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4th Annual TORCH Awards Honors The HIV/AIDS Community

TUCSON - Lsst Mouday the 4th Annual TORCH Awards were held. Shown above, on the stage of the Southwest Center for Music are the winners of the beautiful TORCH Trophies. See related story below and see centerfold for more photos.

TUCSON - Approximately 300 HIV/AIDS care givers, activists, organization members and guests gathered Monday, Nov. 6, at the Southwest Center for Music to attend the 4th Annual Torch Awards. These awards are given as "Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help".

Before the actual awards ceremonies, these in attendance were feted to a huge buffet donated by Dakota Cafe and Catering Co., and Arbuckle Coffee. They were entertained by the a capella vocal group Steve Hutchings & the "Catacoustic Groove". The entire event was underwritten by donations from Shanti Foundation, Tucson AIDS Project, PACT for Life, La Frontera, AIDS Education Project, Carondelet Hospice, CODAC Behavioral Health Services and COPE Behavioral Services.

The evening was dedicated in memory of Jerome Beillard, John Murphy and Gene Kelton. John Barnes, co-chair of the '95 Torch Awards, welcomed the guests and introduced Jim Lemon, Executive Producer at KGUN-TV Channel 9, as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. John Green gave a short, moving opening address.

Those winning awards were:

POLITICAL ADVOCACY AWARD
David Hoover of the Pima County Health Department AIDS Program Manager

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Jacques Paillet

NEWTON JOHN SKINNER SELF-EMPOWERMENT AWARD
Mark Muchmore

MEDICAL ADVOCACY AWARD
Charlie Allen

HEALTH PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Dr. Neil Ampel

COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD
Scott Blades and Tommy Ragan (tie)

MEDIA SERVICE AWARD
Eric Wilson

PREVENTION EDUCATION AWARD
Diana Dixon

HUMANITARIAN AWARDS
Pam Shack, Susan Gregory
and the Carondelet Hospice AIDS Team

The 1995 Torch Committee members are: Linda Hampton (TAP), co-chair; John Barnes (TAP) co-chair; Carole Burke (AIDS Education Project); John Green (PACT for Life); Tommy Ragan (Shanti); Sandy Blocher (Carondelet Hospice), Arthur Padilla (Pima County Health Department) and Pat Parman-Bethard (COPE Insiders).

All the committee as well as the many others who help put the evening together are to be congratulated on a flawless event recognizing those in the HIV/AIDS community who give above and beyond what is expected of them in the service of others.

Both Sides Agree Arguments For Amendment 2 Went Poorly

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Liberals and conservatives agreed on one point after the constitutionality of Colorado's Amendment 2 was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. The pro-side of the amendment did poorly.

The court heard arguments about the Colorado constitutional amendment which bars anti-discrimination laws for Gays and Lesbians.

"It went pretty poorly. The general view of conservatives is that they're pretty disappointed with the questions," asked by the justices, said Rhett Dehart, an aide to former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese.

Colorado Solicitor General Timothy Tymkovich, who defended Amendment 2 before the court, "got hit hard by Kennedy," Dehart said, referring to Justice Anthony Kennedy.

"You have to have Kennedy's vote to have any chance at all. You have to have both Kennedy and (Justice Sandra Day) O'Connor. And it looks like we're not going to have either," Dehart said.

Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., who opposes Amendment 2, said he thought it went well. "I just think there were more justices skeptical of the state's position on this, and they let fly right off the bat."

Skaggs, a Yale trained lawyer, predicted a positive outcome for those opposing Amendment 2.

"My assessment was 5-4 at worst, 6-3 is possible, and 7-2 is conceivable," he said.

The court probably won't render a decision before spring.

Skaggs and others came away thinking Tymkovich had been "jumped on" by the justices before he had a chance to articulate the state's case. In fact, he had been speaking for less than a minute when Kennedy interrupted him with pointed questions.

Of the nine justices, only Antonin Scalia aggressively defended Amendment 2, which the Colorado Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional last year.

Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton sat to Tymkovich's left as he presented the state's argument. Afterward, she did not say it had gone poorly. But she didn't say it had gone well, either. She acknowledged the questioning had been tough but she expected that.

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City Council Democrats Sweep Tucson Elections

Mayor and Council Get Pay Raises As All Propositions Pass

Tucsonans Say No To Presidential Politics

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

TUCSON - They came, they saw, they voted.

Over 71,000 voters, approximately 27% of the city electorate, went to the polls to select a mayor, three council members, four ballot propositions and state their presidential preference.

With 99 percent of the votes tallied, here are the results of the 1995 city elections:

MAYOR

Incumbent Democrat, George Miller was re-elected to a second term. He lead his two opponents, Republican Sharon Collins and Libertarian Ed Kahn throughout the whole evening, and won the election by 20 percent. Miller won despite being opposed to the controversial water initiative, Proposition 200. Collins had tied her campaign to the initiative with her support of it, but she came up short.

WARD 1

Democrat Jose Ibarra won the fight to see who would succeed outgoing Democratic Council member, Bruce Wheeler, who did not run for another term. Ibarra, a former aide to Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, bested his Republican challenger, Ray Fontaine by 15 percent.

WARD 2

Democratic incumbent Janet Marcus, the first woman in Pima County to be re-elected to office, won an unprecedented third term. Marcus defeated Republican Rick Grinnell and the Libertarian candidate, Tim Loomis, by a 13 percent margin.

WARD 4

With two term incumbent Democratic Council member Roger Sedlmayr stepping down, the race to see who would succeed him. Democratic candidate and neighborhood activist Shirley Scott easily trounced Republican, Bill King by a 20

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UPDATE

Activist Alert

WALT'S AMERICAN FAMILY

Not long after Walt Disney's Company's decision to extend health benefits to partners of Gay and Lesbian employees. Reaction against the new policy was swift.

Fifteen Florida congressmen, wrote a letter to Michael Eisner, president of Disney and the Disney Board, decrying the decision as "anti-family", a "belittlement of the sanctity of marriage": "We strongly disapprove of your inclusion and endorsement of a lifestyle that is unhealthy, unnatural and unworthy of special treatment."

The letter is full of homophobic and right wing propaganda, appealing to the "wholesome image" of Disney. They use the language of "family" again and again, implying that Lesbians and Gays don't have families. The representative also say that the Disney company will lose money by extending benefits, because Disney has now "alienated the vast majority of families in this country" and because other Disney employees will have to "pick up the tab" to pay for increased costs.

ACTION: Write to Michael Eisner, 500 South Buena Vista Street, Burbank, California 91521, and thank him for his support of all families. Let him know that you and your family are more likely to patronize Disney because Disney acknowledges the reality of the American family and realizes that discrimination of any kind is wrong.

YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

The "Parental Involvement in Social Issues in Education" hearings, otherwise known as the no-promo-homo hearings have been indefinitely postponed.

The hearings, promised by House Speaker Newt Gingrich to The Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, have now been scheduled and postponed twice, thanks to the calls and letters from people like you.

Submissions Sought for Gay First Meeting Stories

BOSTON, MA - Jack Hart, the best selling author and editor of Gay Sex: A Manual for Men Who Love Men, My Biggest O, and My First Time, all published by Alyson Publications, is seeking contributions to a new book in which Gay men in long term relationships will talk about the first time they met their partners.

The Day We Met will be a collection of true, first person stories by men from around the country and the world, describing the first time they met the man who would become so important in their lives. It should provide an intriguing look at the different origins of long term relationships between men.

The book is scheduled to be released by Alyson Publicans in 1996. Deadlines for submissions is January 15, 1996. For a complete set of guidelines, send a stamped, self addressed envelope to The Day We Met Guidelines, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton Street, Boston, MA 02118

Human Bite Transmits AIDS

WEST PALM BEACH, FL - In what would be the first documented case of its kind, health officials said they are virtually certain that a prostitute infected a 90 year old man with the AIDS virus by biting him.

There is "a very high likelihood that this occurred," said Tom Liberti, program administrator for the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Despite a lack of confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, health officials in Palm Beach County have started an education campaign alerting people about another potential, albeit unlikely, way that the deadly, disease can be spread.

They have sent 800 sets of informational brochures to schools, day care centers, foster parents and hospitals. Two thousand similar mailings are being sent to prisons, police and fire departments, mental health centers and doctors.

"The message needs to be out there to increase awareness, but at the same time, we don't want people to panic," said Dr. Jean Malecki, director of the HRS/Palm Beach County Public Health Unit.

Officials gave two reasons why people shouldn't panic: One, the bite that infected the West Palm Beach man was very unusual and two, the infection was passed through the blood, a fluid known to carry the virus, not saliva.

Investigators concluded that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, spread from prostitute Naomi Morrison's blood to the man's blood because she was HIV positive and had bleeding gums. Moreover, she bit her victim so ferociously that more than a year later, he still has a scar on his arm.

Thalidomide Found To Heal Ulcers That Afflict AIDS Patients

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thalidomide, the tranquilizer banned worldwide for causing severe mouth ulcers that plague AIDS patients, the National Institutes for Health announced.

The NIH found that thalidomide worked so well that it has stopped giving a placebo to AIDS patients enrolled in a 30 hospital trial of the drug.

Early trial results showed 14 of 23 patients who got thalidomide had their ulcers heal, compared with only one of 22 patients who took a placebo.

