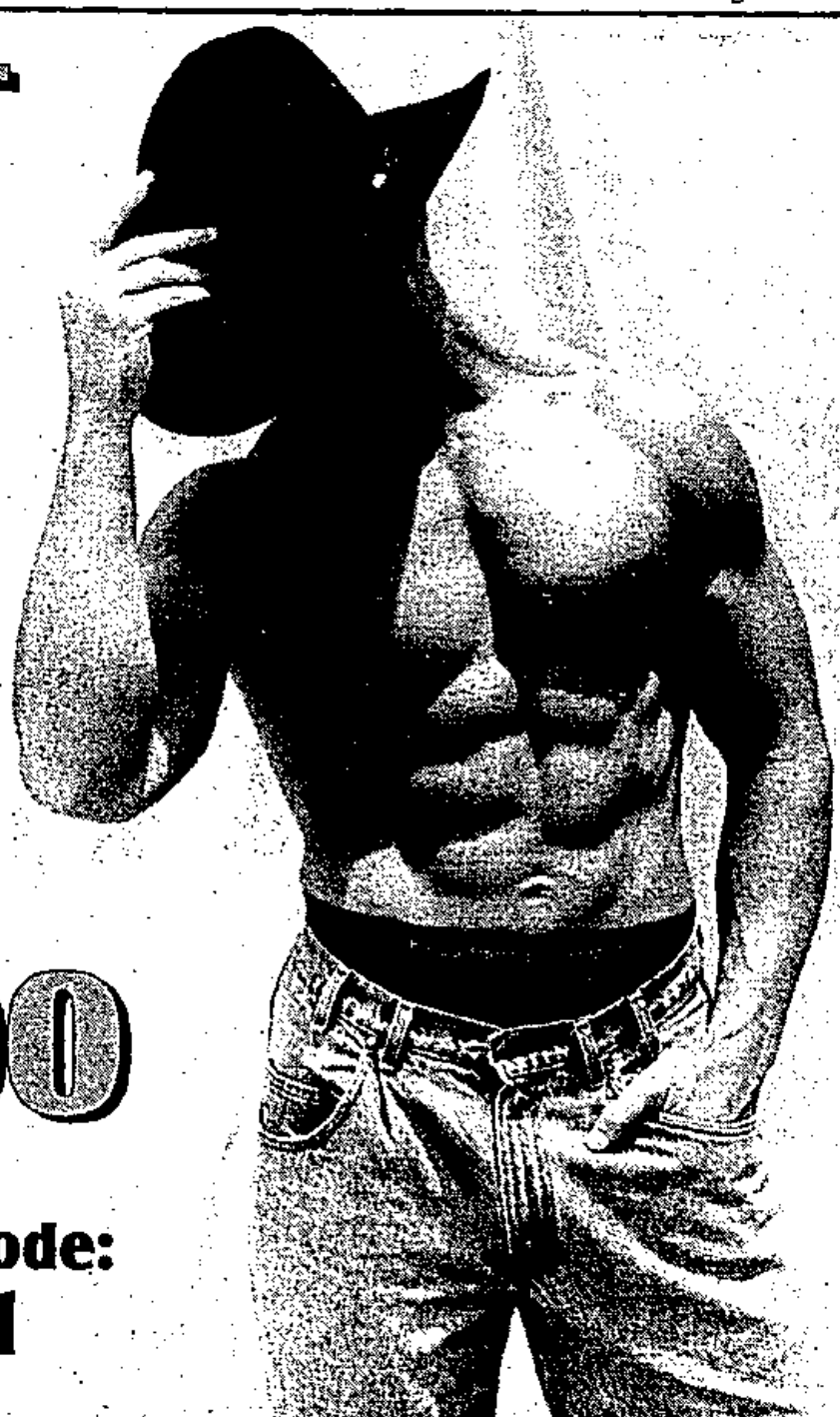

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Summer Lambda Lizards Bowling League

	Won	Lost	Pins
Seven	33.5	11.5	4396
Carboyz	25.5	19.5	4950
Jam It Hard	24.5	20.5	6867
Ab Fab	21.5	23.5	5531
Lil Darlings	21.5	23.5	5642
Bar Bitches	21.0	24.0	5266
Court Jesters	17.0	28.0	5462

AVG: Jam It Hard, 190. GAME SC: Jam It Hard, 247. GAME HC: Jam It Hard, 263. SERIES SC: Jam It Hard, 857. SERIES HC: Jam It Hard, 921.

