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Holly Near And Ronnie Gilbert In Tucson Concert Oct. 20

HOLLY NEAR

TUCSON - As if to reprise their SRO performance Nov. 2, 1984 at Tucson High School (with 1300 seats sold out one week in advance), Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert, two venerated activist artists, take the state at the intimate Leo Rich Theater (in the Tucson Convention Center complex), Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

They, with their pianist Janet Hood and John Bucchino, have just released their third joint album, "This Train Still Runs", and will be singing heavily from this new mix of original and folk compositions. October 20 is the last of a series of only 12 performances nationwide.

Ronnie Gilbert, the contralto of the Weavers who threw her head back and gave a song its due, back in the 1950s when women were more likely to be looked at but not heard, inspired a whole generation of youngsters like Mary Travers (of Peter, Paul and Mary) and Holly herself, to boldly belt out their druthers.

Holly Near burst onto the music scene after a stint int he Jane Fonda-Donald Sutherland F.T.A. ("Free The Army") revue tours to our troops in Vietnam conflict. Forming her own Redwood Record label, she early on dedicated her work to the older Ronnie Gilbert "who knew how to sing and what to sing about."

Although the two had never met at that time, they eventually formed an artistic bond, and Holly's scene teaching Ronnie Holly';s own song "Hey Una Mujer" (about women disappearing in Fascist Chile) was one of the memorable moments in the Academy Award-nominated documentary "The Weavers: Wasn't That A Time?"

Holly's big voice and take charge style is secondary only to her songwriting contributions in the folk-pop vein, which have insured her place in history. Her songs "Fight Back", "Singing For Our Lives", "It Could Have Been Me", and "Hay Una Mujer", have been heard and sung by hundreds of thousands across the planet now often by people who don't know who she is, as enduring activist standards.

The concert will feature old standards like "Irene Goodnight", recently sung in San Jose with a surprise visit on stage by Joan Baez, and new compositions of the two women individually, dealing with Mother Jones, and women's voices, and with

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OUToberFEST '96 Oct. 19 'Pride Without Borders'

TUCSON - OUToberFEST '96: Pride WithOUT Borders, Tucson's annual Gay pride festival will take place October 19, 1996. The festival is sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance.

The location of OUToberFEST 96 will be the southwest corner of Reid Park in the center of Tucson from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Attendance is expected to be around 5,000 to 7,000 people. Attendance is free and continuous entertainment will be on hand throughout the day.

Some of the performers scheduled: Jess Hawk Oakenstar, Kathleen Williamson with Rochelle Raya, IGP, Domineaux Device, Chick Cashman, Crosstown Transfer, Deeper Purple. Plus, the best drag in Arizona will culminate in the crowning of Mister and Miss Gay Tucson.

A speaker's forum will also be held, focusing on local services that are available to the Gay and Lesbian community, and on political issues that affect our community. The forum will take place at noon.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will host "A Gathering of Pride" during the height of the festival in the mid-afternoon, with special guests, Desert Voices. A keynote address by a prominent citizen will also take place during the festival.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA), is sponsoring "AGRA World," which includes a dance floor, games and a fund raising cut-a-thon to benefit a local AIDS Service Organization. Team Arizona is sponsoring a volley ball tournament, and P-FLAG, Wingspan and TLGA will collaborate on a central booth space, which will offer information, referral and some cool stuff on sale.

"TLGA is honored to sponsor Tucson's celebration of Gay pride," said Theresa Barnabei, president of TLGA. "It is the one day of the year when many people truly come out and can openly be themselves and celebrate who they are. We are gratified by the large numbers of people who attend and have fun. It's a one day event where the memories last the whole year."

OUToberFEST is an annual Gay pride festival sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, a nonprofit, 501 c3 corporation dedicated to sponsoring social events for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual communities, and to increase awareness, pride, support for the cause of equal rights for the Gay community. Fund raisers for these events are held throughout the year.

OUToberFEST '96: Pride WithOUT Borders is expected to be the biggest and best ever. October has become an important time in Tucson for the Gay community, and OUToberFEST is the anchor event, surrounded by other important and growing events such as AIDSWALK and Wingspan's Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. Of course, October is also National Coming Out Month, and National Gay and Lesbian History Month.

AIDS Funding May Jump $238 Million

by Sue Fox

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congress is on the verge of appropriating an additional $100 million beyond President Clinton's FY 1997 budget request for the Ryan White CARE Act.

The CARE Act, the federal program that gives cities and states money to provide AIDS care.

The boost, fentatively approved by House and Senate negotiators, would bring the total amount for the Ryan White CARE Act to about $995.7 million for FY 1997. This would be an increase of 31.5 percent over FY 1996.

The proposed $100 million increase came after Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-CA, asked the Republican chairs of the Senate and House subcommittees on Labor/HHS appropriations - Sen. Arlen Specter, R-PA, and Rep. John Porter, R-Il, to include another $100 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

The subcommittee leaders reached an agreement that earmarked half that amount for the ADAP's, but the other half will go to other aspects of the Ryan White CARE Act, according to Steve Morin, a Pelosi staffer.

"It's a minor miracle to get a $100 million increase that hasn't been requested by the president out of this Congress," said Morin.

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UPDATE

Silent Auction At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community Center is conducting a Silent Auction. The auction runs from October 19, through December 15.

Wingspan is seeking support and assistance in this important, fund raising event. The monies generated from the Auction are vital to keeping the doors of Wingspan open to provide needed services and support to the community. Wingspan is looking for donations of merchandise or a gift certificate for services from business to offer at the auction.

The Silent Auction Catalog will be on public display at a number of events from OUToberFEST through the Fourth Avenue Street Fair on December 15. Wingspan will showcase the merchandise and certificates for service at the Fourth Avenue office on a continued basis. An advertised open house is scheduled for the Auction on December 7.

As a 501 c3 organization, Wingspan relies solely upon donations for operating expenses. During the past year, over 5,000 people have used Wingspan's volunteer-run services to the greater Tucson community. Wingspan offers a 24 hour info-line, a walk-in center, a lending library, and an art galley. Many community groups use the center to hold meetings. Plus the Pima County Health Department offers free, monthly, and anonymous AIDS testing.

Lastly, Wingspan offers a safe place for individuals to come together in friendship, in acceptance and in freedom to be who they are in a world that rarely offers this kinds of support.

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Arizona AIDS Quilt Panels Sought For Display

TUCSON - One In Ten Repertory Theater of Tucson will be host to a series of workshops for the conception of panels to be displayed during their production run of Remember My Name - by David Lemos.

This dramatic piece is the story of the founding of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt and will benefit the Shanti Foundations of Tucson and Phoenix.

If you have lost a friend or family member to this disease and would like to do something to memorialize your loss, please contact One In Ten at (520) 293-5397. The theater company will help organize your thoughts into a beautiful and meaningful piece of art. No experience is necessary and you can spend as much or as little as your heart and finances will permit.

After closing night, the panels will be sent on the Names Project in San Francisco where they will be joined to the National Quilt. If you have already made a panel and would like it to be a part of this project, call (520) 293-5397.

Ofelia Zepeda At Antigone Books, Oct. 20

TUCSON - Sunday, October 20, 7:00 P.M., Ofelia Zepeda, Tohono O'odham linguist and poet will read excerpts from hew new book, "Earth Movements: a Selection of Poems in O'odham and English," at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

The book is published by Kore Press at a price of $16. This bilingual edition in book/cd format, features the author reading her poems in two languages and with traditional instrumental accompaniment.

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

Share Bears September Statement

TUCSON - The following is the financial statement for the month of September for Share Bears:

Income	$365.65
Carried Over	$548.76
Client Payment	$ 8.61
TOTAL AVAILABLE	$923.02

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Gas Vouchers	$ 20.00
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TOTAL SPENT	$869.70

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Desert Voices Group To Perform At Centennial Hall

TUCSON - Una Voz, the select ensemble of Desert Voices will be performing at Centennial Hall, Thursday, October 17, 6:45 P.M.

Una Voz is appearing as pre-performance guests for Anonymous Four. Anonymous Four will present Richard Eichorn's work, Voices of Light, an opera/oratorio based on the life of Joan of Arc. A silent film, recently discovered and restored will be the backdrop for this event.

In celebration of this event, Tucson's own Una Voz, and Keith A. Koster, artistic director, will present chants of Hildegard von Bingen, works of the Renaissance, and Houston composer Ruth Huber's Joan of Arc. The Una Voz event is free and takes place in the courtyard of Centennial Hall.

On October 19, Desert Voices will make their second appearance at OUToberFEST, directed by Assistant Conductor Gregory Swanson.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Film Festival Oct. 23-27

TUCSON - The Second Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film festival will present five evenings of entertainment on film and video, October 23-27. The festival is organized by the Wingspan Film Committee.

The first film on the schedule will be "Stonewall." The film will be shown at 7:30 P.M. and midnight on October 23, at the U of A campus. Other films will be shown at The Screening Room, 127 East Congress.

Tickets are $5.00 and admit one each. For more information call Wingspan at 624-1779.

'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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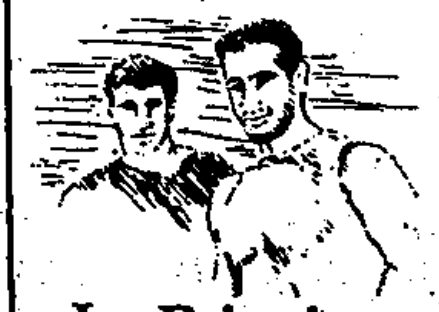

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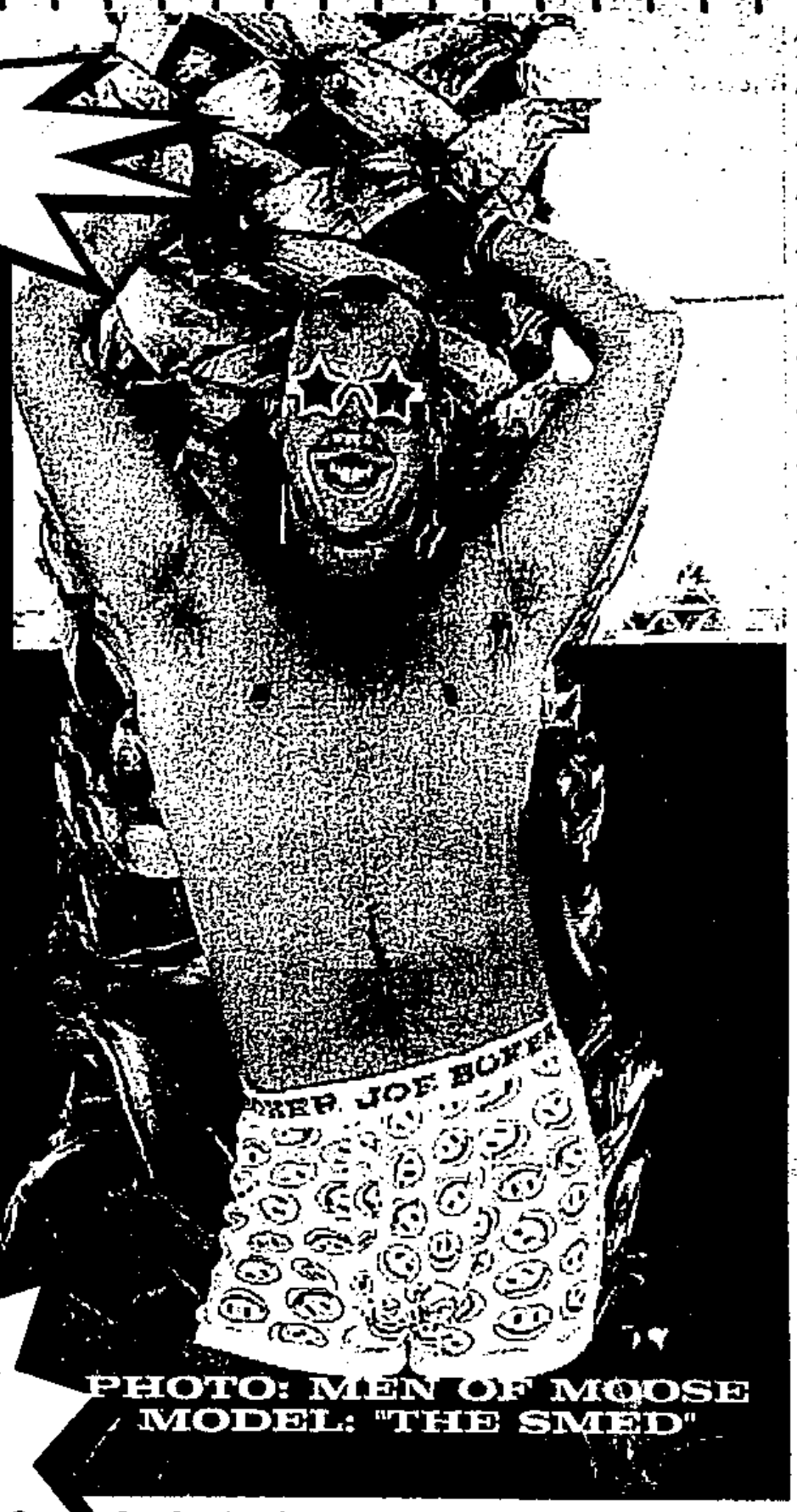

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OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

OUToberFEST '96, Pride WithOUT Borders, is less than two weeks away. The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) is in high gear making final preparations for Saturday, October 19, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Southwest corner of Reid Park.