The trial, which eventually will enroll 164 patients, will continue, however. Now, every patient will get thalidomide to heal the mouth ulcers. Once that happens, some will continue taking it an others will get a placebo to see if thalidomide also keeps the ulcers from recurring.

Thalidomide caused birth defects in at least 12,000 babies in 48 countries before it was banned in 1962. It never was sold in the United States, because the Food and Drug Administration caught its risks early.

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EDITOR:

I met Jerome Beillard almost ten years ago. We were on the board of TLGA, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay alliance. We had a discussion about education. We decided not to waste one iota of energy being negative because it wouldn't produce anything positive.

We wanted to promote greater understanding of our community. We wanted a sense of unity. We decided to invest our energy wisely, positively, and productively to build prosperous lives for ourselves. We both received from giving of ourselves. We faced and accepted our fates and agreed not to let it be a burden to hold us down. That we would make the most of what lifetime and physical ability we had left.

When I heard of his deterioration, I was ripped inside. I asked "Why?" The answer that came to me was that Jerome had gone to join those who had gone before to comfort them and to welcome those to come in the future.

I am lucky to be alive. When I thought again, "Why?", I realized that there is a reason and a purpose for everything. We just have to discover it and follow through with it.

We have to carry on Jerome's vision, his dream. He was a warm, accepting, tolerant, inspirational man. I will miss and love him forever. The message we wanted to educate people with is simple, universal and has diverse applications.

Most people dismiss these things with "Just won't happen to me!" We never know when it will be our turn, or if we will be lucky enough to survive and be functional. If we can learn anything, we must learn to be smart and be safe! Pass the word. Goodbye, until we meet again my friend. Love you. Au revoir mon ami. Je t'aime.

Mars

UofA Dance-A-Thon To Give Big Cash Prizes And Raise Money For Charity

TUCSON - A 2 hour Dance-A-Thon will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Bear Down Field on the UofA campus. Dancers will vote on the local charity and the organization receiving the most votes will participate in the proceeds. Tucson AIDS Project the one agency of particular interest to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Professional Dance Masters are sponsoring the event. The more entries, the bigger the cash prizes. Plans are to award a minimum of $5,000 as a minimum of cash prizes to be divided up between the last 50 dancers dancing. $1,000 minimum first place prize. In order to have this special event, the sponsor must have a minimum number of entries.

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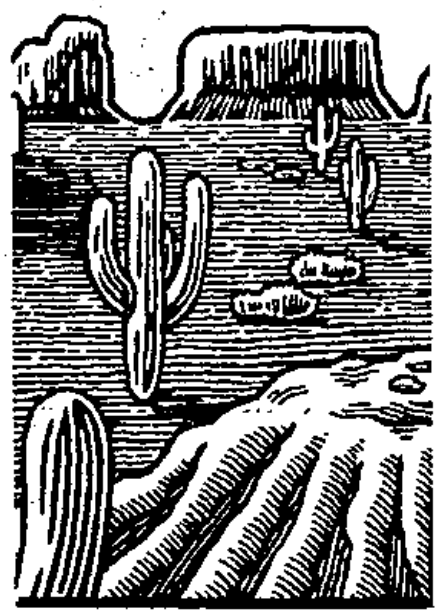

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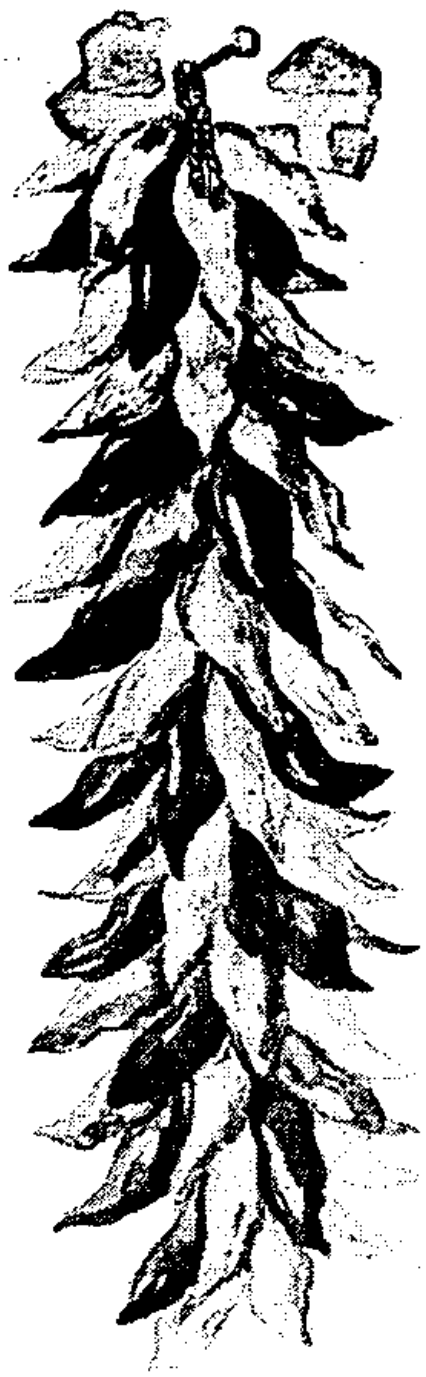

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Tucson United Against Domestic Violence Update

Part Two Of Two

by Lavina E. Tomer

TUCSON - On September 14, 1995, two focus groups met to answer several specific questions by the Mayor's Task Force. The members of the focus groups were invited to attend and were chosen on the basis of their visible involvement and interest in domestic violence in our community.

Fifteen Gay men and Lesbians met in all, representing social services, mental health, law enforcement, survivors of domestic violence, a church and the medical community. Here is a summary of the discussions that was read at a Mayor's Task Force meeting:

How well informed do you think the community is about Lesbian and Gay Domestic Violence?

Most are not informed or aware. About where we were 15 years ago about domestic violence in general. Because of social stigma about being Lesbian or Gay, we avoid showing that we have serious problems and make mistakes. Because law does not recognize us as having viable and legal relationships. Because the Lesbian and Gay therapeutic community lacks information, skills, and resources.

Where in the domestic violence system are there problems that make it difficult to effectively address Lesbian and Gay domestic violence?

Same sex relationships are not included in the Arizona domestic violence laws. Lack of inclusive language on all in-take forms and in by laws and mission statements of existing services.

There really is no domestic violence system for us, especially in law enforcement and the courts. Access to information and training materials. Lack of safe shelters.

What would most help Lesbian or Gay victims of domestic violence?

Expanded outreach. Insure and protect our civil rights. On-going training mandated within agencies receiving local government funds. Networking with domestic violence providers in larger community and the Lesbian and Gay community.

Increased Lesbian and Gay specific separate services. Decrease shame and isolation. Make sure people in or out of the closet know about domestic violence resources. Information about Lesbian and Gay domestic violence to give at the scene.

What would most improve the ability to hold perpetrators accountable?

Zero tolerance: educate, interrupt, assist, confront, respond. Treat domestic violence as a crime and abuser as a criminal in need of rehabilitation opportunities and support. Provide safe environments that decrease shame and increase responsibility.

Clarify definitions between victim and perpetrator. Balance accountability of abusers with consequences, monitoring, education, and support. Bring awareness to the issue in similar ways as DUI intolerance and laws.

Keep the focus on abusers on behaviors, not labels. See abusers as human, a part of our community, those we care about. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Are there any other points you'd would like to make?

Change the law, ask candidates what positions they will take. Get Lesbian and Gay political actions groups to ask about this as criteria for endorsement and money. We need to be part of the general public media in order to be supported and to reach closeted people. Organize "Speak Outs" for victims and abusers learning to live without violence; they can be moving and riveting.

More training for law enforcement and the criminal justice system regarding Lesbians and Gay men. More education and training of mental health professionals in the Lesbian and Gay community.

Political bodies, churches, schools and community leaders should be educated about how to be allies and involved as public allies of Lesbians and Gay men in general and about domestic violence.

The focus groups met for two hours and important perspectives and comments where made, and a lot of important networking was accomplished.

The focus groups decided that efforts will be made to change the current state laws that exclude same sex relationships. The focus groups plans to notify the community when action is needed on specific legislation.

Resource II is being planned for the spring of 1996. Plus keep on the look out for the latest bilingual brochure for Lesbian and Gay victims/survivors of domestic violence. The brochure will be distributed across the community, in your favorite hang-outs.

[Lavina E. Tomer is the Chair of Tucson United Against Domestic Violence.]

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Maine Rejects Anti-Gay Amendment

Roberta Achtenberg Trailing In San Francisco Race; Drag Queen Left Behind In Palm Springs Race

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PORTLAND, ME - In Maine, voters have rejected a proposal that would have banned proposed Gay rights laws and the existing anti-discrimination ordinance in the state capitol.

Proposition One, the latest attempt by the religious extremists to curtail anti-discrimination ordinances based on sexual orientation went down to defeat. With 88 percent of the returns in, the No vote was leading by 187,488 votes, or 53%, to 165,450, or 47%.

The fight over the measure was a hard fought battle. Maine's Governor, Angus King (I) spearheaded the effort to defeat the measure.

Voters have preserved an anti-discrimination, Gay rights ordinance on the books in Portland, Maine's biggest city.

