

State House Approves Same-Sex Marriage Ban; Awaits Action In Senate

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Gay activist groups and legislators spoke out against S.B. 1038, before the Judiciary Committee.

"Homosexuality has been here through the millennia and societies have not crumpled as a result," said David Horowitz, board member of the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project.

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Felice Reynard Crowned Miss Gay Tucson



Miss Gay Tucson 1995, Felice Reynard

TUCSON - Last Sunday, April 14, a large crowd attended the presentation of the 11th annual Miss Gay Tucson America Pageant at the Holiday Inn City Center.

The Pageant was promoted and produced by Larry Moore, (aka Lucinda Holliday, Miss Gay Tucson 1994). For this year, Moore made some changes in the presentation, having the judges score the contestants prior to the evening's presentation on many of the more tedious and less interesting competitions and focused on an evening of entertainment. This gave the evening a smoother and much faster presentation. Everyone seemed to appreciate the 'new look'.

Gilda Fatalé was Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening and did a fine job keeping things moving along with her slick sense of humor. The contestants were, Felice Renard, Alotta Whoremones, Crystal Abrahms, Rondah and Helena Bubbles.

The evening opened with the usual introductions and the traditional 'walk' of Miss Gay America Pageant title holders. Entertainment which followed included performances by Miss Gay Arizona 1995 Ms. Markus; Miss Gay Phoenix 1995, Barbra Seville and Miss Gay Tucson 1995, Electra Bleu. The contestants talent, evening gown and onstage question competition followed.

In what had to be an extremely close scoring, the judges chose Felice Renard as Miss Gay Tucson America 1996. Helena Bubbles was first runner-up with Crystal Abrahms second runner-up. Helena also won the talent competition. In addition, Alotta Whoremones won Miss Congeniality and Beth Tullis was awarded the annual Humanitarian Award.

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The House Speaker, Rep. Mark Miss Gay Tucson Contestants: 1. Felice Reynard; 2. Alotta Whoremones; 3. Crystal Abrahms; 4. Rondah; 5. Helena Bubbles.

UPDATE

Tucson Diocese Providing Pastoral Ministry To Gays

TUCSON - The Most Rev. Manuel D. Moreno, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, supports an established Pastoral Ministry with Gay and Lesbian persons and their families. This resource is being provided through the Department of Parish Life and Ministry (DPLM) within the diocese.

Bishop Moreno states in a letter:

"As our Church has attempted to provide a special degree of pastoral understanding and care to homosexuals, it has become clear that parents, siblings, and other family members also should receive pastoral care and support as they journey and struggle in their understanding, acceptance, compassion, and love of a family member who is homosexual.

"In looking at our Church's experience, even in our own Diocese, we must acknowledge with sadness that homosexual persons and their families have sometimes experienced alienation, discrimination, and even hostility. In response, we strongly reaffirm God's call to all of us to see each other through the eyes of Jesus.

"This, then, is the goal of ministry with homosexual persons and their families: to walk with each other in our weaknesses and brokenness on our journey to strength, healing, and renewal in the Lord. I support this ministry, and I affirm the need to provide training and support for those involved in it."

DPLM's goals are:

Provide information and assistance to parishes in ministry with Gay and Lesbian persons and their families.

Foster a spirit of compassion, understanding and fellowship for and among Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their families so that they can share mutual support in living out their lives of faith within the Church.

Support efforts at overcoming alienation, discrimination, hostility, and to promote social justice with regard to the rights of Gay and Lesbian persons.

PACT 'Style For Life' Cancelled

TUCSON - The People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson's annual fund raiser, Style for Life, that had been scheduled for April 28 has been cancelled.

The reason given for the cancellation was due to the lack of stylists who could commit to the date for the event.

When or if the fund raiser will take place, read about it in The Observer.

PACT Seeks Volunteers and Board Members

TUCSON - The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson is looking for people who are concerned about those members of our community who are living with HIV and AIDS.

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Calling All Wannabe Comics

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For more information, or to sign up, call Christina Rossetti at 696-8730.

Tucson ASOs Named Cigna Beneficiaries

TUCSON - People With AIDS Coalition-Tucson, Tucson AIDS Project, and the Shanti Foundation have been named as beneficiaries for the CIGNA Healthcare Celebrity Tennis Classic, held this year on April 19-21.

The fund raising event is expected to raise at least \$25,000, which will be used to develop a joint client database and computer network that will allow the three ASO's to streamline service delivery to their clients.

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Stepping Out Of The New Republic

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Like many openly Gay men, Andrew Sullivan still carried a painful secret.

In Sullivan's case, he worried that disclosing his secret would make critics go easy on him and by extension on the magazine he edited, The New Republic. But the Washington-based weekly depends on a pitiless journalistic culture to give it bite.

So Sullivan kept even friends in the dark and waited until last week, three years after he was diagnosed as HIV positive, to announce his illness and that he is stepping down as editor of the magazine. In an upbeat mood, he told staffers that he is in good health, expects to be in the first generation to survive AIDS and plans now to write a book, his second on the topic of friendship. The virus, he adds, was contracted "by accident".

Sullivan is young (32), British and conservative at a magazine that is old (82), American and every so often liberal. Despite his brilliant writing abilities, this didn't always make for a good fit. His efforts over the last five years to position The New Republic as more cultural and less political (extending even to Sullivan-as-celebrity, posing for Gap ad) left many readers yearning for the yeasty days of editors Michael Kinsley and Hendrik Hertzberg.

Some staffers speculate that owner Martin Peretz may have hastened Sullivan's exit, which comes in the middle of a political year. "I wish Andrew a long and fruitful life, but he has changed the subject," Literary Editor Leon Wieseltier said in an interview. "The problems around this office were not medical problems. He was responsible for an extraordinary amount of professional and personal unhappiness." Pitilessness lives.

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During the hearing, a legislator, one of the few not cowed by Republican threats, (See later), said "I think we're legislating by fear," said Rep. Ben Hanley, D-Window Rock. "I think it's unfounded and unnecessary." Way to go Ben!

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Can we guess how the vote was going to go?

With that, the bill sped through the House in two days. The bill was approved in two days in the House, by a vote of fifty to five.

S.B. 1038 has gone back to the State Senate for concurrence. It has not been scheduled for consideration as of press time. Capitol sources state that legislative leaders are trying to end the

session this week, only time will tell and hopefully its on our side. But don't count on it!

Bravo to Rep. Elaine Richardson and Jorge Luis Garcia who voted against the ban. It took courage to do that, and the Tucson Lesbian/Gay community salutes you for that.

Rep. Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, the only openly Gay legislator summed up the whole situation best, "It's a sad statement, when many of the Gay and Lesbian community's friends couldn't vote against the ban, because of fear of recrimination for the radical right. We, the Gay and Lesbian community need to show them we'll support them..."

Plain and simple, Republicans in the legislature have shown that they are morally, politically and economically corrupt, and that they needed an issue to campaign on, and to cover up their malfeasance during this past session.

They will go back to their districts, posing and posturing, whoring it up for votes. But when asked by a constituent: "What have you done to improve the economy, jobs in the state, the educational system and the environment?"

The legislator, "pod-person", will say: "We've banned same-sex marriages!"

The unfortunate thing is the constituent's will buy it. When it comes to the State Legislature, we must "be afraid, be very afraid!", because we aren't going to get a damn thing! The Republicans don't care about human life and liberty, and their recent actions show that.

