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Is America Ready For A Same-Sex Sitcom?

By Rick Martin &
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HOLLYWOOD, CA - A joke making the rounds in Hollywood: the sequel to Ellen DeGenereses' best seller, "My Point . . . & I Do Have One," is going to be called "My Sexual Orientation . . . & I Do Have One."

Ever since word leaked out that DeGeneres's character on her ABC sitcom, "Ellen," might come out as a Lesbian, there's been much speculation about whether the real-life Ellen also is Gay, and might follow her alter ego out of the closet. All of which raises the bigger questions: is TV ready for a same-sex sitcom?

It would be a radical move, one note even veteran staffers on the show saw coming. According to a well-placed industry source, DeGeneres has long wanted to "out" her character, Ellen Morgan, but held back while her show was still struggling for viewers. When she convened the first writers' meeting of the new season - at her home - she said she had an important plot development to announce for the coming year.

The writers, almost all of whom are straight, were told that Disney brass had signed off on the idea of Ellen as a Lesbian. (Disney, ABC's parent company, also produces the four-year-old sitcom.) They were instructed to keep the new twist under wraps. "It was top, top secret," the source says. So much so that in story boards drawn up to plan the arc of the series. It was learned, the Lesbian revelation was coded, "Ellen gets a puppy."

DeGeneres refused interview requests. ABC and Disney are also issuing nervous "no comments." On the New York talk-show circuit last week (Dave, Conan, Rosie) the perennially pantsuited comedienne sidestepped the Gay question with the Gay that Ellen was "Lebanese." To further confuse the issue, on "Good Morning America" she pretended to slip a male stagehand her phone. (Although gossips noted that she brought a female date to the Emmys.)

Hints at the fictional Ellen's sexuality - which has hither been pretty much nonexistent - will be equally coy, according to scripts leaked to TV Guide. One future episode has Ellen emerging from a closet and saying, "Yeah, there's plenty o room, but it's not comfortable." And in this season's premiere, Ellen sang, "I feel witty and pretty and . . . hey!" But on last Wednesday's show, the only sexual innuendo involved Ellen's strictly hetero-cousin.

Floating the concept of a Gay Ellen may simply be a trial balloon to test viewer and Madison Avenue's reaction. Ad buyer Paul Schulman, who tells sponsors which shows to buy air time on, thinks some of his clients would be turned off by a sitcom built around a Lesbian character, particularly one broadcast at 8 o'clock. "The movie companies won't be concerned, but packaged-good companies like Proctor and Gamble will. This is definitely not gonna help sales."

When Mariel Hemingway kissed Roseanne in a Lesbian bar, ABC moved the show from 8:00 P.M., the so-called family hour, to 9:30 P.M., a more adult time slot. NBC, on the other hand, kept "Friends" at 8:00 P.M., 7:00 Central & Mountain, when Candace Gingrich (Newt's Gay half sister) officiated at the wedding of two Lesbian characters on the show. No public outcry ensued.

Gay secondary characters are now a commonplace on television; there are 22 of them, including a Gay activist (played by Michael Boatman) on the new ABC series "Spin City." Behind the camera, Gay writer-producers run some of television's biggest shows.

The Lesbian couple on "Friends" was inspired by close friends of executive producer Marta Kauffman and her openly Gay producing partner, David Crane. And a recent Los Angeles Magazine cover story argued that the Gay sensibility has permeated virtually all of prime time. Check out the bitchy banter between the ambiguously heterosexual brothers played by Kelsey Grammar and David Hyde-Pierce on "Frasier."

Still, a Lesbian lead on a sitcom would be something new. And potentially risky. There have been enthusiastic votes of support posted on the Disney Web site. Rating have dipped slightly, though probably more because of new competition from CBS's "The Nanny" than anything else. But DeGeneres is getting hate mail from viewers promising never to watch again.

Will Disney stick by its star? Famously allergic to public scrutiny, the wholesome conglomerate has already come under fire from Baptist church groups over its policy of extending benefits to Gay employees. The Rev. Donald Wildmon and his boycotting crusaders announced that "advertisers will have to make a choice: either withdraw their support of the show or reveal their true allegiances to themes that gnaw at traditional family values." If Disney starts to feel burned by too much P.R. heat, Ellen may not get her puppy after all.

[Rick Marin and Mark Miller are reporters for Newsweek Magazine, from which this article is reprinted from the current issue.]

AIDS Walk '96 Gearing Up For Best Year Yet

by Matthew Palmer,
AIDSWALK '96 Coordinator

TUCSON - AIDSWALK '96 promises to be bigger and more successful than ever!

The excitement is mounting as over 2500 expected walkers, together with 200+ horses and riders, are mustering their teams, collecting sponsorship dollars, and lacing or saddling up for the big day. As always, the day itself will be uplifting and fun. And we've added incentive level prizes for walkers and riders who meet various fund raising goals.

This year's top individual fund raiser wins a trip for two to Milan, Italy. Other terrific prizes await second and third place winners. Rotating team trophies are available to top fund raising teams.

Horses and their riders will be participating in RIDE for the WALK. A spectacular horse parade kicks off the 5K to 10K trail ride down the Rillito Wash. To register, or for more information, call our Horse Line at 770-1314 or WALK Line at 322-9191.

A wheelchair team is looking for more members. If you're interested in joining, call Elaine Cooper at 744-9374. Although AIDSWALK '96 will, as always, be symbolic of our community's commitment to stop the spread of HIV and to serve those in our area with HIV Disease, I'd like it to be more.

As AIDSWALK '96 Coordinator, my special goal is substantially increasing revenue over previous years. To do that, I need your help. When I returned to Tucson after fifteen years to take this job, I learned first hand of the vital work being done by Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation, and PACT for Life. And I learned how important additional funds could be for increasing and improving services.

Therefore, I make a special appeal to you.

As we count down toward October 13th, please go the extra mile-meet at least one of the 3 incentive levels listed below and try to exceed it. Your fund raising efforts will make a world of difference to thousands of area residents.

Below is a fact sheet to remind you of AIDSWALK '96 details. If you have other questions, please call us at 322-9191.

AIDSWALK '96 Fact Sheet

To register: AIDSWALK '96 is Sunday, October 13th, at Rillito Downs, 1st Ave. & River Rd.

Sponsor envelopes and team info still available; call 322-9191

For RIDE the WALK info, call 770-1314

Early registration from 8 am - 7 pm, October 9 - 12, at 151 S. Tucson Blvd, Ste. 252

Incentives: Trip for two to Milan for the person turning in the most money by 10 a.m. on October 13

Raise $100 and receive an AIDS-WALK '96 T-shirt; $50 for kids K-12 (T-shirts will not be for sale)

Raise $250 and receive an AIDS-WALK '96 camera and T-shirt

Raise $500 and receive a Red Ribbon wristwatch and T-shirt

Trophies for teams raising the most money

At the WALK: Entertainment before and after the WALK.

Food for sale

On-site registration at Rillito Downs begins at 7 am. Following will be: Interfaith service at 8 am. Opening ceremony at 9 am. Walk steps off at 9:30 am

Gays & Lesbians Make Progress In 104th Congress Despite Many Obstacles

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Republican-led 104th Congress, one of the most anti-Gay in history, ended their session this week. Despite this, advocates of equal rights for Gays and Lesbians achieved some remarkable victories, according to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), who released their Congressional scorecard.

A total of 157 members of the House and 14 members of the Senate scored zero percent on issues of concern to Gay and Lesbian Americans. In contrast, 65 House members and 12 senators scored 100 percent in the 104th Congress.

The Oklahoma delegation was the most anti-Gay in the 104th Congress, with all six House members and both senators scoring zeroes.

Arizona didn't rate much better, with four of six House members and both senators scoring zero percent. Congressman Jim Kolbe scored a 67 percent and Congressman Ed Pastor scored a 78 percent by the HRC.

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Dinner & Auction At Old Town Artisans Shanti Fundraiser Oct. 12

TUCSON - Old Town Artisans is presenting a dinner and auction to benefit Shanti Foundation, Saturday, October 12. The location of the dinner is the Old Town Artisans courtyard, 186 N. Meyer.

Dinner tickets are $25. There will be a no-host cocktail hour from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Dinner will follow.

There will be an ensemble playing a variety of familiar music during cocktails and dinner. Desert Voices small ensemble will perform following dinner. The auction and raffle follows.

Tickets must be purchased by October 8. Tickets are available at Tucson Trunk, River and Craycroft, and the Shanti Office, 300 East Sixth Street. For more information call 622-7107.

HIV Prevention Planning Workshop Oct. 5

TUCSON - A workshop about HIV prevention in Pima County will take place October 5, 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Tucson Main Library.

Those who attend will learn about the AIDS epidemic in Pima County, and will be asked for their input. Participants will determine the populations most at risk for HIV, as well as prioritize ways to reach these populations.

The results of the workshop will be included in an HIV prevention plan for Southern Arizona. The plan will be sent to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

The workshop is free, and sponsored by the Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group. Anyone interested in attending should call Laraine or Liz, 740-8554.

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New Computer Virus Warning

TUCSON - A virus by an AOL user was released on the Internet.

It is unparalleled in its destructive capability. The viruses "Stone" and "Michaelangelo" are pale compared to this one. The virus can spread itself through existing E-mail systems.

If you received an E-mail under the title "Good Times," DON'T READ IT, delete it immediately. The virus has a Write-Hard-Disk and Nth-Complexity Infinite Binary Loop which can severely damage the processor. The act of loading the file into the mail server's ASCII buffer causes the "Good Times" mainline program to initiate and execute.

Another virus that tries to spread on the Internet is a Trojan Horse Virus. Do not download any file named "PKZIP-300" regardless of the extension.

If you install or expand this file, the virus will wipe your hard drive clean and affects modems, 14.4 or higher. This virus is extremely destructive and there is not yet a way of cleaning up this one.

Kizuna, First Japanese Animated Gay Love Story

TUCSON - Phoenix Distributors is proud to announce the acquisition and pending release, this month, of the original video animation of the Japanese comic book sensation, "Kizuna."

"Kizuna," the first Japanese animated Gay lover story is available on home video for the American market. "Kizuna" is Phoenix's first release on its new in-house label, CDC Releasing.

"Kizuna" attracts a wide spectrum of audiences including the Japanese animation enthusiast, the foreign film connoisseur, Gays, Lesbians, and romantics of all persuasions.

For more information call Phoenix Distributors at (520) 888-5421, or (800) 356-4386.

Judith McDaniel At Antigone Books Oct. 13

TUCSON - On Sunday, October 13, 7:00 P.M., talented local writer, poet and activist, Judith McDaniel, will explore the complexities and delights of being in a Lesbian relationship at Antigone Books.

McDaniel will be reading excerpts from three of her works, including her new novel, Yes I Said, Yes I will (Naiad Press, $10.95) and from an important, edited new book of Barbara Deming's poetry, I Change, I Change (New Victoria Press, $12.95).

A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served. For more information call (520) 792-3715,

'It's Elementary' Kicks Off National Release

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - As right wing efforts to keep any mention of homosexuality out of schools escalates, "It's Elementary," directed by Academy Award winning film maker Debra Chasnoff, creates a compelling reason for including it.

The feature-length documentary, which won Best Documentary at the 1996 San Francisco and Chicago International Lesbian and Gay Film Festivals, shows what happens when teachers address Lesbian and Gay issues in the classroom.

At the heart of "It's Elementary" is inspiring footage of how children, ages five through 13, respond when teachers find appropriate and creative ways to confront anti-Gay prejudice and counter Gay invisibility.

