

## Gays Attract Stiff Long Distance Competition

### Big Differences In Telephone Services Targeting Gays

by Stephen Chrysler

SAN DIEGO, CA - The significance of the Gay market has become utterly apparent to telecommunications corporations. Many long distance companies now viciously compete for the Gay dollar and promise monetary support to Gay organizations. Charges of anti-Gay behaviors, fraudulent donation claims, and poor service are being flung between firms.

"If you have the ability to contribute to a cause that you care about by just selecting a certain long distance company, then it seems like a natural choice to me," stated David Smith, Communications Director of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political group.

"Just because someone is marketing to the Gay community and is providing a program doesn't really mean that they are committed to anything except getting Gay customers and Gay dollars," warned Jeff Vitale, owner of Overlooked Opinions and Community Spirit, the first major Gay Long-distance company.

### "THE CHECKS AREN'T BEING GOTTEN"

"I've come across at least 3 major companies out there that are promoting affinity programs and to my knowledge and to the knowledge of the people that are supposed to be receiving the checks, the checks aren't being gotten. Things that are promised aren't being received. Promotions which are offered aren't being distributed properly," explained Gina Scialla, owner of GMS Auditing & Consulting Services, a New York firm that specializes in auditing utility firms.

### TWO MAIN CATEGORIES

These firms fall into two main categories, "affinity marketing" and "Gay supportive". An affinity firm negotiates with a specific nonprofit organization to encourage its members and supporters to use that certain firm in return for the organization getting a percentage of what the supporters spend on long distance calls.

"Gay supportive" firms, which advertise directly for long distance users, claim to disperse a percentage of the proceeds among a group of nonprofit organizations. Of such firms, Working Assets claims 1%, Pride Network claims 3%, and Community Spirit claims 3%. The nonprofit organizations receive checks but are

not provided verifiable information about what each individual supporter spent. Such a system has led to complaints and accusations that some of these firms aren't distributing the money properly. There have also been complaints about some affinity programs.

### HOODWINK INNOCENT PEOPLE

Tom Kidd, national Marketing Manager, for Preferred Telecom, a new Dallas based firm, that was confident that his progressive internal policies, special new features such as a voice-controlled calling card, and generous donation percentages would make charities eager.

He was unpleasantly surprised that major nonprofit organizations such as Aid for AIDS (AFA) in Los Angeles didn't want to receive a percentage of Preferred Telecom's sales unless Preferred Telecom paid thousands of dollars in advance and guaranteed up to \$10,000 per month.

Kidd lamented that many nonprofit organizations were disappointed in the actual donations of the current "charitable" long distance companies and felt their names had been used to hoodwink innocent people into using a substandard service often at higher prices. The charities complained that more money was clearly being spent on advertising than help the non-profits. One example given was the cost of a twice monthly full page advertisement in the Advocate being over \$5,400 per insertion, an amount considerably higher than any charity was receiving.

"Regrettably, leaders of Gay and Lesbian organizations have told us that they were promised quarterly royalties by Overlooked Opinions, but that the money has not been paid," and, "we have already sent more than \$250,000 to Overlooked Opinions, nearly one-third of which (approximately \$80,000) was for charitable organizations. We became alarmed when we learned that the contributions have not made their way to the organizations that were supposed to receive them." reads a press release dated February 25, 1994, for Trans National Communications' (TNC) recently formed Pride Network. The copy of the old press release was provided by Overlooked Opinion's attorney, Craig Clark of The Michigan-based E Pluribus Law Firm.

Overlooked Opinions' Jeff Vitale tells a different version of the story. Vitale claims that TNC withheld the com-

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## AZ Hate Crimes Ordinance Passes Senate AIDS 'Education' Bill Passes House

by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - S.B. 1078, a hate crimes ordinance including "sexual orientation" was approved by the Arizona State Senate this past week. H.B. 2202, which would misinform school children about HIV/AIDS and sex education was approved by the State House.

The hate crimes ordinance was overwhelmingly approved by the State Senate by a vote of 21-9. The southern Arizona Senators voted as follows: YES - Soltero (LD 10), Goudinoff (LD 11), Day (LD 12), Noland (LD 13), and Solomon (LD 14). NO - Bee (LD 9)

Senator Patricia Noland, the sponsor of the hate crimes ordinance said in an earlier interview, that the impetus behind the bill was the past six years when the Attorney General's office had gathered statistics on hate crimes that had occurred. "Law enforcement officials see that these crimes have and do occur and we need to do something about this," she said.

Senator Noland went on about S.B. 1078, "This is a clearly defined bill which has the support of community leaders and law enforcement officials. We must act now and enhance the laws relating to sentencing." Noland said the measure has received the backing of State Attorney General, Grant Woods and Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley.

When reached for comment, Tucson Senator Peter Goudinoff (D) said

### Calling All Bartenders; Benefit For MPS

TUCSON - It began on Valentines Day, Feb. 14. A six week competition for "Best Original Recipe" by a Tucson Gay bartender to benefit the National MPS Society.

This article was to have been in last week's issue of Observer, but because of the record number of Valentines that were received there was no room for this story, among others. Therefore the deadline for recipe entries has been moved to Thursday, Feb. 29. when bartenders must submit a Recipe Entry Form along with a \$25.00 entry fee. (Checks should be made payable to the National MPS Society). Only 20 recipes will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Once all the entries are submitted, two recipes will be featured at every Gay bar each Wednesday night. The featured cocktail(s) and creator(s) will be an-

"The business community is concerned with the economic impact of not having an hate crimes ordinance."

Tucson Senator Ruth Solomon (D) said, "S.B. 1078 is long time in coming, way past due. If we don't protect people's right we are derelict in our duty." She went on, "The State Senate is send a message that crimes based on sexual orientation, age, and physical disability should carry a more aggravated sentence."

Solomon said the bill has a shot in the House, despite reservations raised by Republican leaders. As of press time the bill has not been assigned to a committee for consideration.

The other side of the legislature, the State House of Representatives are sending a mixed message.

H.B. 2202, which would misinform school children about sex education, embracing abstinence, promoting marriage, misinformation about HIV/AIDS passed the House by a vote of 31-28.

Southern Arizona Representatives voted as follows: YES - Schottel (LD 12); Preble and McGibbon (LD 9). NO - Cajero and Hubbard (LD 10), Richardson and Garcia (LD 11), Hershberger (LD 12); Nichols and Cunningham (LD 13); Pickens and Horton (LD 14).

The bill now goes on the Senate for consideration. As of presstime H.B. 2202 had not been assigned to a committee for consideration.

nounced weekly in the Observer. Prior to the competition, a photo of all entrants and an article will advertise the competition. This will appear in the March 6th issue of Observer.

With the purchase of the featured cocktail or shot, customers will receive a judging form to rate the cocktail.

Customers will also have the opportunity to purchase a special "Taste Tester" button for \$5.00 which entitles them to purchase the featured cocktail or shot at \$1.00 off the regular price for the entire length of the competition.

Cocktail or shot recipes must be created from no more than 3 types of liquor, not to exceed one 'call' liquor. The price of the cocktail should not exceed \$3.50.

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# UPDATE

## Effort To Bring Quilt To Tucson Is Underway

TUCSON - The NAMES Project Foundation AIDS Memorial Quilt has been displayed in Phoenix, but never in Tucson. Now, the Tucson Committee for a Better Tomorrow, a non-profit community group, is trying to bring the AIDS quilt here.

The Tucson Committee announced its intentions on bringing the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to southern Arizona. A host committee is in the process of being formed and there is a need for over 150 volunteers to become involved.

The volunteers, more than 150, will be needed for fund raising, promotions, education, grant writing, logistics, merchandising, volunteer development, quilt-making and more. The host committee is urging those interested in getting involved to call (520) 886-8724.

The effort to bring the quilt starts now and will continue through December of this year.

Also, those who already have submitted, or wish to submit quilts made in memory of people who died of AIDS are urged to contact the Tucson Committee for a Better Tomorrow if they wish to have their quilts included in the Southern Arizona display, call (520) 886-8724.

The NAMES Foundation does allow for special requests, but those request take time, and the Committee for a Better Tomorrow needs the panel numbers as soon as possible.

