



## Colorado For Family Values Anti-Gay Crusade Getting Cool Reception

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (AP) - A statewide anti-homosexuality, pornography and violence is getting a cool reception from officials across Colorado.

Colorado For Family Values, the driving force behind the state's 1992 anti-gay rights Amendment 2, has launched a campaign to get local governments to establish and define "community standards."

For example, the resolution it is pushing says "the rights and privileges accorded citizenship do not extend to the behavior of homosexuality" and the community should recognize only a married man and wife as the standard for family in which children should be raised.

The idea is to help cities and counties chart their futures morally and socially, said CFV executive director Kevin Tebedo.

Petitions to get the standards are now being circulated in El Paso, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo and Archuleta counties, Tebedo said.

The effort is being brushed off by some, while others are strongly opposing it.

"I won't even look at it until it becomes an issue before the board," said Elizabeth Anderson, Academy School District 20 board president.

Colorado Springs City Council

member John Hazlehurst had already made up his mind.

"We already have a community standards resolution," Hazlehurst said. "It's called the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. I prefer the wisdom of Jefferson and Adams to that of Tebedo and (CFV board chairperson Will) Perkins."

El Paso County commission chairperson Loren Whittemore conceded Tebedo's group has some "good ideas," but said "You can't legislate morality, and it's not our business to force our moral values on other people."

In Mesa County, commissioner Kathy Hall called the measure "preposterous."

Pueblo City Council President Chris Weaver said he doubts the city will adopt Tebedo's proposal.

Larimer County Commission chairperson Jim Disney reserved judgment, but he noted parts of the resolution mirror Amendment 2, which he opposed. Amendment 2 has been on hold pending a court battle. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the constitutionality of the amendment.

The Colorado Municipal League also has not taken a position on Tebedo's proposal, but pointed out the similarities to Amendment 2, as well. The League opposed Amendment 2.

## Man Wins Male Sexual Harassment Suit

MONTGOMERY, AL (AP) - An insurance company employee who claimed his boss grabbed his crotch and kissed him on the neck won an uncommon lawsuit alleging male-on-male sexual harassment.

A federal jury ruled in favor of Ford W. Prescott, but Prescott had settled with his former employer and supervisor for an undisclosed amount before the jury began considering damages.

"It is one of the first, if not the first, that has gone to trial with a plaintiff verdict involving male on male sexual harassment in the workplace," said Prescott's attorney, Jay Lewis.

Prescott, was staff supervisor in the Montgomery office of Independent Life and Accident Insurance Company of Jacksonville, Florida, before he was fired by his boss, Tommy Lee Meeks, in 1993 after 13 years with the company.

Prescott complained that his boss "was hitting on him, touching him and

fondling him," Lewis said. Prescott said Meeks once grabbed his crotch and kissed him on the neck at a party.

Meek, said Prescott was fired after he spread false rumors in the office that Meeks was gay. Meeks, who was later fired himself for an unrelated reason, denied that anything improper occurred.

Prescott had claimed that his dismissal violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act barring employment discrimination based on race, gender and other factors.

Michael Widomski, spokesman for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, said 10 percent of the sexual harassment complaints filed last year were from men. He said the agency doesn't have statistics on how many involved allegation of male on male harassment.

## New Miss Gay Arizona America



TUCSON - Last Sunday, Aug. 13, a nearly full house attended the annual Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant at the Leo Rich Theatre in the Tucson Convention Center. The excellent facility gave the six contestants a chance to show off their talents to good advantage.

Raven, owner and promoter of the Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant, again showed that he continues to present the finest in female impersonation in Arizona. "I consider it to be the definitive form of Gay entertainment, and by entering this pageant, the contestants certainly represent excellence in this field," Raven said.

After being judged in male interview, group discussion, evening gown, contemporary sportswear, female interview and talent, the judges scored each contestant in each category. The very competent panel of judges came to the conclusion that Ms. Markus from Phoenix, pictured above, was overall winner and was crowned Miss Gay Arizona America 1995-96. Tucsonan, Electra Bleu was runner-up. There are more photos of the event in the centerfold of this issue of Observer.

Lucinda Holliday, last year's Miss Gay Arizona America, ended her reign just before the crowning with over 100 persons lining up to congratulate her for an outstanding year. "I salute her hard work, professionalism and dedication. She has been and always will be the epitome of our 'symbol of excellence' throughout our great state," Raven commented.

The six contestants who entered the competition were, in alphabetical order, Electra Bleu, Candi Colée, Cammi De Vuine, Ms. Markus, Celia Putty and Felice Reynard. All are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The 1995 Miss Gay Arizona America Pageant was dedicated to the memory of Miss Gay America 1995, Ramona LeGer who passed away shortly after being crowned. The very talented Patti Le Plue Safe, first runner-up in the Miss Gay America Pageant, represented the national Pageant system in this year's Arizona Pageant.

Again, congratulations to all who entered, to all who worked on stage and to all who worked behind the scenes to make this a memorable pageant.

## AIDS Quilt To Be Archived

NEW YORK, NY - The NAMES Project Foundation announced plans to begin an archive of all 31,000 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Through photography and digital technology, the AIDS Memorial Quilt

Archive Project, the official name of the effort, will create a permanent visual record of the world's most recognizable symbol of the AIDS epidemic, and ultimately will make electronic images of the Quilt available to people around the world

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# UPDATE

## Comedienne On The Rise At The Biz

TUCSON - Georgia Ragsdale is one of the most exciting performers emerging from the ranks of Gay Comics. Ragsdale will make an appearance at Ain't Nobody's Biz in Phoenix on Thursday, Aug. 24 and in Tucson Friday, Aug. 25. Show time is 8:00 p.m. both nights.

Georgia just recently signed a contract with CBS so it may be a while before we see her again in Arizona. She has appeared on HBO and in films. She used to be an actress, but everyone laughed at her Lady Macbeth. Then she worked as a choreographer who created original theatre pieces, won all sorts of awards, and got great reviews. She was a dancer (not topless), approaching thirty. People screamed in her face, "Make money you idiot! Do stand-up comedy!" There was no going back. Since then, it's been top billing, flowers and proposals of marriage.

Her comedy is hip, glittering, clean and refreshing. Gay, straight, or the confused remainder, audiences love her. She's always good, easy to work with and she really puts out. Big things are ahead for this up-and-coming funny girl.

Tickets for the Phoenix and Tucson performances are \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door.

## Hours Offering Sign Language Classes

TUCSON - Hours will be offering sign language classes for those interested.

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## Ballots For 1995 Torch Awards Needs Community Involvement

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TAP, Shanti, PACT for Life, COPE/Insiders, El Rio Clinic, Wingspan, Carondelet St. Mary's, University Medical Center, Antigone's, Ain't Nobody's Biz, IBT's, Hours, Stonewall/Eagle, 2520, Graduate, St. Francis in the Foothills, MCC, Cornerstone Fellowship and other locations.

Complete a ballot at any of these locations or send a letter of nomination to TAP, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252, Tucson, AZ 85716, Attention: TORCH Awards.

## Cope Community Center Grand Opening Aug. 20

TUCSON - The COPE Community Center, serving those in the Old Pueblo who are HIV positive or living with AIDS will hold its grand opening on Sunday, August 20.

The center, located at 732 North Stone will hold a free show starting at 5 P.M. and dinner to commemorate the opening. The show will feature Christina De Alexis, Crystal, Raven and Tonie as the MC.

Admission to the opening is free. For more information call 624-9818. If you're a PWA, and need transportation contact the center.

## AIDS Groups To Get \$4 Million Donation

NEW YORK, NY - David Geffen broke his own record with a \$4 million donation to two AIDS organizations.

