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## NOW Files Brief in Thompson/Kowalski Case

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Organization for Women (NOW) has filed a friend of the court brief with the Minnesota Court of Appeals in support of Karen Thompson's petition to be named guardian of her life partner, Sharon Kowalski. Sharon Kowalski was severely disabled in a car accident in 1983 and continues to receive rehabilitation.

Despite Kowalski's repeated pleas to live with Thompson, Kowalski's parents and the Minnesota legal system have blocked all attempts by Thompson to gain guardianship. Although Thompson was the sole petitioner seeking guardianships, the Minnesota District Court denied her petition.

Joining NOW in signing the brief are the Minnesota Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, the Minnesota State American Association of University Women, Minnesota NOW, Minnesota Women's Lawyers, the Center for Women Policy Studies, the Fund for the Feminist Majority, National Women's Health Network, Northwest Women's Law Center, and the Now Legal defense and Education Fund.

"We are delighted that so many women's organizations have signed on to NOW's amicus brief," said NOW Vice President Rosemary Dempsey. The diversity of women's groups represented in this brief demonstrate the widespread awareness of the inextricable link between the oppression of women and of Lesbians," added Dempsey.

Women's rights activists were stunned by the April decision of Minnesota District Court Judge Robert Campbell awarding guardianship of Kowalski to a "neutral third party". Rather than comply with Kowalski's stated wishes and despite overwhelming evidence that Thompson was the best qualified individual, the judge chose to award guardianships to Karen Tomberlin, Kowalski's former high school coach.

NOW's amicus brief states the court order denying Thompson guardianship was impermissibly based upon sex stereotyping and bias against Thompson's political beliefs, activism, and Lesbian lifestyle. The brief also cites the court's callous disregard of Kowalski's stated wishes in the determination of her future.

"The court has clearly ignored its mandate to appoint the most suitable and best qualified person by denying guardianship to the one person who has consistently, effectively and lovingly strived for Sharon Kowalski's best interests," states the brief. "Taking as a

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## Observer Endorsements Miller-Marcus-Wheeler-Marcek

The primary election will take place in Tucson next Tuesday, September 17. In this election we have the chance to elect as nominees for the General Election Nov. 5, a Mayor, and three city council members.

In the Democratic primary, Council members Bruce Wheeler and Janet Marcus who is currently Vice-Mayor, are running unopposed in their Wards 1 and 2. Incumbent Roger Sedlmayr in Ward 4 is the only council member who has a Democratic opponent - Elinor Marcek. Sedlmayr has been the maverick in the otherwise all-Democratic Council. Time and again he sided with Roy Laos while he was a councilmember. Our community knows about Mr. Laos and his dislike for the Gay and Lesbian community and his extravagance while in office. The community banded together to help defeat Laos in the 1989 election replacing him with Councilman Steve Leal.

Because of Marcek's years of association with the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, her endless fighting against censorship in the libraries, and her knowledge and understanding of the plight of the Gay and Lesbian population, Observer believes that she will represent our community better than the incumbent, and with her compassion and goals for environment and our neighborhoods, and a lean city government, coupled with her interest in the growth of Tucson, we believe Elinor will better represent all Tucson Citizens very well.

George Miller's record is a public record. He has been a city councilman for 13 years. George has been a friend of the Lesbian and Gay community for many, many years. He has attended several events hosted by the Lambda Democratic Caucus and has attended the annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic in Himmel Park.

This year, at the picnic, Miller addressed the throng promising to attend the 1992 picnic and continue the tradition set down by Mayor Tom Volgy by reading the Anti-Discrimination Week Proclamation from the Mayor's office. Miller also stated during his speech that he intends to introduce to the Council a Domestic Partner Bill, similar to the one passed in San Francisco, which would give unmarried couples employed by the city, whether homosexual or heterosexual, the same protections as married heterosexual couples.

Miller is an environmentalist. He would increase mass transit, increase pedestrian walkways and bikepaths, control and protect treasured desert areas. "City government needs to show an accommodating attitude toward business.

Together with the Greater Tucson Economic Council we must actively seek new non-polluting enterprises for our community, Miller says. "I intend to upgrade the quality of service to small business by working to evaluate and streamline regulations and licensing in order to stimulate economic success."

"Common sense tells us that our children would not have to leave Tucson to make a living if we could provide good jobs here. With higher paying jobs we can develop a healthy economy and a stable city budget so that the lives of all Tucsonans can be enriched," he says.

Miller's Democratic opponent in the primary, Tom Saggau, has been working hard and is obviously a 'rising star' on the political horizon and much will be heard from him in the future, but his inexperience hinders him at this time.

While both Wheeler and Marcus are running unopposed in this primary, both could have a rough time in the general election, Nov. 5. Wheeler in Ward 1, was a former State Representative where he demonstrated a level-headed approach to reform. He believes that the city must attract clean industry and decent paying jobs to meet the needs of youth. "We must provide professional and semi-professional, as well as skilled and unskilled occupations in high-tech, bionedics, aerospace, construction and other fields," he said.

Vice-Mayor Marcus believes "that working together, we can develop a healthy, diversified economy, effectively deliver public services, protect our neighborhoods, and retain the astonishing beauty of our natural environment." While on the City Council, Marcus has held the line on spending and taxes; held meetings to assist small businesses; supported the arts and historic preservation while initiating a zoning code change to protect neighborhoods. Living in Tucson since 1968, Marcus has been a long-time neighborhood advocate. Besides developing policies and ordinances to preserve our natural environment, she has spearheaded creation of a unique regional organization for marketing recyclables.

Observer feels that the Gay and Lesbian community as well as the heterosexual community will be properly and efficiently served by the primary election of George Miller for Mayor and for City Council, Ward 1, Bruce Wheeler; Ward 2, Janet Marcus and Ward 4, Elinor Marcek.



GEORGE MILLER



ELINOR MARCEK



JANET MARCUS

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## VOTE TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

# UPDATE

## DL to host "Cartoon Carnival"

TUCSON - Miss Piggy, Kermit the Frog, Istulio and Fifi, Bert and Ernie along with many other performers from Puppeland are scheduled to appear at IBT's the evening of Friday, Sept. 20 in a mini-show to kick off Desert Leathermen's Mystery Run VI.

Candi Trowbridge, who is incoming Road Captain for DL, and will be appearing in the show also, discussed how excited she and the rest of DL were to have Miss Piggy performing in the show.

"Miss P. was a little nervous at first," Candi explained, "especially after what happened to Michelle Kristie last year, referring to the unfortunate poisoning of Miss Kristie during last year's Mystery Run mini-show. "All of us in DL have done our best to allay any of her fears. We think she's really going to outdo herself in Tucson."

As to the rumors that she is also scouting out new talent to take back with her, Miss Piggy could not be reached for comment. However, her personal manager, Kermit the Frog, did say that he was impressed with some local performers, including Istulio's canine partner, Fifi. "Fifi's a good candidate. She really knows how to bark out a song."

The show Friday night, Sept. 20, is shaping up to be a night to remember. Make plans to be there for a "squeal" good time!

## TMCC Postpones Fall Season

TUCSON - The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus (TMCC) had originally planned to begin the Fall season on Monday, Sept. 16. However, due to the efforts of the Board of Directors to effectively search for a new Director of Music, the fall season will be postponed to start at a later date.

Negotiations are currently underway for a new Director of Music. In addition to the possibility of obtaining a new director, the chorus will be launching several new programs - two of which are a new logo and a new chorus name.

"The chorus continues to rely on its patrons for their assistance and we hope everyone will support choral music for the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community," said James, a chorus officer. "It is our plan to provide the community with music that represents the Gay and Lesbian movement during our next season. We appreciate those individuals who have shown their interest thus far and hope to get others involved," James said.

Watch the OBSERVER for details as there will be an announcement made in the next few weeks.



## Kowalski

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totality Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson's prior commitment to each other, Karen Thompson's commitment to caring for Sharon, and Sharon Kowalski's expressed preference to live with Karen Thompson, it was a clear abuse of discretion for the court to substitute its judgement and impose another person, Karen Tomberlin, as guardian of Sharon Kowalski. The court should recognize how fortunate Sharon Kowalski is to have such a committed partner, who despite the many obstacles placed in her path has dedicated her life to Sharon's betterment." the brief concludes.

A national "Let Sharon Kowalski Come Home" hotline has been established to pressure Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson to intervene on behalf of Sharon Kowalski. Each call to the 800 number will generate a letter to Governor Carlson, demonstrating the level of national outrage surrounding this case and the recent decision. The hotline number is 1-800-325-6000, ID #9860. The charge for each call is \$6.25, a portion of which will go to the Karen Thompson Legal Fund.

