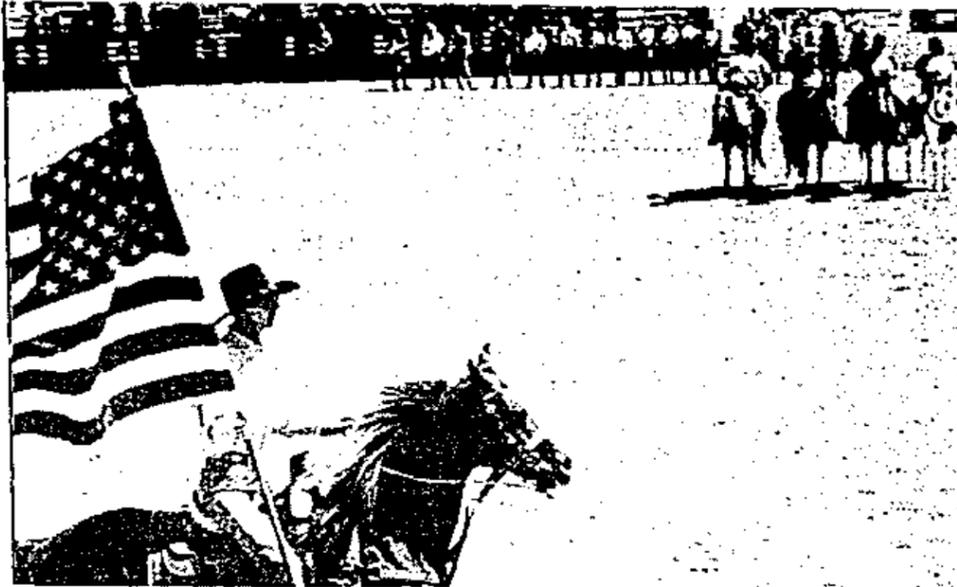


AGRA-Tucson 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo A Great Success



by Raul Almeraz

TUCSON - The Saguaro Regional Rodeo was a success and it could not have been such, without all who came out and volunteered their time and efforts or those who came out to support and enjoy the great weekend.

The set-up for this year's rodeo was different, and much more accessible for all who attended.

The rodeo vendors who were here from all across the country. There was everything from tattoo artist, giant teddy bears, body piercing, caps, jewelry, kilts, pins, and literature. The vendors expressed their pleasure with AGRA-Tucson, and on how well every aspect of the rodeo was handled.

Country music and live vocals were the feature entertainment out at the rodeo arena. Back at the host hotel, more live vocals, dance groups, and visiting royalty and our very own AGRA royalty were presented.

The Grand Entry on both Saturday and Sunday were great, according to those in attendance. The Entry was organized and directed by Pam Kelso.

Saturday's grand entry featured visiting rodeo associations from California, New Mexico and California. The AGRA royalty and Grand Marshall Art Lewis were featured in four beautiful convertibles, loaned by Don Mackey BMW and the Saab dealership.

The riderless horse was quite the emotional show stopper. The music cho-

sen for this feature was "His name was John" by Reba McEntire, and "My heart will never know" by Clay Walker. The beautiful floral design was donated by "Bloomers" and designed by Darrin Land.

As for the parties and after-parties for the weekend: They started on Thursday with a pre-rodeo party for contestants, royalty and officials held at the Stonewall/Eagle. The party was hosted by Tommy Regan, Art Lewis and Bob Jansen. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the gracious hospitality of our hosts at the Stonewall/Eagle.

The hotel parties on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings were filled with entertainment and dancing for all. The DJ's, who did an excellent job, provided a variety of music from hip-hop, to Spanish, and of course country.

The after parties were quite the event in themselves, lasting till just a bit shy of daylight. A couple hours of sleep and off to rodeo bright and early the next day. Tucson's very own "Lucinda Holiday" was hostess. Here "Barbara" was quite the show stopper.

Many things happened that made this a success story. First and foremost, our contestants. Tucson had a record number of pre-registered contestants. The contests came from all around the United States and Canada. AGRA-Tucson definitely appreciates every one who traveled from far and near to join us here in our corner of the world. AGRA-Tucson wishes to congratulate those who won event buckles and prize money, those who competed and gave their all, and to all who enjoyed a fun weekend.

Hawaii Legislature Violating Rules In Homophobic Rush

HONOLULU - State legislatures, fearful that same-sex marriage will eventually become legal in the state, are doing all they can to try to preempt any ruling expected by the Hawaii Supreme Court, even to the point of circumventing the legislative process.

In a last minute maneuver, criticized even by legislators who support the ban on same-sex marriage, the House Judiciary Committee revived a bill, that would ask Hawaiian voters to decide on a constitutional amendment that specifies state-sanctioned marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

Under legislative rules, 48 hours notice should be given before a committee decides on a bill, to allow for public testimony. The committee had faced a deadline to position non-budget bills for final vote.

Despite rules violations, the Hawaii House of Representatives voted 37

to 14 to approve the bill. This latest legislative maneuver was prompted by a domestic partnership bill that is up for a vote in the state Senate. The Senate bill would grant Gay and Lesbian couples many of the legal and other benefits extended to married heterosexual couples.

State Senators are hoping that granting these benefits to domestic partners would satisfy the 1993 state Supreme Court's order mandating the state to show a "compelling interest" why same-sex marriages should not be allowed under the equal protection clause of the Hawaii constitution.

The high courts ruling was an offshoot of a class action suit filed by three same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses by the state.

In a worst case scenario, the legislature could remain in a stalemate,

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AZ Hate Crimes Bill Barely Alive As State Legislature Wraps Up Session

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - The Arizona State Legislature will soon be wrapping up their regular session. The deadline, imposed by Republican leadership to hear bills in committee, is tomorrow. S.B. 1078, the hate crimes bill, with full criminal penalties, the only measure still alive, faces its toughest, and biggest hurdle yet.

S.B. 1078, sponsored by Tucson Senator Patti Noland, has made it further than any other previous attempt to pass hate crimes legislation. The bill had made it through the Senate Judiciary, Senate Rules committees, the Committee of the Whole, full Senate, and the House Judiciary committee.

But, House Speaker Mark Killian, in an unprecedented move, had initially assigned S.B. 1078 to two committees, Judiciary, and State Rights. Capitol sources state that Killian did this to, in effect,

kill the bill. Capitol sources also had stated that it wasn't even expected for the bill to get a hearing by even the Judiciary committee.

Senator Noland, in an earlier interview, had said she would fight for S.B. 1078, and indeed she did. Noland had gone to House Judiciary Chair, Rep. Tom Smith, and asked him to hear the bill, as written. S.B. 1078 lists as one of the categories protected as "sexual orientation". Rep. Smith agreed to hear, and consider the bill with "sexual orientation", left in. As mentioned, the bill passed by a vote of seven to four.

Normally, the bill would then go to the Rules committee, who consider only the legality of the measures language, if it can survive potential legal challenges. But, with the assignment to another committee, States Rights and Mandates, the bill would have to be considered again. But, there is a parliamentary procedure,

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UPDATE

Bartenders For MPS Benefit Continues

TUCSON - A total of ten original cocktail recipes have been entered by local bartenders in the contest to benefit the national MPS Society.

As previously reported [Observer 607 & 608], two of the original recipes will be featured at the participating bars.

This week's recipes are "Blackberry Mr. Misty Freeze" by Dawn Kutch of Ain't Nobody's Bizness and "Perfect Kiss" by Jeff Moores of IBT's. Customers who purchase these featured beverages will judge them on provided rating forms.

Customers may also purchase special "Taste Tester" buttons for a \$5 donation which entitles them to a \$1.00 discount with each featured cocktail purchase. Just wear the button and get \$1 off each Wednesday night.

Good luck and thanks to the bartenders for their support of the MPS Society.

This week's cocktails contain: BLACKBERRY MR. MISTY FREEZE: 1 Bacardi, 1 and 1/2 Blackberry Brandy, 2 Sweet n Sour, and 1 milk. Shake, blend well, strain into chilled martini glass. Suggested price, \$3.50. PERFECT KISS: 1/2 shot of Southern Comfort, 1/2 shot sloe gin, 1/2 shot amaretto, and equal parts orange juice and pineapple juice. Pour ingredients over ice in shaker, shake, serve in tall glass with cherries and lemon garnish.