For further information, call the Tucson Committee for a Better Tomorrow at (520) 886-8724, or write to: 7409 East Tanque Verde Road, #316, Tucson, AZ 85715.

## Speaker on Sexuality Feb. 27&28

TUCSON - "Body and the Sacred" is theme for a seminar featuring James B. Nelson, UCC pastor and professor of Christian ethics, February 27-28, at Saguardo Christian Church, 8302 East Broadway, Tucson.

Nelson's lectures will deal with "Sexuality and Spirituality: the Hunger for Reunion", "Gender in Church and

Ministry", "Sexual Orientation: How We Can Hear the Voices", and "Sexuality and the Church's Mission". Plan to hear this nationally known Gay friendly speaker.

Cost for the seminar is \$65. For more information, call Saguardo Christian Church, 296-5901.

## New Outreach for Gay & Lesbian Catholics

TUCSON - A Gay and Lesbian Support Group, including family members, has formed and will meet the 3rd Monday of each month at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m.

The group recognizes that Gay and Lesbian Catholics are searching to integrate their sexual identity with their faith. The monthly meetings are designed to give the opportunity to foster a spirit of compassion, understanding and fellowship for and among Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their families.

It is a time that they can share mutual support in living out their lives of faith within the church.

For more information contact Anna Marie through the Parish Office, 885-3573.

## New GLIA Coordinator Appointed; GLIA Luncheon Schedule Changed

TUCSON - At the last board meeting of Cornerstone Fellowship, Jerry Rawlins was appointed the new coordinator of GLIA.

Rawlins has been serving as GLIA's luncheon coordinator for the last year and a half. Jerry is starting off by making some schedule changes.

GLIA will be switching from a monthly Thursday evening dinner to bi-monthly luncheons to be held on the first and third Sunday of every month at 1:30 P.M. in the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall beginning in March.

If you are interested in becoming a GLIA volunteer, or would like to know more about GLIA, call 622-8860.



## In Memoriam



ANDY WEBBER JR.

January 21, 1961 - February 12, 1996

Andy passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his soul mate Tony Owens, family and close friends Priscilla, Milia and his birds.

Andy had a big heart and a big temper. He was someone who felt his emotions in a powerful way and didn't know the meaning of "finding a happy medium".

He loved and welcomed everyone who was a part in his life and he was a man of impeccably good taste. Determined and well accomplished all of his goals. He will be remembered for his pearly white smile. One thing that Andy taught us all is that "Love has no boundaries".

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Tucson AIDS Project.

"We will all miss you, Andy."

## Calling ALL Bartenders

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The winning original recipe will be determined by customer ratings. The winning bartender will receive a trophy and dinner for two at a local restaurant and his recipe will be submitted for inclusion in the Mr. Boston Bar Recipe Book.

Because of the shortness of time, bartenders who may not have been contacted, may use the entry form found on page twenty in this issue of Observer which also contains the rules of this interesting competition.

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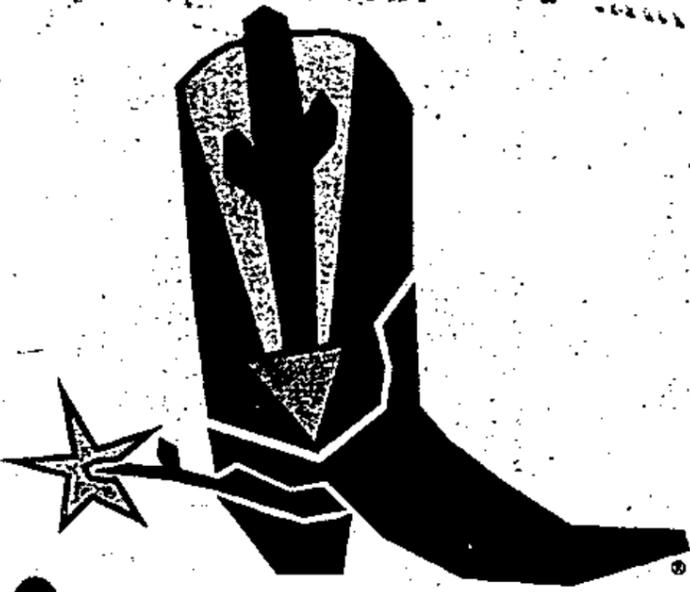
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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - THRU JAN. 1, 1996

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	1990 POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS THRU			DIED	CASES OF ARC THRU			DIED	CASES OF HIV+ THRU			DIED
		JUNE '95	OCT. '95	JAN. 96		JUNE '95	OCT. '95	JAN. 96		JUNE 95	OCT. 95	JAN. 96	
APACHE	66,299	7	7	7	6	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	0
COCHISE	105,671	36	36	36	23	7	8	9	1	40	40	41	3
COCONINO	108,381	30	32	33	20	0	0	0	0	22	22	23	3
GILA	42,845	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
GRAHAM	29,094	8	8	8	6	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	0
GREENLEE	8,617	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	15,522	8	8	8	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	0
MARICOPA	2,399,600	2852	3013	3141	2048	631	651	666	93	1804	1821	1837	157
MOHAVE	116,523	54	57	61	32	5	5	6	1	36	35	33	7
NAVAJO	84,156	14	14	15	9	2	2	2	0	4	4	4	1
PIMA	751,311	867	891	915	612	175	183	181	18	534	543	551	46
PINAL	128,820	54	54	55	36	6	6	6	0	35	36	36	2
SANTA CRUZ	33,340	12	13	13	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
YAVAPAI	123,894	44	45	46	32	9	10	10	0	31	32	34	4
YUMA	120,827	50	52	51	27	9	9	9	2	51	51	52	5
UNKNOWN		3	3	5	2	1	1	1	0	110	110	110	3
TOTALS	4,134,894	4051	4245	4406	2872	847	877	892	117	2684**	2711*	2738**	231

\*\* NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 2,430 PERSONS [1331 IN MARICOPA COUNTY AND 726 IN PIMA COUNTY] HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION. THIS REPORT IS NOW ISSUED QUARTERLY BY ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.



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## "So Were We, Jeff, So Were We!"

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Despite bad weather, snow, rain, hail, and pestilence, voters went to the polls and selected their presidential preference.

The ultra-conservative, former television commentator Pat "Attila" Buchanan has been declared the winner by the television networks.

The former front runner, Kansas Senator Bob Dole was second, with former Tennessee Governor, Lamar Alexander in third. Multizillionaire publisher Steve Forbes came in fourth.

The "traveling medicine show" goes to Delaware and Arizona in the next week. Yes, the nation gets to focus on AZSHAM; the \$4 million dollar fiasco, called a primary.

So kids, get ready for the media hordes, candidate mobs, and those nauseating commercials. Gotta love it!

**WELL, DUH!** The national media reported this past Monday, that Republican presidential candidate Pat "Attila" Buchanan would not have an openly Gay or Lesbian serve in his cabinet, if he's elected. Like that's going to happen!

Gez, an ultra-conservative, religious-fanatic, homophobic social fascist who is friends with the Rev. Donald Wildmon of the Traditional Values Coalition, and David Duke, stating no Gays and Lesbians who are out, won't serve in his administration, because he doesn't believe in their "lifestyle".

With Buchanan's past record of homophobic statements in the past, tell us something we didn't already know!

**MILITARY & HIV:** As reported in past issues, the Congressional attempt to repeal the discriminatory provision of the Defense Authorization Bill, which mandates the automatic discharge and reduction in benefits of military service personnel who test positive for HIV, has started.

In the House, H.R. 2959 has been introduced. The bill's initial sponsors are a bipartisan group, consisting of Reps., Torklidsen (R-MA), Morella (R-MD), Harmon (D-CA), and Dellums (D-CA). H.R. 2959 has 93 co-sponsors signed up. According to Winnie Stackelberg of the Human Rights Campaign, the bill has not been referred to committee yet, but action is expected soon.

Congressmen Kolbe (R-CD 5) and Pastor (D-CD 2) have not signed on to the measure. We need them to get on the bandwagon. Call Kolbe's local office at (520) 881-3588, and Pastor's local office at (520) 624-9986 and leave messages urging them to sign on to H.R. 2959.