Gay Men's Health Crisis will get \$2.5 million to build a testing and counseling center. God's Love We Deliver, which prepares and delivers meals to homebound AIDS sufferers, will receive \$1.5 million for a large kitchen.

"AIDS must be everyone's fight," the record mogul, who is Gay, said.

"I hope my contribution will encourage more people to come forward and give generously. In the face of so much death, it's essential we do all we can to support life," said the co-founder of the DreamWorks SKG studio.

The non profit groups will get the money next month. It was the largest single gift for AIDS services, breaking a record Geffen set in 1992 with a \$1 million donation, the organizations said.

## Get Away And Play With MSN

TUCSON - The Men's Social Network has space available for several more person for two major activities in September.

One is a night or weekend away at Mt. Lemmon on September 14, and/or 15, Friday and Saturday. The arrangements are in the cottages at Suites and Sweets in the village of Summerhaven. It appears likely that we will have all of their cottages rented.

A Saturday morning hike will be open to any interested persons, even if they are not participating in the weekend get away. The cost is \$40 per night and cottages will be shared. Call Ray at 797-6649 for reservations and the address to which the payment is to be sent.

A second event in September will be the Broadway Tony Award winning plays "Angeles in America", parts 1 and 2. We have a block of seats reserved for matinee performance on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. The cost of the tickets for each performance are \$31. Call Frank at 327-3252 for reservations.

The Men's Social Network (MSN) now has over 130 members. Guests are welcome at all MSN events. For more information call Jerry at 690-9565.

## Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Listed below are the winners of the pool tournaments:

Stonewall/Eagle. First Place - Wayne CS, \$25.00. Second Place - Kenny BM, \$15.00. Third Place - Chris LM, \$10.00. First Out - Cliff AD. Shot of the Day - Mike WC.

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# Italy Moving To Change AIDS Incarceration Ban

ROME, Italy (AP) - A gang of HIV infected robbers has exposed the shortcomings of a well meaning law that makes the AIDS virus a ticket to freedom for thousands of inmates and criminal suspects.

Turin's "AIDS bandits" have pulled off a series of bank heists this summer, hitting again this past Friday. As in previous robberies, the suspects have been released under a law that bans the jailing of people ailing from the virus that causes AIDS.

The series of robberies illustrates how the attempt at compassion by lawmakers was warped by a lack of planning funds and coordination.

Turin prosecutors have asked the Constitutional Court for a ruling on the 1993 law, and some legislators promise to seek immediate revisions.

Raffaele Costa, head of a conservative parliamentary bloc, said reforms will be demanded at a Cabinet meeting August 21.

"The government can and must, by decree, confront and resolve this problem," Costa said. "Certainly there are people who will take advantage of their condition to commit crimes."

The Justice Ministry said the law will be modified, but did not give details of possible charges.

The law, part of an overall rights initiative, mandated hospital beds rather than prison cells for AIDS and HIV infected criminals and suspects whose immune systems show deterioration. Its supporters appealed for a humanitarian gesture toward people suffering from an incurable illness.

Lawmakers approved a fund-raising request for more than 4,600 beds, enough to handle all the AIDS and HIV infected inmates in Italy at the time. So far, however, none of the special care facilities has been built, activists claim. Inmates who are still healthy remain in jail. Others were placed in regular hospital wards, but many more were released.

More than 3,000 inmates and suspects have been freed under the law, the Justice Ministry reported. In Turin, at least 25 HIV infected people have been arrested and released this year. But it took the revolving door experiences of the Turin gang to point out the law's failings.

Turin prosecutors have asked for the indictment of Sergio Magnis and eight alleged accomplices for bank robberies around the northern city dating back to late last year. After each capture, they

were released. Magnis and two others were arrested after the robbery in Collegno outside Turin. They were let go after about an hour. Last month, they were filmed by security cameras while robbing a Turin bank.

Police claim the gang has taken \$155,000, most of which has not been recovered.

The alleged gang members say crime is the only way to survive.

An alleged accomplice, Ferdinando Attanasio, claimed they would halt the robberies if they could find work. "We rob because we are forced to, to eat, to stay alive with our problem," he said.

Activists worry that the Turin case will pressure authorities to scrap the AIDS incarceration ban.

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## Long Awaited Gay & Lesbian National TV Show Airing Tucsonans Urged To Call Cable Company To Show Program

DEERFIELD BEACH, FL - Worldwide Target Demographic Television, producers of the new, nationally distributed television series "Freestyles with Amanda Bearse" recently announced the official air dates of the show's initial run.

"Freestyles" premiered on August 12 and will run again on August 26 as paid programming on VH-1 on the late night circuit (in Tucson, 12:30 A.M.).

"Freestyles with Amanda Bearse" is the first commercially produced, nationally aired television show in the United States geared toward Gay and Lesbian consumers.

The hour long show delivers in-depth reports on everything from sports, health and fitness guidelines to the latest in entertainment, cooking and innovative trends coming out of America's most exciting Gay and Lesbian communities.

"Freestyles" has also lined up an impressive array of corporate sponsors for its first show including A Different Light

Bookstore, The Calvert Group, Pierre Cardin Fine Watches, Tanqueray AIDS Ride, National Gay Newspaper Guild and Individual Benefits, Inc.

The show is produced by Grant Lukenbill, author of "Untold Millions: Positioning Your Business for the Gay and Lesbian Consumer Revolution."

Lukenbill commented, "The series was designed with the intention of meeting the demand for entertaining and educational programming for Gay and Lesbian consumers, their families and friends. 'Freestyles' promises to make television history by delivering to Gay and Lesbians as well as straight viewers the very latest in American entertainment."

VH-1 is seen on the Jones Cable System but is on a shared channel on Tucson Cablevision, channel 47 with Comedy Central. Subscribers to Tucson Cablevision are urged to call Tucson Cablevision at 884-0133 and leave a message to put VH-1 on a channel by itself as well as Comedy Central.

### Bisbee's First Annual Gay Artist Show

BISBEE - Coyotillo Gallery is proud to announce it's presentation of Bisbee's First Annual Gay Artist's Show.

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DEAR EDITOR:

What's up?! How come there's no picture of the Fabulous Mr. Gary Clark in the August 9, 1995 issue of the Observer?

Jim Smith

[ED NOTE: Miss Clark responds, "I was out of town that week having just come off the road tour of 'Sunset Boulevard' with an exclusive run at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater, replacing Sally Field as Norma Desmond.

"Having been in the Caribbean, I was unavailable for photographic work in the August 9 issue. I'm back in the city now, where I'm studying the script for the upcoming Troma Studio film biography of Jim Smith, entitled, 'Sweet Bird 'of Youth'.

"I want to relay my thanks for being missed by my most devoted fan. Ciao!"

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community for their generous support in helping to send our softball team to Seattle.

A special thanks to Natalie and Beth as well as Esther Hillman and Linz Morfoot and Hours, The Eagle, Ain't Nobody's Biz, and Venture-N for their support.

Sincerely, Frank and Dave  
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DEAR EDITOR:

On Sunday, July 23, a group of performers dedicated to supporting the HIV+ and AIDS community took their place in the spotlight to benefit the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson. While entertainment was the core feature of the program, there was much more to the evening that truly made it a Tucson community supported event. Items were donated to be auctioned Scott MacRobbie, Moto Photo, Carrow's Restaurant, and Flowers by Gloria and Eve.

On behalf of PACT for Life, I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone involved. A special thank you to Danyella Loud, Felice Renard, Christina De Alexis, Lani, Alotta Whoremones, Bruce Lunquist, the entire staff of Club 2520 and the generous supporters in the audience. Together, you all made a tremendous contribution to the HIV+ and AIDS community. The clients and staff of the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson are grateful. Thank you!