Desert Voices Concert Sold Out!

TUCSON - Desert Voices will be presenting "With Joyful Tongue" to a sold-out audience of over 400, this Saturday, March 23. The concert will take place at Pima Community's College's Center for the Arts.

This creative and rousing show will feature Gay and Lesbian twist to Little Shop of Horrors, Beauty and the Beast, and the Little Mermaid. Derivative Duo, a very popular singing act, will be joining Desert Voices in song and mirth.

As this show has sold out, we urge you to get ticket orders for our always uplifting Pride concert, "Voices of Freedom, Voices of Peace" to be presented Saturday, June 22, 8:00 P.M., at PCC West Center for the Arts.

General tickets are \$10.00 with discounts available for students. For more information please call our office at 791-9662.

Arizona Gay Scuba Diving Club Formed

PHOENIX - An Arizona Gay Scuba Diving and Snorkel club was formed recently. The name of the club is Kokopelli Canyon Divers Scuba Club.

The general meeting will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning in April. This is a club intended for both men and women.

The club will be going to San Carlos, Mexico on April 26-28. For more information call Bill at (602) 957-9399, Tucson digital page (520) 291-9602.

Tucson ASOs To Hold Public Forum March 27

TUCSON - Tucson AIDS Project, PACT for Life, and Shanti are currently engaging in a number of collaborative efforts, including a joint newsletter, many prevention programs, and some client services.

Our staffs and boards now meet regularly to discuss how to best serve the community, but we need input from others.

An AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's) forum is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. at Temple Emanuel, 225 N. Country Club.

At this forum, the ASO's will provide brief information about the current situation in Pima County and a picture of current funding to meet these needs. But the bulk of the time will be reserved for service recipients, funders, and other community stakeholders to give the ASO's their ideas about how to most effectively deliver services in a time of increasing need and decreasing resources.

For more information call: Anne Maley, Shanti Foundation, 622-7107; Marylee Pangman, PACT for Life, 770-1710; Craig Bradford Snow, Tucson AIDS Project, 322-6226.

Panel Discussion On Gay & Lesbian Rights March 22

TUCSON - A panel discussion on the status of Lesbian and Gay rights will take place, Friday, March 22, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. It will take place at the University of Arizona, College of Law, Room 139.

The panel will discuss various topics, such as: The civil and legal rights of Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals? Can Gay people be married? Can Gay people serve in the military? Arizona's sodomy law. Does homophobia impede the local, statewide and national response to AIDS? Where does Dole and Clinton stand on Gays rights and AIDS? Where can Gays and Lesbians get legal help?

The panel consists of Professor Katherine Franke, U of A College of Law; Paul Gattone, Executive Director, Southern Arizona People's Law Center; Professor Rhonda Rivera, U of A College of Law; Dianne Post, President, Arizonans For Fairness; Craig Snow, Executive Director, TAP.

St. Francis Support Group

TUCSON - Did you know there is an ongoing group that has been meeting weekly for over eight years, serving our community?

Yes, the St. Francis Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Support Group is there for all of us who may need a safe place for support and discussion of issues in our lives. The group offers participants a sense of community and a place to make lasting friendships.

The group meets on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M., at St. Francis in the Foothills, rooms 32 & 33. (NW corner of Swan and River Road.)

For further information contact the church office, at 299-9063.

In Memoriam

APOLONIO GARCIA

Polo dear Polo
bless your heart and soul
peace is yours at last
dear one.

I did not know you well
but enjoyed your energy,
your kindness and your urge
to make things beautiful.

You had this knack
of tuning into me
and how I am,
my tenderness,
perhaps it mirrored yours.

I did not know you well
but that is not the point.
I'm glad I knew you as I did
and could help as I was able.

I'm sorry for your pain
but I am glad it's over.
Goodbye dear Polo,
rest in peace.

by Anne Kirkham

Calling All Wrestlers! Jello Wrestling Returning

TUCSON - It's that time of year again! Wrestlers are needed to slip and slide in a rink of Jell-O to benefit the Shanti Foundation in the Ninth Annual Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza.

This year's event will take place at the Graduate, 23 East University, Sunday, June 2, 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. Each wrestler is asked to raise \$100 in pledges and the wrestler who raises the most money will win a fabulous prize!

This year's event promises to be even bigger and better than ever before. A raffle and auction will be part of the evening's festivities. Raffle prizes include a trip for two to Las Vegas, color TV, dinners for two, theater tickets, salon gift certificates and much, much more! Raffle tickets are only \$1 and can be purchased at the Shanti office, Fourth Avenue Street Fair, Tucson Celebrity Tennis Classic, at your favorite local bar or from your favorite Shanti board member or volunteer.

For more information and to receive your Wrestler Registration Package, or if you would like to volunteer to help at the event or donate a prize for the raffle and auction, please contact Jenny at Shanti, 622-7107. See you at the Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza!

TLGA Board Nominations and Election March 21

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will hold their annual elections for the various posts and Board positions, Thursday, March 21.

The elections will take place, tomorrow, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan on Fourth Avenue.

For more information call (520) 622-3200.

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President Seeks To Stop Spread Of AIDS In Teens

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Teenagers are contracting the AIDS virus at an average of more than one an hour, and the White House again urged the nation to teach them how to protect themselves.

Between 40,000 and 80,000 Americans become infected with the AIDS virus each year, and one in four is a teenager. Based on those sobering statistics, President Clinton asked the White House Office of AIDS Policy to talk to young people to find solutions.

The office's report echoes what many scientists and AIDS activists have

said for years: Strong AIDS education is a must for children, so that if they later have sex or experiment with drugs, they know how to protect themselves.

"Kids are dying because adults are arguing about what to tell them about AIDS," said Miguel Bustos, 25, of San Francisco. He was asked to help write the report because as a teen, he organized student AIDS education.

"Teach the children. That's our message," he said.

Most American school systems

provide some AIDS education. But many systems' policies prohibit discussion of sexual intercourse, homosexuality, bisexuality and condom use, the report said.

Conservative groups have criticized AIDS awareness campaigns. They contend advising teens that condoms can prevent HIV infection condones teen-age sexual activity. Similarly, they charge that some education programs promote homosexuality by and condone drug use by discussing AIDS prevention techniques.

The White House report said: "Discussion of the facts concerning such

matters is not inconsistent with also encouraging abstinence or delayed sexual activity."

It recommended that young people with HIV be used in campaigns to tell their peers how to protect themselves, because teens often tune out adults.