After filming in elementary and middle schools across the country, Chasnoff says, "we found by third grade, almost all children have already been exposed to information about Gay people-from movies, TV, and the playground. Unfortunately, most of it is misinformation.

The movie is premiering in 30 cities across the country. For more information call (510) 843-8048.

UFVA Student Film & Video Festival At UofA

TUCSON - Now in it's fourth year, the UFVA Student Film & Video Festival announced that the third venue of its international tour will be held in Tucson, October 3, 7:30 P.M.

The location of the festival is the University of Arizona - Modern Language Auditorium (MLB 350). This stop on the tour is sponsored by the U of A Department of Media Arts. Admission is free and open to the public.

This year, the festival received 660 entries from over 20 countries, representing 200 film school. Thirty-four works were selected for the international tour; prize winning films selected by an esteemed panel of judges.

Some of the films to be screened at the Tucson stop are: Generic Metal Titan. Bowl of OatMeal. Brothers. I'm Miserable Now. The Pit. First Love, Second Planet. Belch. Jesus of Judson.

For more information call (800) 499-UFVA.

'The Seamy Underside' Debuts Oct. 10

TUCSON - Itch Productions will present its debut performance of "the seamy underside," October 10-13, 17-19, at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 S. Sixth Ave.

Itch Production's "the seamy underside"is a musical review exploring the lives and hopes of people on the street. This original review, featuring songs by Kander and Ebb, Sondheim, and Kurt Weill, will be performed.

The musical production runs October 10-13 and October 17-19 at 8:00 P.M. There is one matinee performance, October 13, 2:30 P.M. Tickets are $9 for adults, $7 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 748-0291.

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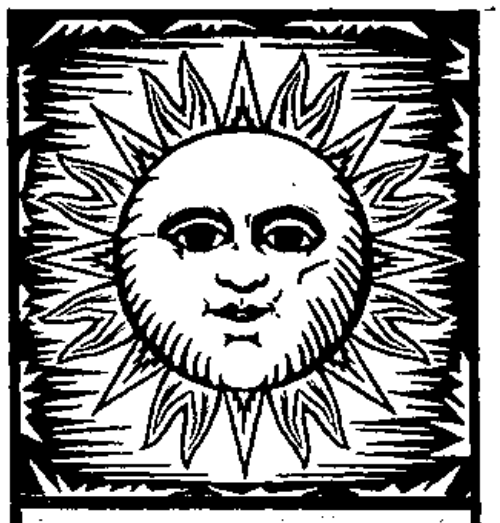

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THE WHOLE MAN
BY DR. BOB

How To Grow Spiritually

This is the 90's, and spirituality, like sexuality, has come out of the closet.

There are many different kinds of spirituality out there as there are 900 numbers, and unfortunately, many of them are just as slick and commercial.

If spirituality has caught your attention, and you've seen the need to be spiritually aware and growing, how do you choose a spiritual path? How to tell which spiritual groups or philosophies are real and nourishing, and which, like junk food, are attractive on the surface but injurious in reality?

The quick answer: the real ones encourage your self-respect and growth process, acknowledging that God is within you; the bogus want something from you, like money and blind faith, and say it's for your own good.

First of all, there are the traditional religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Most of us were brought up in one of these. But even within one of them, such as Christianity, there are so many options as to be bewildering.

If you still feel attracted to the religion of your youth, I would advise you to start your spiritual search there. Notice I said start, not necessarily end. It's just that the religion you grew up with (if any) has rich associations for you, and it's the easiest way to reconnect to the spiritual impulse.

Then you can take it from there, exploring, searching, experiencing, and eventually branching out into other paths if you life. No one tradition is The Truth. That's actually the first rule in choosing a spirituality: stay away from those that claim to be The Truth. It's a bad omen, and translated, it means you're going to have to lick somebody's boots and give up your right to think for yourself. You're also going to be asked to try and convert your friends and family to the religion, which is a sure way to lose them.

Then there are the Eastern religions, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism. These are very old religions, and are a great relief from our middle-eastern religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) because they developed in isolation from them. They're just so different.

For example, there is no idea of a tyrant-father-God in Buddhism or Taoism, and very little in Hinduism. Hinduism sees the world as God's play or drama, and God is all the actors as well as the audience. God forgets himself/herself and becomes every frog, every cloud, every dolphin, every person, as audience to everybody else's roles.

This is a human and humorous way of looking at things, unlike the solemn seriousness of Christianity, where God is intent on snooping on people's behavior so that he can reward them or punish them eternally.

That's the second rule: stay away from religions that make you feel guilty just for existing, or just for having human feelings such as sexual desire or anger.

The Buddha had a wonderful attitude toward spirituality. He plainly said that he didn't expect anyone to take him as an authority, but rather to test his ideas out in their own experience, and see for themselves what was true. Buddhism doesn't even believe in God, so if you're inclined to spirituality but not to dogmas and beliefs, you might check Buddhism out. It's my personal favorite.

The other main category to chose from is New Age. I'm using the term "New Age" to refer to all kinds of "metaphysical" practices, such as channeling, crystals, Tarot, energy healing, seeing auras, remembering your past lives, psychics, numerology and astrology.

New Age thought is a combination of eastern mysticism and western occult traditions. It ranges from an informal, "do it yourself" approach, to highly organized cults. The informal practices emphasize personal experience and a smorgasbord approach -- personally authentic but sometimes confusing. The New Age cults, those based around obedience to a charismatic leader are, if it can be imagined, worse than Christian authoritarian sects.

That's the third rule: The leader in these groups is almost always seen as an incarnation or special messenger of God. This gives him carte blanche to abuse and exploit his followers (that means you).

If you stay away from religions that claim to be The Truth, use guilt to control you, or expect blind obedience, you can pretty much follow your own intuition. You can even hand out in a particular religious group without buying into it completely.

For example, if you like the ceremonies of Roman Catholicism, you can participate in them without giving your blind obedience to the Pope. Or your can read and profit from the teachings of a particular guru without believing he is God incarnate, even if he believes he is.

A good first practice, if you are a reader, is to go to a good metaphysical bookstore, such as the Lighthouse on University Boulevard near Park, and look around. You'll get a good idea of the range of possibilities. Or pick up the Awareness Journal, a free tabloid available at many bookstores and coffeehouses. Use your skepticism! Don't just believe anything that gets said. There's a sucker born every minute in the spiritual world.

Most spiritual seekers need a sense of spiritual community. For Gay and Lesbian Christians, there are the Metropolitan Community Church and Cornerstone Fellowship. A good option for Gays and Lesbians in Tucson is St. Francis in the Foothills, a very-liberal Christian community which has an officially Gay-affirming policy. You can put your arm around your lover as you listen to the sermon on Sunday!

New Agers have a loosely associated network of groups, and you can plug in by attending a class at the Zenith Center on Seventh Street, or reading the Awareness Journal and finding a group that appeals to you.

The yellow pages will yield a few possibilities for Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Buddhist organizations, under Churches or Religions Organizations. (Watch out for homophobia, though!). There is a Zen meditation center whose ad can be found in the Pathways page near the back of the Tucson Weekly.

Twelve-step groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous are also spiritual in nature. If you are addicted to any substance from alcohol to drugs to sex, you can find a twelve-step group for you. This is just skimming the surface of what you can find if you're motivated.

Spirituality often becomes important to people when they go through transitional periods, such as adolescence, coming out, marriage, divorce, or midlife, or when the face death or apparently meaningless suffering.

This is when people reach out to connect with something larger than themselves, and as Jesus said, "Those who seeks always find." The guidelines I give here are to help you avoid the pitfalls of spiritual life, and enjoy smooth growth.

If you would like more information, feel free to call me at (520) 623-1732.

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Manager Mae would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to his entire staff for their excellent job in the Turnabout Show.

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OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

OUToberFEST '96 October 19

Welcome to another edition of OUTlines from the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA). It is less than three weeks until OUToberFEST '96 takes place at the SW corner of Reid Park, Saturday, October 19, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

It is shaping up to be a great day with fabulous entertainment. A partial list includes Reveille, which is working with TLGA to produce an early afternoon procession and ceremony. Desert Voices, Jess Hawk Oakenstar, IGP Band, Domineaux Device, Crosstown Transfer highlight the partial-list. A list of events will be published in the Observer the week before.

Tees and tanks are on sale at most clubs, Antigone Books, Wingspan, and Girlfriends. TLGA would like to extend a big thanks for letting us have some of our meetings at Girlfriends, and an apology for missing you in the last two articles. Caps are also available at some locations, including Girlfriends and the new Groovin Gecko Gifts and The Stonewall.

A few reminders regarding OUToberFEST '96: Entrance, soda and entertainment is free. However, beer will be a dollar each. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the community through a yet-to-be-named organization. The state liquor board says we need a fenced perimeter and we will have an entrance/exit at the South end and one at the NW area. Also, coolers are fine, just no alcohol. TLGA is obligated to check all coolers, because they will be watching. Also, Tucson Parks and Recreation says no glass in the park (which is a rule no matter what event is happening). Be sure to bring your valid I.D. as if you plan on having beer, just like at the bars, clubs, or the store.

OUToberFEST is produced and staffed by volunteers and while there may be no monetary gain, there is a satisfaction in being a part of the largest Gay/Lesbian-/Bi/Transgender single day event in the state of Arizona! Please, won't you join us for an hour or two, perhaps with a friend and make it all happen. TLGA needs more volunteers in the following: door check - all you have to do is check coolers for no bottles and no alcohol; I.D. check and wristband; soda-servers; security, issued vests, though with no sequins. Any major security issues are handled by the paid police. To volunteer, call the OUTline at 622-3200, or stop by one of our Thursday meetings at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. Next meetings are this Thursday, October 3 and October 10, both start at 7:00 P.M.

If you have any questions, comments, or constructive criticism, call the OUTline, 622-3200, or mail us at TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, Arizona 85717. Another reminder that souvenir programs are scheduled to be out late this weekend.

TLGA's accounting and books are available to anyone. We are a 501(c3) nonprofit organization. As such, we answer to the Arizona Corporation Commission, Pima County Financial Division, Arizona Department of Economic Security, the Internal Revenue Service, and most importantly, to you, the contributor.

OUToberFEST is growing, and getting better every year. OUToberFEST is by, and for the community. So come and enjoy the festivities and celebrate together our day of "Pride WithOUT Borders," the international theme for 1996.

Until next week, hope all is well OUT there. Be OUT, safe and proud.

TLGA NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUToberFEST CALL 622-3200 NOW!

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

The Magic Egg: Remember all of the health warnings a while back about eggs and their artery clogging cholesterol content? Media ads now happily proclaim that eggs suddenly contain significantly less cholesterol and (of course) they urge us to consume more of them.

Now I'd sure like to know how America's hens managed to pull that one off. Is it possible that Farmer Brown told them to shape up or ship out in red and white striped KFC boxes? Have they forsaken chicken feed for rice cakes and celery sticks?

Perhaps the feathered females now begin each day hopping up and down on the nest watching a Richard Simmons workout tape. Picture 500 chickens in headbands and lavender spandex - "OK, girls! Up, down, up, down! LIFT those drumsticks, FEEL the burn!"

Public Excess TV: Halloween ghouls can't hold a candle to some of the truly scary goblins that haunt local late night "public access" television. It's not to be missed. Here's a sample of recent offerings:

1. A totally brainfried metalhead who's homemade "show" consisted of a half hour of stop-motion shots of his collection of Masters of the Universe and Happy Meal action figures lurching around the top of his coffee table in some sort of spazzed out Swan Lake. Followed by an additional half hour of apparent alcohol impaired, and "f" word drenched, commentary on the Star Wars video running in the background. (The apartment strewn with dirty underwear was a truly inspired setting.)