Ken Leist,  
PACT Events Coordinator

DEAR READERS:

The terms "family" and "community" represent a group which understands each other, cares for one another and in effect represents themselves together. Recently I have been disappointed and let

down by the friends and family whom I hold so dear.

During the past few months I have been an active participant in a local pool tournament sponsored by a local Gay bar. One particular day two men, who were above average pool players, entered the tournament. For hours I observed the other members of the tournament ostracize these two players. People chose to not shake their hands or acknowledge their talent at the game of pool. Conversations amidst were of degradation and disrespect. Apparently these men were not welcome and it was to be demonstrated as such. The reason behind all of this behavior was that these two pool players are straight. Two heterosexual men treated as unwelcome outcasts by my homosexual brothers and sisters. People gave me the argument that the pool tournament was at a Gay bar and it should welcome Gays only.

I shake my head in shame that any person of any race, religion, creed of sexuality would discriminate against another person of a different race, religion, creed or sexuality.

Many questions, comments, rationalizations and conclusions can be said in regards to this incident, but I will sign off with only one thing. As soon as we discriminated against straights we have lost our own battle, our dignity and our self-respect. To turn the tables will be to recognize.  
Name withheld by request

DEAR EDITOR:

My name is Sergio Cano and I am writing on behalf of the Gay Young Men's Project (GYM); the first collaborative federally funded program young Gay and Bisexual men between the ages of 16 and 25, in Tucson.

The GYM Project is a community level intervention, created to address the fact that the rate of infection of HIV/AIDS is increasing alarmingly among Gay and Bisexual young men. Agencies collaborating with the GYM Project include the Tucson AIDS Project, People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson, Shanti Foundation, Wingspan, and the Pima County Health Department.

We are currently inviting young Gay and Bisexual men to be a part of the GYM Project. Our group has five active members and we are looking for at least four more. This group is responsible for all program planning, advertising, and for recruiting volunteers.

Thank you,  
Sergio Cano

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## NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

The countdown is on for PACT's annual LIFE THRU ART fund raising event to be held Saturday, September 30, at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in the Grand Ballroom. Take Sunrise to Kolb to Resort Drive. Activity begins at 5:00 P.M. with a silent auction. A live auction will take place later in the evening.

LIFE THRU ART was started five years ago by a group of dedicated artists. These concerned individuals called their artist contacts and asked them to donate a piece of artwork. They all worked on different aspects of this project. Friends were asked to work the night of the event. A mailing list was also devised.

Everything was donated: food,

M.C., auctioneer, rovers, security, auction staff, bartenders. When it was over, everyone stayed to clean up and enjoy the success of their efforts.

Volunteers are need to help with all areas including poster distribution, mailing of event flyers, and aforementioned jobs. Interested persons can volunteer by calling our office at 770-1710, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Watch this column for information announcing the volunteer organizational meeting to be held at the PACT office, 801 West Congress, in September.

I leave you with this in mind, "It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action." - Al Batt.

following logos, Miller Lite, IGRA and AGRA.

Deadline for entries will be September 10th at 5 P.M. at the AGRA State Meeting.

Selected poster does become property of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association.

For all you buckle bunnies out there, check your favorite club for surrounding rodeos. Get a few, or a bunch of friends, hop in the old grocery getter and go. Look forward to seeing everyone around at all the great events as well.

This past Sunday AGRA showed a great amount of support in representations by attending the Miss Arizona Gay America Pageant at the Leo Rich Theater - TCC. The show was done very professionally even if the winner was announced incorrectly. All in all a very enjoyable evening and the performances were outstanding. Congratulations to all!

That is all I have for now until next time, have fun and play safe.

[AGRA-Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone number, (520) 323-0805.]

*As I See It.....*

*by Clark*



## HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

By Raul Almeraz

Howdy Tucson! Hope everyone is doing well.

Upcoming events for the rest of the month of August are as follows:

Calf Roping Workshop - Saturday, August 19, contact Bryan Collins through the AGRA Hotline. The workshop will be given by Andy and Sandra Anaya.

General Membership Meeting, August 20, at IBT's.

Membership Drive, August 26,

Hours.

The Poster Contest is on and entries are coming in. There is a \$200.00 cash prize for the chosen entry. Contest guidelines are as follows:

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by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits und butter ma' buns! So he says to me: "You know, I'm kinda jealous of you Gay folks; you really don't have the responsibilities we straight folks have with kids and spouses. You even get to go on expensive vacations every year if you want to. Where you gonna leave all your money when you die?!"

It seemingly was just an idle comment but it started me thinking and wondering how many other straights think we have it better than they do are just a wee bit jealous. Of course, it's always greener on the other side of the fence, isn't it?

It might also be said that my friend was only looking at the Gays he was acquainted with through his business circles, which would have only allowed him to know those in the higher income bracket. This certainly isn't the majority of us however as most I know are just like me: struggling to make the rent and pay of our other goodies.

Granted, many of us do not have the responsibilities of raising kids, but he also didn't realize there are many of us who were or still are married with children we're raising; so we do realize that children who leave the nest never really do leave the nest and we do have money problems just as "they" do. We're more like him that he may have imagined.

Yeah, there really is a lack of knowledge in the straight community, not only about our so-called lifestyle, which truly isn't much different from their so-called lifestyle.

For every individual there is a singular distinctive lifestyle which may or may not reflect the average or "normal" lifestyle of the group entity in its stereotypicality.

I am a bit amused though, realizing there are straights who think being Gay is being better off than being straight in the areas of finances, responsibilities, recreation time, etc.

It also amuses me to see they realize they can't be Gay themselves even

if they might want all of the so-called plus factors they naive believe we have. This should be a wake-up for them to realize we also can't be straight even if we might want to, but sometimes logic is so illusive!

Now, outside of the fact that maybe only a very small percent of our community is truly rich enough to be able to buy what they want when they want it, or, to go on expensive world vacations yearly, the rest of us "po-folk" Gays and Lesbians are in financial shoes very little different from the average straight.

We budget. We pinch pennies. We plan vacations months or even years ahead of time. We don't go to doctors because of cost factors. We are just average folks.

As far as responsibilities? Straights with kids aren't the only responsible people. We have to be as responsible as anyone. Maybe we don't have kids to raise and send through College, so what! A goodly number of us do have "spouses" or lifemates. This is a very costly custom!

Responsibility looms before anyone, straight or Gay, who chooses a "spouse" or lifemate and that responsibility grows if one chooses to have children; some straight have them, some don't.

Lord knows my mate and I wanted a baby, but it never happened. We were probably very much like the straight childless couples in this aspect.

The idea that Gays and Lesbians are financially well off because we have fewer responsibilities than straights, or the idea that we are a group of irresponsible, footloose, fancy free fairies who date and spend big bucks only on ourselves!

Well, how very fanciful an idea. Straights who may believe this have overlooked the fact we are not all Queen Mothers and Princesses. 99 percent of our community live in servitude even if we do ideate the fantasy of being Royalty. So anyway dahling, where are you spending your yearly vacation this year?

IT'S LISTEN UP TIME: Featured speaker at the PFLAG Convention September 28 - October 1 this year at the Hyatt Regency-Indianapolis will be Mel White, formerly our man on the inside with Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell during Mel's lily-livered chicken poop closeted days.

White is the author of "Stranger At the Gate". Oh my god! I'm plugging another author's book! However this is a chance to support one of our own, so let's jump on the bandwagon. Mel is worth the cost of admission at P-FLAG Convention, which I assume will be open to the public.

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet.

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**POLITICS '95**  
by Mark R. Kerr

**WHAT PAY RAISE:** The proposal that would have raised the minimum wage to \$7.00 an hour within the Tucson limits will not be in 1995.

