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Election '97: Roads, Wage-Hike and Clean Water

by Mark R. Kerr

PIMA COUNTY (ON) -- Registered voters from Casas Adobes, Catalina Foothills, the Old Pueblo and the rest of Pima County went to the polls Tuesday and cast ballots . . .. in rather underwhelming numbers.

An estimated 22% of voters, went to the polls and decided: the future of roads, water, a possible wage hike, who shall be a council person, giving employees the right to collective bargaining and to form cities in the new craze for Highway User Road Funds.

Initiatives and propositions were the order of these off-year elections.

Pima county held a special election to get voter approval to authorize to issue and sell street and highway user revenue bonds, a total of $350 million. As of press time, the bond package was winning, 57% to 40%.

The form a city or not to form a city? That was the question for voters in the Casas Adobes and Catalina Foothills areas.

Since the state legislature gave the okay for areas to incorporate as cities, for a period of two-years, to receive Highway User Road Funds (HURF).

The Town of Tortolita was the newest town to incorporate earlier this year, via the petition process, obtaining over 70% of signatures, exceeding the requirements set down by the new state law.

The first of possible new cities, Casa Adobes and Catalina Foothills was decided by the ballot in this November election.

Voters in Catalina Foothills said an overwhelming no to incorporation, by more than a two-to-one margin. In Casa Adobes, voters gave the thumbs up to forming a city, by a 226 votes.

The City of Tucson held their election for three council seats and to consider several initiatives and referendums dealing with giving the Mayor more powers, a hike to the minimum wage for businesses within city limits, and CAP water.

There was only one contested council race in Ward 6. As of press time, Democratic candidate Alison Hughes was in a virtual dead-heat with Republican Fred Ronstadt. If Ronstadt wins, he would be the first Republican on the Tucson Council since 1985, and 1969 to represent Ward 6.

The propositions and initiatives dealing with a minimum wage hike and CAP water took center stage in the election. As of press time:

Proposition 100, which would allow Ward redistricting two years after the U.S. census was leading by a 53% to 32% margin. Proposition 101, which would allow the Director of Procurement rather than the mayor to sign contracts, and to eliminate the need for countersignature, numbering, and registration of such contracts by the City Clerk was going down to defeat by a ten-percent margin.

Proposition 102, which would allow the mayor to vote on the removal/appointment of City offers; declare emergency measures; and to change the requirement for approval/removal of officers to a majority and for emergency measures to 5/7 of Mayor and Council was losing by 7,000 votes. Proposition 103 which would strip the civil service status of appointive officers, (except the City Manager; Clerk; City Attorney; Magistrates, Police and Fire Chiefs), was losing by over 17,000 votes.

Proposition 104 which would allow the consolidation of procedures for filing vacancies; allow the mayor to vote regarding councilmember vacancies; fill vacancies at regular meetings and within reasonable time and; to eliminate the City Magistrate's tie-breaking vote, was leading by over 4,000 votes. Proposition 105, which would require the mayor and council to establish a Charter Review Advisory Committee, was losing by less than 2,000 votes.

Proposition 106 which would eliminate: unnecessary and outdated references to conduct and descriptions of certain categories of persons (including the disabled), was leading by a two-to-one margin . Proposition 107, which would have raised the salaries of councilmember's from $18,000 to $24,000, was losing by 7,000 votes.

Proposition 200, a.k.a. "Meet and Confer," which would: permit labor organization contracts for city employees; public votes on salaries, if there is an impasse; political activity by city employees and civilian review of police conduct, was losing by over 15,000 votes.

Proposition 201 was the most controversial initiative voters considered in the 1997 election. The proposition would have amended the Water Consumer Protection Act of 1995 to allow the delivery of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water and groundwater if federal, state and other specified standards are met, was losing by a three-to-two margin.

Proposition 202, to raise the minimum wage to $7 an hour, within city limits, despite a state law and a potential

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EDITORIAL

HEY FAGGOT! HEY FAGGOT! **HEY FAGGOT!** Those words sound familiar? They're being used more and more in and around the Old Pueblo, everywhere that Gay and Lesbians gather.

During the past few weeks, Gay bashing has been on the rise, at an alarming rate! Every year when high schools begin their fall terms, the rates rise, but this year appears to be a record one. The teen-age bully boys station themselves outside of Gay establishments (mainly the local bars) and wait for their chance to jump someone. It is usually more than one person involved in the attack and sometimes four and more.

You will note that they are more likely to attack a lone person. Persons traveling in pairs or more may get a verbal assault, but singly, you are taking your chances of getting injured. One doctor reports to us that he has seen "seven or eight victims of Gay bashing in the past couple of months". Those were regular patients of his. There is no telling how many others there are that go to their own doctor - or who go home and take care of their injuries themselves.

Broken limbs, lost teeth, miscellaneous broken bones and of course broken self-esteem is being inflicted all too often in our fair city. It is apparent that Tucson is growing, and with that growth comes violence. No longer are we able to walk about on our streets feeling secure about our safety.

There is no way of telling the number of assaults that are being committed. Most are never even reported. Do not be afraid to talk to the Tucson Police Department. TPD is there to protect us - no matter how the officer may feel about homosexuality. If the officer is not treating you satisfactorily, He or she must be reported also. It is important to report any kind of harassment whether it is verbal or inflicts bodily harm.

The Gay business community should beef up their security forces to protect their patrons. No one should walk out of a Gay bar alone, for instance, without asking for a security person to watch out for him or her until they reach their car.

In the event someone does get assaulted outside an establishment, report it immediately to the manager or security, if you are able. Have them contact 911 and make an official report of the hate crime that has been committed against you.

Remember, take all the precautions necessary if you are out and about. Look both ways when you leave an establishment, check with the doorperson to see if there is anything unusual outside. Go directly to your automobile, get in and lock the doors behind you.

All of this may seem mundane, but you could just as well be the next hate crime victim. If you haven't been assaulted, you don't know what you're missing. Take care - be safe.

SAAF Reduces Expenses Additional $132,581

TUCSON -- The Board of Directors of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) approved a $132,581 reduction in the operating budget of the new organization.

"We're now three months into the operating year of SAAF, and we've realized that the merger (of the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, the Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project) into SAAF has resulted in far greater savings than we had originally projected," said SAAF Board President Steve Gottleib.

Gottleib continued, "When we drew up the SAAF budget last spring, we postulated that we would save $175,000 over what would have been the combined budgets of the three organizations had they remained separate entities. As the year has progressed, it has become apparent that the merger has effected far greater savings."

"These are significant things," said Executive Director Anne Maley, "which prove how worthwhile the merger has been. In total, it means that merger alone has accounted for more than $300,000 in savings -- virtually all in overhead. That amount is roughly equal to what Shanti's budget would have been for this fiscal year."

Maley went on, "We believe we have crafted a lean, efficient organizations designed to meet the needs of southern Arizona in HIV/AIDS service delivery. At this point, we must look to the community to truly make this work. We must raise almost $700,000 in community fund raising dollars before June 30, 1998. To date we've raised approximately $295,000. We ask our community to respond generously to appeals for funds from the Southern Arizona AIDS Fund."

The additional cuts reflect reduced personnel levels in both the financial staff and the office management staff, as well as more efficient use of resources within client services. The reductions will not reduce service levels in either client services or prevention/education programs.

"As we've merged case management and support services for people living with HIV, we've realized that fewer staff members can provide the same level of quality care as before. As a result, we have chosen not to fill two positions which became vacant earlier in the year," said

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UPDATE

Valarie Taylor Memorial Service Nov. 8

TUCSON -- A memorial service for author and Lesbian rights activist Valarie Taylor will take place Saturday, November 8.

The service will be held at the Pima Friends Meeting House, 931 North Fifth Avenue.

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Has Openings

TUCSON (ON) -- The Desert Coyote's, Tucson's Wednesday G/L bowling league, is seeking bowlers.

The league bowls at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile, with a start time of 9:00 P.M. There are open slots on teams, which consist of three people.

What if you don't know how to bowl? No problem! The only pre-requisite is to have fun! If interested, just show up a few minutes before 9:00 P.M. today, November 5. For more information, call 743-9659.

Ryan White Title II Community Prioritization Workshop Nov. 13

TUCSON -- The Ryan White Title II Community Prioritization Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 6:00 P.M.

This forum will take place at St. Mary's Hospital, Centurion Room (8th Floor). Help prioritize the HIV/AIDS services that will be funded with Ryan White Title II service dollars in 1998-99.

For more information, contact Caitlin Gannon at the Tucson Community Foundation, 722-1707.

Wingspan Artist Of The Month Change

TUCSON -- Due to circumstance beyond Wingspan's control, the November artist of the month will be Darin Q. Schoeny.

Mr. Schoeny has studied art at the Virginia Commonwealth University. He works with mixed media and has exhibited his work throughout the country.

There will be a reception, November 15, with light refreshments being served, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited. For more information call 624-1779.

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For more information, call (800) 883-3434.

'Always Our Children' Monday, Nov. 10

TUCSON -- A panel discussion on the American Bishops' Pastoral Letter,. "Always Our Children," will take place Monday, November 10, 7:30 P.M.

This discussion will take place Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Madonna Hall, corner of Campbell Avenue and Adams Street.

The facilitator will be Mike Berger from the Diocesan office. All are welcome. For more information, contact Ernie Slaight, 721-2003.

Gay Men's Health Forum Nov. 9

TUCSON -- The first Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) forum, designed to address issues facing Gay men today will be held, Sunday, November 9, 8:00 P.M.

The first forum will be "Monogamy versus Open Relationships." GMHP hopes to discuss how relationships can be strengthened or destroyed when a third person is brought into a long term relationship.

Other topic such as HIV, and safe sex practices while exploring multiple partners, will also be addressed. The forum is free and will take place at the Millennium Theater, 738 North Fifth Avenue.

For more information, call Rodney at GMHP, 322-6226.

Recreation Volleyball At St. Francis

TUCSON -- Volleyball players unite!

Recreation volleyball is played Sundays, 4:00 P.M. at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River (NW corner, Swan & River Road Roads).