Elsewhere, former HUD Secretary and the highest ranking, openly Lesbian official in the Clinton administration, Roberta Achtenberg, was trailing in the San Francisco mayoral contest.

With 201 precincts out of 540 precincts reporting. Incumbent mayor Frank Jordan leads with 36 percent of the vote. Former California Speaker of the House, Willie Brown is second with 34 percent. Achtenberg is third with 26 percent of the vote. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote in the non-partisan race, the top two vote getters will meet in a runoff in December.

Achtenberg offers San Francisco's powerful Gay voter bloc a chance to elect the first openly Lesbian mayor of a major U.S. city.

Achtenberg, a former Housing and Urban Development official, opted to run a low-profile campaign, compared to the mudslinging done by other campaigns. Achtenberg's campaign featured neighborhood walks and policy statements on the Internet.

In Palm Springs, mayoral candidate, Kitty Cole, a 6 foot 5 inch drag queen who campaigned to put the party back in Palm Springs, trailed in early returns.

Returns showed Cole running sixth in a field of nine, far behind Palm Springs Councilman, Will Kleindienst.

Cole said of early results, "If I get one vote, that's enough...that's just enough to prove that I made a difference."

Cole said if elected, he would reopen the city to college kids on spring break, and try to attract "movie stars and mobsters."

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by Raul Almeraz

Well howdy boys and girls! Is everyone ready for this GREAT weekend? Let me say that AGRA is hard at work and planning an EXCELLENT weekend! That's right, it's that time again, CHILE VERDE DAYS. Yippee! There are some really fun things happening this weekend. Friday night, AGRA will be kicking off the weekend with a 50/50 raffle, which will accumulate till Sunday. Meaning, the more you buy, the more you win. Just like the energizer, "It keeps going and going and going." Of course Richard you know all about that, don't you dear? Hmm? Also there will be blackjack tables, a beer bust, jailhouse and drag, drag, drag!!! So dust off that sequined gown George and pump up the volume. Dan you dust of your chaps and Edgar will need to get those cubic zirconias back from the pawn shop. Oops, I meant jewelers. There will be plenty of music, entertainment and good times for all to enjoy. The pre-party starts Friday, Saturday the events begin at 8 P.M. and continuing till closing time. Sunday, events will begin at 5 P.M. and go till close. Be sure to stick around Sunday night, Club 2520 has arranged to have strippers! That's right, Dave Silver and his Men of Muscle. Come on out to Club 2520 and support AGRA for another great fund raiser.

AGRA-Tucson will also be hosting in conjunction with "Chile Verde Days" the November AGRA State meeting also to be held at Club 2520. Tucson board meeting will begin at 1 P.M., the state board meeting at 2 P.M. and the general membership meeting will begin promptly, yes promptly at 5 P.M. And of course the general membership at large is more than welcome to attend any board meeting.

Events also being planned, for you and thirty of your closets and dearest friends on a rustic, horse drawn, cowboy steering, snuggling, sipping Baileys kind of night. The Winterhaven hayride scheduled for Friday, December 22. Make you reservations now with AGRA while there is still space available. And for those who would not enjoy a good "roll in the hay", or Jack, Jim, Jerry, John, Jennifer or Jessica which ever the case may be, nibbling, oops I mean nipping at your nose. AGRA will be sponsoring the second annual "Do It Yourself Messiah". Hope to see everyone at either or both of these fun events. Speaking of "both" where has Pam been? Girl call me, we should talk!

TGRA will be hosting their rodeo the weekend of November 17-19 in Ft. Worth. I expect to hear from any and all who attend. Richard, Raybelline and R.J. Remember, if you are planning on bringing me home a T-shirt, that tall handsome cowboy best be still wearing it when he gets to my place. Don't bother wrapping. Trust me, it'll only be a waster of scotch tape. Lots of luck to our local contestants. Sandra, Andy and Squeaky, bring it all home. Andy take all your striped shirts just in case. Actually, no repeats please.

Now here's something. Clyde, where is that cute little devil Darren you were working? Boy he was quite a cutie. And then there was this other one that I met by the name of Jimmy who is quite a looker. Don't you just love it when there's fresh meat in Tucson? George, how's the old ticker? I hear the old gray mare ain't what she used to be. Be careful! If it ain't gonna get you none, then sit this one out.

As always AGRA is looking for new members and volunteers. If interested this would be a great weekend to help out and see us in action. Please call the AGRA hotline for any questions, suggestions or if you have any bit of interesting info that would be useful.

Until next time, have fun and play safe.

[AGRA-TUCSON, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone number - (520) 323-0805.]

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POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

"I Thought The Gay Gene Was A Pair Of Calvins!"

MONEY FOR NOTHING: What would a week be without yet another political scandal in the Grand Canyon state. A new soap opera debuts, The Misguided Fife!

Governor J. Fife Whitebread III (R-Mercado) had campaigned, elected, and re-elected by stating he would run the state like he ran his real estate business, faced the music when his personal bankruptcy hearing took place in the "Evil City of the North."

To re-cap our story, Whitebread had filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy when union pension funds had invested $10 million in Fife's ill-fated Mercado real estate venture and lost big! They sued Whitebread for non-payment of loans, and won a $11.4 million dollar judgement. Fife took the American way out, he filed Chapter 7.

During the hearing in court, Whitebread could not remember details about his real estate projects, his financial statements, how much he paid his "mouthpieces", and how he lost $35 million dollars in an eighteen month period. [Whitebread was just like Dustin Hoffman in the dentist's chair in Marathon Man! He didn't know anything! Yeah, right!]

At the end of the hearing, a combative Fife called union pension funds lawyer, Michael Manning's questions a "legal ambush". Pension fund lawyers are reviewing Ann Whitebread's records to see if the Governor had violated the law by signing property and other assets over to hide them from creditors. State investigators are looking into financial records for potential campaign irregularities.

Later in the week, Whitebread appeared at a Phoenix radio station, KFYI's "The Barry Young Show", ['phobes fave!], and blasted Arizona newspapers for their "biased and political" coverage of his personal bankruptcy hearing.

Whitebread said of the case, "The pension funds don't have a leg to stand on. [It's you who doesn't!] Whitebread went on, and called union pension funds lawyer, Michael Manning, "a hired gun, whose questions during the hearing were meant to feed the press frenzy."

[Right, blame someone else! You file bankruptcy, hide your assets, this after coming back from a summer holiday in Europe! Have you heard of the 12 Step program! Brothers and sisters, can we spare Fife a dime, or for that matter as our Governor? NO! Stay tuned!]

OH PLEASE!: Rod Cramer, executive aide to Pima County Supervisor Paul "Dim Bulb" Marsh, political consultant and all around swell guy, filed suite against Pima County Supervisor "Big Ed" Moore (D-R-I) for $8,000 for the work he did bailing out Moore's ass during the 1992 campaign, when Moore "came out of the closet" and ran as a Republican for re-election.

But, there isn't the usual "Big Ed" tirades here, in fact they are playing kissy face. According to "Big Ed" "I'm not mad at him, and he's not mad at me." Cramer chirped in, "It's just business." [Right, and we'll read about their wedding and honeymoon in the Bahamas! What a fricking waste!]

PARTY HEARTY!: With the 1995 Tucson election campaign ending [Not soon enough!], the subsequent election night parties await for revelers to take in the returns. [And slam down some booze!]

The Democrats will hold their shindig at Joe Cesare's hood, The Viscount Suites Hotel. [Where the drinks are watered, and the fried zucchini and mushrooms serve as dinner!] The Republicans are holding their "party" at their headquarters. The GOP usually holds their fetes at the Doubletree, so why the change?

[Could it be that since so many prominent Republicans, the ones holding the purse strings, are supporting George Miller, will be at the Viscount, that they can't afford a room at the Doubletree. Who knows, maybe one of Miller's biggest supporters, Republican Ward 1 Candidate, Ray Smith-Fontaine will share a suite with Jose Ibarra, the Democratic nominee for Ward 1!]

MEDIA MUSH: The three "Alcalde Wannabees" have deluged the t.v. stations with ads selling their product.

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Ed Kahn for Mayor. Wagnerian music and money being flushed down a toilet. Yes, bathroom plumbing that was more exciting that the candidate. The funniest commercial of a bad lot!

MORE MUSH?: Continuing on with another serving of mush, the three t.v. news shows state they keep their viewers informed, aware, and in touch. Really? I wonder, especially when it comes to elections during the 1995 city elections. Take a look:

On KVOA LA DEE DAH's Eyewitless Snooze, they gave minuscule coverage the week before. They tried to make it look like more by having their t.v. bimbettes stare intensely into the camera.

The KVOA "highlight" was their mayoral debate, if you could call it that, was hosted by Patti "Great Story" Weiss! A chat fest, with no highlights and no substance. [Except for when the Venus Fly Trap, disguised as a flower on Sharon Collins lapel, went after Ed Kahn, George Miller rescued the Libertarian. Or maybe I was snoozing at this time!]

On KOLD, channel 13, located at La Facilidad de Hank Hubbard in Mammy Yokumville. Bud "Turbo-Shatner 3000" Foster reported on the races, [Usually at the top of his lungs!], during the 10 P.M. news show. Their promo opens with a man stating that he knows nothing about the candidates or the issues. [This man must have previewed the reports, because frankly I was more confused afterward myself.]

KGUN-9 was a mystery. This reporter called several times to find out about their reports. No one could tell me when, where or if!