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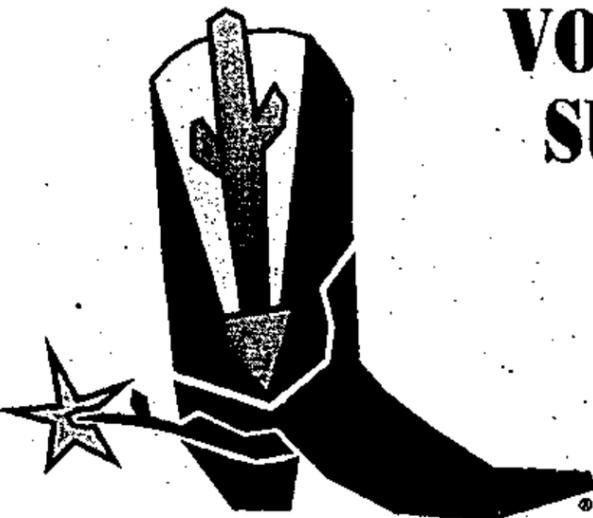
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OUT ON VIDEO

By Michael Shoel

"Money, Homophobia & Entertainment"

JEFFREY, GO FISH, PRISCILLA, and BIRDCAGE, are just a few of the recent big screen releases with openly Gay, somewhat positive characters Hollywood has offered.

need to consider. Our box office and video rental dollars, if used correctly, like our votes, can ultimately shape our future on screen in addition to our day to day lives.

made a lot of money, consequently we now have the release of WIGSTOCK, BIRDCAGE, & TO WONG FU.

I'm not one of these queens that doesn't like to be called queen. You can call me queen or girlfriend anytime you like, but we are a diverse community and we have a right to expect that we be represented as such. My background is not with big time Hollywood studios, but with independent video stores and very low budget producers.

As Gay and Lesbian consumers, we have to be aware that homophobia is a multi-edge sword that needs to be fought off more than one level, in different ways at different times. We need to overcome the bigots that just don't want us to be seen.

It appears that our representation on screen may be getting closer to becoming a reality. I say "getting closer," rather than "has happened," because I believe that there are some serious questions and demands that we as Gay and Lesbian video renter's, movie theater patrons, network and cable television audience members

You can debate about aesthetics and politics all you like, but being a national independent video distributor, I know first hand that if the movie doesn't make money, it's unlikely another one like it will be made. By the same token, when something work's it's usually repeated until it stops working. Since PRISCILLA

Personally, I don't have much of a problem with the current semi-abundance of drag queen and AIDS oriented movies. If this kind of "spoon feeding" is what it will take to get mainstream Americans to discover that they can watch and care

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What Does It Mean To Be Gay?

Do you know what it is to be Gay? To be sexually attracted to members of the same sex, of course. Sure, but does your experience of being Gay stop there? What is the meaning of feeling sexually attracted to other men? I'm not sure we know--if you look at Gay media images, being Gay seems to begin and end with the sex acts we perform, pleasurable but without much other meaning.

Compare this to heterosexuality. Straight people are attracted to people of the opposite sex, but the traditional meaning of heterosexuality goes on to include the ideas of family, the sanctity of marriage, procreation of children, parenting, love, commitment, and the balance of opposites between male and female.

Many religions, the traditional authorities in our culture, reflect long and deeply on the meanings of heterosexual love. For example, Christianity likens the relations of God and the soul to the relations between male and female, and says that straight marriage is a symbol of the committed love God has for us.

Tibetan Buddhism uses images of male and female deities in sexual embrace to symbolize the basic unity of the universe and the oneness of opposites. In popular culture, virtually every movie and every song you hear has some kind of heterosexual theme in it. Heterosexuality is glorified at every turn (and quite unrealistically, if you compare movie romances to the relationships of straight folks you actually know).

Heterosexuals, therefore, have a richly resonant symbology to which they can refer their sexual attractions, attractions which, in themselves, are simply animal lusts. What about us?

We have sexual attractions for members of the same sex. Is there a rich tapestry of cultural meanings associated with our attractions, as there is for straight people's? Well, as a matter of fact, there is. Popular and traditional culture are full of references to Gay people's sexual desires, and almost all of them are negative in the extreme.

From jokes about not bending over to pick up the soap in the shower, to cruel AIDS jokes, to biblical ideas about Gay sex being an abomination before God, to despicable Gay characters in movies like "Silence of the Lambs," to the ban on gays in the military, our culture gives us a well-charted map for what Gay sex is: something disgusting, sick, sinful, and pathetic.

As glorious as heterosexuality is, homosexuality is correspondingly filthy and debased. To the culture in which all of us came to be, we are nothing but fags, cocksuckers, sissies, homos, fudgepackers, and fairies, and the sooner AIDS kills us all off, the better. The heterosexual mainstream thinks of us as vermin appropriately relegated, along with the homeless, the mentally ill, and the drug user, to the dark corners of society.

This is especially hypocritical when one contemplates the large numbers of closeted homosexuals in positions of great power and prestige, in politics, entertainment, higher education, business, health care, and organized religion (to name a few). As long as we are in the

closet, that is, feeling shameful and dirty about our sexuality, doing it only in the darkest corners of our lives, we may perhaps be tolerated.

Many of us settle for this, to varying degrees, but to the extent that we do, we betray ourselves. We leave unanswered the urgent question: who are we, or who would we be, if we weren't constantly acting out the negative ideas straight society has about us? What would Gay love and Gay community look like in a world where Gay and straight and Bisexual were viewed as equally honorable modes of one sexual energy? What are some of the possible meanings of Gay sexuality, beyond tricks, bathhouses, and one-night stands? What would Gay love be like if it could be lived in the full light of day?

We will never know as long as we don't consciously shed the negative propaganda straight society gives us about ourselves. In this connection, I think we can learn a tremendous amount from what the feminists have achieved in the last thirty years.

Feminist women recognized that they were in a situation not unlike the one I've been describing for Gays. "Womanhood" was defined in this culture as something inferior to manhood, and all of the definitions of what it was to be a woman were given by men, just as ALL THE DEFINITIONS OF WHAT IT IS TO BE GAY ARE GIVEN BY STRAIGHTS.

Men said that women were wives, maids, sexual objects, incubators, mothers of the men's children, basically property. Generally, women, before the flowering of the feminist movement, believed this about themselves. (To demonstrate this, get out a women's magazine from the early 60's and compare the images of women there with a women's magazine off the rack today...post-feminism.)

Feminists came up with a genius methodology: they created safe space away from the oppressors (straight men)—women-only space. They began to ask each other what their actual, lived experience of being a woman was. (I will respect the feminist spellings from here on.) What is it really like to be a woman, from the inside? What feelings and words come out when the only listeners are other womyn?

They formed consciousness raising and support groups to explore these questions. It's important to notice the word "explore." They didn't pretend to know in advance what a woman could be; they put no definitions on it. They simply TALKED AND LISTENED IN SAFETY, and gradually, a picture of womyn's lives began to emerge that was very different from what men had always said they were. On the basis of her own experiences, shared with and reflected off her fellow womyn, a woman began to gather strength to create her life in a way that was outside the definitions of the patriarchy.

My vision for us is analogous. We need to create queer-only safe space to begin to tell our real stories, the stories of what it has actually been like to lead Gay lives, with all the pain, all the hiding, all the oppression, all the joy, all the desire, the grief, the fear, and the triumphs of love.