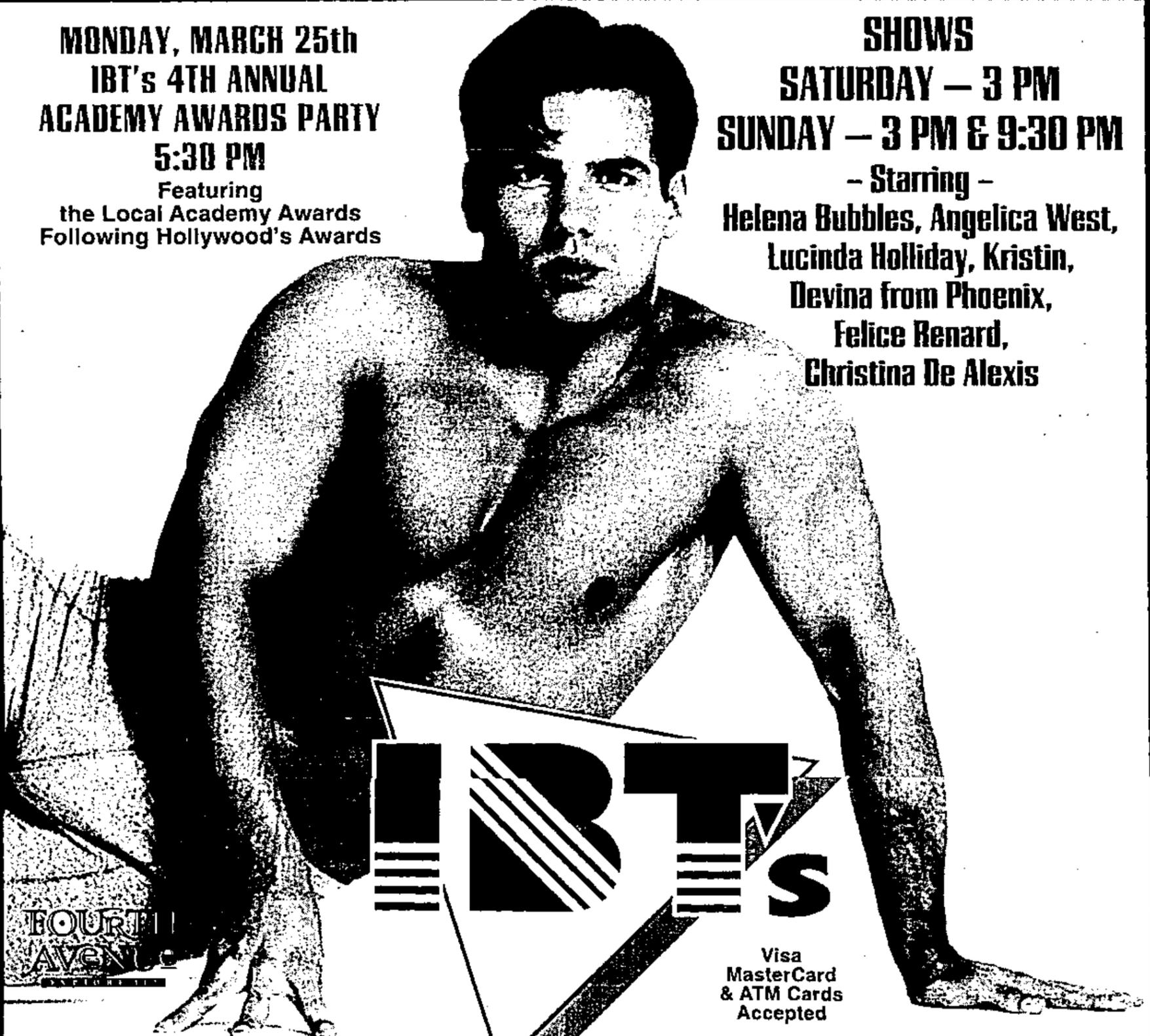
But while the White House report mentioned homosexuality, it never recommended how to reach Gay teens, criticized the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. The center said 63 percent of AIDS cases among men under 25 are due to unsafe sex with other men.

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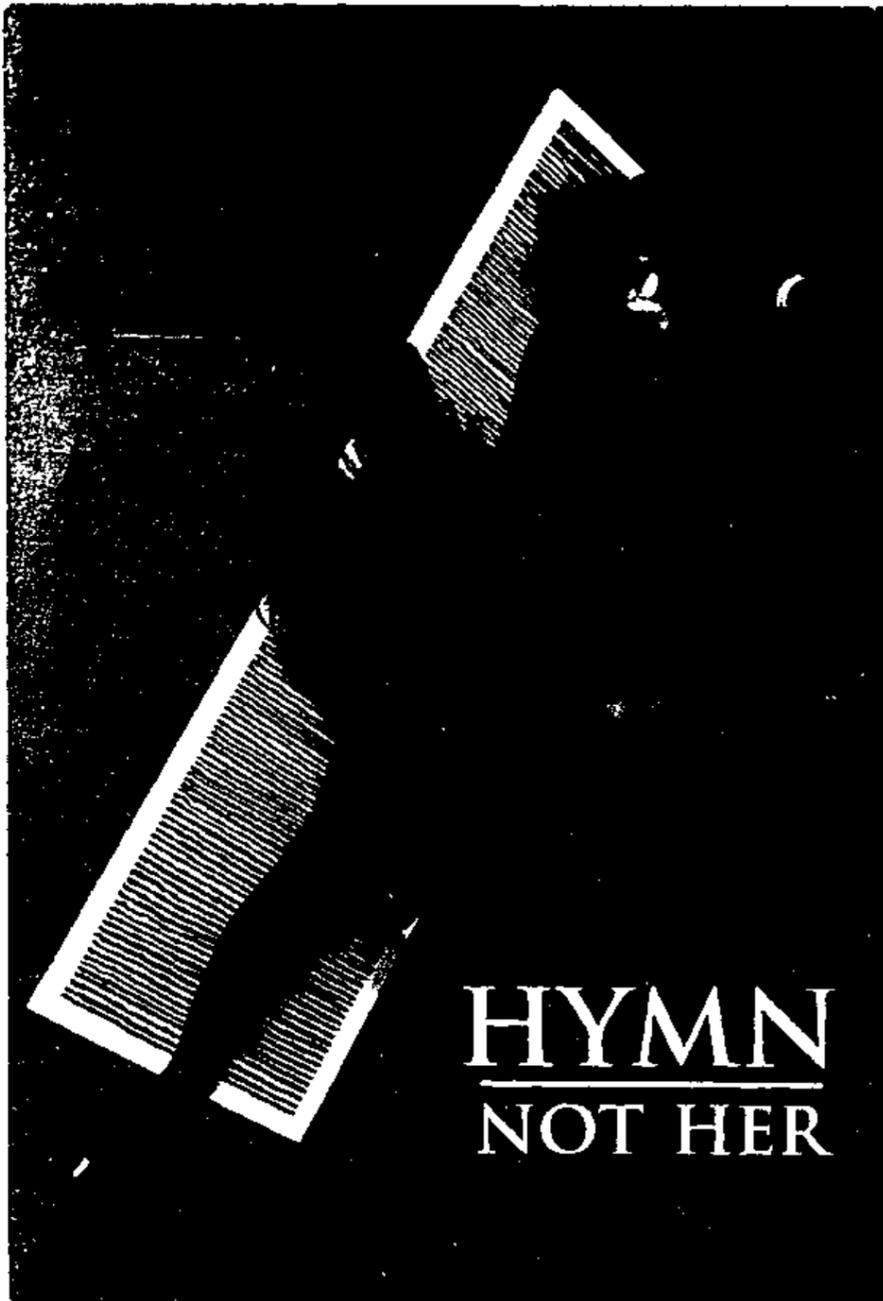
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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Raul Almeraz

[For details about the rodeo, see accompanying story.]

The Saguaro Regional Rodeo was a success and it couldn't have been such, without all who came out and volunteered their time and efforts or those who came out to support and enjoy a great weekend. We are all very lucky to have the people that we do on our side to help make AGRA-Tucson's rodeo a success. Thank you!

A great appreciation and thanks to:

The many vendors who were here from all across the country.

To my dear friend, Darrin Land of "Bloomers" who designed the beautiful floral arrangement.

To the DJ's and the live vocals and the other featured entertainment.

To Pam Kelso, who organized, directed, coordinated the volunteers for the rodeo, thank you Pam, and your volunteers for a job well done.

To all the volunteers, you were the best. Cindy Chamberlain, our Volunteer Coordinator, did an outstanding job. The AGRA booth was a smash and I had a tremendous group helping me and manning the booth.

From myself and AGRA, I would like to thank the following people: Gary, who took time out from behind the bar at Hours to help me out on Friday. Along with Gay I would like to thank Ray, Jimmy, Troy, Araceli, Jeff and Bill, for all their work during the rodeo.

In addition, there are three very special people who helped make my area a success and were there at all times for me. They would be my dear friends JD, Darrin and Richard. I thank all of my volunteers from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate all your hard work and energy that you gave me.

A special presentation was given to two very special people in our organization. Richard Gerardi was presented with roses from all who helped plan and worked along side Richard. Richard was with out a doubt the backbone to our successful rodeo weekend.

Also at the awards ceremony, a special award was given to contestant Andy Anaya who was given the first ever "Good Sport" award. Andy had run into some trouble at a past rodeo in California and had been taking a lot of ribbing for it since then. Andy was quite the sport.

After the awards and once the fun started, AGRA-Tucson has the chance to relax and enjoy the rest of the evening. The Carpenters "Top of the world" was revisited along with some fun and games. Beer bottle through the glowy ring, says it all. Glowly limbo and jump rope were quite the rage.

Just a reminder to all, our next AGRA meeting will be this Sunday, March 24, 5:00 P.M. at Hours, and the Board meeting will be at 3:00 P.M. also at Hours.