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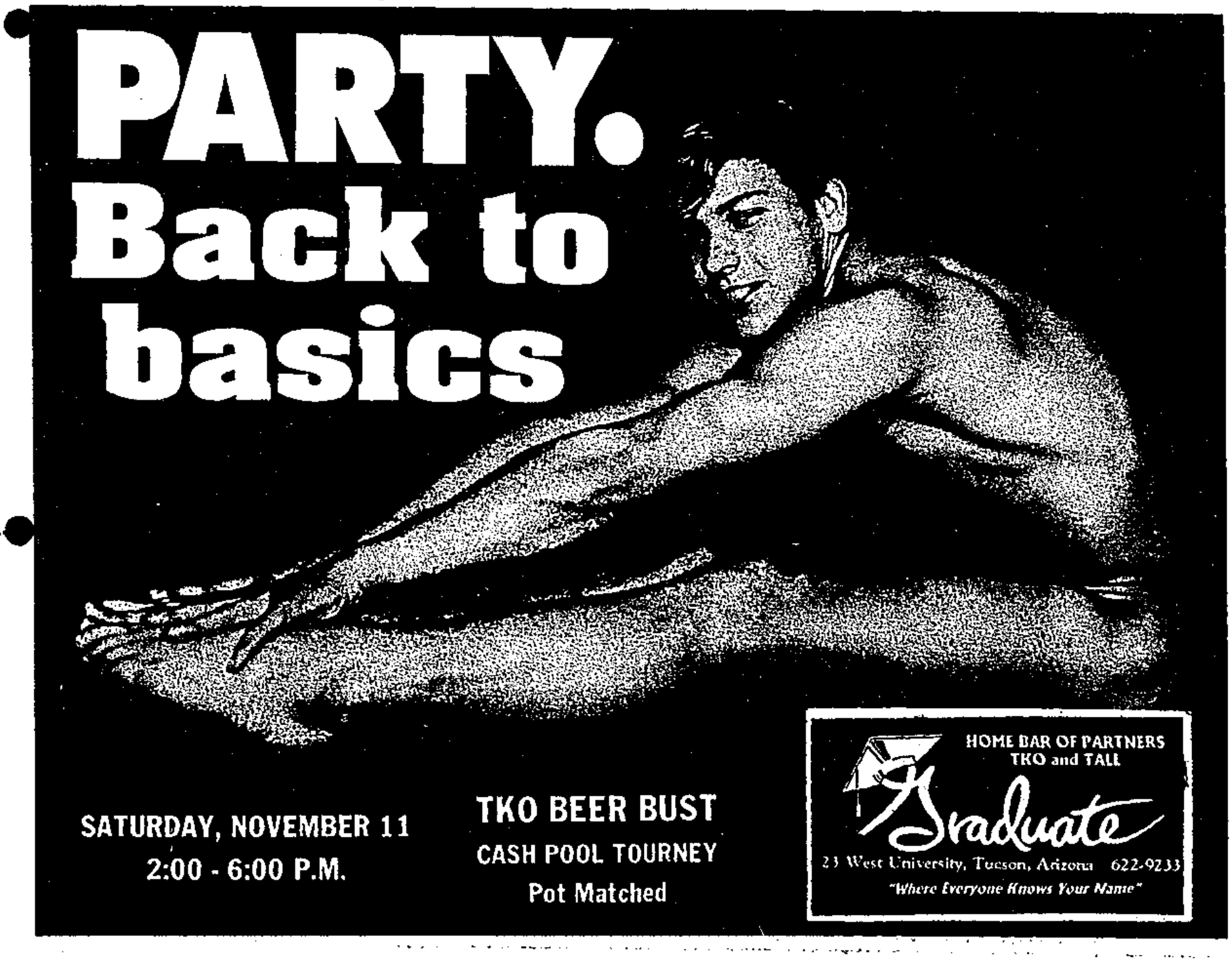

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N. H. Teacher Fired For Assigning Books On Gays

WILTON, NH (AP) - Penny Culliton thumbs through the thin E.M. Forester paperback, its black cover marred by months of handling, and shakes her head.

She had hoped Forster's "Maurice" and two other books with homosexual characters could teach her students about intolerance. Instead, it led to her own saga on the subject.

Culliton, was fired from Mascenic Regional High School in rural New Ipswich because she disobeyed the school board last May and distributed books portraying homosexuals. She is appealing the decision.

Although the official reason was insubordination, her supporter, including many students and parents, doubt the school board's explanation.

"This school board doesn't admit it but I think it was the homosexual issue. I don't believe it was an insubordination issue," said Sharon DeFranza, whose daughter was in Culliton's English class.

Culliton selected "Maurice," "The Education of Harriet Hatfield" by May Sarton and "The Drowning of Stephan Jones," by Bette Greene, to show students that homosexuals such as those portrayed in the books, were "normal folks."

"There was nothing in the book," said student Gretchen Dussault, who was halfway through "Maurice" when she was ordered to return it to the school. "It was a guy and his life. It wasn't like saying homosexuality is good. He went to school. He made friends. It was nothing graphical at all."

Culliton said she wanted the books to counter negative homosexual stereotypes in society and in some literature, such as paradigms like "Catcher in the Rye" and "The Chocolate War."

"I would never take these books away, but you need a balance," she said. "It's not to say every Gay person is wonderful and heroic, but it is to say every Gay person is not a child molester."

Culliton is not Gay, but empathizes with kids who are. She has organized a youth group to help teen-age homosexuals. As evidence of the need for education, she says a student told her that he would consider suicide if he were Gay at Mascenic.

But for school board member Charles Saari, that argument doesn't wash. Before Saari was elected in March, he publicly opposed Culliton's organizing a faculty workshop on homophobia two years ago.

"It was basically a promotional workshop for the Gay lifestyle. It really was," Saari said. Literature distributed at the workshop, he said, asked the question, "Is homosexuality sin?" and had theologians explains why it isn't sin."

"In my opinion it is," Saari said. "I love the homosexual; I just don't love the sin. I don't promote it as OK."

The workshop was paid for by the same grant that was meant to pay for the books. The school board accepted the grant in June 1993, eight months before Saari and new members were elected. The money later was returned.

Saari refused to remove himself for its vote to dismiss Culliton, insisting he could be impartial.

"The reason we fired her was for insubordination," he said. The board's vote, in September, was unanimous.

He said Culliton is a good teacher, as acknowledged by his own who was in her senior English class. But, he said, "To me, if an employee cannot follow directives, then she has to pay the consequences."

Culliton's lawyer, Steve Sacks of New Hampshire's National Education Association office, said the appeal process could take up to six months. He will argue that the school board did not have "just cause," as described in Culliton's contract, to fire here. He said an impartial arbitrator, who judges solely on the terms of the contract, ought to give Culliton a better hearing than did the school board.

"Unfortunately the school board did have views on this issue and let those views get in the way," Sacks said.

But Todd DeMitchell, assistant professor of education at the University of New Hampshire, said Culliton could have a tough fight.

"No individual has the right to control the curriculum or reject decisions made by a school board," he said. "As educators, we do not hold a trump card when it comes to curricular matters."

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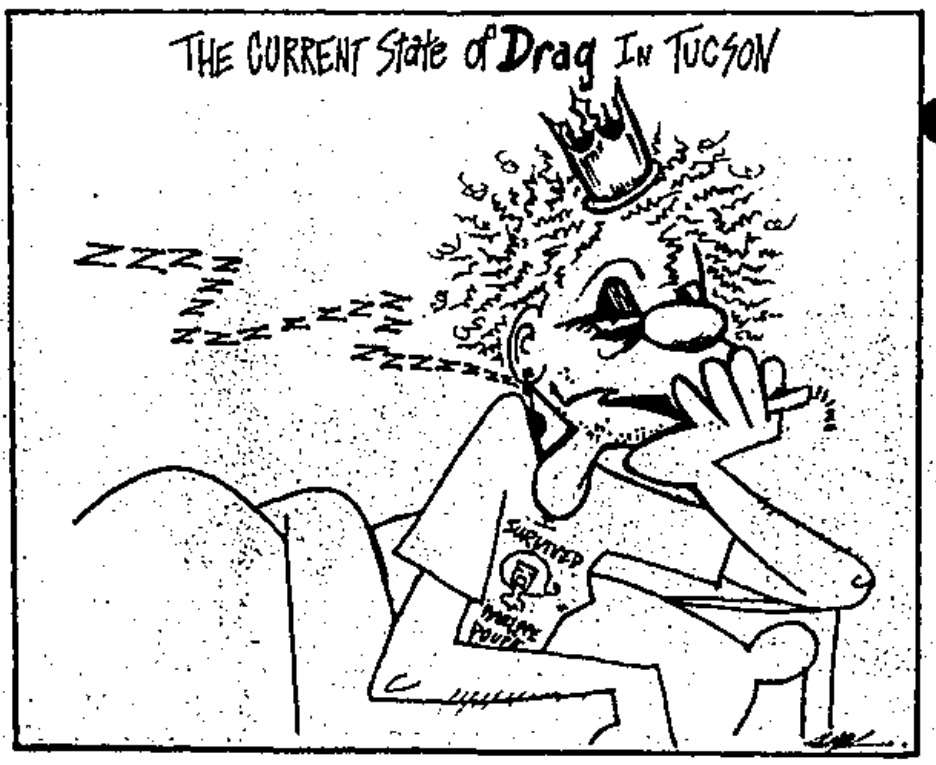

From The POOP SHEET
by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! An individual is simply that, an individual.