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Viewpoint

by Kathy Lewis

Same-Sex Marriage Ban Based On Parenthood

Lesbians and Gays must be anti-family because when they pleasure their partner physically, there is no possibility of one of them getting pregnant. This is the (il)logic that the far right is using in the attempt to ban Gay and Lesbian marriages.

Many states are jumping on this narrow bandwagon, including Arizona. Extrapolating from earlier quotes, it sounds as if Rep. David Farnsworth, R-Snowflake, thinks same sex marriages should not have the benefits accorded mixed sex marriages because they are a "union" that will not be "raising children."

Correct me if in error, but have any of your heterosexual, married friends decided not to have children, or in wanting children, been unable to conceive? In getting their wedding license, have they answered the question, "Is this union planning on producing children?" Please! We would be up in arms if this kind of invasion of privacy were forced upon us!

Every adult and teen of reproductive age makes their own decision about having children. There is not test to take or qualifications to pass. If they are married or not, they have responsibilities to their child(ren) to provide health care, food nurture, love, stability and braces. They have the right, married or not, to enjoy their child's first laugh, marvel when the peas actually make it to the toddlers mouth and cheer as a happy five year old rides a two wheeler for the first time. All of us as parents have these rights and responsibilities.

As a woman living in the hetero world, married to my children's father, I had the added benefit of access to my mate's health care plan, whether there where children in the household or not. I was automatically invited to the company Christmas parties, expected to attend company softball games, and was accorded respect of the wife and mother of So & So, and his children. I was able to call my mate at work, he was able to take sick days, if I was too sick to care for our young children and he proudly kept photos and artwork displayed of beaming faces and colorful animals of questionable origin. All these things we took for granted as parents in society. Straight society, that is.

I now am a woman lover, Lesbian identified, feminist, new thought proponent divorce'. I'm still a parent. One of the first incidents of my coming out, included an old church acquaintance running into my lover and I at an upscale restaurant in the heart of Seattle. Seeing us holding hands, she assumed that I had "made a change." She asked, "Do you still have your kids?" Yes, yes, yes! If I had been sitting with a man, would she have asked that, I wonder? No! I still feel my blood pressure rise over that one.

Now, my experience of being a parent is still as joyous and challenging as ever, but I must provide for my children without the added comfort of full societal acceptance. My children can't talk about the woman their mom is dating. I worry about my neighbors being offended at my lifestyle and telling their kids not to play with my kids, or not come in our house. I am constrained from holding hands or hugging my girlfriend when neighbor kids are over, or of openly taking about my sweetheart with baby-sitters, other parents or my children's teachers.

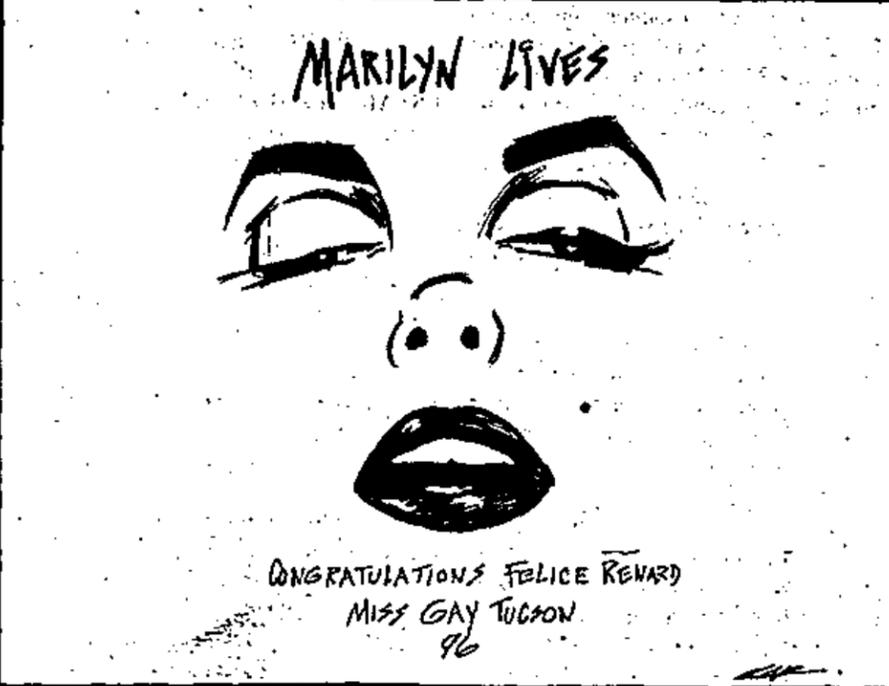
If I want to marry my lover, who can I tell? Who'll congratulate me as a matter of course? Shop-keepers, jewelry store clerks, bakery chefs? No, because I won't tell them. But of course I will go to Les/Bi/Gay friendly businesses for all my wedding needs, adding the stress of running all over town, rather than going to my neighborhood stores, to the already tense/exciting/scary wonderful experience.

And upon making a solemn commitment to love for a life time, my mate will not be recognized, by society, a "parent" to my children. She won't be able to legally adopt them, or put them on her health care plan, or be able to have custody of them if I die. Why? We are two adults, raising children, living a life of love and commitment, giving back to our community and recycling. What more must we do?

[Kathy Lewis is a free-lance writer, recently re-located to Tucson from Seattle.]



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Les recuerdo la Feria de Salud que se llevará a cabo en Pasqua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona este sabado 27 de abril, con un programa informativo y artístico que les gustará sin lugar a duda, ya que en pasados años han sido un gran éxito y un convivio muy original de la comunidad Yaqui, no falten y si les gusta y les interesa las carreras y la caminata, el registro para participar empesará desde las 6:00 a.m. y la apertura oficial será a las 8:30 a.m. por el Dr. Fernando Escalante y se continuará con un interesante programa hasta las 3:30 p.m. por allí nos vemos.

Y ya que estamos comentando sobre grandes eventos, la próxima semana desde el día 24 al 27 de abril se llevará a cabo la 4a. Conferencia Anual de Promotoras que organiza nuestra agencia hermana WAHEC (Western Arizona Area Health Education Center) en el Rio Rico Resort. Esperamos volver a convivir con todos las grandes señoras y señores promotores de diferentes estados de EE.UU. así como promotores de algunas ciudades de México que hemos tenido la oportunidad de conocer en las conferencias anteriores; si necesita o se interesa más al respecto comuníquese con nosotros y gustosamente le pasaremos la información necesaria...

En lo que respecta a llamadas que nos hacen para solicitar información fue la que respecta a **Precauciones Universales.** Lo que significa tratar a la sangre y a los fluidos corporales de cualquier persona

Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

como si fueran infecciosas, siempre.

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PERO EN REALIDAD, CUALQUIER PERSONA PUEDE ESTAR EXPUESTA a patógenos acarreados en la corriente sanguínea, si está expuesta a sangre u otros fluidos corporales.

¿QUE SON LOS PATOGENOS ACARREADOS EN LA SANGRE?

Son virus, bacterias y otros microorganismos que ocasionan enfermedades. Si una persona entra en contacto con sangre infectada que tenga un patógeno, podría adquirir la infección.

Otros fluidos corporales que también pueden transmitir los patógenos acarreados en la sangre son:

- Productos derivados de la sangre (como plasma, plaquetas).