Stay tuned for more information and goings on from this now past 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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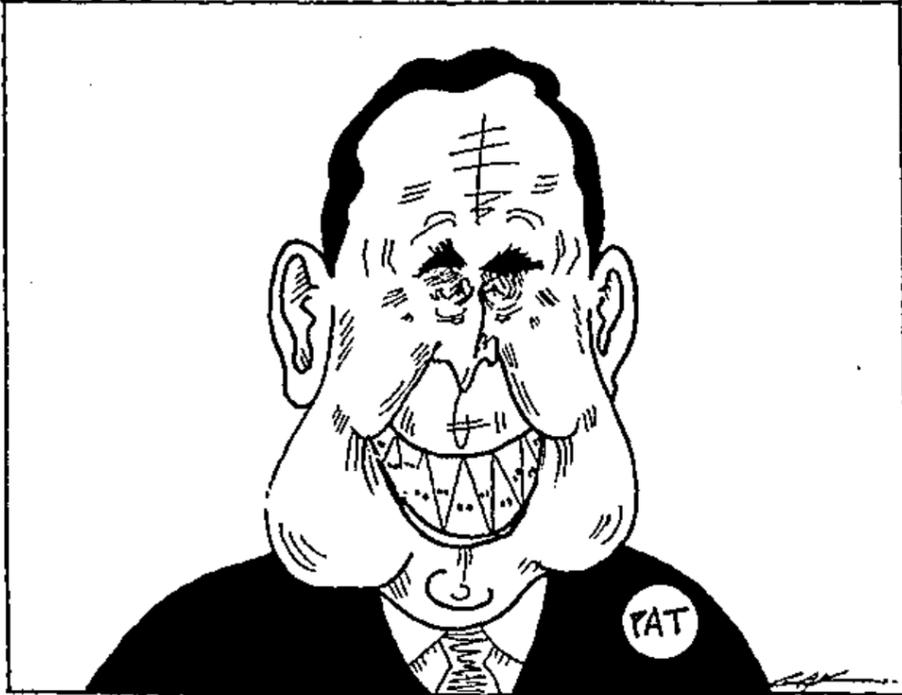
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As I See It by Clark





When the Arizona Legislature, controlled by Republican set up AZSHAM, the \$4 million dollar tax payer debacle of a Republican presidential sham beauty contest, they thought they were going to make the state a player in national politics, and help Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's bid. Right?

"Look Out! There's A Blue Light Special On Aisle 23!"

Well? Gramm's candidacy fizzled and Arizona went for little Stevie "SSS" Forbes. The win gave the multi-zillionaire, and Liz Taylor's best friend all 39 delegates in the winner take all contest.

It gets better, Kansas Senator Bob "Older than dirt" Dole has won the next twenty two primaries, and even the rigged one in New York, thanks to Al D'Amato! Dole is now just a handful of delegates away from the 996 needed to nominate.

It gets even better, this past week, little Stevie "Arizona's choice!" Forbes ended his bid for the GOP nomination and withdrew and threw his support behind Dole.

AZSHAM, Arizona's \$4 million dollar bid for national prominence. Just like other lame-brained schemes by the State Legislature, money down the toilet!

In the Arizona Legislature, action took place on the three bills of concern [See accompanying story]:

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Senator Noland, according to her staff, this past Thursday went to House Speaker Mark Killian and requested S.B. 1078 be removed from States Rights and Mandates. If the Speaker acquiesces, the bill would immediately go to the Rules committee for consideration. S.B. 1078 is alive, but on life support.

S.B. 1392, which would have allowed the arbitrary testing of foster children by potential foster parents, was defeated by the House Human Services committee, by a vote of 8 to 3.

H.B. 2201, which would have

required mandatory HIV testing for all prisoners was held by the Senate Judiciary committee. The bill will not be considered, and thus dies.

The long-running soap opera, "Misguided Fife" continues. This past week, to close associates of Gov. White-wash (R-Mercado) were indicted on charges of defrauding the state of more than \$1.5 million through a bid-rigging scheme.

George "SLIM" Leckie and John Yeoman, were charged with seven counts of wire fraud. They are scheduled to be arraigned later this month before a federal magistrate in Phoenix. The charges are an outgrowth of the ongoing federal investigation into Symington's financial dealings.

Could the Fifer be next? The story continues.

"Dewey defeats Truman" is a famous blundered headline from the Chicago Tribune in 1948. The paper had incorrectly stated that New York Gov. Thomas Dewey had won the presidential election. Whoops!

Another "blunder" occurred in Tucson this past week. On a much smaller, but still fun scale, this past Tuesday on KVOA-LA DEE DAH'S, Eyewitness Snouze, Patti "Great Story!" Weiss incorrectly reported on the Oro Valley election results.

On the 10 P.M. broadcast, the ever so perky Weiss reported that two incumbents, Cheryl Skalsky and Paul Loomis, and John Clarke had received a majority of votes and were elected.

Guess what! The final results showed hey didn't get the required votes and must run again in a run-off election. It's 10 o'clock, do we know where they're are! Nope!

So it goes for now kids!



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THE WHOLE MAN
BY DR. BOB

Tucson is a great place to live, and a great place to be Gay. I settled here just over a year ago, after staying with friends here and doing some traveling for six months before that. I looked at Phoenix, San Francisco, Toronto, and Sedona before deciding on Tucson. I'm really happy with my choice. Let me tell you a few reasons why.

First is the desert and its climate and all that goes with it. I love the sunlight and the warmth. (I lived in Cincinnati, Ohio for most of my life before moving here. I couldn't go back, because the gloom, damp, and cold would do me in before long.) The desert is so accessible here in Tucson. Pristine desert is only twenty minutes away, no matter where you are in the city. Being close to nature, and being close to the sun, makes people much more in touch with their bodies here than back East. Nudity for swimming, hiking, or lounging is much more accepted. (In my book, having Reddington Pass is reason enough to live in Tucson all by itself!) The vast spaces here make for a psychological spaciousness as well; people here feel the freedom to be themselves fully. There's a lot of space to be me here. And I need that!

We've got a lot of resources for Gay people here. There's Wingspan, the Gay and Lesbian community center. It's

Tucson's Gay Life

a great place to stop in and read the Advocate or have a pleasant chat with my fellow queers. Wingspan has information about all manner of Gay-friendly businesses, from Gay counselors, Gay massage therapists, Gay landscapers, Gay support groups, Gay accountants, you name it. And then there's the groups. For example, on Tuesday nights there's a Gay men's support group, free of charge, at the center. Volunteering a couple of hours a week to man the phones at Wingspan has been a fun way for me get to know the Gay community here, while pitching in at the same time. I recommend it.

Across the street from Wingspan, there's Antigone's, the feminist bookstore. Here you can find a good selection of Gay male reading materials, tapes, CD's, and gifts, as well as lots of Lesbian stuff. It's nice that Tucson can support such a high quality queer-oriented store. You can feel good about spending your money here, keeping it in the family.

The Observer itself is a great

contributor to the quality of Gay life here. It's quite rare for a city of any size to have a weekly Gay newspaper. In the Observer, you can get national and local news of interest to us as Gay men, as well as information about bar and non-bar events, services, and support groups. You can also hear local Gay voices in the various columns. Phone numbers for all the organizations I mention in this column can be found in this paper. I hope we don't take the Observer for granted because of Bob Ellis' and Gary Clark's quiet dedication to getting this paper out on time, week after week. The community would be much poorer without it.

We have a nice assortment of bars here in Tucson. From IBT's to the Venture N, you can find pretty much anything you're looking for here. If you don't want to lose these bars, you should patronize them regularly. It's not automatic. These are businesses like any other, and need to have your patronage to stay in operation.

St. Francis in the Foothills is a liberal, Gay-friendly congregation that also offers a Thursday night support group for Gays and Lesbians and many other Gay related events. Spiritually inclined Gay brothers should check out St. Francis and see what it has to offer them. There are also MCC and Cornerstone for Gay Christians.

The Men's Social Network has been a godsend to me personally. It offers regular events for Gay and Bisexual men to socialize in a non-bar atmosphere. We offer monthly potlucks, video nights, board game nights, hikes, day trips, discussions, holiday gatherings, and other events. You can meet a wide assortment of men easily at an MSN event. I have met many of my valued friends at MSN.