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EDITOR,

Regarding the last four "As I See It" social comments by "Clark", he thinks that Clorox damages a lot more than just a few hair shafts.

As I view it, Jin Smith - Tucson

THANK YOU TUCSON -

Because of you, Arizona for the first time will have a representative at N.L.A. Woman of the Year contest.

A little over \$1,000 was raised in a benefit at the Graduate last Saturday night for my travel fund, and \$160 was raised for P.A.C.T.

I would like to thank Art, the owner of the Graduate, not only for the use of his bar, but for his contribution. Thanks also to the owner of the new bar soon to be opened for his contribution.

I would also like to thank Miss Gay Tucson, Tiffany St. Thomas; Lucinda Holliday; Kimberly Ryan (TKO); Bert & Ernie Hoop (D.L.); Candi Trowbridge (D.L.); Harald Huckings (D.L.); Doris (TKO); Miss Misfit 1902 Ben Corbin (Partners); Jerry & Fifi (SOS); Myron (SOS); TJ (T.A.L.L.); Annie Corbin (Partners); Stan (T.A.L.L.); Denver; Roger; Pam (D.L.); and all of you who came to support me and all who contributed things for the auction.

Most of all, I would like to thank Miss Margo Leigh to whom the beautiful, but heartbreaking, silk screen (donated by Dave Young, which was dedicated in loving memory to John "Bobbi Jo" Parrish) not only for what she did for me but for the unconditional love she has shown to so many for so long.

Thank you Margo. Thank you Tucson.

Teri Trotter

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

AN EARLY FALL? SLIGHT COOLING IS DUE BY MID-WEEK. SOME STORMS ALSO, THEN DRIER.

HIGHS: 90 - 95 - LOWS: 65

DID YOU KNOW? A HURRICANE HIT SAN DIEGO IN SEPTEMBER OF 1937 - WINDS REACHED 90 MILES PER HOUR!

## Sedlmayr backs Laos in lesbianism charges

By Melissa Fligg  
The Arizona Daily Star

City Councilman Roger Sedlmayr yesterday sided with Councilman Roy Laos, who alleged "overt lesbian activity" on the Tucson Women's Commission.

The other five council members disputed Laos' allegations.

And, at a press conference, commission members listed their contributions. They also said their individual sexual preferences are nobody's business.

Laos, the council's sole Republican, said on Monday that he would oppose any city funding for the commission for the next fiscal year because, he charged, it is dominated by homosexual women.

Laos said his comments were based on personal observation and reports from two of his former commission appointments, but he declined to be specific.

"All I'm talking about is, very clearly there's a preponderance of them there, they're clearly displaying their intentions and who they are," Laos said yesterday. "It just happens to be my moral fiber that I don't think that's right."

In an interview yesterday, Sedlmayr said his latest appointment to the commission, Fredrica Powell, resigned after attending her first meeting last year - a daylong retreat that began with the commissioners giving their personal histories.

"Mrs. Powell got up, gave her name, showed a picture of her son and daughter out at Old Tucson, and her husband obviously wasn't in the picture because he was taking the picture," Sedlmayr recalled.

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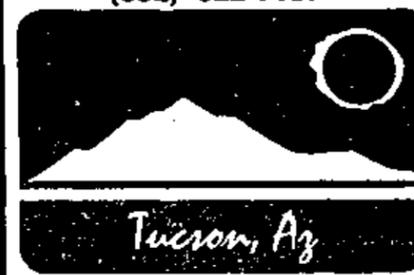
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# Ad Hoc Committee Meets With Police Advisory Board

TUCSON - Over 50 persons attended the Police Advisory Board monthly meeting last Wednesday, Sept. 4. Many of them were members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in the Parks and others were concerned Gays and Lesbians. The meeting was a media event, with television coverage from three local stations as well as members of the press visible too.

to members and representatives of the Tucson City Council a week before at a Lambda Democratic Caucus meeting.

The Police Advisory Board, after hearing complaints from various members of the audience, formed a sub-committee which will meet and report back to the Board at their next scheduled meeting.

Jack Stockslager, spoke for the Ad Hoc Committee and read to the Board the Position Paper the Ad Hoc Committee had prepared. The same paper was presented

Members of the Police Advisory Board are selected by members of the City Council as well as the Chief of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police. This was the first meeting for Gay Activist Gordon Cearlock, who was just appointed to the Board by Councilman Mike Hagerty.

The meeting was a lively one, as expected, and although nothing final was accomplished at this meeting, it is expected that the next meeting will be devoted entirely to the police activities in the parks where over 300 persons have been arrested by the Star Squad under the "lewd and lascivious" section 11-28 of the City Code. The Ad Hoc Committee is tenaciously pursuing the repeal of that code.

Regular meetings are being held with the Committee and members of the City Council and it is hoped that there will be a meeting with representatives of the Tucson Police Department and the Ad Hoc Committee in the very near future.



Part of the crowd in a hearing room at City Hall where the Tucson Police Advisory Board held the Sept. 4 meeting on police arrests of homosexuals.



Jack Stockslager, standing, reading the Ad Hoc Committee's Position Paper to the Police Advisory Board meeting at City Hall.



Gordon Cearlock, Gay activist, seated right, at the Police Advisory Board Hearing Sept. 4, concerning the arrests of homosexuals in the Tucson parks.

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## POLITICS '91 *by Mark Kerr*

### NATIONAL NEWS

Iowa Senator, Tom Harkin, in an interview which took place on Sunday, let it be known that he intends on running for the 1992 Democratic Presidential nomination. Harkin believes that the party needs to go back to its roots. Also, in an interview last week, Nebraska Senator Bob Kerry has put off the announcement of his intentions until later this month, but it is expected that he will announce his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

### ARIZONA NEWS

McNulty versus Kolbe III? Former Congressman Jim McNulty is seriously contemplating running against Jim Kolbe, the current Republican incumbent who lost to McNulty in 1982, but beat him in 1984. Expect a decision shortly on the rematch which was the most turbulent contest in the early 1980s.

Phoenix activist Charlie Harrison was indicted on two counts of perjury by a Phoenix Grand Jury in lieu of his testimony when he was called as a witness, as the Grand Jury was looking into actions taken by Democratic political consultant, Rick DeGraw. Harrison has been charged with a class 4 felony, possible imprisonment of up to five years.

### PIMA COUNTY NEWS

Former Marana Town Councilmember David Morales has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Pima County Board of Supervisors for District 3. Morales was an unsuccessful candidate in 1988, running against then Democrat Ed Moore. Morales garnered 44% of the vote. Moore, now a Republican, is expected to announce his re-election candidacy later this fall.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors by a 3 to 2 vote, have put the Sabino Springs zoning question on the November ballot. There will be two zoning questions on the ballot: Sabino Springs and Rocking K.

The big story of the week is the possible candidacy of State Representative Patti Noland for the State Senate in Dist. 13 in 1992. The seat, now occupied by Majority Whip David Bartlett, would be the fight of 1992. Inside sources tell me that she will announce in the early part of '92, thus making Legislative District 13, the hotbed of political activity.

Legislative District 10 Democratic Chair Betty Liggins, is planning to run for the State House of Representatives in 1992. She plans on challenging Phil Hubbard. In no way is she planning on running against Carmen Cajero, who is revered in L.D. 10.

### TUCSON NEWS

Last week, this reporter went down to City Hall to go through the candidate's financial statements and came across something of interest. That something of interest deals with the contributions received by the Libertarian candidate for Mayor, Gay Lynn Goetzke. She has received contributions from none other than Tom Saggau, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor and his wife, Susan. They each gave a \$10.00 contribution on Aug. 23. Does this mean Tom does not want to be Mayor? Does this mean Tom is not a Democrat? Why did Tom give to a potential opponent? These questions must be answered!

The City Primary Elections take place on Tuesday, Sept. 17. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at 791-4213.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus will be meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Pima County Democratic Party Headquarters which is located at 2615 E. Broadway. For further information call 744-6177.

We must keep the pressure up on our city officials regarding the selective enforcement and prosecution of "Lewd and Lascivious" law. Keep calling the mayor and council and leave a message urging them to change the ordinance. Here are the phone numbers:

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## A Remarkable People by Curt Stubble

This is another clip and send column. Hopefully Observer readers will cut it out and send it to the addressee. For that matter, I will be sending copies to all members of the Arizona Congressional delegation as well and encourage other to do the same.

TO:

President George Bush  
White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

So much has been said and written recently about the decline of the American education system, and in particular about our impending loss of our leadership position in the scientific world. Let's face it, its more advantageous for advertisers to mock school to sell products, its more advantageous for drug dealers and other purveyors of mindlessness to keep people ignorant and its more advantageous for certain ideologues to down play science when power is at stake.