- Semen.
- Secreciones vaginales.
- Flujos en el útero de las mujeres embarazadas.
- Fluidos que rodean el cerebro, la espina dorsal, el corazón y las articulaciones.
- Fluidos en el pecho y en el abdomen.
- Otros fluidos que contengan sangre visible.

Cabe recalcar que aparte del VIH (virus de la inmunodeficiencia humana) que ocasiona el SIDA, existe el VHB (virus de la hepatitis B), que puede ocasionar:

- Hepatitis B activa, una enfermedad parecida a la gripe que puede durar meses.
- Un estado de portador crónico, aunque no tenga síntomas, la persona puede transmitir el VHB a otras personas.
- Cirrosis, cáncer del hígado y la muerte. Afortunadamente existe la vacuna para el VHB. La cual se suministra en una serie de dosis (generalmente 3 inyecciones en el transcurso de 6 meses). Para que la vacuna funcione, se debe recibir toda la dosis y podría ser necesario una inyección de refuerzo más adelante.

¿QUE HACER EN CASO DE EXPOSICION A SANGRE U OTROS FLUIDOS CORPORALES?

- Lave inmediatamente el area expuesta con agua y jabón. - Trate de guardar el objeto filoso u otro artículo contaminado para efectuar pruebas.

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Y no esta por demás recordales que para los contactos sexuales el uso adecuado del condon de látex es lo recomendado.

Si todavía queda algo pendiente no dejen de comunicarse con las personas al final de COLUMNA ABIERTA.

Y hasta la próxima semana. D.M.:

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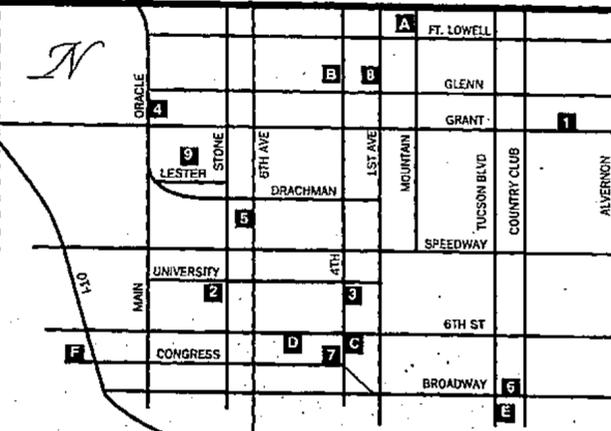
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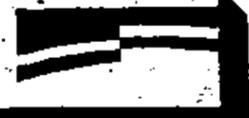
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The Cruise' Couple

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To start this week out, yes - one week late, I give you all one on myself. My column was ready for Bob, typed last Monday evening. Tuesday morning I retrieved a cover for my disk, labeled it, and dropped it off at Bob's. Friday evening, guess what I found on my kitchen table - the disk with my column on it.

I guess a lot of you out there has been checking both mine and Ben's columns. Lately, whenever I stroll into one of the watering holes, it does get quiet. Hell, some are almost to the point of being afraid of even saying hello. Just wait, I'll still find something on you yet, so lets get back to normal.

Well I see the Graduate has finally Graduated. The new game room is great. The only problem I have with it is the "Men Behind Bars". I'm sure I am not alone in feeling that those figures behind those bars should be either honky men or beautiful young men, both wearing nothing more than G-strings.

And still on the Graduate, with all these new changes coming, Dave has even looked out for both past and present bartenders. By removing that pipe, on the floor, behind the bar, he not only removed Stan's speed bump but removed Neil's high hurdle. As for Neil, put some tap dancing shoes on him and he would show you how to clear it.

Just to please you - it's Glen, not Glenn.

A special message to Jack. Even with it your truck and no you will not help me move, you should be paying me for guarding your truck in the parking lot.

I have a policy, job security type, of not writing about anyone I work with. So one about a certain person loosing their truck while roaming around town with another bartender, I'll just have to leave alone.

What is going on with my evil older co-writer? Yes, years ago he wrote for the church and helped in another column but since he has retired (age wise) maybe one of the things that also goes with many extended years is transferring humor from the brain down to the type-writer.

"Put your apron on and stay in the kitchen." This was Tom telling David W. after David started many projects and could not finish them. David - get off the Butch trip and back to the Bitch trip.

FROM MY SPY NETWORK:
OK Ben - after your column last week, we should play "Melancholy Baby" as we walk down memory lane. And I thought that was the first to go.

That will be it for this week - short for now but do not try to hide as some people do, I'll still get you and some good dirt to pass on next time. I will see a bunch of you at the Graduate this weekend for TKO's beer bust, of course - pen and notebook in hand.

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From The Gutters

by Mike Mahynske & Randy Bilbro

The HITT '96 committee can be found this Sunday at the Venture-N for Bert Burgers and our scheduled monthly fund raiser.

Bert will be doing his usual wonderful job preparing burgers and dogs, and the donated proceeds will go towards the annual Halloween Invitation Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament held in October. Festivities begin at 5:00 P.M. and last until around 7:00 P.M. Drawings will be held for t-shirts and Desert Diamond Casino fun packs.

Also upcoming on the fund raiser scheduled is the Fourth Annual May No-Tap fun tournament, SATURDAY, May 4, 1:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes.

The HITT '96 committee journeyed to Phoenix this past weekend to distribute entry forms and promote the no-tap to league members there. We're hoping for a good turn out from Tucson and Phoenix bowlers. This is a handicapped team event, with singles and doubles sidepots available.

For information on the No-Tap, give Mike or Randy a call at 882-8709.

Response to HITT '96s presence on the World Wide Web has been really positive, with folks from all over the U.S. visiting the page, registering for a free entry drawing into the tournament, and signing the guest book. Our page is located at:

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by Frank E.G. Gallego

Please call the Tucson Mayor and Council comment line, 791-4700, a 24 hour phone message machine. Leave your name and address and state that you support full funding of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposals submitted by PACT, TAP, and Shanti.

Please call now since decisions are being made right now. Our ability to support critical services to people with HIV/AIDS is dependent on receiving adequate funding from this source. Your phone call means a lot and it is an essay way to help. If you have any question about our requests, please call PACT at 770-1710; Shanti at 622-71078; TAP at 322-6226. ...

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson is looking for persons who are concerned about those members of our community who are living with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers are need to serve on:

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Collaborative case management for people with HIV/AIDS is coming to Pima county. It means people getting case management services will be better served once the collaboration is fully implemented. But TAP, Shanti, and PACT need your help in working out the details of the collaboration. If you can help, call Alan Nyitray or John Barnes at 322-6226, before May 1. ...

I leave you with this in mind, "You can make your world so much larger simply by acknowledging everyone else's." - Jeanne Marie Laskas.

A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Have you ever wondered just what Cornerstone Fellowship is all about? The following is a transcription of an interview I recently conducted with a member, Ima Christian:

VFR: Just how long have you been going to Cornerstone?

IMA: Well, I started attending about a year ago.

VFR: What influenced you to go there the first time?

IMA: I saw their booth at the AGRA rodeo last year and picked up some literature. My spouse and I had been talking about going to a church where we could be ourselves, you know, where we wouldn't have to pretend to be just roommates, so we decided to try Cornerstone. We especially enjoyed the music, it was so alive, much different from the kind of church music I was used to! And we kept going back because we could see that the people there really love God and believe his word, and try to live the way God wants them to. And they all seemed to love and accept me and my spouse from that very first day!