Backers of the "Tucson Livable Wage" initiative collected a total of 9,724 valid signatures, 1,214 short of the 10,938 needed for a spot on the November 7 general election ballot, Tucson City Clerk Kathy Detrick announced.

Nearly 20,000 signatures were submitted on petitions for the measure by supporters, over half of the signatures were deemed invalid. Some of the signatures came from people who were not registered city voters, while others were disqualified because the signers had not updated their voter registration after moving.

[So no pay raise and we won't get Christmas bonuses either!]

**THE MELEE BEGINS!:** As reported (Ad Nauseam!) the mayor of Tucson and three City Council members (Wards 1, 2, and 4) terms are up this year.

There will be primary elections, scheduled for September 17, for the recognized political parties to determine their standard bearers. The winners face off in the general election on November 7.

But guess what? Voting for the primary election starts tomorrow, August 17.

Huh? That's absentee voting! If you want to go to City Hall or to the Pima County Eastside Recorder's Office on August 17, you could be the first to vote in the Tucson elections.

The City Clerk's Office will be sending teams across the city throughout the elections so Tucson will have an easier time to vote.

According to City Clerk Kathy Detrick, it's too soon to tell how many registered voters will take advantage of absentee voting with the relaxed rules. Detrick said that 13 percent of Tucson voters chose to vote early, but with the contested primary elections, she said the figure could reach 20 percent.

[Of course Tucson voters will be delayed with ballot request forms (absentee) by candidates looking to put a few votes in the bank!]

For more information call the City Clerk's Office at 791-4213.

**FIVE DAYS AND COUNTING:** Well, if you want to vote in the city election, and you're a resident and for whatever reason you haven't registered yet, the deadline is approaching fast!

The deadline is Monday, August 21, at 5 P.M. If you're not registered by then, you're out of luck. Voter registration forms are located at government offices and agencies throughout town.

For more information call the County Recorder's Office at 740-8683 or the City Clerk's Office at 791-4213.

[If you don't register and don't vote and don't bitch!]

**CHERNOBYL II:** As reported first in Tucson (Observer 577). The

executive board of the Nucleus Club of Pima County, the fund raising arm of the local Democratic party decided not to hold a Democratic mayoral debate between the two contestants; this despite holding debates for the contested primary contests for the seats in Ward 1 and 4.

The decision not to hold the debate was lead by Pima County Assessor, Rick Lyons, and State Rep. George Cunningham, both of whom have made financial contributions to incumbent George Miller's campaign.

Well, the "melt down" has begun. A half dozen members of the organization have resigned to protest the action, (or lack of) by the board.

During the August meeting, Ward 1 Council member and Democratic mayoral candidate Bruce Wheeler read his resignation out loud to the members present. Former Tucson mayor Tom Volgy, publicly concurred that the executive board erred

by not holding the debate.

**YOU GO GIRL!:** Priscilla Walker, a good personal friend and a great friend and supporter of the community informed me about the recent actions by El Con Mall.

Driving down Broadway this past week, Walker noticed on the Mall's marquee sign, "Rush Limbaugh 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M." Walker called El Con's management to find out what was going on.

Walker was told that the Mall was piping in Rush Limbaugh's radio show during the aforementioned time period to encourage more people to come in and shop.

Walker called the management of the three tenant stores, J.C. Penney's, Dillard's and Montgomery Wards to get their views on this. According to Walker, the stores don't support this.

Why should we shop at a mall that has that ultra-conservative, sexist, bigoted homophobe blasting in a room or over their P.A. system. Here's the number to call El Con Management to tell them to "Flush Rush", 795-9958, and that their idea was not a good one.

**GUESS WHO, DON'T SUE:** What candidate, who's raised a ton of cash, has been wasting time telling the media, (anyone who will listen) that their opponent faked an incident where they were attacked. This despite a police report, a signed confession by the perpetrators and they are doing a long stretch in the County jail.

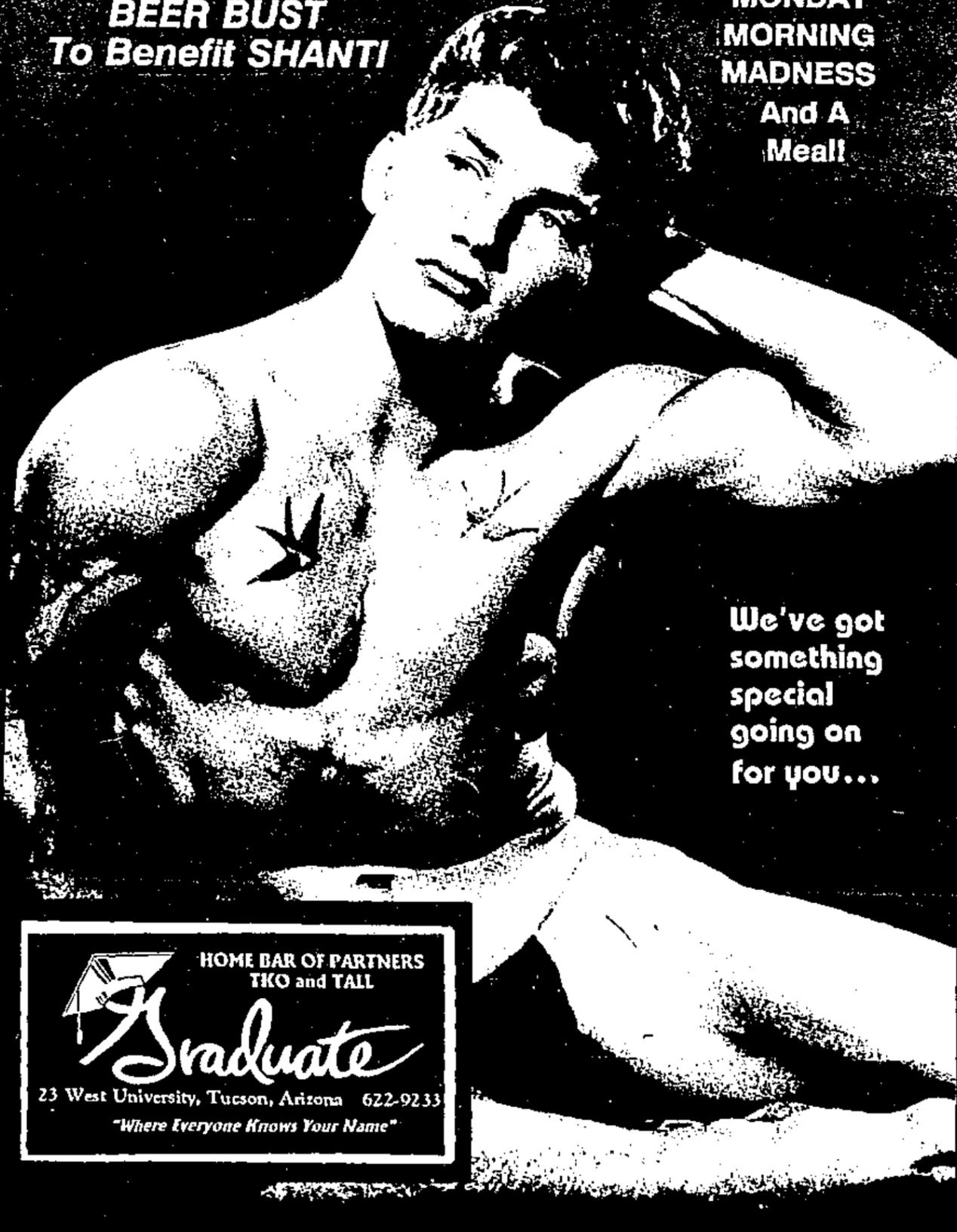
Some people are saying that no one knows where a City Council member lives these days. Guess what, we do!