There is an excellent entertainment line-up (even though Elton John and Melissa Etheridge could not make it . . . it could happen). Reveille, the Gay Men's Chorus is organizing the procession and rally for early afternoon and Desert Voices will be treating us to their talents as well.

Several regional bands are playing and "AGRA World" is bringing country music and dancing to OUToberFEST this year. Be sure to let your hair grow for the cut-a-thon benefitting PACT, at "AGRA World."

There is of course free admission and free soda. Beer will be a dollar a glass, with a percentage of the proceeds to be donated back to the community through a yet to be announced organization(s).

Speaking of beer, here's the scoop: The board, after much deliberation, decided to start selling beer. It would allow TLGA to return funds back to the G/L/Bi/Tg community as well as making it easier to cover expenses like insurance, stages, sound equipment, permits etc.

Simultaneously, due to a business decision by our main beer distributer, our beer supply was reduced by 50 percent. In order to have beer available throughout the picnic, we approached another beer distributer. Who, by their legal requirements, required that we sell beer, in order for them to provide it. So, as times and circumstances change, (as does life), so does Gay pride picnic.

OUToberFEST is the largest G/L/Bi/Tg single day event in Arizona, and possibly the entire southwest. It is produced entirely by volunteers, and we really need just an hour or two for your time to make it all happen. Categories are: Door check for no bottles or alcohol in coolers. I.D. check and wristband for those planning on having beer. Soda servers. Security.

The souvenir programs are out on schedule at all regular locations. TLGA would like to apologize to both Gilda Fatale and Felice Reynard for incorrectly their titles. Gilda Fatale is Miss Gay Arizona. Felice Reynard is Miss Gay Tucson. Announcements will be made at the picnic as well. Best wishes to Gilda at Miss Gay America.

The next meeting is really Thursday, October 10, at MCC. Disregard anything else you have read or heard. Also, the traditional third Thursday, October 17, will be back at Wingspan.

TLGA looks forward to a day full of fun and Pride, and invites everyone in the community to come out and celebrate at Gay Pride.

If you are unable to make the meeting and would like to help, please call the Outline, 622-3700, or mail info to TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. See ya at the picnic.

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Dr. Andy Myers from Phoenix Body Positive (PBP), a leading HIV research center, was selected as a lead physician to begin enrollment of up to 50 local HIV-infected individuals in this trial.

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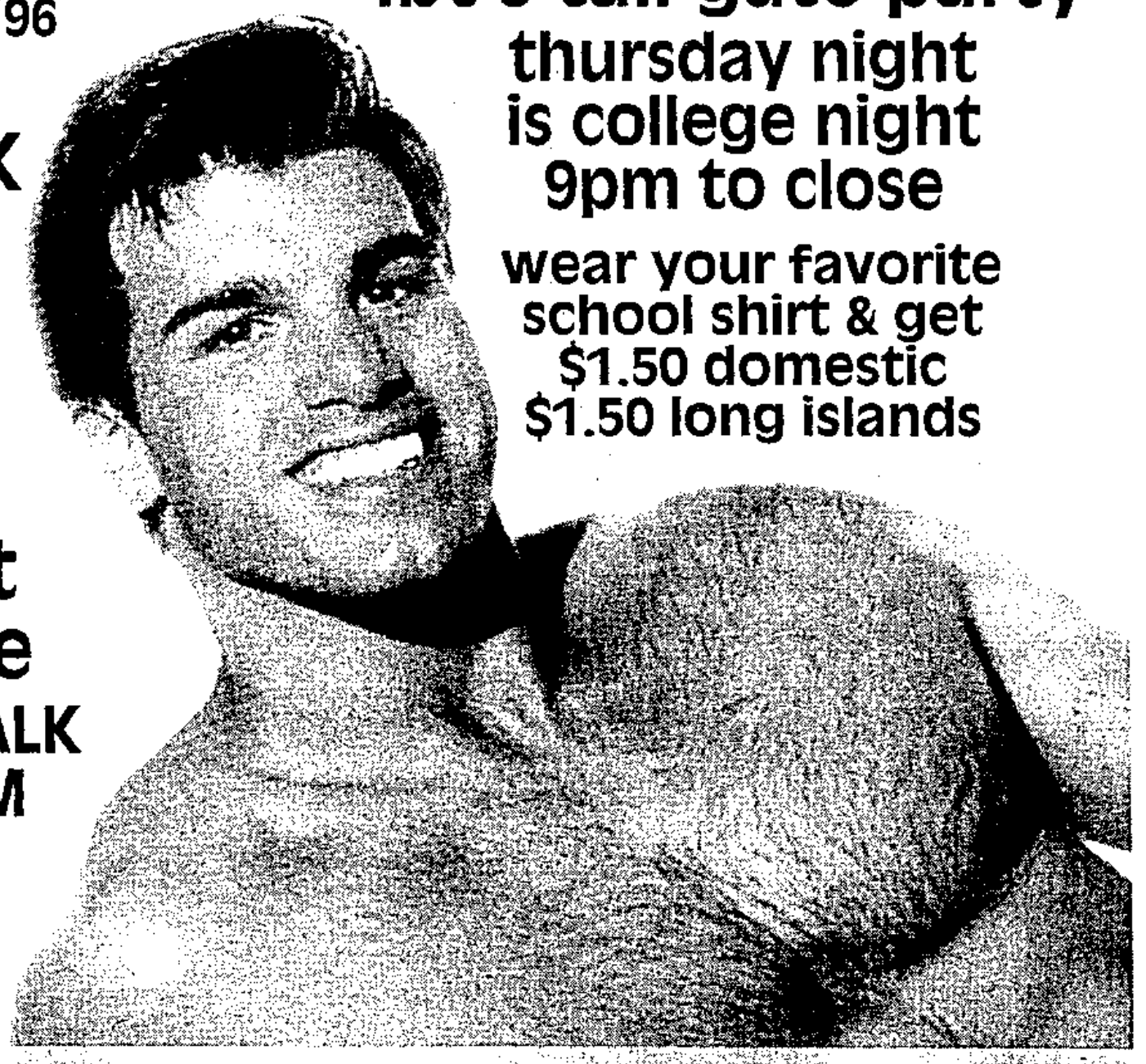

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Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

A Journey Into Cyberspace

A few months ago, I asked for readers' experiences using the Internet to investigate Gay travel.

Responses were mixed, but one word came up frequently: SLOW. "It's difficult to get any useful information," reported SFODan@aol.com, "but surprisingly, today I discovered a website for Key West, which actually made me want to visit." Another respondent found the Internet occasionally proved helpful "but only after navigating for a few hours."

Only a third of the experiences I heard about were favorable. "I've visited many Gay travel websites and received rapid responses and information from most of them," said J.B.

Given this variety of responses, I had to explore for myself. (Note: I sued a 14.4-kps modem. If yours is 28.8, you'll get around faster.) A website named "boys2men.com" had proposed a cross-link between their site and my company's, so I started with them. After six minutes waiting for downloads, all I had to show for it was a picture of their fancy logo. So I moved on.

The usual way to browse the Web is with a search engine, or "gopher." You type in key words that describe a subject, then the gopher lists appropriate websites. As there could be many such sites, it also tries to rank them.

A prompt for "Lesbian Travel" brought a three-minute wait, followed by an announcement that it had found 49,511 sites. The top 50 included seven listings for "Gay and Lesbian Day at Disney World," "Louis Wolfe's for Gay men," and many other outdated or less than helpful entries. I double-clicked one at random, leading to an error message. After which, I couldn't get back to the remaining 49,510 sites awaiting my perusal.

Next, I tried America Online's Gay bulletin board. A Gay travel calendar was listed, but the most recent listings were from September 1995. Alas, when you finally reach your destination on the Information Superhighway, you may find it has been closed for a year.

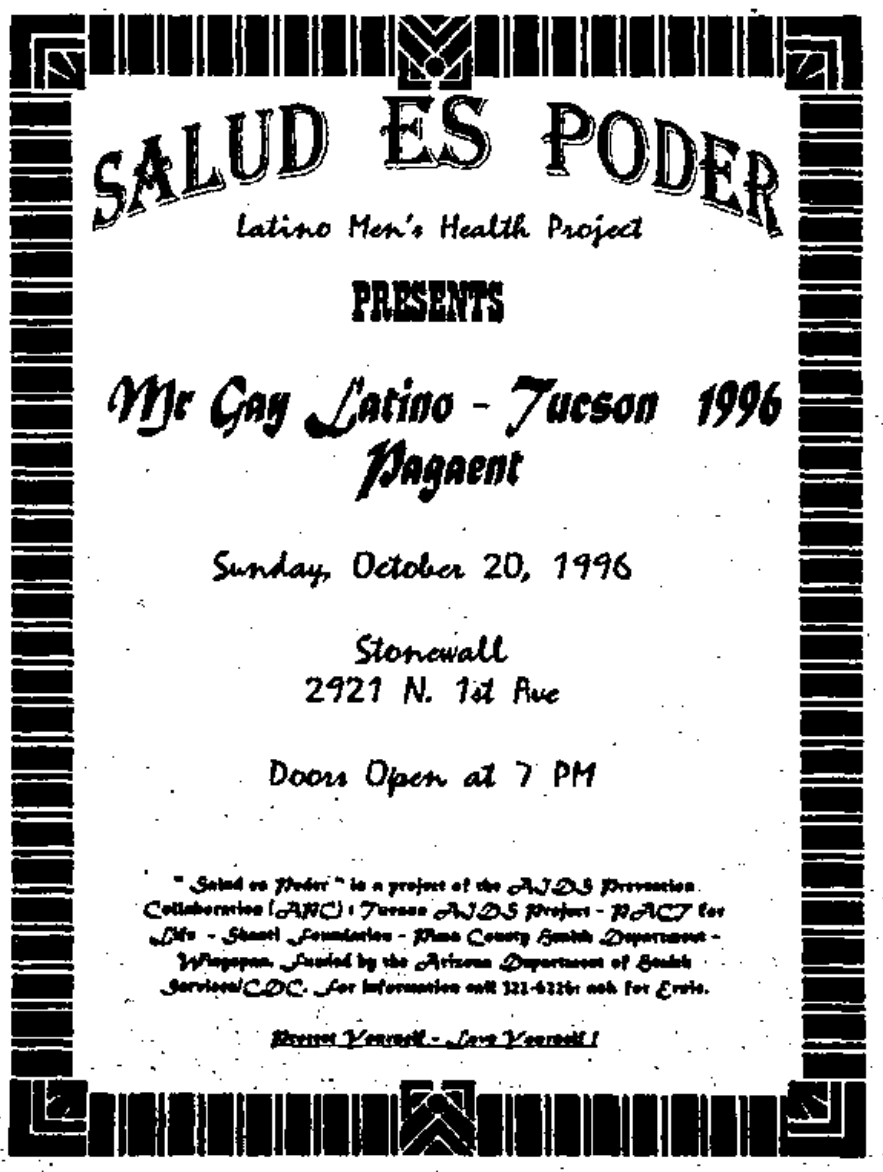
Finally, I installed a program named NetCruiser, went to "www.rainbow-mall.com." and investigated travel options. Several sites looked promising; one required a four-minute wait, but yielded an interesting site, describing homestays within the Gay community. Another site resulted in the message it could be read only by Netscape. I then had to start all over to see other options.