Mr. President, we are in a health crisis of monumental proportions and only if we allow science to finally handle it can the losses in life, money and human dignity be kept to a minimum. AIDS is not political. It is medical and we need a leader who will stand up to those trying to make a moral issue out of it. We need a leader who will listen to the Dr. Koops, to the CDC and to the NIH and base

public health policy and education on what these men of science have to say.

We do not need media fueled hysteria, prejudice, ignorance or people profiting from the suffering of others. A courageous stand on your part, Mr. President, will save tens of thousands of lives and billions of dollars. It will also go a long way towards disproving your domestic wimpiness and promoting interest in science.

It does us no good to cry about the lack of students going into the sciences when our politicians are fighting a killer disease with laws rather than science. If we are to maintain a world class position in the scientific field then we need to foster respect for science and scientists. You can do that by slapping down anti-science politicians like Jesse Helms and William Dannemeyer and listening to men of science and integrity like C. Everett Koop and the people at CDC.

I beg you Mr. President, America desperately needs leadership in all these crises and your providing it would secure your place in history! Can you afford the price of continued passivity? Can this country?

For crying out loud, lay aside political ideology and save lives and the American education system. You can do both at once. All it will take is the courage to stand up to someone who has the power to vote you out of office.

## PERSPECTIVE

by Ben Corbin

In our previous articles on AIDS, our discussion has been directed principally to males. It was noted that Lesbians are among the lowest risk groups for contracting or transmitting AIDS, however, Lesbians are not immune to AIDS and there are many reported cases of Lesbians having AIDS.

How can a Lesbian raise her risk to become infected with the HIV virus? Since the HIV virus is transmitted from one person to another by the exchange of infected body fluids, there are several ways a Lesbian can put herself at risk. Among the four known body fluids to contain the HIV virus, females have three: blood, vaginal fluids and breast milk. However, the HIV virus is not a virus that can be transmitted casually, the contaminated fluid must come into contact with the blood system to be transmitted.

Inserting a contaminated needle into the blood stream is one of the most direct ways to transmit the HIV virus. It has been said before, but it needs to be repeated - DO NOT SHARE! If it is absolutely necessary to share, drug users flush the needle and syringe with bleach. Bleach is strongly believed to kill the HIV virus and the recommended formula is one part bleach to ten parts water. This is not recommended, but if it is used, thoroughly flush the instruments to eliminate the HIV virus. But again, DO NOT SHARE!

Unsafe sex practices for Lesbians might include the following. (Since this writer is not a doctor and is not writing to doctors, it is hoped that the descriptive words will not offend).

Cunnilingus or rimming without the use of a protective barrier, especially during menstruation. Since menstrual blood is considered the same as any other blood, bleeding gums could provide an entrance for the HIV virus to enter the blood stream.

Sharing sex toys that come into contact with body secretions without cleaning them adequately.

Sucking on the breasts of a woman who is lactating or otherwise secreting.

Getting any body secretions directly into the mouth, vagina or anus, including vaginal and breast secretions, menstrual blood, urine, female ejaculate, saliva and feces.

Any type of blood exchange.

Having sex with a male partner. Unsafe sex practices would include penis/vaginal penetration without the proper use of a condom.

Lesbians who plan to donor inseminate may be at risk. Sperm banks began blood testing of all prospective donors for the HIV antibodies in 1984. Most sperm banks today routinely test all donors of HIV antibodies in addition to screening for AIDS high risk factors. Some sperm banks do not release sperm unless the samples were collected three months prior to a negative donor follow-up HIV antibody test. These procedures dramatically reduce the risk of exposure to AIDS.

Lesbians who are planning to donor inseminate through a sperm bank may want

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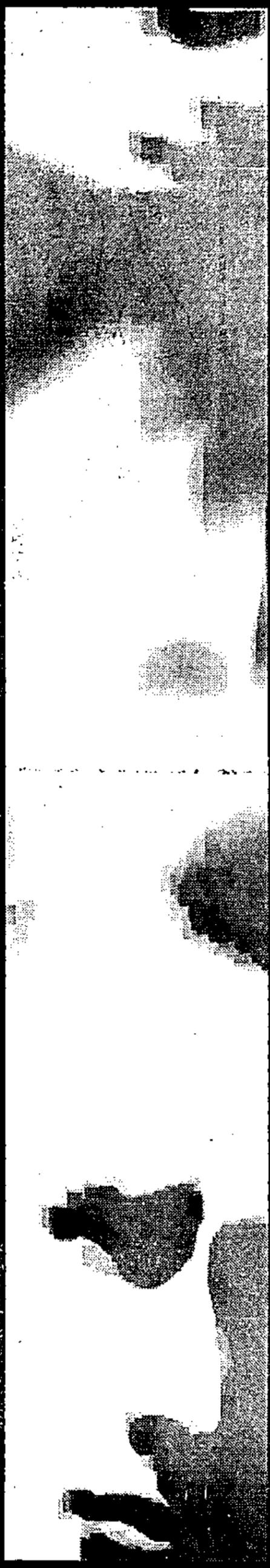
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# THINK POSITIVE PROJECT

By Natalie Perry

So much about being gay in our society carries a negative connotation that from the time we first realize our sexuality, it is a struggle and takes serious personal introspection and evaluation to grasp, integrate and ultimately become comfortable with, even be proud of being who we are...gay.

The development of one's identity and measure of self-worth is hindered by parental and societal prejudice and misconceptions about gayness. We are forced to hide our sexuality, to be ashamed of it, afraid of it, to lie about it and to treat ourselves and allow others to treat us as if we are less worthy persons, sub-human, because we are gay. Without even knowing it, we bat into these degrading perceptions of ourselves.

The issue here is self-esteem. Self-esteem is defined as one's good opinion of one's dignity or worth. From the day a boy is born into this society he is primed to become a provider, a husband, a father, the one to carry on the family name. He is expected to marry a woman (of course); be "normal" and make grandbabies. The expectations of parents and society place such incredible feelings of guilt, inadequacy and disrespect of self on young men who turn out to be gay, that it could take a lifetime or at least a lot of therapy to painstakingly overcome those feelings of worthlessness.

Our society in general teaches us to love and care for others without regard for ourselves. Self-sacrifice and self-denial have become virtues rather than deficiencies. We have forgotten that unless we love ourselves first, we can't begin to love someone else. These puritanical attitudes have let many of us to unhealthy choices in sexual behavior by putting the others person's needs before our own need to take loving care of our bodies. Peer pressures may lead to drug use and alcohol abuse which may lead to unsafe sexual behaviors which may lead to...The point is if we can recognize the pressures and judgments placed on us, it is possible to overcome them and move on to caring enough about ourselves to do healthy things for our bodies and spirits. We can build good, positive self-esteem.

How we feel about our gay selves, our self-esteem, determines how we behave sexually. Many times feelings of shame

and guilt are buried so deep that we are not even aware that they are the underlying reasons that we make unhealthy sexual decisions.

If we can move past the parental and societal impositions of shame and guilt about our sexuality to loving ourselves for who we are, we can make choices, like always negotiation for safer sex practices, that are empowering and allow us to build healthy relationships. This is not easy. It takes hard work on the "self", learning different ways of perceiving our purpose on earth, developing a sense of dignity and learning assertive behavior with others to be able to interact in a healthy fulfilling way.

If we can move toward acceptance of who we are as gay people and love ourselves for being gay then we can stop hiding in dark "closets" and start treating ourselves and each other with respect and dignity and "think positive" about our sexuality.