Since I live in the University area, I have easy access to the whole University/downtown culture, much of which is queer-friendly. The University has BGALA (Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Alliance), a great resource for any Gay man associated with the University. The Hotel Congress and the Cup Cafe are relaxed, Gay friendly venues for lunch, dinner, or clubbing. The Grill on Congress is another place where it feels safe to be myself. There's the aka theatre, Borderlands, and One in Ten, all of whom regularly present Gay-related plays.

We have no less than three AIDS service organizations here. TAP, PACT, and Shanti. For those brothers who are affected, directly or indirectly, by HIV, any of these organizations are eager to be of help in any way they can.

Probably the most important feature of Gay life in Tucson is the special quality of the Gay men I've met here. The Gay community is friendly and open, almost devoid of the annoying attitude I've encountered in other cities. Many thanks to the many men who have helped my first year here be so enjoyable and stimulating. Dr. Bob hopes to continue to be a part of the rich texture of Gay life in Tucson.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker for the Gay community. For more information about groups and individual sessions, please call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.]

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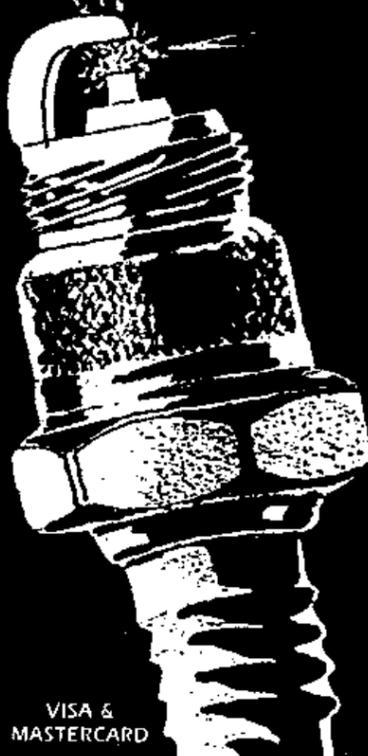


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From The Gutters

by Mike Mahynske & Randy Bilbro

Planning for Halloween in March...Have you ever heard of such?

Tucson's annual Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament, the Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson (HITT '96) has actually been in the planning stage since November of 1995.

The HITT '96 tournament committee launched fund raising efforts this past weekend at the Venture-N, with our gracious host Bert, doing Bert-Burgers and Ernie-weenies. Bert's BBQ fund raiser will take place each third Sunday of every month through October with donated proceeds going to HITT '96. The committee appreciates Bert and Jim and the Venture-N crew and thank them immensely for their support again this year.

We are extremely proud to announce that the Quality Hotel and Suites, our host hotel for this year, will also be a corporate sponsor for HITT '96. The hotel has been a great supporter of Gay events and activities over the past years and home to HITT for several years. Support of this magnitude is difficult to come by, and again, we ask the community to support our supporters.

Several Gay bowling tournaments take place in the southwest each year. This past weekend, the inaugural St. Paty's Lobo Invitational Tournament in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Several Tucson bowlers participated in the tournament. Here are the results:

Randy Patch placed first in the doubles event. He and his partner bowled 1281. Jackie Merkle finished second in women's singles and won high game scratch, with a score of 212. Hilda Carpena finished eighth in the Friday night event. Mike Mahynske finished second in the Megabacket, winning \$96. Other bowlers participated and Tucson took home it's fair share of sidepots and 50/50 winnings, like Patrick Fenimore did.

Later in the year are tournaments in San Diego, Las Vegas, San Antonio, and Los Angeles. Phoenix will hold their regional tournament in early 1997. For more information on these and other upcoming tournaments, call 882-8709.

A couple of congratulations are in order. First, to the Observer for it's new presence on the World Wide Web. It's a great way to read the paper. Check it out

if you haven't done so already. Secondly, to the management and staff of the Plug, Tucson's newest Gay bar. A job well done!

HITT '96 also has a web page located at:

<http://www.indirect.com/www/bamabear/hitt96/hitt96.htm>

With links to the Electronic Observer and a few other places of interest. If anyone has a link that they would like for me to add to the page, drop me a note at bamabear@indirect.com. We hope to be linked to pages for the bars, organizations, travel, etc., that promote Tucson and our Gay community.



DEAR READERS:

In response to a letter from last week's edition, written by an anonymous woman, I would like to offer a contrasting opinion.

Recently my partner and I went to the Graduate. We had only been there once before in the eight years we have been together, for reasons which I will not go into. However, since the bar is under new ownership, we decided to go have several cocktails one evening. Contrary to what your reader thought, we found it to be a friendly, clean, and much improved bar.

I know for a fact the owners, Dave and Frank, are anything but misogynists and welcome women to both of their bars. IBT's has been our favorite bar, by far, since these two gentlemen took over. The bartenders, the bouncers, and especially the co-owners know how to

run a congenial and hospitable organization.

My partner and I have, on occasion, gone to the two women's bars here in town and were greeted far less enthusiastically. When going out for a leisurely drink or for a vivacious night on the two, we want to go to a place where you're made to feel welcome.

Frank and Dave have had a tremendously positive impact on the homosexual community since opening their doors at IBT's to both Lesbians and Gays alike. My hat is off to them for generating such a warm atmosphere which draws such a fabulous clientele. A place you can go "where everybody knows your name!" To the "Cheers" of Tucson and to their newly rejuvenated Graduate, we applaud you!

Sincerely, Barb

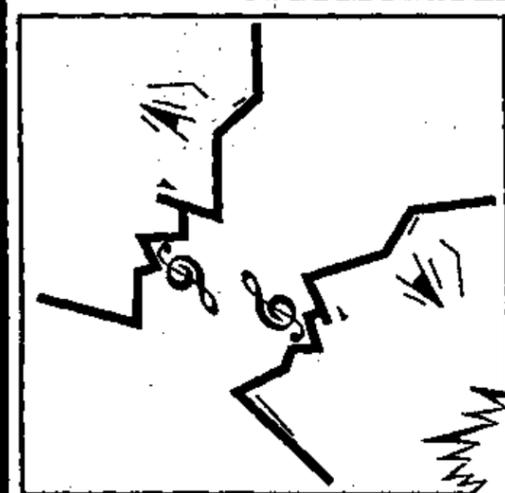


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Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar García

Que tal? Estimados amigos y camaradas de COLUMNA ABIERTA. Con el mismo entusiasmo de siempre, ahora sí hay más material que compartir con ustedes en esta ocasión. Recibí buenos créditos por la breve explicación sobre los virus; que bien, si todavía hay algunas dudas o comentarios haganlo saber. OK? Y para continuar un poco más sobre el interesante tema de los virus... A medida que la infección avanza, pueden aparecer algunos de los siguientes síntomas:

- Diarrea persistente
- Pérdida de apetito
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Si bien estos síntomas pueden desarrollarse a las pocas semanas o meses de habernos infectado, por lo general; el proceso lleva varios años. Estos síntomas no son por sí mismos suficientes para definir el SIDA. Cuando el sistema inmune se debilita, las personas con VIH pueden enfermarse con afecciones que no se darían o no serían graves en aquellas personas con un sistema inmune fuerte. Estas condiciones se denominan "infecciones oportunistas" dado que aprovechan para provocar la enfermedad la "oportunidad" que les proporciona el daño que ha sufrido el sistema inmune.

Una de las infecciones oportunistas más comunes es la neumonía por pneumocystis carinii (NPC), una infección del pulmón no frecuente entre personas sanas, pero que se da ocasionalmente en pacientes con cáncer o transplantados sometidos a terapias que suprimen su sistema inmune. No obstante, se trata fácilmente si se consulta al médico cuando comienzan los síntomas.

Las personas infectadas por el VIH también pueden desarrollar tipos raros de cáncer, como el Sarcoma de Kaposi (SK), un tumor de los vasos sanguíneos en la piel. Si bien es raro en personas que no tienen VIH, el SK comunmente se da en las personas infectadas. Existen muchos tratamientos diferentes y efectivos para el SK que dan resultados clínicos y cosméticos excelentes.

