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Tucson's 7th G/L Bowling Tournament Oct. 25-27

TUCSON - As the mysterious haunted chill returns to the Tucson fall night air, so returns the Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson (HITT).

This marks the seventh consecutive year of a Gay and Lesbian regional bowling tournament hosted by the Tucson community. The tournament will run Friday, October 25 through Sunday, October 27.

The HITT '96 Committee has planned a ghoulishly fun-filled weekend for all participants and guests visiting our city. In addition to the tournament bowling, an optional no-tap and an optional scratch masters events have been added.

A pumpkin carving contest, a costume contest, and a variety show HIV/AIDS charity fund raiser will also take place during the weekend. Local entertainers are encouraged to perform.

HITT '96 is proud to have as our corporate sponsors for the second consecutive year, the Desert Diamond Casino. The host hotel is once again, the Quality Hotel and Suites. Both have contributed generously to the financial well-being of the tournament and in return, HITT '96 asks the Tucson Community to support them when opportunity knocks.

As most of you may know, the local bars are also big champions of Tucson's various events. We're delighted to announce that we have the Stonewall/Eagle, IBT's, the Graduate, the Plug, and the Venture-N as bar sponsors for our weekend. So support those clubs that support us.

Here is the schedule of events for HITT '96:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Host Registration - Hotel Courtyard, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration at Golden Pin

Lanes No-Tap, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. No-Tap Tourney, 9:30 - 11:30 P.M. Late Night Casino at Desert Diamond, 1:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Registration at Golden Pin Lanes, 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. Singles competition at Golden Pin, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Doubles event at Golden Pin, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Bowlers dinner at Venture-N, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. The Pumpkin Carving contest at the Courtyard, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. Halloween Costume Party at IBT's, 9:00 - 11:00 P.M. Halloween Costume Party at The Plug, 11:00 P.M. to Midnight. Late Night Casino at Desert Diamond, 1:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Bloodies and bagels at the hospitality suite, 7:30 - 9:00 A.M. Team event at Golden Pin Lanes, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Scratch Masters at Golden Pin, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Burger Cookout at Stonewall/Eagle, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Dart & Shuffleboard tourney at The Graduate, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Social hour, Awards Banquet, Mis-HITT '96 at the Hotel, 6:00 - 9:30 P.M. Late Night Casino at Desert Diamond, 1:00 A.M.

Volunteers are still needed to help throughout the weekend and bowling knowledge isn't even necessary. We're looking for people to act as ambassadors of the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community. Also, the HITT Committee is looking for performers for Mis-HITT '96, the tournament's HIV/AIDS fund raiser.

To volunteers, or for more information about Mis-HITT, call Mike Mahynske, 882-8709.

Visit HITT '96 on the Web at: <http://www.indirect.com/www/banabear/hitt96/hitt96.htm>. Look for our sponsorship on the Electronic Observer.

2nd Annual Tucson Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Oct. 23-27

TUCSON - The Second Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will be showing five evenings of film and video entertainment, October 23-27. The festival is being Organized by Wingspan's Film Festival Committee.

First to be screened is "Stonewall," at the Gallagher Theater on the University of Arizona campus, 7:30 P.M., October 23. Directed by Nigel French. A fictionalized telling of an event of mythic proportions. It follows the lives of six

Gay New Yorkers in the weeks before the infamous riots at the Stonewall Inn. There will be another show at midnight.

The Screening Room, 127 East Congress is the site for all other films and videos. The remaining schedule for the Festival is as follows:

Thursday, October 24. Feature - "Raising Heroes," Time - 7:00 P.M. Directed by Douglas Langway. Paul

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Over 6,000 Attend Gay Pride Picnic



TUCSON - Elaine Richardson, State Representative from Dist. 11, is shown speaking at the OUToberFEST/Gay Picnic which was held last Saturday, Oct. 19 at Reid Park. Over 6,000 people attended the event which offered a wide variety of entertainment. Congratulations TLGA on a great "OUTing". See separate story

by Theresa Barnabei

TUCSON - The day was Saturday, October 19. The event was OUToberFEST '96. The attendance was 6,099 people! What a thrill to know that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community truly does rally to the cause - to be out and proud!

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) Board of Directors expresses their thanks for such a terrific turnout by the community for OUToberFEST '96. The Board considered it an honor to be able produce such an event!

Of course, this event could not have taken place without all the help of a volunteer staff. Those who pitched in and helped out prior to, and the day of, should feel especially good right now for a job well done! It was the efforts of a few who helped thousands have a day that will go down in history for many in our community.

TLGA expresses their thanks to

our King and Queen contestants, Alotta Whoremunes, Roland and Sasha. Congratulations to Roland and Sasha for raising over \$3,000 to help fund the festival and for becoming "King and Queen of Gay Pride '96." Your efforts did not go unnoticed!

TLGA takes their hats off to: The sponsors of the picnic; Arizona Travel, Finley Distributing, Golden Eagle, Kahlil Bottling, Pope Lime, The Observer, Rubyfruit Journal, and the Echo. The endless list of entertainers and speakers who donated all of their time, to the vendors who traveled from as far as Florida to be here, to Reveille, AGRA, Wingspan, PFLAG and Wet Dog Promotions, to the producer-TLGA, and to the members of the Lesbian-Gay community. Everyone's support was phenomenal, and the efforts of everyone involved helped generate \$10,447.08.

A full financial report will be released immediately after the November 21, TLGA meeting. Estimates for certain

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Film Festival

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mustn't know, but Josh has witnessed a Mob hit just before they can close an adoption. Now he's their next target. The first Gay action film.

Feature - "Change the Frame," Time - 9:00 P.M. Directed by Christina Rey. A singer from San Francisco tugs Angela away from her stable but humdrum relationship with Rachel, who's too busy with grad school to notice.

Friday, October 25. Program - "Lesbian and Gay Short Films," (short subjects), Time - 7:00 P.M. Must Be The Music: Four clean-shaven boys and their pounding introduction to L.A. night life. Mirel: A sci-fi tale of a Lesbian involved with a powerful healer on an all-feline world. The Debutantes: Coming Out Balls of Southern Tradition take on new meaning for two men. Feature - "Raising Heroes," Time - 9:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 26. Feature - "Change the Frame," Time - 7:00 P.M. Program - "Lesbian and Gay Short Films," Time - 9:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 27. Program - "Video Shorts For Her," Time - 7:00 P.M. Topless, Dickless, Clueless: A.K. Summers directed this animated Lesbian short. Switch: A documentary that addresses the ongoing dialogue about gender and S/M. Janky Punky Girls Bottoms Up: A comedy by Tucson directors Joyan Saunders and Beverly Seckinger. What Is A Line?: A dark comedy on the rational and irrational emotions lovers go through.

Program - "Video Shorts For Him," Time - 9:00 P.M. Angles Are The Wings Of Love: A dreamlike montage in Spanish with English subtitles, based on Luis Cernuda's poetry. A New Flag: A couple of young queers have a community identity crisis. Legacies: Four men recount the Mormon church's attempts to change their sexual orientation through aversion therapy. Green Pubes: This animated short is a punk kid adventure with a surprise ending.

[The schedule is subject to last minute change.]

Tickets are \$5, (\$4 with Wing-span membership card) and admit one person each. An opening gala at the U of A Student Union, around 9:00 P.M., is planned between the two screenings of "Stonewall." A closing reception around 9:00 P.M. is planned for Sunday, October 27.

For more information, call Wing-span at (520) 624-1779.

Winners OF First GLAMA Awards Announced

NEW YORK, NY - The mood was glamorous at Webster Hall as the winners were presented with the first annual Gay/Lesbian Music Awards. The winners were:

Female Artist: Melissa Etheridge. Your Little Secret, Island Records. Male Artist: Michael Callen. Legacy, Significant Other Records (SOR). Duo or Group: Michael Callen, Cris Williamson, Holly Near, Arnold McCuller, John Bucchino. Legacy, SOR.

Debut Artist, Duo or Group: David Clement. Be More Like Me, Wild

Monk Records. Choral Group: Michael Callen, Cris Williamson, Holly Near, Arnold McCuller, John Bucchino. Legacy, SOR. Album: Michael Callen. Legacy, SOR.

Original Out Song: Catie Curtis. Radical from Truth or Lies, Guardian Records. Original Out Recording: Catie Curtis. Radical from Truth or Lies, Guardian Records.

Nominees for each category were chosen by judging panel comprised of music industry executives, music, Gay media personnel, recording artists and others in the recording industry. All nominated recordings are by self-identified Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual artists that were commercially released in the U.S. between June 1, 1995 and May 31, 1996.

Lucie Blue Tremblay In Concert At Girlfriends

TUCSON - Canadian singer/songwriter Lucie Blue Tremblay will be in concert, November 3, 4:00 P.M. at Girlfriends.

Lucie Blue will take the stage for a very special-very intimate (only 100 seats available) appearance.

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Lucie Blue will perform solo and guitar, piano and maybe even treat us with her famous whistle. Tickets are \$16/advance or \$18/door at Girlfriends Coffeehouse and Bookstore, 3540 N. Oracle Road. (520) 888-GIRL. Come enjoy a Sunday Afternoon Delight!