2. One of those paranoid ultra right-wingers screaming to an unseen audience that the government is plotting to install sub-cutaneous computer chips in all of us in order to keep track of our every move and gain total control over our lives. (Hey! If they can do it to show dogs, they can do it to us.)

3. An hour long static shot of a call-in talkshow host reading the newspaper while waiting for the calls that, sadly, never came in. (Preparation IS everything, isn't it?)

4. Some weenie with little fashion sense and far too much access to Brillcream who had a 25 year-old Swedish book and several photos of flying pie tins that prove UFO's exist. (Now we know where all those aluminum pie plates from Marie Callender's end up.)

So who's paying all of the broadcast costs for this stuff?

Wish I'd Said That: From the late, great, southern humorist Lewis Grizzard defining the words "naked" and "nekkid": "'Naked' is when you don't have any clothes on. 'Nekkid' is when you don't have any clothes on and you're up to somethin'."

And then it was now.....

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

All of us at PACT wish to thank everyone who helped with and attended our sixth annual LIFE THRU ART fund raising event, September 20, at the Double Tree Hotel. One of the evening's highlights was the unveiling of the new PACT logo. . . .

Part two of The Portland Project and The Tucson Men's Study. Program areas; Outreach, Education, Testing, Provider Mobilization and Volunteer Coordination. SUPPORT: The support component of the program consisted of "MenTalks." MenTalks were two-hour gatherings of eight to ten men, run by a trained volunteer, taking place in a volunteer's home. The goal of MenTalks was to provide an opportunity for men to share challenges they face individually and as a community as a result of the AIDS epidemic.

Men were encouraged to pose problems, seek solutions from one another and take action, Three types of MenTalks were offered. "Recruited MenTalks" involved participants who were recruited from bars and community events in Portland. These men did not know each other. "Hosted MenTalks" asked interested men to invite a group of their friends to their home, making the MenTalks more social by providing dinner or an activity afterward. "Organized MenTalks" were composed of members of already formed community or social groups.

MenTalks offered men a place outside the bars to meet and discuss a variety of issues such as barriers to safer sex and testing, relationship issues, dating and coming out. The groups were made up of both HIV- and HIV+ men.

OUTREACH: Outreach was conducted in bars, public-sex environment, and community events. Three levels of outreach were designed: Bar Zaps - featured teams of volunteer outreach workers who handed out condoms and information regarding safer sex. In a campaign called "Single Message Outreach," workers engaged men in conversations about lube. During "Lube Night," as it was called, outreach workers handed our samples of water-based lubricant with an informational cover, and talked to men about using lubricants.

In-Depth Interactions - required outreach workers to ask a person a series of open-minded questions related to intervention concerns. The goal was to give an opportunity for Gay men who might not attend MenTalks to discuss HIV/AIDS issues, and to give these men an opportunity to experience the benefits of discussing these issues. Men were encouraged to talk to their friends about volunteer opportunities at CAP and other community programs. Outreach workers conducted 902 in-depth interactions with Gay men at bars and community events during the 18-month intervention. . . .

I leave you with this in mind, "To persevere is always a reflection of the state of one's inner life, one's philosophy and one's perspective." - David Guterson

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POLITICS 1996

By MARK R. RIEM

"Watch Out For Batted Balls"

A mass exodus of schnooks from our nation's Capitol has taken place. Closing notices for the 104th session of Congress were posted, much to relief of all. During the interim, Faye Dunaway will star in the Ford Theater production, "Sunset Boulevard," at the Capitol. Bang!

The Republican-led 104th Congress began like a lion, but ended like Shari Lewis's "Lamb-Chop." Budget battles, government shutdowns, the Contract *on* America, and Newt were the lowlights of this session of Congress.

Of course; what would a session would be without some bills of concern to us, the creative few. A total of 16 bills, eight in the House and Senate were taken up. Some of which: DOMA, ENDA, Banning Straight Interior Decorators, D.C. Domestic Partners, HIV and AIDS funding, HIV and the military. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) put together a scorecard of lawmakers' votes on the measures. [See an accompanying story.]

So how did lawmakers rate? Republicans did not score well on the princess-points scale! What a shocker!

The House Speaker, "Georgia Salamander," scored a bagel. The Republican House leadership garnered a flat zero. Go figure! Over in the Senate, former majority leader and presidential loser, Bob Dole, got a whopping 33 percent rating from HRC. Liberal, liberal, liberal! Current majority leader, Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, garnered a bagel as well. Big tent my ass!

The Democratic leadership in Congress fared better, but not perfect. House Democratic leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri scored a high "B," 89 percent. Senate Democratic leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota received a high "C," 78 percent. So why the lower grades, can we say DOMA!

In Arizona, with the exceptions of Congressmen Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, and Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, our members of Congress scored a zero. For the record, Pastor got a 78 percent, Kolbe a 67 percent. Whoopee! . . .

So Congress has ended their session. Let the fall campaigning begin! A campaign isn't complete without some mud! In the Black Hills of South Dakota, a tight race for the U.S. Senate has been muddled by Gay slurs and denials. Ooh, smell them!

Incumbent Republican, Sen. Larry Pressler, is accusing his Democratic challenger, Rep. Tim Johnson, of "character assassination" over allegations that Pressler is Gay. Ooh! The two largest newspapers have printed stories that repeat an allegation made in a new book called "Washington Babylon." Kenneth Anger eat your heart out!

The book, written by Alexander Cockburn, asserts Sen. Pressler married in 1982 "amid speculation he was Gay." Cockburn is currently touring the state on the book's promotional tour. Critics are charging he is in cohoots with state Democrats to help defeat Pressler. The meanies!

Sen. Pressler, the chair of the Senate Commerce Committee flatly denied the allegation. Right, he's going to admit this in *that* state? Pressler is all man, woo! [Note: Pressler scored a bagel on the HRC scorecard.] . . .

A new novella premiered in Pima County this past week. "As the Computer Glitches," a hot, steamy drama about the 1996 Primary election.

As the story begins, the Board of Soups rejects the voter-canvass because there were boo-boos in the totals. Gasp! After a commercial break, the Board votes to order a full recount. The Board's wishes don't prevail. Judge Michael Brown won't give a court order to recount all the ballots. A partial recount of five precincts is ordered. Brown is then replaced by Judge Wapner!

The recount is attempted, but screw-ups abound. After two attempts and several rewrites, the recount is finally completed. In the race where the outcome actually hinged, Vicki-Cox Golder was declared the winner of the GOP District 3 Board of Supervisors primary fiasco. Rah, rah, rah! Vicki beat Ann Holden by 440 votes! Though this race is decided, the primary election is far from over.

In a typical Aaron Spelling plot-twist, the Board of Soups is split over approving the primary election canvass. Two Soups, primary loser Paul "Dim-Bulb" Marsh, and soon-to-be loser, Big Ed Moore, vote not to approve it. Two Soups, Mike Boyd and Dan Eckstrom voted to approve. The fifth Soup, Raul Grijalva is in the hospital and can't attend meeting to break the tie. What a cliff-hanger!

After three tries, a session in a court, where Judge Wapner threatened them with contempt and other charges, the Soups finally acted. Late Tuesday evening, the Board of Soups voted unanimously, with gritted-teeth, to approve the Primary Election Canvass. . . .

Talk about really bad timing! With the election fiasco going on, Pima County has notified the City of Tucson it will consolidate elections under the county, starting in 1997. Eek!

The city's responded by filing a lawsuit against the county and the state! Bravo! Elections Director Mitch Etter said in an interview he wasn't trying to push the city out of the elections business, he was just trying to comply with the law. Right!

Tucson City Clerk, Kathleen Detrick said in an interview she wants no part of consolidation. You go! La Detrick also stated, "The issue is whether it's a matter of local concern how you run your elections. We think it's a local matter." You go!

The City of Tucson has a solid reputation regarding elections. Tucson uses the same punch card system, voting-booths and consultants without the same problems resulting in the mess we have currently.

Kathleen Detrick does a terrific job with elections. If the county can't get its act together, perhaps in this era of charter government, elections should be consolidated under the City's banner with La Detrick in charge! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

Double Mischief
by Wendy Caster

Homodyke Am I

Are you Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, queer, homosexual, or differently sexed? Do you embrace "dyke" or do you insist on "Gay woman?" Does "Lesbian" sound like "leprosy" to you? Does "queer" sound cutting-edge or just cutting?

Does any of it matter?

I'm a writer, so words are the tools of my trade. I know the difference between "sensual" and "sensuous," "discreet" and "discrete," "uninterested" and "disinterested." And I'm disappointed that, often over 25 years of squabbling, we perverts haven't settled on a term with which to label the normal, bizarre, black, white, Latino, Asian, soccer-playing, opera-addicted,, monogamous, polygamous, promiscuous, open-minded, bigoted men, women, both, and neither we optimistically call our "community."

In my personal life, I've grown away from politically correct labeling. I occasionally refer to myself as a "kike dyke" or "homogirl," and my exlover and I long ago replaced the term "disoriented" with "un-Asianed." A favorite of mine is "homodyke," the creation of an old Eastern-European woman who was not meaning to be funny or inventive. She called Gay men "homosh-a-wills," and the mispronunciation was charming.

But, really, who cares about words? Bill Clinton just signed an anti-Gay marriage bill. Ellen DeGeneris's TV character may be coming out of the closet (though Ms. DeGeneres refuses to discuss her own private life, wink, wink, nudge, nudge). A bill to protect Gays and Lesbians in the workplace almost passed the senate. Gay kids are still getting kicked out of their homes. What does it matter if we use Gay, Lesbian, dyke, fag, homo, or "pronounced sapphist?" (Virginia Woolf's description of Vita Sackville-West)

Language matters. For us hairless apes, language is the main weapon of defense, offense, and education. It is how we present ourselves, how we know one another, how we wrestle the world into a knowable idea. Language vitalizes love and hate, relationships and politics. Stonewall may have used rock throwing to goose the Gay rights movement but years of letter writing and speeches and articles and plays and novels and coming out stories have it chugging along.

Unfortunately, politicians and other people sometimes fear speaking to and about us when they can't figure out which of us is Gay and which of us is queer. Indeed, we ourselves often don't know what to call one another! A glance at the letters page of any newspaper or magazine, straight or Gay, reveals that the slightest deviation from today's political correctness, not yesterday's, not tomorrow's -- results in an onslaught of angry, humorless correspondence. Political correctness has its place, and we shouldn't focus only on pleasing politicians and their ilk, but we don't want to give the powers-that-be an extra reason to feel uneasy about us and our issues.

There's also the problem of trying to write readable, maybe even elegant, prose while grappling with awkward terminology. Jotting down notes about how queerboygirlfags are making more progress in the United States through capitalism than democracy, I wanted to label the topic "Gay money." But does Gay really include Lesbians? What about Bisexuals? "Lesbian and Gay money is more inclusive, but it's clumsy and ignores Bi and Trans folk. "LesBiGay" has potential, but does that "Bi" part mean "Bisexuals" or is it merely the second syllable of "Lesbian?" Is "LesBiTrans-Gay" a word whose time has come? Won't Gay men complain that they're listed last?

This problem may remain with us forever. English's glory is the richness of its vocabulary. "placate," "mollify," "pacify," "comfort," and "calm down" all mean roughly the same thing, but the difference in their connotations allow the English-language writer to find the right word for every particular need. The various homo-related words also have different connotations. Why should a Gay woman call herself a dyke? The terms bring to mind different ways of dressing and wearing one's hair and even different body types and social classes.