Since my goal here is to relate the boredom I went through, but not to replicate it, it's time to summarize: Three hours on the Web brought nothing more of interest.

Clearly the Web was wonderful potential, but for those surfing it serendipitiously, useful info can prove elusive. An alternative to the search-and-wait method is to keep track of sites that interest you, and head directly to them. I'll list some of those address next month.

For now, I've concluded that the information super-highway is really just an interesting but slow and funky network of back roads. In years to come, it will provide more assistance to Gay travelers. Until then, I'll continue to rely on Gay guidebooks, and travel magazines such as Out & About and Our World, as my primary sources of information.0

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



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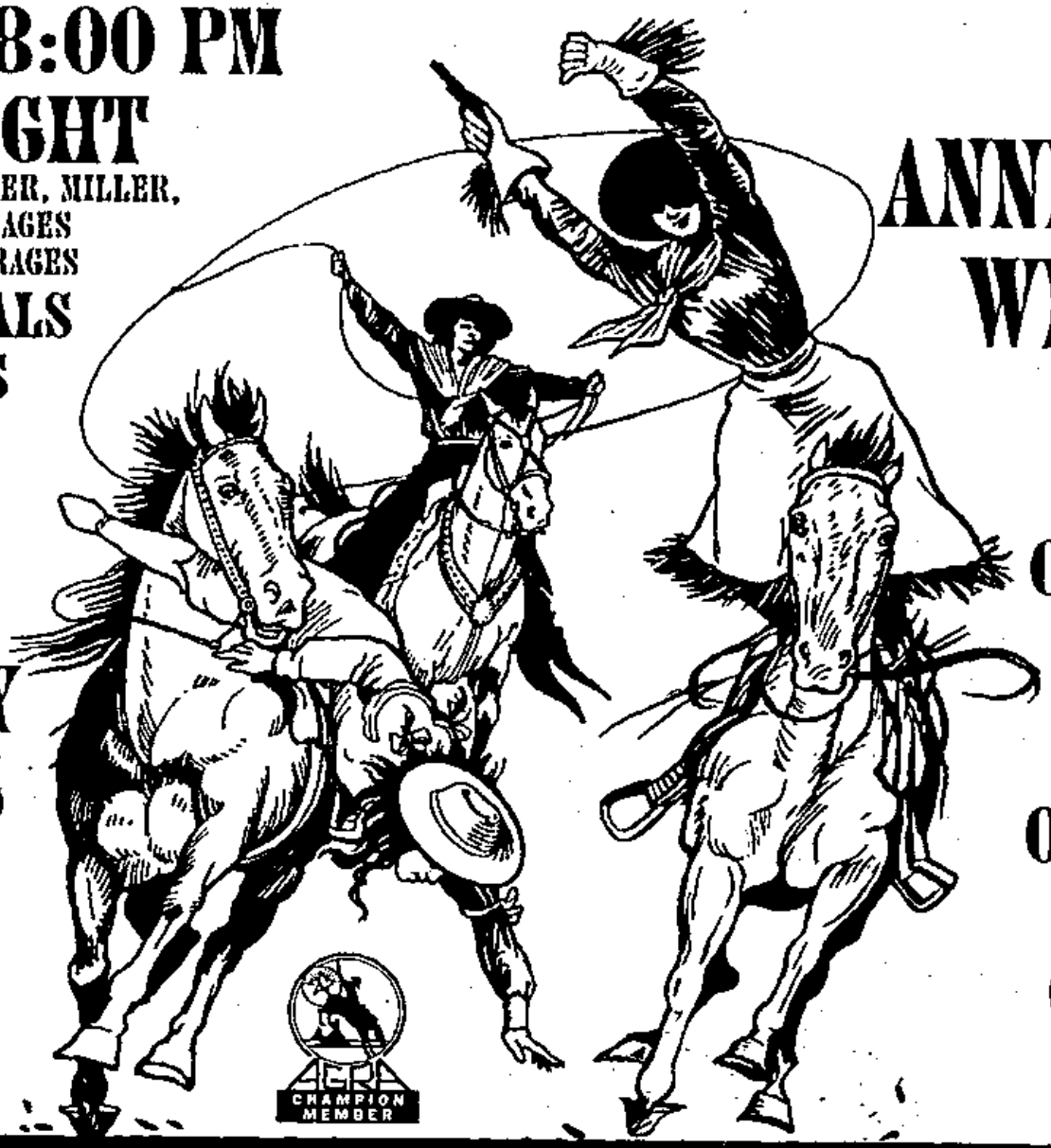

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Shanti Introduces It's New Board Of Directors

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation welcomes new members to its already strong and diverse Board of Directors. Steve Barreto, Eddie Gallego, Jan Lesher and Maria Martinez have all been elected to Shanti's Board with in the past few months. Shanti is proud to introduce you its new members as well as to the rest of the Board members, all of whom offer Shanti their talents.

Steve Barreto: Steve is a new edition to the Board. He has been an active member of the community for the past 25 years. Steve has been a regular supporter of the ASOs and is co-creator of the "Gay-ly Wed Game." This event has raised thousands of dollars for Shanti and PACT. Steve works at O'Rielly Chevrolet.

Jim Cooper: A member of the Board for two and a half years, Jim believes one of the most exciting aspect of being involved with Shanti is working on the current collaboration among Shanti, PACT and TAP. Jim says, "As a Board member I want to achieve the collaboration for the benefit of all the clients. I want to assist in letting the community of Tucson know of the important work Shanti does for its clients." Jim works for the State Compensation Fund.

Eddie Gallego: A native Tucsonan and one of our newest Board members. Eddie is looking forward to working within the community and educating people to help them understand that HIV-/AIDS is not just a Gay illness. Eddie is a working artist who owns the Tolteca Tlacuila shop in the downtown arts district.

Susan Gregory: Susan has been a Board member for nearly four years and is Vice President. She has been highly active with Jell-o Wrestling and AIDS-WALK. Susan was recently named "Tucson Citizen of the Year" in recognition of her volunteer work at Shanti. Susan typically devotes 30-40 hours a month to volunteering for Shanti. Susan works for Tucson Electric Power Company.

Dave Huff: For the past four years Dave has been volunteering his time to Shanti and is currently the Treasurer. Dave has always been involved with fund-raising and AIDSWALK and now is now also involved with working towards the collaboration of the ASOs. Dave explains, "I came to Shanti for community involvement -- to achieve the highest level of client services attainable." Dave is owner of IBTs and The Graduate.

Sharon Kutzschbach: President of the Board and volunteering since 1990. "As a member of the Board I want to achieve the type of strong, stable financial support which will allow Shanti, and other ASOs, to provide the services so desperately needed by people in our community -- and to provide prevention information to allow everyone to protect themselves. We have an excellent staff who have developed and are developing wonderful programs. She continues, "Volunteers, clients and staff -- it has been a privilege to meet and work with people who come from diverse areas -- but have in common tremendously loving, caring open hearts." Sharon is an attorney with the Pima County Public Defender's office.

Jan Lesher: A new member of the Board, Jan is excited to become involved with Shanti and is looking forward to getting to know and working with everyone. Jan is currently heading Lesher/Wilson Communications, a local consulting-public relations firm.

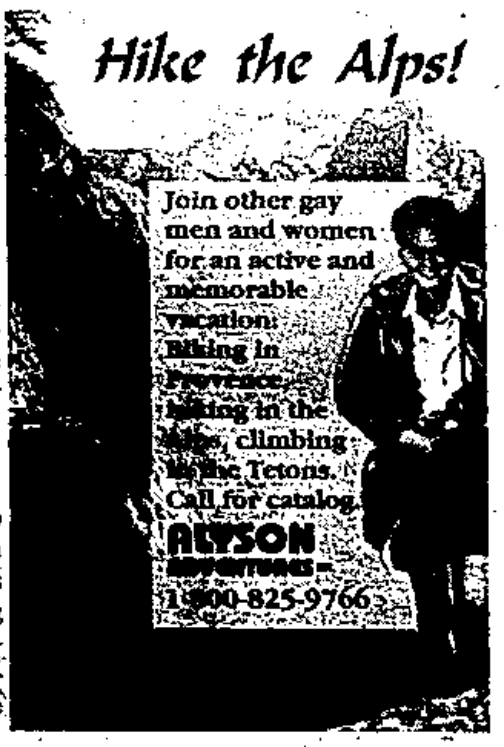
Carol Lohmann: Carol has been with the Board for one year and says, "I am amazed by the level of concern and commitment by the staff, volunteers and board members. It is empowering to be sharing a common mission with such committed individuals." Carol adds that the essential things she wants the community to know is that services are available. "I would hope that those who need the services feel comfortable approaching Shanti for support whether for a Buddy, food pantry or whatever they may need." Carol is an attorney and partner with the law firm, Tretschok, Mcnamara, Patten & Lohmann.

Maria Martinez: Another newly elected Board member -- Maria is also new to Tucson. She has become a part of Shanti's PLUS (Positive Living for Us) Seminar. Maria is a support group facilitator for the seminar, which teaches empowerment and educates people who are newly aware of their HIV positive status. Maria is a counselor for TUSD.

Bill Richardson: Bill is Secretary of the Board of Directors. He has been working with the other ASOs on the collaboration and is enthusiastic about the new opportunities that will be created for all of the ASOs' clients and volunteers. Bill is an OB/GYN specialist.

Artt Siversen: Artt was elected to the Board last year and is a long term volunteer. He leads Shanti's Images group. This group promotes healing through relaxation, meditation and visualization. Artt says, "Shanti is a life affirming experience to be a part of." He came to Shanti after learning that a friend became HIV positive. "I wanted to learn how to be more supportive of him and learn how to deal with my own feelings of grief and loss. It literally has changed my life." Artt is a local artist.

All of Shanti's Board of Directors are dedicated to representing Shanti and helping to ensure that the agency fulfills its mission of providing support for people affected by HIV/AIDS and to enhance and maximize the quality of their lives. Shanti's Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of each month. These meetings are open to the public.



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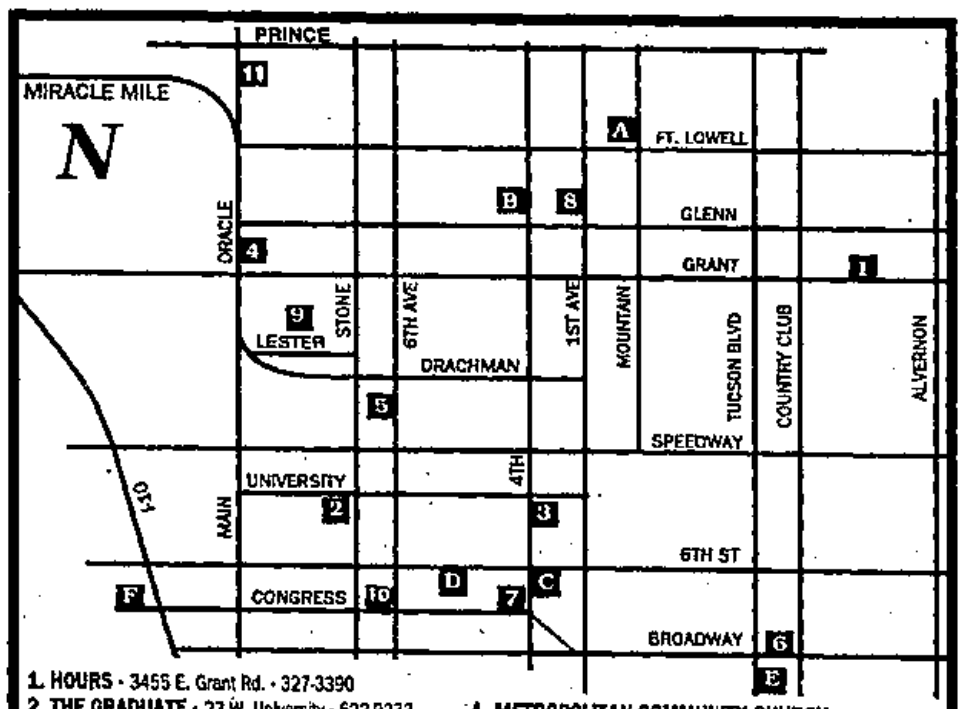

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TUCSON DIRECTORY

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

A Philistine at My Gate: Someone rang my doorbell last Sunday afternoon. I wasn't expecting any company and was mildly irritated by the interruption - even gave thought to ignoring it.