VFR: Didn't they try to, you know, change you? Didn't they tell you that the Bible says that all homosexuals will go to hell?

IMA: Of course not! Most of the people who attend are Gay or Lesbian, including the pastor. And every so often the church sponsors a seminar to help people understand the truth about what the Bible really does and does not say about homosexuality.

VFR: That's interesting! I thought that everyone who believes the Bible is God's word condemns us! But I have another question. Ima, is it true that Cornerstone is just a women's church, that no men go there, and that the women there hate men?

IMA: That's a difficult question, but part of it has an easy answer. The church members do not hate men, and there are some men who attend on a regular basis. It is true that there are more women than men in the congregation, but men are always welcome to join us. In

fact, some of us are praying that God will send us more men! I don't why most churches including Cornerstone have more women than men. Maybe it is because more women are willing to admit that they need a relationship with Jesus Christ. Or perhaps it has to do with our culture, which teaches men to be self sufficient, while encouraging women to rely on someone else.

VFR: You mentioned having a relationship with Jesus Christ, is that what it means to be "saved"? Were you "saved" when you started going to Cornerstone? If you weren't, did the members pressure you to get "saved"?

IMA: Actually, I thought I was a Christian when I started going. After all, I had gone to church all my life, at least until I came out! But after attending Cornerstone for a while, I realized that being a Christian was more than just going to church. No, no one pressured me to accept Christ. But one Sunday morning someone read the scripture verse from Acts 16:31 which says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..." I realized that while I had always believed about Jesus, I had never believed in him, that his death on the cross paid the penalty for my sins. Right there in the pew I accepted Jesus as my savior!

VFR: One last question. Now that you're a Christian, what do you do for fun? Does Cornerstone tell you that all you can do is sit around and read the Bible all day? What about going to the bars?

IMA: I have a magnet on my refrigerator that says, "Christians have more fun" and I really believe it! Cornerstone has social activities almost every month. In fact, this weekend we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary with a music and drama program Saturday night, with goodies afterwards, of course! Sunday after church we are going to have a barbecue. Everyone is welcome to attend these and see for themselves what fun we Christians have! As for going to the bars, I think if you asked most people at Cornerstone they would say it was between you and God what you do for entertainment.

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THANK YOU to all of the generous stylists in Tucson that agreed to participate this year. Unfortunately, the number of stylists needed to ensure the success of the event were not found. A special "thank you" to Willy Cobb, Willy's Total Salon; Dolly Quinn, Dolly Quinn Salon; Sallye Williams, Kaleidoscope; Deezie Manning-Catron & Michael O'Toole for their dedicated efforts as Style For Life '96 committee members.

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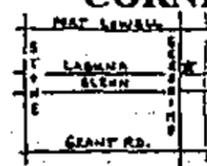
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VFR: Thanks so much for talking with us, Ima. IMA: Thanks for letting me share! If your readers want to know more about Cornerstone they are encouraged to join us this Sunday at 10:30 A.M. as we celebrate God's goodness to us these past ten years.

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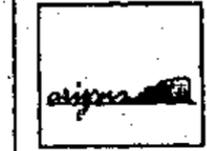

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Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

Desert Coyotes Bowling League, Fourth Quarter

	Won	Lost	Pins
Triple T	10.0	2.0	46901
Seaweeds	10.0	2.0	43915
Stray Cats	9.5	2.5	44978
2 Peas & A Pod	9.0	3.0	45642
Tres Amigos	8.5	3.5	47796
Rubber Queens	7.5	4.5	48933
Baker's Dozen	7.0	5.0	46119
Bee Bytes	5.5	6.5	43295
Two Tall/Wide	4.0	8.0	46620
Noizy Poizons	3.5	8.5	46275
HITT'ers	3.5	8.5	44945
Double Stuff	3.0	9.0	44755
Pin Me Down	2.0	10.0	38943
PB&J	1.0	11.0	45488

High Avg: Ann R., 181; Mark K., 202; Ooh Sh*t, 816.

High Game SCR: Ann R., 256; Ray A., 288; Ooh Sh*t, 1027.

High Game HC: Ann R., 276; Ray A., 303; Ooh Sh*t, 1165.

High Series SCR: Ann R., 677; Mark K., 694; Ooh Sh*t, 2745.

High Series HC: Brian P., 734; Ann R., 728; Ooh Sh*t, 3168.

HITT 4th Annual May No-Tap May 4

TUCSON - The Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson, the Old Pueblo's Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament is holding their fourth annual "May No-Tap" Tournament, Sunday, May 4, 1 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes.

The tourney is a fun, fund raiser for the HITT Tournament, which takes place during Halloween weekend. "No-Tap" is where nine pins on the first ball counts as a strike.

Cost to enter the tourney is \$12 per person. Teams will consist of four persons. HITT Co-Directors Randy Bilbro and Mike Mahynske emphasized the most important rule of the event, "Have fun!"

Entry forms are at the two bowling leagues. For more information, or obtaining an entry form, call Mike or Randy at (520) 882-8709.

TUCSON - Here are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments held in the Old Pueblo:

Ain't Nobody's Biz. 4/9/96.
First - Todd, \$50. Second - Saline, \$21.
Third - Susan, \$13.

Stonewall/Eagle. 4/14/96. First - Greg JR, \$35. Second - John CS, \$25. Third - \$10.

The Plug. 4/12/96. First - Bill W, \$50. Second - Robert M, \$13. Third - Tom K., \$9. Fourth - Robert DC, \$3.

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High Avg: April D., 147; Mark K., 207; Rubber Queens, 540.

High Game SCR: April D., 200; Jeff T., 289; Triple T., 658.

High Game HC: April D., 259; Mark K., 298; Triple T., 733.

High Series SCR: April D., 521; Jeff T., 816; Rubber Queens, 1866.

High Series HC: April D., 687; Jeff T., 828; Rubber Queens, 2028.

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Third Round

	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	24	8	86258
Ooh Sh*t	19	13	86989
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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. with Helena Bubbles, Lucinda Holiday, and our new Miss Gay Tucson, Felice Renard and special guests.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Back by popular demand, the Biz again welcomes acclaimed comedienne Michelle Balan. 8:00 p.m. Michelle will make you roar with laughter. Don't miss this hysterical lady!! Tickets \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

VENTURE-N - V-N is hosting a party for Illustrated Men (a worldwide group of tattoo enthusiasts based in California) starting around 9:00 p.m. This is a party for anyone interested in, intrigued by, or decorated with body art. It's also a great chance to compare ink, exchange information and stories and share good male sexual energy. There is no cover charge for this event...

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - The Biz will present "Desert La Cage". Come see Crystal, Jasmine and Paris as they do Tina, Madonna and more!!

GRADUATE - MPS Auction/Raffle and special Benefit Show, and announcement of bartenders contest winner. 3:30 p.m. Hosted by Kristin and special guests.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Bear Bust for IBT's softball team, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., "The Wheel Of Bad Drag" is back hosted by Lucinda Holiday, Tucson's Queen of Comedy. **NOTE: Taste and talent not required.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Feather Show "Las Vegas Style". Proceeds to benefit the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Featuring an all-star cast.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

IBT'S - Male Box Nite returns! Prizes and surprises. Come play Post Office at IBT's. Post Office opens at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

GRADUATE - Desert Leathermen Bear Bust and Benefit for their Condom Fund.