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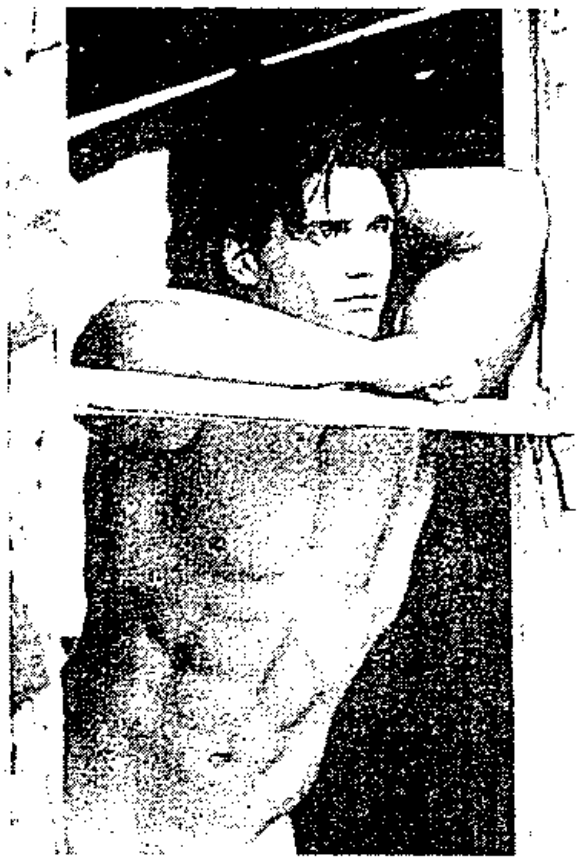

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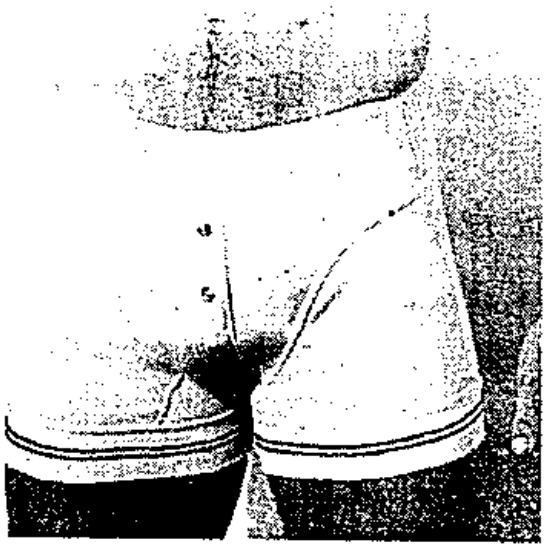

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by Scott Weldamoyer

Howdy Tucson! I hope everyone had a great Halloween. The Fall season is upon us which means we are hard at work in planning (and re-planning) our scheduled events for the quarter. The events are listed as follows:

Item number one this week. We will be holding our annual Yard Sale in the parking lot at Hours, Saturday, 11/8, 7:30 A.M. to noon. AGRA's asks everyone to do a little Winter Cleaning and make room in your closets for the new wardrobe. We are talking all donations for the yard sale (clothing, sofas, furniture, etc.) this week, so if you have anything to donate, please call the AGRA hotline to arrange for us to pick it up for you. The Yard Sale is just one more way for us to raise money to help fund this year's rodeo at Old Tucson.

MEMO: Next month's General Membership and Board meeting (November 16) has been moved to the Stonewall/Eagle. Times are: 2:00 P.M. - Board; 5:00 P.M. - General. Please plan on attending if at all possible. Also on November 16, at the Stonewall will be a fund raising benefit show to help contestant for Mr. AGRA, our little Mr. Eryk Benjamin, raise his money required for his title run in January. The show will be featuring the live vocals of Eryk, Vangie, and Tamara (little Miss Reba vocals from Phoenix). The wonderful illusions of Miss Victoria DuPuis, "That Skinny Little Bitch" contestant for Miss Gay Tucson America 1998, also the return performance of Ivana Goodwyn, and many more guests. It should be a really fun night so plan on attending if you can.

Just a reminder for those beginning their holiday shopping, AGRA is selling the '98 Entertainment books at $35 each. Get your holiday shopping done early this year. The books have many great values as well as a free 30-minute long distance AT&T calling card. Call the hotline for more information.

This year's Valentine's Day Rodeo Romance Dance will be held at (you guessed it!) Old Tucson Studios! AGRA has gotten together with Old Tucson for the use of Stage-2 to host the Rodeo Romance Dinner, February 14, 1998. AGRA will be serving an Italian Dinner Buffet and have a beautiful night of Country Dancing. No live entertainment or shows, just dance the night away with that special someone. Or come stag in search of that jilted lover or Mr. or Ms. Right that is in search of the same. Tickets are $10 each, $15 per couple.

Well, I guess that is all for this week. A lot of information to cover and I got it all out. I hope you all have a great week and I will talk to you next week.

Until then, remember to keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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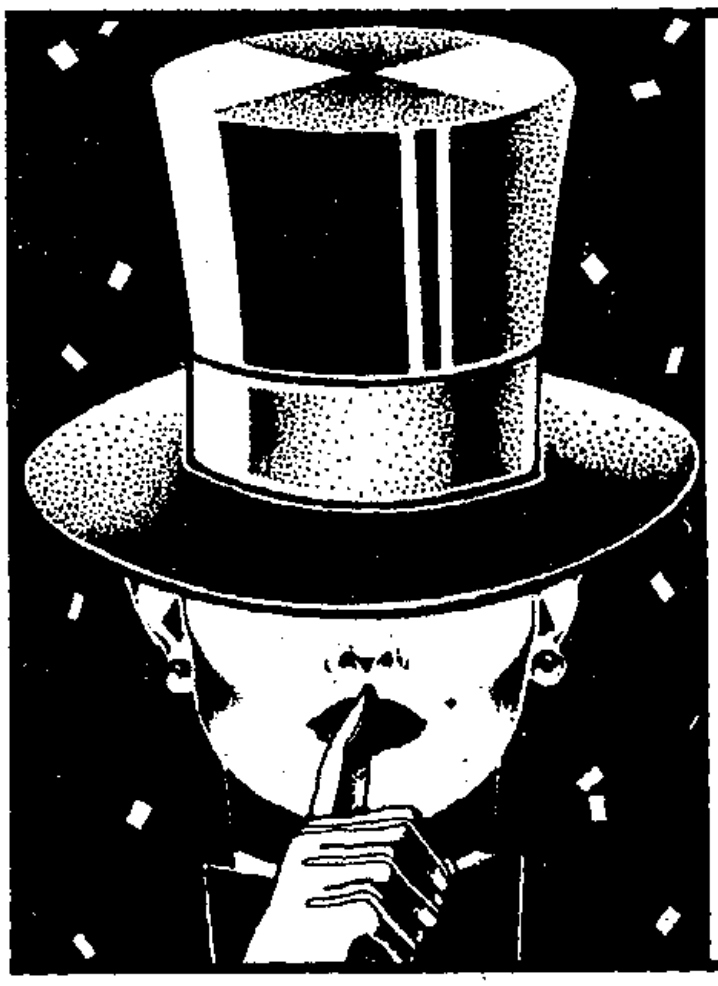

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Local HIV Program Wins $639,000 Grant

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON)-- A local program to help HIV+ individuals has received a federal grant to expand its services.

"Positive Directions," is a program which helps HIV+ people to find housing and job training.

"It's really a prevention program for homelessness," said Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), in an interview.

SAAF won the $639,000 grant in partnership with the governments of the City of Tucson and Pima County, through HOPWA. HOPWA, the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS, is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program.

According to Maley, the program was one of over two-dozen that received funding. "Positive Directions," Maley said in an interview, is aimed at people who have been diagnosed with mental illness and/or substance abuse problems.

SAAF had sought $765,500 for a three-year period to expand transitional housing units. Maley had stated that the smaller amount of the grant will mean re-evaluating the programs priorities, but housing will be a top priority.

Maley went on in an interview to say that job training is more important since new treatments for HIV and AIDS have made people healthier and able to return to working.

"This is very exciting," said David Hoover HIV/STD Program Manager for the Pima County Health Department. "People living with HIV/AIDS will be well served and their housing needs met through this grant. It is good news!"

"I am pleased that the funding can individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families during such a critical time," U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor (D-CD 2) said in a written statement.

'Ex Ex-Gay' Speaks Of Personal Struggle

CAMBRIDGE, MA (HC) – In the wake of an 'ex-Gay' symposium held recently at Harvard Law School, one Gay student told how he overcame the ex-Gay movement's "pernicious influence" in his life.

Benjamin D. Perkins, a second-year Divinity School student, said he was an enthusiastic participant in the ex-Gay movement and even underwent supplemental "reparative therapy" for four consecutive years before finally accepting himself as a Gay man.

"Initially there was a tremendous amount of hope," Perkins said. "Someone is promising you that the thing you consider the bane of your existence is going to be eradicated or exorcised." He said he considered Exodus to be his only option based upon what he was brought up to believe. "It was either seek help or go to hell."

For a time, said Perkins, he believed that his struggle was over. But once forced to re-enter the larger world, the facade that had been created began to crumble. "The thing I feared most I had to confront," he said. "I started to realize that Gay and Lesbian people are just like everyone else."

Seeing well-adjusted and happy people living openly Gay lives caused Perkins to cast a more critical eye on those he knew through Exodus. One man in particular who was married and "seemed like he had it all together," he said, eventually had a nervous breakdown and attempted suicide.

"You start to look around you and see that the people who are supposedly exemplars are struggling and doing all sorts of unhealthy things," Perkins said. It was a choice between living a life and living a lie, he said.

The chairman of National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day and president of Kerusso Ministries, Michael D. Johnston, himself acknowledged the endless process of self-denial that follows the renunciation of one's sexual orientation. "There is a kernel of truth in what they say, that those of us who have chosen to follow Christ are repressing," said Johnston. "What comes naturally to us is not righteousness; it is sin."

Federal Domestic Partner Benefits Legislation Introduced

by Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) -- Openly Gay U.S. Representative Barney Frank, D-MA, has introduced legislation to extend all benefits to the "domestic" partners of heterosexual and homosexual non-military federal employees.

Frank made the announcement during a press conference held in the nation's capitol. Frank's proposed legislation is called the "Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 1997" (DPBOA).

DPBOA is also co-sponsored by Representatives Nita Lowey, D-MA, Elizabeth Furse, D-OR, and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-DC.

Under the proposal, to qualify for benefits, including retirement programs, life and health insurance, and compensation for the federal employee's work-related injuries, employees and their partners would have to certify, via affidavit through the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), that they are "living together, in a committed, intimate relationship" and "responsible for each other's welfare and financial obligations."

DPBOA also requires the filing of a "statement of dissolution" within 30 days of the termination of a relationship, which ends benefits for the partner except for a continuation of health benefits.

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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY

Dear P.S.L.: In an opinion published in last week's edition of The Weekly Observer "P.S.L." took me to task over my September 3rd column discussing famed sex researcher Alfred E. Kinsey's research methods, the conclusions published in his landmark 1948 book "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male", and the "one in ten" theory.

Specifically, "P.S.L." complained, "Risley's thesis is that Kinsey's findings are suspect because Kinsey was gay and into kinky sex himself. Thus Kinsey's statistics aren't objective and shouldn't be taken seriously." After enlightening us with facts and figures concerning various forms of male sexual "outlet" including masturbation, nocturnal emissions, heterosexual sources, homosexual sources and bestiality, "P.S.L." stated, "...it certainly isn't proper to blame Dr. Kinsey if the one in ten figure isn't correct."

If Mr./Ms. "L." will carefully reread my September 3rd column he/she will find that the subject of it was information recently revealed by noted Kinsey biographer James H. Jones who served on the Kinsey Institute's scientific board of advisors, had access to the institute's archives, reviewed thousands of letters, and interviewed Kinsey's associates and former students in the course of preparing his book and reported in The New Yorker magazine. Those important attributions were prominently made several times in my column but apparently, and totally, overlooked by "P.S.L.".

Likewise, the revelations about Kinsey's personal life and sexual practices, his research methodology, as well as the conclusions questioning the validity of Kinsey's findings were Jones', too, and credit was also given to him for that. The only "thesis", if you want to call it that, I offered came at the end of the column where I said that the truth about the "one in ten" theory, "...lies somewhere in between."

As the saying goes, it isn't important what they say about you just as long as they spell your name correctly.

I Love A Parade, Part 2: In my column on October 22, I opined that it was high time Tucson had it's own Gay Pride Parade and I asked for some feedback from our readers about that. The results are now in and the motion was unanimously carried - not one dissenting vote.

Someone suggested that the perfect time for it would be during Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week which, I believe, is the second week in February. Wingspan is already in the process of putting together several events to mark the occasion and a Gay Pride Parade would be a perfect compliment to that. The question now is, who's willing to organize it? Any volunteers?

And then it was now.....