Shanti's 'Plus' Weekend Seminar Nov. 15-17

TUCSON - Shanti's Positive Living for Us (PLUS) will take place the weekend of November 15-17.

PLUS is a free weekend seminar that empowers you to take charge of your life. If you have HIV/AIDS or are a caregiver, Shanti invites you to participate.

The Seminar will cover: Building a support network. Treatment options using drugs and complimentary therapies. Sexuality and HIV. Nutrition. Insurance, public benefits and legal issues. Substance abuse and HIV (including treatment options). Women's issues.

To register, or for more information, contact Shanti Foundation, 300 E. Sixth St., Tucson, AZ 85705. (520) 622-7107.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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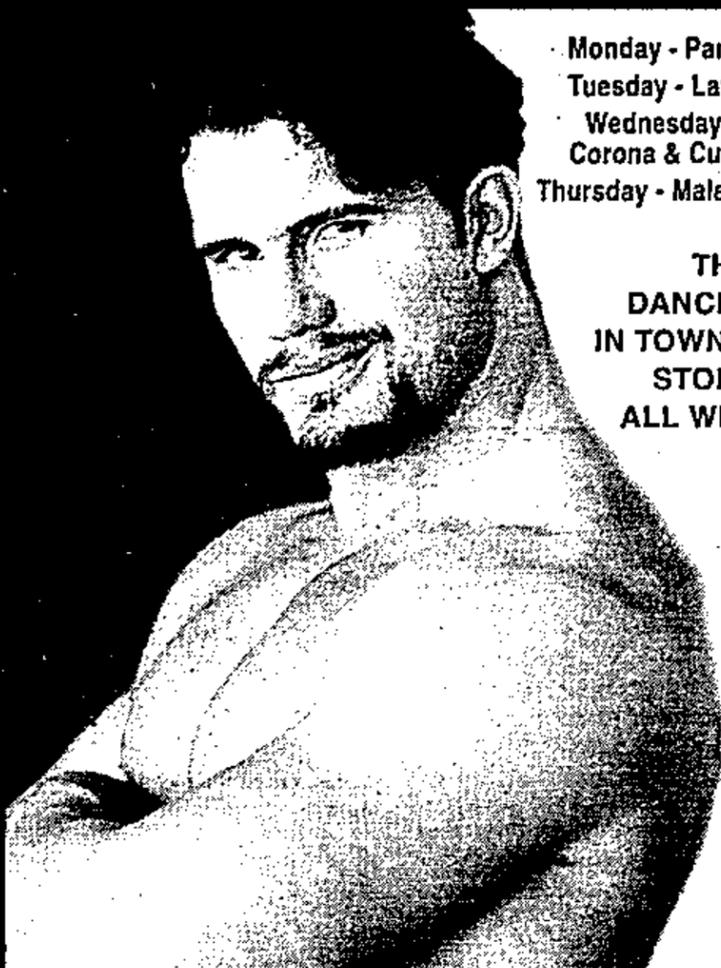
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Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

[This is the second part of a series on Herbalism.]

Suma is another wonderful herb, imported from the Brazilian rain forests. It is an immune booster, working on the deepest levels of the immune system, helping to protect from stress do to pollution, (which does cause problems in our bodies from breathing in toxic particulates in the air), and helps provide energy to combat fatigue. I have chronic fatigue syndrome, and when I take Suma, I feel much better, and have more energy.

Suma has a nice, sweet, mild flavor, and is available in liquid form at Reay's, New Life Health Stores, and other places. Look around, I believe the Food Conspiracy also carries it, or can get it for you. Encourage health food stores to carry large stocks of these items, and tell them what you use them for. Some people who work there deal with so many products, they may not know some of the uses, but not all for these items!

A wonderful herb called Echinacea, which has two forms: Echinacea angustifolia, and Echinacea purpurea, was known to the Native American nations as a powerful healer, fighting infection. It gets into the blood, aiding the body more efficiently "clean the blood," removing toxins and dead cells in the internal war against infection. Echinacea strengthens us against the recurrence of infection. When you take echinacea during flu season, the flu cannot fully take hold of you. I've fought it off in less than a day when taking echinacea.

If Echinacea is combined with Goldenseal, use it only when ill, or combine with acidophilus tablets, or sweet acidophilus milk, because Goldenseal is powerful antibiotic, and can strip the stomach of certain "good" bacteria if used in excess. Read the label, and take only as much as the label says. Some herbs can be taken frequently, but wisdom and a little common sense is needed. A little each day is better than mega-dosing.

There are many other wonderful herbs, and those with AIDS can ask around, seeking help. I am an herbalist,

and am often in the local bars, and would be more than willing to discuss these remedies with you! Just look for me. I am rather well known in some parts of the Gay community! I have worked with AIDS patients, and with Cancer, Epstein-Barr, and other chronic ills, and offer this service to help the community at large.

I do take on clients, but am more interested in helping people to maintain, or regain good health. I offer this information to the community at large, to take it or leave it, as you see fit! Federal law says that we can make truthful statements about the healthful effects of herbs, vitamins and mineral supplements, and naturopathic remedies.

So go to the library, and read up on herbs and talk to health food stores. They often have free brochures on their herbs. Nova Vitamins has a lot of free literature, and carries many helpful herbal remedies and vitamin blends with herbal ingredients!

Shop around and good health to you! I wish you the best of health, and all the Blessing of the Goddess to you. Yes, I said Goddess. I am a Pagan. May all the light and love my being bless you, for I wish to see this plague stopped, cold, forever! We can win this fight with love!

[Rev. Brooks can be reached at (520) 326-0841. The views expressed are those of the writer, and not necessarily those of the management and staff of The Observer.]

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In my counseling of Gay men, I'm constantly confronted with the question, "What do we gay men really think of ourselves?" I hear Gay men talk about their experiences of life. I hear them talk about sex, love, their parents and siblings, their jobs, their dreams, and their spirituality. I hear them talk about their Gay friends. Sometimes I think that's where I hear the most honest opinions we have of ourselves: the way people talk about their gay friends. Do you see your Gay friends as sources of support and humor, strength and wisdom? If not, why not?

Self-concept is extremely important for everybody, straight and Gay. We have self-concepts as human beings, as Americans, as Tucsonans, as men, and yes, as Gay men. A lot of one's self-concept is picked up from the surrounding culture, when one is a child as well as an adult. What are the first concepts society gave us of a Gay man? In many of our families growing up, nobody ever talked about Gay men. In many school situations, it was the same. The only time you heard about it was indirectly, as when somebody was teased on the playground for being a sissy (maybe it was even you). Boys' culture included terms like that: fag, sissy, fairy. We might have heard family members also telling Gay jokes or calling somebody a fag behind their back. A lot of us grew up, then, in a world where the only time anybody talked about what we were was as an insult.

I'm trying to just tell it how it is. This is not to play the victim, and say, "Poor us," but to simply acknowledge what we have endured to come to this point. Acknowledging it is the beginning of having some power over it, because I can also choose to not let homophobia rule my life completely...but not if I'm denying its existence.

Some lucky men among us grow up in non-homophobic environments, but not very many.

For the rest, those of us with enough courage seek out the Gay life, the gay culture, usually through a bar. We slowly accept ourselves, at the bare minimum, as having mainly same-sex desire, and wanting to do something about that. We may still believe it's unfortunate that we're Gay, but we're at least going to admit it to ourselves, and see what we can make of it. Perhaps we pick up the Gay newspaper, visit the baths, and try to find a circle of friends. Here in Tucson, we have the Men's Social Network, which does afford the possibility of socializing and really getting to know a lot of our fellow Gay men. At any rate, we are brought into an existing Gay culture of some sort, and we imbibe the attitudes we find there. Most Gay subcultures are small enough that we can also have the pleasure of helping contribute to the culture.

Our problem, I think, is that we don't devote enough energy to creating and elaborating new, positive visions of what Gay men are. Having absorbed homophobic attitudes from the straight culture, we tend to just unconsciously bring them along into the Gay culture. We don't talk about them very much, but I feel them operating.

We do express our humorous rebellion against homophobia by means of camp. Camp is a very positive outlet for our feelings of anger about homophobia. Camp always implies a humorous rebellion against homophobia, the bold sentiment that same-sex desire (and gender blurring) is great!

But I feel we can go beyond

THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

What Is A Healthy Gay Identity?

camp. Camp clears the field of old homophobic assumptions, and that's its precious function. Now, what do we create on that cleared slate? What positive images of same-sex love and desire can we envision there? What might a Gay man be? What might we be...if we're not just the perverts and sinners that straight culture would have us be?

These are extremely open-ended questions, intended to stimulate a decades-long debate about the possible answers. My problem is that when I look at most Gay cultural outlets, I see too much perpetuation of old stereotypes. Not very much creativity, which is ironic considering our reputation as creative, sensitive types. When I look at most Gay cultural images and discourse, I do get that we are naughty. Isn't it naughty and exciting to admit that we like to look at men's bodies and, yes, dicks? Well, yeah...but does it really stop there? Does that exhaust the

meaning of our same-sex desire, that it's naughty, that it's the forbidden fruit and feels real good? Pleasure and freedom make a great foundation, a great root system, but maybe this tree has branches. If so, we haven't permitted them to grow yet.