IBT'S - Wet Shorts Contest on the patio at 9:30 p.m. \$100 First Prize! Be there!

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

GRADUATE - It's time for the 9th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling benefit for Shanti. Call Jenny at Shanti for more information and registration, 622-7107.



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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

MSN Dinner out at the Congress Street Grill, 100 E. Congress. Call Steve at 795-6718. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffeehouse Activity Night. Make decorations for the April 27 Soc Hop. Bring ideas and supplies. In Lincoln Building of Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. 7-11 p.m. \$2 more if you can, less if you can't.

MSN Pizza Party at Jerry & Lea's home 7 p.m. Bring \$3 and enjoy an evening of conversation over pizza. 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Cronies Social Club trip to Tanque Verde Swap Meet, Call 888-7264 for meeting place to car pool.

Team Arizona general membership meeting. The topic of this meeting will be the Gay Games 1998 to be held in Amsterdam. The meeting will take place at Girlfriends, 3540 N. Oracle, Suite 120, beginning at 3:00 p.m. For more information call Edna Spring at 293-9356.

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

Tucson Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will hike the thick pine forest via Butterfly Trail in the Catalina Mountains. This is a moderate 6 mile round trip hike with an elevation gain of 1,250. Call Lea at 326-3521 for more info.

Tantric Massage Workshop with Dr. Bob. In a safe, supportive atmosphere, you can learn how to give and receive a complete Tantric massage. Pleasure is healing and fun! For more information, call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.

Men's Social Network (MSN) Horseback riding at sunset at Rancho Venado at Green Valley. 4 p.m. Price is a bargain \$15 per person. Mark 748-9559. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 p.m. Free talks about Tantric Eroticism with Dr. Bob. As seen in the cover story of this month's New Age Journal, Tantra is a holistic path, healing the split between sex and spirit. Call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.

MSN Hike at Catalina State Park on north Oracle. 1:30 p.m. Call Larry 795-9125. 4 p.m. Support Group. Emotional/spiritual/shadow work in a caring environment. Call Tom 318-1650 for reservations. Guests always welcome

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Bolshoi Ballet Ensemble company of fifty will perform at 8:00 p.m. tonight in the Music Hall at Tucson Convention Center. Tickets at Dillard's for call TCC 791-4836.

MSN Beginner's Bridge 7 p.m. Jerry 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

MSN TV Video Night 7 p.m. "Absolutely Fabulous". Call Lorán or Stephen 790-4416. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner at Casa Molina on N. Campbell. Call Richard at 578-0840 for RSVP. 6:30 p.m.

GTV - All-live Gay cablecast program #15 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.

Men's Social Network (MSN) Movie out at an inexpensive theater. Call Larry 795-9125 for title and time.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

MSN 7 p.m. social/conversation mixer at Ray's. Call 797-6648 for reservations & directions. Guests always welcome

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Special Saturday night event for the Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffeehouse - Soc Hop from Slater Jam Productions for 40's and Better and 3rd Friday. \$5 at the door (more if you can, less if you can't). Goddard Hall at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St.

Men's Social Network (MSN), Gay men of all ages, 7 p.m. Card Game Night A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's. Classic Golden Oldies. 7:00 p.m. Call 624-6768 for RSVP and directions.

Tucson Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club hikes to Hutch's Pool in the Catalina Mountains for swimming. A great day hike and beautiful swimming. A moderate 8 mile hike. Call Larry 795-9125 for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

MSN 7 p.m. Favorite video movie night showing of "Night of the Comet". Call Lea at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

TUCSON CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Beer Bust 3-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Bolshoi Sunday Great music, better dancing and 2 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 all 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-9 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Boner's B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 8pm to close.
PLUG - Open Noon. ERG "Bouncers" with chef Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust with SIG 4-8. T-Shirts with Clint starts at 4pm.
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 Bar Tournament 3pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 11 pm.
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 2for1 pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Trash Discs 9pm. Longnecks 11pm-close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 8-9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ROCK Dance Music. Party with Stephen.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and 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. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Trash disc 9pm-1am. \$1.25 longnecks 11pm-1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm 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 BUSINESS - 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 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)
PLUG - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Sky Vodka Cocktails \$2 9pm - 1am. Classic Rock 9-1.
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 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 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. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm 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 - 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.
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Martini Jazz Hour 4-9pm. \$1.50 well martinis; \$2.25 cash martinis.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specialties 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 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Nora D'Deuvas
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 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Bart Tournament 7pm. Guaranteed pot. Alternative dance music with Clint 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Nora D'Deuvas 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.
VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pool Tournament 8 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 Daiquiris, Piña Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Long Islands \$2.50 3-7pm. DJ Clint at 8pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Piñatas & Bagels w/1 Moody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Raul Almeraz

Hope everyone had a great and productive week. It makes playing on the weekend much more enjoyable. Hope also many of you were able to make it out to the Miss Gay Tucson America Pageant. Congratulations to Miss Felice Renard our new Miss Gay Tucson. Job well done and well deserved darling.

For those of you who were unable to make it out to the pageant, you missed some great entertainment. Everyone did a great job and congratulations to all the category winners as well.

Reminder to all. The board elections are this Sunday at Hours. The meeting will begin at 5 P.M. and the board meeting will begin at 3 P.M. The Volunteer BBQ will begin at 1 P.M. along with the Beer Bust. There is no charge for the BBQ and the price for a bottomless cup of beer is \$5.

We welcome all of you to come on out and enjoy the day with AGRA and meet your new board members after the elections. Good luck to everyone who is up for a board position. There is lots to do and wishing everyone the best for the coming rodeo year.

For those who have not received their absentee ballots in the mail. Plan to attend the meeting on Sunday, April 21, at Hours to cast your vote. At time of check in, please make sure we have your correct address.

Keep in mind our poster contest is just about underway for the 1997 Saguaro

Regional Rodeo. Keep an eye on the Observer for details and guidelines.