**END NOTES:** Arizona Republican legislators are going to end affirmative action. They say they oppose discrimination against people. They are the ones giving produce more rights than we have...Hypocrites!

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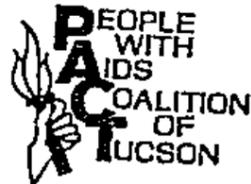
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# Gay Men and Mental Health

by Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D.

## Safer Sex And Sanity

Hello folks, it's Dr. Bob with another installment of "Gay Men and Mental Health." Although some people would consider that title an oxymoron, I prefer to think that we are doing pretty darn well for a community that has to cope daily with the compound stress of rampant homophobia and the threatening reality of AIDS.

I decided to devote my column this week to safer sex and sanity, another possible oxymoron, since worrying about safer sex can drive you to distraction! But let's try to come up with an approach to this most pressing of all topics that is ASAP (as sane as possible).

Many men think of safer sex as "Use a condom every time you fuck." This is good advice, of course, but it leaves a number of other questions unanswered. The big gray area is oral sex. In practice, few men use condoms for oral sex, but few will swallow semen.

This is the compromise that seems right to most of us. It seems like oral sex is the one thing left to use, and we're in no mood to suck rubber when good old fashioned natural fucking has been taken from us. This in spite of the fact that AIDS service organizations have increasingly warned that oral sex (with or without ejaculation) is not zero risk for HIV.

There is a small number of men who appear to have contracted the virus by unprotected oral sex. HIV is present in semen, and opinions differ about how big a risk swallowing semen represents. Is HIV present in infectious amounts in pre-cum, and there, is sucking, not to ejacula-

tion, still dangerous?

There is no solid scientific evidence on this question. Like it or not, we're operating without all the facts we need about things which had life-or-death consequences. That's why each Gay man has to gather as many facts as he can and come up with guidelines he can live with.

For some, that will be total abstinence; for most, that will mean taking calculated risks (like oral sex not to ejaculation, with selected men), knowing that the stakes are life and death. Most of us will choose to have some form of sexual expression, and don't let anybody try to make you feel guilty about that.

We're also seeing a return to at least occasional unsafe sex among Gay men. Among younger men, there is sometimes the mistaken notion that AIDS is only a disease of older Gay men, and that if your lover is also young and has only had sex with younger men, there is no need to use a rubber for fucking. Among older Gay men, there is sometimes the feeling that we're all going to die of AIDS anyway, so what's the use?

Or older Gay men are simply tired of having to worry about safety, and allow a fatalistic attitude to make them lapse in safe sex practices. (It's important to remember that a man can acquire HIV infection from even one unsafe encounter.)

It seems to me that the most important thing for HIV negative men is to decide how important it is to you never to get HIV. Those who have seen a Gay brother suffer and die from AIDS related complications have the data they need to make the assessment. This can be a merciless disease. But some of us are more motivated to avoid HIV than others.

As Albert Camus said, the only really important philosophical question is whether or not to commit suicide. Given the realities of your life, do you really want to live as long as possible? Do you find your life as a Gay man truly worth living out? If not, why not? Perhaps you can make different choices is how you live your life so that it is worth living out to a normal term of years. Following on these questions, ask yourself earnestly, What level of risk is acceptable to you?

Give these issues serious thought in your private times and come up with a set of guidelines that feel right to you, and then follow them strictly and never think about changing your guidelines during sexual activity. You can review your personal guidelines as needed during private reflection, but you should commit to never even thinking about changing your guidelines during sex as a result of pressure from a sex partner or feelings of passion. And it should go without saying that you should let each man decide these things for himself, and not pressure people to change their guidelines, even if they are stricter than yours.

It's also important to remember that, even with HIV around, the other sexually transmitted disease haven't gone away. Gonorrhea, syphilis, crabs, scabies, hepatitis and others are still out there, and Gay men still get them. Certain activities that are low risk for HIV transmission,

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We are proud of the response to our call to volunteers. Whether it's this community's response to discrimination, HIV/AIDS, personal crises, or any of a host of other causes, no one can match the generosity of Tucson's Lesbian/Gay community. TLGA is a little different in that our cause is fun. Sure there is a reward to giving of oneself, but we have a good time doing it, as well. Please join us for another "Volunteer Rally" this Thursday, August 10, at 6:30 P.M. at Wingspan.

We have received notice from the IRS that our 501 (c) 3 tax status is offi-

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## A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Jesus tell us in scripture that the greatest commandment in God's law is "Love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37), "And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) His disciple John tells us that "...God is love..." (I John 4:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

What is this "love" that is referred to so often in the Bible? Is it somehow different from what is commonly understood as "love"? As a Christian, I am often faced with questions such as "If God is love then how could he have sent the flood of Noah's time?" "How could God have ordered the destruction of entire cities and the captivity of his own people?" Much has been written about the purposes of God and all that God does for the greater good of an individual or group, however unpleasant it may be at that moment. Much has been written about gaining strength, patience, understanding,

and faith through the trials we must face in this world. We know that we do not completely understand God's purposes in all that we observe, but how well do we really try to understand our creator in the first place? We are often so busy concentrating on what he does, has done, and will do, that we overlook who he is. How much of the very nature of his love do we really understand?

Scripture tells us that we were created in God's image, meaning that we possess certain attributes and characteristics in common with God. For instance, we were created with the ability to love. Is it exactly the same love as that which God expresses? No! Not only do we not possess every attribute of God, but the ones such as love that we do have are far less intense in their expression than the same attributes when exhibited by God. God's love is much more complete than ours. His love is holy and righteous, free of sinful motives. God is an eternal spirit and therefore not limited by space or time. He is unchangeable, not subject to natural processes or circumstances. We are often ruled by our passions, but nothing rules God. He has chosen to love his disobedient human creations, in spite of all the pain that goes with it. Yes, God has feelings, and his spirit can be grieved. His love is a reflection of his entire being.

Most if not all of us have felt the pain of unreturned love. It's such a frustrating, helpless feeling, isn't it? What if you had the power to stop that pain? Would you use it? God has that power. He is certainly not helpless, but he has chosen to keep seeking after his rebellious, ungrateful children!

Jesus has promised that he will one day return for all those who have accepted him as their savior. Until then, the holy spirit of God will continue to bare witness to the hearts of all men and women. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9) God is truly the "God of love" expressed to us in an infinite number of ways. He is still reaching out to all who have not yet accepted his love. He is still reaching out to all who have not yet accepted his love. We accept his love by accepting his gift to use, Jesus Christ, as our savior. May God bless you and bring you ever closer to him.

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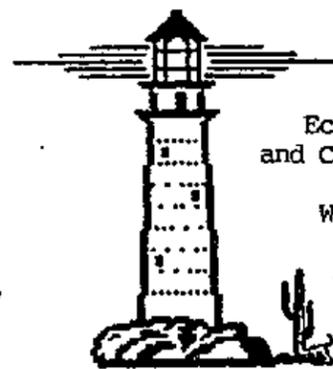
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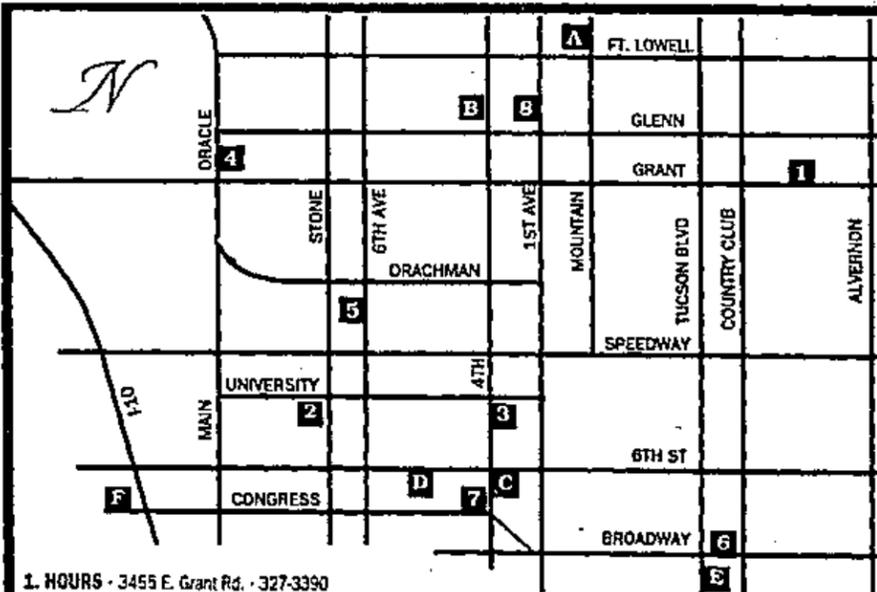


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# Safer Sex And Sanity

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such as rimming, are very high risk for transmission of hepatitis B.