What are some of your positive ideas about what Gayness can be? I believe we all have them, sometimes deep inside. Imagine a community of homoerotic couples and single people, where goodwill and integrity were the general atmosphere. Imagine using our erotic energy for each other to power a different kind of human community, based on compassion and friendly competition and mutual admiration. Imagine a gay subculture full of personalized art and music and theatre, created by the ordinary members of our community. Imagine a Gay subculture where our sexuality is celebrated and accepted as a basic premise, and we go on to also honor the creative, artistic, spiritu-

al genius in each other. In this culture, perhaps our eroticism, in its natural purity, could be allowed to see the light of day, and dishonesty about sex would be considered paltry. We could take our place with pride in the diversified human community, and live contented lives. In this time of plague, we would also honor our brothers who are falling and have fallen in battle.

Those are some of my ideas. They would be my initial contribution to the dialogue. What about your visions? Are they there, if you take a moment to find them? What are they? Are they important enough to pay attention to? Perhaps even to share at some point? I say we create an atmosphere, here in our Tucson Gay community, where everybody's dreams are welcome to be shared. Out of the sharing, there may come connections, and out of the connections, there may come brilliantly new self-concepts for us to live by.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and educator for the Gay community. He welcomes feedback. For more information, please call Dr. Bob at (520) 6231732 or email: bobby@azstarnet.com.]

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Supreme Court Rejects Challenge To 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'; Court Silent On Gay Debates

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - The Supreme Court turned down a challenge by a homosexual former Navy officer to the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military.

The court, without comment, rejected former Lt. Paul Thomasson's argument that the policy violates homosexual service members' free-speech rights and irrationally discriminates against them.

Thomasson was forced to leave the Navy last year after writing a letter to his commander that said, "I am Gay." He had served for nearly ten years.

The action was not a ruling on the merits of the issue and does not preclude the court granting full review of the policy in some future case. The justices though, let stand a lower court's ruling that upheld the rule barring open homosexuals from serving in the military.

The Clinton administration said the government has a legitimate interest in prohibiting homosexual acts in the military to avoid a "risk to military effectiveness" and to protect service members' privacy.

"I'm tremendously disappointed," said Thomasson, who now manages a restaurant in Washington, D.C. But he added, "I know this injustice will someday be set right."

Gay rights advocates said they were not surprised by the court's action because Thomasson challenged only the part of the policy allowing the discharge of people who say they are Gay. Other cases in lower courts are challenging the

entire policy.

"This policy says absolutely no sexual . . . activity anywhere as long as you're Lesbian or Gay," said Matt Coles of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay rights project.

Earlier this year, the nation's highest court handed Gay-rights advocates a major victory by ruling the Colorado voters could not ban state and local laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination.

But that ruling did not address the legality of homosexual conduct. In 1986, the justices upheld a Georgia law that criminalized homosexual sex between consenting adults.

Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy was a compromise that resulted from congressional repudiation of his pledge to lift the longstanding ban on Gays in the military. The policy is intended to let Gays serve as long as they keep their sexuality private.

Thomasson worked for the admiral who administered the policy. The Navy based his discharge on his statement that he was Gay, and there were no findings that he engaged in homosexual conduct.

A federal judge upheld the discharge. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed in a 9-4 ruling that said military policy should be set by elected officials, not judges.

Anyone in the military, heterosex-

ual or homosexual, who engages in oral or anal sex is subject to discharge. But other actions such as kissing, hugging or stating one's sexual orientation would lead to discharge only if they involved same-sex conduct.

That ruling on Colorado Amendment 2 did not dress the legality of homosexual conduct.

But when faced with the question of hearing the first case on Gays in the military, a debate that divided the country sharply three years ago, the court said no, or at least not yet.

Some in the Gay rights movement were relieved that the court decided to sit this one out, even though a Gay former Navy Lieutenant had filed the appeal. Future cases, they say, will be more winnable.

As usual, the court was silent on its reasons for deciding not to consider Paul Thomasson's challenge of the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which allows homosexuals to remain in the military unless they announce their status or show a "propensity" to engage in homosexual conduct.

But the justices' rationale in rejecting the case most likely has more to do with the way the court operates than with the merits of Thomasson's case or the issue itself.

The issue of Gays in the military simply has not "ripened" enough in legal terms for the court to grapple with it; legal experts say.

A legal issue usually will get the court's attention when several lower courts have ruled on it in conflicting ways; when it poses an urgent, life-or-death issue that needs to be resolved quickly; or when important state or federal laws have been struck down.

None of these factors was present in the Thomasson case. All three appeals courts that have ruled on the issue have upheld the Clinton policy. They have agreed, more or less, that Congress and the military deserve great deference in deciding who should or should not be in uniform.

Two cases are still pending at the appeals court level, and if one of those courts strike down the Clinton policy, the Supreme Court could weigh in.

"The court rarely takes the first case," says Beatrice Dohrn of Lambda Legal Defense Fund, which has fought the policy. "The court won't feel any sense of urgency until the status quo is disrupted."

Dohrn and others said they believed that Thomasson's case was not the best for the court to take anyway. Thomasson challenged the part of the policy that requires anyone who states he or she is homosexual to be discharged from the military, claiming it violated his First Amendment rights.

But other case challenge the entire policy on broader grounds because it punishes Gays for any kind of sexual behavior. That includes behavior that would be acceptable for heterosexuals in the military.

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

[Part five of The Portland Project and The Tucson Men's Study.]

HIV risk among Latino Gay men in the Southwestern United States: Risk of HIV infection is high among Latino Men in the U.S. Answers Latino men gave in the surveys may provide clues to this high incidence. Dr. Rafael Diaz looked at information from Latino/Hispanic participants given in 1992, in a paper being published this month in "AIDS Education & Prevention."

About 50% of the Latino men reporting engaging in anal sex without condoms within the previous year, and 23% reported having high-risk sex in the month before completing the survey.

A number of characteristics were associated with those Latino men who had unprotected anal sex in the past month. They were likely to have more sexual partners; to go more often to "public sex environments" for sex; to have sex more often when drinking alcohol or when high on drugs.

Unprotected anal sex was reported

most by men having anal sex with their lovers or boyfriends. Although it seems that being poor and less educated makes someone more likely to put himself at risk for HIV, it is unclear how or why this is so. It was also discovered that many men who stated they "intended" to practice only safer sex reported having risky sex. This suggest that these Latino Gay men are having difficulties moving from the point of deciding to avoid any unsafe sex to being able to follow through with that decision.

Dr. Diaz makes clear that the research has raised more questions than offered definite answers. This study had its share of limitations, including the fact that only English-speaking Latinos could participate. He emphasizes that studies should be specifically designed for Latino Gay and Bisexual men, and for Latino men who have sex with men but don't identify as Gay or Bisexual.

Next week: Sex in Bath Houses and Public Places. I leave you with this in mind, "Love comforts like sunshine after rain." - Shakespeare.

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

Oh what a great day in the park on Saturday! I know that everyone who was anyone was there. I personally had a great time. Kudos to TLGA for putting on a grand production, and also the Cowboys and Cowgirls of AGRA-Tucson for the impeccable job that was done on this years production of AGRA-WORLD which included the Cut-A-Thon. The P.R. Cowboy, while too busy hob-nobbing with the elite of Tucson's Chamber of Commerce, would like to extend a personal Thank You to all who got involved in the "building of a dream" in AGRA World (to think it all started in the garden!) Anyway, the entire day was a great success and was very much enjoyed by all.

Next on the AGRA agenda (and AGRA's November project) is Tucson's own Chile Verde Days to be held on November 15-17, at the Stonewall/Eagle. Come join the weekend fun with lots of dancing, drinking and entertainment. For those interested in joining the fun behind the scenes of Chile Verde Days, there will be an organizational meeting held on October 29, 7:00 P.M. at the Arboretum Apartments (North of River). If interest-

ed, contact Darrin Land, 629-3700, or Raul Almeraz, 512-5696 for more information and directions.

News flash from Albuquerque! Congratulations to Ms. Sherry Reedy (Ms. AGRA '96) who has a new title to add. Last week at rodeo finals in New Mexico, Sherry won the title of Ms. IGRA '96. The best of luck to you, Sherry, as the newly crowned Ms. IGRA, your Tucson chapter is very proud of you!

While on the subject of congratulations, AGRA would like to extend a hearty welcome to Vangie Clevenger, who will serve as Board Secretary until next month's General Membership meeting, where she can officially be voted into the position. AGRA-Tucson has received official copies of by-laws. If interested in obtaining your very own copy, please contact George Plentzas as the AGRA Hotline.

On the fund raising frontier, AGRA will be selling copies of the Entertainment '97 books for \$35. If you're interested in purchasing a copy, contact Raul Almeraz, 512-9696.