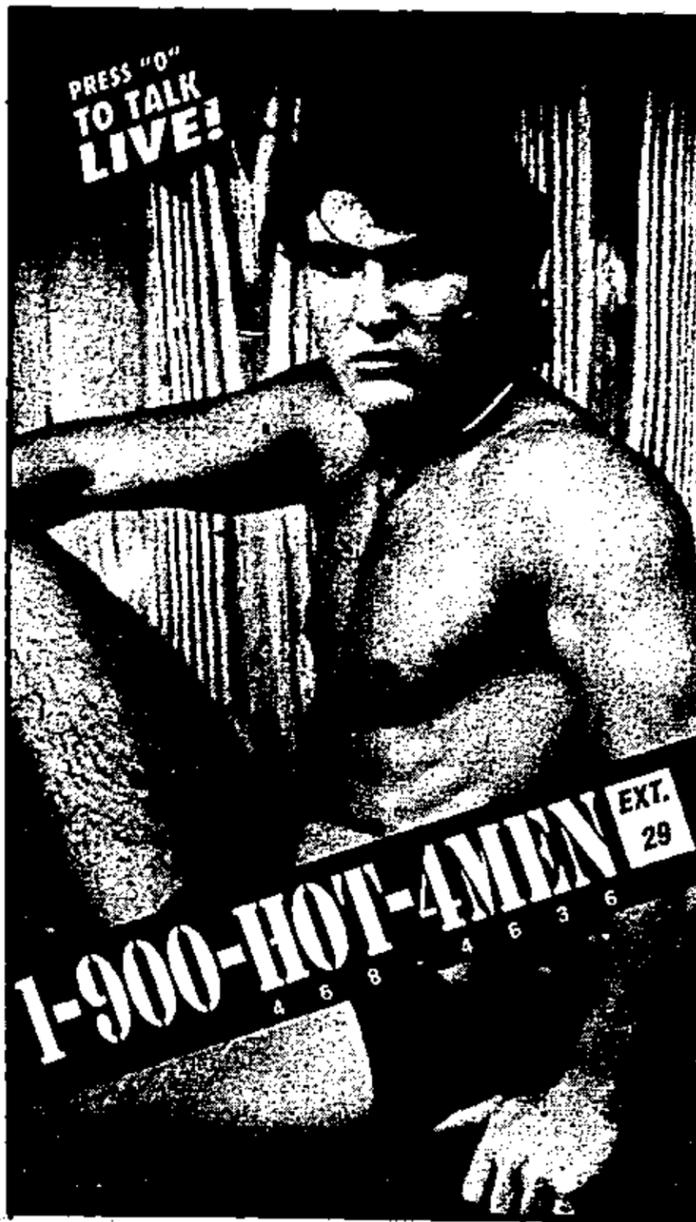
With the new board coming into effect soon, this writing of the AGRA article will soon be taken over by the proper department. I started this project as a committee member with the Publicity Director. Little did I know I was going to be elected as Fund Raising Director half way through the year and take on two projects.

As always, we are looking for people to help out various committee members. I know that Fund Raising along with Public Relations and Dance & Entertainment will be needing committee members. Your ideas are always welcomed.

Has anyone noticed that our current president, Lady Richard has been some what incognito. Seems he's now dating and hasn't brought him out to meet his friends. My, if I were anyone else, I'd be taking this personally. She's probably afraid we'll wreck her. We would do that? Of course we would.

As usual I can count on Darrin to be in the midst of gossip or at least causing it. These past couple of weeks have been a strain on his will power since Scott has been out East. He was almost unbearable. Scott, you are not allowed to go away for longer than three days at a time. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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Saturn's harsh lessons will not go unrewarded, at least this week. The stern old taskmaster "trines" volcanic Pluto, which means that if we are aware of our limitations and strive to overcome them, there may be a dramatic reward at the end of the effort. Did I say dramatic? You bet friends. Just be careful of what you wish.

ARIES**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

If you heed the call of the fashion police, you may find that your new look inspires international acclaim. The Saturn/Pluto trine demands that all proud Rams take a cold hard look at how they appear to others; how they dress and how they act and react. It's possible that, with proper seasoning, you'll find the gateway to new global opportunities and open doors to fabulous foreign folk.

TAURUS**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

It's time for all proud Bulls to open that closet, empty it and live openly, out and affirmed. In fact, the Pluto/Saturn trine does wonders for your confidence and sex life! Any deeply personal encounters will have a redeeming and cathartic effect on your psyche and feelings of self worth. Even joint finances work out surprisingly well, especially if you've learned how to defer instant dynamic. Think individually, act cohesively.

GEMINI**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

The balance between friends and partners needn't be an either or decision. Pluto and Saturn's trine has taught you to enjoy the company of both without conflict. Pink Twins need loads of adoring fans at hand and now you have an entourage at home and at large. The important thing is to not become too caught up in the group dynamic. Think individually, act cohesively.

CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

It is often hard for queer Crabs to find the proper balance between leading the troops on the day-to-day job and commanding enough personal initiative to climb one more rung on the corporate ladder. When do you give and when do you take? Allow the Saturn/Pluto trine to dictate your moves. You'll find that there at nothing embarrassing or unseemly in taking a little something for yourself. After all, my dear, you deserve it!

LEO**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Even the most regal and proud Lions will be a little surprised at the grand opportunity the Saturn/Pluto trine offers in any creative and exotic pursuit. If you've bankered to strut and fret your time on stage, I believe I hear Mr. DeMille calling for your close-up. Travel brings with it new and fun outlets so you may wish to buy a ticket to parts unknown. Even legal entanglements may become untangled.

VIRGO**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

The trine between Saturn and Pluto could lead you to new insights into your psychological make-up that enable you to become more "at home" at home. Proud Virgos may decide that it is time to change residences or totally redecorate in order to reflect the new affirmed you. This excellent transition might not have been possible before. Expect a more fulfilled and personally comfortable lifestyle.

LIBRA**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

If relationships have not been going as smoothly as you had hoped, at least you

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have some respite this week. The Saturn/Pluto trine offers consoling and soothing words to partners that may stoke the embers and keep the fire burning. Pink Libras simply adore having a significant other, but sometimes you have to ask at what price. Thankfully this is the time to air out grievances and maybe strengthen the pact.

SCORPIO**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Queer Scorps certainly have their work cut out for them this week as the Saturn/Pluto trine balances money with the day-to-day job. Everything financial seems to fall into place, you lucky scorpion, so plot and plan your way to retirement while the planetary energy is hot. The secret is, of course, to direct your energy effectively. Don't waste a drop!

SAGITTARIUS**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Fancy pants Sags find that the party life has a way of transforming how you appear

to others. This is probably the most advantageous time to get out there and meet and greet so be sure to join the party circuit and get electrified. It's also an excellent time to begin new projects. They'll have a way of taking off in a big way. Explore the arts and try your hand at any creative discipline. I see success.

CAPRICORN**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

There are issues that need to be addressed with family and I believe that the Saturn/Pluto trine is the best time for you to unearth the unearthenable and take the lumps. You will be able to weather even the most foul rainstorm and emerge clean, refreshed and out. Why deter your hopes and dreams because relatives disagree? You can strengthen your home environment now. Isn't it your life?

AQUARIUS**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

You have held back your more outrageous thoughts and opinions because you've been

fearful that friends just won't understand. Worry no Aquarian; the Pluto/Saturn trine enables you to say what you think regardless of what others may do. Good! It's high time that you allow your expansive, humanistic perspective full range. Carry the rainbow banner, you'll have followers.

PISCES**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Pink Fish may have found that their lack of self-confidence has been holding them back. Now, with the Saturn/Pluto trine, not even wild horses can hold you back from financial and professional success. It's time to swim with the sharks, darling. Remember that you now have a powerful pair of fins to guide you swimmingly along.

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ARIZONA GAY ROBOE ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, 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. 322-6455. Leave message.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDEISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-0, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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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 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 Featherbed Lodge Clubhouse.

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, 2840 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellis 581-8850 or Room 986-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 848-7264.7 Call CRONIES 848-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Comarstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-8135.

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 Adrienne 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 McAllen, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

MANE MENE Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station 8, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Philips in the Holy Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

"AT EASE 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.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-8862.

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 328-3555

FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (6-7 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. 8th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.C. - 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 575-8850 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, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 799-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 841-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAYT 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, 424-1778.

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 Mister Jam. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not). Saturdays and special events \$5 in Goddard Hall.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIDE TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Pride Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 847-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (ITAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadwater Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL Call information and Referral 841-1794 - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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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 746-8877 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), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

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 298-8063 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rainbow 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. 624-1778.