This is a truth whether Gay or straight. This is also the basis for why we dare not look at either the straight or Gay community, the Black or White or which ever community on a blanket basis. I.E.: All Gays are perverted. Really? All straights are child molesters. Really? All Blacks eat grits. All Indians are drunks. All men are pigs. All women are willing to be abused by men. All religious people hate homosexuals. All Jews are greedy, ditto Scots.

You get the idea. Blanket thoughts about any so-called group of human is a form of insanity and if we know of someone who thinks this way, then it may be assumed that person needs help desperately before the insanity breaks out. This may occur in Gays or straights.

When I was a closeted Gay, married man with a wife and children, I met my first Drag Queen, and, had I judged all Drag Queens to be of the same low life quality "she" was, I may have never allowed another into my life. She was however only an individual and represented only "herself", not the entire world of Drag Queens. She was a lost soul on the prostituted streets of Hollywood, not unlike many other non-drag Gays and straights on those same streets.

My second encounter came through one of my business partners who got an invitations for my wife and myself to a very exclusive annual New Year's Eve party at the home of Count Lawrence DeFerendo (at least he would have been called Count had this not been the 60's and in the U.S.).

We were prepared to meet the likes of Veeps of studios, behind the scenes show biz, "Big Wheels", Mrs. Swanson of Swanson Foods, etc. But we had not been made aware that our Host for the Eve was also a Hostess with the mostess, who was loved and adored by all and even in full drag, everyone called "her" Larry, and as was "her" yearly custom "she" made six phenomenal entrances down the great staircase that Eve; each entrance was in an original gown of one of Europe's greatest designers and the ooh's and aah's from the assembled showed their appreciation. Like a dowager at age 50 something, she was a touch of Auntie Mame. And what a far cry from the little tramp drag, Lola, from the streets of Hollywood!

Larry was also not a representation of the Drag community however. He was an individual, an individual of great class, intellect and well breeding.

My third encounter was with Michael; a six foot, one inch tall, skinny, not too good looking young man who approached me to become is personal manager and P.R. man. We had our own company, and had clients like Mahalia Jackson, Jayne Mansfield, Jane Darwell, and my wife, Jean London. Michael had somehow predetermined I was a homo even though I was a married man, and he wanted me to represent him in his show-business efforts.

"Surprised" might be a mild term to use when Michael invited me to meet his' "Goldie Glitters". Goldie turned a not too good looking young guy into a rather interesting female character! Goldie turned a not too good looking young guy into a rather interesting female character! Goldie became our client. In many ways Goldie paved new roads back then and was even elected by the Student Body as Homecoming Queen of Santa Monica City College. A first!

Goldie reminds me of Patrick Swazye's role in "To Wong Foo." Michael was an only son of a wealthy Southern California family but had been disowned because his "penchant to dress in women's clothing" was a family embarrassment.

Because Goldie had become a client, I also had the opportunity to meet the incomparable "Divine", who was also interested in our management. Unfortunately, we declined Divine as a client because we didn't think we could handle two such similar clients.

There have been a number of other drag queens in my life and I feel I'm the letter for these relationships. Fortunately I had realized at the time I met "Lola", my first encounter, that All drag queens didn't have to be categorized as all the same. They are all individuals and not representative of the entire community. I've met too many very decent, honorable drag queens whose lives are counting for not only themselves.

So, you and I may or may not be drag queens, but, there are idiots out there who may look at us, know we are homosexual, and believe that we are representative of the Gay/Lesbian community; *forgetting* that we are individuals who only can be representative of our self. It does give us pause to think about this lack of intelligence in the national community of straights and Gays and hopefully some of our own individual idiotic actions might be changed to help cope with an idiot's thinking.

We must remember also that different intellectual and cultural biases mandate the fact that objectivity is an impossibility for everyone; even those of us in the Gay/Lesbian community.

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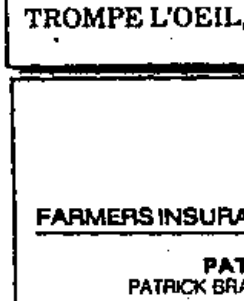
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Review... Wingspan Art Show

REVIEW BY JUDITH SANDS

Women in the Spirit, the new art exhibit at the Wingspan Gallery opened November 4.

Works of Leslie Vinson and Miki King depict in striking images and colors the various aspects of women, goddess and humanity.

Breasts, snakes, rose, full bellied women, halos and moonlight cover the gallery wall giving the effect of a chapel full of icons.

Vinson's colored ink works uses bold primary colors and her witty description to accompany her work.

A striking piece entitled, Mother Eve Tastes Wisdom, is explained in the script, "She likes the flavor. Wisdom is worth dying for." The pointed breasts and sensual expression of Eve as she holds the apple, make this apparent.

Another of Vinson's work, The Crucifixion of a Virgin, is visionary in its depiction. A blood red uterus becomes a crucifix. Jesus is nailed to the uterus and enveloped in the womb, his penis is a flowering rose.

Miki King's visionary works show a range of styles. Our Lady of Vegetation, an acrylic work, is a traditional image of the Virgin but she holds a plant in place of the traditional sacred heart. This image draws from the pagan and Christian mythologies. King says, "the pagans wanted a female deity when the Christians were taking over so they gave them Mary."

This piece contrast with, Womon with a Past. A work in gesso, oil and acrylic shows a pale face woman in a filed of dark. She has a lock and chain around her neck.

The mix of goddess and Christian images provide strong statements for a look into the spirit of women. The exhibit is at the gallery through the month of November and can be viewed during regular Wingspan hours. For more information call 624-1779.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

My three and a half year old grandson has a serious medical problem. For the first six months of his life he seemed perfectly normal. Then his mother began asking why his feet didn't grow. It took her over two years of repeatedly questioning many different doctors and having multiple medical tests performed on my grandson before she was able to get a positive diagnosis. While I can't tell you the medical name of Matthew's condition, I can describe it to you. One of the tests done on him revealed that his pituitary gland was malformed. This gland controls the function of several other glands in our bodies, but right now the problem is that my grandson's body is not producing human growth hormone. This means that without medical help, he would never grow to normal size. He would be what is called a midget, someone whose body appears normal in every way, but who is much shorter than the average person. He would probably not be much taller than four feet, if he reached that height.

Fortunately for my grandson, within the last ten years scientists have discovered a way to manufacture human growth hormone. As long as he gets a shot of this artificial hormone every day of his life until he is eighteen, he should grow to be the height he would be if his pituitary were functioning normally.

However, this hormone does not come cheap! The chose is dependant upon the patient's weight, and as that increases, so does the cost. Right now Matthew requires about $1,000 a month of it! Thankfully, my son has good insurance, so he does not have to pay any of this cost.

Did you accept Jesus as your savior some time ago, perhaps as a child or young person? When you first did this, can you remember how excited you were about your new faith? You wanted to tell everyone you knew about him and what a difference he could make in their lives! But now, perhaps, you have lost your enthusiasm for Jesus. Maybe your friends don't event know that you are a Christian! What happened to make such a change in the way you feel and act and think about Jesus?

Just as new babies need certain things to make them grow properly, so do new Christian babies require "spiritual growth hormone". We are told in I Peter 2:2, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." Just what is this "spiritual milk" which is necessary for our growth? The writer to the Hebrews explains it this way: "In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you all the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!" (Hebrews 5:12) God's word, the Bible, has all the growth hormones we need to grow up to be spiritual adults. And unlike artificial human growth hormone, there is no cost attached to receiving it, at least not a financial one. The only cost involved is the cost of the time it takes to read and understand what the Bible is saying to you!

If you still are a spiritual baby, if you have not learned more about Jesus than that he died for your sins, you are still a Christian. You do not ever have to open a Bible and you will still go to Heaven once you have accepted Jesus as your savior. But how sad it would be for you, as well as for your heavenly father, if you to remain a spiritual infant because you chose not to partake of the spiritual milk which is waiting for you in God's word!

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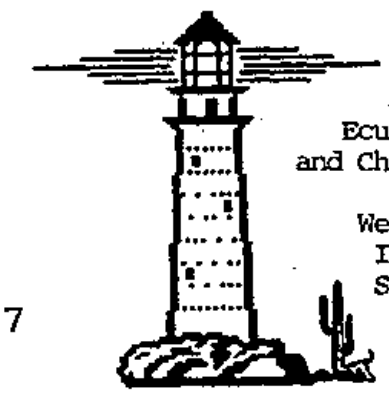

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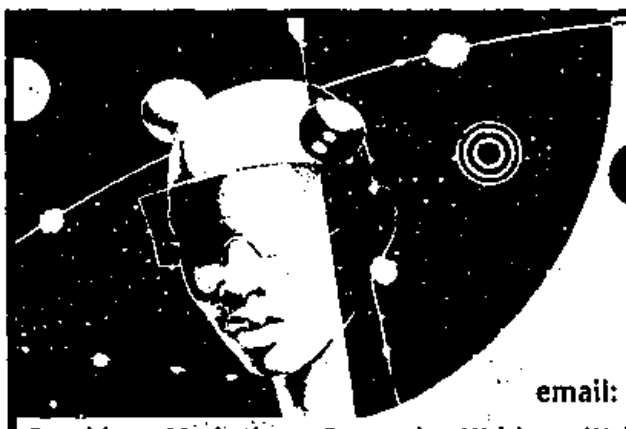

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

IBT'S - Girlie Show at 9:00 sharp! Hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and featuring Helena Bubbles, Lucinda Holliday and Tatiana Ladanova.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

CLUB 2520 - The first evening of Chili Verde Days which will run from 3:00 p;m. Until midnight. Live Black Jack tables, door prizes, 50 50 raffles and of course, the old jail house. Also enjoy the finest in entertainment from Local AGRA Royalty and other local talent. Beer Bust starts at 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed performs today from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. There is a small cover charge, but if you like salsa, tejano, country and norteno you it is a real bargain.