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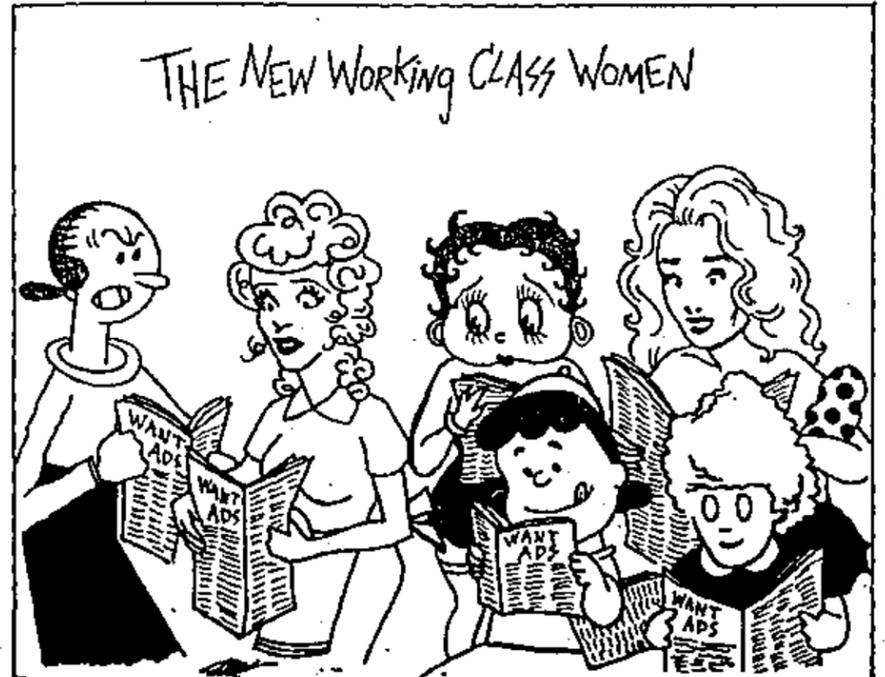
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# Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

## A Collective Hunch

A psychiatrist once asked me if I had trouble with reality. "Of course," I replied. "Isn't that the appropriate response?"

I don't believe in reality; perception is all there is.

Consider the Lapps living their frozen reindeer-centered lives versus the isolated Xingus of Brazil, who have never seen airplanes or reindeer and are unable to perceive images in a photograph. Imagine a Lapp explaining her reality to a Xingu, or either one of them trying to understand life in the U.S. For that matter, try to understand life in the U.S. yourself!

Some people believe they know what reality is. From the fundamentalist Christian who is absolutely sure of the right way to be a heterosexual to the fundamentalist Queer who is absolutely sure of the right way to be a homosexual, these people eagerly embrace their own perceptions as fact. Yet their "factual" realities don't even overlap!

Lily Tomlin says that reality is a collective hunch, which seems closer to the truth, but I think she's optimistic. Even people less wildly different than the Christian and Queer above have trouble agreeing on reality. There is a famous anecdote of a jailed philosopher who decided to pass his sentence by writing a history of the world. While thus occupied, he heard noise outside his cell but could not see what was going on. Later, he eagerly grilled the eye witnesses. After talking to six people, he found he had six different accounts. Thoroughly disabused of the idea of truth, he abandoned his world history.

That's the truth of reality: it's all perception.

And how could it be otherwise? We are all so terribly confined to our own units of self. There is nothing in the world we can see or feel without filtering it through what we have already seen and felt and what we already believe: our essential us-ness. We have no idea what the world looks like through another person's eyes. Even something as agreed-on as the color blue might actually look different to each of us.

Perception certainly reigns in social matters. Recently, a friend proudly showed a bunch of us her newly pierced tongue. I pride myself on my un-shockability, but I was shocked. I am ten years older than the others, and I was the only one who was perturbed. I suddenly felt like I was my mother. And I wondered how my mother herself would react to a pierced tongue! The group tried to set up a continuum of kinkiness, but the continuum kept moving. On a scale of 1 to 10, I consider a pierced tongue to be an 8 or 9. People in the S/R community might consider it a 1 or 2. My mother would probably rate it in the thousands! Yet a Xingu, while shocked at my friend's motorcycle or blue jeans or lack of "femininity," might well see nothing odd about her pierced tongue. Perception is all!

Meanwhile, in Chula Vista, tens of thousands of people are lining up to stare at a blank, lighted billboard whose shadows are reputed to show a recently murdered girl. And most of them see that

girl! Reality and perception wiggle and shake!

Differences in perception are more than cultural; they are ingrained in our brains. Researchers raised kittens in a room painted with vertical stripes. Later on, these kittens walked off the edges of chairs, since their brains had never grown the ability to deal with horizontality. What this story shows, beyond the fact that some scientists do weird things to pussy cats, is that the "reality" we are born into physically shapes the way we see the world forever after. Once myelination sets in—that's a sort of hardening of our brains—new information has a tough time making its presence felt.

This is why a man in Australia once reported seeing a giant kangaroo in the road when it was actually a camel; his brain didn't have a camel section, so it named the animal as best it could. This is why, when people see supernatural creatures, the creatures fit into their pre-existing culture. Mericans don't pretend to see leprechauns—nor are there many reports of Buddhists seeing Christ. The one time I hallucinated on drugs, the images I saw owed a large vote of thanks to Walt Disney.

These ideas about the brain and reality are useful as both fact and metaphor. No wonder many lesbians and gay men have trouble accepting our own sexuality, even when all the evidence clamors to tell us who we are. No wonder people have so much trouble changing habits and ideas we no longer want. No wonder it is so hard for people to understand on another.

As Robin Williams has said, "Reality. What a concept."

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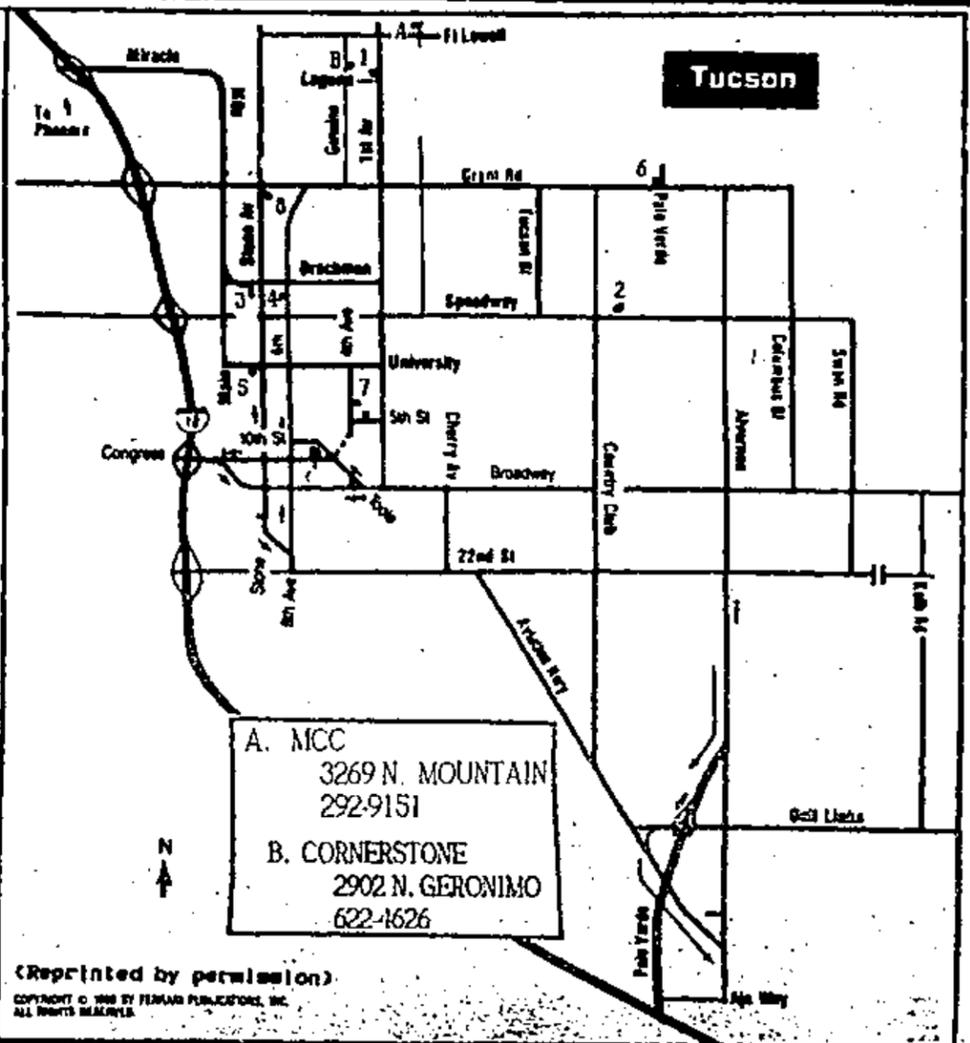
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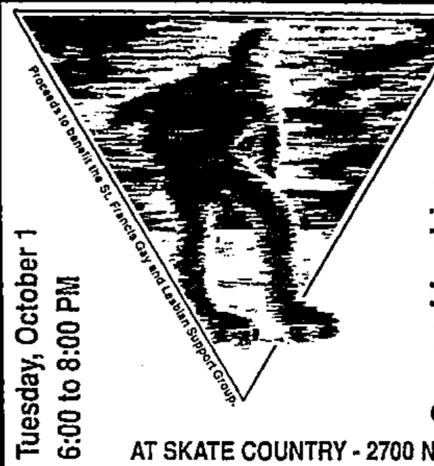
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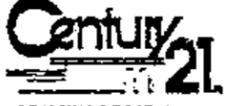
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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
**Gay Male Survivors of Incest and Molestation Group** begins today and will meet every Tuesday for 10 to 12 weeks from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Rape Crisis Center, 639 E. Speedway. Call Virginia for appointment 624-7273.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
**The Shanti Grief Group** will meet at the Shanti offices 602 E. 4th Avenue beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**C.A.T. Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. All members are urged to attend this meeting as those members who have missed three meetings since January will be deleted as voting members of this year's Committee.