Además de atacar el sistema inmune, el VIH puede atacar también el sistema nervioso, daños al cerebro y la médula espinal, y así generar cambios en la personalidad y algunas anomalías de la mente. No obstante, estos cambios se han vuelto cada vez más raros gracias a la introducción de efectivas terapias anti-VIH tales como el AZT (Zidovudina, Retrovir) el DDC (Zalcitabina) y el DDI (Didanosina).

El SIDA se define cuando una persona VIH-positiva desarrolla una ó más

de las infecciones especificadas (como la NPC), tumores (como el SK); infecciones cerebrales o síndrome de desgaste.

LOS VIRUS NO PUEDEN CURARSE, PERO PUEDEN RETARDARSE SU REPLICACION.

Hasta hoy, los médicos no han podido curar ninguna enfermedad viral, incluyendo el resfriado común, los herpes o la polio. Esto se debe a que el virus utiliza el equipo reproductor de la célula huésped. En consecuencia, matar un virus implicaría matar la célula infectada. Dado que el VIH infecta el sistema inmune, y también células del cerebro; matar estas células vitales ciertamente no ayudaría a las personas infectadas. Sin embargo, se están introduciendo tratamientos para muchas otras infecciones virales que ayudan a mantener los virus silenciosos (o latentes) dentro de las células.

Dejaré esto hasta aquí; la próxima semana continuaremos con algo más sobre los efectos colaterales posibles de los medicamentos anti-VIH existentes...

Tube la oportunidad de asistir a la recepción de bienvenida a la nueva directora de PACT Ms. Marylee Pangman, el pasado jueves 14, la cual estuvo muy concurrida por varios amigos que pude saludar; así como conocer nuevas personas que están trabajando con muchas ganas en esta batalla contra el SIDA...

Quiero dar un valioso reconocimiento público a MAMA REYNA por su gran apoyo que sigue dando a las noches latinas del Stonewall, con su presencia y participación sí que son "noches de fiesta." Ojalá que continúes con toda esa energía que tienes MAMA REYNA.

Otro gran evento que se está "cocinando es el PRIMER RADIO/BAILE MARATON" que se llevará en Nogales, Arizona para el próximo mes de Junio - ya tendremos mas información en las siguientes notas de COLUMNA ABIERTA.

Así como les tendremos información sobre la última conferencia sobre SIDA que se llevará a cabo en San Francisco, CA., nuestra amiga Rosie Piper del Proyecto Por Nosotros hará presencia al igual que nuestras colegas Laurie Duarte y Maria Velasco, quienes nos traerán algo de la mencionada conferencia...

Por hoy, es todo y seguimos esperando sus sugerencias y preguntas.

Hasta la próxima semana, D.M.

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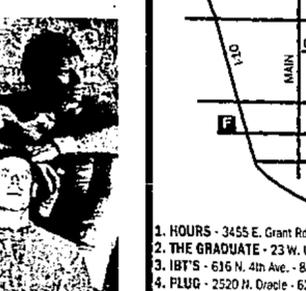
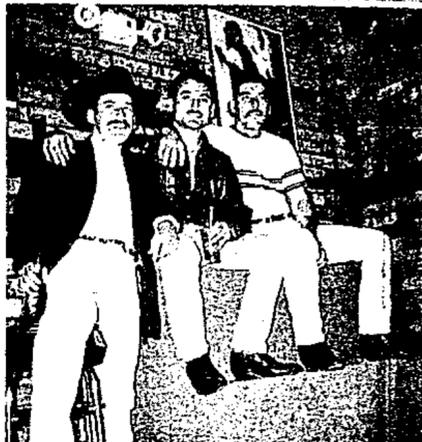
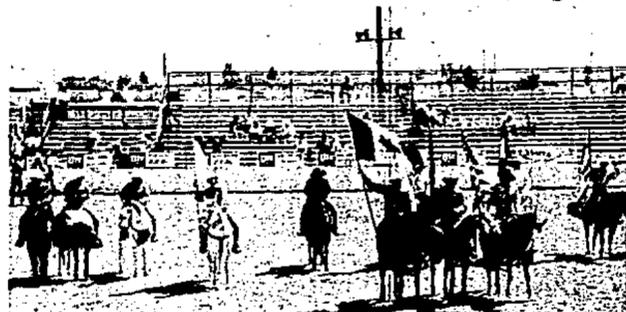
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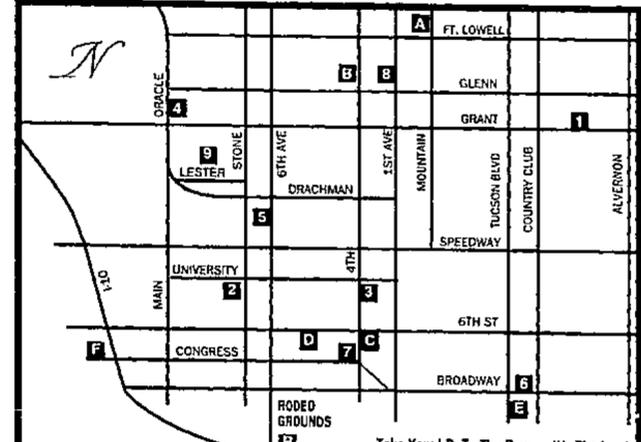
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David came to meet with us, and offer Wingspan's support, by doing more to acknowledge the Transgender community, including updating Wingspan's lending library, with Transgender literature and information. We were very please to have Wingspan represented by David, and thank them for their much appreciated support.

It is our purpose, to offer a place for all, who are out, coming, out, or those who have been afraid to come out. We offer our friendship, support, and help to all, who are Transgendered, I.E.: T.O., Drag Queens, Crossdressers, Transgender-Transsexual, and friends of the transgendered. We encourage unification, with all our Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual, brothers and sisters. We also hope to change the opinions of the straight, and homophobic population, by letting them know, that we offer no threat to their lifestyles, and that we only want to be able to live our lives, in peace, love and without fear.

Our next monthly meeting, the fourth Saturday of each month, will be held, beginning at 2:00 P.M. March's meeting will take place this Saturday, March 23. We will have a special guest appearance by, Karen Black, who will be teaching a course of human sexuality this summer at the U of A.

So until the next time, I love you all, Sharlene AlexAndra

We invite all who have questions, or who would like to know more about us, or meet with us, to call our number - 884-0541, and talk to us, anytime, or leave a message, if we are not available at the time.

Pictured here, are some of our members and friends, who attended our last monthly meeting. They are, left to right:

Picture #1 - John and Daria; #2 - Melissa Holder; #3 - Wendy Allen and Denise Hopp; #4 - Sharlene AlexAndra, Paula, Elizabeth Andra, in front, Michelle.

Also at the meeting, but not present for pictures, were Sassy, Randy, Jamie, Catherine, Cynthia, and our special guest, David Eyde from Wingspan.



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by Frank E.G. Gallego

A Common Voice, the newsletter of the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT), The Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), Volume One, Number One, February/March 1996 has been released and sent to members and supporters of all three AIDS service organizations (ASO's). This joint effort by all three associations addresses the increase in the number of people needing our services and further underscores the continued cooperation that has become a model standard for other communities.

In view of diminishing resources (financial and others), this bi-monthly newsletter will collaborate the reduction of administrative costs; continue to provide updates on events sponsored by the organizations; publish the best informational and educational items on AIDS, HIV and other

related topics; present complete listings of services provided by each organization. PACT, TAP and Shanti will take turns editing two newsletters each per year.

Everyone is encouraged to be part of this project and we welcome comments, suggestions, ideas. To receive this newsletter, call any of the ASO's to add your name to our mailing list. PACT, 770-1710; Shanti, 622-7107; TAP, 322-6226.

A Common Voice will serve as a strong, informative, and effective vehicle to effectualize communication, good will, and better understanding of HIV and AIDS issues.

I leave you with this in mind, "Where there is great love, there are always miracles." - Willa Cather

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Ever since I can remember I have had a "save box". When I was growing up this box contained all kinds of things which were important to me, some artwork which I did in fourth grade, a popsicle stick with what I thought was a love note on it, love letters, essays which I was especially proud of. When I looked through the collection in my box I could feel all the excited, happy emotions which I experienced when I first read the love letter, or received that "Good job!" on my paper. Even though I am an adult, I still have a save box. Now it contains opera tickets, valentine's cards, wedding invitations, funeral notices, all items which remind me of special events in my life, whether joyful or sad. When I go through these things, I remember special people in my life. Although the funeral cards may be a reminder of someone's death, they are also reminders of that person's life and the good times we shared together.