CLUB 2520 - Chili Verde Days, a fund raising event for the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. The two-day event winds up today. 3:00 p.m. to midnight. Beer Bust starts at 3:00 p.m. There will be black jack tables, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and a jail house. Entertainment will include local talent, AGRA Royalty and other special entertainment. Always a fun event and it benefits your local rodeo.

IBT's - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que to benefit IBT's Scholarship fund. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Then at 9:00p.m., your chance to play bad drag on "The Wheel of Bad Drag". Fun and prizes with Lucinda Holliday.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 9:30 p.m. "Desert La Cage" with your hostess Crystal Abrams and special guests. Reservations are accepted. No Cover

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - A special benefit show in memory of Jerome Bellard by Jody and Friends at 8:00 p.m. Come and join in the fun. A small cover charge goes to the benefit.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

IBT'S - Male Box Nite at IBT's 9:00 p.m. A fun way to meet new friends and party.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HOURS - Come share your Thanksgiving Dinner with us. Hours will bring the turkey and fixins - you bring the salads, desserts or whatever and spend the day with the folks at Hours.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

CURRENTLY PLAYING

The new art exhibit at Wingspan gallery is called "Women in the Spirit". The mix of goddess and christian images provide strong statements for a look into the spirit of women. The exhibit is at the gallery through the month of November and can be viewed during regular Wingspan hours. 624-1779

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Cornerstone Fellowship will have Ron Pigg, a Spirit-filled evangelist from Casa de Cristo Evangelical Church in Phoenix, as a special speaker during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are invited. Cornerstone is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. For more information call the church at 622-4626.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) Evening movie out at a $1.75 theater. Call Chris at 887-3478 after Nov. 5. for the movie selection and location. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Lesbian Health Care Series at Wingspan discusses 'Lesbians and Cancer' tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with Dr. Ivy Schwarts and Kathy Altman, of Tucson's Lesbian Cancer Project. 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. TV Video Night. A twice-monthly showing of a British TV series begins with :The Black Adder":. This slightly addled comedy will leave you laughing and wanting to see the rest in the series. Call Loren or Stephen at 790-4416 for reserved seating. Limited to 12 guests.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) Book Club 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be deciding on new directions. For information and directions call Jerry 690-9565. Guests welcome.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC church, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mt. Lemmon excursion. enjoy a mini-experience of the vegetation and environment of Mexico and Canada and points between led by Will, MSN's resident ethnobiologist. There will be stops along the way with nature walks at each stop. For information and directions, call Will at 298-9454. Guests welcome.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7:00 p.m., join your MSN brothers for another discussion night. The topic will be "Coming Out". Call Jerry or Les 690-9565. Guests welcome.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. Dinner at "Po Folks" restaurant on Speedway. Call Steve at 795-6718 for reservations and directions. Guests Always Welcome.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Lesbian Health Care Series at Wingspan continues from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tonight's topic "Effect of Lesbian Movies on Our Emotional Health". Impact of issues triggered by painful yet powerful movies such as "Only The Brave". 422 N/ 4th Ave. 624-1779.

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner at "Old Timers Cafe", 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 RSVP.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffeehouse special event: Potluck from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Plates, plastic ware, iced tea and coffee will be provided. Come early, stay late. Dancing begins at 8:30 p.m. The Coffeehouse needs your support! Don't miss it.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. Board Game Night. Variety of board games available. easy learning for beginners. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for info and directions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Tucson G/L Hiking Club will take a beautiful scenic hike above Sabino Canyon to Blackett's Ridge in the Catalina Mountains. It's a moderate 6 mile round trip hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Group will depart at 8:00 a.m. Write P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532 for more information on the club and its activities.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Tucson G/L Hiking Club will join Desert Adventures club from Phoenix for a moderate 5 mile round trip hike in the Superstition mountains following Peralta Trail. A pretty area and a nice way to see Weaver's Needle. There is a 1,400 foot elevation gain. Write P.O. Box 42532 for more information and departure time.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Plans for the regional conference 12/28 to 1/1/96 in Palm Springs will be discussed. Pick up brochures for a Gala New Years Weekend. Hear all about the Dallas meeting. following the meeting the group will adjourn to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome.

A 2-hour dance-A-Thon beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Bear Down Field on the UofA campus. Dance to the beat of the latest jams. Dance alone if you wish. The last 50 dancers dancing will win lots of cash. Fund Raising events for several charities including Tucson AIDS Project. Entry fee $25.00 until Nov.. 16 when it jumps to $30. Check the local Gay bars for flyers giving the rules and voting ballots for the charity of your choice. Sponsored by Professional Dance Masters. For more information call 322-0703.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Gay organic gardeners will meet to share interests in the topic. Call Guy at 0985 for time and place.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9th Annual Arizona Fellowship Run begins today with registration taking place at the Graduate and Venture-N. This is a 4-day run n Tucson with 6 different games and 7 different cocktail parties. Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner served today with 6 additional meals served. Total run donation for complete package is only $25 per person, or $12.50 after midnight Friday.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Western Steak Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8-1

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

monday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moose and Bruce Madness $1.50 well and shot specials 2-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm 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 21oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathon 9pm-1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Rackside open 5pm - 8pm.

tuesday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cumbia/Salsa Music & progressive dance music 8-1

GRADUATE - 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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed $1 donation for Stonell. Bud cans $1. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-NRG dance music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Rackside open 5pm - 8pm.

wednesday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50¢ off well and domestic 8pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Cuervo Gold $1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Rackside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too open 8:30pm.

thursday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ shots of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tourney 8pm $2, bar matches pot.

GRADUATE - 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 with DJ Clint Austin.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Price 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. Rackside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! 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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8pm to close.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.50 domestic beer and well., GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.

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

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - 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, Pina Coladas $3. Dance Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon to 7pm 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. Rackside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! Opens at 8:30pm.

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Scores of friends attended the remembrance gathering last Friday for Jerome Beillard. I have asked Cicely d'Autremont permission to publish her letter that sums our sentiments.

A PROMISE FROM PACT, OR YES THE REPORT IS ON TIME

You've heard of torch songs, and TORCH awards, but this is a torch tribute, and a pledge. On Wednesday, October 18, exactly two months before his 42nd birthday, Jerome Beillard died. The war against AIDS in general and the battles for choice, empowerment and life in particular lost a hero.

Jerome fought for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS to make informed choices about medical care, housing, and many ancillary services, as well as for their right to be accepted and loved. His fight did not end with words, though with that charming accent this may have proved enough. He laid siege to the bastions of funding, teaching as he advocated the vocabulary and this the reality of living with HIV to HUD, to DES, to the City of Tucson, and on and on.

We who volunteered, or were drafted by Jerome, or who benefitted from his successful campaigns, have lost a visionary. A man who understood the present and future needs of those living with HIV/AIDS, and who took it upon himself to meet them. No "AIDS victims" in this mission. His was a voice that inspired everyone to own the pandemic and to go to work. It also encouraged us, and inspired us to go on working long after we felt defeated. Because he did.

Most of the time Jerome would have agreed with Teddy Roosevelt, that we should speak softly and carry a big stick. The difference was that Jerome's stick often held a picket sign, confronting and vanquishing injustice.

Another warrior, in another time, but appropriately enough in France, used his voice in verse to describe what I believe to be Jerome's command to us and our pledge to him.

"We are the dead./Short days ago, we lived felt dawn,/Saw sunset glow./Loved and were loved,/And now we lie in Flanders fields./...To you from failing hands/We throw the torch./Be yours to hold it high./If you break faith with us who die./We shall not sleep./Though poppies blow in Flanders fields.

Sleep well Jerome. We at PACT will carry the torch for as long as we can, and then we will pass it on. We are, after all, all in this together.

A Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Comunity Center WINGSPAN

by Marcia Paris

Thursday, November 2, was the kickoff the November Lesbian Health Care series at Wingspan each Thursday in November with the exception of Thanksgiving there will be a free lecture and/or discussion of some aspect of health related to Lesbians.

Speakers Anna "Bertie" Lozano and Bunnie Jeffrey from the Pima County Health Department literally brought bags full of gifts for participants. HIV/STDS and AIDS were the topics of the talk for this evening the "gifts" were items that would help any Lesbian enjoy a safer sex life. Bunnie and Bertie were ready for questions on just about everything and if the question did not get asked. I'm sure that the many pamphlets that these health care workers left for the Wingspan information area will provide useful help in this timely talk that could effect any of us.