Similarly, queers are often younger and more radical than Gay men. The words "queer" and "Gay" overlap, but their slight gradations of meaning matter. Why should a queer give up his edge to be a Gay man. Why should a Gay man adopt a term that he may associate with being battered in gym class in the 1950's?

It would be nice to have a single word to include all of us inverts. It would be neat and useful. But it ain't gonna happen. We're a diverse bunch, and we need diverse labels.

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UPDATE

Florida Investigates County AIDS List Release

TAMPA, FL (WS) - State officials are investigating the unauthorized distribution of confidential information on 4,000 AIDS patients to two local newspapers. In lieu of the investigation, officials took a series of immediate steps to insure the incident cannot be repeated.

Under an order issued last week, health-care workers can no longer take confidential information about AIDS patients from secured offices. The state is also reviewing confidentiality procedures. The orders cam from Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Secretary, Ed Feaver.

Last week, a computer disk from the Pinellas County Health Unit was sent to two area newspapers, along with a letter saying a health-care worker had dropped it after showing it to patrons at a Gay bar.

William B. Calvert III, one of three workers with access to the list, was placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the state's investigation. Calvert denied showing the list to anyone, saying he had taken it out of the office for routine field work, and it was stolen.

Three disks in all were produced. One was sent to each of the two newspapers, and a third to the Department of Health. The disks included names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, means of infection and other personal information.

AIDSWALK '96 Needs Volunteers

TUCSON - Don't wait! You can make a difference now by volunteering to work in the AIDSWALK office. Volunteers are needed to work during weekdays. Urgently needed are people for phoning, overseeing mailings, and general organization.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, call Matt Palmer at 322-9191.

Viatical Industry Forsees Growth Resulting From Health Care Provision Becoming Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that President Clinton signed into law, will benefit the terminally ill and bring growth to the viatical settlement industry. This view was presented by the Viatical Association of America (VAA).

The law contains a provision that will allow people diagnosed with a terminal illness to sell their life insurance policies to viatical settlement companies for a tax-free lump-sum payment.

Viatical settlement companies purchase life insurance policies from people diagnosed with a terminal illness at a discount of face value. The insured receives a lump-sum payment. The company becomes the owner and beneficiary of the policy and must pay all future premiums.

The company will collect the proceeds of the policy when the insured dies. The insured is called a "viator" when he or she sells the policy. There is no restrictions on how the viators use the money.

Meir Eliav, President and CEO of the New York-based viatical settlement company Legacy, and president of VAA said, "One of the biggest bars to using a viatical settlement has been that the IRS wanted to take more than a third of it in taxes. Now that they will be tax-free, we expect that more people will use the services of viatical settlement companies." Eliav added that the VAA had worked hard to see this legislation become law.

The tax-free provision will apply only to people whose life expectancy is less than 24 months, and the purchasing company must be licensed by the state in which the viator resides. At this time, only ten states have license requirements but legislation or draft regulations are pending in several states.

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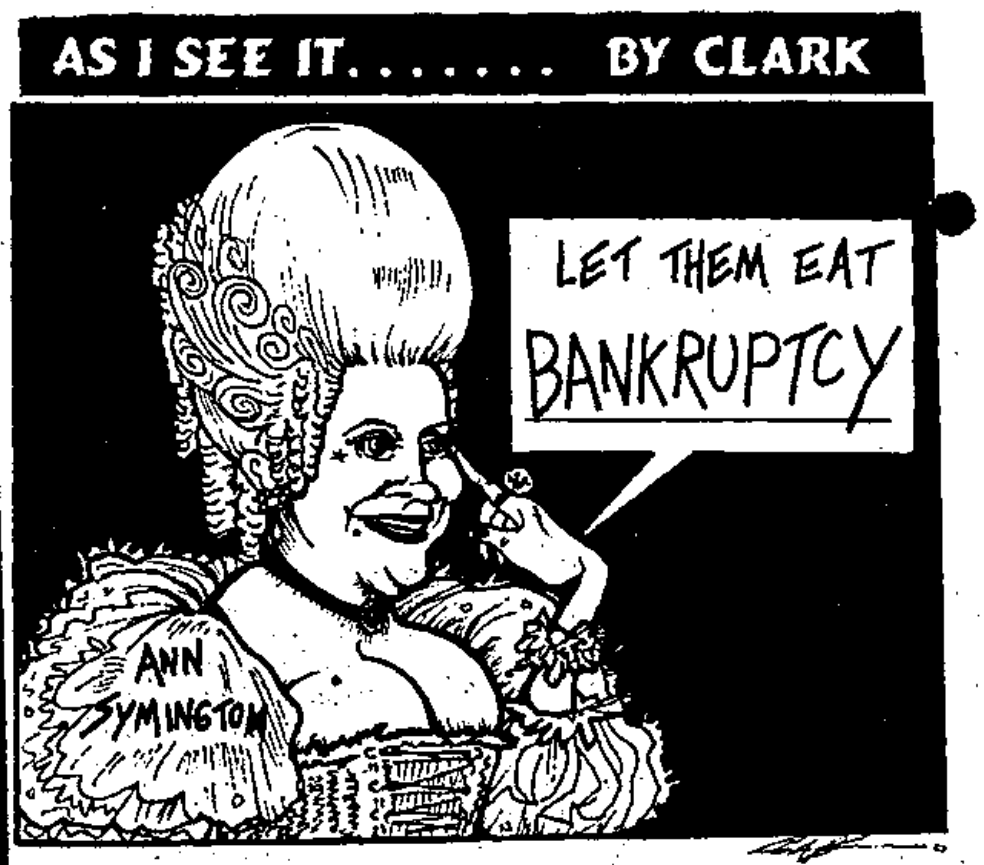

Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal? Esperando que estén disfrutando de las noches frescas que hemos tenido y de las románticas lunas que nos han estado iluminando así como del eclípse que nos tocó obervar el día jueves y que desafortunadamente no se volverá a presentar por un largo tiempo, el cual lo apreciamos en el camino de regreso de Prescott, AZ. donde asistimos a la XXIII conferencia anual sobre Salud Rural que organiza la Oficina de Salud Rural de la Universidad de Arizona, ésta vez hubo una asistencia de más de 200 personas interesadas en la salud pública del estado de Arizona, con una magnífica cordinación de Gail Wallen, y de Rebecca Romero, quienes se anotaron un diez, ya que el contenido, así como el desarrollo de toda la conferencia fué un éxito; y sobre todo el lugar sede para la mencionada conferencia siempre ha sido fabuloso; muchas felicidades y que sigan los grandes éxitos para Gail, Rebecca y demás asistentes que siempre estubieron pendientes de lo que estaba pasando y sobre todo que todo saliera bién; Bravo!!! Y sobre los premios que tradicionalmente se entregan durante éstas conferencias, el del "Profesional del Año" fué entregado a nuestra cólega y amiga Ila Tittelbaugh, enfermera del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Nogales, y el de: "Voluntario del Año" fué para Santos Acord de Miami, Arizona quienes realmente merecen dichos reconocimientos y otros tantos más...Felicidades!!!

En lo que respecta a la pólitica de México: después de meses de debate, el 4 de junio pasado, la Comisión Plural de Diputados para la Reforma Democrática acordó por unanimidad promover la reforma al Artículo 36 constitucional, para que los mexicanos que residan fuera del territorio nacional puedan votar en la elección de los presidentes mexicanos. Si bien todavía no se especifican las condiciones para ejercer este derecho, la aceptación de los cuatro partidos representados en la Cámara de Diputados, el PRI, el PAN, el PRD y el PT, es de trascendencia histórica y va de acuerdo con el espíritu de la Reforma Política integral en la que se encuentran comprometidos estos partidos. Queda aún por elaborarse y aprobarse la Ley Reglamentaria en la que se definirá quiénes son los mexicanos residentes en el exterior, el número de años que les es posible vivir fuera de la República y aún conservar su derecho al voto en el extranjero, así como los mecanismos para que se inscriban en el Registro Nacional Ciudadano, obtengan su cartilla de identidad nacional y el lugar y la forma de emitir estos votos. Este tema ocasionó reacciones variadas de los representantes partidistas, desde la aceptación total hasta las dudas sobre una implementación legal y limpia de dicho proceso. Sin embargo, hay que esperar a que esta iniciativa sea discutida y aprobada por las dos cámaras en pleno, lo que sucederá en el futuro próximo...

Siguiendo con los temas de pólitica; se les invita a que se informen sobre la Proposición 203; Iniciativa para un Arizona Saludable, que estará en las propuestas a votar en las próximas elecciones, (5 de noviembre); Sabe usted porqué se necesita que ésta proposición?... Si la proposición 203 gana, tendremos un Estado saludable, ya que cada Arizonense por debajo del ingreso anual de $15,000.00 con una familia de cuatro miembros, podrá recibir cuidado médico, además que el Estado de Arizona podría recibir dinero del gobierno federal para cubrir en un 100% a la población pobre para el cuidado médico en lugar del 38% que actualmente se destina para esos servicios. Así tendremos nuestros impuestos federales invertidos en prevención y los servicios de AHCCCS más accesibles en sus coverturas; Asi es que recuerde: SI en la 203 y si necesita más información sobre ésta proposición comuníquese conmigo (520-287-4722) y con mucho gusto se le atenderá....

Nuestro amigo Ernie Pérez, coordinador del programa Salud es Poder se anotó otro diez con el inicio de las Noches Latinas en el "Alternator" del Plug, se les recuerda que serán los viernes de cada semana, y las presentaciones de "EXTASIS" serán dos por mes, desde luego que contarán con presentaciones de nuevos valores como invitados especiales, en ésta primera ocación se pudo descubrir la calidad artística de Gaby que se pudo apreciar fácilmente la aceptación del público y que ojalá siga participando con el mejor grupo de travesti latino: EXTASIS por supuesto; y felicidades a Gaby Cecilia por el merecido homenaje que le dieron sus admiradoras nominándola como la Reina del grupo, felicidades!!!

Y a la vez se les informa que hay una posición abierta para Cantinero(a) y otra para mesero(a) para los días de Noches Latinas en el Altnernator, si necesita más información comuníquese con Ernie Pérez(322-6226)... Y también se solicita voluntarios para el comité planificador del primer Mr. Gay Hispano '96 que se llevará a cabo el día 13 de Octubre... Vea los boletines informativos sobre éste
evento...

Una llamada que recibí al momento de estar escribiendo ésta Columna Abierta, fué la de una amiga que está por presentarse a una entrevista para un trabajo que solicitó donde me pide una orientación, la cual es la siguiente:
Prepárate de antemano: consigue información sobre la empresa y el título de la persona con quien te has de enfrevistar. Ello causa buena impresión. Si es posible habla con las secretarias, consigue una copia de la guía del personal o lee las circulares de la empresa. Recuerda que quien te entrevistará podría tener ideas preconcebidas acerca de las latinas. Viste apropiadamente al puesto que éstas solicitando y al mundo empresarial. Una vez que sepas con quién te vas a entrevistar, actúa de manera positiva. No hables demasiado. Cuando quien te entrevista pide que hables sobre ti, no está solicitando información personal. Lo que quiere saber es tu experiencia profesional.
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b) ¿Cuál es el futuro profesional que proyectas para tí de aquí a diez años?
c) ¿Por qué debo darte el empleo?, d) ¿A quién sigues como ejemplo?, e) ¿Tienes alguna pregunta?.. Sobre todo no dejes que el entrevistador te intimide. Uno de nuestros grandes dones como latinos es nuestra personalidad; y ¡buena suerte Maryl!!