(Steve Risley's website can be accessed at http://www.geocities.com/-WestHollywood/Heights/7423)

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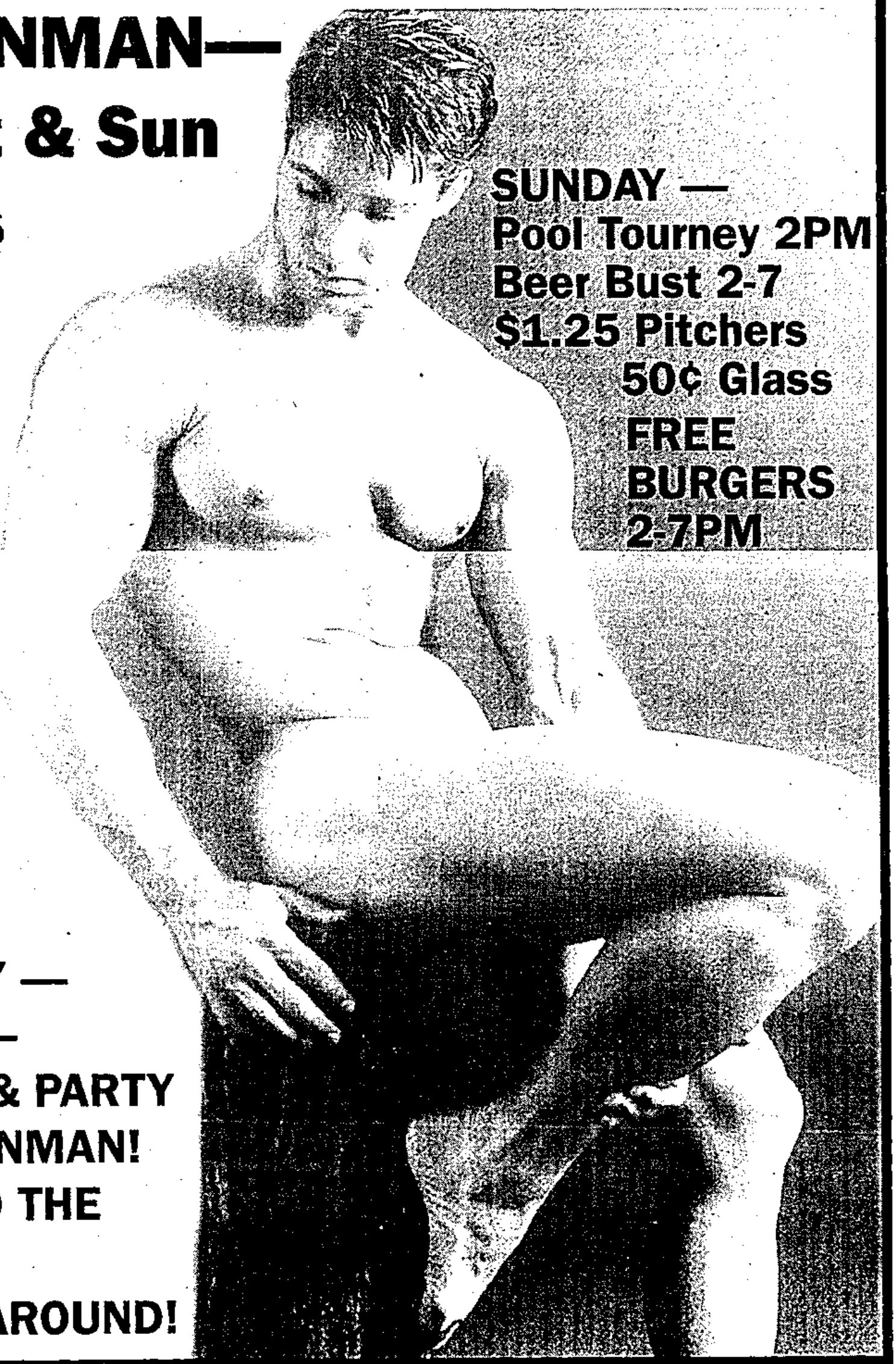

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Columna Abierta . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludandoles con el mismo fin de siempre; que encuentren algo de interes en éstas lineas de Columna Abierta. Pues estuvimos en la reunión del Consejo Binacional del Noroeste de Sonora y del Condado de Cochise el pasado día 28 de octubre, donde fué elegida la nueva mesa directiva para el siguiente año, Claudia Chacón es la nueva co-presidenta por el Condado de Cochise, y el Dr. Cesar A. Aramburo por el lado de Sonora, y las co-secretarias son: Susan B. Peru por el Condado de Cochise y la Sra. Maria E. Tolano por Sonora. Se les desea lo mejor de las suertes para que sigan manteniendo activo al mencionado Consejo...

También fuimos participes del festejo de Salud es Poder en su tercer aniversario donde se presentó un magnífico show a cargo de varios voluntarios del proyecto y desde luego con la participación de Grecia I con sus extraordinarios bailarines quienes dieron el toque final al show, para despúes saborear la rica comida que preparó Ernie con la ayuda de Sotero y demás personas que se me escapan sus nombres al momento de escribir estas notas...Felicidades Ernie, Jorge, Ruben, Etc. y todos los integrantes de Salud es Poder.

Nuestro amigo Marco Martinez de SAAF sigue con la invitación para que hagan llegar sus donaciones de comidas enlatadas y artículos para limpieza para las personas necesitadas bajo el programa de ayuda a las personas seropositivas e incapacitadas; así mismo necesita de la ayuda de voluntarios para hacer entrega de las mencionadas donaciones, por favor comuniquese con Marco al 322-6226...

En lo que respecta a salud, a continuación comparto con usted el comentario hecho por el Dr. Gregorio Pérez sobre: Experimentos Inmorales. Desde hace dos años, los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de la Enfermedad (CDC) y los Institutos Nacionales de la Salud (NIH) están financiando la realización de ensayos clínicos con placebo en 12,211 mujeres embarazadas infectadas por el VIH en Africa, Tailandia y la República Dominicana. El objetivo de estos estudios es determinar si un régimen de zidovudina (AZT) más corto, más simple y, por tanto, más barato que el actualmente considerado estándar, conocido como ACTG076, es igualmente efectivo para reducir la tasa de transmisión perinatal del VIH.

El ACTG 076 consiste en la administración de AZT a la madre por vía oral durante el segundo y el tercer trimestres del embarazo y por vía endovenosa durante el parto, y al niño durante las seis primeras semanas de vida. Con este régimen, que cuesta unos $1,000 por persona, la tasa de transmisión perinatal del VIH se reduce en dos tercios (de un 25 a un 8%). No cabe duda que es importante encontrar un régimen más simple y más barato que el ACTG 076, especialmente para los países donde están haciéndose estos ensayos. Ahora bien, ¿justifica esto la utilización de placebo y, como consecuencia, el nacimiento de cientos de niños cuya infección por el VIH podría haberse evitado? De ninguna manera. La utilización de placebo en un ensayo clínico sólo está justificada cuando no existe ningún tratamiento de eficacia probada. Cuando éste existe, no debe utilizarse placebo, ni siquiera con el consentimiento de los participantes en el ensayo. La Declaración de Helsinki y otros códigos nacionales e internacionales sobre investigación en sujetos humanos establecen con toda claridad que los sujetos en el grupo control deben recibir el mejor tratamiento conocido, así como que los participantes en ensayos clínicos realizados en países del tercer mundo deben recibir las mismas garantías y protecciones que se les darían en el país patrocinador. Los responsables de estos estudios han intentado justificarse alegando que además de ser la forma más rápida y efectiva de obtener resultados fiables, la utilización de placebo no supone ninguna privación de tratamiento para las mujeres que están en los grupos de control, ya que como en sus países el "tratamiento estándar" consiste básicamente en no hacer nada, "de todos modos" no habrían sido tratadas adecuadamente, un argumento muy similar al utilizado por los responsables del tristemente famoso Estudio de Tuskegee. Tal como están planteados estos estudios son innecesarios y moralmente inadmisibles. Además, constituyen una flagrante violación de las normas sobre investigación en seres humanos emitidas por el propio Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los Estados Unidos.

Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana, D. M.

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AIDS INFO UPDATE

Name-Based HIV Surveillance Remains Controversial

WESTPORT, CT (RNS) -- Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently indicated that the time has come for a national surveillance system for all cases of HIV infection.

However, a prominent San Francisco, California-based patient advocacy group finds this potentially "alarming" and opposes any new policy that would require reporting names of individuals infected with HIV.

In a press release issued, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation acknowledges the "...need for improved HIV data...to better plan for future service needs, target and evaluate prevention efforts, and inform resource allocation decisions." However, they "...strongly disagree that HIV names reporting is necessary to accomplish these goals."

In particular, "[t]he negative repercussions associated with HIV names reporting, such as deterring individuals from seeking testing or treatment, far outweigh the potential benefits for people living with HIV," Pat Christen, the foundation's executive director commented.

Instead, they suggest that a system using "unique identifiers" could be an alternative to mandatory names reporting. This would still "...allow public health officials to collect critical information on emerging trends in the epidemic without creating such disincentives."

Elsewhere, the question of HIV status disclosure is being debated in a far different context. The identity of an HIV-positive man who allegedly infected several young women in New York was publicly revealed. For the first time, state public health officials invoked a provision in the law that allows for disclosure in cases of "clear and imminent danger to the public health."

The New York state law, which was enacted in 1988, permits physicians to notify partners of an HIV-positive individual without obtaining that individual's consent. In the case in question, public health officials were granted a court order to widely disseminate the name of the HIV-infected man, described as a "...predator who lurked around parks and schools, looking for teen-age girls and possibly trading sex for drugs, even after he knew that he carried HIV."

Public health and elected officials in Chautauqua County, the area in which the incident occurred, scheduled a meeting to discuss the confidentiality law. "You need to balance the need for the confidentiality of the patient against the need of the public to know,' Andrew W. Goodell, county executive commented.

HIV Subterfuge Revealed

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) -- Researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) have discovered a devious strategy used by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to undermine the immune system.

The scientists found that even when HIV does not enter a cell, proteins in the outer envelope of the virus can bind to a molecule called CCR5 on the cell's surface and initiate a biochemical cascade that sends a signal to the cell's interior.

This signalling process may activate the cell, making it more vulnerable to HIV infection. It also may cause cells to migrate to sites of HIV replication, thereby increasing their vulnerability to infection. If the cell is already infected with HIV, activation may boost its production of the virus.

Drew Weissman, M.D., Ph.D., formerly of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation (LIR) and now an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania; Ronald L. Rabin, M.D., of the NIAID Laboratory of Clinical Investigation; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., NIAID director and LIR chief; and their colleagues report the new findings in the issue of the journal Nature.

"These new data add to our understanding of the complex ways HIV causes disease," says Dr. Fauci. "It is a truly formidable foe with many tricks up its sleeve." Adds Dr. Weissman, "Our findings suggest that HIV, even without infecting a cell, can profoundly influence the disease process by activating cells and influencing their movement and aggregation."

HIV generally requires two receptors to enter a target cell: CD4, and either CCR5 or CXCR4, depending on the strain of virus. The strains of HIV most commonly seen early in HIV disease, known as macrophage-tropic (M-tropic) viruses, use CD4 and CCR5 for cell entry. Many strains of the simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), a cousin of HIV that infects non-human primates such as monkeys, also use these receptors for cellular entry.

As described in the Nature report, the researchers found that envelope proteins from four different M-tropic HIV strains and one M-tropic SIV strain induced a signal through CCR5 that caused cells to migrate in culture. In contrast, envelope proteins from other strains of the viruses, known as T-cell tropic (T-tropic) strains, did not cause signalling.