There is another kind of "save box" which many of us have, but this is not a box in which we place tangible

remembrances of people and events. This box contains reminders of the hurtful things which are said and done to us. Did someone break a promise? Plop! In the box it goes. Does someone tell an untruth about us? We can't wait to put it in the save box! And if someone does something which hurts us, and then comes to apologize to us, what do we do? "I can forgive you, but I'll never forget what you did" we tell that person, and then we run to add yet another treasure to the box! When we are feeling especially lonely, or unhappy, or forgotten, we just go to our save box, open it wide, and lovingly take out all the hurt and pain stored there. Then we look at each remembrance and experience once again all the emotions which we felt when the event first occurred!

Why would we want to do this to ourselves? And who is hurting when we review all the painful experiences through which we have gone? Certainly not the person who inflicted the pain upon us!

Jesus gives an invitation to each one of us: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28 KJV) And the Apostle Peter directs us to "Cast...all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7 KJV) Each one of our hurts, each disappointment we have in life, Jesus wants to lift from our shoulders. As long as we put these things in our save box, they remain burdens, to be reviewed again and again. When we give them to Jesus, he takes them from us and gives us joy and peace in their place. Does this mean we never hurt again? No, but each time we remember something hurtful we should immediately give it to Jesus instead of putting it in our save box. If we developed this habit, the time may come when our save box will be completely empty! Then we can start filling it with remembrances of kind words and loving actions others show to us. That kind of save box is one which will be a continual encouragement!

Does Jesus promise to take the burdens of everyone? Absolutely! Each one who comes to Jesus, believing that he is the only way to have sins forgiven, receives Jesus promise not just of eternal life but of peace and rest in this life as well. If you have not yet come to him, what better time than now? What better day than today?

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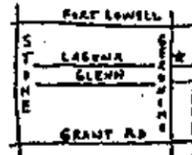
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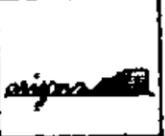
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Noisy Poisons	19.0	9.0	39559
Tres Amigos	18.0	10.0	40830
Twelve	18.0	10.0	38926
HITT'ers	16.5	11.5	38115
2 Peas & A Pod	15.0	13.0	38769
Rubber Queens	13.0	15.0	41800
Bee Bytes	11.0	17.0	36640
Double Stuff	10.5	17.5	38092
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Shootin Around Town

by Wayne Steele

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Cronies Social Club Mid-Month dinner 6:30 p m Mandarin Restaurant Call Richard for RSVP 578-0840

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Men's Social Network (MSN) matinee movie out at an inexpensive theater Call Larry 795-9125 for telection and time Guests always welcome

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25

MSN's Oscar Night Join your brothers in watching the Academy Awards with Jerry and Les Call Les 690-9565 for reservations and directions Guests always welcome

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

MSN 7:00 p m Video Movie Night "Voyager Gallery" This laser disc presentation is a series of pictures and information sent from the Voyager satellite Call Les 690-9565

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's Enjoy his "Classic Oldies" Call 624-6768 to RSVP

MSN 7:00 p m enjoy a former oscar winning film "A Fish Called Wanda" Call Jerry 690-9565 Gests always welcome

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p m enjoy another former oscar winning film "Cabaret" with Liza Minelli Call Jerry or Lee 690-9565 for reservations and directions

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Reveille, Tucson's first and only Gay men's choral organization concert tonight, ¡Viva La Diva! at the Berger Performing Arts Center on the ASDB campus, 1200 W Speedway A wide variety of music of the divas, from the opera "Carmen" to Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand Plus special guest Diva from Laguna Beach, California, Roxanna Ward This concert will have the audience calling for more! Tickets \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door Call 795-7156 for reservations and information

MSN night with Reveille chorus at Berger Auditorium Call Chris 290-4266 for info Purchase tickets and meet at the auditorium Guests always welcome (See above)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 30-31

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will host a car camping trip to southwest Arizona to Palm Canyon in KofA Wilderness area It's an easy hike with varies miles and limited elevation gain Call Dave at 318-0540 for more info

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

MSN Board game night All sorts of board games available Call Les 690-9565

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
 GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-6 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
 HOURS - Steady Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
 IT'S - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Bonoff B-S-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.
 VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)
 HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to class.
 IT'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 Feed 6-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-HRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 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! Non-Premium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
 HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close
 IT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tartoo 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 9pm with Latin Music Party.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Tex Mex music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm. \$1.25 Pitchers, 75¢ Glass.
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
 HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night! Request your favorite country, dance or disco.
 IT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Sex 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 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 6:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
 HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 8pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
 IT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close.
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter special all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 6:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
 HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.
 IT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Loosy 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 6:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched. 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%
 GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
 HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, PMA Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
 IT'S - Open 11am to 1am. Happy hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosy 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
 STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snitches & Bagels w/81 Steady Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 6:30pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 2:00 p m Play on video "5th Of July" Richard Thomas, Jeff Daniels and Swoosie Kurtz perform the roles recently performed by One-In-Ten Theater Call Les or Jerry 890-9565 7:00 p m Beginners Bridge Night Bridge lessons for beginners taught by Gi Call Jerry 690-9565 for reservations and directions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly first Wednesday dinner at Athens on 4th Avenue at 6:30 p m Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street

At The Movies...

By Jack Melichar and Linden Coleman

Let me begin by saying how pleased I am to have a co-conspirator on this project. It is too often so easy to get caught up in one's own opinions, sometimes not being able to see the forest from the trees! I am quite certain that Linden will make certain that I stay honest.

The commentaries from us will reflect both our opinions. When we agree, one commentary, when we don't, ah well, wait and see.

Our first joint project will be a review of "Up Close And Personal" starring Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer, and the above are the last words that are mine alone - Jack Melichar.

Warren Justice, a disheveled, middle-aged news director for a local TV station in Miami (Redford) has hired Telly Atwater (Pfeiffer), a beautiful young aspiring reporter.

Justice is brusque "Make the coffee, I like mine strong!", and Atwater is understandably intimidated.

However, it's not long before Atwater tires of her servile role and pushes her way into the position of weatherperson, rubber raincoat and all.

Because of his years in the industry, many of them at a major network, Justice appreciates her potential and takes her under his tutelage when, FLASH!, an October-May love affair develops.

In time, Atwater is lured to a much larger market in Philadelphia, a position she struggles with until Justice arrives and rebuilds her confidence in her own abilities.

It is at this point that the screen writer asks us to suspend disbelief a bit more than should be required.

When Atwater goes to a prison to interview an inmate, she and her cameraman are caught in an inmate riot. What are the odds that a beautiful, young and unprotected woman would not be raped by a gang of lewd, crude and socially unacceptable men?

Before giving away the film's ending, Justice and Atwater are separated by their careers, Justice to Panama and Atwater to network TV news.

"Up Close And Personal" is poignant and heart warming, and while it's not totally believable, it deserves your up close and personal look see!

This one gets two Queer Cheers!



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Both the Sun and Mercury move from sensitive Pisces to pioneering Aries this week which means that our minds are in sync with our life long goals. Turn on the mental power kids and fire away! It's time to set the course, full speed ahead, and achieve what we secretly crave. Don't just think it. Be it.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Aries folk are never the shy and retiring types. Now, with both the Sun and Mercury moving into your own sign, it's time to chart your course for the next year. Plan those projects. Plant those seeds. Thank goodness that your thoughts are focused and on target. The trick is to avoid the steamroller effect. Try the fist in the velvet glove instead.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

How will queer Bulls deal with the powerful energy when the Sun and Mercury come under the Aries spell? Thank your lucky stars if your closet flies off the hinges or if you can aggressively forge out and vanquish secret enemies. It is time to clean out the cobwebs and dust out the corners of your mind. It is the only thing holding you back from true affirmation and pride.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Sociable pink Twins are usually the hit of the social scene. The platonic heat is on with both the Sun and Mercury entering Aries. You aggressively demonstrate why you think, live and breathe friendship. Why not plan to bring a few close pals together for a mutual admiration brunch? You'll be surprised what can happen when a few great minds talk over mimosas and gravlax.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Even ragged claws can't help but be pushy and overly confident in their careers right now. The sun and Mercury in dichard Aries makes no bones about what you feel you deserve and where you see yourself going in that great professional shark pit. Why not strike while the planetary power is hot, dear queer Crab? Allow Aries to push you in the right direction, then you must do the rest...