All this information can be overwhelming, but it's not my intention to overwhelm. These disease are facts of Gay life and the only way to make intelligent decisions about your sex life is to make informed decision. What are some of the options we have?

Some people opt for abstinence. This is the only completely safe decision, and some are capable of making it. You can make your masturbation sessions as highly charged as possible, taking your time with yourself as you would with a lover, putting on candles and music, and using sex toys (e.g. dildoes, cock rings) to enhance your pleasure.

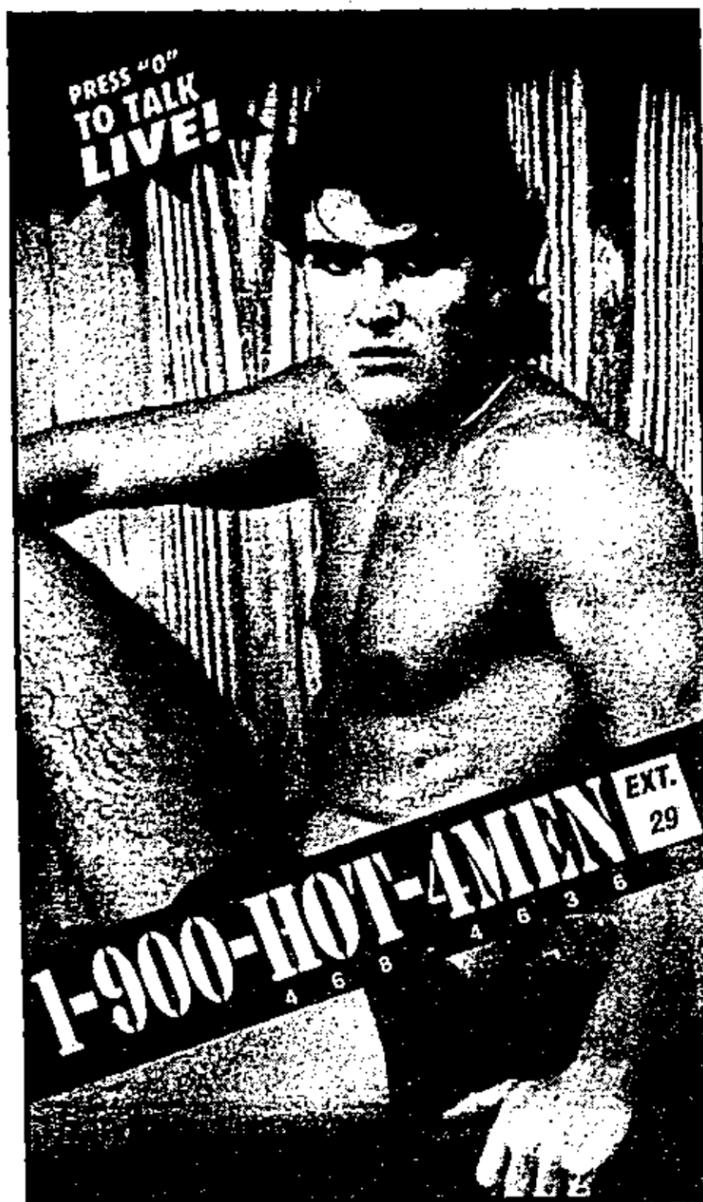
Phone sex is also completely safe. I know men who have opted to restrict most of their sexual activity to mutual masturbation, which can be very hot and very emotionally intimate as well, but is a minimal risk for disease transmission of any kind, and virtually zero risk for HIV. (Even with mutual masturbation, one should careful not to get semen near cuts or mucous membranes, for example, the eye, nose, or mouth.)

If they fall in love with someone, they go and get tested for HIV and will perhaps consider riskier sex if both are negative, but you should remember that the only way to be sure both partners are HIV negative is for both to be tested at

time A, both to be celibate or monogamous with each other (no slip-ups, no fibbing, but really monogamous) for six months, then get tested again at time A plus six months. If both are negative at that point, they may consider having unprotected sex in a monogamous relationship. But both should remember that they are trusting each other with each other's live.

I think it's liberating to realize that you can have different boundaries for different kinds of encounters. For anonymous or casual sex, your guidelines might be stricter (mutual masturbation, massage, and kissing and licking the body) than for someone you have dating for six months (mutual oral sex with ejaculation), although in no case should you indulge in unprotected anal sex except in the scenario cited above, where both partners are tested twice at six month intervals.

The most important thing is to think about these issues clearly and without denial. A person who is in denial about AIDS is much more likely to contract the virus, since he can't make clear minded decisions and he won't get the best facts. Someone who denies the existence of trucks is much more likely to be run over by one, since he won't see trucks coming. So have that safer sex talk with all sex partners before the passion begins, and if some is uncomfortable talking about safer sex guidelines, you should reconsider having sex with him, or at least make your own guidelines stricter for sex with him.



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Intellectual and talkative Mercury changes signs this week, moving from proud Leo to meticulous Virgo. We may not roar our opinions as loudly, but we sure know how to pack a punch with all of our facts and figures. Read ahead to see how Mercury in Virgo impacts each sign for the next nineteen days:

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Sizzly Mercury in Virgo strongly recommends that you turn your thoughts to work and responsibility. You are able to plan projects down to the last minuscule deal and can selflessly carry the whole project forward. This energy is also excellent for improving diet and exercise regimes as well. Time to hone that bod. No time to relax. Work! Work! Work! You can decide whether you want to heed Mercury's advice or not.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

It's time to relax and turn all those mundane thoughts into something pleasing and fun. Thankfully, Mercury in Virgo provides you mental fun galore. Turn on those creative juices and let them flow. Write, dance, paint, compose and be a muse. Queer Bulls also know that inner beauty is as important as outer beauty, so have a nice romantic dinner, complete with wine, and bring that outer beauty inside.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Thought turn homeward as Mercury enters Virgo. Involve yourself with more "around the house" type of plans. You may feel the urge to plan that dinner party of a lifetime, that long overdue major renovation or that simple paint and swatch tactic. Whatever you decide, Mercury enables you to get down to the deep and dirty, find the lowest cost and mandate the most efficient procedure.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Get out of your shell and speak your mind. Mercury in Virgo gives you the advantage in any argument so put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard) and get the rainbow word out. Virgo's energy gives you meticulous insight as well as the urge to serve the greater cause. Opponents won't know what hit 'em (you are usually so shy and unassuming) so go for the jugular with all of our blessings and hopes.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

As Mercury leaves your sign and heads into Virgo, you find you thought are turning less to you and more to your money. You can't play the great Gay benefactor forever, stern Virgo warns, you'll wind up penniless. It is high time to concentrate on personal financial obligations and your own economic future. Thankfully, Virgo is just the sign to give you a bit of practicality so strike the bank book while the planetary energy is right!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Mercury in your own sign gives you personal insight galore. You seem to know just what to say to make that perfect first impression so try to meet and greet as many new people as possible now. This affirming Mercurial energy, is also good for planning new beginnings and new projects, but start to think about things immediately. The planet moves on at the end of the month and your thoughts will soon turn elsewhere.