"HIV disease is characterized by persistent immune activation, and envelope protein-mediated signalling through CCR5 may contribute directly or indirectly to this heightened state of activation, with negative consequences for the HIV-infected person," Dr. Fauci says.

Not only are HIV replication and spread more efficient in activated cells, but chronic immune activation during HIV disease may result in a massive stimulation of a person's B cells, impairing the ability of these cells to make antibodies against other pathogens. Chronic immune activation also can result in a form of cellular suicide known as apoptosis, and in the increased production of signalling molecules called cytokines that can themselves increase HIV replication.

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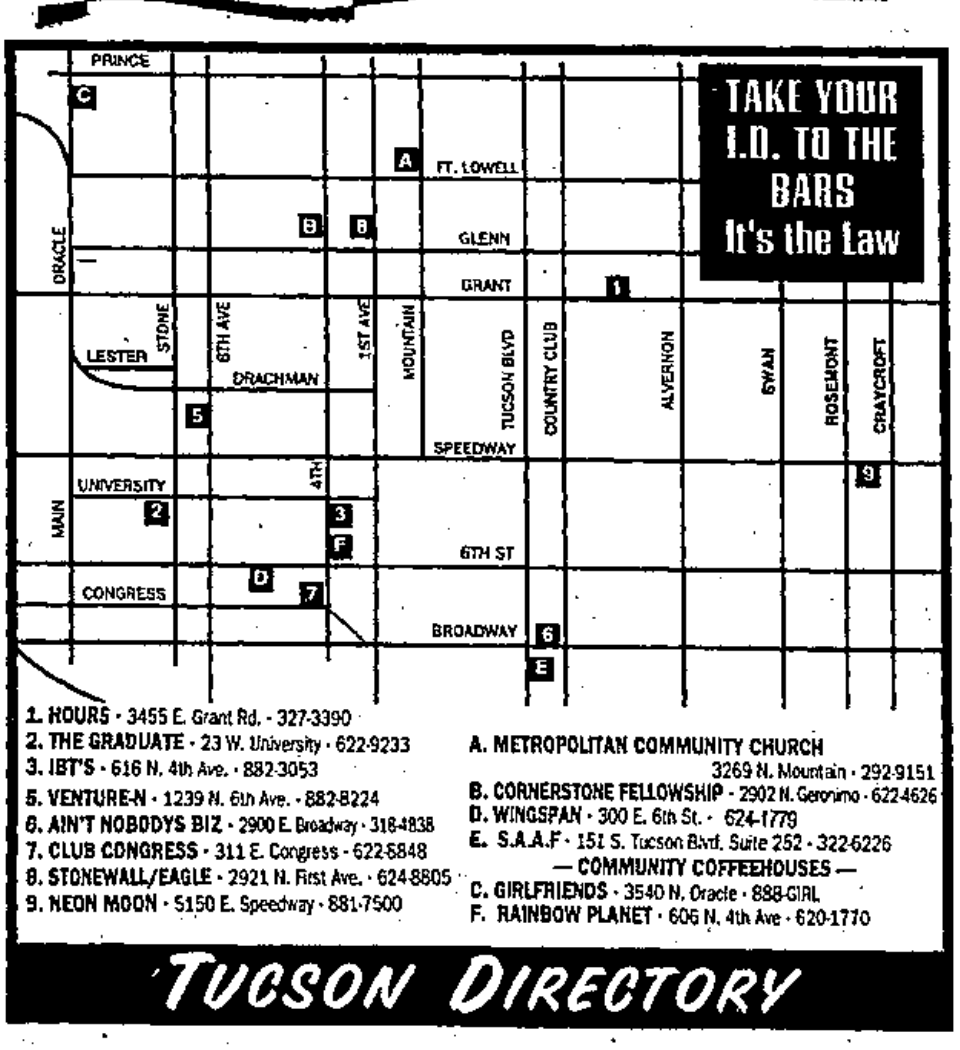

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Life Is A Drag . . . .

By Elise Barbara Fox

Drag queens are mistresses of magic. IBT's pre-Halloween show, October 29, was a winner.

It was, to use the title of an oldies tune, a "Classical Gas." I thought Mr. Kenneth Blake was spectacular in his black vinyl thong-style teddy but I was most impressed by his rendition of that Top-40 hit "Barbie." And we need to mention Felice Renard's witch impression: a dazzling outfit with a vampire-style cape created in only two hours without patterns or pins. Great theatrics.

I can't stay put for very long. So I wandered out to the patio bar. I spotted Dave Huff and had a nice chat. I reiterated my impression that this Fourth Avenue venue is more than a nightspot; it's a "town square." You never know what new people you might meet.

Talk of the night among the clientele: Boom-Boom's is out of business. I'm not surprised. I hate to lose nightspot options but let this be a lesson to you would-be entrepreneurs. I once took a Service Corps of Retired Executives seminar: you better have two years of working capital, your own money or a credit line, to survive. I am grateful that Dave and Frank of IBT's and The Graduate are firmly grounded in business economics.

Oh. The other thing. In commercial real estate, there's a maxim: location is paramount. 2520 North Oracle Road was a bit off the beaten path. It was too secluded, almost invisible. If you didn't know, you didn't go. And you need a good concept. The reincarnation of the lamented Club 2520 was a dreary "cruise" bar called The Plug. I really think it's a big mistake to make unwelcome Lesbians, drag queens and straights. That's the way many felt.

Now, a disturbing trend. Cover charges for drag shows. It's outrageous.

My friends, most shows are commercial affairs: the bar owner cuts a check, perhaps $125-$200, for the impresario. Performers may share in this; in any event, they get tips if we like what they do. If you show organizers wish to play mercenary, go join the French Foreign Legion.

As a matter of principle, I'm not going to review any shows that require a cover charge. Some just don't understand. A gift is something freely given; a free will donation, like church; not coerced. This is a reality check. We're paying for costumes, not band instruments and sound systems. I will not single out any particular troupe; but let us judge you on your merits and reward you if the act deserves it.

By now, I've got some of you fuming; so I won't let others escape.

My issue this week: your failure to give Anne Maley a political honeymoon. This is a hard-edged column so I'll play it out. This is a newspaper; not a public relations "puff." If it were up to me, I'd give Bob Ellis the University of Arizona John Peter Zenger freedom-of-the-press award.

We have two big issues: the outside world, many of them down on us; and examining our own conduct.

Some people in our community are upset about the merger of the three ASO's into the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF): some jobs and services have been restructured. Change isn't necessarily friendly but in this case necessary.

Maley is taking a surgical knife to restructuring because this is what's needed to keep some semblance of our services intact in light of uncertain federal funding. My point: we started scolding Maley before even six months of our new umbrella agency. Anne, my advice, ignore the critics and go for a rationale that delivers services within the fiscal constraints.

Anne and Dave, in their respective fields, have survived by realizing what we want: a living rainbow. Is this too much to ask? That each of you stay alive, enjoy and contribute to our planet?

Yes, I'm seeing red.

"Someone told me my wedding dress should be red," said Felice. Her white one was dainty and form fitting. I liked it. Red, by my thinking, belongs with slinky, tantalizing dresses and power suits.

(I didn't watch all of the show; I'm incorrigible -- I just can't stop meeting new people and asking questions.)

I sat most of the night with a young woman, a "real girl," who once worked as a topless club dancer. She has not a cent to show for it; she's a recovering heroin addict, clean for 1-1/2 years. Jenny (not her real name) also is a artist: she can paint. I extracted a promise: that she will pursue a future that will give all us of some artistic pleasure.

I do not like the idea that drug cartels are worsening the human condition, denying us the promise of young people's lives and creating misery and violence.

"For $1,000, what day comes after Sunday? Brian? Answer: "French Toast." It's the humorous quiz show style anti-marijuana PSA that runs on network radio. Tucson doesn't need to worry about such stuff. Our brains already are fried from desert hear. But maybe we need to convince our neighbors to avoid risky sexual behavior.

Victoria DuPuis is in the audience. A great conversation. She gave me new insight on a crucial issue. We were talking about young people and safe sex. She advised me that HIV incidence among the younger generation -- both Gay and straight -- is on the rise, probably because young adults, as she put it, think they are "invincible."

I look at the TV monitor. Celia Putty and Truly Fabu glide across the impromptu stage. Oh my. Mr. Kenneth Blake with a beehive hairdo that would have made ex-Gov. Rose Mofford proud.

I'm sorry I wasn't with you at the Black & White Ball. I spent Halloween in something strange for me – boy clothes, handing out candy and pennies at the door to young trick-or-treaters. Some of these kids, several decades hence, will occupy our barstools. I like Halloween and Christmas. They remind me that children are our future so I have a job to do that transcends drag: convince you to carry forward positive change into America's 21st century.

POLITICS 1997

by Mark R. Kerr

"This Page Was Left Blank Intentionally!"

Defense Of Marriage Act! We don't need no stinking Defense Of Marriage Act (DOMA)! This is the case for openly Gay U.S. Representative, Barney Frank, D-MA.

At a news conference held in D.C., Frank announced that he has introduced legislation, "The Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act (DPBOA) of 1997," to extend all spousal benefits to the unmarried partners of non-military federal employees, both homosexual and heterosexual.

To qualify for benefits, including retirement programs, life and health insurance, and compensation for work-related injuries, employees and their partners would have to certify, via affidavit through the Office of Personal Management, that they're "living together in a committed, intimate relationship," and "responsible for each other's welfare and financial obligations."

DPBOA requires the filing of a dissolution statement within 30 days of the termination of the relationships. All benefits, except for health would be terminated.

Does this conflict with the homophobic Defense of Marriage Act, ramrodded through by Republicans looking for the queer-basher vote? This is Barney Frank's measure, one of Congress' most intelligent members. Don't underestimate it! . . .

Promises, promises! Gay and Lesbian leaders are being courted. It must be time for a presidential election, only two-and-a-half years prior to the actual fact!

House Democratic Leader, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, a potential 2000 Democratic presidential candidate, met this past week with leaders of national Gay and Lesbian groups, to discuss ways in which the party could assist Gay and Lesbian candidates running for office.

In a written press release, Gephardt arranged the get-together "to facilitate a better working relationship between the Gay and Lesbian community, the Democratic party, and Democratic Members of the House."

"Attack of B-1 Bob," parts three through eleven! Just like "Freddy Krueger," "Jason," and Tori Spelling, California homophobe and STILL FORMER U.S. Rep., B-1 Bob Dornan, R-John Wayneville, scored more victories this past week in his ongoing quest to waste taxpayers moneys in his Quixotic quest to get back to Congress.

The U.S. House of Representatives turn back eight separate Democratic attempts, by voice vote, to end the House Oversight Committee's investigation into Dornan's "allegations" that his 1996 defeat in the 46th Congressional District race, losing to a Democrat, Latina, a girl, Loretta Sanchez was due to fraud by rich queers and illegal immigrants.

The questions arises, why are the Republicans standing by "B-1 Bob" since he said if he's elected in 1998, he plans to raise hell and have a new attitude, worse than before?! Why?

"Issue 3 from Cincinnati." The latest horror flick from Colorado Springs homophobe Will Perkins and his "group," Colorado for Family Values (CFV).

You thought they died when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Amendment 2, which would have prevented legal recognition of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexual as a minority group in the state of Colorado. They haven't! Cincinnati is their latest "haunts."

CFV is providing the dollars behind Cincinnati's Issue 3, a local version of Amendment 2. Guess what! A federal appeals panel, this past week, as upheld the Cincinnati measure per a rehearing ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Happy, happy, joy, joy for Perkins! He anticipates a revival of Amendment-2 locally. Yes, bigotry, violence and hatred may be coming to your town soon! . . .