A reminder, this Sunday, the Venture-N will be hosting Bert Burgers with all proceeds going to AGRA-Tucson. See you all at the Venture on Sunday for good times and great burgers.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27, join us in a Haunted Desert Hayride! We will be meeting at Hours, 6:00 P.M., with a caravan leaving the parking lot at 7:00 P.M. Or join us for the Hayride at La Mariposa, 1501 N. Houghton Road. Tickets are \$10 for

adults, \$6 for children under 12. If interested in attending and to reserve a seat, please contact Addison McDorman, 292-9293.

I hope everyone has a great week and remember, keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

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Sign up for Shanti's Grief Group. The next group begins Wednesday, October 30 and will meet for eight consecutive sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. The group is free and registration is accepted through the first two weeks of group -- the remaining 6 weeks will be closed to new participants. Participants meet and share individual and common experiences in a confidential, small group setting. Grief Group is designed to help individuals cope constructively with any type of loss they may have suffered or are experiencing. All are welcome, please call the office to reserve a space.

Save the date -- Sunday, November 10 Shanti will present the Fourth Annual Paper Prayers at Cafe Magritte from 3:00-5:00pm. Paper Prayers are 4x12 inch strips of art created by local artists, students, volunteers, and clients that offer prayers of hope and good health to members of our community who are living with HIV/AIDS. Admission is \$10 and light refreshments will be served. To submit a Paper Prayer, purchase a ticket, or for additional information, please contact Jenny.

Register for PLUS. PLUS (Positive Living for Us) is a free weekend seminar that empowers you to take charge of your life. If you have HIV/AIDS or are a caregiver, Shanti invites you to participate. The seminar is scheduled for November 15-17 and will cover: building a support network, treatment options, nutrition, sexuality and HIV, insurance, legal issues, women's issues, substance abuse. Please call Kelly to register. Transportation and childcare are available at no charge.

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**POLITICS
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BY MARK E. HERR

"If You're A Democrat, Mrs. Hooper-Smith Does The Macarena With Your Pancakes!"

A television event took place that drew the lowest ratings for that genre ever. Yes, the "Bill & Bob Comedy Special" was on again in Bob Dole's favorite city where the 1996 GOP convention took place, San Francisco, or San Diego.

Legislature, "the asylum," to set dates for laws to go into effect, instead of the ninety-days after the governor signs it. More power to the Legislature. Eek!

If that gives you any indication how the fiasco went, Bill mopped the floor with Bob. Rah! During the political-a-palooza, two actual questions focused on Gay and Lesbian issues. Zounds! They dealt with employment discrimination and "special rights." What about hair tips, we need hair tips!

Proposition 101 would give a big \$50,000 personal property-tax break to those in agriculture and trade business. Yes, tax breaks for business, what a concept! So, what about those who make minimum wage?

Guess what, neither Bill or Bob seemed willing to dwell on the issue longer than was necessary. Is my time up, I hope!

Proposition 102 is Governor Whitewash's justice initiative that would take power away from the judiciary regarding jurisdiction over juveniles. Please, it's life!

Dole stated his opposition to discrimination. "This is America," Dole said too many times to count. With that, Bob Dole reaffirmed his opposition to ENDA and same-sex marriages, calling them special rights. Dole then said he wouldn't have any policy that would discriminate against hiring someone, for lifestyle or whatever. Oh Bob!

Proposition 200 is the buffet proposition on laws regarding controlled substances. Those who commit violent crimes while high must serve their full sentence, no parole. Mercy! Those convicted of possession only, even before the passage of Prop. 200, and are serving time in jail, be released on parole. Parolees would have to go through drug treatment, or education.

Clinton said about ENDA, "I'm for it. I'm for it." Did you get that, he's for it. About special rights Clinton somehow equated this would a constitutional amendment allowing prayer in schools. Huh?! ...

The proposition would allow medical doctors to prescribe a controlled substance to treat a disease or to relieve the pain of a suffering or a seriously or terminally-ill patient.

So with the last presidential debate in the can so to speak. The polls are showing Clinton with a big lead. Most of the several hundred surveys, Clinton's lead is as big as his waist-line. Ooh! One story was about a survey of homosexual voters, entitled, "Gay Vote in Clinton's Pocket." Was that why the prez had a silly grin on his face during the San Diego-a-palooza? ...

Proposition 201 is known as the Fairness Initiative. The proposition would allow all Native-American tribes the opportunity to enter into gaming compacts with the State Government.

In two weeks, the 1996 general election will take place and "Can You Feel The Love Tonight." In addition to the underwhelming buffet of political wanna-bees we'll sift through, there are propositions to consider! Love those double entendres!

Proposition 203 would allow the expansion of health programs and AHCCS eligibility without raising taxes. [For an eloquent description, read the PCHD column.]

In Pima County, home of smooth running elections, there are nine propositions on the general election ballot. Here's a quick summary:

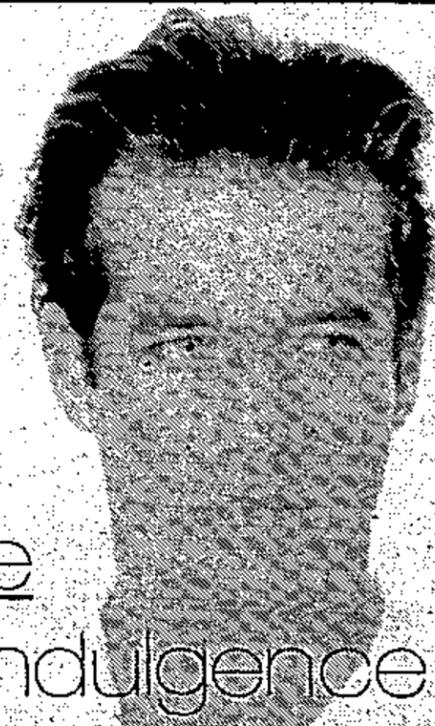
Proposition 300 is the annual attempt to give State Legislators a \$9,000 pay-raise. With what they have done, how about a \$9,000 pay-cut!

Proposition 100 would amend the state constitution to allow the State

Proposition 400 is the second charter government proposal for Pima County. A simple yes or no on home rule. Tucson good, Phoenix bad! ...

At OUToberFEST, two political notes to report. Rep. Elaine Richardson gave

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Dear Doctor X,

I am in a very bad place. Nine years ago I was diagnosed with HIV. At that time they would tell you that you only had two years to live. I was in a high pressure career world, and decided to get out and cruise on my savings and 401K until I croaked. After two years I wasn't quite dead so I got a part time job at a bookstore. Then I eventually went full time. I am still not dead and it has been nine years. I'm not even symptomatic. My problem is that I am not very comfortable financially and I have burned off my reserves. I also feel like I have lost all this time on my career track. Where can I start to get things back on line?

Signed, Positive Thinker

Dear PT,

That is a frustrating story. Many people were told the same thing and did the same thing. I wish you could sue the Doctor for lost wages but unfortunately most physicians gave these types of diagnosis because the track record was showing them that patients did die in this amount of time (from diagnosis). They wanted people to have the sense of urgency to deal with things like family, wills and careers. I think some Doctors hoped people would do what you did; live it up. What no one took into account was that people who died within two years of diagnosis might have been infected years before. The obvious growth in medication and treatment has affected longevity of staying well. To answer your question, the good news is that you are well. Nine years since diagnosis is incredible and a real tribute to your ability to take care of yourself. Even though you think you have lost all this time on the career track, you might have contributed to your HIV progression by staying in the trenches of a high pressure career world. Have you been involved in any relationships? Made new friends? From an Eastern philosophy perspective what you may have lost in dollars you probably have doubled in human experience. Dr. X is going to throw another of his life rules at you; "Nothing is more important than human experience, time spent with other human beings." While you missed the bucks you were alive and contemplating your value and mortality. I am sure if you want to get back into the circuit you left there is a way. You may need a computer refresher course, and some career counseling from Pima Community College; and a creative resume will help! You may be eligible for a tuition grant. But I don't think you have lost a thing. You have already proven that time does not have to be limited, so start again and find a whole new challenge in a new field. Set a new timeline for success and pick up in a better place than you left! Best of luck, remember you haven't lost time, you have gained life experience and you are a better person for it.

Dr. X,

I am up to my eyeballs in debt. All that I can do is drink and party to cope with it. I hear you talking about "being in a high risk place" and wonder if that is me. I get sober and I feel panicked by my sinking financial ship. What can I do to turn this around?

Signed, Repossessed

Dear Broke,

I am very concerned that you are in a high risk place. When we are in a tough spot where things aren't going well and we drink and do drugs; we don't

always make sound decisions in the bedroom. I think you should contact the GMHP at 622-7107, or 322-6226 as soon as possible. You need support. You can start by going to a friend that you trust and say "Hey, I am scared and screwed up right now and I need a reality check". You wrote in to me so you have the ability to get help for yourself. Aside from getting off the bar stool you most likely need a financial consult. This can happen at your bank or a loan consolidation company. It does not have to cost you allot and you can turn yourself around in about a year. Many of us lose control of our finances from time to time. Things happen like our car breaks down, our boyfriend books with our savings account, we get laid off from our job! The reality is that you need someone to help you develop a plan of action. For emotional support come to the GMHP, and talk to your friends. I do think it is important that you work all this out as soon as possible. Situations like this don't tend to improve until you stop the momentum. The solution may be easier than you think. Thanks for FAXING but pick up the phone now; I can't help you out by FAX. Good luck, please call!