But on the outside chance it just might be the Publisher's Clearinghouse Prize Patrol delivering a white Ferrari 456GT, or Mr. Right driving a white Ferrari 456GT, or Brad Pitt (which is the only thing better than a white Ferrari 456GT) I answered the door.

I'm sorry to report it was none of the above. The fellow on my doorstep introduced himself as a candidate for the state senate from my district, pressed a campaign leaflet into my hand, said he'd like to have my vote and hastily departed for the next house.

Pity. I had lots of questions for him starting with why he and his leaflet didn't mention his party affiliation. Something to be ashamed of there?

The leaflet listed his qualifications as follows:

1. "Majored in civil engineering in college." (Nothing to quibble about there.)

2. "Built a successful career." (Well, when I was eight years old my neighborhood puppet shows always turned a profit.)

3. "Expert in environmental clean up." (My toilets are spotless, too.)

4. "Professional leader." (As opposed to what, and leading who?)

5. "Married, two adult children, one grandchild." (They always have to bring up sex, don't they?)

6. "Active in community." (Let your imagination run wild with that one.)

The flip side of the leaflet listed his statement of values and I quote, "In today's atmosphere of reinventing government and making it more businesslike, I believe we need legislators who understand the realities of business, not just the theories."

Well, Mr. Candidate, I've lived in this district long enough to know about the realities of business around here, and a few other realities as well. And here they are:

1. All of the small business people I've talked to complain about being smothered by high taxes and fees as well as stifling laws, ordinances and restrictions.

2. Every other person in the checkout line at the supermarket where I shop seems to pay with food stamps.

3. Arizona usury laws allow lenders to charge up to 30% interest on loans.

4. The cost of auto insurance is greater here than in the Southern California metropolitan areas.

5. Wages are shamefully low.

6. Of the 44 criminal sentencings in Tucson last week 63% were drug or alcohol related.

7. Our police department has one heck of a problem that's scaring the hell out of everyone and making life miserable for the truly honest and dedicated officers.

8. The vast majority of people in this senate district can't afford to buy their own home.

9. Although Arizona politicians seem to be coming out of the closet left and right these days, the state has yet to pass legislation outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation.

10. The dropout rate for high school students is alarming and shameful.

So I suggest, sir, that although the "realities of business" are an important consideration, you need to refocus on the "realities of life" if you want my vote. Besides, improving the latter will automatically take care of the former. None of you ever seem to get that.

And everyone one of you who are of voting age must learn everything you can about all of the candidates in order to make a truly informed decision, and then you must go to the polls in November and vote.

And then it was now.....

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

ASK DR. X. . . .

Sponsored by The Gay Men's Health Project

Dr. X is an advice column from the Gay Men's Health Project.

Dear Dr. X,

I just met someone I really like and that's great but he is into pumping (and I don't mean his arms!). Now this seems exciting in one sense but I'm afraid he will blow a vein or ruin his beautiful penis and balls. Will he be able to get it up? And most of all, is this a smart thing to do? I'm OK with what God has given me but when he is pumped up I feel belittled. Thanks for your help.

Signed, Pumping Mad.

Dear PM,

First let us acquaint our readers with pumping. This is a method of temporary penis enlargement usually requiring a series of Lucite cylinders and a small pump (hand operated or electric vacuum). The idea is to expand the penis into the tube and then move to a larger tube until the desired size is achieved. The effect is again temporary and is not directly correlated to erection. The reality is often that the penis can not reach maximum hardness being already engorged with fluid and blood in the tissue. This just stretches and expands the tissue for a short time and will return to normal in hours. This activity is more of a ritual play for most who do it and is not intended to dwarf you or others. He knows he has just given himself a stretch and recognizes the facade it creates as an erotic enticement or toy for you. The actual damage caused to the penis in an occasional attempt at this is minimal but if this method is continued or prolonged by pumping with increased size and time the tissue can be damaged. I can't say that I have a study in the file on this one but like all other body tissue the penis is fragile and needs time to repair after such an invasion. Would you allow someone to do this to your arm or leg? Then why your penis? I recommend that you explain to him that you like him the way or size he is. Maybe he is trying to impress you. If he does this as a fetish and often, I would seriously consider long term damage. I say treat all of your body with dignity and care. We only get one penis and one colon. Be kind to both. I hope this does not offend any pumpers and that you will think before pumping from now on. All things in moderation. You may want to discuss this with a Gay physician to get the physiology of this act and then assess the risk. One more thought, if you like to have anal sex he will be of little use as a top with a rubbery pumped tool.

Dr. X,

I work in the HIV/AIDS field and am pretty well known in the community. My problem is that when I go to the bars or try to pick someone up I feel I'm being judged and if we do anything, everybody and his brother knows about it in the morning. I practice safe sex or what I consider safe for me. (Risks I am personally willing to take). This is a small town and I'm tired of feeling judged and left out of the love and sex that's out there.

Please help, Hot and Horny.

Dear H&H,

I hope people read this. You are not alone in these feelings. Tucson is a small town. I think you will have to let go of some of these feelings of judgment. Who is judging and what are they saying? Screw them and then screw their best friend. If you are having Dr. X's favorite kind of sex, then go to town boy! You said all the right things when you talked about that acceptable level of risk stuff. You are taking responsibility for your own behavior and that is great. If people know you and they want to talk about you, let them. Just make sure they are well informed. I say start your own rumors, a little advertising never hurts. If you are running into guys that are your clients and that is a problem then you will have to work that out as it happens. AIDS work is tough and you deserve to get laid on the weekend just like the rest of us. We can help each other very much by encouraging each other to meet guys and have safe, fun sex. We can get over our fear of HIV and move back to a place where we feel free and can have healthy fun. I would suggest also that you are really OK with having casual sex. Maybe you are hyper aware of other people's thoughts because you have some of that internalized homophobia I like to slam so much. I'm sure the people you work with and your clients love and respect you. So be proud, live large and be safe. Let the nasty people go about their dirty little tongue wagging and ignore it whole heartedly. Your sense of confidence and self worth can over power it all. If you want to go out sometime with Dr. X contact me through the GMHP and well paint the town red and find some nice guys who know how to party and keep their mouth shut! Good Luck!

X,

I just moved to town and have a very personal question to ask. How can I find some anonymous sex. Other than scooping up an Observer I'm clueless about Tucson. Where the boys are man? Help get me out of the new apartment closet.

Signed, Man Hunting.

Dear Hunter and Gatherer,

The source for information in this town is Wingspan. Their volunteers can fill you in on events and bars and clubs. Also try the GMHP. We can give you the scoop and get you involved. Also don't miss the OUToberFEST picnic coming up in a week. About this anonymous sex. Do you mean anonymous like parks, bookstores, baths, backrooms; or anonymous like casual? If you want bookstore sex I say go to another city. Tucson police is cracking down on public sex environments and bookstores. You don't need to start out with community service or fines or worse! There are several bars where you can go to meet guys of all varieties. The best way to scope the scene is to brave a night of bar hopping. If you are concerned about doing this alone the GMHP or any other APC project can help you find a friend to take you around. The bar tenders in this town are very personable and can give you lots of dope on the local scene. The next time you go out talk to one of them and you'll have some guys to hang with in minutes. Please keep in mind that though Dr. X constantly promotes frequent sex and multiple partners. The concept of anonymous sex is not in my current HIV vocabulary. I don't feel any sex should be too anonymous. I believe for a positive fun experience a little communication and negotiation is crucial to the success of the encounter. At the risk of being ridiculous you sound like a perfect date for the guy in the previous letter. Don't ask, don't tell coupling! I love when that happens! On that note, LATER.

To ask Dr. X, FAX questions to 622-1554.

POLITICS 1996

By MARK R. KUNK

"It's Never Too Late To Renew Your AARP Membership. Yes It Is, I'm Dead!"

"Nothing ventured, nothing said and nothing gained." The quote describes the alleged presidential debate, which took place in Hartford this past Sunday.

The ninety-minute pre-packaged yuck-fest finally came to be after; the lawsuit from the Texas Napoleon; agreeing on a moderator and questions; color of the carpet and size of the podiums; seating arrangements; and lighting. An estimated audience of ninety-million watched this extravaganza. Gee go figure, every network covered the damn thing, including the Weather Channel.

So who won? According to most polls taken right after the simulcast, a majority of those conscious said Clinton won. Whoopee? What about those overpaid television bimbettes? A draw, though it doesn't help Dole, who needed a "knock-out punch." Yo, Adrienne!

The highlights were minuscule: Bob Dole used the word "liberal" more times than Shelly Winters had hot meals. A sample, "Liberal Bill Clinton is in the White House. Eeh-eye, eeh-eye, ooh. In that White House there was a bunch of liberals, eeh-eye, eeh-eye, ooh. With a liberal here, and a liberal there. Here a liberal, there a liberal, every where a liberal, liberal." Thrilling! President Bill Clinton, the Democratic contestant, looked presidential, prepared, prefabricated, pre-packaged and pre-recorded. Clinton cited his record over and over again. Just like the "Energizer Bunny." What was on the WB?

Right after the debate, the spin-doctors on both sides went wild in the crowd of media. The result of the spin-doctors going out-of-control, was Hurricane Josephine. Something the spin-doctors could not do was move the masses. On average, according to the numerous polls, over 95% said the debate did not change their minds on who they're going to vote for. What is on the WB?

Post poll results, Bill Clinton got a four-percent bounce, Dole a two-percent bounce. Holy Cow! In most polls, the President has a mega-lead over the Kansas Tornado. The only reason Dole got into the debate was he's the GOP candidate. His poll numbers wouldn't qualify him. The sounds you are hearing are Congressional Republicans abandoning ship! Remember the Titanic!

This week, we are featured to the Vice-Presidential debate between Al Gore and Jack Kemp. Goodie, ninety-minutes of Gore doing the Macarena, and Jack Kemp will bore the crowd with old football stories when he played for the Buffalo Bills. What is on the WB? . . .

What would a week be without some news from our favorite family, "The Symington's." Yes, our homophobic, and severely indicted guv is at it again.

Let's start with The Fifester. This past week, at one of many court hearings regarding his March trial on his multi-count indictment, Fiferama's mouthpieces told the U.S. District Court Judge that the 23-count real estate fraud indictment is too vague to mount a proper defense. Huh? Eight-years of investigation and over 1,000,000 pages of documents (evidence), is too vague?

What about Fife's accountants, getting a plea-bargain and will testify against the Guv? Fife's wife, Queen Ann, copping a deal with creditors to save her fortune. More criminal charges being filed in Fifester's bankruptcy case. Alleged cooking of the books? Vague? Defensible? Perhaps not!

So what about the suckers, er, Arizona electorate? According to a recent KAET-TV poll, by a 2-1 margin, they want Gov. Fife Symington to resign. The statewide survey showed that 60 percent of those asked believed Symington should step down. Those polled who say Fife should stay, was a paltry 28 percent. Fife go, Fife go now! . . .

In Pima County, the second episode of "As the Computer Glitches" took place. The setting was the Pima County Board of Soups weekly hoo-hah. The Board assembled the computer experts from Votec, Global, and County Elections Director Mitch Etter for a confrontation.

Testimony was testy. The pointed-fingers flew. Accusations were hurled. Nasty-words reigned. The Republican-led majority was ready to change the system, four-weeks before the election. The GOP wanted bubble-ballots. For their bubble-heads? Then a commercial-break. After which, Supervisor Dan Eckstrom asked some pointed questions to the computer-hackers from Global. Eckstrom asked for facts, figures, and numbers. Gasp, what a concept! The Republican-led majority was in retreat. More questions, comments, more of the same questions continued. Rewrite!

After the Board of Soups had criticized Votec, after the primary election debacle, they voted, 3-1 to keep Votec for the general election, and to continue to use Global for the absentee ballots for the general election. The Board then voted to end split-precincts, and to have polling places for all precincts. Especially in those, where the contract was canceled by those who just don't want this traveling medicine-show around. . . .

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University Forbids Ads For 'Angels In America'

by Leah Wynn

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Catholic University has issued an advertising ban on a university production of Tony Kushner's Angels In America because of the homosexual content of the play.

Gitta Honneger, head of the school's drama department, said the play's producer were banned from advertising the play because "publicity for the show might look like an endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle by the university and the Catholic Church."

The Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning play will be performed October 10-18 at the school's Hartke Theater.