Softball Players Wanted

TUCSON - Dust off that old mitt and bat! The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) will hold a new-to-the-league play day, Sunday, August 25, at Ourey Park, Sixth Street & I-10, from noon to 3:00 P.M.

If you are a player, man or woman, who hasn't played in a while or has never played, this is your chance to get in on a fun and exciting sport. TGSA coaches will be out there assisting the players and to fill voids in their team rosters for the upcoming Winterball League.

Winterball runs from September 8 through November 10 at Freedom Park, 29th Street between Swan & Craycroft. Winterball is designed to give players a chance to ease into the sport, it is less competitive than our Spring/Summer league with no trophies or banquet, just come out and play ball. Fees are only $120 per team.

For more information call Mary O., 770-9979, or Bertie, 318-3415.

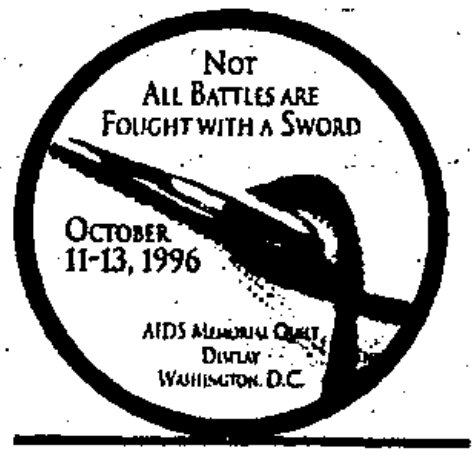
Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the results of the pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo:

Stonewall/Eagle. First Place - Wayne CS, $25. Second Place - Tommy TM, $15. Third Place - Arnold AG, $10.

The Graduate. First Place - Tommy TM, $30. Second Place - Patricia "Mongoose", $20. Third Place - Terry LM, $10.



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THOROSCOPES*

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

This week stern old Saturn forms a "T square" with expansive Jupiter and lovely Venus. It may seem that the more fabulous the time, the swifter the after burn. Can we possibly have too much of a good thing? What the heck; take two martinis and call me in the morning.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

"I want to be alone" is the plaintive bleat of the week for proud Rams. The Venus/Saturn/Jupiter T square pounds a few personal stakes in the soil and you may feel that you're not fit for human consumption. Chalk it up to a temporary lack of self confidence or personal epiphany. Whatever it is, it will be clear that you must live proudly for your own happiness and not bow to your family or corporate image.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square is setting you up for a solo flight. Perhaps it's because you're particularly mouthy and paranoid that otherwise fellow travelers make other vacation plans. Proud Bulls should not feel disheartened by this lonely turn of events. The planets often serve the meal you nutritiously need. Obviously it's time to act up rather than blow the breeze. Take it to the streets. No, take it to the world.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square continues the financial tug of war between what you have and what you covet from others. Gay Twins want to spend, spend, spend, but shopping till you drop doesn't begin to dress the wound or the girl. Face facts; mixing friends and sex is a tasteless cocktail. The group think may not always think pink like you. It's not a tragedy. It's called growing up.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Excessive displays of affection are in the starts for pink Crabs in need of a hug or five. Relationships are the be all end all with the Venus/Saturn/Jupiter T square. Career prospects however, take a backseat at this time. Perhaps your current professional path in heading in the wrong direction. No matter; take a breather from any important decision this week and contemplate the true pinstriped lavender you later.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

A feisty roar reverberates through the cosmos this week during the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. Intuitive ideas pile upon ideas and stir up the pot on the job. Expect your workload to increase with interesting and expansive projects. This is not a bad thing, proud Lion. Stay close to the grindstone for now and see projects through to fruition. Saturn screws up vacation plans anyway. There should be no escape for the weary.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Beauty may be only skin-deep but who want to look under the skin anyway? Romance is in the air for Gay Virgins who succumb to the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. What a way to go cousin! Excesses abound in any fun related enterprise and you are party queen. The hitch, (alas there is always a hitch) is; that partners may be less than understanding during this festive free for all. Isn't the Lambada the forbidden dance?