Doctor, Doctor!

Sometimes I think I am just too queer. I was going home from my job at eleven-thirty to watch Martha Stewart at noon, and it occurred to me that I might be over the top. I have completely trenched in to Gay life. I read only Gay authors or themes, I buy from Gay clothing designers, eat at Gay owned restaurants, go to Gay bars, have only Gay friends, and now I am rushing home to see what fabulous queer thing Martha is going to do today! Will she hand paint scenes from the Sistine Chapel on chicken breast filets for a dinner party, will she hand embroider the TP in the guest bath? These questions rack my mind and I realize that I am just TOO QUEER! Help me if you think I need it?

Signed, TQ

Dear TQ,

What is the real issue here? Are you too queer or are you just concerned about not having a balance with heterosexuals. I am officially diagnosing you with QIS (Queer Immersion Syndrome). This is a common illness among adult Gay males between thirty and forty. We reach a point of independence and a feeling of security in our Gay life and we suddenly purge all heterosexual aspects of our existence. We become dishy and flamboyant, heady with politics and PC attitude, discriminating about hetero-sexist attitudes and boom... QIS strikes! The prescription for this disease is a trip to K-mart once a week for just ten minutes until you can build up to twenty minute stints. Then at some point you have to pretend to find something tasteful and buy it. With Cash! Now of course all this is in good fun but as Gay people we are going through a swing of sorts in which we are fighting back Hetero exclusion by becoming exclusively Gay. We say we don't want you in our perfect world and we don't want to talk to you unless we have to. But the reality is that they have a very important place in our world. They are our coworkers and family, they are our neighbors and friends. We will always have little jokes about them but we all have straight people in our lives that we adore. Maybe you are being a little extreme but you probably need to get clear

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
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LESBIAN & GAY SHORT FILMS 9PM

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AT THE SCREENING ROOM
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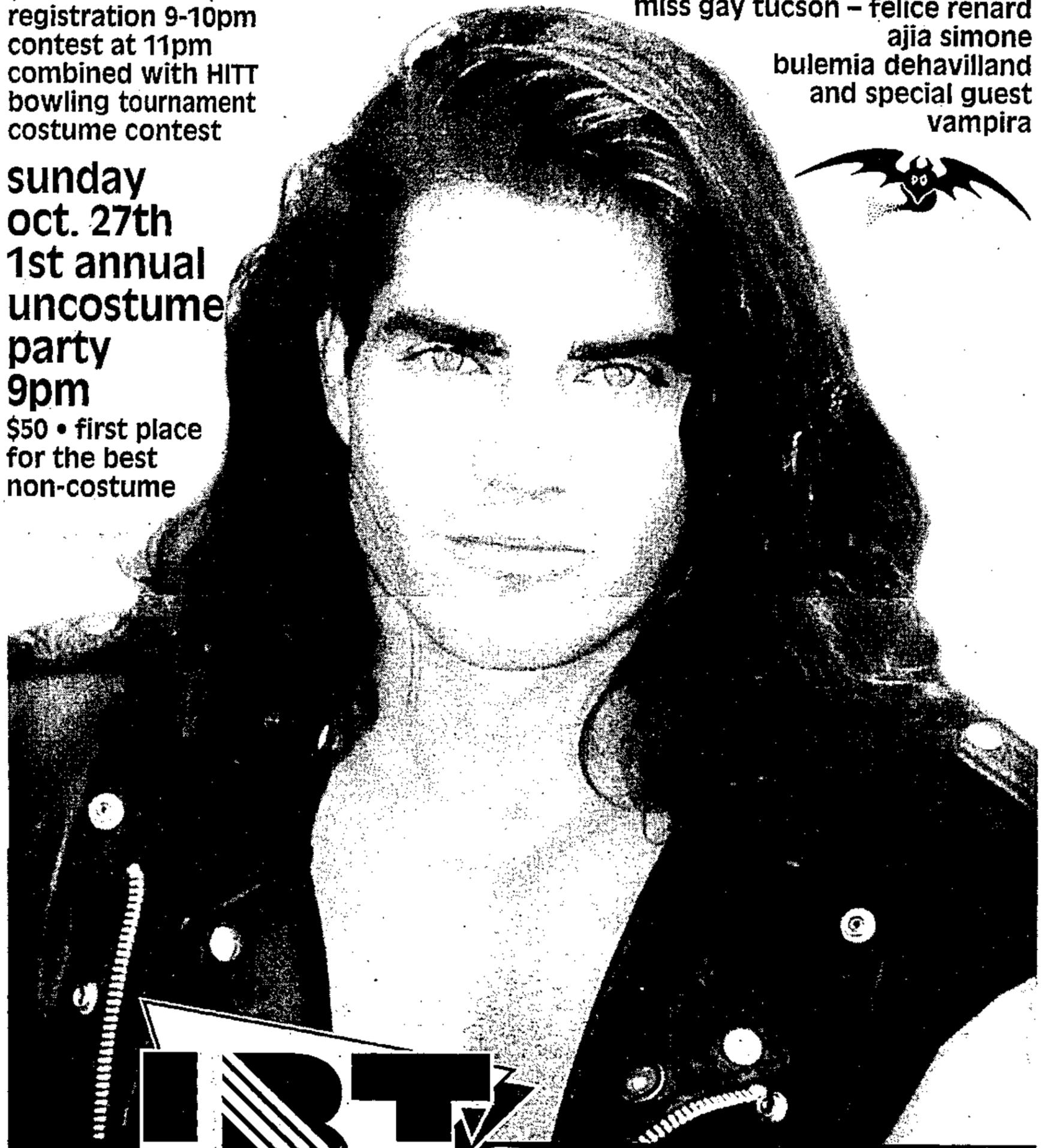
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**Surfing With
Cyber Queers**
by Anne C. Schmitt

There is change in the air . . . in lots of ways. But, the one that I want to talk about in this column is the Online Observer. There is a bit of a problem.

- I get tons of E-mail saying what a good online paper it is, thousands and thousands of people read it each week, I have tried to be responsive to the needs of our community and expand the content accordingly; but there is not enough sponsoring advertisers to keep it up at the current pace, much less help it grow.

The few folks who were brave enough to support it from the beginning are still the only supporters. They are a courageous bunch, especially since non of them were even online at the beginning.

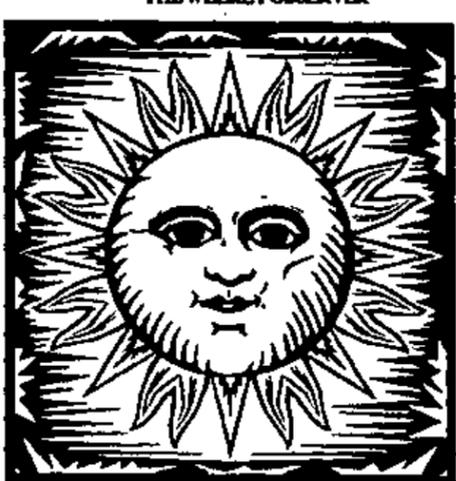
The problem with all of this is that I cannot continue to put up tons of pages which I cannot personally afford to underwrite. So, with that brief statement, I am announcing the slicing back on the size of the Online Observer. The basic stuff will still be there. What will be gone are such sections as the photo section, personals, the bi-monthly Common Voice newsletter, the long list of resources, the guest book and probably a few other pages since I will have to pare it down to where it is self-supporting.

This is a shame for several reasons. As an outreach tool, the Internet is a great way to reach folks. It is also a way to market our businesses and Tucson as a whole to the Gay Community of the world and invite them to visit us, stay in our B & B's, eat in our restaurants, drink at our bars, come to out events . . . not even to mention a handy way to reach our local family members who don't happen to have a paper at home for schedules of what's happening.

When I put the paper online in February of last year I envisioned its growth as something our whole community could be proud of. Now, not even a year later, it had grown from the initial three or four pages online to nearly 30 megabytes of Internet space (that is a large World Wide Web site) and is linked to Gay sites all over the globe. I knew the Internet part would work. What I am surprised at is the lack of support to help make it happen.

I want to take a minute to thank, whole-heartedly, the pals who I have made through E-mail on this site. The words of encouragement have been priceless. I hope that scaling back on this site doesn't make you lose my E-mail address.

On a semi-technical note: We are in the midst of changing servers. We will be late in updating all our pages this week while we get domains transferred and kinks worked out. This will not change any addresses on the site; so don't worry about changing your bookmarks. Hang in there. See ya in Cyberspace.