Two independent corroborating sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the order to ban advertising of the play came from Catholic University President Patrick Ellis.

"The president issued a memo to the Provost [Msgr. John Wippel] and the Dean of Arts and Sciences [Antanas Suziedelis] saying something needed to be done about Angels in America, and to take care of it, " said one of the sources.

The director cast the play in May and rehearsals began shortly thereafter. Three months late, Wippel and Suziedelis met with Honneger to inform her of the ban on advertising. During the meeting they also told her that no admission could be charged since the Gay content of the play "goes against the mission of the church," recalled Honneger.

"The provost and dean explained to me that within the church, it is abstinence, not homosexuality, that is practiced," says Honneger. "The university feels that publicity would look like an endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle - and I cannot speak against the church on this."

Honneger informed the case and General Manager Richard Park of the ban.

Parker said brochures, which list all the productions at the university for this season, including Angeles, "were help up and stopped from reaching the press."

Christopher L. Bellis, the student who is director of the production, said he was assigned Angels in America as his graduate thesis project by a panel of drama department faculty.

"At the time of narrowing down a thesis, the faculty unanimously approved [Angels] and found it to be acceptable," he said.

There was earlier talk of banning the show altogether, said Glen Johnson, a tenure English professor at the Catholic University.

"The university is scared to death of the response to putting on a 'homosexual' play," he said. "This is a university sponsored by the bishops of the U.S."

"My biggest concern now is that no further action is taken," director Bellis added.

"This is all just so silly," said Ray Ernest, president of DIGNITY-Washington. "It makes no sense to say, 'Hey, let's go ahead and produce [Angel's],' but let's not let anyone know about it."

Although Angels in America is now deemed an "academic exercise and not a public event," said Johnson. "Ironically, this will probably be the most well-attended play yet, regardless of the university's ban. Personally, I intend to recommend it to all my classes."

[Leah Wynn is a reporter for the Washington Blade, from which this article is reprinted.]

AIDS Funding

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All told, the agreement will mean $167 million for ADAP's for FY 97. ADAP's have been flooded with an increasing number of new patients and mounting costs this year.

Reaction was swift:

"Oh gosh!" exclaimed National AIDS Policy Director Patsy Fleming. "I'm really gratified by this news. We have fought hard for every penny."

"I think that, at this late date, it's a very good outcome," said Ernest Hopkins, chair of the CAEAR Coalition, an alliance of cities that advocates for Ryan White funding.

AIDS research funding is marked for a 6.7 percent boost over the previous year, from $1,407.8 million to $1,501.7 million.

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Holly Near

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bravery of the human family in general.

Admission is free to members of ITZABOUTIME, the local production group who first presented Holly and Ronnie together twelve years abo. It is now accepting $20 donations at Antigone Books, Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea, and The Folk Shop or by charge at 327-4809. If any space is left the day of the show at Leo Rich Theater(with a seating capacity of only 550), those seats will be on sale to the public for $24 at the door.

ITZABOUTIME is a group co-founded by Ted Warmbrand, a local banjo picker/singer/songwriter. It has, to raise consciousness and funds for community causes, brought many artists of social conscience to Tucson including Pete Seeger, Sweet Honey In The Rock, The Ladies Against Women, The San Francisco Mime Troupe, and many more. Membershipin ITZABOUTIME will permit optional discounts to other concerts throughout the year, and involves no obligations.

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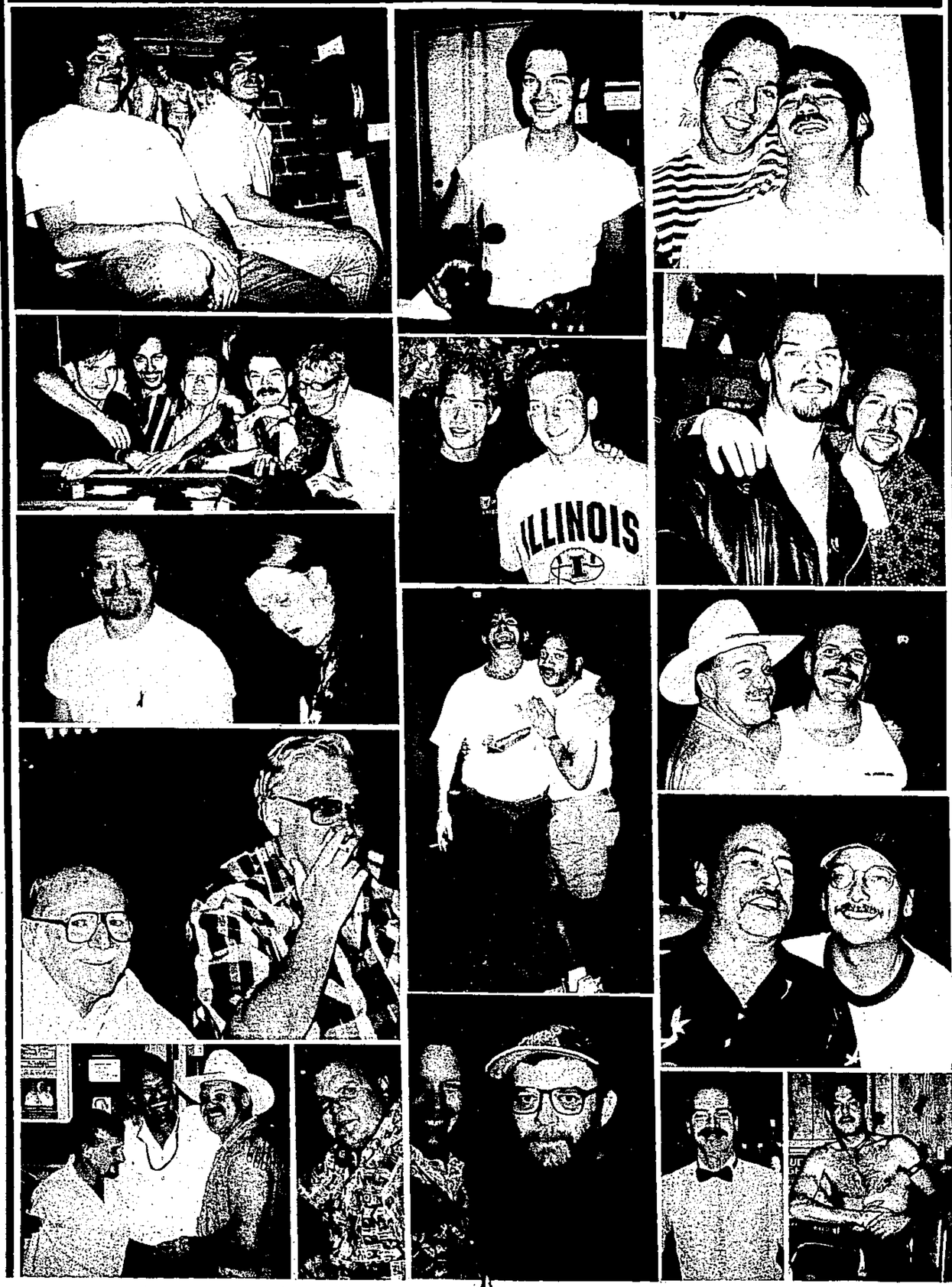

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BEAR SCRATCHINGS

by Kevin Jackson

Gregarious greetings to one and all! Fall is coming and believe it or not, summer is over. I know, the temperatures are still in the 90's, but trust me, cooler weather is on its way and with the seasonal shift, you might be things to yourselves: "Will the Bears go into hibernation?" Not on your life! When Tucson settles into the glory of Fall and Winter, we stop to look back on the past summer and look ahead to more fun and comraderie in the cooler months to come.

This past summer saw the Bears take camping trips to Patagonia, Durango, and the ruins of Chaco Canyon in New Mexico. We had pool/jacuzzi parties, barbecues, tubing trips down the Salt River, and participated with our brother bruins in Phoenix on a number of events. A group of us were invited to San Diego by the Bears-SD to participate in their annual Pride Festival and March, an event that myself, my partner Steve, our president, Bob Rowe, and his partner Jeff were able to attend. We had a wonderful time marching and representing Tucson with Bears from San Diego, Palm Springs, and L.A.

There were numerous Bear Busts, Movie Nights, and Dim Sums this summer. We also had one of our own grab more than his Warholian 15 minutes of fame when Brad Spaulding did a guest-DJ stint on 92.1 KFMA and prominently mentioned The Bears of the Old Pueblo while spinning some great tunes.

All in all, it has been a very active and enjoyable summer and this fall and winter shows no signs of being any different.

Upcoming events for October: Our monthly meeting/potluck, October 11. The Beer Bust/Chili Feed at the Venture-N, October 12, 3:00 P.M. Movie Night/Potluck at Bob Rowe and Jeff Stoner's, 7:30 P.M.

The Bears of the Old Pueblo will have a booth setup at the OUToberFEST, October 19, and would love to see ya'll come by and say howdy! Later that evening, there will be a Beer Pride Pool Party and barbecue at Jimmie and Alan's for guaranteed frivolity and fun!

Our biggest event is yet to come with La Fiesta De Los Osos, a national Bear's weekend here, January 17-19, 1997. We have room set aside for 150 Bears and buddies and plan on taking advantage of our wonderful winter weather to showcase our friendly city. There will be day trips to local points of interest, a banquet with entertainment at our host hotel, the Ramada Inn University, brunches, barbecue, parties and bar nights at the Venture-N.

Interest in this event has been steadily growing through our advertisement in Bear and American Bear magazine and via the Internet and we have a number of registrants already lined up from all over the U.S. Registration for in-state residents is $49 for the weekend and there is an information pack available on request, so drop us a line at one of the addresses below or leave your information on our hotline and we'll send it your way.

All of the monthly events, addresses, and telephone numbers are available 24 hours a day on the Bears Infoline listed below. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly activities, be they a Bear or an admirer. You need not be a member to participate in any club event. If you'd like more information on the club, you can call the Bears Information Hotline and get a current listing of events for the month and leave a message for one of the officers or you can write to us or visit our WWW page at the addresses listed below. Stay tuned, there's always more to come!

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Caligyo

There is still time to get involved in the AIDSWALK '96 and the 5k to 10k trail ride Sunday, October 13, at Rillito Downs. Call the WALK like at 322-9191 or the HORSE line at 770-1314. . . .

Part three of The Portland Project and The Tucson Men's Study: Education, Testing, Provider Mobilization.

Education: The education component of the intervention was responsible for creating all of the safer sex promotional materials, advertising, print media and press releases.

A safer sex workshop (Speaking of Sex) was offered once a month and was designed to be interactive and fun. Two-hundred-forty men participated in the Speaking of Sex workshop in the 12 months it was available, and the majority of those who attended this workshop said it was both interesting and helpful in supporting safer sex practices. The education program also sponsored community forums and edited the monthly newsletter, "Speaking Up," a newsletter directed toward Gay and Bisexual men.

Testing: Drop in, anonymous HIV testing was offered one night a week exclusively to Gay men about nine months into the intervention. Several months late, drop-in testing was also offered at a local bathhouse. In addition to testing, this program offered referrals to other intervention programs as needed. The testing program was free and Gay friendly. Results were available in one week, rather than two.

Men were encouraged to get tested with a friend and support each other while waiting for results. The testing program was very popular among men who had never been tested, 25% for the first time. The majority of men who were tested, reported they felt comfortable with their counselor and with the testing environment. Most reported the information they received was useful. A total of 675 men were tested for HIV at the testing site.

Provider Mobilization: This component was responsible for editing a newsletter called "Hand In Hand," which was sent to HIV health providers. Meeting with health providers at the beginning of the study, many of them knew each other, but did not have a clear understanding of each other's work or the needs and challenges specific populations faced. "Hand In Hand" provided that information. In addition, the newsletter featured various programs in the community, allowing providers to be more familiar with the services available to their clients. Articles were written by community providers and consumers of HIV-related services. The "Hand In Hand" newsletter had a circulation of 750 throughout the state of Oregon.

I leave you with this in mind, "Never ruin an apology with an excuse." - Kimberly Johnson.