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Long term goals and global ideas catch fire when both the Sun and Mercury move into Aries. Proud Lions need to be more expansive and strategic now. Pick up the rainbow banner pack your bags and head to parts unknown to aggressively explore new terrain. You never know what exotic elements may inspire you to action. Even legal battles can be fought and won now. Formez le battalions!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Feisty Mercury and Sun in Aries heat up your sexuality to full boil. Thankfully queer Virgos can channel this impressive energy where it will do the most personal good. Your heart, mind and intimate goals ache for closeness, affirmation and merging and nothing less than total success will do. Good! It is high time that you be all that you can be. Throw off the psychological shackles and love to the hilt.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Partners better shape up or ship out now that both the Sun and Mercury enter pioneering Aries. Libras usually strive for diplomacy and balance, even at the expense of their better judgement. Now, the Aries tour de force will either force com-

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

promise with an all or nothing push or toss the whole darn affair. You deserve the best, darling, so demand respect and equality.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If your nose is especially close to the grindstone, blame it on the fiery surge of the Sun and Mercury in Aries. Work! Work! Work! You'll never feel as energized to get those annoying, onerous tasks out of the way. It's also a splendid time to get the old bod to a gym and hone it to perfection. Summer is not that far away, it's never too early to prepare to be the belle of the beach.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Lucky Gay Sags are even luckier now that the Sun and Mercury dance into Aries. It may be time to touch the inner creative muse and take to the arts in a big way. The one drawback of this time is naivete associated with gambling and other risky

games of chance. The Aries energy foolishly charges forward at great risk and expense. Don't bet more than you can well afford to lose.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Home and family issues come to the fore with both the Sun and Mercury in Aries. Proud Goats need to take a more aggressive and issues. Don't allow yourself to compromise for the sake of appearance. Frankly, that's sad and stupid. Thankfully, the Aries force is not big on compromise and things will take their proper course now.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Mercury and the Sun in Aries fires up communication in a big way. If you ever had a hankering to take the message to the streets, this may be the time to go, go, go! Aquarians are at the front lines fighting for our rights and Aries energy gives you extra courage and verve. You are persua-

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sive and, dare I say, pushy, but this is good. Sometime you have to shout to be heard above the racket.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Even sensitive, retiring pink Fish will be energized with the Sun and Mercury in Aries. Money becomes a big issue and you realize that you are well prepared to take financial responsibility of your life. Passive Pisces are often led to believe that others can do the accounting for them, but now we must say no. It's your future and your security. Take charge, and I don't mean credit card...

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ARIZONA SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.O.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3833. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 601 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0803 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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

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

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 614, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (502)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570-0027

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 3250 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 free call 793-3488 / 290-1730. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

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

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rich 318-0540.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-6850 or Ronn 965-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 993, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Aronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to ALL. Call Jeff or Art 520)782-9135.

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

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

TUCSON HIKING CLUB. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol-free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42332, Tucson, AZ 85733-2332.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more info.

"ATEASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 9th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8560 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1784 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.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets 7-11 pm third Friday of each month in the Lincoln Building at Unitarian Universalist Church 4631 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Slater Jam. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not). Saturdays and special events \$5 in Geddard Hall.

THE TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7483 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.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-3. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meeting and activities. Call 791-7948 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1208 for more info.

METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, an informal group using inner guidance, mind power and universal law. Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills. (River&Swan). Rich 318-0540.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-8962.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3601 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9505 for information and a newsletter.556

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary D. 770-9879

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

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PERSONALS

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where the sponsor of the measure goes to the Speaker and requests the bill be withdrawn from the committee.

Senator Noland, according to her staff, this past Thursday went to House Speaker Mark Killian and requested S.B. 1078 be removed from States Rights and Mandates. If the Speaker acquiesces, the bill would immediately go to the Rules committee for consideration.

S.B. 1078 is alive, but on life support. The measure has made it farther than any other previous attempt. Phoenix Representative Ken Chevront (D), said "the credit for the success, S.B. 1078 has had goes to one person, Senator Patti Noland (R-Tucson)."

In other legislative action to note, two bills of concern died this past week.

S.B. 1392, which would have allowed the arbitrary testing of foster children by potential foster parents, was defeated by the House Human Services committee, by a vote of 8 to 3. The bill had received smooth sailing in the Senate, passing the Family Services, Senate Rules, the Committee of the Whole, and the full Senate by a vote of 25 to 4.

H.B. 2201, which would have required mandatory HIV testing for all prisoners was held by the Senate Judiciary committee. The bill will not be considered, and thus dies.

H.B. 2201 was sponsored by the Mesa Republican Representative, Mark Anderson; who also sponsored the "Just Say No Homos" bill; had passed the House Public Institutions and Universities, House Rules, the Committee of the Whole, and the full House by a vote of 40 to 17.

[An update in next week's Observer on S.B. 1078, the hate crimes bill.]

AIDS In Teens

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"We know that to be effective, prevention programs must directly confront homophobia and specifically address the unique issues affecting Gay youth. Failure to do so leads directly to increasing the infection rate among this most at-risk population. That is why we are today demanding inclusion in the report's action steps specific recommendations regarding Gay and Bisexual youth."

Jean continued, "Pedro Zamora, whom our Youth HIV Clinic is named after, said it very well before he succumbed to AIDS at the age of 22. He said: 'If you want to reach me as a young Gay man, especially a young Gay man of color, then you need to give me information in a language and vocabulary I can understand and relate to. I will be much more likely to hear the message if it comes from someone to whom I can relate.'"

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center also urges the addition of the following recommendations to the report:

"All programs, in an effort to provide HIV services for youth, should acknowledge, support and be responsive to the needs and lives of young Gay and Bisexual men. Government institutions, schools, and other entities engaging in HIV prevention, testing and treatment efforts should directly confront homophobia and its impact on health, welfare and self-image of young Gay and Bisexual men.

"Where young people are involved in the design and development of marketing and provision of HIV prevention and treatment services, the majority should be comprised of young Gay and Bisexual men, including youth of color, reflective of the incidence of new infections among this population."

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with the Senate favoring domestic partnership and the House insisting on a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage to be submitted for decision by Hawaii's voters.

If the legislative maneuver fails, the same-sex marriage issue will ultimately be decided by Hawaii's courts. In August this year the burden of proof will fall on the state when it argues its case before the Circuit Court. It remains to be seen whether or not the state can come up with a compelling interest to continue to refuse to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Remune Being Tested As AIDS Treatment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - An AIDS therapy designed to boost the immune systems of infected patients, the last work of vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk, begins testing in some 3,000 Americans this week.

Remune is the first immune-system based AIDS treatment to make it to such advanced testing.

But scientists caution that patients should not expect a miracle.

While the rationale behind immune-boosters is intriguing, earlier testing of such agents has been disappointing, said AIDS expert Dr. Pat Fast of the National Institutes of Health.

Developed by Salk, the inventor of the first polio vaccine who died last year, Remune is a form of immunotherapy.

Sometimes called a "therapeutic vaccine," it is designed to rev up the immune systems of people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Salk took a strain of HIV, stripped it of its outer coating and killed it.

He then added a chemical that helps immune cells recognize an invader and remember how it looks.

HIV usually hides in the body until it is strong enough to kill immune cells.

Salk's theory was that Remune would prompt those cells to recognize all of HIV's proteins, usually hidden under its outer coating, earlier and fight back.

Two other immunotherapies are in earlier testing, but they use only portions of HIV, not the whole, killed virus.

Salk's therapy has been highly controversial. Immune Response, maker of Remune, told the Food and Drug Administration last year that, in small studies, it helped some patients retain vital immune cells.

The FDA's panel of AIDS experts said the studies probably were exaggerated but told the FDA to allow larger testing anyway to settle the issue.