In the Senate, the measure has not been introduced yet, but the concept of the bill has 37 cosponsors. Stackelberg stated that the measure will be introduced shortly by the bill's initial sponsors, Senators Cohen (R-ME) and Kennedy (D-MA).

**ENDA UPDATE:** The Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) of 1995, H.R. 1863, S.932, stalled in their respective houses in the 104th session so far, may see some new life.

Winnie Stackelberg of the Human Rights Campaign stated that a new strategy is being conceived, so that the House measure will go through the Small Busi-

ness Committee, which is chaired by Massachusetts Republican Peter Torklidsen, a co-sponsor of ENDA.

Stackelberg said this is not a "done deal" yet, but it is a promising move on behalf of a bill, being sat on by the "Salamander".

**BILLS, MORE BILLS!** H.B. 2138, the measure that would establish an HIV/AIDS pilot education program passed the House Health Committee by a vote of 7-4. The bill now moves on to the House Appropriations Committee, which has not been given a hearing date.

H.B. 2201, the measure that would test all incoming prisoners for HIV, passed the House Committee of the Whole (COW) and awaits third reading by the State House.

H.B. 2202, the bill that would misinform school youth about HIV/AIDS, and force feed abstinence down their "throats", passed COW and was approved on it's third reading by a vote of 31-28 [See accompanying story].

The southern Arizona Representatives voted as follows: YES - Schottel, McGibbon and Preble. NO - Richardson, Garcia, Hershberger, Nichols, Cunningham, Horton, and Pickens.

S.B. 1078, the statewide hate crimes ordinance passed over two hurdles this past week. [See accompanying story.] S.B. 1078 was approved by COW on a voice vote and was passed by the full Senate in its third reading, 21-9. The southern Arizona Senators voted as follows: YES - Soltero, Goudinoff, Day, Noland and Solomon. NO - Bee.

S.B. 1392, the bill which would arbitrarily allow foster parents to test potential foster children for HIV is held at COW, as of press time. [With the way this bunch is operating, expect it to be voted on soon.]

So it goes for now kids!



## Share Bears Report

by Anne Maley

**TUCSON** - On behalf of the staff and Board of the Shanti Foundation, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Share Bears a huge success during 1995.

Specifically, I want to thank all of you who reached deep into your pockets on the first Saturday night of each month. If it were not for the dedicated and committed Shanti volunteers who collect the money and help organize the event each month, Share Bears wouldn't be as effective as it is, thank you to all who enable us to conduct this fund raiser for our clients. Your ongoing support of the AIDS service organizations never goes without notice.

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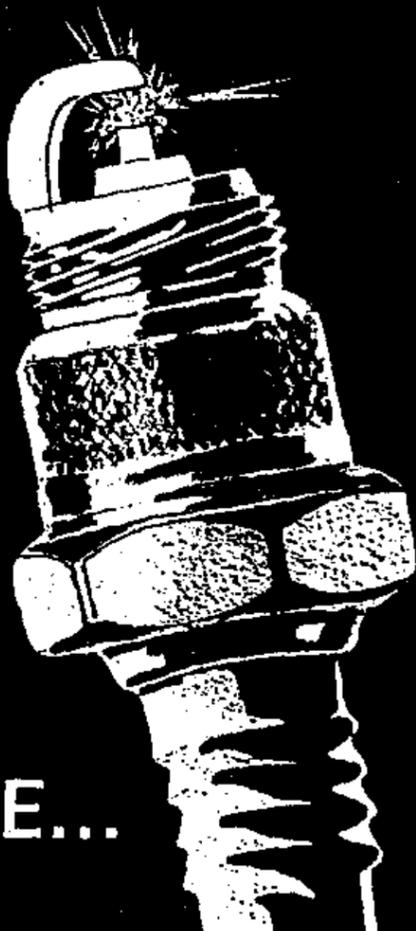
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Please continue to open your hearts and pockets on the first Saturday night of each month at the bars, your donations really do make a difference! And remember, 100% of your donations go directly to clients.

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# Surfing with Cyber-Queers

by Anne C. Schmitt



## "The Best Laid Plans Of Mice And Men"

Nobody said that life on the Internet was without its own twists and turns. As many of you know the address I had hoped to have for the Electronic Observer is not the one where it is currently posted. The simple reason being that the folks who grant domain names for Internet service went and gave away the one I chose on the day I submitted it. So now some communications company in Boulder is getting lots of hits on their pages from queers in Tucson. Oops.

The computer that tells you if the name is open for use had said that is was there for my claiming but the other guys got there with the same name literally hours ahead of me and nobody had put into the system yet. This matter is currently being resolved and hopefully by next issue we will have our own address etched in stone and all that jazz. (And thanks for all the calls to let me know that you did log on and find the Electronic version at it's temporary address.)

For now the Electronic Observer can be found at:

<http://nakoupe.com/~visidog/observer>

Much thanks to my pal Roger who is letting us reside there until this gets cleared up.

So, the first issue is up online. I have gotten some positive feedback from several folks both in the phone calls and email. This week I will add a couple more sections: The Best of Clark, Goods & Services, and the Community Calendar. There will also be a couple new links to local pages and announcements for upcoming additions.

Check us out and let me know what you think. Also, take the time to acknowledge the folks who are sponsoring these pages. Let them know you saw their banner ads on the World Wide Web.

When I was putting in links for last week's copy I was happy to see that the Old Pueblo Valentine's Softball Tournament had a web page. I added that link to their story. The problem was that I had to an extensive Web search to find it, if someone would just let me know that these pages are out there, I will check them out and link them to our local events.

I have gotten email from the folks who do the Halloween Invitational Bowling Tournament and they sent me their address; likewise I got some nice email from AZHairyman who includes on his page a link for the calendar of events for the Men's Social Network. Thanks guys, this is what networking is all about. Both of these guys have already added links to the Electronic Observer on their pages.

In another Web search I discovered that PACT has a Homepage...I wonder why they don't put the address in their print ads? I would. And who else has a page they are filling full of community information in hopes that someone will stumble across it with Yahoo or Web-Crawler? If you email me with the address I will include it in the Observer. If you prefer you can even call and leave it on my answering machine. Let's make the Internet work for us and not just flounder around in bits and pieces.

To the many folks who have cornered me about learning about the Internet, access providers, computers in general...please be patient for a few weeks until I get this Electronic horse saddle broke. I have been talking to some folks who are willing help me put on some free forums complete with computers to show and tell for our community. This will take a bit of organizing and locating spaces where we can do it but will definitely be worth the wait. My computer nerd pals and myself really are committed to see that everyone possible is able to get onto the Information Highway and not get stuck at the Truck Stop.

In the paper this week, in little piles at the various bars and online, you will find the form for the Electronic Classifieds. These can be fun little messages or ads for services or a way to meet the person of you dreams...be creative. Just fill out the form and either mail it into the Observer or come to Milagro Coffee House this Thursday from 7 to 9 P.M. where you will find me (and another pile of forms) at the back table taking classified copy, assigning email codes to those without computers and drinking too much coffee. This will be a weekly spot for me and could develop into a fun thing if a bunch of us get into email and the options of sending classifieds around the world. Remember, you don't have to have a computer to take advantage of Electronic Classifieds. Stop by and ask me how it works.

Until next week, the questions I hear is "Are you crying or is it just eye strain?"

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(ED NOTE: Welcome to a series of columns by David Bianco. David has a master's degree in history from Stanford University. He teaches "Introduction to Lesbian and Gay History" and "Gay and Lesbian Politics: Issues and Strategies" at the West Hollywood-Based Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education (IGLE). He may be reached at arbianco@aol.com or (310)859-8485. His column brings a unique historical flair to the pages of Observer. We hope you will enjoy).

# PAST OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

March on Washington and consistent inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in his "Rainbow Coalition" convinced many liberal Gay Democrats that he was their best candidate in years.

Was Bill Clinton the first presidential candidate to openly support Gay and Lesbian rights?

Gay and Lesbian voters in 1992 were energized by then-Governor Bill Clinton's promises on a wide range of community issues, from AIDS to Lesbians and Gays in the military. Gays and Lesbians provided Clinton's election campaign with crucial dollars, volunteers and votes, helping provide the margin of victory in states such as Georgia and Ohio. But the Gay and Lesbian community has played an active role in many previous presidential campaigns, sometimes with significant support from the candidates.