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Diplomatic Libras have a dickens of a time balancing home and career during the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. You have the Midas touch professionally as dreams turn to reality. Life was not meant to run all that smoothly, dear queer Scales; the harder you strive to climb the corporate ladder, the less time you have for partners and home fires. A choice is presented; which door has the prize?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Even the most strategic Gay Scorps will be amazed at how their grand schemes take on a global life of their own. Once uttered, twice careful I always say, especially during the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. Great ideas need to be carried out quickly and the work may pike up faster than you can shovel it. Ever feel like a rat on a treadmill? It ain't no picnic buddy.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Randy Archers are not the most sensuous of signs but now, with the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square, sex is a spigot that cannot be turned off. And boy is it expensive! Wining and dining doesn't come cheap and neither will you. Poor baby, you'll just have to pay the piper, so to speak, and have a good time. Steer clear of alcohol and drugs, though. Remember, safe sex is next to godliness.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Sartre was correct when he said that in love, one plus one equals one. Now, with the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square, you'll have to see if everything adds up in your partnership. Balance is everything in this life, dear queer Cap, so try to find yourself a little peace of mind and a place to call your own before you divvy it up with a significant other. Are you happy with yourself? Check yourself Out.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Mental health is everything to all Aqueerians in search of an inner purpose and equilibrium in this fair life. The Venus/Saturn/Jupiter T square fixated on charitable service to our community and what respectable Aqueerian can resist the call? Just don't overdo the Florence Nightingale routine and don't over promise or over state your abilities. You can't do everything yourself.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Friends and fun may be a costly combination during the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. Pink Fish find that finances may have to take precedence over grand social times. Don't despair; it is possible to have a good time without spending a fortune. Definitely avoid overindulgence in food, drink or what have you. Go with the flow and know when to swim ashore when the water gets too deep.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free ascendant calculation, send birth date, time, place, name of this paper and s.a.s.e to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, NYC, 10011-1726.

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" featuring Ajia Simone, Kristin, Lucinda Holliday and Alotta Whoremones begins at 9:00 p.m. sharp.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
IBT'S - Party in your shorts. IBT's "Underwear Nite" 9:00 p.m. to close.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
PLUG - Back to School Blowout and Hot Bod Contest. Be here!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
PLUG - Lipstick and Lashes all newe show in the Alternator Room with Lucinda Holliday and an all-star cast. 9:30 p.m. Reserved Seats $2.00.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
GRADUATE - All New! Team Shuffleboard Tournament 2:00 p.m. Pot Matched.

IBT'S - 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Benefit Beer Bust and Bart-B-Que for Shanti's Food Pantry. THEN, "Summer Sucks Party" (But it's a dry heat!). 9:00 p.m. Contest for best summer outfit, $50 first prize. Drink special:"Sex on the Beach" $2.00

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
GRADUATE - "Welcome Home Party" for the UnderGrad Softball Team 6:00 p.m. See videos of their trip to Minnesota.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
PLUG - "Dirty Deeds Rock 'n Roll show and benefit for Gilda Fatalé who is running for Miss Gay America.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
IBT'S - Male Box Nite 9:00 to closing. Starring the cast of Tucson's hottest show "85705".

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
GRADUATE - "The Grad Girls" with Christina de Alexis, Tammi Caprice, Tiffany St. Thomas and Adrienne Alexander.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
PLUG - "Brady Bunch Bash" ... Love Boads, Prizes and Clearasil!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
PLUG - Black Out II. Be afraid of the dark, very afraid. Watch for time and more details.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
IBT'S - Labor Day Party here. Watch for details in upcoming ad. Mark your calendar.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - LABOR DAY
GRADUATE - "Monday Morning Madness" 11:00 a.m. Good food, fun and friends. PLUS an all-star cast of performers.

HOURS - It's time for the last BBQ of the season. Don't miss Adrienne's fry bread. 2:00 p.m. Be There or be square!

IBT'S - Labor Day community Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
HOURS - Karaoke begins tonight from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Wet Dog Productions. Karaoke will continue here every other Tuesday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Carousel Ball 7:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
Community Forum "The Management of HIV Infection 1996". Speakers will be Dr. Kevin Carmichael, Dr. Deborah Goldsmith and Pima County Health Dept. HIV Program Manager David Hoover. 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Century Room at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road. Drs.Carmichael and Goldsmith will briefly review the current state of HIV management and advances from the recent International AIDS conference in Vancouver. Hoover will then moderate an open discussion. Sponsored by Abbott Labs in conjunction with PACT, Shanti and TAP.