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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Feisty Mercury changes signs this week. Sweeping in new thoughts in different areas of our lives. Feeling particularly mouthy? Check your sign to see if you can shoot from the lip or whether it's time to listen quietly.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Mercury's movement into diplomatic Libra makes your discussions with partners all the more meaningful and actionable. Proud Rams are not usually noted for their sense of happy compromise, unless it means they totally get their own way. Use this planetary zap for niceness and not pushiness. Negotiate, dear queer Aries, don't dominate, unless, of course, partners like it that way.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you've been examining yourself sideways in the mirror lately, chalk it up to energetic Mercury in Libra. Proud Bulls have a way of piling on the pounds with their good food and fine wines. Concentrate on getting that bod in shape and on a healthy diet. Inspiration is in the air, even though swimsuit season appears to be waning. Keep a sharp eye on Key West this winter.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gay Twins usually enjoy the occasional mind game and now you can play in your heart's content. Mercury in Libra encourages creative thinking to solving old intractable problems. Paint, dance, write or act. It doesn't matter as long as you get that grey matter thinking in rainbow colors. Don't waste this fabulousness on practical jokes. Use if for practical purposes.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 21

It's so easy for pink Crabs to hide in their shells and avoid discussions with family members on personal lifestyle issues. Don't take the seemingly easy route now my friend. Mercury in Libra pours on the diplomacy, clear thinking and drive. What excuse is there to remain closeted from your family? If they don't like it, that's just tough. Live your life. You gotta be you.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If you are ready to let out a roar or five, thank sociable Mercury in Libra which directs your little tantrums to more desirable outlets. Proud Leos are not shy about expressing their opinions and at least now you get a couple of important folks to even listen. My advice is to let the lines of communication to function in two directions. Seek feedback as well as give it.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins have a way of keeping a heady little eye on their finances now when Mercury enters Libra. This is not a bad thing. In fact, this can be especially profitable for those of you with a particular interest or goal. Talk to financial advisor now or buckle down and do your homework on your own. Gather all relevant facts and read the fine print. You'll be dressed in ermine before you know it.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Mercury in your own sign gives your thoughts and words extraordinary power. Couple that good fortune with the ability to maneuver easily through the social swim and your mission is clear. It is time to get the great Gay word Out! You've been elected spokesperson for the cause and I couldn't think of anyone more appropriate.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Even perceptive pink Scorps will be amazed at their clarity of thought now that Mercury is in Libra. Intuitive aptitude runs on full throttle and your ability to ascertain the evil designs of hidden enemies will protect you from their inclinations. The best use of this energy is to generously volunteer for one of our great Gay causes. Be active in our community.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Amiable Gay Archers can feel the affirming surge of platonic camaraderie when Mercury enters Libra. Jolly times are in store for all Sags with the ability to plan the perfect social event. Explore the company of new and exotic folks and be prepared to discuss varying points of view. This is good as long as you don't surround yourself with loathsome Ralph Reed clones.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Strategic Caps can make their corporate presence known when Mercury traipses into Libra. Give your best professional thoughts their day in the sun. There is someone in authority who will receive the warm rays and enable something good to grow out of it. Who knows? You may just receive the key to the corporate washroom and it won't be to scrub the floors.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians would do well to plan an extraordinary vacation now when Mercury enters Libra. You are hankering to get Out there and expand your horizons. Travel details can be planned now down to the nitty gritty, and all should go well. If money is tight, try explorations closer to home, like an evening with exotic elements - food, entertainment and folks. See what develops.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Zesty Mercury in sociable Libra heats up the smoldering embers of passion to a raging fire. Thoughts span across all sorts of personal issues, including any deep psychological barriers keeping you from true affirmation. Lucky pink Fish can use this lustfully heated atmosphere to express their true sexual desires, even if it involves an iron maiden and a hard-boiled egg. Who am I to say?

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Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal? Saludandolos con el mismo animo de siempre, esperando que se la estén pasando a todo dar con el cambio de clima que se nos presentó tan rápido aunque ya lo habían anticipado. las personas que se dedican al estudio meteorológico, y lo que nos queda es que hay que tomar las precauciones necesarias para evitar los resfríos y males respiratorios frecuentes en estos días de otoño... En esta ocasión estamos usando otro equipo de computadora esperamos que no se nos dificulte y que todo salga como deseamos...

¿Qué les pareció el certamen de Mr. Gay Hispano '96? verdad que estuvo fabuloso; y todo lo arreglo nuestro amigo Ernie Pérez coordinador del programa Salud es Poder quién se apuntó otro 10. En esa ocasión los jueces "se las vieron dura" por lo bien preparados que estuvieron cada uno de los participantes; sinceramente cada uno de ellos merecía ganar, TODOS hicieron excelente presentación, en la ronda de talento cada uno sacó lo profesional y muy buena calidad artística, y como es de saber, lo más importante fue la seguridad al momento de contestar las preguntas que hicieron los encargados del jurado; que en esa ocasión fueron: Myrna Ruiz de Tucson, Juan Manuel Rodriguez de Hermosillo; Oscar Gonzalez de Nogales, Az. Vicente Zepeda de Tucson, y Erick Rodriguez de Phoenix; y al momento de saludarles, a algunos de ellos, sus comentarios fueron sobre lo difícil de escoger al ganador; y como ustedes saben el ganador del primer Mr. Gay Latino '96 es Nurberto Valdez, que demostró ser un bailarín profesional del folklor mexicano y que decir de la facilidad de palabra al momento de responder la pregunta, el segundo lugar correspondió a Martín Baltierrez quien interpretó al señor Juan Gabriel, que se ganó el cariño del público por el gran número que presentó; y el tercer lugar correspondió a Tino Ochoa quien logró una muy especial imitación del señor Hernández del grupo de Los Tigres del Norte con la canción "Golpes en el corazón". Y así pudieramos usar todo el espacio de Columna Abierta para detallarles las participaciones de Juan Chavarría, de Frankie Jasso Jr. y de Rogelio Pérez que una vez más quiero recalcar que cada uno de estos muchachos tienen gran calidad artística y mucho futuro si les interesa la carrera de actuación; felicidades sinceras!!!. Y no hay que pasar desapercibido el trabajo que desarrollo Marco Martínez como maestro de ceremonias, que estuvo "batallando" con el equipo de sonido, aparte de eso; lo hizo muy bien; la escenografía estuvo a cargo de Edoardo, Valentín y Juan Manuel; y que decir de las magnificas presentaciones que hicieron Miss Touché; Carolina y la "dueña del escenario"; Mama Reyna, y el que siempre esta pendiente de que todo salga a la perfección: Ruben Pérez; Felicidades a todos los que participaron en este primer evento, que sin duda los siguientes serán esperados por todos nosotros....

Y una de las llamadas que recibimos en nuestro buzón, fue en relación a: ¿de donde viene la palabra GAY?.

No siempre sabemos con exactitud, de dónde vienen o cómo aparecieron en nuestra lengua. Sencillamente usamos las palabras. Sin embargo, en el interior de cada término, voz o vocablo hay una historia secreta. A veces muy simple, otras simpática, la más de las veces fascinante. El español -y más el hablado

en México- es un organismo en crecimiento, como toda lengua viva; de ahí que haya adaptado (sigue haciéndolo) de otros idiomas -básicamente del náhuatl y el inglés- las palabras que describen (describieron) nuevas situaciones, objetos o personajes. Actualmente, GAY designa a las personas que tienen como preferencia erótica su propio género (homosexuales). Pero hasta hace algunas décadas su significado era otro. La palabra inglesa GAY procede del francés GAI, que equivale a "vivaz" o "alegre" desde el año 1300, aproximadamente. Durante el siglo XIX, sufrió una variación semántica y empezó a identificar a la chica de vida licenciosa o dedicada a la prostitución, de manera similar a como en español decimos "tal o cual es una mujer de la vida alegre". No fue sino hasta los años sesenta que adquirió la connotación de homosexual que hoy utilizamos... Esto es lo que encontramos en el libro del origen de las palabras; servido señor?...

Ya para terminar esta Columna Abierta; nos comunica Ernie Pérez que el día 30 de octubre el programa Salud es Poder, celebrará su primer aniversario con gran fiesta en el Paragón donde habrá comida, presentaciones de artistas de la comunidad, y sobre todo un gran concurso de disfraces con fabulosos premios y todo esto empezará desde las 8:00 p.m. y por allá los esperamos.

Por hoy es todo seguimos esperando sus comentarios y sugerencias

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Politics

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a terrific speech on Human Rights. Some may have misconstrued about a statement she made about choice. Richardson stated that she was talking about the women's right to choose. Elaine reiterated her view that "government has no right to be in a person's bedroom period." You go girl!

Remember, Elaine Richardson is one of the few legislators who voted with us on AIDS and DOMA. We need her to represent our views, since so many won't!

The Democratic candidate for County Attorney, Barbara LaWall was there speaking with people attending. LaWall was warm, compassionate, listening to the people who asked questions.

In other words, a political candidate who's a human being. What a concept! "Political speeches are over, so just have fun," Barbara said to this reporter. Here's someone we can vote for! ...

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Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita

News From MCC Tucson

Well, hello again! I'm happy that you are taking some of your valuable time to read this article. I don't know about you, but just everybody calls me wanting money, usable items, or to sell me something I do not want (and it costs too much - if you figure the weekly rate).