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13 & 14**  
 (SEE INDIVIDUAL DATES BELOW)

**"Art Thru Life"** a show and auction of fine art pieces donated by Tucson's foremost artists begins today and runs thru Saturday, Sept. 14. It takes place at the Temple of Music and Art and all proceeds benefit People affected by HIV and AIDS in Tucson through the beneficiary P.A.C.T.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
 Final day to request application for a ballot to vote absentee in the City Council and Mayoral primary election.

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**"Art Thru Life"** benefit art show and auction winds up today with a reception and voice auction at 5:30 p.m. The first major fund raising event in 1991 for P.A.C.T. It takes place at the Temple of Music and Art. For more information contact P.A.C.T. for Life at 770-1710.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
 The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in the Parks will hold a meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the patio of the French Quarter. Interested persons concerned with the police harassment in the parks are urged to attend.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY...** Vote 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. for your choice for Mayor and city council members who are running in Wards 1, 2 and 4.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
**Lambda Democratic Caucus** will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2517 E. Broadway. All interested persons are welcome.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
**"Come Out, Come Out. Wherever you are..."** The Executive Director of National Coming Out Day, Lynn Sheppard, makes a special visit to Tucson at the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association's September meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Sheppard will share insights about the important educational campaign that supports men and women in the coming out process. Sheppard was also active in Los Angeles and national politics. No host beverages served beginning at 7:30 p.m. Program begins at 8:00 p.m. No charge to OP members and newcomers. Call 577-6018 for more details.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
**Golf Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty and Staff** meets noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 245. The committee is open to UofA faculty and staff who are concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month for a brown bag lunch. Professor Bruce Fowler is the facilitator.

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**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.  
**GRADUATE** - All White Ball \$1.25 anytime and \$1.50 nightline.  
**KECK'S** - Aloudy Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Music 7-1 and with your DJ Mark. House Racers Specials 7-1.  
**IT'S** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Free Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.  
**KECK'S** - Open at noon. Drink specials.

**monday**  
**BACK ROCKY/JOSEPH TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer till 8 pm. \$1.50 draft with Schnapps 4 to close. Bobby D's.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.  
**KECK'S** - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, IT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer. Sexy listening music. Bring layover on tape for a drink special 3 pm to 1 am.  
**KECK'S** - Open noon. Daily drinks specials. Todd dj's at 9.

**tuesday**  
**BACK ROCKY/JOSEPH TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and .50 draft 8 pm till close. Bobby Jr. DJ's.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Burgers, sandwiches or Chicken-in-a-Basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Movie hits with cocktail hour prices all night long.  
**GRADUATE** - .50 draft open to close.  
**KECK'S** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**IT'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Bits with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 4 pm to close.  
 Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.  
**KECK'S** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. W/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

**wednesday**  
**BACK ROCKY/JOSEPH TREE** - Open Room. Drink specials 3-8 pm. Flash for Fantasy male and female strippers at 11 pm.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - Back 's Well Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.  
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**GRADUATE** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 sates.  
**KECK'S** - Draft Beer .50 Room to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.  
**IT'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 4-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special.  
**KECK'S** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. W/DJ Clint at 9pm.

**thursday**  
**BACK ROCKY/JOSEPH TREE** - Open Room. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Drows .50 draft 8 pm to close. Amateur Strip Night - Cash Prize. Bobby Jr. DJ's.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9. 7 p.m. Dart Tournament \$2 entry 80/80 split.  
**GRADUATE** - All Dark Well \$1.25/days / \$1.50 sates.  
**KECK'S** - Draft Beer .50 Room to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Melonkes or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Mark.  
**IT'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 1 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 1-1.  
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**friday**  
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**IT'S** - 4-1 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Ray.  
**KECK'S** - Daily drink specials. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. W/DJ Clint 9-1.

**saturday**  
**BACK ROCKY/JOSEPH TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer and Black Board Specials 1-4 pm with Robey. Hot dance music 9 to 1 with Bobby Jr.  
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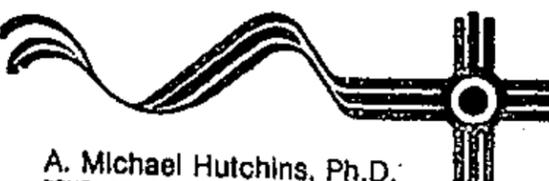
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Gay Male Survivors of Incest and Molestation Group begins today and will meet every Tuesday for 10 to 12 weeks from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Rape Crisis Center, 639 E. Speedway. Call Virginia for appointment 624-7271.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

The Shanti Grief Group will meet at the Shanti offices 602 N. 4th Avenue beginning at 7:00 p.m.

C.A.T. Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 E. Mountain Ave. All members are urged to attend this meeting as those members who have missed three meetings since January will be deleted as voting members of this year's Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13 & 14

(SEE INDIVIDUAL DATES BELOW)

"Art Thru Life" a show and auction of fine art pieces donated by Tucson's foremost artists begins today and runs thru Saturday, Sept. 14. It takes place at the Temple of Music and Art and all proceeds benefit People affected by HIV and AIDS in Tucson through the beneficiary P.A.C.F.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Final day to request application for a ballot to vote absentee in the City Council and Mayoral primary election.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

"Art Thru Life" benefit art show and auction winds up today with a reception and voice auction at 5:30 p.m. The first major fund raising event in 1991 for P.A.C.F. It takes place at the Temple of Music and Art. For more information contact P.A.C.F. for Life at 770-1710.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in the Parks will hold a meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the patio of the French Quarter. Interested persons concerned with the police harassment in the parks are urged to attend.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY... Vote 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. for your choice for Mayor and city council members who are running in Wards 1, 2 and 4.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Lambda Democratic Caucus will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2517 E. Broadway. All interested persons are welcome.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

"Come Out, Come Out, Wherever you are..." The Executive Director of National Coming Out Day, Lynn Sheppard, makes a special visit to Tucson at the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association's September meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Sheppard will share insights about the important educational campaign that supports men and women in the coming out process. Sheppard was also active in Los Angeles and national politics. No host beverages served beginning at 7:30 p.m. Program begins at 8:00 p.m. No charge to OP members and newcomers. Call 577-6018 for more details.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Dofa Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Faculty and Staff meets noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 285. The committee is open to Dofa faculty and staff who are concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month for a brown bag lunch. Professor Bruce Fowler is the facilitator.

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# Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. Steak Dinners 5-9 pm with Rodney. Flash for Fantasy - male and female strippers. Show starts at 11 pm.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.  
**GRADUATE** - All White Bull \$1.25 drafts and \$1.50 sprints.  
**BUCKS** - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Music 7-1 and with your DJ Rock. House Redneck Specials 7-1.  
**IBT'S** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Truck Place Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.  
**KEMELI** - Open at noon. Drink specials.

## monday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer till 4 pm. \$1.50 Draft with Schnapps 6 to close. Bobby Jr. Dis.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.  
**BUCKS** - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**IBT'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-premium beer. Easy listening music. Bring your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.  
**KEMELI** - Open room. Daily drink specials. Fodd 6j's at 9.

## tuesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. \$1.50 well 3-6 pm. Drink Draft and .50 Draft 4 pm till close. Bobby Jr. Dis.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Burgers, sandwiches or Chicken-In-A-Basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Movie hits with cocktail hour prices all night long.  
**GRADUATE** - .50 Draft open to close.  
**BUCKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**IBT'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather hits with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 4 pm to close.  
Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.  
**KEMELI** - Open room. Daily drink specials. U/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

## wednesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. Drink specials 3-4 pm. Flash for Fantasy male and female strippers at 11 pm.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rock 'n' Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
**GRADUATE** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/drafts - \$1.50 sprints.  
**BUCKS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Services Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.  
**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special.  
**KEMELI** - Open room. Daily drink specials. U/DJ Clint at 9pm.