Surfing with Cyber Queers 101 Internet Classes are happening at Girlfriends Coffee House, 3540 N. Oracle from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration can be done there or call 624-8792 for more information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore Bingo Fundraiser for Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) and for Girlfriends dance floor. 7:30 p.m. Regular Thursday Card and Game Night starts at 7:00 p.m.

Cronies Social Club Anniversary Dinner and business meeting at Cafe Melange. 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 if you plan to attend.

GTV - All five Gay cablecast program #24 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Summer Chiller video movie (out of the heat, into the cool) "Outrageous Fortune". This is an outrageously funny comedy starring Bette Midler and Shelley Long. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Pizza party at Jerry and Les' house. Vegetarian pizzas available. Bring $3.00 to help cover the cost of pizzas. Please call in advance to Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
Garage Sale sponsored by the members of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association Tucson Chapter starting at 7:00 a.m.!!! It will take place in the parking lot at Hours, 3455 E. Grant Road. For more information or to make donations or to volunteer call the AGRA Hotline 323-0805.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 10 a.m. Nature Walk on Mt. Lemmon in the Bear Wallow area. Our knowledgeable guide, Will, provides information about the local plants and trees. Call Will at 298-9454 in advance or 576-1435 the day of the walk. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 4-6 p.m. Triangle Tribe awareness group. The group learns and uses communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for persons who want to refresh their bridge skills. Table talk learning. Call Perry at 321-4387. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Favorite video film of the month, "Overboard". This is a screwball comedy with Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
GTV - All five Gay cablecast program #25 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 10 p.m. Male Stripper's night at the Stonewall Eagle. This is a rare night out for the boys to watch the male strippers. Bring some dollar bills for the entertainers. For information, call Les at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
Art Show reception and opening for artist Luna Ray from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Girlfriends, Coffee House and Bookstore, 3540 N. Oracle.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Board game night. All sorts of games available with easy learning for beginners. A nice way to meet your MSN brothers. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Surfing with Cyber Queers 101 Internet Classes are happening at Girlfriends Coffee House, 3540 N. Oracle from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration can be done there or call 624-8792 for more information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) supper hosted by TIHAN at 5:30 p.m. in the East Gallery at St. Phillips in The Hills Episcopal Church at River and Campbell (Not to be confused with St. Francis). All local organizations give updates on their activities and upcoming events. A great social and informative evening. All club and organizations are urged to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Motorcycle Club for Women 9:00 a.m. ride to globe. 500cc. No dues, no fees, no social statements. For more info contact Ginger 682-8375.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
New Square Dancing Classes by the T-Squares will begin tonight with a newcomers party and hoedown from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo near Glenn and First. Continuing open classes will be Tuesdays, Sept. 17 and 24 from 7:00 to 8:00. All are welcome. For more information call Ray 749-5247 or Liz 325-9466.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Motorcycle Club for Women all-day ride to Payson. 500cc. No dues, no fees, no social statements. For more info. Contact Ginger at 682-8375.

Tucson CALENDAR

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

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. BBQ 'Deluxe' with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

Monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karoke 9 to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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, $1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Moore 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm.. $1.50 Longnecks 9pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7:00pm. Party with Brian. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Draft Beer 75¢ 8am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 8am - 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 Biz! 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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, $1.50 domestic beer & well. 8 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. $1.25 well and $1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.75 well 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 8am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 8am - 8pm.

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Boogie Night. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 7-11pm - $1.25 pitchers.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles $3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. $1.50 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm-1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 8am Draft Beer 75¢ 8am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 8am-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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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 $1.50 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.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.75 Corona and Cuervo from 8 to 1.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am Draft Beer 75¢ 8am-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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. .. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

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PACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (6-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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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. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

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.

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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.

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LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-9850 or Rosa 968-2384.

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SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

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Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3061 N. Campbell Ave. #386, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.; MCC Church, 3289 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 886-6646 for information and a newsletter. $50

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SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary O. 770-9678 or Bertie L. 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to monogamy to. . . Many friends are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 623-1732.

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 322-6228.