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The planets are in place for National Coming Out Day. Rise and rejoice friends and prepare for a change in personal priorities when the Sun moves from diplomatic Libra into intense and passionate Scorpio. Energy levels heighten as this solar blast makes us more cognizant of whom we are and what we want. Thems that deserves, gets, kids. Get Out and grab a little. Heck, grab a lot!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

I can't imagine a happier, queerer Ram when the Sun enters Scorpio around National Coming Out Day. Sexual stimulation and other intensely Gay pastimes become paramount. Your cockles are warmed to a frenzied passion so set your sights on your intended target and seduce them now while the energy is hot. Remember though, proud Ram, safety first, passion second.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls can use this solar energy to reevaluate relationships. National Coming Out Day encourages you to find the zest in one to one interactions. If partnerships aren't providing you with the affirmation you need, don't play the martyr. Discuss sticky issues openly and see what happens. If you're still on the short end of the stick, so to speak, then set your sights on warmer prospects.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

National Coming Out Day has you looking sideways in the mirror as your quest for toned perfection hits a fevered pitch. Chalk it up to the Sun in intense Scorpio. Get an appointment with a personal trainer and see how absolutely gorgeous a queer Twin is (or can become). Rome wasn't built in a day. However, there is time to hone and shape before new year's cruise season.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Can you smell the festivities in the air? Enjoy National Coming Out Day when the Sun in Scorpio spikes the punch in your life. Even the most sheltered pink Crabs can't help but break Out and experience the artistic and fun things of life. Don't ever be a pair of ragged claws cousin. It's time to tap into your creative muse and proudly parade yourself where everyone can see and admire.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

National Coming Out Day will have significant impact on all proud Lions who have not fully expressed themselves to family members. The Sun in dictatorial Scorpio practically demands that you set the record queer once and for all. There is too much time wasted on pretending for other's sake. For your own mental well being, open up that closet door and be your true self. Amen!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Mellow Gay Virgos feel the power of their words this National Coming Out Day. The Sun in Scorpio will soon enhance your speech and enable you to get the word out loudly and proudly. Strive to make your opinions known. Success and impact are in the cards! Don't rest on your laurels, friend; all those little leaves and twigs are not all that comfortable anyway.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If this National Coming Out Day teaches you anything, it will be how to position yourself for future security. Queer Libras can use the strong passion of Sun in Scorpio to harness the secrets of financial acuity for their own benefit. Yes, it is possible to be inwardly and outwardly affirmed and fabulously wealthy at the same time. In fact, would you choose any other way?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Prepare for a surge of confidence and affirmation when the Sun in Scorpio shines on your best National Coming Out Day celebrations. You are the center of attention, darling. So dress appropriately and give it your best shot. The fates smile now on even those of you who choose to mix polyester with chiffon. Don't press your luck with a feathered turban.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers can use the tail end of this solar transit to make merry with like-minded pals for National Coming Out Day. Soon after that, however, when the Sun magnifies the Scorpio intensity, it will be time for you to fully realize your Gay potential. This inward appraisal must be in tandem with actionable charitable efforts for our community. If not now, when?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even serious queer Caps need to lighten up in time for National Coming Out Day. Maybe a few jolly pals can help remove the burden of responsibility you feel during this time of year. The Sun in Scorpio helps you get the most out of friendships and social endeavors. Maybe it means you will join the proud crowd in a Gay celebration. Go ahead, you deserve it!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are more attuned than usual on professional status when the Sun enters strategic Scorpio. Don't let the lure of the big prize deter you from fitfully celebrating National Coming Out Day. It is still possible to get the key to the boardroom by just being your own capable corporate yourself. That is, if you avoid wearing those hot pink chaps to the office.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish suddenly realize that they have more than a small pond to swim in during National Coming Out Day. The world is your ocean, my friend, so venture Out and seek friendly, affirming and exotic waters. The Sun in Scorpio enables you to chart your journey so you will get the most out of every experience. Be wise, be smart, but don't behave.

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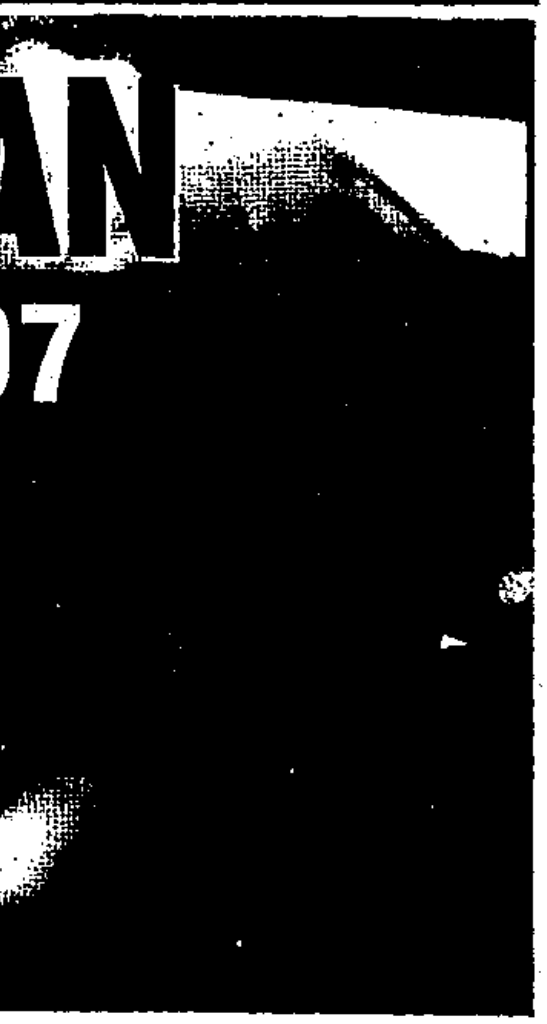

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By Anlda Cowboy

Once again, we have completed almost another whole week of work and are rounding the corner to another fun filled, action-packed weekend!

Word is out that Lee and the entire gang at Hours are planning a "knock-out" weekend to celebrate their Tenth Anniversary. Come out and join the staff of Hours, get primed for the AIDSWALK on Sunday morning and just have a rip roaring good time.

We are also one week away from OUToberFEST '96! TLGA has been busting their rears to make this year's Pride picnic the best yet. While at the picnic this year, be sure to stop by "AGRA World." AGRA has quite a production planned for the picnic, there will be a dance floor and music, so make sure to wear your dancing shoes.

Also, don't get a haircut before the picnic, wait until you get there. Tom Maza and his group of volunteers will be hosting the Cut-a-thon to benefit PACT for Life. If you would like to participate in the Cut-a-thon, contact Tom at David's Hair at 327-6454 for more details.

Well, the "PR Cowboy" is back from his cruise. He is refreshed and ready, once again, to take Tucson by the horns. By now, all AGRA members should have received their copy of "The Branding Iron." Special thanks to all who helped get it all together for October.

If there is anyone who has any information that they would like to put in the newsletter (letters, classifieds, gossip, etc.) you have until the 20th of each month to get your information submitted. Please contact Darrin Land (Tucson) or Linda Hoffman (Phoenix) or contact your AGRA chapter hotline. We want to keep the newsletter fun, and at the same time, keep it informative. All articles will be accepted and we need you contributions to keep us up to date.

This is the last week for anyone interested in submitting a bid for this year's Annual banquet, December 14. All bids must be submitted to the State Board by Tuesday, October 15. Mark your calendars, October's AGRA Board and Membership meetings will be October 20,, starting at 3:00 P.M. (Board), 5:00 P.M. (General Membership) at the Graduate. Hope to see everyone there.

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

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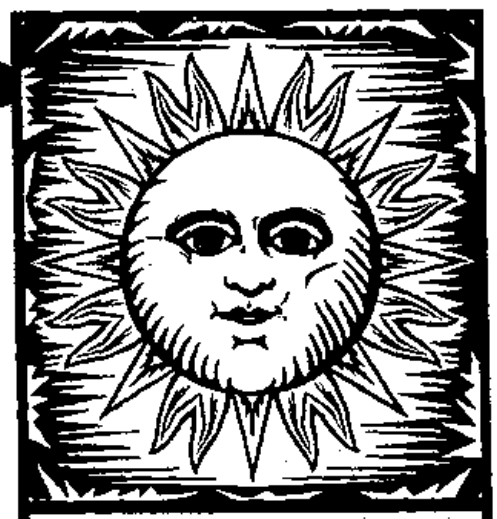

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Over the Labor Day weekend, I had the opportunity to fly back East to visit with some of my family, while my spouse remained in Tucson. The first morning of my visit, I went shopping alone while my son finished a project he had to do at work. In the hotel where we were staying, there was a very nice gift shop, so I went in hoping to find something to bring back to my spouse as a way of telling her how much I missed her. The gift shop had a new item, CD's, which were packaged to be mailed like cards. There were several selections, one of which was playing in the store as I browsed. Even though I had not intended to purchase a CD when I entered the shop, the more I listened, the more I liked the music. Something which made it especially attractive to me was the fact that all the music was being played on a single instrument, which I recognized as a dulcimer. The jacket of the CD did not indicate anything about the orchestration, and when I asked the sales person if that instrument were indeed a dulcimer, she had no idea what I was talking about. She said she didn't know the name of the song that was being played! But, I was certain that it was a dulcimer. I purchased the CD with great anticipation of giving it to my spouse and listening to the music together. The other attractive part of the CD was that all the songs were love songs!

I returned home very late at night, much too late to play the new CD, but I told my spouse how much I liked the music and how I was sure she would enjoy it too, especially since she appreciates dulcimer music more than I. For some reason I was not home the first time my spouse played the CD, but when I came home, she told me she had listened to it and indicated that she too, really enjoyed the music. She said it was very soothing and played it several other times before I was home to listen to it with her.

How surprised I was when I listened to the fully-orchestrated music coming from the speakers! Instead of a single instrument, there were strings and woodwinds and timpani! What a disappointment for me!

In your search for peace, joy, and contentment, have you ever had a similar experience? You were certain that the answer to all your problems was to be found in sex, or a bottle, drugs, or work, or, you name it. But when you tried any or all of these ways to achieve fulfillment you discovered that they just weren't able to give you what you thought they would! Just like my CD was not dulcimer music, so none of these activities provided complete satisfaction.

Is there any thing that can be guaranteed to provide what each one of us longs for, that lasting peace, joy, and contentment of which I spoke? How glad I am to be able to tell you that the answer to that question is yes! Those who have become Christians by accepting Jesus Christ as their savior can testify to the truth of Jesus' saying, "Peace I leave with you . . . " (John 14:27) They have experienced the truth of job 41:22 (KJV) which promises ". . . sorrow is turned into joy before him." And they say with Paul, " . . . I have learned to be content . . . " (Philippians 4:11)

If you are still being disappointed by activities which do not bring the results you are longing for, if you do not yet have true peace, joy, and contentment in your life, I encourage you to try Jesus. He is the one person who will never disappoint and who will always live up to his promises.

Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita — News From MCC Tucson

I have always wondered about people who believe that there is nothing after death. Human life is all there is, end of subject. If that is true, why do we continue to live? The earth is a cesspool; the ozone layer is shot; AIDS is a constantly mutating - a non respecter of age, gender, sexual orientation, etc. Life in the U.S.A. is a major struggle to live from one pay check to the next. The people of this world know more hunger, homelessness, joblessness, disease, war, and the list goes on. Life has no purpose.

Then there are those who say life has no point, nor purpose. We are just an evolutionary mistake. Seen on a bulletin board, "Life is one contradiction after another." Under that some one had written, "No it's not." Perhaps those who believe only in the here and now might believed, "Life is a test. It is only a test. Had it been an actual life, you would have received further instructions on where to go and what to do."

When life has no purpose, it has no power. Humanity needs to have a purpose or some meaning to attach to each life or go insane. We have to take chances and fail sometimes in order to do things and get them right more often that wrong. We find what we want to do with our lives, get the appropriate education, and work through to meeting the goal we have set. Once we have achieved the goal, then we must rethink and set new goals. This process continues as life continues. When we stop goal setting, we give up and die (mentally and emotionally first, then physically).

If this life is all there is for me on this earth, I think I would just throw up my hands in disgust, and take my own life. Why bother!?

However, I do believe that there is a God or higher power that will take me from this life to something more wonderful than any mere mortal mind can conceive. While life continues on this earth, I will do my best to take care of myself. Selfishness? No, but so that I can be the greatest help to the portion of humanity I will meet.

My purpose in life? It is to utilize my faith in God to share compassion, love and care with and for others. Usually, I am able to do a good job. Then, there are times and people with whom I fail miserably. I believe that either way, use each experience as a tool to be a better pastor, a better friend, a better spouse and a better person in general.