In fact, the most important Gay-rights organization of the 1950s, the Mattachine Society, was originally conceived as a way for Gay men to support a presidential candidate: progressive former-Vice President Henry Wallace.

Gay rights pioneer Harry Hay attempted to organize among the Gay men he knew in Los Angeles, and some of them suggested he call their group "Fruits for Wallace" or "Queers for Wallace." Hay instead proposed "Bachelors for Wallace," but the group never really advanced past the idea stage.

Perhaps because of McCarthyism, perhaps because of the lack of an appeal-

ing candidate, Gays and Lesbians as a group largely stayed out of the presidential elections of the 1950s and 1960s. But in 1972 the Democrats nominated a candidate who had publicly supported Gay rights as early as 1970 - George McGovern. Many Gays and Lesbians had worked hard for McGovern during the primaries, and in return, McGovern allowed a convention debate on including a Gay-rights plank in the party's platform.

Thus San Francisco Gay activist Jim Foster and Buffalo Lesbian activist Madeline Davis addressed the convention on national television in support of Lesbian and Gay rights. Twenty years later many newspapers reported Roberta Achtenberg's 1992 Democratic Convention speech as the first such address by an openly Gay person, having apparently forgotten about the remarkable moment in 1972 when Foster told the convention and the nation:

"We do not come to you pleading your understanding or begging your tolerance.... We come to you affirming our pride in our life-style, affirming the validity of our right to seek and to maintain meaningful emotional relationships, and affirming our right to participate in the life of this country on an equal basis with every citizen."

Despite his earlier promises (he even ran ads in *The Advocate*), McGovern later backed off his pro-Gay stands under the pressure of a homophobic general public. Sound familiar?

Presidential candidate Jimmy

Carter declared support for Gay rights early in 1976, and even sent his handsome son Chip to campaign in the Castro during the California primary. A month before the convention, however, he withdrew his support for a Gay rights plank, effectively dooming the measure.

Though activists threatened that 10,000 Gays and Lesbians would protest at a rally outside the New York City convention, fewer than a thousand actually showed up. During the general election, incumbent President Gerald Ford fared no better with Gay voters, unable to even comment when Michigan Gay activists buttonholed him about America's restrictions on Gay immigrants.

In 1980, Carter again refused to support a Gay-rights plank in the Democratic platform, and much of the Gay and Lesbian activist vote in the primaries went to Sen. Edward Kennedy. Of course, in the general election Ronald Reagan was the other choice so most voters for whom Gay rights was a main issue held their noses and voted for the defeat-bound President.

Early in his campaign for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, former Vice President Walter Mondale took the risky step of addressing over 1,000 Gay activists at a human rights dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Mondale was received enthusiastically, despite the fact that he never mentioned Gay rights in his speech. A 100,000-strong Gay-rights march outside the Democratic National Convention that year helped ensure the passage of several Gay-rights planks, including one relating to AIDS research, in the Democratic platform.

Neither Governor Michael Dukakis nor Vice President George Bush aroused much enthusiasm among Gays and Lesbians in the 1988 elections. In fact, the only candidate who elicited strong support within the organized Gay and Lesbian community was Rev. Jesse Jackson, whose moving speech at the 1987

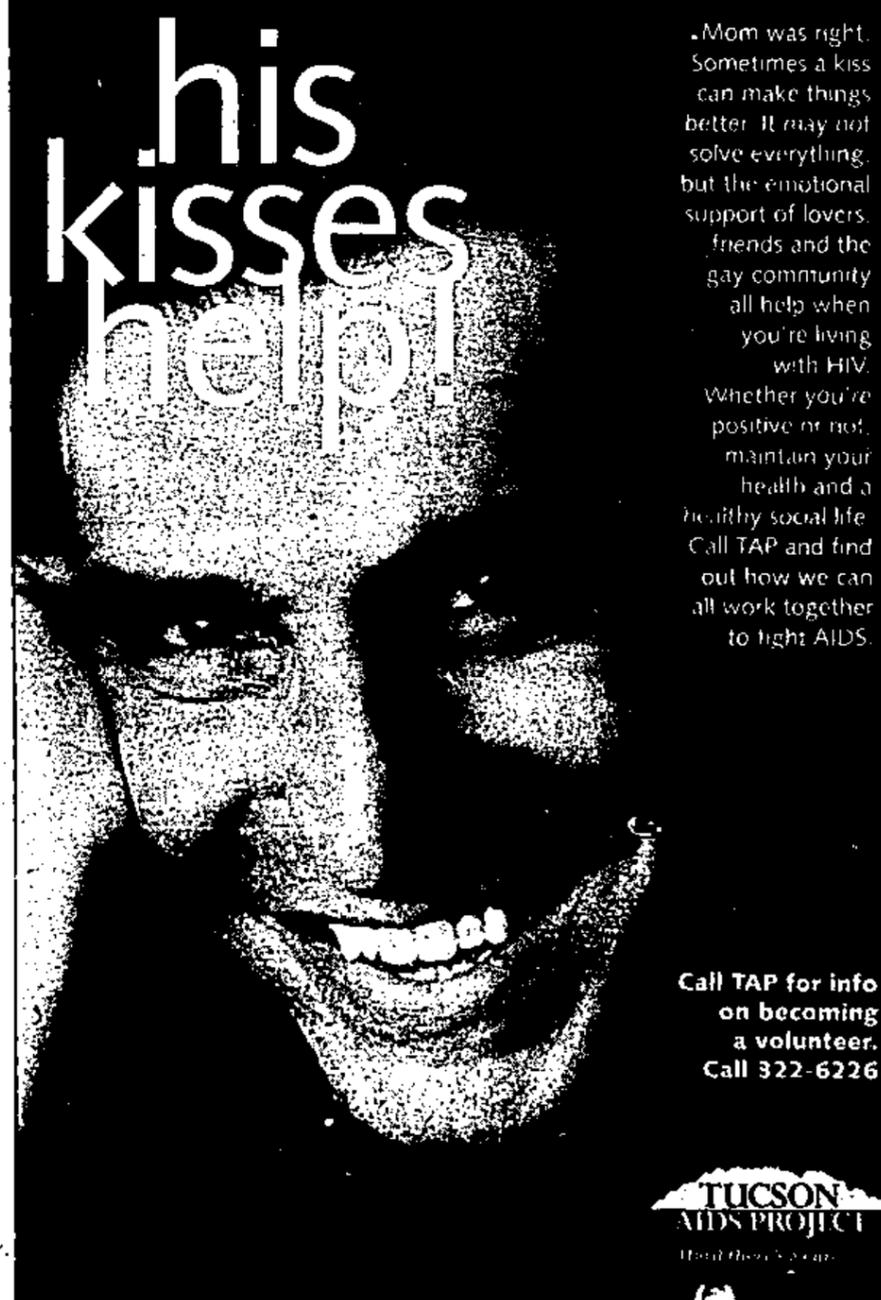
The 1992 election is a familiar story, with all the Democratic candidates (Clinton, Tom Harkin, Jerry Brown, Paul Tsongas, and Bob Kerrey) coming out in support of Gay and Lesbian rights early in the primary season. In the general election, of course, Clinton stood out from George Bush and Ross Perot in his consistent promises on Gay rights and AIDS.

And what of the 1996 elections? The Republican candidates certainly have little history of support for the community's issues: Sen. Phil Gramm got elected to the Senate in 1984 in part by attacking his opponent's acceptance of money from a Gay rights group. Sen. Bob Dole can't seem to decide whether he wants to accept Gay money in this race. Pat Buchanan once called AIDS "nature's awful retribution" for Gays' "war on nature."

Rep. Bob Dornan is so homophobic his opponents entitled a biography and collection of his quotes "Shut Up, Fag." And son-of-a-Gay Malcolm Forbes, Jr. has yet to take a strong stand in favor of laws that would ensure that no American has to live the kind of sad double life his father lived.

Will Gays and Lesbians who feel betrayed by Clinton's abandonment on Gays in the military and the Colorado case hold their noses and vote to re-elect the president who has taken more pro-Gay steps than any other? Or will an independent candidate, perhaps Lowell Weicker or Jesse Jackson, present Gays with a choice they can vote for with confidence? This month's primaries and caucuses kick off the election season, so we'll find out soon.