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THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

DR. BOB'S INTIMACY SKILLS GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. If you want more closeness in your life, you need to learn the skills that allow for intimacy. This group is a place to learn and grow quickly! Monday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. at 623-1732.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Maria at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

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Court To Rule On Gay Rights Repeal Petition

LANSING, MI - A petition opposing a City Council measure adding sexual orientation to a local civil rights ordinance, was challenged in court by counsel for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Patricia M. Logue, managing attorney for Lambda's Midwest Regional Office, will ask the Michigan Court of Appeals to uphold a lower court's invalidation of referendum petitions circulated by opponents of the new law.

Logue told the court the petitions did not list the text of Lansing ordinance, as required by law. Logue said this allowed those circulating the petitions to make patently false claims about what the ordinance actually did. She said, for example, people were given flyers stating the law gave civil rights to child molesters and restricted what ministers could preach.

"Opponents of this civil rights law seem to think they can't win unless they can fool Lansing voters about what the law means," Logue told reporters. "We are not afraid of a fair fight, and Lansing deserves a fair vote on a civil rights law that merely ensures discrimination protections for its residents," she said.

Passed by the Lansing City Council in March, the ordinance extends city protection against discrimination based on race, sex, age, and disability into the areas of employment, public accommodations, and public services. The original law covered only housing discrimination. The amended law also forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation and familial status.

Wingspan Searching For Artists For OUToberFEST

TUCSON - Wingspan is calling for artists for their Second Annual OUToberFEST Exhibit.

It is requested that each artist submit two pieces of their work. A jury will selected the winners of the awards. The exhibit will open October 5, with an artists reception.

For more information, call Bob MacMahon at 571-8783.

Desert Voices Seeks Musicians and Choreographer

TUCSON - Desert Voices, building community through song, is seeking a bass player, drummer, and choreographer for their 1996-97 concert season.

Send your resume to: POB 400-36, Tucson, AZ 85717. For more information concerning these contract positions, please call Artistic Director, Keith Koster, 791-9662.

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Valley of the Sun G/L Center Annual Benefit Concert Sept. 7

PHOENIX - The Annual Benefit Concert, with proceeds benefitting the Valley of Sun Gay/Lesbian Community Center, will take place, Saturday, September 7.

Highlighting the program will be the Laura Love Band. African/Caribbean rhythms with traditional acoustic instruments and intriguing harmonies creating a style they call "Afro/Celtic."

Also appearing on the program is Tucsonan, Kenny "Shecky" Jacobs, making his second appearance as a stand-up comic. Kenny's a generation-X, Mort Sahl. Phoenix performance artist D.W. McKim will perform at the benefit.

Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. The benefit is at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Avenue, in Chandler. A reception follows at the Embassy Suites, 44th and McDowell, with tickets $50 a piece.

For more information call the Valley of the Sun G/L Center, (602) 265-7283.

Lesbian Ends Battle For Custody Of Son

RICHMOND, VA (WS) - A Lesbian who lost custody of her son in a court battle with her own mother has abandoned her three-year fight to get that decision overturned.

Sharon Bottoms said at the start of the court hearing that she is withdrawing her petition to obtain custody of Tyler Doustou, now five. Her mother, Kay Bottoms, had been awarded custody of her grandson in a case that went all the way to the Virginia Supreme Court and inspired a television movies.

She did not immediately indicate the reason for her decision.

In a ruling that angered Gay rights advocates, Bottoms lost custody of Tyler in 1993 when a judge said she was an unfit mother, because she and her lover, April Wade, engaged in oral sex, a felony in Virginia.

The Virginia Court of Appeals in 1994 reversed the trial court and ruled that homosexuality alone is not grounds for losing custody. But in 1995, a sharply divided state Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that Bottoms should not have custody.

Scientists Link Sexual Orientation To X Chromosone

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Scientists announced they have discovered new evidence that a gene inherited from the mother helps determine sexual orientation.

"Our result says that genes are involved in male sexual orientation, although they certainly do not determine a person's sexual orientation," said Dean Hamer, an author of the study.

Hamer said that sexual orientation is likely a combination of genetics, biological factors, like hormones, and other variables that haven't yet been identified.

The latest study does not identify a specific gene. But like Hamer's original headline-grabbing 1993 study, it suggests such a gene resides in a particular region of the X chromosome which men inherit from their mothers. Hamer said there was no way to know how strongly the gene influences sexual orientation.

Beth Barrett, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, told reporters. "This study is an important addition to the growing body of evidence showing a biological basis for homosexuality in some people."

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