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**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Mystical, intuitive and spiritual thoughts creep into your consciousness. Blame it Mercury which begins its crusade into Virgo this week. Use this sacrificing energy to volunteer for a Gay charity; one where you can roll up your sleeves and make an immediate difference. Libras strive for balance and harmony while Virgo realizes that equality and dignity require work and commitment.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Friends provide you with a fabulous spark when Mercury enters Virgo. Your amazingly engaging conversations with social acquaintances enlivens your personal philosophy and may even lead you to new values and a reconsidered mission in life. Yep, your personal transformation continues. It's time to join those groups that give you a sense of pride instead of political position and status.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Mercury in Virgo turns your thoughts to career and status in the world. Merry Sags don't always have their finger on the pulse of their future, but Mercury now offers you some political insights on which to gain a corporate toe hold. Gay Archers are nothing if not lucky, so use this planetary "Get Out Of Jail Free" pass to pass go. Don't look back.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

It's time to use a little Capricornic ingenuity and plan that vacation of a lifetime. Mercury in practical Virgo enables you to gather all your materials, plot your course of action and get it for the best price. The energy is also favorable for any course of study, particularly law or higher philosophy. Mental acuity is high and you can easily focus on all the dirty details.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Thoughts turn to sex and deep personal merging above all else and who can blame you? Mercury in Virgo turns on the mental heat and brings you to a steady boil. Aquerians are usually not the most sexually stimulating of signs and particular Virgo goes hot and cold, but both signs have great imaginations. I suggest you turn a little thought into action. Imagine that.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Intellectual and communicative Mercury tangoes into Virgo this week as you begin to rethink current relationships and their future potential. Consider what is and is not important to you in another person and make your decision based on reality, not fantasy. True partnerships work when there is mutual respect and companionship. Remember, it takes two to tango!

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## AIDS Quilt To Be Archived

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through on-line technology and in multi-media packages.

"The Archive Project is the unique merging of American folk art, computer technology and AIDS awareness," said Anthony Turney, Executive Director of the NAMES Project Foundation.

Turney continues, "This archive of Quilt images will not replace the Quilt, but it will radically amplify the Quilt's powerful message about the global tragedy that is AIDS and the steps we can take to stop it." AIDS is currently the leading cause of death among Americans aged 25-44. An estimated three million people world wide have died from AIDS.

The first step in the Archive Project, photographing each Quilt panel, is already underway. The photography of the entire Quilt, which will take two to three years to complete.

Photographs of the Quilt panels are being converted into digital images and stored on CD-ROM by Luna Imaging, a California company specializing in electronic imaging and museum collections management.

Each digitized image is then coded and catalogued by The University of Massachusetts at Amherst which has designed a special database for this effort. The original idea for the AIDS Memorial Quilt Archive Project was conceived by Louise Bloomberg and Karen Lederer at UMass.

When completed, the Archive Project will preserve for future generations the panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt so that the tens of thousands of names it bears will continue to be remembered. The Project will also make images of the Quilt available on line and through multi-media AIDS education packages in school systems and libraries around the world.

As a scholarly resource, images of panels and the letters and mementos which often accompanying them, will be easily accessed by historians and educators to expand the base of knowledge about AIDS.

Finally as a management tool, the digitized images of the Quilt will give The NAMES Project Foundation the ability to plan an ever growing number of Quilt displays with greater efficiency. Some 1,600 displays of the Quilt took place in '94.

Conceived by longtime Gay rights activist Cleve Jones in November 1985, the AIDS Quilt was first displayed in Washington, D.C. in October 1987. At that time, it had 1,920 panels.

Today, the Quilt contains some 31,000 panels and occupies an area equivalent to 18 football fields.

When the entire Quilt is next displayed in Washington, D.C. in October 1996, it will comprise some 45,000 panels and cover approximately 32 acres.

To date, nearly six million people have visited the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

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### Office Manager/Volunteer Administrator

Full-time office manager/Volunteer Administrator position: Oversee and train office volunteers, develop and maintain systems management and data base program for entire organization, provide clerical and administrative support, answer phones and assist clients as needed. Applicant must have prior office management experience, data base/computer skills and the ability to work well with people.

### Training Coordinator

Part-Time position. Responsibilities include recruiting volunteers, organizing all training programs, designing training materials, screening volunteers & working with and supervising volunteers. Applicants must have prior group facilitation/training experience, outreach work experience, curriculum development and excellent communication skills.

### Community Organizer

Part-time position for HIV Prevention targeting Gay bars in Tucson. Responsibilities include developing community level intervention programs and working with all the ASOs and the Health Department staff. Must have 3-5 years experience in HIV/AIDS prevention work with the Gay community.

### Events Coordinator

Part-time position to organize and coordinate fund-raising events. Responsibilities include developing existing events, creating new ones, recruiting community representatives to help with fund raising and networking with community. Applicants must have prior fund raising experience, knowledge of the Tucson area, excellent communications and public relations skills.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

**IBT'S** - The Girlie Show starring Felice Renard, Saaba Valentine and Tatiana Ladanova. Special appearance by Lucinda Holliday - Tucson's Queen of Comedy. Showtime 9:00 p.m. sharp!

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

**IBT'S** - Underwear Nite! 9:00 p.m. to close. \$1.25 well drinks / \$1.50 domestic beer for those in their underwear. Pant check now available.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Male impersonation show plus raffle and auction items to benefit "AIDS Ride '95".

**GRADUATE** - Pool Tournament and Beer Bust to benefit Shanti of Tucson. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

**IBT'S** - Sunday Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que to benefit TLGA "OUToberfest Picnic". 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Jody live at the Biz for Boys Night Out! Proceeds donated to AIDS Walk '95. 9:30-11:00 p.m.

**HOURS** - Male Impersonator Show. Drawing for two nights at Rocky Point. Benefit for "AIDS Ride '95"

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

**IBT'S** - Male Box Nite! 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tucson's best party. Meet that man and prizes too!

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Comedienne Georgia Ragsdale 8:00 p.m. You've seen her in films and on HBO, now see her live at the Biz. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. This show will sell out soon!

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Rare Breed live! 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Salsa Sunday.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**GRADUATE** - Monday Morning Madness and a meal. Watch for more details.

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## NOW PLAYING

Borderlands Theatre production of "Lonely Planet" August 16 through September 3. In Steven Dietz's award-winning play, empty chairs become symbolic of the legacy of friends who have died prematurely of AIDS complications. Pima Community College Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre. For reservations 882-7406.

Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center will be showing an eclectic collection of mixed media pieces by artist Jerry Sampson through August 30. Artist's reception on Sunday, Aug. 5th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Wingspan Gallery 622 N. 4th Ave. Admission free. Gallery hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-5 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 1-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

**Cronies Social Club**. Mid-Month dinner at a local restaurant. Call 578-0840 for more info and RSVP.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Dinner out at Chad's, northwest corner of Swan and Ft. Lowell. Great steak and chicken. Call Steve at 795-6718 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Rainbow Families, a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet at 4:00 pm. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more info.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Take me out to the Ball Game. Join MSN friends at the Toro's baseball game night for \$4.00. Call Glenn at 290-4266 for directions, etc. Guests always welcome.