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Howdy ladies and gents! As most of you know it is almost Gay rodeo time here in "The Old Pueblo". We are one very busy bunch of boys and girls.

We are coming upon Hoe-Down, our very last fund raiser this season before rodeo and we invite each and everyone of you to come and join us for some fun. We would greatly appreciate everyone's support. Hoe-Down will be held at Hours and will begin at 3 PM this Sunday, February 25.

There will be various dance groups, live vocals and our very own AGRA royalty will be performing for us as well. There will be black-jack tables, a burger BBQ, 50/50 raffle and we will be



# HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Raul Almeraz

kicking off our buckle raffle at this event which we will ultimately be raffling off rodeo weekend. Come one come all. It's going to be a great time. For this event, we will be needing some volunteers to help man the AGRA booth or help serve up some burgers. Please call us or just show up and offer your assistance.

As I mentioned earlier, rodeo is coming up fast. We are still needing two pieces of heavy equipment. The first is a water truck and second is a tractor. Both of these items run a bit high on the price list and if you know anyone who can give

us a great deal on renting them or loaning them to us for the weekend, we would love to hear from you.

Volunteers are greatly needed to assist with rodeo. If you and your friends would like to volunteer four hours of your time rodeo weekend, this will allow you to enter in to the rodeo and the dance at the hotel free of charge. Contact our volunteer coordinator Cindy C. through the AGRA hotline.

There are still a few buckles left for sponsorship. If interested contact Bill

Darnell for more information. You will be publicized if you choose to sponsor an event.

All in things are coming along as planned and are really shaping up. Lots of fun and plenty of rodeo. There will be contestants and visitors from all over the country. Lets shown them some Tucson hospitality and make them envious of our wonderful southwestern weather. Where else can you find evergreens growing next to saguaros and palm trees and still be 80 degrees in February. Hell, that's why I live here. No turtle-necks in my wardrobe.

I would like to make a mention that the AGRA royalty will be doing a royalty show at The Desert Rose in Phoenix

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# THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

## Saner Sex

First, a correction from one of my readers: In my column about HIV two weeks ago, I stated that, if two men are willing to bet their lives that the other is honest, AND they promise to be monogamous, AND both get tested at Time A and Time-A-plus-three-months, AND both test negative both times, they may choose to have unprotected sex. The three month interval is based on last year's estimate of the lag time (called the "window period") between possible infection and positive test-results on the HIV test. One of my readers told me that the CDC now uses six months as the best estimate of the window period.

I called PACT and they told me that, according to the Red Cross manual, if someone has engaged in risky behavior, they should wait three months and get tested. Then, to be absolutely sure, they should wait another six months after that to get tested again. If they test negative at that point, they can be totally assured that they are free of the virus. I encourage my readers to use this official information to guide their choices.

The HIV epidemic is one of the big forces creating the current crisis in the Gay male community. As we struggle to forge life-giving ways of relating to each other, the threat of HIV is one of the things we must take into account. Widespread homophobia in society is another. But the most deadly poison in our system is the homophobia which we have internalized, taken in from society's attitudes.

We all grew up in a fag-hating society. We all learned as boys that the worst insult is not to be called a murderer, or anything else that is really evil, but a fag. Our natural feelings were labeled sick, something to be beaten up for. Inevitably, we took in some of this poison, and it gets in the way of our efforts to be self-loving. First, we must acknowledge that internalized homophobia exists within us; then we must take steps to counteract this with loving images of ourselves as gay men. In my experience, when we Gay men get past our fears of each other, we are wise, strong, powerful, and loving.

Along with homophobia, there is a generalized erotophobia in our culture. We are afraid of sex. Like fire, sex is a powerful force, to be treated with respect. Sexual energy is a powerful force for connection between people, physical and emotional healing, and in heterosexual sex, for creating babies. Therefore, it is good to have a certain awe in the presence of sex.

But fear of sex is crippling, and so is guilt about sex. They both lead to ignorance about sex, which can be fatal physically (through HIV) and emotionally (through dysfunctional relationships). My work is to help men move past fear and guilt about gay sex, and experience the healing power of sexuality when handled with respect.

One way I offer this help is through private individual and couples sessions. Sometimes this is the best way for a man (or a couple) to grow, with intensive interaction in a confidential setting. For some men at some times, professionally-led groups are a better way to grow. For one thing, groups require a

smaller financial investment, since the fees are lower for groups than for private sessions. For another, the group gives you an opportunity to interact with a variety of different personalities, instead of just the therapist's. There is a sense of community or tribe that develops in a group that can be very healing. Every person in the group has a different take on things, and a different experience base. This diversity can enrich each individual present.

Currently, I am offering two weekly groups. First is the Intimacy Skills Group, offered on Mondays at 7:00 PM. In this group, we work on our emotional blocks to honest, healthy communication. It gives the opportunity to explore yourself in a confidential, professional setting. In this group, we all make an effort to be as real and honest as possible. I give information about healthy relating, and then we get an opportunity to put it into practice.

It is a beautiful and powerful thing when Gay men become honest with each other, and get in touch with the deepest roots of their being in community. For all who are struggling with emotional wounds and self-doubt, let me say: we Gay men can heal each other!

The other group I offer is the Erotic Skills Discussion Group, on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. In this group, I give information about erotic matters, including oral and anal eroticism, sexual self-love (sometimes called masturbation), erotic massage, safer sex, and erotic spiritual paths. It is very important for us to learn more about how to create safety, emotional and physical, in our sexual relating. Only then can we have sane sex.

In the Erotic Skills Discussion Group, there is an atmosphere of respect for our sexuality. All group members are given the opportunity to share their own knowledge about sex. When we pool our knowledge, we are all the wiser for it. The group also gives a place for honest discussion about sex, airing of feelings, asking the group for feedback about sexual issues you are facing, and the like.

There will be two free talks on Tantric Eroticism, on Sunday evenings (March 10 and 24) at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity to hear about Tantra with no financial investment and no commitment to an ongoing group. I will give basic information about the Tantric approach to sex and love, and answer any questions. On March 16, I will offer a Saturday workshop on Tantric Eroticism. This will be a chance for a more in-depth exploration of these things.

I encourage you to give one of these meetings a try. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 623-1732.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is an educator and counselor for the Gay community. For more information, please call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.]

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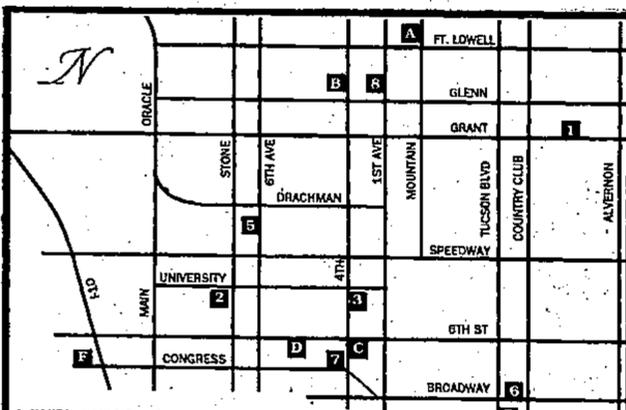
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# Columbia Abierta.....

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Empesaré dandoles sinceras felicitaciones porque ésta edición afortunadamente aparece hoy día de San Valentín, día de la amistad, día de los enamorados, día de los novios, día del amor, etc. Calificativos sobran para el 14 de febrero y sobre todo como dice un viejo dicho "cada quién habla de la fiesta según les fué..." El caso es que lo más significativo es el día de la amistad y del amor así que felicidades!!!

Se presentaron estudios con resultados entre otros:

**Adolescentes:** Muchos hombres se relacionan con mujeres más jóvenes y cada vez aumentan las adolescentes que contraen VIH.

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En el área de la frontera de México y los Estados Unidos; el SIDA presenta características peculiares porque su frecuencia es particularmente elevada situación influenciada por el intenso movimiento migratorio y otros factores. Otra de las mesas redondas que pude asistir fué la de "Importancia de la Educación Formal y No Formal en la Prevención de la Infección por VIH."