"I'll bet you this guy is a fag, probably a minority...he has to pick up his welfare check to but crack and a bottle of ripple...We out to go to his house and beat the [expletive deleted] out of him, hang him from a tree in his front yard and set the cross on fire..."

Satire? Bigotry is more like it. The above were excerpts of an e-mail attack against a South Carolina Democratic leader, Michael Cubelo. The sender? A leading investigator for the South Carolina Attorney General's office, Thomas Windsor. The e-mail was intended to go to Michael Graham, a conservative reporter for a local weekly, but it accidentally found its target.

Cubelo, who is Caucasian and married with children, forwarded this and other messages to Republican Attorney General Charlie Condon. "That office must have a pretty intolerant attitude," quoting Cubelo. He also noted that Condon has opposed expanding the state's hate crimes laws to include women, Gays and Lesbian."

True, they are wasting tax payers moneys to send out messages to "insult and threaten people." Only in the South!

Windsor's reaction, "he didn't intend to be malicious." Oh, sure! Remember, it was satire!

Windsor resigned his job, but he's still running for the county chair of the Republican Party. With all that, he'll win!

So it goes for now kids!

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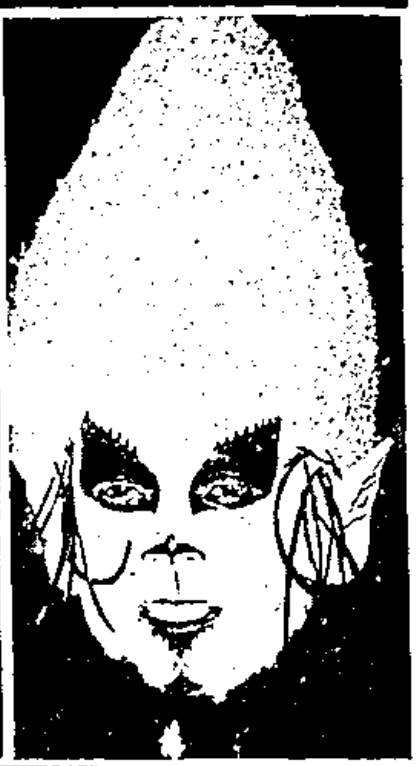

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2. Qualifying organizations to be considered will provide health and education services to Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, BiAmorous and Transgendered community.

3. A representative from each organization applying is required to present their organizations bid for funds to the board of TLGA at their monthly meeting Tuesday, November 11. This meeting is at 7:00 P.M., and is held at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

All TLGA meetings are open to the public is invited to attend this important meeting to witness and participate in this exciting part of TLGA's commitment to you, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, BiAmorous and Transgendered community.

As usual, a call goes out to Tucson from TLGA OUToberFEST, help! We need volunteers for all sorts of tasks, events support. Find out how rewarding it can be to produce this fine pride event and to give Tucson's Gay charities financial assistance. Join TLGA today!

Thanks again Tucson for making OUToberFEST '97 the best ever. Tim, Chad, Theresa, Vicki, Janet, Deb, Erli, Tom, Janette, Kevin and Paul.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

God's word, the Bible, says, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 53.1) It's not about religion...it's about believing. Think about it. It wasn't fair for a rugged, healthy 33-year-old carpenter to die for you -- but he did. He died so that you could live forever, starting now. All you have to do is believe.

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever (that's us too!) believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The fool says there is no God, no hope. Why don't you be wise, instead. Give your heart to Jesus. Make it your goal to believe in and love God. After all, what do you have to lose?

God already knows everything about you. Isn't time you learned about him? Cornerstone has adult Sunday School, 9:00 A.M. and our praise service, 10:30 A.M. We also have midweek Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M. We would love to meet you and share our joy and help you find God's answers to any questions you may have. Will we see you in church this week? We hope so.

Some people in our community spend a great deal of time and effort to disprove the existence of God. By doing so, they undermine their own arguments. Addison Leitch wrote, "Unless an atheist is carry on his fight against absolute 'nothingness' (and this makes us wonder about his zeal), then he must be arguing against something he finds ingrained in himself."

The inherent belief in God doesn't prove that he exists, but it certainly points strong in that direction. It is often said that there are no atheists on cancer wards, or HIV wards, for that matter. Having worked in Critical Care for many years, I can tell you that the two words most often cried out by those who are dying are "mother" and "God."

Some people refuse to believe in God because of all the injustice in the world. But if you ask them where they go the idea of justice in the first place, they have a problem. After all, you can't call a line crooked unless you have some idea of what a straight line looks like! Injustice in the world, in fact, points to God himself, who set the standard of justice. How can we know what is evil if we deny the God who is good?

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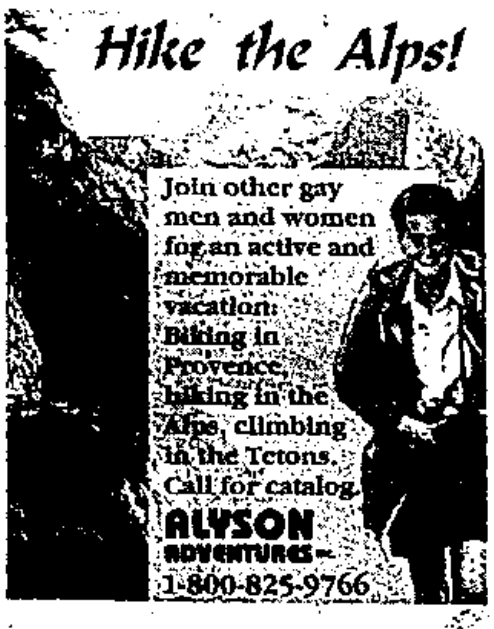

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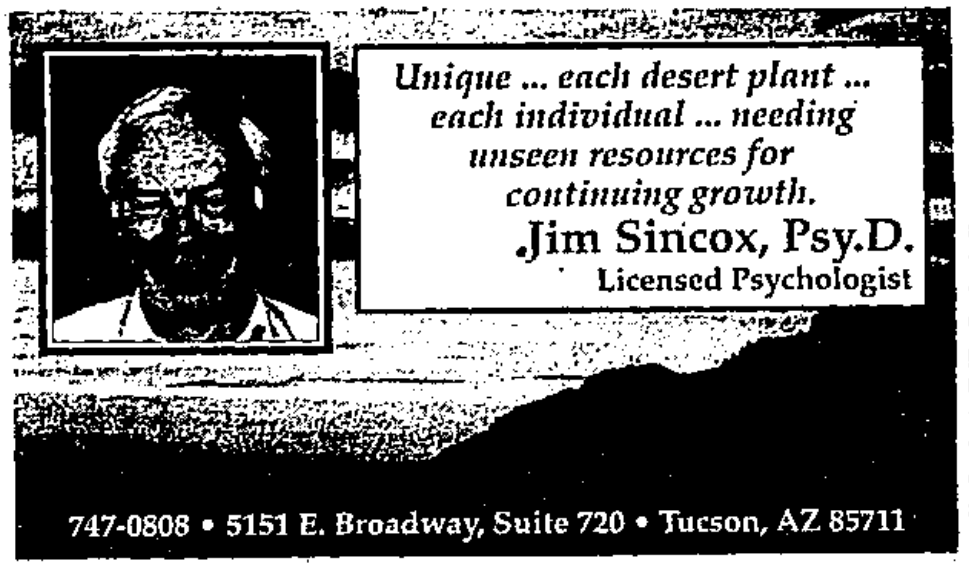

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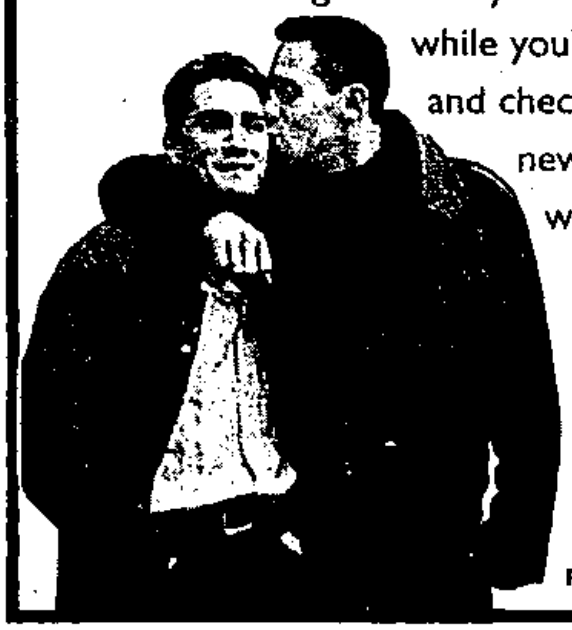
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Venturing Out. . . By Sasha Alyson

Where To Go On The Web

A year ago, I described my frustrating search for helpful travel information via the Internet. Search engines, in which you type in a few key words (like Gay + travel) can list thousands of supposedly relevant sites, with no simple way to find the few that would actually interest you. Furthermore, many of the listings will be out of business, duplications, or only indirectly related to what you're after.

The Internet is most useful, in my experience, when you have the name of a website that offers the information you want. For Gay and lesbian travelers, here are some good places to start:

www.gay-travel.com Run by Rancho Mirage, a Gay travel agency in Palm Springs, California, this site has been singled out for an "Editor's Choice" award from Out & About magazine. It includes tour information from dozens of Gay and Lesbian companies, plus extensive information about specific destinations. What I particularly like is the balance between useful information and glitz. Too many web designers want to show off their latest tricks. You, the unwary user, wait endlessly for a dancing cartoon to download. Rancho Mirage is pleasantly designed, but the focus is on information.

www.gayuniverse.com/guide If you want to get in touch with Rumanian Gays, or find out what Gay activities are available in Memphis, Tennessee, this is the place to go. You'll find direct links to other websites, classified geographically.

www.q-net.com/qnet.htm The Ferrari guidebooks are well respected by Gay and Lesbian travelers, and for its website, that company gives you several ways to look for information: by destination, activity, date or type of travel. I like the idea; but execution here still needs some streamlining.

www.outandabout.com Readers of the Gay travel magazine Out & About would expect an attractive and informative website, and that's what you get. I find this site most useful for the extensive calendar. If you've got a date in mind, this is the best spot to find out what's going on at that time.

www.gayscene.com This site takes a geographic approach: You select the continent that interests you, then a country, then your state (if in the U.S.), then your city. Then your computer crashes (mine did, at any rate, one or two different cities). So I never elicited any real information. Perhaps you'll have more luck. But this site, while graphically attractive, is still a slowpoke unless you have a high-speed modem.

www.gaywired.com Here's a good example of what I consider and overloaded website. You get lots of pretty graphics, but it takes four or five menus to get anywhere, with a delay for each one as it downloads. It was late. I gave up.

www.travel-finder.com Not a Gay-specific site. If offers a search engine of sorts for all kinds of categories, of which Gay and Lesbian travel is one.

Nearly all of the above sites shared one trait: A lot of outdated information. I found listings for 1996 trips, hotels that have long since closed, and links to other web addresses that no longer existed. Individual companies that maintain their own websites have an easier job of staying current (though some still fail to do so). Here are a few of interest:

www.lizardhead.com - Have a great time as you learning outdoor skills like rock climbing.

www.odyusa.com - Selected hotel listings and tours to Greek Islands and elsewhere, from the Gay guidebook publisher.

www.michfest.com - The spot to watch as the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival approaches; at this writing, the site still had 1997 information posted.

www.oliviatravel.com - Women-only cruises, and a Mexican resort.

www.alysonadventures.com - Biking, hiking, diving, and other active vacations.

www.rsvp.net - An attractive site with a good mix of information and pictures about this company's cruises, resorts, and other travel opportunities.

www.progressivetravels.com - This bike tour operator has some Gay trips; click on "special adventures" to get that menu.

www.tototours.com - Adventure trips, from kayaking to African safaris, and a nice looking site. But all the trips on the page I pulled up had taken place 3-6 months ago.

www.abovebeyondtours.com - Quite a range of destinations, including an appealing South Pacific trip. . . .