What is your purpose in life? Do you know? If not, I urge each of you to seek it out and work on both good and bad points. Be and do all that gives your life purpose. You'll be amazed at the change in your outlook on life in general. Until next week.

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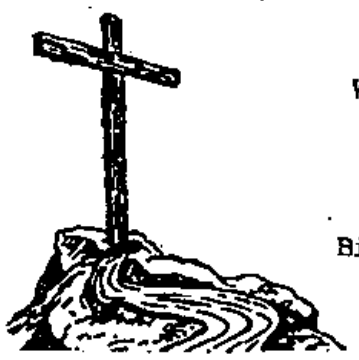

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EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank this wonderful community of Tucson for their support in our cause to raise money for the "Tucson Gay Pride Picnic." Without your help, this year's picnic might not have been a success.

We would also like to thank those of you who contributed directly with our fund raisers. First of which are the "Staff and Management" of IBT's and the Graduate who worked so hard during these events. A big thank you to the performers at our fund raiser shows: Mr. David Z; Ms. Helena Bubbles; Ms. Coco Lopez (aka Pete Lara); Ms. Gilda Fatale; Ms. Loosey Bowels (aka Jeff Moores); Mark (IBT's Doorman); Ms. Ajia Simone; Ms. Formika Dinnette (aka Rob Gonzales); and Ms. Maya Rection (aka Sean). All of which contributed above and beyond and with their talents made our shows a complete success.

A warm thank you to all of those people who donated glorious pieces of art, services and time. Such as: Ms. Natalie Perry and Ms. Beth Tullis-Perry; Ms. Karen Moores; Mr. Eddie Gallego of "Tolteca Tlaculo;" Mr. Danny Pagel of "Men of Moose," Doc; and "Rex Studios."

A special thank you to Frank and Dave for opening their doors and allowing us to use their facilities to create magic. You both are incredible people who should be commended for your community spirit.

Thank you all so very much for everything. You have proved that whether in good times or in bad. We can all come together as a community with brotherly love and fellowship and work toward a common goal. In this case our common goal is "Pride." We all as homosexual human beings have come a long way, and we are going to continue to take our lives to the sky on wings of gold.

We appreciate you all.

Yours truly, Roland and Sasha
(The Purple Team)

A special note to Mr. Steve Baretto from his "love," Mr. Roland Bayne.

My Dearest Steven:

You have been my source of light throughout these fund raiser events.

You were my calm before the storm, my inspiration and my motivation when I thought things were are there worst. Your positive attitude and constant praise made me feel that I can do anything.

Thank you so much for being here, there and everywhere when I need you. I have truly met my soul mate.

I love you.
Roland

EDITOR:

Some people are burdened with it from day one because their parents are already addicted.

Others are seduced by it later in life and become addicted then. They become too weak to think for themselves and form their own opinions. This addiction is often used as an excuse for one's immoral actions. They claim this crutch somehow relieves them of their responsibility for their actions if they repent for their past mistakes.

This addiction causes them to turn away from the proven realities of modern life and lose themselves in a fantasy world with no basis in reality. This addiction is one of the major reasons that people have killed and continue to kill other people through all recorded history. I believe in God and give thanks in daily prayer that I am not also addicted to the worst scourge upon American and the world today: religion.

Patrick J. Dooley

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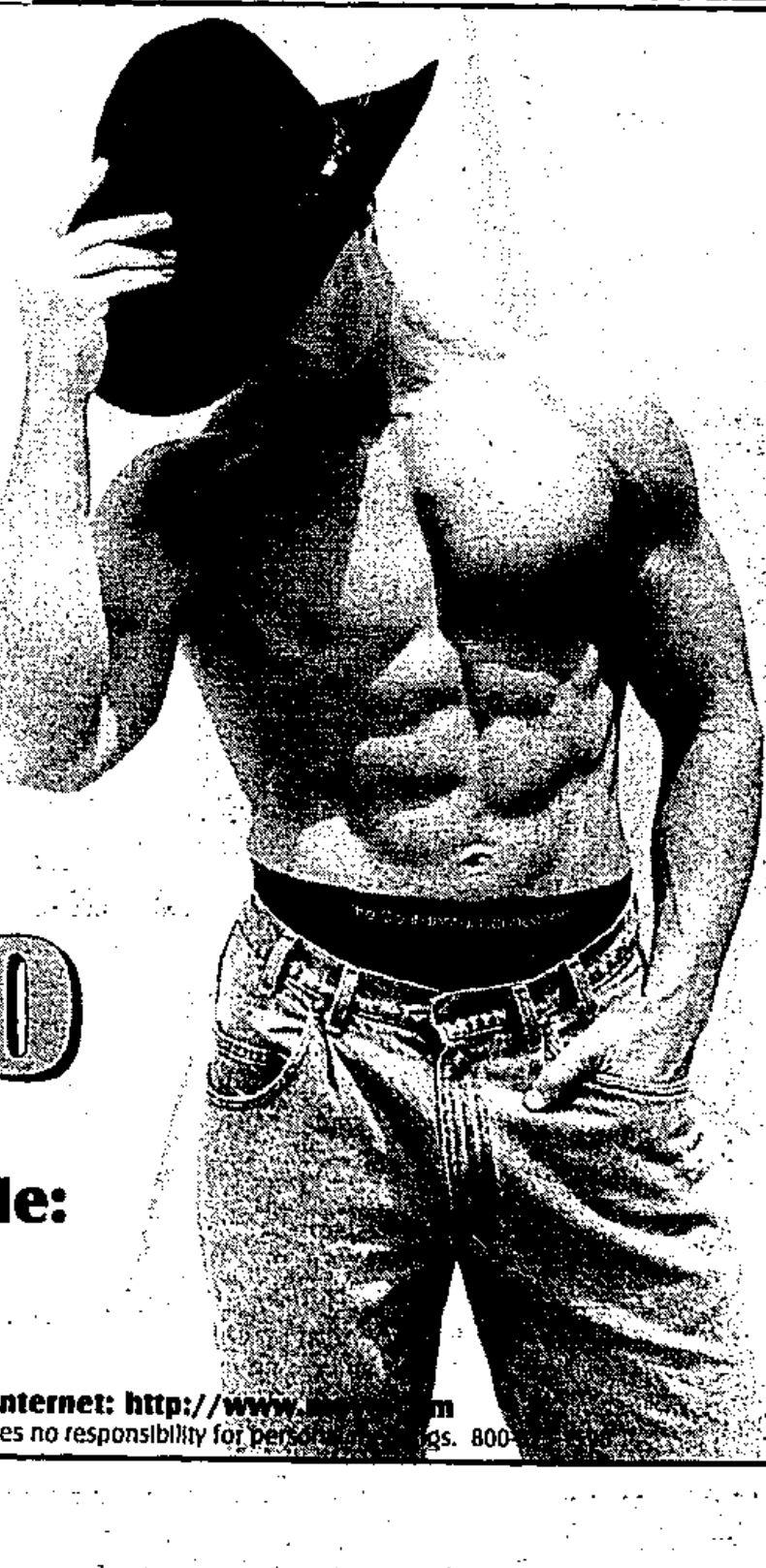

SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings

	Won	Lost	Pins
Five	8.0	4.0	5294
3 Jokers	7.0	5.0	5315
My 2 Dads	7.0	5.0	5293
Ten	7.0	5.0	5289
Smokin Bears	7.0	5.0	5280
Twisted Nipples	7.0	5.0	5165
Meat'N Heat	6.5	5.5	5262
Thirteen	6.5	5.5	5200
Tres Amigos	6.0	6.0	5060
Triple T & Me	5.0	7.0	5337
Nine	5.0	7.0	5294
Hooga-Booga!	5.0	7.0	5288
Show Me Yours	5.0	7.0	5206
Bea Bytes	2.0	10.0	5031

AVG: Monte N., 201; Joyce K., 143; Nine, 537. GAME SC: Mark K. & Jack S., 256; Weda V., 175; Hooga-Booga, 617. GAME HC: Mark K., 265; Joyce K., 236; Hooga-Booga, 677. SERIES SC: Mark K., 630; Joyce K., 472; Nine 1633. SERIES HC: Denis S., 666; Joyce K., 658; Triple T & Me, 1854.

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings

	W	L	PINS
Tastee Buns	9	3	8795
Pink Flamingo's	7	5	8733
4 Swigs	7	5	8723
Faerie Tails	6	6	8617
Lesberado's	4	8	8514
Desert Divas	3	9	8626

AVG: Mark K., 185; Ann R., 154; 4 Swigs, 776. GAME SC: Mark K., 227; Ann R., 207; 4 Swigs, 844. GAME HC: Jack S., 274; Ann R., 253; Tastee Buns, 1070. SERIES SC: Mark K., 592; Ann R., 515; 4 Swigs, 2354. SERIES HC: Jack S., 730; Monica M., 658; 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. 10/1. First Place - Art, $50. Second Place - Kim, $21. Third Place - Z, $13.

The Graduate. 10/5. First Place - Tommy TM, $50. Second Place - Ryan KR, $30. Third Place - Jim PH, $20.

Stonewall/Eagle. 10/6. First Place - Jim PH, $40. Second Place - Richard NB, $20. Third Place - Jonny O., $5.

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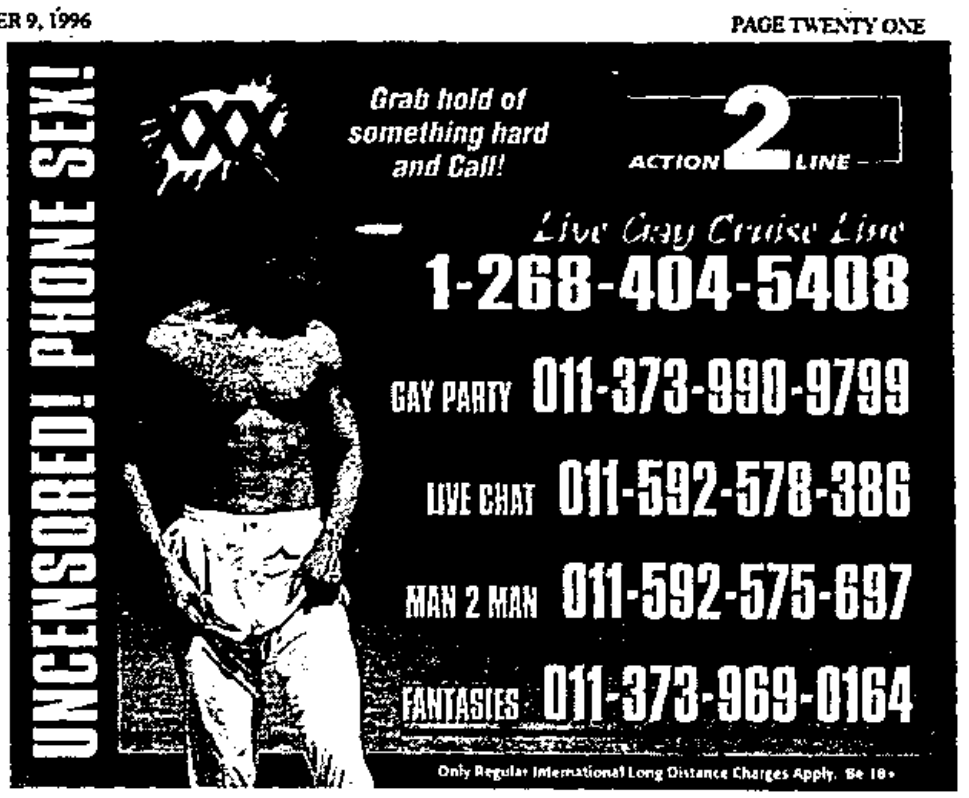