Si usted necesita información adicional al respecto comuníquese con nosotros y podremos platicar en una forma clara y sencilla y en el lugar que usted quiera y se sienta en confianza.

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Hasta la próxima semana, D.M.

Recibimos buenos y agradables comentarios acerca de ésta COLUMNA ABIERTA, así como la crítica al error mecanógrafo en el título por cual hay que disculparnos pero recuerden que "son prietitos del mismo arroz..." y las personas que han hecho traducción en algún momento lo entienden verdad?

Siguen las noches de música latina los martes en el Stonewall que cada vez más y más gente acude a pasar buen tiempo y disfrutar del ambiente hispano que se pretende con éste tipo de evento y ya se está planeando el "PRIMER TRIBUTA A SELENA '96" del cual pueden obtener más información con Ernie Perez al TAP (322-6226) donde habrá premios y sorpresas para recordar a la reina de la musica Tex-Mex...

Lo que sí es necesario compartir con ustedes fué la oportunidad que tuvimos de estar participando en la V Conferencia Nacional de CONASIDA en la ciudad de México el pasado mes de noviembre 28 al 1° de diciembre donde pudimos ver el gran interés que le están poniendo las organizaciones religiosas en una forma sorprendente. Se mencionó que en la ciudad de México existen 3 centros de hospedajes para mujeres y niños infectados y que viven con SIDA. Atendidos por esas organizaciones.

"El SIDA, un reto al Cristiano de Hoy." Algo nuevo está naciendo, en medio de muchos y diversos sufrimientos de nuestra comunidad, es lo que ha llevado a hablar de un tiempo propicio. Un momento que el Señor toca la puerta de la comunidad celestial y la invita a compartir con ella" (Ap. 3.20).

En el fenómeno del SIDA han chocado dos culturas, dos concepciones diversas, cuyas posiciones atañen no sólo a la enfermedad, a la sexualidad y su uso, sino también al valor de la vida y al destino del hombre. Por lo tanto, se han propuesto indicaciones y se han puesto a práctica conductas y opciones, no siempre conforme a los principios normales fundamentales y con la doctrina de los derechos humanos. En éste estudio el fenómeno del SIDA esta tratando en sus aspectos normales y postorales, teniendo en cuenta a las personas que están involucradas. En este examen se ha tratado de "buscar" la verdad y de señalarla con soluciones conformes a la dignidad de la persona humana y sus derechos. El estudio es la respuesta, aunque no agotada, a la luz del Evangelio, a los problemas y a las preguntas sobre el VIH y quieren llegar al mundo tanto católico como no católico.

La Lic. Marcela A. Alvarez reafirmó el impacto que dan "Los Adolescentes Como Promotores de Prevención al VIH."

El Dr. Hector Carillo presentó un modelo de prevención para jóvenes homosexuales y bisexuales en San Francisco, California.

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# Review... Wingspan Art Show

by Leslie Vinson

So, it's Valentine season and puffy red hearts are the gentle, sentimental thing, right? Maybe not, if they are Sara's "Heartstrings" series at the Wingspan Gallery. This lineup of four cloth hearts explores, as Sara puts it, the cliché word "heartstrings." For each heart has actual strings. The Victorian fringed one spills guts of red lace and white fiber. Another loses ropy intestines. Guitar strings snap from a third, and the last is tightly bound with coarse hemp rope.

"Marriage" is another Valentine thought provoker. In a nice frame, two faceless female dolls prepare to embrace. Their public triangles are ornamental locks, like those on jewelry boxes on secret diaries. One doll reaches for her partner's lock. Her own heart is a lock

too, swinging open, the padlock missing. The partner stand with arms flung wide, not defending herself. The impression of life and feeling in these weird little entities is astonishing.

The same is true of the fine ceramic sculpture "Cold Iron Blues." A Willendorf like earth mother plays guitar, nonchalantly seated on a cold iron. One thinks of the Celtic earth spirits, conquered by iron knives; of women shackled to soul killing household labor. Sara doesn't specify meanings. But her goddess seems to be on top of the problem.

See this, and more of Sara's work through February at Wingspan, 422 North Fourth Avenue, 624-1779.

# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I have to admit that I am VCR illiterate, or at least I am very slow! For several years we had a VCR which I was able to program and set the clock! However, our old VCR began eating tapes which were put in it and wouldn't give them back, so we knew it was time to look for a newer model. Right before Christmas we found just the one we wanted and purchased it as our Christmas gift to each other. It has all the bells and whistles! In fact, it has so many functions that I still haven't even learned to set the time! And my spouse, who usually takes charge of such things, is having problems with it as well! Sometimes when it is set to record, everything goes without a hitch and we are able to enjoy at our leisure whatever program we taped. Sometimes, however, when a program is recorded there is such a loud and incessant hum that the sound on the program is recorded there is such a loud and incessant hum that the sound on the program cannot be heard, and of course, we cannot watch it. My spouse insists that nothing has been done differently, so it remains a perplexing problem! Today we decided that perhaps the problem with the VCR was the power source. Perhaps because the VCR was run through the cable box instead of directly to the electric outlet there was some interference which was causing the sporadic irritating hum. We changed the way it was hooked up, so now we'll just have to wait and see.

Does your life act like my VCR? Sometimes everything seems to be going smoothly and at other time it seems as if nothing is going right? Perhaps the problem with your life, like the problem with my VCR, has to do with your power

source.

People try many things to get power for their lives. Some people believe that education is the source of all power. Those people get as much education as they possibly can. When they finish with their schooling, however, they often find themselves just educated failures. All their education has brought them nothing but a better understanding of how miserable they are. Other people trust in money. These folks do anything and everything to get wealth. If it will bring in a buck they will do it, no matter how shady the action may be. Once again, many end up very rich but very unhappy. Then there are those that think that other people are the source of power. By attaching themselves to the powerful people, or using the powerful people, they believe that they, too, will become powerful. In the end, however, these people also become disillusioned. And still others believe that religion must be the source of power, after all, there are many powerful religions in the world! These may travel to a foreign land to study with a famous teacher, or sequester themselves here in the states to meditate and pray all their lives. But many of them also would acknowledge that they still lack the power they were hoping for.

Where are we human beings to go to find power? If it isn't in education, money, other people, or religion, just where is it? The greatest power source in the universe is the one who created the universe, God. And he has made just one way to come to him, through his son, Jesus Christ, who told his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) And after he returned to his father in Heaven, his disciples were told, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..." This promise of power was not limited to those disciples in the first century but is given to all who come to God through Jesus. Imagine having the power of God within you! But when you receive that power, your very outlook on life will change, because the disciples were told they would use that power to "...be my witnesses....to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Are you willing to trust Jesus Christ to change your life today? Then receive him and the power to serve him that he is waiting to give you. Make sure that you are plugged in to the greatest power source in the universe!

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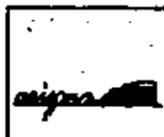


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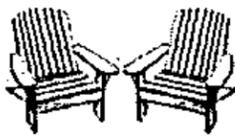
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# SPORTS

& Jeff T., 279; Triple T 733.  
High Game SCR: April D., 200; Mark K., 298; Triple T., 658.

High Avg: Ann R., 180; Mark K., 204; Ooh Sh\*t!, 814.  
High Series HC: Ann R., 683; Ray A., 693; Ooh Sh\*t! 3077.  
High Series SCR: Ann R., 624; Mark K., 674; Ooh Sh\*t! 2663.  
High Game HC: Ann R., 276; Ray A., 303; Ooh Sh\*t!, 1165.  
High Game SCR: Ann R., 256; Ray A., 288; Ooh Sh\*t! 1027.

## Coyotes and Lizard Bowlers Score Well In City Tourney

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues showed they can compete and bowl with the best in the City Bowling Tournament, which concluded this past weekend.

The league's entered the team, "Four Swigs & A Swallow", consisting of Ray Appleman, Mark Rosenbaum, Ann Richardson, Mark Kerr, and Jack Stockslager. All of the bowlers, except Mark Kerr, were participating in their first City tournament. The team bowled at Tucson Bowl, with a respectable score of 3266.