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

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National Conference Provides Hope For G/L Catholics

WILLIAMSBURG, VA - From across the country, over one hundred Lesbian and Gay Catholics, parents, Priests, Deacons, Religious and lay ministers gathered for the Third Annual National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries (NACDLGM) Conference held in the historic city in Virginia.

The theme of this year's conference was "Called to Teach and Heal". The message resonated throughout the four-day event. Here are the highlights from the conference:

Bishop Walter F. Sullivan of the Richmond Diocese told the group during a homily that there were welcome in, and needed by, the Catholic Church. "Yes, you are called to teach," said Sullivan.

The keynotes speakers at the Conference echoed Bishop Sullivan's sentiments. They included Paula Ripple-Comin, the woman who helped found the Church's ministry with divorced and separated Catholics. Also, the Rev. Gerald Coleman, a prominent moral theologian and president of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California.

During her presentation, Ripple-Comin said that ministries with Lesbian and Gay persons and their families were helping to heal the angers and fears that seem to surround the issue of homosexuality within American Catholicism. "We must be present to the Church so that they may gain a better understanding through lived experience," she said.

Fr. Coleman presented the group with the Church's moral and theological positions on homosexuality and sexual practice. Coleman explained that the Church's most current teaching emphasizes that homosexual orientation is not a choice. He stressed the Church deplores discrimination and anti-Gay violence and that the Church encourages full participation of Gay and Lesbian persons by right of their baptism.

"We are witnessing tremendous movement within our Church to be more hospitable and affirming to our Gay and Lesbian members," said NACDLGM president Rev. Jim Schexnayder.

Conference organizers noted that attendance had doubled from the preceding year. Twenty-seven dioceses from seventeen states and the District of Columbia were represented at the conference.

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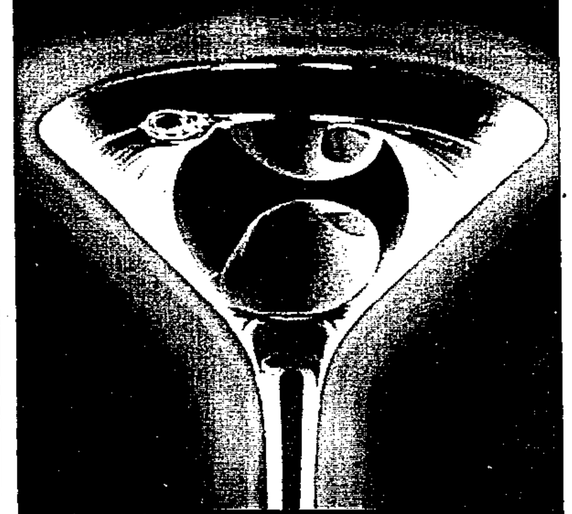

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An advice column for Gay and Bi-sexual men from the Gay Men's Health Project.

Dear X,

Like the old saying "Two wrongs don't make a right," I have the problem of two tops not making a bottom. My boyfriend and I are both geared towards not getting it in the end. How can we keep sex interesting with this kind of limitation?

Signed Bottomed Out!

Dear Bottomed Out,

Don't feel like you are lacking something because neither of you wishes to be the receptive partner for anal intercourse. This is a common bedroom problem for Gay couples. Either both are bottoms or both are tops or at least one partner doesn't like to have anal sex. Consider first that maybe we put too much emphasis on anal sex as the ultimate display of love for man to man sex. There are many physiological as well as psychological reasons for not having anal sex. This all goes back to understanding and respecting a sex partner's boundaries. With regard to options for keeping the sex exciting, there are plenty. I almost always say start with porn films. They allow us to do something that society views as taboo which is bound to cause a little arousal. Next go to Light S & M activities like tying each other up, feathers, spanking, you name it. Maybe you want to have anal sex and that is frustrating. If you are open to three-ways, I'm sure you will have no trouble finding a willing bottom. If that is not an option you could try creating a sense of control or domination with each other like having one person be the sole receiver of oral sex and making the other top wait to be serviced later. I have found ways to basically treat a partners mouth like a top treats a bottom's bottom. You know, have them lay on the bed and f**k their mouth without them touching you or moving around a lot. Sitting on the partners chest with his arms at his sides is a good way to do this. You are dominating him without anal contact. I could go on for days about alternative sexual behaviors. I would like to mention that if you both thoroughly discuss this problem and your reasons for not wanting to be a bottom you may find a way to work towards this behavior if it is important to you. Start small and work up. But don't ever feel like you are not reaching total intimacy without anal sex. You are, you are! Let it go, it's not important. Love is.

Dear Doc,

I get attached too easily. If I trick with a guy I think is cute and he seems to be even half cool I turn into a fatal attraction. I don't know what happens to me. It always scares them away or I get into a codependent relationship that blows up. What do you think? I'm out of money for security deposits.

Signed, Glen Too Close.

Dear Glen,

I think you know yourself better than you think. It sounds like you suffer from hate to be alone syndrome. Maybe you have never really lived alone and you don't know how to do it. Or maybe you want love so badly that you are willing to jump in rather than go without. I'm going to remind you and everyone else of Dr. X's important rule about living with someone. Give it a 365 day waiting period. If you make the year and still feel the same then move in. I'm concerned that maybe you haven't filled your life with other stuff like friends and hobbies and recreation and reading and spirituality and so on. Why are you needing to have a constant relationship good or bad? Take five minutes and give it some thought. Being needy is a dangerous character trait. Look at the feelings of need and seek out the truth behind the void. You may need help with this. You have seen the error of your ways and are willing to get at the problem. I have heard so many guys say they don't need a partner to validate their lives, and they are right. We can be happy on our own. I won't use the word bachelor because that suggests preparing for impending coupling. Some of the best times in my life were when I was single and dating and hanging with my friends. Independence is a great thing. Validate your singleness and slow down. When someone wants to be with you they'll let you know it. You don't have to chase them down or try to take over too soon. I hope I'm not being too hard on you and I hope you can find balance. Learning how to love and feel embraced by all things is one of the great nemesis of our existence. Give it time, and give the other guy time. Keep in touch!

Dr.X,

Sometimes you sound as if you have all the answers. What about Gay life screws you up? You can't be that secure with yourself. Inquiring minds want to know.

Signed, Curious.

Dear Curious,

If you want to know what gets me to read the column every week. Most of the letters I address are as much as part of me as the answers. I have the same fears and weaknesses and confusions as everyone that writes in. During my Gay life which I started late because I was a closet case I have had some really bad times. I was in a relationship with a drug addict and alcoholic for over a year and got infected with HIV. I made bad choices about my career and many other components of my life. Every time I really made a mess of things I managed to do what I advise. I went to a friend or family member, or a counselor and worked it through. I see a counselor right now to cope with stress and HIV. I have plenty of weaknesses. I don't like to do certain things and get whiny when they don't go my way. I have an over active sex drive that causes constant frustration for me. I'm f**king human. But I am a nice guy and I have many talents as well. I'm loyal and one hell of a housekeeper. I fight change but adapt quickly. Need more? Ask my friends and lover. I'm glad you asked such a personal question. The more you know about me the more real I can be to you and other readers. I am not some straight female sociologist sitting in an office somewhere examining Gay behavior. I am a real fag with real feelings. If you want more dirt on me you'll have to talk to me in the bar; or maybe you already have! I hope I gave you enough dirt to ease your curiosity. Later!

To ask Dr. X . . . fax questions to 622-1554, Attention Dr. X.

UPDATE

National Gay & Lesbian Hotline Set To Take Calls

NEW YORK, NY - The Gay and Lesbian National Hotline (GLNH) officially opened its toll-free telephone lines on Tuesday, October 1.

The phone number for the service to Gay and Lesbian youth is 1-888-843-4564. The GLNH will provide peer counseling, information and referrals to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people, as well as others concerned with Gay-issues. The services are without charge and totally anonymous.

"The Gay and Lesbian National Hotline meets a critical need in the Gay and Lesbian community today," said Brad Becker, president of GLNH. "Callers anywhere in the country will be able to reach volunteers."

Becker continued, "A young person struggling with sexual orientation questions often times has now where to turn. Our volunteers are well-trained and compassionate, they know how to listen and that can mean a great deal to a caller."

In addition, the GLNH maintains a database with more than 13,000 local community groups, organizations, businesses and professionals. With this extensive resource of information, the GLNH can link callers with thousands of services available.

The entire organization is run by volunteers. All financial donations go directly to support these services. The hotline accepts calls weeknights from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. With additional fund raising, the GLNH hopes to expand its hours in the future.

S.F. Opens Hearings On Gay Youth

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) - The city of San Francisco is conducting its first-ever hearings into the problems confronting Gay and Lesbian youth.

Jointly sponsored by the city's Human Rights and Youth commissions. The hearings will focus on key problems confronting young Gay men and Lesbians: harassment in the schools; high levels of unsafe sex among male teens; a disproportionate rate of suicide attempts and suicides; and discrimination in areas such as housing and the juvenile justice system.

Brian Cheu, who handles Gay-related discrimination cases at the Human Rights Commission, told reporters that the agency's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Advisory Committee made Gay youth a top priority last year.

The agency plans to issue recommendations based in part on the hearings to help the nonprofit and city agencies in handling young Lesbian and Gay concerns.

Boy Who Wore Dresses To School Back In Custody

BURLINGTON, VT (WS) - The boy whose repeated suspension for wearing a dress to school, is back in state custody after running away from his state-supervised group home.

Matt Stickney, 15, disappeared early last week and was reported missing from Burlington High School officials. Stickney called local television stations last week to say he was safe and was with a group that was providing him food and shelter.

As a minor and a ward of the state, police continued their search for him and placed Stickney in protective custody when he was found. Lt. Bill LaWare of the Burlington Police was quoted as saying, "He is safe and that was our real focus. He is where he needs to be and hopefully things will work out fine for Matthew."

Stickney's situation gained national notoriety last week and the media has descended upon the town to flesh-out the story. In a show of support for Stickney, hundreds of his fellow classmates had engaged in a cross-dressing walkout. Karin Eade, of Outright Vermont, a Gay and Lesbian rights group, said the situation was a media circus, and one the boy sought refuge from.

Advertisers Take Wait And See Approach To 'Ellen'

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Advertiser interest in the ABC sitcom Ellen has apparently not suffered from the rumors that the show's main character may come out as a Lesbian in mid-season.

The main character "Ellen" is portrayed by stand-up comedian, Ellen DeGeneres.

J.C. Penney and Toyota would await developments before making any change in their media purchases. CocaCola and Pepsi released similar statements. Computer giants Microsoft and Intel said they would continue with their advertising schedules "regardless of plot developments."

Daily Variety reported last week that the record low ratings for the show's season premier suggest ABC's hope to profit on the Gay spin backfired. "Network executives, who haven't decided how to depict the character's sexuality, thought the publicity might draw more viewers when it premiered," said Variety.

The show's season premier posted a 28% decline in ratings from the previous year.

[See an accompanying on the ensuing controversy surround "Ellen."]