The next talk at Wingspan will be on Thursday, November 10 from 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Speakers Dr. Ivy Schwartz and Kathy Altman will provide useful information on Lesbians and cancer. Both of these women are with the Lesbian Cancer Project. Bring a friend!

Topics for November 16 are "Effects on Lesbian Movies on our Emotional Health." Will discuss the impact of issues triggered by painful yet powerful movies such as Only The Brave.

November 30 is about "Menopause: Moods, Myths and More." You are asked to bring information to share. This is for those who are approaching, those who are in the depths and those who have survived this creative time.

The reception at the Wingspan Gallery on Saturday, November 4, featured artists Leslie Vinson and Viki King. This month's display of paintings in mixed mediums can be viewed for the rest of the month at Wingspan. Call 624-1779 for the hours of operation.

Wingspan is currently filling chair and committee membership positions on all of its committees. Please call the center if you are interested in working in any of the following areas: Events, Information Services, Newsletter, Community Outreach, Media, Exhibitions, Volunteer Services, Membership, Groups, Fund Raising, Grant Writing, Strategic Planning, Library Services, and Film Festival '96, call to volunteer today. Show us your talents. Help Wingspan and your community continue to grow. There are two special committees that you can volunteer for and those candle light vigil, and the silent auction.

Looking forward to reporting you about the Creating Change Conference I'll be attending in Detroit, November 8-12. This conference is presented by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. The Wingspan Board is sending me off with a list of questions.

Just to alert your calendars, HIV testing at Wingspan will take place this month, Friday, November 17. This is due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mark your calendars now. Your results by the holidays. Remember testing at Wingspan is free and anonymous. Results are always give in the privacy of the health department.

Sunday, November 12, is the Wingspan Board meeting and election of officers. The meeting will begin at 6 P.M. at Wingspan, 422 North Fourth Avenue. The meeting is open to all.

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Many gay and lesbian people like Dan Butler thought acting straight was better than being open and honest. They hoped that others did not know, or that they feared friends and family would not accept them. After coming out, the love and support many receive tells them one thing – that being themselves is the best act to follow.
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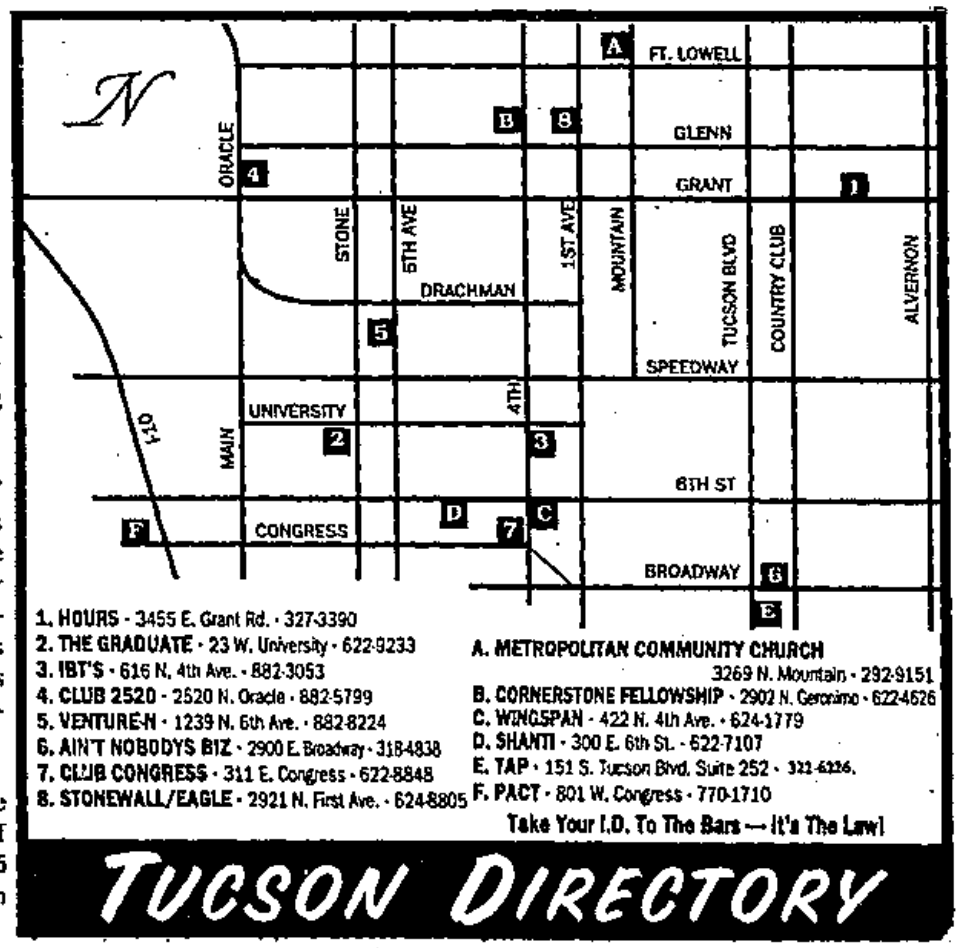
Dan Butler, holding an NBC3 for seven Emmys



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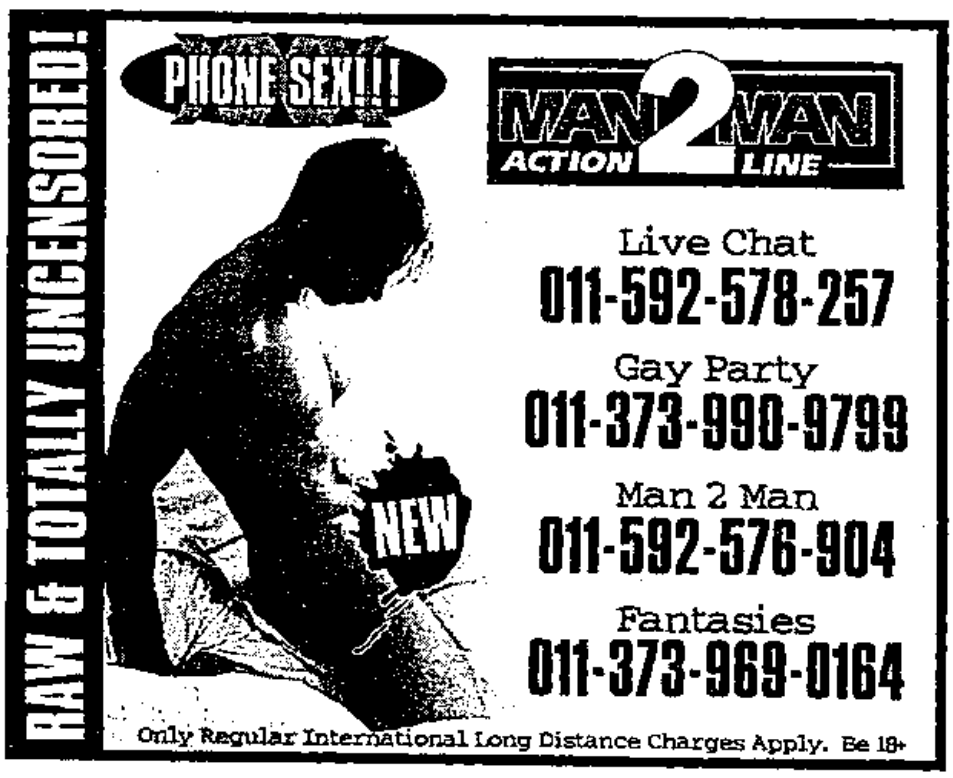

THE WHOLE MAN
BY DR. BOB

Tantric Sex Advisor

Dear Dr. Bob: I have a hard time liking my body. I'm so uncomfortable with my body that I don't want to take my clothes off to go swimming, much less to have sex! I feel I'm pudgy, out of proportion, and too hairy. I've felt this way more and more over the last few years (I'm 30 years old). I feel tired most of the time, so I just stay home instead of going out. My question is: what should I do about it? I'm really in a rut.

Signed
Horny-But-Scared

Dear Horny: You've already done the first and most important thing: you've opened up to yourself, and now to me, about your discomfort and pain. Now you're in a position to do something about it, since you've acknowledged that all is not going well with you and yourbody. The first step is to assess the problem. As I ask my massage clients: what is your relationship with your body?

Is it a relationship of love and acceptance, or one of indifference, or one of self-criticism and self-injury? The best way to take a reading on this is to observe yourself carefully the next time you masturbate. Masturbate the way you usually do, but watch yourself this time. Do you approach your cock lovingly, or is it more like a self-rape? Is it over in a couple of minutes, or do you take your time? Do you give yourself pleasure, pain, or a mixture thereof? Do you look at your own body with pleasure and appreciation, or do you avoid the sight of your own body? Do you touch the rest of your body, or just manhandle your cock till it spits up? How do you feel after your orgasm--blissful, guilty, restless, drained? The way you masturbate mirrors your relationship to your body overall. After this first "assessment" session, try to make your masturbation more loving, more pleasurable, more conscious, less hurried. Look at yourself in a mirror while you masturbate. See if you can find parts of your body that you can view with pleasure. Make love to yourself.

You say you feel too pudgy and hairy. There's a whole gay subculture, the "bear" culture, that idealizes and worships "pudgy," hairy men. You might try them out first, by checking the next-to-last page of the Observer; they have an ad under "Notices." If you visit one of their gatherings, you'll find men who may have similar body types to your own, but who love themselves as "bears." Bears pride themselves on having less "attitude" than the rest of the gay community. So you might see if any of their self-love rubs off on you.