## thursday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. Drink Specials 3-4 pm. Drink Draft and Drows .50 Draft 8 pm to close. Amateur Strip Night - Cash Prize. Bobby Jr. Dis.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Dart tournament \$2 entry 60/40 split.  
**GRADUATE** - All Dark Well \$1.25 drafts / \$1.50 sprints.  
**BUCKS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beltsmen or Corone \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Rock.  
**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Red and Red Lite \$1.50 from 8-1.  
**KEMELI** - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your U/DJ Clint 9-1.

## friday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. Drink Specials 3-4 pm. Domestic beer \$1.75, Schnapps .75 8-11 pm. Bobby Jr. Dis.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches, chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink Specials until closing.  
**BUCKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 am  
**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Jay.  
**KEMELI** - Daily drink specials. Freee Bors d'Ouves 8:30. U/DJ Clint 9-1.

## saturday

**BACK POCKET/JOSEFA TRIZ** - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer and Black Board Specials 3-4 pm with Rodney. Hot dance music 9 to 1 with Bobby Jr.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open room. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink specials until closing.  
**BUCKS** - Open Room. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.  
**IBT'S** - 4 to 8. Hot music 8 to close with Linda Platola.  
**KEMELI** - Open Room. Daily drink specials. Dance with U/DJ Clint 9-1

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# The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

IBT's Desert Coyote's free Bowling Party was a huge success. Over 50 bowlers participated with most signing up for the Fall League. It was especially gratifying to see so many new faces, many of whom hadn't bowled in many a year or never before. The new president of the league, Ken Davis, remarked, "The league's goal for this year was to involve more people and become more prominent in the community." It looks as though that goal is becoming a reality, much to the credit of Ken, Brad (league secretary), and others. According to Brad, the league expects between 16 and 20 teams this fall.

The structure for the evening was very loose. Bowlers were assigned lanes at random so that new acquaintances could be made. With the exception of a few minor hang-ups with the automatic scoring, the evening went off without a hitch.

Throughout the evening, 50/50 raffle tickets were sold to benefit the upcoming Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson. The bowlers were VERY generous, spending over \$185.00 on tickets that evening. Bowling was interrupted around 11 p.m. for the drawings. Three lucky ticket holders were the winners of two bowling balls and a bowling bag donated by the Pro Stop at Golden Pin Lanes -- many thanks to the Pro Stop.

Bruce held the lucky tickets for the cash drawing which netted him \$93.00. The last ticket drawn was for the Grand Prize: a free round-trip ticket on America West. And the winner was . . . ticket #918424, held by I.P. who purchased the winning ticket at the TALL Beer Bust. Congratulations I.P., Bruce, and all the winners, and a special 'thanks' to everyone who bought raffle tickets in the past weeks.

**CORRECTION - CORRECTION - CORRECTION**  
Tonight's organizational meeting of the IBT/Tucson Desert Coyotes league will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Golden Pin Lanes, West Miracle Mile (not 9:00 p.m. as previously reported in this column).

**JOSHUA TREE FALL LEAGUE**  
This coming Monday, Sept. 16, will mark the beginning of JT's Fall League. A brief organizational meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Fiesta Lanes, 501 W. River Road., followed by the first night of bowling. All are welcome... bring a friend.

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**CONGRATULATIONS, ONCE AGAIN**  
...go out to Mr. Bill Close for a fine showing at the Showgirl Invitational (Las Vegas) over Labor Day weekend where Bill captured 8th place in the singles competition. Altogether, Tucson sent 8 bowlers to Vegas where, in addition to bowling, there was lots of PR for the Old Pueblo and our own upcoming tournament.

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**FRIDAY THE 13TH, PART 13 "THE SHOW"**  
Superstitious? Afraid to leave your bed on Friday, the 13th? Here's some advice: Stay in bed all day, get plenty of beauty rest, then come out and join the crowd at IBTs for a very special benefit show starring Ms. Reva Channing. Reva will be welcoming special guests the hysterical Miss Candi Plastique, Raven (Miss Gay Tucson 1990-91), the magical puppetry of Jerry and Friends and the live vocal talents of Mr. Joe Wallen. There will be a \$1.00 donation at the door to benefit the Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson. The show starts at 9:00 p.m. and promises to be a fun way to beat the Friday night doldrums.

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**LAST, BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST**  
The H.I.T.T. Tournament would like to thank those businesses and organizations who are sponsoring the upcoming Halloween Invitational Tournament: Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus; Colette's West; French Quarter; Graduate; Hours; It's 'Bout Time; Joshua Tree/Back Pocket; Kuborz 2222; and the Tucson Old Pueblo Bed and Breakfast Resort. Without sponsors, this event would not be possible and we're grateful for your support. (Interested in becoming a sponsor of the H.I.T.T.? Want more information? Give me a call at 743-3303).

# Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Last Saturday was a really fun and entertaining evening at the Graduate. It was an evening dedicated to Margo Leigh (Lee Thompson) and a fund raiser for Terry, who will be representing all of us in the Leather Competition in Chicago. Good luck and knock'em dead! Out of the money that was raised that evening, \$160.00 was donated to PACT for Life. A really fine thing from truly fine people.

This week starts the first Annual Life thru Art (show and auction) for PACT for Life. The exhibit starts today, Wednesday Sept 11 thru 14, at the Temple of Music and Art on Scott St. We have over 75 pieces of art on display and for auction. Silent Auction will be Wednesday through Saturday at 5:30 p.m. with Hors d'oeuvres, live music and Champagne. The voice auction will be held at 7:00 p.m. Some of the top artists in the Old Pueblo really out did themselves. The art is

definitely first class. Everyone is welcomed to attend and of course bid as well. It should prove to be a really exciting evening. Look for the ad in this edition of the Observer. Hope to see you there.

And finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lee Thompsons and the Bob Ellises, of the Tucson Gay community for helping to make this one of the best communities to live in. There are those who enjoy more to criticize and point out what other places have and what we have not. But we have what really does count. And I'll leave that at that. If you don't see what I'm talking about, then you haven't seen the Tucson Gay community as it really is. Take some time and know you will be amazed at what you'll find.

Till next week: Sean 628-7816



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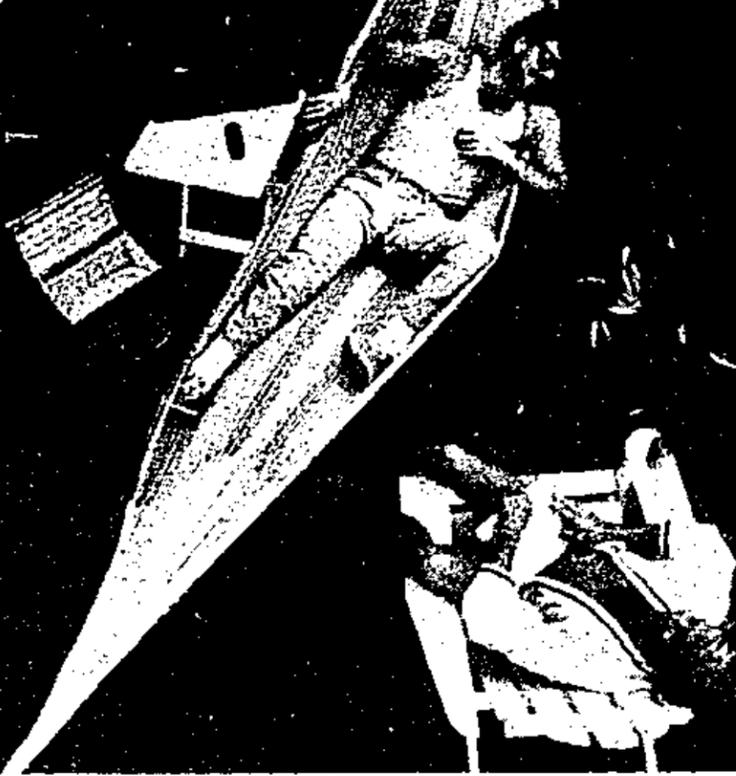
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## A View From The Rock

*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

One thing I've definitely learned, over 50-plus years ... and that is to "always Expect the Unexpected". I can be having an absolutely fantastic day -- just seems like everything falls right into place, minute by minute, and I'll be so happy and satisfied! THEN, the phone will ring, and maybe -- for some reason -- THIS will be "The Day" it all unravels.

Have you ever noticed that in your life --no matter how old you are? You can make careful plans and arrange for every conceivable contingency -- but, in the final analysis, there just "could be" something, anything, occur ... making all your efforts, planning and hours of work totally futile. You're right back where you started, with nothing.

We really don't "have" to be victims of this "Unexpected" syndrome -- even when experiences come that sorely try us to our limits, even to our very souls, Yes, we can prepare for these occasions of the unexpected by developing a mindset, faith-fixed confidence in God. That will be our ever-present stabilizer -- shock absorber.