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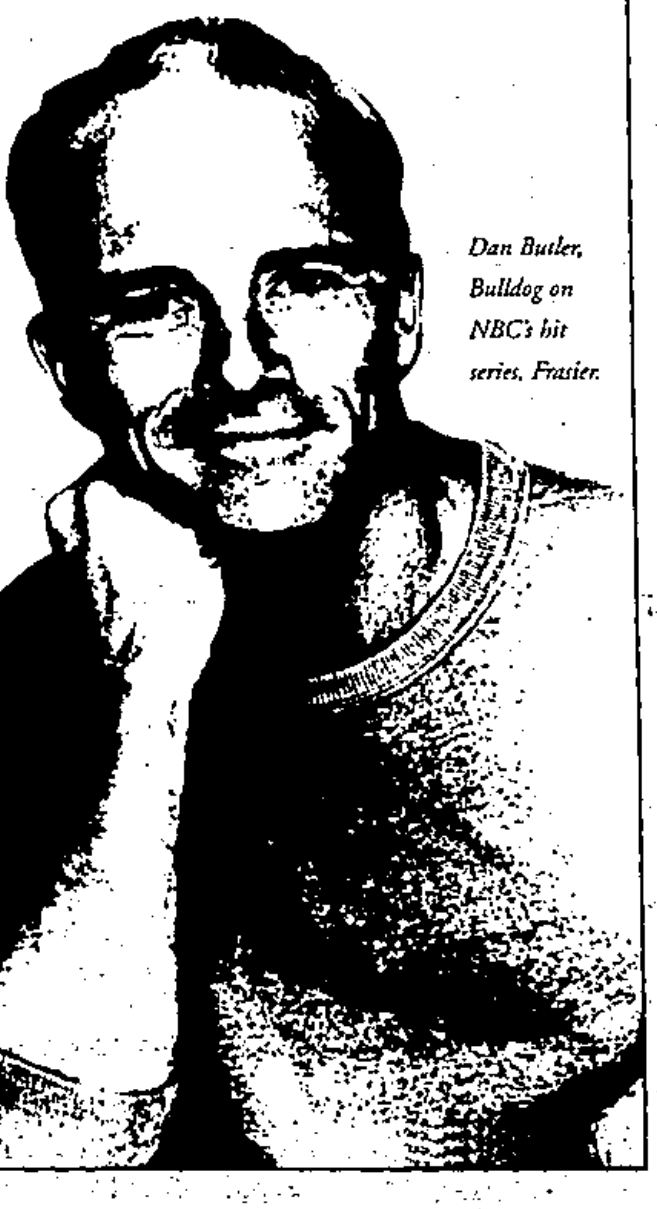

Dan Butler, Bulldog on NBC's hit series, Frasier.

Many gay and lesbian people like Dan Butler thought acting straight was better than being open and honest. They hoped that others did not know, or that they feared friends and family would not accept them. After coming out, the love and support many receive tells them one thing -- that being themselves is the best act to follow.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let us take a moment to welcome the onset of October, the month that celebrates National Coming Out Day. Prepare for a couple of fast moving personal planets, Venus and Mercury, both of whom race through three signs. If we change our minds and our affections a few times over the next four weeks, so be it. The planets never need an excuse.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

October offers a bubbly cauldron of partnership fun. Are you committed to the relationship or not? It is time for all proud Aries to open up the lines of communication and speak honestly about expectations. Don't beat around the bush, partners are not into reading between the lines. Coyness is not within the rambunctious, Rambo persona anyway.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

All the rushing planetary activity in October rushes a few extra work projects your way. Proud Bulls may bite off a bit more than they can chew. Don't panic! You are up to the task. While the day to day job keeps you occupied, brace yourself for an unexpected detour in your overall career path. Ain't life interesting kids?

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins should make good use of Mercury's and Venus' forays this October when you may feel especially creative, romantic and theatrical. If life has been hum drum, liven it up with a drum beat from party central. What better time to plan that superb Coming Out party? Make it an event that they will talk about for the next year . . . or next millennium.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Home and hearth pink Crabs feel especially warm and fuzzy this month as Venus and Mercury warm your home fires. You can sit and simmer or, even better, think of home improvement projects that need planning, attention or completion. Tackle these necessary domestic alterations now while the energy is right. As long as you are cleaning out your closet, clean out your house.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud and regal Lions are in rare form this October as the urge to bellow and roar become almost unstoppable. Use the energy as an affirmation as ideas and words of wisdom come to you almost effortlessly. Don't be afraid to expound on your more "creative" concepts, these seeds find fertile ground in the most inhospitable places! Add a bit of water and you are all set.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Serious and committed Gay Virgos should turn their attention to financial matters, particularly on future monetary security. I have full confidence in you, my dear. I know you will figure out that perfect retirement plan that will not only serve you well but can also help others. Expect a surprise or five on the job. You must never know what onerous task will lead to nirvana.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Lucky Libras are ready for the swell of adulation that will greet them in October. Maybe because it is your birthday month or maybe because you are hot and ready to celebrate our liberation, but people gravitate to you. Prepare for your ascension to center stage and take full advantage of it, and its possibilities. Be the diva you were born to be.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Prepare for a minor sonic boom. All that has been carefully hidden from you will be catapulted into the forefront. Good thing too, Scorps need a good cleaning of the closet once and for to flush out all the goblins, ghosts and demons that keep you from true affirmation. Deal with them swiftly, one by one, and don't be kind. Then breathe a sigh of relief and go celebrate!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Social pastimes carve out a large piece of time this proud October. Good thing too; Gay Archers have a tendency to disperse their energies and never see anything for their considerable efforts. Now you can relax and enjoy yourself with kindred souls and good pals. Avoid becoming too boisterous though; you never know what you may belch in all the excitement.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Proud Caps enter the center of the corporate storm, so strike while the political energy is hot. You will gain the upper hand in your career or life's work as long as you remain focused. You may be privy to an extra bit of insider scuttle. Review and chew it carefully, then use it to climb up another rung. You can't change the world until you get more power.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians have to scratch those itchy feet this October by traveling to some new, exotic climate. It is always much more pleasant to be Out and about in a beautiful resort. The benefits include not only a lovely, rested you, but also, a new perspective for old problems. Experience life from a different angle. Try something, or someone, a little different.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Are you turning a lustful eye toward other people's money and possessions? Prepare for a case of the green meanies for those pink Fish who have not taken your finances into your own hands. On the bright side, sex and sensuality have never been hotter. Peppy Fish sure know how to turn on the heat when they are inspired and this is the month for Gay inspiration.

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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! I never thought I'd hear my self say this, but I'm so glad I'm not in the age bracket of 13 through 30 today!

Why? Well, if you're not too old to remember those years, just think about it. I can't speak for my sisters since I'm not in a female body, but I don't know I'm no different from my male counterparts, Gay and straight.

My dear, those are the years of "The Hornies." Being 13 to 30 today is like playing Russian Roulette with a six-shooter loaded with five bullets.

For young folks today, unlike my era, it is the "Don't Era." Many messages are hurled at young people to don't: do drugs; leave home without one; smoke; ask or don't tell; have sex. Don't have sex? What! Are you crazy?! You're at your testosterone high!

I know that! Really, I do know because I may be old, but not dead, but my memory of a young male animal is still vivid! I also know our don't were things like, "Don't touch the stove, you'll get burned" and "Don't play with it, it'll fall off and you'll go blind."

If today's young men aren't frustrated beyond belief, after being told "Don't," they must be aliens to youthful maleness and raging boners. The 13 through 30 years are the "Do" years and it's no different, no matter the sexual orientation. The urges of Mother Nature are the same and it's even equal for the religious or nonbeliever.

It can be a psychological jungle of insanity for today's youth. Because, if you remember, when you were young and someone told you "Don't," that is exactly what you always wanted to "Do" and usually did!

However, the "Don't" is of a heinous nature when you also know this normal temptation to rebel and "do it anyway" could easily bring you to a much-too-early cremation ceremony being attended by your loved ones.

Well, that makes my severe warning of "don't play with it" simple insanity: Because I did and it didn't, because I still do it and I ain't blind. Of course, I did have to start wearing glasses by the Fifth Grade!

Today, I had stop counting at number 32, the young friends and acquaintances who had died because they did. This is not something to be scoffed at and ignored when folks say "Don't" today.

So what should young hornies do about all the "Don't Do's" today? How about looking at some "Do's!"

Celebrate the fact that you're a normal sexual being. Be thankful when you awaken with the staff of life in your hands, because the day arrives soon enough when it could be only a memory not so easily revived.

Remember, there is a front and back door to every house. It's not wise to enter naked.

Go along with your rebellious nature of youth and don't be afraid to play with it. It won't fall off! I promise!

Allow the child within to learn to play with toys, safe toys!

Learn ASAP the enjoyments practiced by our non producing ancestors and learn the variety of gloves available and the art of dressing and undressing oneself. It can have the same, dramatic effect as a striptease show.

Remember, that if you're not in control of your self, someone else might easily control you!

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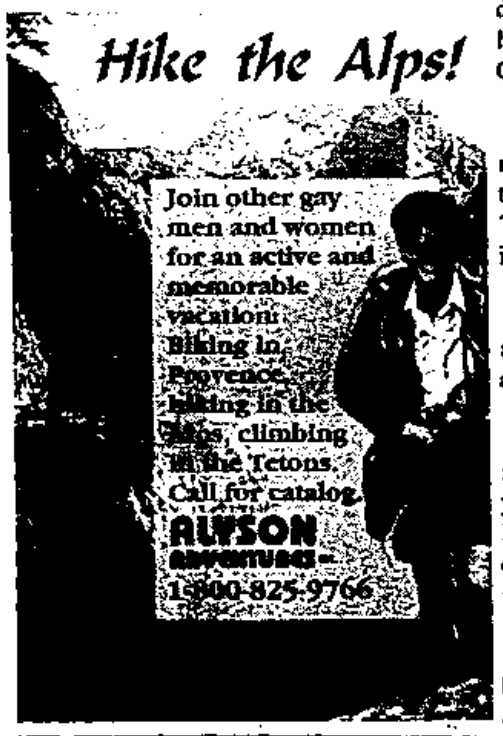

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

Rodeo, as defined by Webster's dictionary. A competition featuring such skills as bronco riding and steer wrestling.

Apparently, Mr. Webster never went to San Diego the last week in September. He forgot dancing, drinking, socializing, drinking, bar-hopping, and drinking. What a whirlwind week and weekend it was. Hope yours was just as exciting.

I got the "wild hair" and ventured to San Diego this week. This year was better than ever. Those Cowboys and Cowgirls really know how to put on a show. With a little help and support, I feel Tucson can shine just the same. We have a lot of fresh faces in AGRA this year, and I am making the call out to, not just new members but to all members, "Let's make this year the best Tucson has ever seen!" To do this, we need you all to make it happen. I for one am still on the weekend high and thoroughly pumped. Let's rodeo!

Memo! The "P.R. Cowboy" is out of town this week (on a cruise, or cruising, I forget) apparently learning about the seven seas. His favorites being, "Sea that guy over there!" and "Sea you in the morning!" Darrin, hope you had a great trip and can't wait to hear the gossip from TM. If anyone has any AGRA P.R. business to discuss, contact any other Board member or the AGRA hotline. The October "Branding Iron" has been mailed, so look for it at a mailbox near you.

A reminder to anyone interested in submitting a bid for this year's Annual Banquet, taking place December 14. All bids must be submitted to the State Board by Tuesday, October 15.

There are a few events happening in Phoenix for those of you heading North this weekend: Wild West Saloon Days at Charlie's - a benefit for AGRA-Phoenix Greg Olsen Memorial Fund, October 4-6. An "Ol' Fashion Hoe Down" fund raiser for AGRA '97 contestants, Miss Stevie Barr and Mr. Kurt McGregor at the Chuckwagon Cafe, October 5. If you are in the vicinity, stop by and support our friends in Phoenix.

Mark your calendars for Tucson's AGRA Board/Membership meetings to be held October 20, at the Graduate. Details TBA. AIDSWALK '96 is scheduled for October 13, contact Scott, 792-5653 if you would like to join the AGRA walking team.