Tucson 'Downtown Saturday Night' live music and street performances in the Arts District downtown 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Tucson Prime Timers monthly meeting at Wingspan scheduled for today will not be held. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17. Guest speaker to be announced.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages). 3 p.m. BBQ at Art and Jeff's home in Vail. Enjoy their Roast Pork and flavorful hamburgers on the grill by order, plus homemade ice cream. The side dishes will be potluck. Directions are in the newsletter. Call Art or Jeff at (520)762-9135 to confirm attendance so they can prepare enough and for any additional directions needed. Guests always welcome.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 21

**Cronies Social Club**. Video Night. Call 624-6768 for more info and RSVP

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Auditions for the 1994-1996 Concert Season for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th Street (near Tyndall and University). Can't sing but want to join? Become part of Reveille's Support Section. Please call 795-7156 for more information on how you can be part of Tucson's Gay men's chorus.

**SALSA Group** (Self-Awareness Leading to Self-Acceptance) for Gay and Bisexual men meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Explore and discover yourself in a group of men under expert guidance. Not therapy but something better. For more information call Dr. Bob 623-1732.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

All HIV+ persons and their families are invited to attend the God's Love In Action (GLIA) dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner will be followed by Biago. Great Prizes. For ride or more info call 622-8860

**Dream Group** for Gay and Bisexual Men meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Dreams are the royal road to personal growth. Bring a dream to share and experience the dreams of other Gay and Bisexual men. Not therapy, something better. For more information call Dr. Bob 623-1732.

**Cronies Social Club**. Tubing down the Salt River. Watch for 2 for 1 coupons in local papers. Call 749-1142 for more info.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages). 6:30 p.m. Board game night II. All sorts of board games from which to choose. easy learning for first timers. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Extra potluck to host members of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church, from whom we rent the social hall for our monthly potlucks. Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northeast corner of Laguna and Geronimo - north of Glenn between 1st and 2nd). Bring our favorite dish to share with friends as we meet one of our goals of integrating with other Gay. For more info call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

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

**CLUB 2520** - Open House. Salsa Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance Lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-11. Progressive Dance Music 8 to 11.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Serves \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 11.

**IBT's** - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.

**STONWALL/BAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stomach opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 5-8pm 50c draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Staff Foot 4-11pm.

## monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moon and Bruce Madson \$1.25 well and shot specials 8-11. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

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

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

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

**STONWALL/BAGLE** - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stomach opens 9pm Trash Disco nite.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

## tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz!

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer & to close. C/W dancing and Country/Salsa Music 8-11.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, Schnapps 75c 7pm to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattos Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.

**STONWALL/BAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Bad ass \$1. Stomach opens at 9pm Trash Disco.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

## wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 8pm. Schnapps Shots \$1.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink specials all nite. ID required. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bad Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

**STONWALL/BAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stomach opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Casero Cold \$1.50.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Casero Cold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Too open 8:30pm.

## thursday

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

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Frick T-Shirt Specials - \$1.50 domestic & well drinks for those in say Gay-themed T-shirt. Dart Tonnage at 8, \$2 key-in with bar matching the pot.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 11.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.

**STONWALL/BAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Peter special all night long. Stomach opens 9pm. Hot male strippers.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool open 8:30pm

## friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Horn D'Overture

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. Extended 99c Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. C/W dance 8-11

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 100lb dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Lunacy 9-11. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

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# The Queer World Of "Victor Victoria"

by William Randall Beard

NEW YORK, NY - Julie Andrews in drag, in the 1982 film *Victor/Victoria* is one of the quintessential Gay images of the 1980s.

Now, 13 years later, she's back, in a stage version of the story which had its world premier in Minneapolis on June 18 on its way to Broadway opening in October. What's old is suddenly new again, and decidedly more queer. The musical is much more Gay positive than the film.

In the familiar story, Andrews plays Victoria Grant, an unemployed opera singer in 1935 Paris. Under the tutelage of a Gay cabaret performer, Toddy (Tony Roberts), she begins pretending to be a man in order to create a sensation as a female impersonator. She falls in love with a Chicago gangster, King Marchan (Michael Nouri), who is in Paris with his moll, Norma (Rachel York), and body-guard, Squash (Gregory Jbara).

Minneapolis was chosen as the site for the world premier because, as producer Tony Adams explains, "it was imperative that we have a sophisticated theater audience used to seeing major productions. We need sophisticated feedback." The Twin Cities has more theaters per capita, than any other city in the country.

The decision was also based on Minneapolis' geographic distance from New York. It offered the opportunity for developing the show away from the glare of New York critics.

The show is still very much a work in progress. In its four week Minneapolis run, they never performed the same show twice. Changes in dialogue, staging and musical numbers were installed daily as the cast worked from noon to midnight. Over the run, the show was cut by more than half an hour.

Aficionados of the film will recognize much of the play's dialogue, but there is also a much more frank discussion of homosexuality. This becomes clear right from the start as Toddy cruises his way through his opening number.

More significant is the relationship of Victor and King. In the film, King hides in Victor's bathroom and spies on him/her. When he kisses her, he already knows she's a woman.

In the play, he's unable to make that discovery and in his big song, "King's Dilemma," he struggles with the possibility of loving a man, musing on taking his "boyfriend" back to Chicago. When he ultimately kisses Victor, he chooses on the basis of love rather than gender.

The relationship between Toddy and Squash was only hinted at in 1982. They now have several scenes, including a celebration of Squash's coming out. At one point, Toddy blows a kiss which Squash reaches out to catch in a gesture that is sweet and tender affirmation of their love.

It's sad that they have no song together. That was an early casualty of the overlong second act.

Even Victor's ballad, "Crazy World," takes on an added resonance in the stage version. In the film, it's simply a song that Victor sings on stage at the nightclub. In the play, it's her reaction to catching sight of herself in a mirror for the first time in a tuxedo. The song becomes a more immediate, and poignant, reflection on her gender escapades.

Adams pointed out that much of this Gay content would have been impossible in 1982. "But thank God we're all comfortable making those decisions today!" he exclaimed.

The show has been incredibly popular in Minnesota, earning more than \$3 million dollars in ticket sales during its brief run. It clearly appeals to a broad section of the theater going public, not only Gay men, but also older audiences, who come to see Andrews, and Lesbians.

Julie Andrews has been a Lesbian icon for decades. "So many women realized that they were dykes after *The Sound of Music*," one audience member explained. Women came to *Victor/Victoria*, sometimes in groups of 20, to indulge their crushes.

And they were not disappointed. In another scene not in the film, Norma asks King to dance, but he declines, encouraging Victor to oblige. What follows is a tango between Andrews and York that is sensuously erotic. It is also screamingly funny, as Victor continually forgets that he/she's supposed to lead.

With her grueling schedule, Andrews has not been available to the public, but her reputation for sweetness has been well-earned. At an early performance, the malfunctioning of a hydraulic lift caused a 15 minute delay in a scene change. She came out in front of the show curtain and entertained the audience during the interim. That kind of largesse proved typical.

The irony that this quintessential Gay musical was created by a bunch of straight men is not lost on producer Adams. He claimed that those involved felt a greater responsibility, being straight, to be authentic to the Gay experience. And they've created a show that maintains a nice balance, allowing Gay people to feel honored by it, while inviting in heterosexual people as well.

Typical of the men in the production is Jbara, who in addition to playing Squash will also be appearing in the new film *Jeffrey*, as a preoperative transsexual. Though straight, he has dealt with these issues in his family. He has two siblings, a brother and sister, who are both Gay. "It's not really my mission," he said, "But I feel no compunction about doing these roles because of the way I grew up."

This production of *Victor/Victoria* is modeling a world where Gay and straight artists alike can comfortably work without regard to orientation. That would be a queer world indeed!

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