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Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3801 N. Campbell Ave. #345, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter.558

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert E. 882-4513 or Mary O. 770-9979

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 298-8063.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to monetary sex. Many heads are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 823-1732.

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

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SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-4602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 791-7846

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Southwest corner Himmel Park 2:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4562 for more information or sign up.

DR. BOB'S INTIMACY SKILLS GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. If you want more closeness in your life, you need to learn the skills that allow for intimacy. This group is a place to learn and grow quickly! Monday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. at 623-1732.

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-4333 for more info.

PERSONALS

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para los Latinos, llaman para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 615

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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! I wonder what Behavioral Scientists would say about this! Why are there some people, straight and Gay/Lesbian, who just must go beyond the social limits, even to the point where folks think they're disgusting. Why?

There's got to be a deep seated psychological need there someplace which they are trying to meet, don't you think? Maybe they feel they are or have been unloved; thus they do rather bizarre things to try to attract attention, even if attention is all they can get.

In some instances I suppose they could think they are making a statement to society or something, but what the heck is that statement really!? For instance: If they are prone to run around in the nude, maybe they might think that by so-doing they might show the limits to which society would go in its toleration of such behavior. Maybe they might feel they are doing the rest of us a favor by revealing those limits to us. Anything's possible.

A "for instance" of this might be the following: A straight couple I know who live in Palm Springs and who are new supporters of Equal Rights for Gays and Lesbians, live next door to an out-of-the closet Gay man. He seemed to be a good neighbor so there was no big deal.

Then, their fifteen year old son from a previous marriage became a part of the household. All of sudden the Gay neighbor began what can only be called a "dressing down period" and began to openly prance about in sight of the family. Picking up the mail in a pair of ragged shorts, shorts with his privates hanging out!?!? Waving wildly to his strapping fifteen year old neighbor, hoping to gain his attention (and admiration!?! The kid gags!)

Oh, you say "what's so bizarre about that?"

Well, put yourself in those neighbors shoes and think about it! I'm Gay and I've thought about it. I think the men needs therapy. Now I don't condemn him for having the right to do what he wanted to do and did; that's a right for all individuals, straight and Gay.

We have the right to parade our adequacies and inadequacies, and, from our actions we will all be judged by our

peers. We therefor are obliged to think a bit about our actions and as the old saying goes: "Look before you leap".

What could this Gay neighbor have been thinking about! Where was his brains! Trying to attract attention by wearing skimpy shorts? We know! We're not as dumb as we look. The man needs therapy!

There is no way these folks could think anything other than what they are. And, we need the support of millions of other straights like them to help us make sure we will be guaranteed our equal rights!

And "girlfriend", I'm sure you must know what they are thinking also, don't you? Or do you?! It's possible I suppose that one might not "get it". Maybe the only way to reach your brain is through screwing! Will somebody please call the Doctor. Therapy is needed. I can't help it.

Maybe I'm crazy or just old fashioned, I don't know. What I do know is that, like the neighbor, I'm also Gay. Some people think I even act Gay once in a while, whatever that means. Evidently I don't need to "parade" the fact I'm Gay huh? Quite evidently that neighbor didn't either; but he chose to attract attention by acting "bizarre". Maybe I should let the world know how really Gay I am and do something as insanel? Hmmm? Wonder if that cure young stud at the office would notice and be as attracted to me if I...?

Oh dear god, help me! I'm becoming imbued with a spirit of trampism and I think my brain is shifting to my lower abdomen!

CHANNEL CHANGE: Wanna get involved? Now is the time if you're not already! Yeah, I'm talking about that ugly topic of sex-or-not-to-sex. Yup! Politics!

Ever supported a candidate before? Actually got in and did something? Maybe these candidates need to know we support them: no matter who they are or from whatever party. It could prove very interesting to see how our support would help their candidacy, wouldn't it? Remember Dole's reaction?

I've heard via the grapevine, the

straight grapevine, that the Gay community has power. Well, I'll believe this when I see it. Judging from what I've seen on television talk shows lately, our community has sunk to the insane level the straight shows are on! Maybe if we were as involved with reality as some of these talk show guests are with unreality, just maybe our involvement could elect sanity to our Legislative Branches of Government. It could happen!

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



Dr. Bob

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Because we are so used to hiding in the closet, a lot of our history is hidden even from ourselves. Because most of our ideas about being Gay come from straight people, we haven't fully articulated our lives in our own terms. We may tend to edit and suppress certain aspects of our lives, for example, the pain of being Gay and adolescent.

But given enough time in a place that feels safe enough, our real stories will emerge. Then we can begin the healing journey towards being what we truly are. Nobody at this point knows what we truly are--but I have faith that whatever it is, it's just fine, and includes at least a few surprises.

Now you know the guiding spirit of my groups, workshops, and private sessions. They are queer-only safe space, a sanctuary for Gays to explore themselves apart from outside oppression. Care to join in?

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

OUT ON VIDEO

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about Gay characters so be it. It is however, a very slippery slope and we'll eventually have to overcome the bigots that only want us to be portrayed in certain ways. It's our right to be portrayed with the diversity that exists within our community!

Ultimately it must become financially profitable for our diversity to be portrayed. This process is already happening with a growing network of independent distributors who are working to release independently made Gay and Lesbian films to progressive video stores throughout the country.

In future columns, I plan on reviewing many of these films. Coming soon, I plan on giving an overview of what kinds of Gay and Lesbian titles are already available. If we don't start making an even greater effort to support our own producers, we may be soon waiting in line to see Sly Stallone in, "Tallulah, Queen of the Ocean" This bitch can swim!

[Michael Shoel and his lover Donald Zerkowski own and operate Phoenix Distributors, a national wholesaler and mail order video distribution company. For more information, and/or free catalog, write to: Ariztical, 405 E. Wetmore Rd., #117-516, Tucson, AZ, 85705-1717 or call (520) 888-5421 or E-mail us at: mjsheel@aol.com]

Miss Gay Tucson

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Congratulations Felice, our reigning Miss Gay Tucson 1996. Congratulations to Larry Moore and his crew for a very professionally produced pageant and to all the contestants for a very classy evening showing off some great gowns and exceptional talent.

Raven/Parker Productions will present the 1996 Miss Gay Arizona Pageant on June 23 at the Holiday Inn City Center in Tucson. This will feature a special appearance by Kerri Nichols, Miss Gay America 1996. This pageant is Arizona's official preliminary pageant to Miss Gay America, 1997.

Same-Sex Marriage Ban

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With that, the bill sped through the House in two days. The bill was approved in two days in the House, by a vote of fifty to five. Southern Arizona Representatives voting against the measure were: Elaine Richardson, Jorge-Luis Garcia of District 11. Not voting were: Dr. Andy Nichols of District 13.

Rep. Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, the only openly Gay legislator commented, "It's a sad statement, when many of the Gay and Lesbian community's friends couldn't vote against the ban, because of fear of recrimination for the radical right. We, the Gay and Lesbian community need to show them we'll support them. We must mobilize, as the radical right has, and fight to elected more people so that legislation like this isn't passed. We must work to get more representation in the legislature."

S.B. 1038, has been sent back to the State Senate. As of press time, no action had been taken by the Senate on the measure. Capitol sources state that legislative leaders are trying to end the session this week. Only time will tell, if S.B. 1038 will be approved and signed into law.



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