That's all for now. Until next week, remember, keep well and play safe in the saddle.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

My four-and-a-half year old grandson has a serious medical problem. For the first six months of his life, he seemed perfectly normal. Then his mother began asking why his feet didn't grow. It took over two years of repeatedly questioning many different doctors and having multiple medical tests performed on my grandson before she was able to get a positive diagnosis.

While I can't tell you the medical name of Matthew's condition, I can describe it to you. One of the tests done him revealed that his pituitary gland was malformed. This gland controls the function of several other glands in our bodies, but right now the problem is that my grandson's body is not producing human growth hormone. This means without medical help, he would never grow to be normal size. He would be what is called a midget, someone whose body appears normal in every way, but who is much shorter than the average person.

Fortunately for my grandson, within the last ten years, scientists have discovered a way to manufacture human growth hormone. As long as he gets a shot of this artificial hormone every day of his life until he is eighteen, he should grow to be the same height he would have been if his pituitary were functioning normally.

However, this hormone does not come cheap! The cost is dependant upon the patient's weight, and as that increases, so does the cost. Right now, Matthew requires about $1,000 a month of it! Thankfully, my son has good insurance, so he does not have to pay any of this cost.

Did you accept Jesus as your savior some time ago, perhaps as a child or young person? When you first did this, can you remember how excited you were about your new faith? You wanted to tell everyone you knew about him and what a difference he could make in their lives, as he did in yours! But now, perhaps, you have lost your enthusiasm for Jesus. Maybe your friends don't even know that you are a Christian! What happened to make such a change in the way you feel, act, and think about Jesus?

Just as new babies need certain things to make them grow properly, so do new Christian babies require "spiritual growth hormone." We are told in 1 Peter 2:2, "Like newborn babies, crave spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." Just what is this "spiritual milk" which is necessary for our growth? The writer to the Hebrews explains it this way: "In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you all the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!" (Hebrews 5:12) God's word, the Bible, has all the growth hormones we need to grow up to be spiritual adults. Unlike artificial human growth hormone, there is no cost attached to receiving it, at least not a financial one. The only cost involved is the cost of the time it takes to read and understand what the Bible is saying to you!

If you still are a spiritual baby, if you have not learned more about Jesus than that he died for your sins, you are still a Christian. Even if you do not ever open a Bible, you will still go to Heaven once you have accepted Jesus as your savior. But how said it would be for you, as well as for you heavenly Father, for you to remain a spiritual infant because you chose not to partake of the spiritual milk is waiting for you in God's word!

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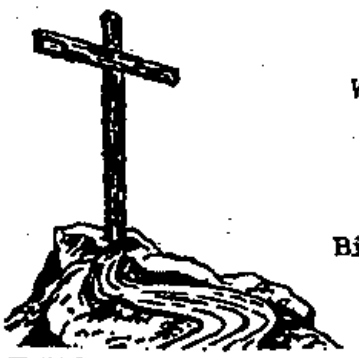

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Progress In 104th Congress

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The four members from Hawaii comprised the only full state delegation to score 100 percent on Gay and AIDS issues in both the House and Senate.

"The 104th Congress has been one of the most toxic for our community," Elizabeth Birch, executive director, said at a news conference to release the report. "Yet despite this noxious atmosphere, Gay and Lesbian Americans made some significant progress in this Congress, which I think is a testament to the maturing of our movement."

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation, was defeated 50-49 on September 10.

Daniel Zingale, HRC's political director, pointed out that 33 senators voted in the last Congress against codifying the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military.

"The 49 votes in favor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act - which included nine Republicans - show that we have made significant progress, despite the conservative bent of this Congress, he said. "And, as has often been the case with our issues and Congress, many of the success stories are not about what happened but what we prevented from happening."

Among the initiatives HRC helped turn back this session were attempts to interfere with local school programs from Gay youth; a proposed ban on Gay couples' adopting children; cuts in funding for AIDS care and prevention; and efforts to dismantle Medicaid.

"Perhaps our most stunning success was the repeal of Congressman Bob Dornan's amendment to discharge all members of the military with HIV," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's deputy political director for legislation.

HRC's Congressional scorecard rated members of the 104th Congress on a series of issues including the "Defense of Marriage Act," a bill aimed at blocking any moved toward legalizing same-sex marriages. The bill passed both chambers this year by overwhelming margins.

Members were also scored on whether their offices have employment policies that bar discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Disney's Largest Union Says Gay Benefits Unfair

ORLANDO, FL (WS) - The Walt Disney Company and its largest union, the Service Trades Union Council, have entered arbitration over a dispute involving Disney's recent extension of benefits to the partners of its Gay employees.

The union is demanding Disney offer the same benefits to the unmarried partners of its straight employees that it now grants to Gay couples. Disney is not commenting beyond saying it believes its policies are fair. Sources close to the negotiations say Disney insists that since straight couples can marry, they have benefits not available to Gay couples who are prohibited from doing so by law.

According to union attorney, Rich Siwica, that's not the point. The union contract with Disney prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or marital status. "If straight, unmarried employees can't get insurance coverage for their live-in partners, it is discrimination based on marital status," he said.

A decision on the case is expected any day.

Maine Mechanic Faces Civil Rights Suit

ALFRED, ME (WS) - The Maine Attorney General's Office has filed a civil rights suit against an auto mechanic, who allegedly harassed and threatened a Gay man at a service station.

The complaint was filed under the Maine Civil Rights Act. The suit alleges Peter M. Arsenault, an Ogunquit mechanic, verbally harassed Charles L. Waite III and threatened him with a hammer.

Waite reportedly went into a Mobil Station to ask why his car had not been towed, as permitted under his AAA service agreement. Arsenault allegedly ordered Waite off the property while holding a hammer in his hand and said, "All you faggots ever want is something for free."

The complaint filed in York County Superior Court says Arsenault admitted to police to making both the harassing comments and to threatening Waite with a hammer. Arsenault later denied the allegations.

The suit is asking the court to consider a civil penalty of as much as $5,000 for each civil rights violation.

SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings

	Won	Lost	Pins
Four	6	2	3510
Tres Amigos	6	2	3478
Twisted Nipples	6	2	3459
Five	5	3	3587
Nine	5	3	3529
Meat'N Heat	5	3	3491
Ten	4	4	3580
Thirteen	4	4	3429
My 2 Dads	3	5	3547
Triple T & Me	3	5	3483
Smokin Bears	3	5	3477
Show Me Yours	3	5	3403
Hooga-Booga!	2	6	3442
Bea Bytes	1	7	3355

Avg: Monte N., 198; Joyce K., 144; Nine, 538. Game Scr: Jack S., 256; Weda V., 175; Hooga-Booga!, 617. Game HC: Denis S., 261; Joyce K., 236; Hooga-Booga!, 677. Series Scr: Mark K., 625; Joyce K., 472; Nine 1633. Series HC: Denis S., 666; Joyce K., 658; Five, 1829.

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings

	Won	Lost	Pins
Tastee Buns	6	2	5917
4 Swigs/Swallow	6	2	5849
Pink Flamingoes	4	4	5808
Holy Rollers	3	5	5792
Desert Divas	3	5	5747
Faerie Tails	2	6	5626

Avg: Ann R., 159; Mark K., 182; 4 Swigs, 779. Game Scr: Mark K., 227; Ann R., 207; 4 Swigs, 844. Game HC: Jack S., 274; Ann R., 253; Tastee Buns, 1070. Series Scr: Mark K., 592; Ann R., 515; 4 Swigs, 2354. Series HC: Jack S., 730; Ann R., 653; Tastee Buns, 2993.

Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo:

Ain't Nobody's Biz. 9/24. First Place - Bee, $29. Second Place - Leslie, $12. Third Place - Kim, $7.

Graduate. 9/28. First Place - Tommy, $35. Second Place - Sean, $25. Third Place - Jim, $10.

Stonewall Eagle. 9/28. Special winner-take-all 8-ball tourney. First Place - White Lightning, $35. Next week, nine-ball.

Session #4 will begin November 3, 2:00 P.M. sharp!

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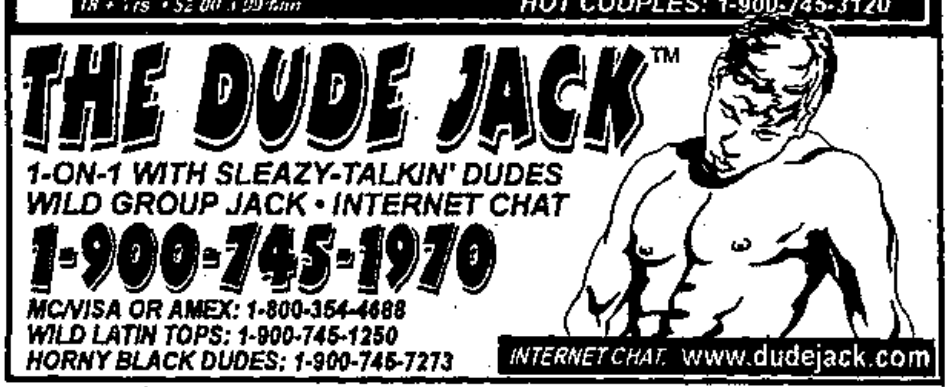