The singles and doubles events took place at their home "house", Golden Pin Lanes. The bowlers used their home "house" advantage. Ann Richardson, with a 173 average, bowled in the singles event with score of 244-207-217 for a 668, a personal best. Ann had a 136 handicap which gave her a score of 804. Ann is leading in Division B Scratch Singles with 668. If the score holds up, Ann will be the first woman to win an event at the tournament. Ann teamed up with her doubles partner Mark Rosenbaum and bowled a good score of 1331.

Jack Stockslager bowled a terrific set of games. In the team event, Jack bowled a score of 644 scratch. In the singles he bowled a score of 603. In the doubles, he teamed up with Mark Kerr and bowled 661, with the team scoring 1376. In all events Jack had a scratch

score of 1908, and a handicap score of 2187. Jack's score is in the top fifteen of all bowlers entered in all events.

The team scored well in their initial run, and the league's plan to field a team in the upcoming State Tournament, which takes place in Tucson.

The Lambda Lizards just have only two spots left in the league. The league bowls on Friday's at 6:25 PM at Golden Pin Lanes. The cost of bowling is just \$9.00 a week. For more information call 798-1549.

## Desert Coyotes Bowling League Third Quarter

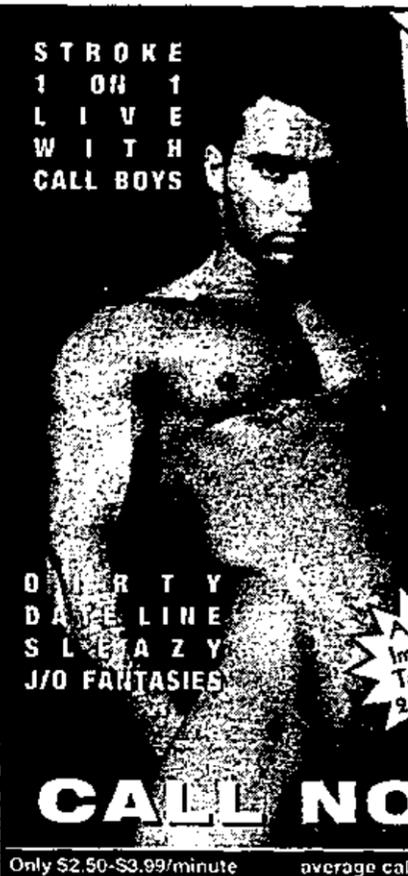
	WON	LOST	PINS
Two Tall/Wide	13	3	34615
Noizy Poizons	11	5	34478
Triple T	11	5	34341
Twelve	11	5	33682
Tres Amigos	9	7	35508
HITT'ers	9	7	32917
Seaweeds	8	8	32047
2 Peas & A Pod	7	9	33577
Bee Bytes	7	9	31521
Rubber Queens	6	10	36336
Baker's Dozen	6	10	34292
Stray Cats	5	11	33494
Double Stuff	5	11	33048
Pin Me Down	4	12	28867

High Avg: April D., 150; Mark K., 207; Rubber Queens, 538.  
High Series HC: April D., 687; Mark K., 762; Rubber Queens 2028.  
High Series SCR: April D., 521; Mark K., 726; Rubber Queens 1866.  
High Game HC: April D., 259; Mark K.

## Lambda Lizards Bowling League Third Round

	WON	LOST	PINS
Too Much	4	0	66176
Looney Tunes	3	1	66064
High Rollers	3	1	65311
Pigs R Us	1	3	65514
FACT Rats	1	3	61059
Ooh Sh*t!	0	4	66478





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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

IBT'S - Male Box Night returns at 9:00 p.m. Play Post Office at IBT'S.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Comedy comes back to the Biz with Mimi Freed. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Sure to sell out! Get your tickets now!

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed appears at the club playing hot Corridas, Tejano and Country. Starts at 6:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover.

HOURS - AGRA 4th Annual Hoedown begins at 2:00 p.m. Fun, food, dancing and more. Check it out!! More details later.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit Shanti. Then, at 9:00 p.m. it's the return of "The Wheel of Bad Drag" Hosted by Lucinda Holliday, Tucson's Queen of Comedy.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Jodie does her second show this month. No cover. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., Revolve Gay Men's Chorus variety show and fundraiser. Hosted by Gulida Fatah and featuring members of the chorus.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

IBT'S - Special "Leap Year Party". \$1.29 Well Drinks open to close. 29¢ Hamburgers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Underwear Thursday 9:00 p.m. to close.

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Intimacy Skills Group for Gay and Bisexual men. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Learn about how to have more intimacy in your life! Professionally led, central location. Call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. TV Video Night "BlackAdder". Call Loren or Stephen 790-4416 for reservations.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner at Chad's, 6:30 p.m. Call Richard for RSVP at 578-8840.

"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #10 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23-25

Men's Social Network weekend getaway at Rocky Point, Mexico on the coast. Call Leo at 796-6648 for info and reservations. Guests welcome.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

G/L Hiking Club goes to Picoacho Peak 8:00 a.m. A difficult climb with very steep trail but excellent views. It's a 4 mile round trip hike with an elevation gain of 1,000 feet. Call Dave 318-0540 for more info.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Cronies Social Club movie night at Leo's for "Classic Oldies" 7:00 p.m. Call 624-6768 for directions and RSVP.

Men's Social Network 6:00 p.m. Jigsaw Puzzle Night. Call Dan 326-5202 for reservations and directions-Guests welcome.

Men's Massage Group meets from 4 to 6 p.m. It usually meets on the 3rd Sunday with the exception of holiday weekends. Sign up with Marc in advance by calling 881-4582. It's a great way to meet other men.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Intimacy Skills Group for Gay and Bisexual men. 7:00 p.m. Learn about how to have more intimacy in your life! Professionally led, university area. Call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

Men's Social Network (MSN) beginners Bridge Night 7:00 p.m. Call Gi 690-0601 for reservations and directions.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

MSN Video Movie Night "Maurice" a favorite love story about two Gay men in pre-World War I England. Call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Saner Sex Group for Gay and Bisexual men. 7:00 p.m. Learn about ways to have more satisfying sexual relationships! Professionally led, university area. Call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Men's Social Network (MSN) Discussion Night. Second "Free Form" without a specific topic. Call Jerry 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #11 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Hiking Club will hike Wasson Peak in the Tucson Mountains a scenic desert by day and return by moonlight. This is a difficult 7 mile round trip hike with 1,800 foot elevation change. Call Dave at 318-0540.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Tucson G/L Hiking Club will sponsor a strenuous 5 mile r/t hike to Pusch Peak in the Catalina Mountains. This is a very steep trail with great views and maybe sheep. The elevation gain is 1,800 ft. Call Les at 326-3521.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 their first Wednesday dinner at Athens on Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Free talk on Tantric Eroticism by Dr. Bob. Call 623-1732.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14

"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #12 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tantric Massage Workshop. Learn how to give and receive a complete Tantric massage. For more information call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Free talk on Tantric Eroticism by Dr. Bob. Call 623-1732.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #13 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11

"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #14 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Miss Gay Tucson America Pageant 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn City Center. For more information call Larry Moore (Lucinda Holliday) at 327-1576.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

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

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

HOURS - Moody Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT'S - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm. \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organization 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 8pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 6-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

## monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. High language lessons 7-8pm. Cast in \$1500 or \$5/week, taught by Stacey. Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Food 6-8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm HI-RO Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

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

## tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz Non-Premium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm with Latin Music Party.

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

## wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Tex Mex music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm. \$1.25 Pitchers, 75¢ Glass.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ 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. \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50

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

## thursday

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

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - with 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

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

## friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hers D'ouettes

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 8-1. Dance Party 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hers d'ouettes 8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

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

## saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pool Tournament 3 pm. Pot matched, 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Delights, Pina Colada \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT'S - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 8-1. Dance 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 8pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Stitches & Segals w/8! Moody Marys Sun-even. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

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# Saguaro Regional Rodeo Almost Here! Hoedown Sunday, Feb. 25

TUCSON - Things are going full speed ahead around the local AGRA headquarters. The big annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo hosted by the Tucson Chapter of Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is coming up March 15 thru March 17 at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds.

regular gate price," he said. "This will also be a good time for you to meet the Volunteer Coordinator, Cindy Chamberlain, and get in your volunteer requests in early for the rodeo weekend."