The "Unexpected" is within the providential knowledge of God. Boy, just knowing that is of inestimable value! If He knows, then He has a purpose in allowing this "Unexpected" circumstance. Since He allows it, He has designed it for our spiritual good. God cares about what's good for me, and for you!

This sort of calm acceptance of both expected and unexpected -- good and bad -- doesn't come easy. It sure does make life a great deal happier and enjoyable, when you possess this quality! For me to

have it and keep it, I have to maintain a lifestyle that can handle things like this; shaped by my values, my attitudes, my behavior, and how I live my life. My automatic response to the delightful and the disastrous is unmistakable evidence of the validity of my Christian faith.

Believe it! Every day, someone faces the "Unexpected". It might be of minor, or major proportions. Nevertheless, it will come. You can be certain of that. Who knows when that "someone" might be me or you?

I went for years being tossed back and forth like a kid's balloon by the unexpected events constantly coming up in my life -- jobless, broken relationship, my gosh, even by cat got sick and died! Every single time, there I was, defeated again by circumstances I could not foresee nor control.

I had a friend whom I saw go through quite a few of what are the peculiarities of circumstance, totally calm, assured, steady. When I sat her down and made her explain how she could "hold it all together" when it was obviously falling all apart, that's when MY life changed. I not only believed what she revealed to me, I put it into practice. To do this, I needed a little more information and instruction.

I took my friend's advice. I went to Cornerstone Fellowship and discovered the people I met there ALSO had this mysterious quality my friend had, that I wanted! Now I have it too. Boy is it ever nice to feel confident of an inner peace NO "Unexpected" circumstance can disturb. You can have it too! It really WORKS! See you at Cornerstone, soon.

## News From MCC/Tucson

*by Ben Cobble*

We have leaders and followers, but who are our leaders. In politics, most of us know who our leaders are, the front page of every newspaper reports on their actions, thoughts and philosophies. But the question we will discuss at this time is "Who are our church leaders?" The Bible is a book written by leaders about leaders. God's leadership begins in Genesis and continues through Revelations. Moses, one of the greatest leaders of all times, wrote (or contributed to have written) the first five books of the Old Testament. The Bible is about the different leaders and what they did, whether it was good or bad. Then the rest of the account is about the actions or reactions of those effected by those effected by those leaders.

Was Jesus Christ a leader? Any Christian would answer with a pronounced "Yes" without hesitation. But, Jesus was not the leader that was expected of the Messiah by the people at that time. Was a leader to be born in a manger? Was a Messiah to eat with sinners, talk with a prostitute, clean out the temple, ride on a donkey and be hung on a cross between two thieves? The Jews, Jesus Christ's own people, refused to accept him because in their way of thinking, he did not meet the qualifications of a Messiah.

When you think of Christian leaders today, ask these questions:

Was Jesus a leader when: he talked with the woman at the well? (He broke down barriers.) he washed the feet of the disciples? (He was an example.) he went to Zacchaeus's home? (He opened the door for dialogue.) he defended whom others would stone? (He argued the case.) he healed a leper? (He cared and responded to a need) he cleaned out the temple? (he confronted an institution.) he hung on the cross? (he was a reconciler.)

At MCC/Tucson we recognize the need for leaders. The church will either grow nor flourish if there is no leadership. Jesus knew that he had only a short time here on Earth and he trained his twelve apostles to be the leaders when he was gone. The twelve apostles lead and trained others to follow in their footsteps. Christianity rises and falls on the ability of all believers to use their talents and spiritual gifts to be leaders.

Under the direction of Rev. Nita there is a constant training at MCC/Tucson. There are classes being presented at this time for everyone called the "Multi-Ministry Training Classes". It is not necessary to be a member of MCC/Tucson to attend these classes.

Thought for the week: No one will make a great leader who wants to do it all by himself - or to get all of the credit for doing it.

# What's Up Doc ???



A sizeable crowd was on hand last Saturday evening for the benefit show, helping Teri Trotter on her quest for the "National Leather Woman of the Year" award. This contest will be held later in the year, but expenses needed are great. The evening netted a little over \$1,200 from both the show and different items auctioned off during the evening, and P.A.C.T. received just over \$160 from the auction of a painting by David Young dedicated to the memory of John "Bobbi Jo" Parrish.

The show itself went off flawlessly and everyone was well entertained. My congratulations goes out to Teri Trotter and I wish her all possible good luck in this venture. Hopefully, Arizona will be able to shine and this title will come back to the Phoenix and Tucson communities.

Even though it was not advertised as a Club Weekend at the Graduate, both Saturday afternoon's TKO "Virgin's Birthday Party" and TALL's monthly Beer Bust on Sunday were both well attended. TKO's beer bust was a special one last weekend, not their normal monthly Beer Bust, but with so many in the club having birthdays in the same month, why not have a public party? Of course, as any club or group in any community, any excuse for a party is always great.

TKO's normal Beer Bust, the second Saturday of the month, will be held this coming weekend, starting at 2 p.m. TKO will be having a Dart throwing game and fresh popped pop corn. Stop in and enjoy some good, friendly competition in the game, and enjoy some free pop corn.

Next weekend, Sept. 20-22, it is time for DL's Mystery Run. This annual run will be an in-town run with side trips out-of-town. All festivities will begin over at IBT's Friday evening with registration. After a full day, Saturday, everyone will be returning back to IBT's on Sunday afternoon for DL's Anniversary Dinner, and the Awards Presentation for this run. If you wish any more information on the Mystery Run, contact any Desert Leathersmen club member.

Tucson is only two months away from this year's CAT Awards nominations, to be held in December. Registration for this year's voting has started but I'll have all necessary registration supplies at the Graduate this coming Saturday. You have to be registered to both vote in this year's nomination process and the actual voting for this year's awards.

Between now and the nominations period, there will be different times and places set up for you to register. I'll put weekly schedules in this column, plus the CAT Committee will be running special ads also. Be sure to stop in at one of them, take a couple minutes and register.

Also, speaking of the CAT Committee, if you have not received the word, they are meeting tonight, Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the MCC church. This is a very important meeting so be sure to be on hand. One of the items for discussion will be this year's awards, the adding of possibly two new awards, and final approval on all others. If you wish to add your own ideas or suggestions, please be on hand also.

Every year the CAT Committee tries to improve on all the awards presented, trying to make the awards a fair representation of the awards the Tucson community wish to see recognized, but the CAT Committee can do only so much. That is why you, the public, is needed for input.

This Thursday, the Arizona Fellowship Committee meeting will be over at the MCC building. In last week's column I mentioned the one-day bus trip to Phoenix on Oct. 5. At this meeting, I will be able to find out if there are any tickets available and if so, I'll mention this to you in next week's column and where you may purchase a ticket if you would like to go. There are 44 seats available on the bus, cost is \$15 per seat. Drinks and munchies will be supplied for your pleasure. The bus will be departing the Graduate at approximately 2 p.m., traveling to Phoenix and stopping at six (6) different bars, then returning back to Tucson. Oct. 5 is a Saturday so you do not have to worry about getting up early the next day for work.

With that I guess I'll close for this week. I personally thank each and every one of you who were on hand last Saturday to help myself and all other VIRGINS celebrate our birthdays. Watch for some changes coming to the Graduate on Sept. 22.

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**GEMINI**

Use your lunch hour for exercise. Oral workouts will refresh you both physically and mentally. Entertainment need not be expensive - it's free at the park - except for your bail money.

**CANCER**

Pointless activities will sap your energies, such as sitting in a hot tub with B.D.R. Try something constructive, like a visit to Flex Complex in Phoenix. The steam room is excellent for your skin.

**LEO**

Sign up for a special course to expand your career goals, and your earning power. How about fire-fighter school? Or a course in how to buy well-fitting clothes. Suspenders went out 10 years ago.

**VIRGO**

Welcome another chance at romance. The library policeman at the UofA is looking for love. That country plow boy you met at Hours will increase your knowledge of farm equipment.

**LIBRA**

Do not allow yourself to be manipulated by your romantic partner - you're not double jointed! Ben Wa balls are one thing, but a 5 lb. ball bearing? A young person needs your encouragement this week.

**SCORPIO**

You have talents that are not being fully utilized - a good friend is eager to help out. Pioneering spirit this week takes you to the woods - that rustic little cabin next to the Ranger Station.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Steamy nights of late with the cowboy that never takes his hat off - even while doing doggy tricks! - or is that doggy style? Maybe you should settle for the usual routine: movie critic at weenie wonderland.