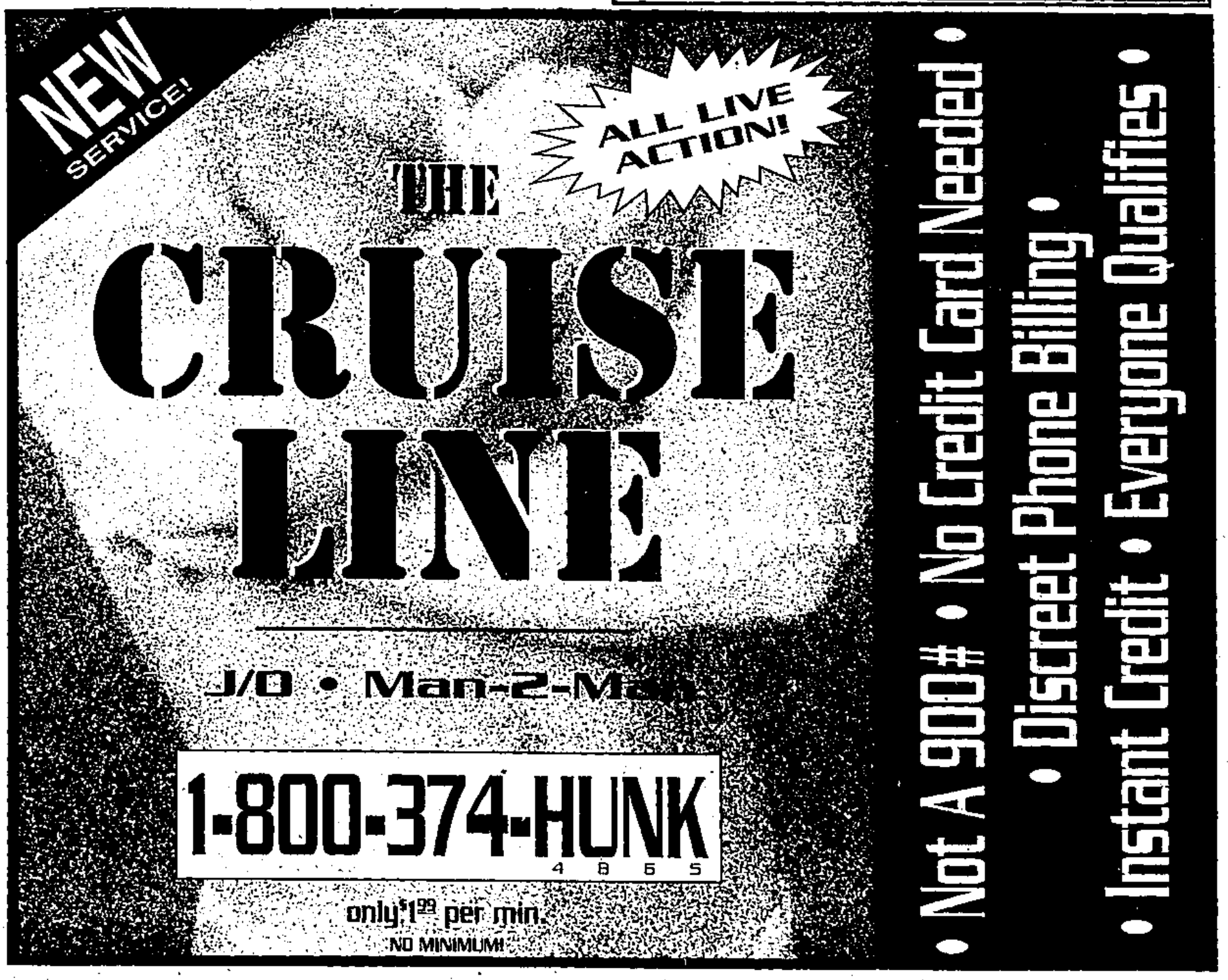

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Helena Bubbles and featuring Ajia Simone, Miss Gay Tucson Felice Renard and special guests. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
IBT'S - College Night Out! Tail Gate Party at 9:00 p.m. Specials a drink prices for those wearing their favorite school's T-shirt. IBT's UofA Scholarship applications are now available at IBT's and Wingspan.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
IBT'S - IBT's Anniversary Party!! Food! Fun! Prizes! 6:30 p.m., Special Anniversary Show hosted bvy Helena Bubbles, featuring Miss Gay Arizona, Gilda Fatalé with Ajia Simone and special guests. 9:00 p.m., All new male strippers and followed by Tucson's hottest dance music.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
IBT'S - Male Box Nite returns. Post office opens at 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
GRADAUTE - "The Grad Girls" return. Showtime 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Christina de Alexis.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
HOURS - Beginning at 8:00 p.m. the beginning of Hour's 6th year anniversary weekend. Promo Nite with Coors, Budweiser, Miller, Arizona Beverage and United. Prizes, drink specials and more!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
HOURS - The 6 year anniversary party continues. Join in the celebration, dancing, food and fun.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
PLUG - Post-AIDS Walk Party. $1.50 Margaritas for everyone who walked.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
PLUG - Special Gay Pride Picnic Party and Show. Special guest appearance by the Lee Sisters. Wear your Pride colors for 50¢ schnapps.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
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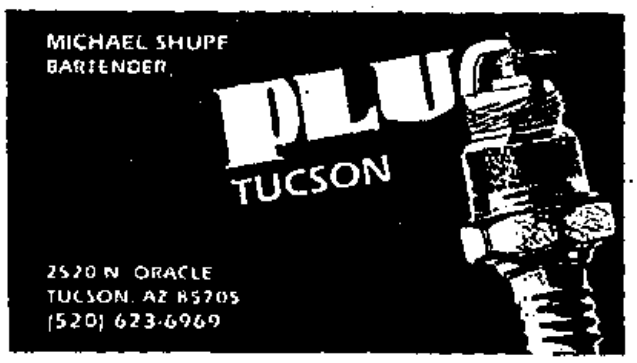

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Tucson Prime Timers, invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m. A special exploratory session to see about planning a camping trip to Utah's new National Monument Park. For direction and details call Jerry 690-9565

Girlfriend's Coffee House and Book Store Live Entertainment featuring Jess Hawk Oakenstar 6-10 p.m. No Cover.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Girlfriends Coffee House Bingo 7:30 p.m.

Men's Social Network 6:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night". The cost will be $5 for rental of traditional skates or $8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Girlfriend's Coffee House Tarot Readings 6-8 p.m. Country music 8 p.m.

Men's Social Network 7:00 p.m. Card Game Night at Martin and Bob's house. A variety of card games are always available for play. Call Martin 623-1732 to reserve your space. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
A workshop about HIV prevention in Pima County will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Tucson Main Library. Thgose who attend wil learn about the AIDS epicemic in Pima County and will be asked for their input. Participants will determine the populatalons most at risk for HIV, as well as priortize ways to reaxch these populations. The workshop is free and sponsored by tyhe Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group. Anyone interested in attending shejld call Laraine or Liz, 740-8554 to register.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages, guests always welcome) 7:00 p.m. Monthly Potluck and Social Gathering. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100 men who come to these monthly gatherings. It is held at the Scottish Rite Hall at 33 Ochoa St. Call Jerry 690-9565 for more details.

Girlfriends Coffee House Concert featuring Karen Capaldi 8:00 p.m. $5 Cover.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
Fall recreational Volleyball 2:00 p.m. at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River (NW corner of Swan and River Roads). Men and women of all playing levels are welcome to join. Volleyball is a fun way to meet people and get exercise at thesame time. For more info contact Davey at 886-1208.

Antigone Books will present a reading by local author Demetria Martinez at 7:00 p.m. She'll read from her unforgettable novel "Mother Tongue", a story of love and revolution. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

Men's Social Network Noon, MSN member Dan is offering his home as a starting point for the Historic Armory Park Home Tour. Dan will serve coffee, juice and bagels. Call Dan 623-8882.

Men's Social Network 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom 318-1650. Gay men of all ages are always welcome at MSN events.

Men's Social Network 7:00 p.m. The evening's video will be "Love And Human Remains", a story about a Gay man and his straight friends - and what dating is all about in the 90s. Quirky, funny and thought provoking. Call Les 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
The Pride Law Center operates tonight from 7-9 p.m. The Center has been established to provide Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered people a safe place to discuss legal matters and receive legal advice. The Pride Center is staffed by volunteer attorneys licensed to practice in the state of Arizona. The clinic will operate for a 2 hour period one evening per month on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. The clinic will only provide legal advice to you. The clinic will be held at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Each evening will be staffed by one volunteer attorney and two law students. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you for review by the attorney. The clinic anticipates being able to service 4-6 clients per evening. For more information only (NOT legal advice) call 325-4087.

Men's Social Network Intermediate Bridge Night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills, table talk playing. Call Perry 321-4387.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 p.m. Girlfriends Coffee House.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
TLGA Meeting Girlfriends Coffee House 6:00 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages, guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. film Flashback (a previously shown movie at MSN) :Fright Night" a horror comedy starring two Gay icons - Amanda Bearse and Roddy McDowell in a delightful sleeper. Call Les 690-9565 for reservations.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
Men's Social Network 7:00 p.m. Reservations for Dinner Out will be at the Olive Garden on Broadway. Call Bill by 10/8 for reservations, details and directions, 615-0979. Gay men of all ages, guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
Men's Social Network 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Richard Hall's "Letter From A Great Uncle" or "P.S. Your Cat Is Dead", by James Kirkwood. Please cal to confirm which book will be discussed. For reservations and directions call Jerry at 690-9565.

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 8-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open Noon. 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 2pm. 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. Bar Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 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 Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. $1.00 Well all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 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. 9 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. $1.00 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 8pm to close - $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 Sex Nite. $1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylnight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

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

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 9-close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with Michael 9 pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.

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.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. $1 Domestic Long Necks 8-10. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backsideopen 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday
AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas $3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to8pm. Free Pool 3pm to 6pm, on 3 tables. $1.50 Well 8-10pm. Dance music with Clinton from Louisiana at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

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

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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 581-8850 or Ronn 668-2384.

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter.558

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary O. 770-9978 or Bertie L. 318-3415.

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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.

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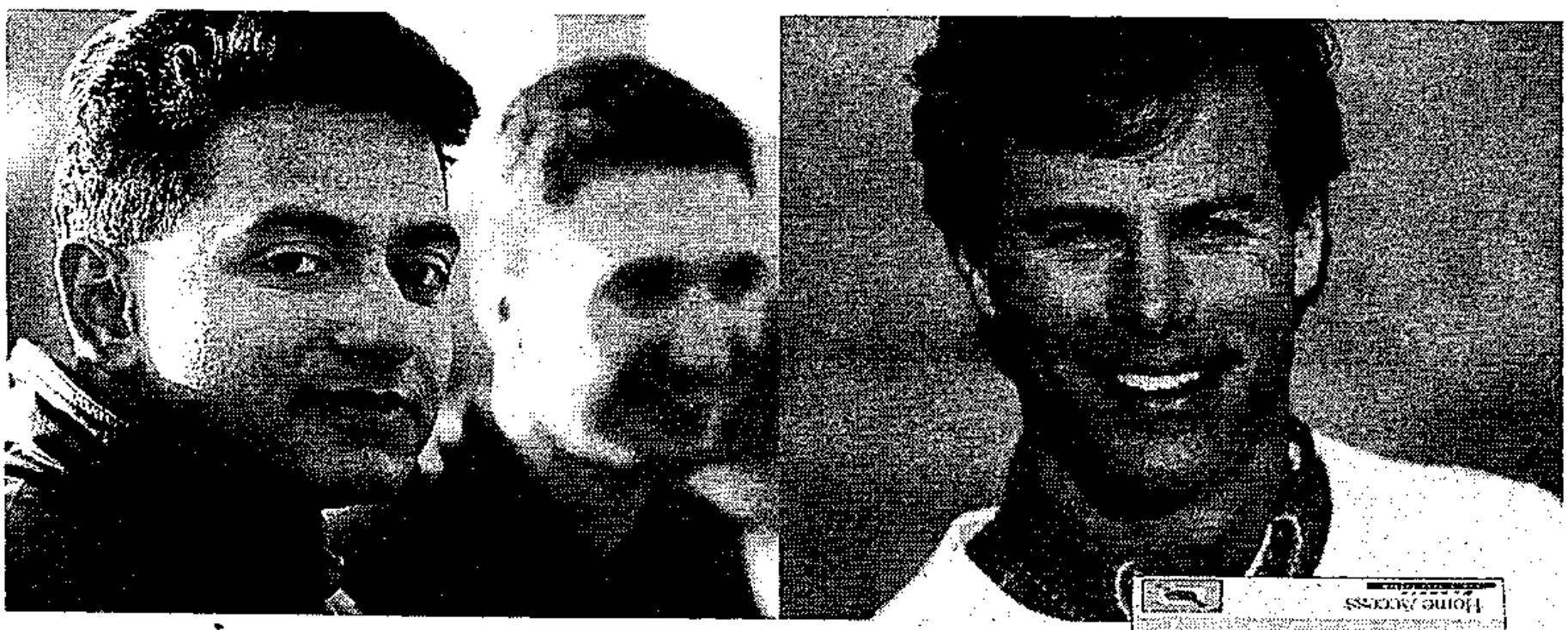

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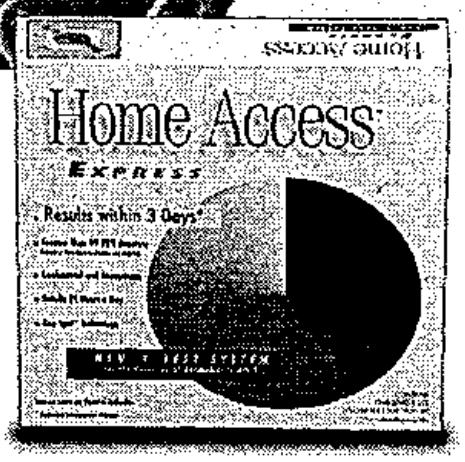

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