"We're looking forward to seeing you all this weekend," O'Brien said.

### AGRA

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nix this Friday, February 23. There will be a raffle and show and proceeds will go to benefit AGRA-Tucson.

Speaking of royalty, seems Ms. Houseley is on her royalty rule kick again. "We'll get you my pretty, and your little sash too."

Spring is still a month or so away and would you believe that some of those queens are already starting their spring cleaning. Out with the old and on with your life! Don't throw something you may not be able to get back later.

It came to my attention that one of our rodeo directors does not have enough to do in planning rodeo. Seems she had now taken up crocheting. I understand she is quite good and can whip out a tablecloth or heart shaped doily in a matter of minutes.

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

JAGRA-Tucson, POB 40894,  
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323-0805.]



The program is getting its final touches put on it and will be ready to go to the printer next week. This year there will be more vendors than ever before coming in for the event. AGRA members are excited about the changes that they have made with the layout of the rodeo grounds, having vendors and refreshments located under the west-side grandstands. "We think that this year's rodeo is going to be the biggest and best we have ever had," said Shelley O'Brien, Co-Director of the 1996 Rodeo.

This weekend will kick off the rodeo festivities with the annual Hoedown which will be held at Hours, 3455 E. Grant Road, on Sunday, Feb. 25. There will be food, dancing, entertainment and a whole lot more. See the Hours ad in this issue of Observer for more details.

The 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Grand Marshal, Art Lewis, will be on hand and will be presented with the Grand Marshal Sash.

Co-Director George Pletrizas announced that rodeo tickets will be available at the Hoedown too. "We are selling advance tickets at a discount. If you purchase tickets for the weekend, (both days), you will save money off of the

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It is time dear friends to take a look at crazy Uranus which recently moved from staid Capricorn into humanitarian Aquarius. This is the old loon's first visit to Aquarius since early 1920 and is very comfortably placed here. Maybe now we can expect some happy, surprising inroads in our quest for equality, respect and affirmation instead of conservative Capricorn backlash. Read ahead to see how Uranus in Aquarius will explode in your sign for the next 7+ years.

**ARIES****MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Proud Rambos may be more than a little pushy when Uranus enters Aquarius. You may decide that you have been tossed around enough by the greater group effort and need either change in scenery or a revolution! The pabulum that the group think has been serving is beginning to curdle. Seek new friends, new lifestyle directions and greater expectations. Go for the Gold!

**TAURUS****APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Gay Bulls are a fairly conservative lot, but now with crazy Uranus in Aquarius, you may be very tempted to overthrow the status quo. Clashes with authority figures are unavoidable, especially if you're less than pleased with your current professions and feeling stale and bored. The next few years brings revolution to the board room with you as the always delicious Madam De Farge. Knit me a rainbow flag, darling!

**GEMINI****MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Uranus in Aquarius challenges your opinions and theories of the global environment which can be quite unnerving for pink Twins. Open your mind to new ideas and view the world from a different angle, or else. Don't take changes as a personal rejection dear, just look at it as part of a vast learning experience or maturation. Oh, by the way, avoid lawsuits during this transit if you can. Uranus will give you a bad lawyer and an even worse judge and jury.

**CANCER****JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Feel the volcano erupting? It's simply Uranus in Aquarius throwing some weight around. Now it hits you squarely in the patoot where feelings about sexual expression, intimate encounters and repressed needs undergo a revolutionary change. The old order is no longer comfortable. You need room to breathe and will seek it consciously or subconsciously. Don't resist the planets darling; they are leading you to where you should be.

**LEO****JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Examine the quality of one-to-one relationships, proud Lion. Uranus in Aquarius tests the limits of your patience with partners. Life may never be the same. Do you really want to taste the waters at another well? You believe it's cool and delicious, but I assure you it's as brackish as the rot you sip at home. Remember, you are sending out damaging signals. If partners respond, don't blame them.

**VIRGO****AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Serviceable pink Virgins respond in an entirely new way to day-to-day obligations with Uranus in Aquarius. Cast off your chains, girl. Break free from the repressive working patterns of your life. This revolution is an antidote to physical and mental stress. Whatever you do, don't continue to play that Florence Nightingale routine, serving stoically under war conditions. You'll be the next casualty.

# THE HOROSCOPES

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**LIBRA****SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Hang on tight; queer Libras are in for a party hearty experience with Uranus in Aquarius. Wild romances with someone of an entirely different age is possible but it's just a trip to the moon on gossamer wings. (Pack a parachute.) On the bright side, it's the perfect time to try something expressive and creative; you're in top form. How about surfing the 'net instead of scotchin' the rocks?

**SCORPIO****OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Closeted Scorps have more than their fair share of personal reassessment over the next few years. The impact of Uranus in Aquarius will hit home, literally and figuratively so be prepared to face yourself in the mirror and ask yourself some tough questions. Have you been living life openly and freely or have you been conforming to others expectations and values? Be free! Be happy! Be yourself!

**SAGITTARIUS****NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Even the most recalcitrant of Sags (and they are very few...) will be goaded into opening their big flaps and letting out a roar. Uranus in Aquarius impacts communication in a surprising and unnerving way. Everyday encounters are the stuff of which dramatic changes are made so be especially cognizant of the little neighborly things that you so often take for granted. Expand your mind intellectually. Heck, read a book or two.

**CAPRICORN****DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

What do you truly value, pink Cap? Crazy old Uranus in Aquarius tests the limits of all the you hold near and dear. If your middle name is Cheapo, the planets empty your pockets. If you feel trapped by the trappings of life, Uranus graciously uproots them. If you're one of the many deserving, money will be there when you need it. Let's just say that finances are a source of surprises for you.

**AQUARIUS****JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Uranus in your own sign hands you a ticket to a great new adventure for the next few years. Aquarians need room to breathe. Any relationship that hinders you will be tossed aside like so much trash. You'll present a new face to the world. Avoid applying too much make-up and be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Freedom! Freedom! There's no time like the present to get up and Out.

**PISCES****FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Feel the breeze, dear Pisces; Uranus in Aquarius pulls your pants down. Anything that you've repressed and stuffed away in that closet will explode on the scene, dirty, smelly, laundry and all. Good thing too; the planets demand that you seek psychological and spiritual enlightenment. Problems that remain hidden and repressed lead to compulsions and obsessive behavior. We don't want that, do we?

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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 875-8860 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 2289 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 785-7266.

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

YOUNG AND GAY

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

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jam. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers Fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 857-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m., at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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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 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) - TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested Call 323-0905 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 8250 N. Oracle Rd., #85, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. Get a line! Call 783-3486 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mottly Books, 1001 N. Wilmot.

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-6565 for information and a newsletter.558

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## Long Distance Competition

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puter data that his firm needed to allocate the money to the Gay nonprofit organizations as a way to steal his customers. At that time, his Gay clients were using about \$10 million dollars of long distance service per year and were TNC's largest single group user. Vitale's attorney, Craig Clark, further claims that TNC began switching thousands of Gay subscribers to their new Pride Network illegally and without the subscribers consent to prior knowledge.

### "I'VE GOT ANOTHER QUEER ON THE PHONE COMPLAINING ABOUT HIS BILL"

Vitale explains that he dropped TNC for a variety of reasons including customer complaints. He states, "They were being called 'Stupid Faggot' and heard remarks like 'I got another queer on the phone complaining about his bill,'" by customer service employees at TNC.

In defense of the charges provided an extensive listing of every 1994 recipient of their charity. The nonprofit organizations contacted confirmed the amounts received. Working Assets supplied their long list of recipients with exact amounts donated without being asked to do so. They automatically include it in all general information packages.

### THE ACCUSER BECOMES THE ACCUSED

However the Pride Network, who originally made the accusations, continually refused to supply its own list of all of the donations to nonprofit organizations. Michele Frost, director of the Pride Network established this report's deadline, then promised to send information to prove their integrity.

A batch of reasonable looking information arrived at deadline, with no time was left to verify it. Acting on a hunch, this paper's investigative reporter pushed this news report's deadline back to allow time to examine the late arrival. One of the first problems was that while a great deal of information was sent, the requested full list of donations was not.

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Ingredients: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Long Distance Competition**

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