**CAPRICORN**

Love grows when you spend more time with mate. Unfortunately, nothing else grows. Have you tried silicone? Do not take something you overhear personally. Stay home and polish your silverware Thursday.

**AQUARIUS**

Management opportunities are close at hand. Don't blow it! Even though you're a couple of cans short of a six-pack, you'll prevail. It's nice being single again, isn't it? Be wary of a guy dressed as a cheerleader.

**PISCES**

A boy, and his dog - you've taken that term literally. You're one-handed tricks are the talk of the town. Be more aggressive this week in money matters. friend needs a loan again.

**PERSPECTIVE (Continued from page five)**

to ask the bank if they hold sperm until the donor has had a two to three month follow-up negative test result. Lesbians who plan to use a donor apart from a sperm bank, can have the donor's sperm frozen at a sperm bank while waiting for a donor follow-up test.

A pregnant woman with the HIV virus in her system has about a 50-50 chance of the virus passing through the placenta and into the fetal blood stream. Most babies born with the virus in their system have died by the age of two. Additionally, pregnant women infected with the HIV virus often progress to AIDS more quickly because of the burden of the pregnancy on their system.

A growing number of women are concerned about the risk of exposure to AIDS

in relation to sexual assault. Women's AIDS programs and rape crisis centers are starting to join efforts to provide support services for women who have been sexually assaulted and are considering AIDS screening and related services.

Having more than one sex partner does not automatically increase a Lesbian's risk if she is practicing safe sex. It's not the number of partners that a woman has but rather the kind of sexual activities that increase the risk.

Next week will be the last of this series of articles on AIDS. We will discuss those with "full blown" AIDS, PWAs and those with the HIV positive tests and what is recommended to cope with the disease.

**ARE YOU THE VICTIM OF THE RECENT PARK ARRESTS BY THE T.P.D.?**

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**FRONT ENDERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs. For new summer hours or more information call Rich at 326-3555.

**P.A.C.T.** - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 E. 1st Avenue. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-4104 for info.

**GLBTQ FOUNDATION OF TUCSON**  
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 403 E. 4th Ave. Potential Small Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

**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 375-4460 or write P.O. Box 3424, Tucson, AZ 85740-4244. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP** and interested in meeting other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 292-4440.

**St. La Paloma Apostolic Church**, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-4853.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and referral about 11-hour 790-1922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP:** The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

**OLD FRIEND BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OF)**  
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**YOUNG AND GAY?**  
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**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP)**, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadwood). Services for people with AIDS, AIC or HIV; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-4105 (hotline) or 322-6224 (administration).

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**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist/facilitator. Call 611-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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**WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center** offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 621-1778 Tucson.

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP:** Lesbians and Gay men 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. Call the church at 299-9061 or Paul at 611-5651 for information.

**CAREWALK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA)** OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7201 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2047, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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**THE KEY'S MASSAGE GROUP** meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Marc at 611-6542 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely. Mark it on your calendar.

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LESBIAN/BISexuals/GAYS UNITED**  
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**LESBIANS CONNECTION (formerly LWP)** is a Lesbian singles social group. Call 327-2942 to hear about our next events. Join is the fun.

**WOLF FACILITY AND STAFF** for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 281 or 285. Open to Wolf facility and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

**ARIZONA/SUNBELT PROTECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 612-1933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. 612-9194

Gay sales, Lesbians and others interested in joining a mixed group for weekly bike rides at the Hillside River Linear Park call 617-6475. Easy riding and pleasant company.

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**Arizona Gay Bodeo Association (AGBA)** Tucson chapter. Interested? Call 791-3528 for more info.

## Notices

**BISEXUAL MEN IN RECOVERY** Support Group forming to explore ways to embrace and celebrate our sexuality. For information call 742-4450.

**FREE COMPUTER INTRODUCTIONS!** The Writers Connection Bulletin Board Service. Dial your modem to 602-891-8283 and ask for access to Lambda West - a round table reserved exclusively for the Gay and Lesbian community.

**SOCIAL NET PDS** has a **GAY ALLIANCE SECTION**. If you have a modem (1200/2400) and a computer, call 612-7472 and dial on. Access the message menu, folder "J".

## Personals

What's green and smells like port? I had out Friday, Sept. 20th at 9 p.m.

**STEVEN/ROSE FOR TALK!** Best time serve so-dribble baby cups for your inconsiderate guests. 373

Tanna has oral stretch marks. Check it out! 373

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**FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED TO SHARE** 2 br. duplex with same. Air conditioned, large yard. Rent like small dogs. Call between 4-8 p.m. 325/10. 325-8465. 374

**SHARE ROOM TO RENT.** 2 br. home, Speedway/Country Club area. Quiet, large yard, ponds, arroyos, greenhouse. Must love animals. \$235/mo. Includes utilities. 326-4473. 1-9 p.m. 373

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**A Commentary By**

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**Revenge Is A Dish  
That Is Best Served Cold**

A marketing research firm in Chicago, Overlooked Opinions, recently surveyed more than 20,000 Gays and Lesbians in an attempt to put hard figures behind the buying power and habits of Gays and Lesbians in America. In doing so, they uncovered some startling numbers:

\*\* The average household income of Gays is more than \$51,000. The average for Lesbians is more than \$45,000. The U.S. average is just more than \$36,000.

\*\* The estimated market of goods and services purchased by Gays and Lesbians totals more than \$400 billion.

\*\* About 60% of adult Gays and Lesbians have college diplomas. Only about 20% of the adults in America do.

\*\* Two out of five Gays and Lesbians have professional or managerial jobs.

Cee. In a community where expensive cars, trendy clothing, designer scents, expensive dinners and even more expensive travel habits have been the norm for decades (It's a stereotype. So what?) it comes as a sudden surprise to mainstream America that Gays and Lesbians have a higher percentage of disposable income than virtually any other similar group in the country? What is wrong with this picture?

For years, national, regional even local companies have refused to advertise their products in Gay/Lesbian targeted publications for fear of what? Consumer backlash? Being identified as a "Gay" product? What?

And now, decades later, when com-

panies are falling by the wayside one after another from lack of business the Gay and Lesbian market is suddenly "desirable"? Well, Sherlock Holmes, Gays and Lesbians have been desirable customers for years even if companies have refused to return ad dollars to their communities.

\* Companies fear repercussions from religious groups, yet the number of Gays/Lesbians in America is higher than any single religious group. **HMMM.**

\* Gay/Lesbian household income, education and job level is higher than the national average, yet I've never seen an ad for United Airlines in a local Gay/Lesbian publication. Or Toyota, or Nike, or Revlon for that matter. **HMMMM.**

\* Boycotts against a variety of products which somehow alienated Gays and/or Lesbians have succeeded in bringing the biggest companies to their knees --eventually; yet companies which have been boycotted by religious groups for advertising on "immoral" programs like "thirty-something" are still going strong. **HMMMMMMMM.**

Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it? How can companies have the advantage of our business yet refuse to advertise or otherwise support our communities?

Well, I say each and every Gay/Lesbian publication should double their ad rates today in preparation for the flood of telephone calls from national advertisers that is sure to come tomorrow. Turnabout is ALWAYS fair play . . . .

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

**Q. Advice From Your Counselor A.**  
STEVEN DIETZ..

Q. I would like to get involved with Gay organizations that need me, but queens who are into power struggles really get my nerves. It is impossible to get two or more queens to agree on anything. I recently tried to do some volunteer work for a local Gay health organization, but gave it up due to the bickering and petty politics. I really question if volunteering under such circumstances is worth it. What do you recommend?

A. I don't think there's one neat little answer to your problem. I have resigned from board positions because of petty politics that prevented anything worthwhile from being accomplished, and it wasn't always "queens", Gay men, or Lesbians by any means who stopped the machinery from operating.

Look to the key issues that are important to you. Find organizations which have missions compatible with your issues. Check the group out before making a commitment to see if you fit in, if you are comfortable with the people there; then make your decision to join or not join based on whether or not you believe in the organizational goals, if you have the necessary time to devote to those goals, and whether or not it is the best use of your time.

A close friend of mine, actively involved in community service, was suddenly excluded from the core group of an organization when his HIV-positive status became known. Individuals within organizations can also be surprisingly insensitive to others for no other reason than age, color, weight, physical disability or degree of "machismo".

Keep in mind that organizations, like individuals, take on personalities of their own. Most service organizations are extremely well-intentioned, but there are no rose gardens out there. Choose your affiliations well, and keep in mind why YOU are really there. Support those causes and groups who really need it and will readily accept your input. Be honest with those you feel need critical advice, and if the situation is uncomfortable and non-productive, take your money, time expertise, and skills where they will be better appreciated.

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