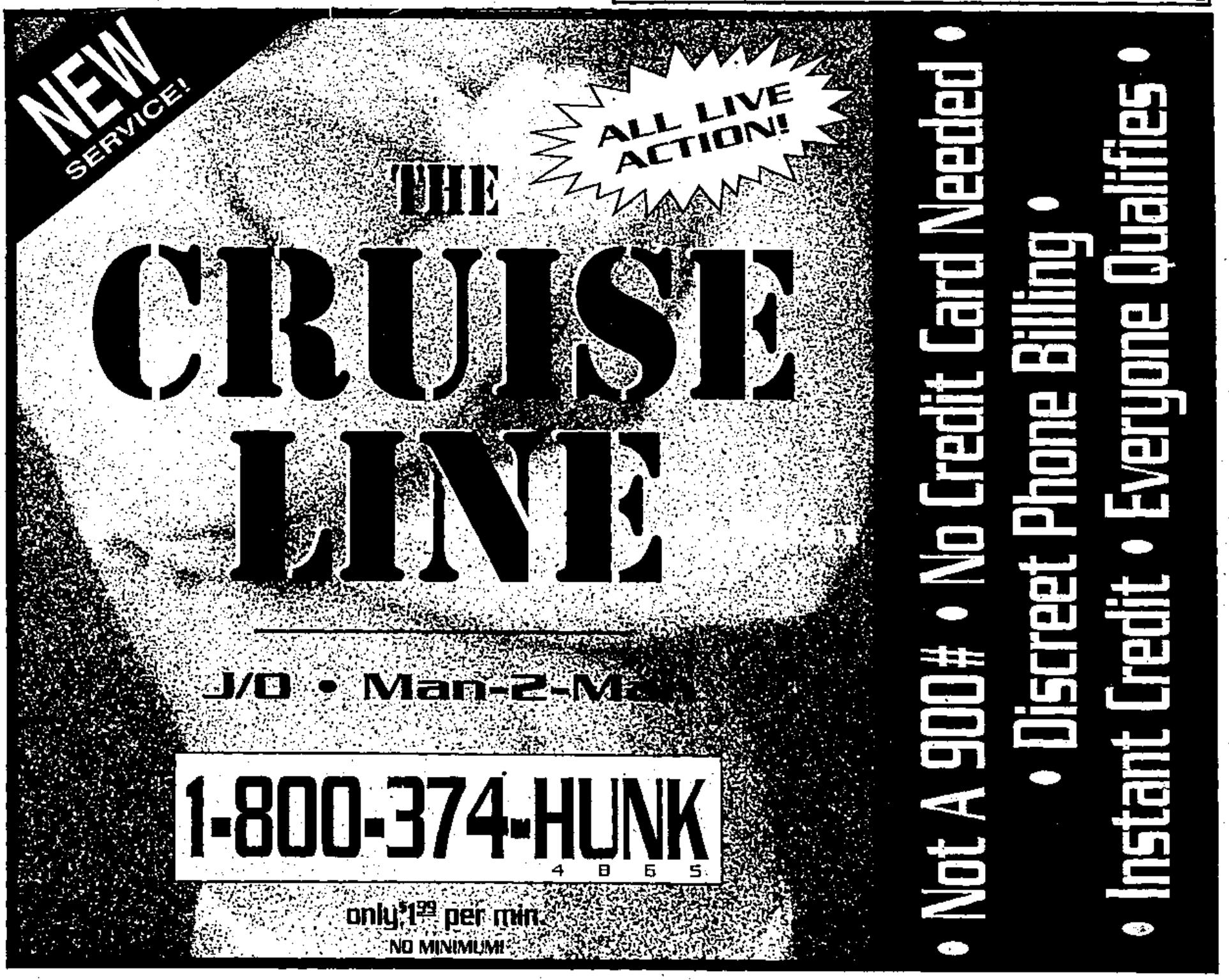

CALENDAR of upcoming events

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

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

IBT'S - Tail Gate Party 9:00 p.m. to closing. Thursday Nite is College Nite at IBT's. Wear your favorite school shirt and get $1.50 Domestic Beer or $1.50 Long Island Ice Tea.

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
GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls Beer Bust from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Don't forget the Pool Tourney begins at 2:00 with pot matched.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
GRADUATE - 4:00 p.m., Gilda Fatalé's "Bon Voyage" Benefit Party to support her quest for the Miss Gay America crown. Hosted by Miss Gay Tucson, Felica Renard and starring Christina de Alexis, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone and Crystal Abrams.

IBT'S - Official Sponsor of AIDS Walk '96, IBT's is having a post-AIDS Walk Party with a benefit Beer Bust/Bar-B-Que from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., proceeds going to AIDS Walk '96. And then at 9:00 p.m. there will be a Wet Shorts Contest with $100 as first prize.

PLUG - Post-AIDS Walk Party. $1.50 Margaritas for everyone who walked.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
IBT'S - The Girlie Show, hosted by Helena Bubbles and starring Ajia Simone, Bulemia De Havilland and a special guest. Show at 9:00 p.m.

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
PLUG - Halloween Show and Party Extravaganza. More details to come!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Halloween Costume Party here with drink specials every half hour. Judging starts at 10:00 p.m. with a $100 first Place Prize and $50 for second place.

IBT'S - Celebrate Halloween at the 5th Annual Black and White Ball here. Watch for details in upcoming ads.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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 call to confirm which book will be discussed. For reservations and directions call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
Old Town Artisans presents a dinner and auction to benefit the Shanti Foundation of Tucson in the Old Town Artisans Courtyard, 186 N. Meyer. Dinner tickets are $25.00. There will be a no-host cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner to follow. An ensemble will be playing a variety of familiar music during cocktails and dinner. Desert Voices small ensemble will perform following dinner. Immediately following the entertainment there will be an auction and raffle of art donated by local artisans. Tickets for this event must be purchased by Oct. 8th and are available at Tucson Trunk (River and Craycroft) and at the Shanti office, 300 E. 6th Street. For more info, call Shanti 622-7107.

Cronies Monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. After the meeting the group will enjoy the "Rocky Horror" Movie Show. Check Cronies out if you are a Gay man.

Men's Social Network 4:00 p.m. MSN Slumber Party at the home of Richard in Hereford, Arizona. Bring your sleeping bag and get ready for a whole night of fun. There will also be a hike the next day. Food will be provided, (but there is space for anything you may wish to bring). For details and reservations call Richard (long distance) (520)278-9309 or Jerry (local) 690-9565.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
AIDSWALK '96 at Rillito Downs, 1st Ave. And River Road. Registration starts at 7:00 a.m., Interfaith Service 8:00 p.m., and the Walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Beat the crowds and get registered early Oct. 9-12 from 8:00 am. until 5:00 p.m. at AIDSWALK '96, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 272. It all benefits Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. Two hiking options will be offered in Hereford, Arizona. One has a scenic view of Mexico (only four miles away), and the other is a longer hike among an oak forest. Call Leo at 733-3701 for details and directions.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 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 at 318-1650 for reservations and directions.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Sunday is a chance to get together and dish-ice cream, that is. This month, ice cream treats will have been prepared for you. For reservations and directions, call Ray at 797-6648.

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 the same time. For more info contact Davey at 886-1208.

Antigone Books will present talented local writer, poet and activist Judith McDaniel at 7:00 p.m. McDaniel will explore the complexities and delights of being in a Lesbian relationship! She will be reading excerpts from three of her works including her new novel "Yes I Said, Yes I will", and from an important edited new book of Barbara Deming's poetry, "I Change, I Change". A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our Topic of Discussion will be about "Coming Out." We're all at various points in our coming out process, so this is always timely. Join us for a lively discussion. For directions and reservations, call Bob at 623-1732.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Girlfriend's Coffee House and Book Store Live Entertainment featuring Jess Hawk Oakenstar 8-10 p.m. No Cover.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 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 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party ($3.00) offers good food, good conversation, and plenty of nice guys to meet-and this month we've added a movie (title to be announced later). For directions and reservations, call Frank or Steve at 292-1725.

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore present in concert Elle & Mitzi 8:00 p.m. $5.00 Cover

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. MSN will have a booth at the OUTeberFEST. We invite all MSN members and picnic goers to stop by and visit us-and all the other booths as we show our pride.

Tucson CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 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. Bart Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Too! 4-11pm.

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

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with 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 BIZKESS - 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 Box 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 Cuerve Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuerve Gold $2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm.

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

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. Peter 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 Too! open 8:30pm

Friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. 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 8-1 am.

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 8am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 8am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 8am-8pm. Backsideopen 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday
AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. 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, Pina 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 8am. Bitches & Bagels w/$1 Bloody Marys 8am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! Opens at 8:30pm.

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NOTICES

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

FACT - 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.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 34264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3200 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7200.

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6677 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 12. Call the church at 299-8063 for information.

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

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L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

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

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

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

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 Roan 968-2364.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.? Call CRONIES 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-8135.

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

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7298.

MAINE MEN! Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Phone, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #102. For information call 791-8662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #386, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3200 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

NOTICES

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.658

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary O. 770-8679 or Bertie L. 318-5415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8063.

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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. B3 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Kimmel Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1900 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

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

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

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THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

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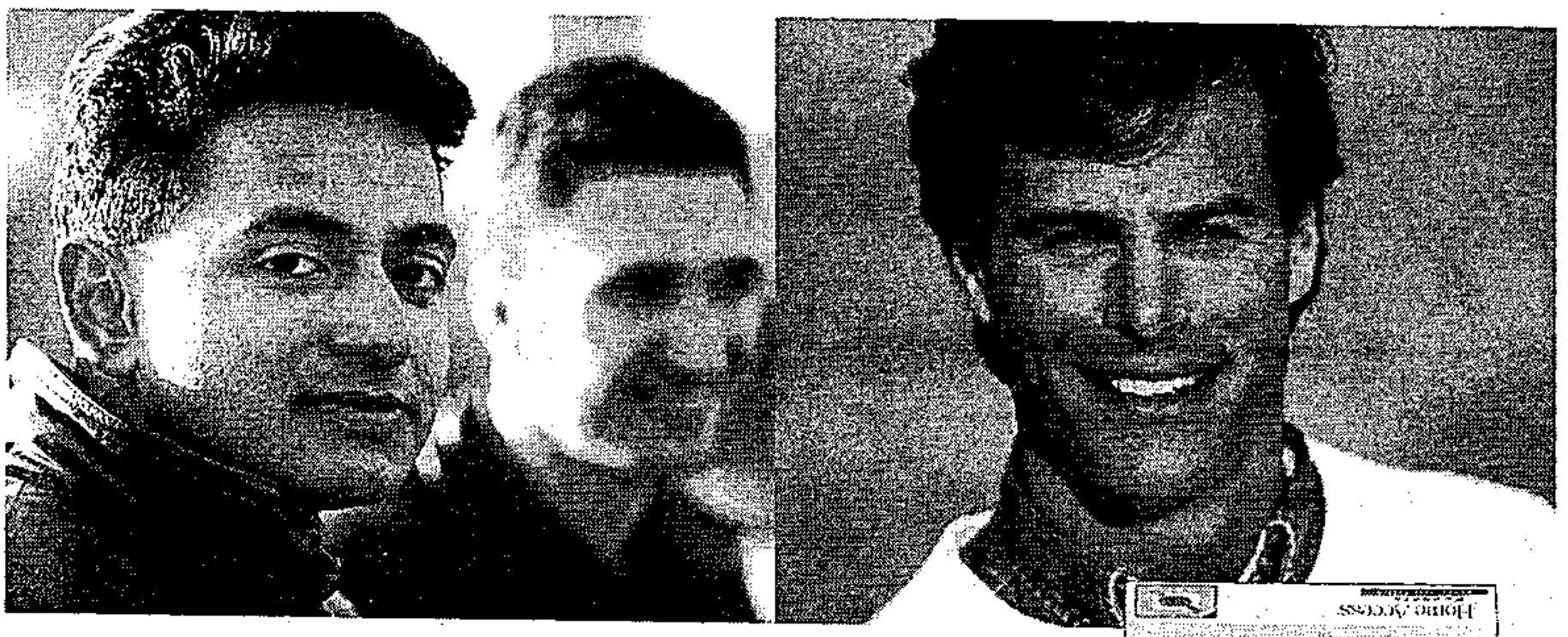

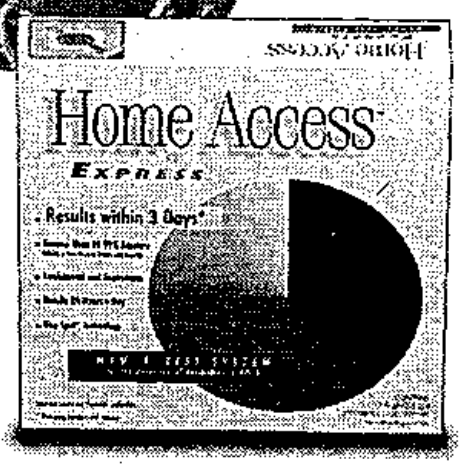

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