Send questions or comments about Gay travel to Sasha Alyson, Alyson Adventures, POB 180179, Boston, MA 02-118. E-mail address: AlyVenture@aol.-com.

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Taking Your Bows

by Rich Muszynski

Wingspan volunteers receive an average of 437 calls and walk-in visitors each month at the center. That's over 3,930 contacts in 1997, to date. Roughly 46% of those calls are inquiries about Wingspan itself and the services it provides to the community. Eight percent of the calls are about referrals to Gay friendly businesses in Tucson. Five percent are for referrals for Gay or Lesbian mental health services or therapists in Tucson, and another 5% are for referrals for Gay/-Lesbian friendly medical services and AIDS testing.

Inquiries about services for G/-L/B/T youth make up 4% of our calls. Inquiries about the local bar scene make up 4% of the calls, as does inquiries about G/L/B/T social activities in Tucson. Inquiries about housing services and legal services make up 3% and 2% of the calls, respectively. Four percent of the calls fall in the miscellaneous category, and 15% are crank calls.

My mind drift to those 15% of the calls that are basically harassment calls. Who are these people making such calls? Heterosexism still lives and breathes. Heterosexism makes the jobs of Wingspan volunteers harder. Each time the phone rings, there is a 15% chance harassment will be involved. Heterosexism makes our streets less safe. A few months ago, I was walking down Fourth Avenue with a date, and we were verbally harassed for being Gay.

Heterosexism shatters family bonds. The last words my father spoke to me two weeks before he died were words of ridicule because I was in love with a man. Would my father have been the kind of person to make harassing calls? If there were G/L/B/T community centers when he was young, I suspect he might have been.

In the face of this heterosexism, this Thanksgiving, my prayers of thanks are for all the volunteers at Wingspan answering those phones and connecting us to all the positive aspects of our community.

My prayers of thanks are for all the people, businesses, and organizations to whom we can make referrals and who serve our community. Thanks to the doctors, nurses, therapists, lawyers, bar owners, bar tenders, educators, artists, musicians, mechanics, florist, youth workers, cowboys, drag artists, accountants, book stores, coffee shops, AIDS service organizations, choruses, churches, theater groups, softball leagues, volleyball teams, the Gay and Lesbian press, and everyone else. We are an impressive bunch.

Stand up and take a bow, Gay and Lesbian Tucson. Applause all around! Oh, and Dad, rest in peace, okay?

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(That Body Made For) SIN - (House Techno) - Sizequeen - MCA
GO - Bliss Team - UK Import
CATCH - (Red Jerry Mix) - Sunscreem - UK Pulse 8
NO ACCESS - (Hani's Num Club Mix) - Hondy - Italy Import
THE AMSTERDAM EXPRESS - (Eurotechno) - Rapscallions - Holland Import
WON'T GIVE UP - (House) - A-Groove - Jackpot Records
SOS (Deep Mix) - Abbacadabra - Domesticated

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Smokin Bears	3.0	1.0
Prickly Pears	2.0	2.0
Buddies	2.0	2.0
Triple Dickys!	1.0	3.0
Three of a Kind	1.0	3.0
Six	0.0	4.0
Erratica II	0.0	4.0
Ft. Long Hot Dogs	0.0	4.0

Tucson Bowlers Make Hit At HITT '97

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- Bowlers from Tucson, Phoenix, San Diego, California and as far away as Dayton, Ohio and Portland, Oregon converged on Tucson for the eighth annual Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson (HITT).

Bowling took place at Golden Pin Lanes, home house for the Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards bowling leagues. With a home house advantage, Tucson bowlers scored well at HITT.

The results for HITT '97 were as follows:

Women's Singles: Ginger C., Phoenix, 755. Men's Singles: Marc H., Phoenix, 715. Doubles: Mark Kerr and Jack Stockslager, Tucson, 1511. All Events: Men - Greg B., Portland OR, 1966. Women Ginger C., Phoenix, 2077. Team: Chris S., Phoenix, Larry C., Albuquerque NM, Phil W. and Carl S., Dayton OH, 2857.

Scratch Masters: Division A - Jeff K., Phoenix. Division B - Wayne Steele, Tucson. Optionals: Men's Scratch Game - Jeff K., Phoenix, 267. Men's Handicap Game - Larry C., Albuquerque, NM, 287. Women's Handicap Game - Kathy Costello, Tucson, 251. Men's Scratch Series - Les J., Phoenix, 705. Men's Handicap Series - Wayne Steele, Tucson, 745. Women's Handicap Series - Jo Seale, 693. All Events - Mark Kerr, Tucson, 2067.

Rainbow Gay & Lesbian Bowling League Forming

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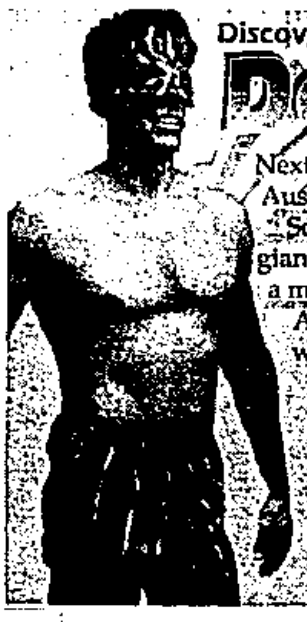

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's welcome November this week. November sees a lot more planetary traffic plowing through the signs of Sagittarius and Capricorn, giving both an independent and conservative streak to our thoughts, hearts and actions. Put this energy to good work for the rainbow cause. Get Out and vote, for goodness sake, and make a loud, proud statement at the polls.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams undergo a complete change of philosophy as both Mercury and Pluto change the landscape this month. Travel widely and take good notes. Later you'll put all this mental energy to good use in your career. You're not a shy soul; get in your tank and plow through the professional battlelines. Only take gorgeous prisoners.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls experience a sexual (re)awakening in November. Good thing too; all these planets are carousing in zesty Sag which gives you the energy of a horse (and maybe the package of one . . .). Try to gain a little personal insight before you ride off into the sunset to explore exotic and interesting locales. The light of self knowledge will illuminate even the darkest corners.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Naive, optimistic Gay Twins may be yearning for the perfect relationship in November. If you haven't quite found it yet, maybe the problem is with you. Take a look at how you approach relationships; mutual respect, integrity and yes, maybe a little bit of humdrum regularity should all be part of the package. Think about it.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Go with the job flow, dear queer Crab, this is not the time to slack off and hope others will fill the gap. Exercise is also part of the regime. Get that bod in shape for the holidays. Mercury and Pluto put your efforts to the test with some excellent results. Late this month, you can concentrate more on partnerships. Try a little mood music and the old red light bulb. Okay, make it pink.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

November starts off with a bang of a good time but as the month progresses you will have to turn your attention to the job. Proud Lions should make the most of this carefree planetary energy since even pastimes can have monumental impact now. Who knows; The simple doodle you scribble today could be the beginning of a great Gay masterpiece tomorrow.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Proud Virgins must shout it Out to family members, come what may. So what if the chickens come home to roost? Haul out the frying pan and serve fried chicken! You can no longer hide your life from family members. And why should you? Ultimately, do what you have to do and celebrate with or without them later this month. Make it pink champagne.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The lines of communication are humming in early November. Gay Libras should shout it Out from the tops of the mountains and watch the reaction. Maybe you should consider a little electioneering for pride committed candidates. Your words have impact and you also have the innate diplomacy to pull it off. Late this month, you'll be content to schlep around the house.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

All that glitters is not gold, or so you realize this November. It is time to review your value system to see if it is in sync with where you are going in life. Yes, money is important, but money alone cannot buy you true happiness (cheap thrills perhaps, but not true happiness . . .). It is a sad queer Scorp who only has cold cash to cling to in the lonely winter nights.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

There is tremendous planetary energy swirling around your sun sign this month. This means that you are the center of attention and the life of the party, at least in early November. Begin new projects immediately and get Out there and meet new, fabulous folks. Gay Archers can also use a complete makeover. Yes, it is possible to improve on perfection; throw out those 1980's togs.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If your intuition is working overtime, chalk it up to all those planets in Sagittarius in early November. Queer Caps are much more effective than usual in any charitable enterprise so be sure to give your all for any rainbow effort. Great personal transformations are possible if you approach life openly, honestly and proudly. Freedom feels rather good once you've given it a try.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are belles of the ball in November. Encircle yourself with good Gay friends and you'll be guaranteed to have good Gay times. Pal around while you can; by mid month you'll be awash in all sorts of spiritual stuff and will be on too high a level to deal with zany antics. You'll have a mission and Aqueerians are hell on wheels when it comes to missions.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Proud Fish are ready to polish the nameplates on their offices and why not? You've worked hard to get where you are and now you should be able to enjoy the benefits. Before you know it, friends are in on the action and want to celebrate with you. Call the tune and watch the group dynamic dance along. Consider choosing disco.

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Michigan Legislator Faces Fine Over Gay Slander

DETROIT, MI (DN) — A conservative Michigan lawmaker may be forced into court if she does not agree to pay a fine for linking a political opponent and Gay advocacy group to child molesters.

A Wayne County mediation panel told State Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton) to pay an undisclosed amount to the Triangle Foundation, a Detroit Gay civil rights group, for saying in 1996 campaign literature that the group endorses sex between men and boys.

The campaign mailer also stated that since her opponent, Democrat Deborah Neshit, took contributions from Triangle Foundation members, she too endorsed pedophiles and "homosexual extremists."

The flyer mailed to several thousand homes in Whyman's district two days before the November 1996 election featured a picture of two men facing each other naked from the waist up with a Triangle Foundation bylaw supporting "sexual minorities" reproduced on the cover. The flyer bogusly added the phrase "including pedophiles" to the foundation statement.

Triangle officials threatened to sue Whyman for slander unless she publicly retracted her mailer's statements. She refused, calling the legal action being taken by the Gay foundation "frivolous."

The mediation panel's recommendation is not binding, but the state lawmaker has only one week left to comply with its finding and pay the suggested fine. Jeff Montgomery, the Triangle Foundation's associate director, vowed to pursue the case until his objections were satisfied.

Growing Sexual Divide In Gay Community

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFE) -- A growing divide has developed, evidenced both locally and nationally, between sexually conservative and sexually provocative wings in the Gay community.

While the battle is not new, the front lines are becoming easier to distinguish.

A recent poster for a Gay dance party in San Francisco called "Sexball" featured a well-endowed man in nothing but a cowboy hat and boots. The poster, miniatures of which were passed out as promotional flyers, were attacked by the editor of one Gay publication as obscene.

Local debate escalated when a school principal asked that store merchants on Castro street cover their windows for the duration of a children's Halloween parade through the area.

A band of Gay activists calling themselves 'Sex Panic' says these incidents, and others like them, are dangerous indications that the Gay community is being told to sacrifice its identity and freedom for some alien notion of respectability.

'Sex Panic' activists say ideals such as Gay marriage and an atmosphere of "sex negativity" have arisen directly from a collective guilt complex spawned by AIDS and conservative attacks on the community.