At churches, we call giving "stewardship." Most or many, simply are talking about money. They find out what your gross income is, calculate one-tenth, and bill you for that amount. Some actually send "bills," others brow/Bible bills to a woman (this in itself was bad enough), but she had been dead for over two years! The topper all of that was she had her funeral there and left that church a bequest from her insurance!

For a while there were TV commercials that implored people to give 5% of their income to the charity or combined charities of their choice. Whoopie Goldberg was one of the celebrities asking America to give. She proudly wore a medium sized white button with a small red wedge from center to outside (indicating 5%). It is a good idea. In a recent survey by U.S. News and World Report, 1/96, it told about percentages that Americans give to churches and charities. In 1968, the average was 3.14%. By 1992, it dropped to 2.52%.

To me, this is a sad commentary. As a Christian, I give 10% to my church and I do not know exactly, but probably another 5% or more to others. It is important to me to give above and beyond what is expected. When we give to research organizations: AIDS; Cancer (Breast or General); Arthritis; Diabetes; fill in your special group; we are making

a difference. Did you know that a very high percentage of the money we pay for over the counter and prescription drugs does not go into some Corporate gross income. It goes to research new, better, drug regimens to keep the spread or intensity of ailments to a minimum or even come up with a vaccine to prevent the disease from manifesting itself in the first place.

As a person who lives with numerous lesser diseases, I appreciate knowing that the money I pay today, may help one of my grand-daughters. Perhaps that is why I feel the need to give of my money, time and talents. I may never know just how many people my life may touch, for the better. Now, that does not hold any high place in my priorities. What is important, right now, is to inform you of the needs and pray that perhaps you too will share some of what you have with others.

I have found one thing that makes the giving less noticeable. I take the 10% of the top of my checks. That is, before I spend anything, I write the checks to go to my church. Then for the other groups I have the money taken directly from my account. Then, when I set up my budget for the week, it isn't there to tempt me to spend the monies set aside.

Perhaps you want to start with a set amount. \$10 a month, then gradually increase to \$10 a week until you get to the 5% or 10% of your gross income to assist others in what they do to help humanity.

Food for thought. Until next week.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

For the past few days I have been engaged in one of my least favorite activities - I have been going car shopping! Or maybe I should more correctly call it car looking, because I have not yet made the final decision of which - if any - vehicle I should purchase! There are so many things to consider when purchasing a vehicle! I have already eliminated one whole category, that of used vehicles. Why would I want to purchase someone else's troubles! I had given some consideration to purchasing a truck. This is something I thought about some time ago, but didn't follow through with at that time. It seems to me that there are many times when it would borrow someone else's when I had trash to take to the dump, or when I had to move something which didn't fit conveniently in the trunk of my car. However, I have just about decided that I don't need a truck often enough to warrant purchasing one. So now I am left with the basic decision of just what kind of new car do I want/need? What car will best fit my lifestyle? Is it important to "buy American?" Should I consult Consumer Reports and go strictly by what is recommended? And how much can I believe of what the car salesman say about their vehicles? One of the salesmen said that I would be able to do the 60,000 mile tune-up! When I protested, he lifted the hood of the car, showed me where the spark plugs were and how to remove them, and said that was all that was needed! Oh yes, there was one filter that would need changes as well, but that was really the extent of the tune-up!

Some people appear to choose

their spiritual beliefs in the same way that I have been looking at cars. They decide what it is they think they need and then decide how they can have their needs met. They read books, visit services, talk with people to see what others think about this or that faith. They may even talk with leaders of different faiths to learn more about their beliefs.

While this may be an excellent way to choose a vehicle, it may not be the best way to decide what to believe about spiritual matters. If I make a mistake and purchase the wrong car, I may be very upset for a while. I may have to spend more money repairing it. I may be stuck with a car that has an uncomfortable ride for a few years. But a wrong decision about a car purchase will have no lasting consequences for me. However, if I make the wrong decision in my spiritual beliefs I will endure the results for all eternity.

How, then, can people be sure of what are spiritual truths and what are counterfeit? While there may be no 1000% guaranteed answer to this question, I do have several suggestions for you to consider. One of the most important considerations for you is to decide if you are willing to believe in God. Genesis 1:1 states, "In the beginning God..." The basic fact of God's existence is not explained in the Bible; it is the presupposition upon which the whole Bible is built. If you accept the fact of God's existence, then you can ask him to reveal himself to you and he will. When Jesus was still on Earth, he told his followers about the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, who would

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come to "... guide you into all truth..." (John 16:13) All who sincerely ask God to make himself known to them and who are willing to wait and listen will have the Holy Spirit lead them into all spiritual truth. As you read God's word, the Bible, and as you pray, you can be certain that the Holy Spirit will reveal God to you. If you are searching for spiritual truth, ask God. He is the only one with all the right answers!

LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

Ten years. One decade. Twelve hundred months. Three-thousand-six-hundred-and-fifty days (plus a leap year here and there). One hell of a long time.

Desert Leathermen are celebrating their tenth anniversary. Ten years of hearty partying as well as service to the Gay community, including the original Observer Benefits, the Holiday Packages for PWA's, the ongoing Condom Drive, and numerous other contributions and acts of support for charities and individuals in need.

Along with all that fun stuff goes ten years of putting up with Bert Hoop. His sulking and petulant moods, his bombastic tantrums, his inebriation and his sobriety (can't honestly say which one of

those is the worse) and his sincere passion for causes in which he believes.

Almost everyone in this town has a good Bert Hoop story. If they don't, they've only been in Tucson ten minutes or have friend one too many brain cells. But the rest of us will have the chance to recount and share with others our favorite "Hoop Tales" this Saturday night, October 26. The roast will fire up at 5:00 P.M. on the patio of the Venture-N. You may want to wear your best asbestos, as this little soiree may get hot! And thank goodness this is so close to Halloween - we may have to resurrect a few good skeletons to really do this night. Tickets for this incredible event are a mere three dollars and are available at many local bars or at the door. All proceeds from Bert's incineration will be donate to Pet Watch. And if you have a particularly juicy story you'd like to share, please call Candi at 696-0548 to schedule your time at the roast.

After the roast, when the grill is well seasoned with Hoop Poop, Desert Leathermen will cook a much more tender cut at a steak fry with all the trimmings directly following the roast at 6:30 P.M. to celebrate our ten-year anniversary. All donations to the steak fry will go directly to Desert Leathermen's Holiday Packages for PWA's.

So, please join us for one or both of these festivities on this Saturday, October 26, as we put Bert on the spit and on the spit and celebrate Desert Leathermen's Tenth Anniversary the meaty, manly way.

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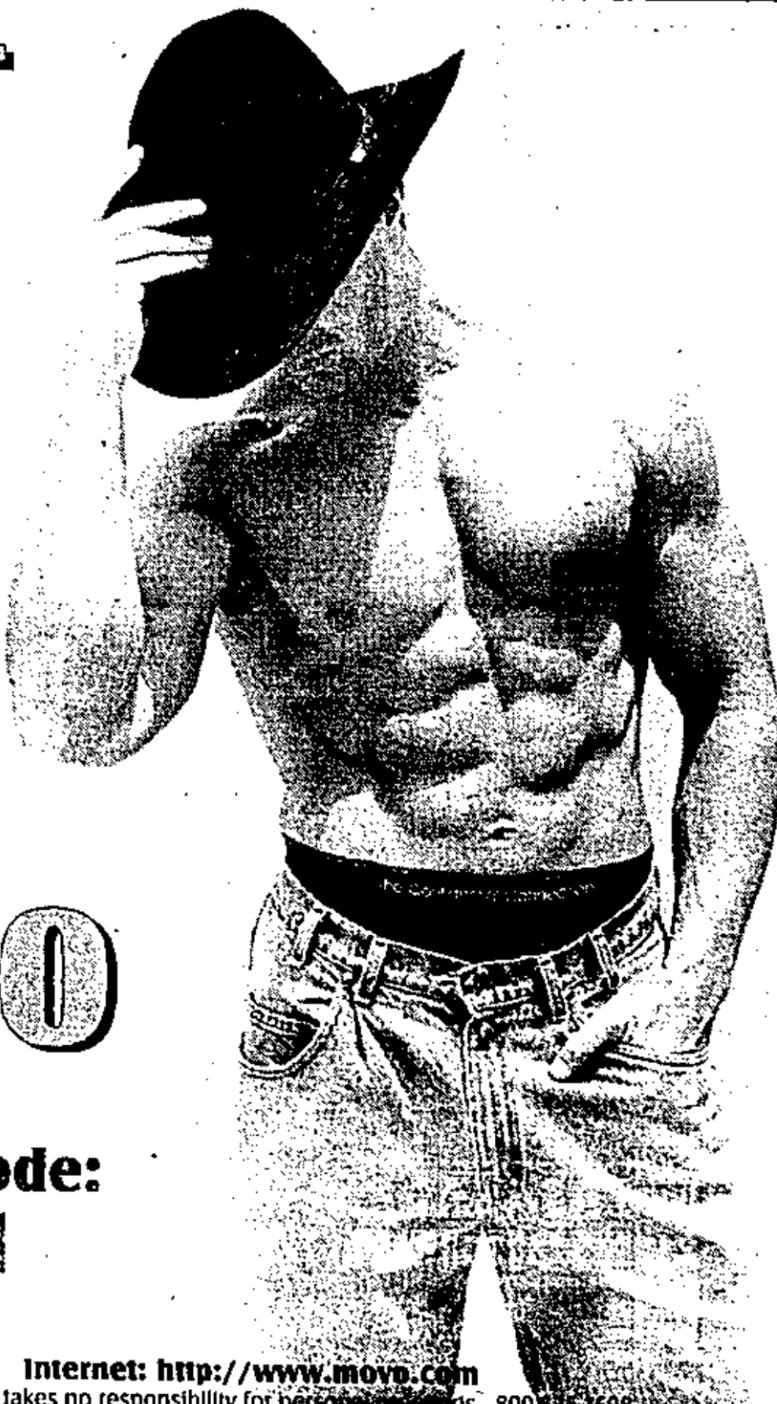
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SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings

	Won	Lost	Pins
Hooga-Booga!	13.0	7.0	9057
Twisted Nipples	13.0	7.0	8845
Five	12.0	8.0	8979
My 2 Dads	12.0	8.0	8839
Smokin Bears	12.0	8.0	8816
Ten	12.0	8.0	8787
3 Jokers	11.0	9.0	8827
Tres Amigos	11.0	9.0	8823
Meat'N Heat	10.5	9.5	8910
Nine	8.0	12.0	8857
Bea Bytes	7.0	13.0	8539
Thirteen	6.5	13.5	8589
Triple T & Me	6.0	14.0	8701
Show Me Yours	6.0	14.0	8654

AVG: Tastee Buns, 984. SG: Four Swigs/Tastee, 844. SS: Four Swigs, 2354. HG: Desert Divas, 1107. HS: Tastee Buns, 3022

Dr. X

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on who you are and how you fit in to the picture of Gay and straight life. Don't worry about it, just go with it and have a good friend let you know when you become excessive or ridiculous, and even that isn't a bad thing. In regards to the trip home for Martha, just say to yourself "QIS, it's a good thing!" If all else fails try testosterone patches, Later!

Dr. X is an advice column from the Gay Men's Health Project. To ask Dr. X, FAX questions and comments to 622-1554.

AVG: Monte/Mark, 202; Lorell N., 177; Nine, 538. SCR GAME: Monte N., 258; Joyce K., 203; Tres Amigos, 624. HC GAME: Michael H., 282; Michelle H., 260; Tres Amigos 741. SCR SERIES: Jeff T., 675; Lorell N., 551; Hooga-Booga, 1697. HC SERIES: Jeff T., 714; Michelle H., 691; Five, 1980.

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings

	Won	Lost	Pins
Tastee Buns	14	6	14763
Pink Flamingos	10	10	14414
Desert Divas	9	11	14548
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

IBT'S - Male Box Mite from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Meet that special someone.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

GRADUATE - Costume Party and Contest. \$50 First Place; \$25 Second Place.

IBT'S - Halloween Costume Party and Contest. \$100 First place; \$75 Second; \$50 third. Registration 9 to 10 p.m. Contest at 11:00 p.m. Combined with HITT Bowling Tournament Costume Contest. Let's Party!

PLUG - Halloween Ball & Contest. Judging begins at 11:00 p.m. \$150 Grand Prize. \$100 Second Place and \$75 for Third! Guest performance by Kenneth Blake as "Elvira". H.I.T.T. Pumpkin Judging begins at 8:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - "Roast Bert Hoop" Benefit for Pet Watch. Tickets available in most bars in Tucson.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

IBT'S - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que to benefit Shanti from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., the 1st Annual Un-Costume Party. \$50 for First Place for Beer Non-Costume.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Jody's Birthday Party 9:30 to midnight. Enjoy the talent of the grrrrls SaFire, Tammy, Sasha and Elise. Food, cake and just a good old fashioned drag night.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

HOURS - Karaoke at 9:00 p.m. with hostess Lori Lee.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

IBT'S - "The Ghoulie Show" 9:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Helana Bubbles and featuring Miss Gay Tucson, Felice Renard, Ajia Simone, Bulemia De Havilland and special guest Vampiria.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Halloween Costume Party here with drink specials every half hour. Judging starts at 10:00 p.m. with a \$100 first Place Prize and \$50 for second place.

GRADUATE - Happy Halloween! Halloween Party and special Grad Girl Show at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Christina De Alexis. Costume Contest at 11:00 p.m. (Register 10 to 11 p.m.) \$75 First Place; \$50 Second and \$25 Third Place.

HOURS - Halloween Hoodown. Watch for details!

IBT'S - Celebrate Halloween at the 4th Annual Black and White Ball extravaganza. 8:00 p.m. Costume Contest registration at 9:30 p.m. Winners announced at 11:00 p.m. \$150 first place; \$75 Second and \$25 Third. Don't miss this wonderful event.

PLUG - Halloween Ball II. Cash prizes. Guest performance by Miss Adrienne Alexander. 3 bars, 2 dance floors and one hot time!

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Girlfriend's Coffee House and Book Store Live Entertainment featuring Jess Hawk Oakenstar 8-10 p.m. No Cover.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner at Rema Cafe, 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 if you plan to attend.

Cornerstone Fellowship and Wingspan's Domestic Violence Project presents a panel and discussion on Lesbian/Gay domestic violence from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. Admission is free, refreshments will be served and literature will be available. Call 321-0388 for more information. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Jerry or Les at 690-9585 for directions.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCT. 25-26-27

HITT (Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson) will be presented this weekend. The actual bowling tournament will be held at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The Miss-H.I.T.T. contest and variety show and fundraiser for local HIV/AIDS organizations will be held on Oct. 27 with local talent encouraged to enter. Entertainers vie for the title of Miss-H.I.T.T. 1996. Openings still available. Comedy, camp drag, singing and dancing. For information call Mike 882-9709.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our Topic of Discussion will be about "Moving in." How do you juggle living with the man of your dreams after you've found him? For directions and reservations, call Bob at 623-1732.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A special Dinner Buffet (seating is limited) by Dan. Good food from a great cook and nice guy. For reservations and directions, call Dan at 823-8882.

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore Halloween Party begins at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Antigone Books will present local author Patricia Preclado Martin reading from "El Milagro," a rich collection of stories cooked up from the simplest ingredients: food, family and traditions. Both serious and funny, spiritual and earthy, this beautiful book is a feast for the spirit. 7:00 p.m. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our Topic of Discussion will be about "The Art of Relating." Tom welcomes his good friend Terri (an intuitive counselor) back for a discussion about relationships. For directions and reservations, call Tom 318-1850.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night of Retro TV offers up three tales of monsters and chills. First is an episode of "The Twilight Zone," followed by "Amelia" and the original pilot of "Lost in Space." Call Les at 690-9585 for reservations and directions.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This month's Favorite Film is "The Hidden," a movie about aliens, fast cars and deadly weapons. Kyle McLachlan and Michael Nouri star in this twisted action comedy. For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9585.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Spend Halloween floating across the floor as MSN goes out for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Don't miss an intimate Afternoon Delight with Lucia Blue Tremblay in concert here at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$18 at the door.

7:00 p.m., Antigone Books will present Margarita Kay, author of "Healing with Plants in the American and Mexican West." She will share her knowledge of local medicinals. Discover the properties of many readily available local plants, as well as a few more obscure ones. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

The Pride Law Center operates tonight from 7-9 p.m. The Center has been established to provide Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered people a safe place to discuss legal matters and receive legal advice. The Pride Center is staffed by volunteer attorneys licensed to practice in the state of Arizona. The clinic will operate for a 2 hour period one evening per month on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. The clinic will only provide legal advice to you. The clinic will be held at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Each evening will be staffed by one volunteer attorney and two law students. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you for review by the attorney. The clinic anticipates being able to service 4-6 clients per evening. For more information only (NOT legal advice) call 325-4087.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

There is an awareness workshop at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On fourth Ave. At 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

Live entertainment with Girlfriends resident musician Jess Hawk Oakenstar from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

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

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screens \$1.25 all 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 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. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open Noon. 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 2pm. 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. Bart Burger 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 9 to 1 am.

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 close.

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Masse 6pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Well all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-ERG Dance Music.

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! 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 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. 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 tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.00 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. 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. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 8pm to close - \$1.25 pitchers.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.

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 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 8pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. 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 8:30pm.

Thursday

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

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 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 9-close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with "The Smud" 9pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. Peter specials 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 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.

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.

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 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Hi-Energy Dance music all 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Well Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

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, Piña Colodas \$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 - Open Noon. Happy Hour till 8pm. Free Pool till 8pm. Hot Dance Party at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



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ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and referral about Al-Anon 891-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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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 298-9454.

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. Elite 581-8850 or Ronn 868-2384.

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, (802)371-1102

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

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

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, 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 8162. For information call 781-8982.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3061 N. Campbell Ave. #305, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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NOTICES

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 890-8565 for information and a newsletter. 558

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary O. 770-8978 or Bernice L. 318-3415.

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 289-8083.

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

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