"We feel our community is being attacked the most," said Race Bannon, a member of a group that unsuccessfully lobbied for the reopening of private rooms in San Francisco sex clubs. "Certain segments of the Gay community want to assimilate to such a degree that they want to trade off their own sexuality for a smidgen more acceptability," he told reporters. Bannon added his sex life was none of society's business.

'Sex Panic' grew out of a furious community response in New York two years ago to the suggestion, posited by Michelangelo Signorile and Gabriel Rotello among others, that the city should crack-down on sex clubs. Their contention was that these places were a magnet for unsafe sexual behavior and worked in opposition to responsible community efforts to slow the spread of HIV.

Conservatives Fight To Retain Seats On School Board

ANAHEIM, CA (LAT) -- The conservatives now serving on the board of the Orange Unified School District unleashed a broadside against moderate challengers, saying labor unions, militant liberals and "homosexual activists" were trying to take over the schools.

"Over the last four years, the school board majority, which represents the interests of this conservative community, wrested control of the school board and gave it back to the parents," quoting board President Martin Jacobson. "Now the labor unions are trying to take it back."

Jacobson attacked the moderate slate, saying that the California Teachers Association, county Democrats, the Orange Unified Education Association and groups under the coalition Kids First for Education, are being influenced by Gay rights advocates.

"They want teachers to portray homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle," he said. "That is not appropriate."

Suzanne Vaugine, president of the teachers union, said that Jacobson is panicking. "He's pulling Halloween dirty tricks with things he thinks will inflame the community. He doesn't seem to have an issue. He's just bashing groups of people."

The range of groups attacked by Jacobson represent a broad cross-section of interests in Orange County determined to weaken the influence social conservatives have exerted on school policy in recent years. Observers say Kids First and other groups backing the moderates have been far more active this year than in any local contest in recent memory.

"There is not one group in this coalition that does not have hundreds of members in Orange," Jeff LeTourneau said, rebuffing Jacobson's assertion that outside parties were funding moderate candidates. "The secondary issue is that four school boards in this county are one vote away from being taken over by this right wing. That's important to everybody."

Karina Montenegro Miss Gay Latino 1997

Reveille Showcases Talent

TUCSON -- This past Sunday at IBT's, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus held their third annual Talent Showcase.

This year's showcase featured: Tumbleweed Tom & The Side Saddle Sisters, Lip Gloss, The Nancy Boys, Jay Comer, Hot Willie & The Peckers, Greg Stickrath, KraftReWerk, Barry Dodge and RGMC's select ensemble, Take V.

Reveille wishes to thank the many fans and the generosity of IBT's Dave Huff, nearly $300 was raised to benefit the Chorus.

The show's emcees, RiffRaff (Dominic Miller) and Vagenta ("Lani"), entertained the crowd between musical numbers, and RGMC's Board president, Alan McLaughlin, announced the "Double Deck of Dinners" raffle that was officially kicked off this past Sunday night.

"How would you like to win a dinner for two every week in 1998?", asked McLaughlin. "That's the grand prize in this year's holiday raffle drawing, which will take place at Reveille's Holiday Show on December 6. It's a prize valued at over $1,200!"

Raffle tickets, which are one dollar each and available from Chorus members, or by calling 617-3100. Tickets will be on sale through intermission on the night of the show, and all proceeds will offset administrative and production costs.

There will also be a silent auction at the event, with 20-25 items in varying suggested prices ranges up for silent bid. Advance $10 tickets for the Holiday Show, "A Season for Loving, featuring Nutcracker: Men in Tights," will be available soon at Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet, Unique on Central, Tucson Trunk and Girlfriends.

Reveille has several other fund raisers coming up in the next month:

the Reveille Rummage Rave, November 15, 7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. in the parking lot at MCC Church on North Mountain;

the annual Bachelor Auction, Thursday, November 20, 9:00 P.M. at IBT's (interested bachelors should call Sean, 513-2487, to volunteer to be auctioned off) and;

a Beer Bust/BBQ at IBT's, Sunday, November 23.

Also making its debut this month is Reveille's quarterly newsletter, "Sing OUT," and a RGMC Website.

The 40-member Chorus is in its third full season and is a member of GALA, the national association of Gay and Lesbian Choruses. Anyone who is interested in joining the Chorus as a singer should call Jim Gall, Artistic Director, 325-4778. Non-singers are also encouraged to get involved by calling Alan McLaughlin, 670-1162.

HIV and Gay Young Men

by Arthur Padilla

Throughout the United States today there is still a high rate of infection with the HIV virus.

This is particularly true for Gay young men. Though, we are not in a state of crisis with the HIV epidemic as we were in the 1980's, the problem still needs to be addressed.

One way of addressing this issue is through being informed on the transmission of HIV, modifying ones behavior to promote safe sexual encounters and community building.

For Gay youth, studies have shown that developing and maintaining a queer support system of friends is not only of great importance, but a necessity. At Queervoice, the group is reaching out to Gay and Lesbian youth in order to broaden their circle of friends by organizing social gatherings where youth can meet each other and be themselves.

One such event that Queervoice sponsors is the Cafe Chat. The Cafe Chat meets twice a month at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 North Fourth Avenue.

Queervoice supplies the coffee drink of choice for each person that attends and they supply the conversation. The Cafe Chat is not intended to be a support group, Queervoice considers them to be a fun social function.

Queervoice's upcoming Cafe Chats are scheduled for: November 8, 22 and December 13, all from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. The Cafe Chat is open to all Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered youth 26-years-old and younger.

[Arthur Padilla is the Project Coordinator for Queervoice. For more information, call 322-6226.]

Action Alert!

WASHINGTON, DC -- On November 8 or 15, the Black Entertainment Television's (BET) will air a program which features Angie and Debbie Winans performing their song about homosexuality, "It's Not Natural."

The song, according to the Winans, is a part of their crusade to "help emancipate people from the sinful bondage of homosexuality."

Keith Boykin of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum said the program will be viewed by young people across the country and it is important to voice your outrage at such blatant intolerance and insensitivity.

Boykin urges people to write or call BET that airing this program is unacceptable. The contact information is:

Rene Turner, Executive Producer, BET. 1899 9th Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20018. Phone: (202) 608-2731.

HIV Test of Blood, Urine More Accurate

NEW YORK, NY (RNS) -- HIV tests could be more accurate if they looked for antibodies in both blood and urine, suggests a clinical trial by a manufacturer of a urine-based HIV test.

In some rare cases an individual may have a negative blood test for HIV antibodies while a urine test reveals that they are indeed infected with the virus that causes AIDS, according to a report in the journal Nature Medicine.

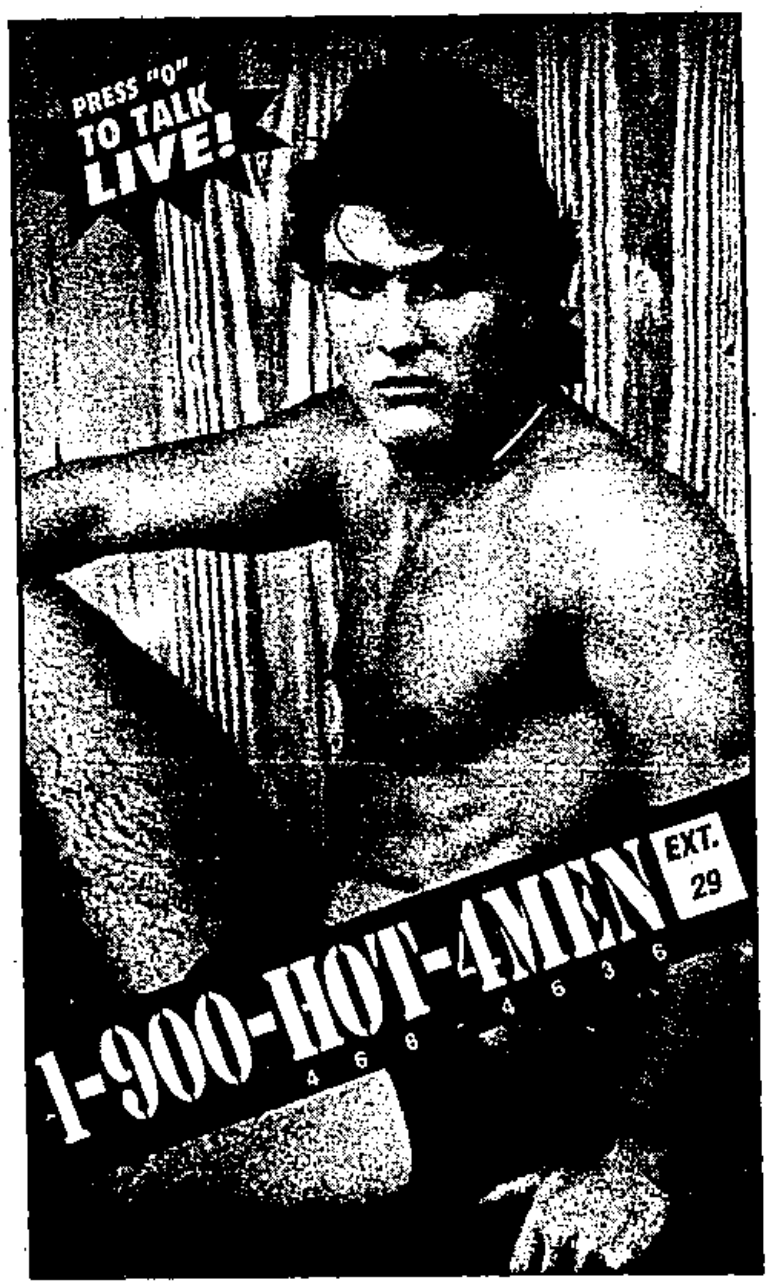
"This study demonstrates that neither serum nor urine results alone are as sensitive for HIV-1 antibody detection as combined results of both samples," wrote lead author Dr. Howard Urnovitz, chief science officer at the Calypte Biomedical Corporation in Berkeley, California.

In a study of 11,344 people, 1,181 people were HIV positive. In a small number of cases (10), individuals had a negative blood antibody test and a positive urine test. The opposite occurred in 15 patients who had a negative urine test but positive blood test.

Therefore, the blood tests detected 99.15% of HIV-positive individuals and the urine tests detected 98.73%. If both tests were used, it would have detected 100% of people who were later confirmed to have HIV by the highly sensitive Western Blot test, according to the report.

In some cases, HIV may "compartmentalize," infecting only certain organs or tissues or prompting an antibody response in only certain parts of the body, according to the researchers from Calypte, who conducted the study in an effort to get licensing for the urine test.

"The results of this large clinical study support this concept," they wrote. "Public health policies may need to be revised in settings where absolute sensitivity for HIV-1 antibody testing reflect life-or-death decisions. Combination sampling with at least two body fluids may assist in the process of such decision-making."



CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

IBT'S - Miss Gay America Contestant Show starring Celia Putty, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Truly Fabu and special guests. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HOURS - A Las Vegas Style Show here tonight hosted by Regina Reed and starring Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Gay Tucson); Karina Montenegro (Miss Gay Latina); Truly Fabu (Miss Gay Western States) with Victoria DuPuis; Lani and the live vocals of Holly Lane and Billy Dee. It's a benefit for SAAF's food pantry so bring in some non-perishable food items. It all starts at 9:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Post Recital Reception for Jon Brown 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust here on the patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cold beer and hot chili. Come on down!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Drag Show featuring Jody 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Benefits TIHAN. No cover. Latin music follows.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., the Love Company presents "Puttin' on The Lips" lipsync contest hosted by Victoria DuPuis and Felice Renard. $50 First Prize.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

IBT'S - The Girlie Show presents Adrienne Alexander, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Victoria DuPuis, Lani, Karina Montenegro and Selena. 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

VENTURE-N - Tuff Stuff Too, the leather shop off the patio at V-N will be celebrating their 3rd anniversary with a five day event starting tonight a special appearance by Buster, the 1997 Bear Calendar Cover Man plus erotic author and artist Bobby Cook will be here also. Lots more stuff is planned. Watch for the ads and check the calendar next week.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

VENTURE-N - Another spectacular brunch by Ray Gregg. Lasagna with all the trimmings! Tickets are only $4.00.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Retro Beer Night. Too broke to go out this weekend? Stop by the Biz for the cheapest canned beer - lots of fun! No cover. Great Music.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz brings back its White Party. Discounted drinks to those wearing white. Also $2.75 White Russians and $3.00 Kahlua & Creme. Hi NRG dance music 9-1.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes back KC's Mixx 6-11. Cover. Live Latin and country music. Latin music follows. $1.25 pitchers 5-10pm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz will open at 7:00 p.m. with Karaoke. Come sing and dance from 7 to closing.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by popular demand, it's Rare Breed. Live Latin music from 7-11pm. Cover. $1.25 pitcher 5-10pm. DJ spins Latin music after the band.

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- The blood-alcohol content of a 12-oz. beer, 5-oz. glass of wine or drink with 1½ ounces of 80-proof alcohol is about .02% per drink for a 150-pound person.
- A 163-pound person drinking four beers within an hour has a blood-alcohol content of about .08%. After a two-hour period (with no more alcoholic beverages), the BAC is reduced to about .05%.

Source: "Drink Sensibly, Drive Responsibly" pamphlet from Golden Eagle Distributors.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Prime timers of Tucson monthly dinner get-together, 6:30 p.m. at Chad's Steakhouse corner of Ft. Lowell and Swan. Please call ahead and leave a message if you can attend. 292-8411

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Investment club organizational meeting. Bring your investment ideas and desires to help shape a group dedicated to investing a minimum of $20 per month. For reservations and directions, please call (evenings please) Dan at 622-8112.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU)monthly supper at 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. The supper will be hosted by Wingspan.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join a stimulating discussion about loving gay children based upon the recent pastoral letter from the National Council of Catholic Bishops. What are the future implications of churches' views of morality based upon the acknowledgment that homosexuality is genetic and not a choice? For reservations and directions, please call Dennis at 299-0321.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Up All Hours, a collection of short tales of sex that appeared in Men Magazine. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call
Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3265 N. Mountain. All men are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join MSN brothers for a tour of the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum in Superior, AZ (near Phoenix-37515 E. Highway 60). The arboretum displays plants from many deserts around the world. Join the car caravan and enjoy a potluck picnic lunch while there. For reservations and directions, please call Doug at 616-7156.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Gay Men's Health Forum "Monogamy vs Open Relationships. First in a series of community forums to address the problems facing Gay men today. 6:00 p.m. at the Millennium Theater, 738 N. 5th Ave in the Historic YWCA. For more information call GMHP at 322-6226.

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Dinner Out will be held at Mica's which is an old-family Mexican restaurant well loved for good food. It is located at 2908 S. 4th Avenue. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Ryan White Prioritization Workshop 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in the Centurion Room (8th Floor) Help prioritize the HIV/AIDS services that will be funded with Ryan White Title II service dollars in 1998-99. Community input is extremely important. Call 722-1707 for more information.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Cronies Social Club "Movie Night At Leo's". The movie is "Gunga Din" with Cary Grant and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Leo has a great collection of old movies. Call Leo at 624-6768 for RSVP and directions. All men are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Game Night is an evening devoted to all sorts of board games. Play a favorite card game or board game-the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

The new Men's Relationship Group meets at 7:00 pm. The purpose is to explorer the dynamics of what a good relationship consists of for men with men. It will last for 1½ - 2 hours. Refreshments and fun. Call in advance to reserve a place. $5.00 fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Network, meets at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills (Room 31) at the NW corner of River and Swan. (This is a rap and discussion group which meets every third Saturday of the month). All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners, and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Retro TV returns. Three classic TV episodes will be shown for your entertainment. The "Turkeys Away" episode of WKRP in Cincinnati (7:00), the "Who's Who" episode of the Avengers (7:30), and the famous "Chuckles Bites the Dust" episode of the Mary Tyler Moore show (8:30) will be shown. Chuckle with your brothers. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Men's Massage Group meets today at 6:00 p.m. This is a good place to meet men in a safe and nurturing environment. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up at least 3 days in advance, or for more information. This may be the last meeting for the year. Nominal fee.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. HI-NRG Dance Music all Night. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Bloody Marys $1.75 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 4pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Beer Bust 2-7pm$1.25 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 4-7 Pool Tourney with Zipperman. Karaoke Night, drink specials to singers.

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Bar/Restaurant Appreciation Night. $1.00 off on all drinks 8-12.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm,. Happy hour 4-7. Check for drink specials.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Service Industry Nite: ½ price drinks for those in service industry. Monday Night Football on the big screen,, and Doc's Dart's at 8:30. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. Hot dance music.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy D.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm.

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. $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2for1 7-10. Retro Dance Music all evening.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: Drink Specials to singers.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS -Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Country/Western Night.

STONEWALL\EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm.

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 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. Hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm well or domestic beer $1.50. Dance Music Mix 9-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. .. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and ½ price all night.

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Dance Music Mix 9-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Hot DJ dance music.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day.

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

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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 35264, Tucson, AZ 85740-5264. All replies confidential.

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 300 E. 6th Street 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, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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 Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Page 388-6843.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-8454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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.

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)762-9135.

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

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 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. 300 E. 6th St.

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 from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

NOTICES

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

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

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

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.

"EVOLVERS" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

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

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

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, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6676 or 670-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS
"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evelyn@tx.netcom.com)

FACE TO FACE - HIV+Social Organization. Meet new friends. Call Dale at 320-9106 for information.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

PERSONALS

TUCSON'S NEWEST ESCORT SERVICE IS HERE. Now hiring energetic, reliable and honest men,. Women and transgender. Send stats along with picture to UFA, P.O. Box 32582, Tucson, AZ 85751-2582 or call (520)721-7011. 694.

GWM, 54, 190#, 5'10". Need some fun too. Write box 277, 7272 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85710. 694.

CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.mevo.com 694

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION
Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista extrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 696

PERSONALS Continued

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 696

HOUSING/FOR RENT

GAY NEIGHBORS GALORE!! Newly refurbished house: 2br, 1ba, "family" room. Large fenced yard. Italian tile, much more! Available Nov. 1 @ $700/mo. Gay owned. Call 290-9833. 694.

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GAY SENIOR WANTS PROFESSIONAL GENTLEMAN. Beautiful 2 bedroom., 2 bath furnished with many extras. 571-9696. 694.

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GWM to share 3 bedroom house with another GM. House is in the NW part of town in a quiet neighborhood. House is completely furnished with all the amenities of home. Rent is $300/mo. Plus half utilities. Call 797-7399 or 793-3992. 695

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PAINTER WANTED. References required. Pay depends on experience. Apply in person, Royal Sun Inn Suites, 1015 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 696

DJ WANTED FOR THE BIZ. Friday & Saturday night. Contact Marti 318-4838 or 557-6032. 695

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News Treats

NEW YORK, NY (NP) – Brief notes on recent goodies, including a settlement in South Africa's first job discrimination case, a decision against restrictions on a Gay father's visitation, and a newly-elected Gay governor in Colombia.

South Africa's first lawsuit charging homophobic workplace discrimination has ended with an out-of-court settlement between Johannesburg Gay Russell van den Berg and Peter Kastner, the supervisor who fired him from his job as regional manager for Hospitality Marketing International, allegedly saying, "I don't believe that a faggot can be trusted in a senior managerial position. You will never get anywhere in my organization."

Maryland: A state appeals court has thrown out restrictions an Anne Arundel County judge had placed on a Gay father's visitation with his children, saying that no evidence had been presented to support them.

Robert Boswell had been denied overnight visits with his two children and ordered to keep them out of contact with his partner or "anyone having homosexual tendencies or such persuasions." Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Rushworth had added those restrictions entirely on his own initiative, leading to a demonstration and a formal complaint against him by a Lesbian Avengers group in the area.

Although the case will need to be reheard at the trial level, Rushworth will not be the judge.

UK: U.S. TV may be struggling with the acceptability of "Ellen," but Britain's Broadcasting Standards Council rejected 11 complaints about a depiction of Gay sex in a bathroom.

The drama series "This Life" airs in the late-hours equivalent of the U.S. "safe harbor" for adult material and is broadcast on BBC2, considered a "minority channel," so the Council found it acceptable that Gay lovers Ferdy and Lenny were shown sneaking out of a wedding reception to make love in the men's room.

Nonetheless, BBC2 had already decided not to commission a third series of "This Life" episodes.

Phelps Largely Ignored In Provincetown

PROVINCETOWN, MA (CCT) – Followers of Fred Phelps this past weekend brought their anti-Gay message to Provincetown, one of the most Gay-friendly resort communities on the Atlantic coast, and was largely ignored.

13 members of Phelps' Topeka-based Westboro Baptist Church held aloft signs that read, "AIDS reaps what U sow" and similar slogans in a 90 minute demonstration against the Anti-Bias School and Community Project. The now familiar, "God Hates Fags" placard was held by a grandchild of Phelps, believed to be no more than 12 years old.

"What is she going to grow up like?" quoting one of about 100 spectators. "It's really, really bizarre. I didn't expect to see all these kids." Seven of the 13 present were Phelps' grandchildren.

The gathered spectators observed the demonstration in silence, except for applauding when the small group packed up their signs and prepared to leave. 10 uniformed police officers flanked the three cars as they drove slowly away. The 45 state and local police officers on hand along with a small force of U.S. Park Rangers gradually dispersed as the spectators drifted away.

The contingent was standing by to quell any fights that broke out.

The 67-year-old Phelps refused to answer many questions posed to him from the media, but took particular umbrage at a question posed to him by local school teacher.

Reade Whinnem, who heads teaches media communications, asked Phelps to respond to years-old allegations of wife-beating and child abuse leveled at him by two of his sons.

"I don't stoop to sodomite lies," Phelps said. "I prefer to avoid vain and profane babblings and insolent questions by heathens."

Domestic Partners

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was a variety of community organizations supporting the bill, was Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign.

"As a former executive of a Fortune 100 company, I have seen firsthand the effects of equitable treatment of Gay and Lesbian employees in the workplace," Birch said at the news conference.

Birch noted that the ever-growing number of leading businesses which have adopted domestic partner policies, "took this step not only because it ensures the ability to attract the best talent from the broadest pool, or because it ensures the ability to attract the best talent from the broadest pool, or because the commitment and loyalty of every employee is enhanced, but because such policies honor and celebrate the values of fairness and equality on which this nation was founded."

She asserted that no company that has ever instituted such benefits has withdrawn them, that there has never been a documented case of fraud surrounding such policies and that the cost of extending domestic partner benefits is minimal.

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court challenge was losing by over a two-to-one margin. Proposition 400, which would grant a telecommunication services franchise to GST Tucson Lightwave, was leading by more than a two-to-one margin.

SAAF Reduces Expenses

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Director of Client Services Gretchen Funk.

Tucson's three AIDS Service Organizations, PACT, Shanti, and TAP, merged into the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation on July 1, 1997.

The merger ensured continuation of all client services and prevention/education activities, while allowing the restoration of the Food for Life program and the creation of a consumer advocate representing the interest of HIV positive people both within SAAF and the community as a whole.

SAAF is located at 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211, (520) 322-6226.