At a bear gathering, you will be around lots of men who find a little extra weight and hair a positive turn-on. You have to be careful not to take porn images too seriously. A lot of guys feel that, unless they look like porn models, nobody will want to have sex with them. If that were true, we'd all be celibate. Bodies are loveable even if they are not chiseled out of granite.

Or it's possible that your body really isn't happy being pudgy, and you would be better off by eating right and exercising more. Every body has its own natural state, in which it's happiest. You have to find the state that's right for you.

Dear Dr. Bob: I've heard that Tantric sex means you don't come. This seems silly to me. Why have sex if you're not going to come?

Signed
E. Jack Yulation

Dear Jack: Tantric sex is sex that focuses on the process of receiving pleasure, rather than always thinking about the end result of the orgasm during sex. Concerning yourself with the ejaculation too much leads to performance anxiety and diminishes your pleasure. In fact, men can have hours-long sex sessions in which they receive more and more pleasure without ejaculating. They may have multiple whole-body orgasms, in which they experience peaks of pleasure and energy without ejaculating. Sexual play without ejaculation leaves you feeling energized and loving. Sex play with ejaculation can leave you feeling drained. This is not to say you "should" not ejaculate, but just that men should be aware of their option to ejaculate or not during sex. For more information (although from a mainly straight perspective) you can pick up Tantra magazine at Bookman's, or continue reading my column.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a bodyworker and counselor for the Gay community. He offers individual and group sessions. For more information, call 623-1732. You can write Dr. Bob c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ, 85703.]

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TUCSON DESERT COYOTES
WEEK 8 STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pins
Rubber Queens	24.5	3.5	12682
Tres Amigos	20.0	8.0	12510
Pin Me Down	20.0	8.0	10311
HITT'ers	18.0	10.0	11948
Noizy Poizons	17.5	10.5	12056
Two Tall/Wide	15.0	13.0	11920
Triple T	14.0	14.0	12324
Twelve	13.0	15.0	11866
Stray Cats	11.0	17.0	11602
Baker's Dozen	10.0	18.0	11860
2 Peas & A Pod	10.0	18.0	11666
Seaweeds	8.0	20.0	10094
Bee Bytes	7.0	21.0	10036
Double Stuff	6.0	22.0	11463

High Average - April D., 138; Jeff T., 195.

High Game Scratch - April D., 200; Jeff T. 279; Triple T, 658.

High Game HDCP - Mark K., 298; April D., 259; Triple T, 733.

High Series Scratch - Mark K., 702; April D., 510; Rubber Queens, 1741.

High Series HDCP - Mark K., 762; April D., 687; Tres Amigos, 1949.

TUCSON LAMBDA LIZARDS
WEEK 9 STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	20.0	12.0	22817
Ooh Sh*t!	20.0	12.0	22674
Too Much	17.0	15.0	22737
Pigs R Us	16.0	16.0	22446
High Rollers	11.0	21.0	22247
PACT Rats	9.0	23.0	19003

High Average - Jack S., 189; Jackie M., 156.

High Game Scratch - Jack S., 248; Jackie M., 220; Too Much 815.

High Game HDCP - Max V., 275; Jackie M., 256; Looney Tunes, 1045.

High Series Scratch - Jack S., 646; Jackie M., 514; Too Much 2371.

High Series HDCP - Jack S., 679; Hilda C., 648; Looney Tunes, 2963.

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Delightful Venus and chatty Mercury both change signs this week. Venus moves into benevolent Sagittarius and Mercury heightens it's acuity as it enters intense Scorpio. We emanate love and affection and can figure out how to really benefit from it. Read ahead to see where our loveliness can do the most good in our lives.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Venus enters the free spirited traveller sign of Sagittarius while Mercury lands in Scorpio. Travel will be pleasurable and nicely spiced by thoughts of passionate sex. Rambunctious tribes folk yearn to experience the exotic and can be persuaded to drop all projects, pack some bags and escape from the mundane. Even if you don't have the bucks and time to travel, quench your wanderlust with an exotic dinner and foreign film.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Proud Bulls enter a time of intense introspection, how can you merge with another and form a solid relationship without losing your entire identity? Happily, with Venus in Sag and Mercury in Scorpio, deep personal relationships provide you with what you need. You feel comfortable and in tune with the ebbs and flowers of interaction. Sex is especially satisfying as heart and mind are truly working in tandem.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Partnerships take on a new vitality when Venus waltzes into Sagittarius. Venus acts like an aphrodisiac so plan an especially alluring surprise for your partner and drink up! It's a particularly good time to keep your heart, mind and eyes open if you are currently searching for a special someone. You never know who will stroll by. Mercury in Scorpio enables you to get the job done without a lot of wasted time and effort.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Work and detailed tasks go rather smoothly with Venus in easy going Sagittarius. Not even the most stressful situation will fluster you now. Pink Crabs can more easily plot out strategies for greater efficiency and enlist a few delightfully able bodied assistants to give a helping hand. What better time to plan a party? Mercury's adeptness helps you formulate the perfect evening event, right down to the best seating arrangement.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Regal, proud Leos are in their element as the world beats a path to your door. Mercury in passionate Scorpio turns your private quarters into an arena of activity and personal growth as Venus in Gay Sagittarius enhances light hearted romantic prospects. An opportunity to either shine on stage or in a crowd of adoring admirerers is in the works. No matter how farfetched it seems, somehow, somewhere, you fill find yourself involved in the arts. Do I smell Oscar?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Venus in Sagittarius improves home and security situations. You understand why and how things must change and feel confident that you have the capability to change them. You may also wish to use this time to reinforce or reconnect with family, there is much to be gained here if you approach the situation with pride and confidence. Mercury in Scorpio focuses on financial strategies. Have you properly planned for the future? Begin now while the energy is right.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras are usually very charming and diplomatic. Now, with Venus in less than graceful Sag, you may put your foot in your mouth, but in a very endearing way. Spit it out and you certainly shall receive. Mercury in Scorpio fires up thoughts on finances and makes you the commander general of money. Plot and plan your course of action then fire away. It's time to become financially independent.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Mercury in your own sign enables even the shyest Scorp to get events moving in the right direction with a well placed suggestion or two. The most fabulous opportunities to highlight your talents come your way. Happily, Venus in Sag provides you with a windfall to cushion your world entrance. Money is there at your disposal, not as a result of gambling or easy gain but more as a pay out for your hard, careful planning. Don't spend it all in one place!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Venus in your own sign conspire to push you Out and into the limelight, whether you are ready or not! Rely on an intuitive Mercury in Scorpio for extra advantage. Your presence is practically demanded all over town because you inspire and elevate others and make them feel good about themselves, and about you. The planets bode well for success in any public enterprise as you will wow the masses. Please be a benevolent dictator.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The muses bestow their favors upon you, do you have what it takes to heed the voice? Venus' foray into Sagittarius and Mercury's dance into Scorpio blend the mystical with the group dynamic. Queer Goats intuitively know what others need; plan your moves accordingly and don't operate from self serving motives. A little unselfishness now will score some points with the muses (and your pals) for future endeavors.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are a sociable crew and now, with Venus in jolly Sag, friends provide the happy atmosphere you crave. Need a word or two of encouragement? Feel a little blue or lonely? Never fear, pals on hand to provide a happy diversion or two. This is also a good time to mingle and expand your professional circle. Mercury in diabolical Scorpio helps you forge your agenda within the supple minds of authority figures do your damdest.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Although you may not always be career minded, the glorious movement of Venus into Sagittarius makes you a professional offer you can't refuse. Doors may open, those in authority take notice of your hardworking efforts and your ascent may begin. Mercury in intense Scorpio gives you that important global perspective in which to launch your ideas and efforts. If the world is a fishbowl, remember that you are the most important Fish in town!

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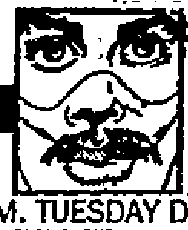

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GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #85, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 795-3498 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 1001 N. Wilmot

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Men and women both welcome. Office 514-7272

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LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2930 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elbe 581-8830 or Ronn 968-2384

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 Merle at 888-7264 ? Call CRONIES 888-7264

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TUCSON HIKING CLUB. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol-free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7913 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. Long and short fiction workshop at 7:00 p.m. fourth Friday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-1737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719

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

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

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

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

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7260.

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

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 3-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.) Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline 326-AIDS

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0176 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

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

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone's Books

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

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METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, an informal group using inner guidance, mind power and universal law. Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills (River&Swan). Rich 318-0510

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8313 or Mary O. 770-9979

DREAM GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men meets every Thursday at 7pm. Bring a dream and learn about your deepest self and that of others. Call Robert Feldhaus, PhD 623-1732

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 Sarel at 299-9063.

CATALINA CONCLAVE - Outreach for Transsexuals, transgendered and others desiring to explore the mystery of the phallus, and our pagan heritage. Call Julia for more information, 825-0767.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL THERAPY GROUP now forming at UMC Department of Psychiatry. This is a general process group, open to all interested. For a free individual interview, call Randy Brabic, M.D. at 626-6254. 580

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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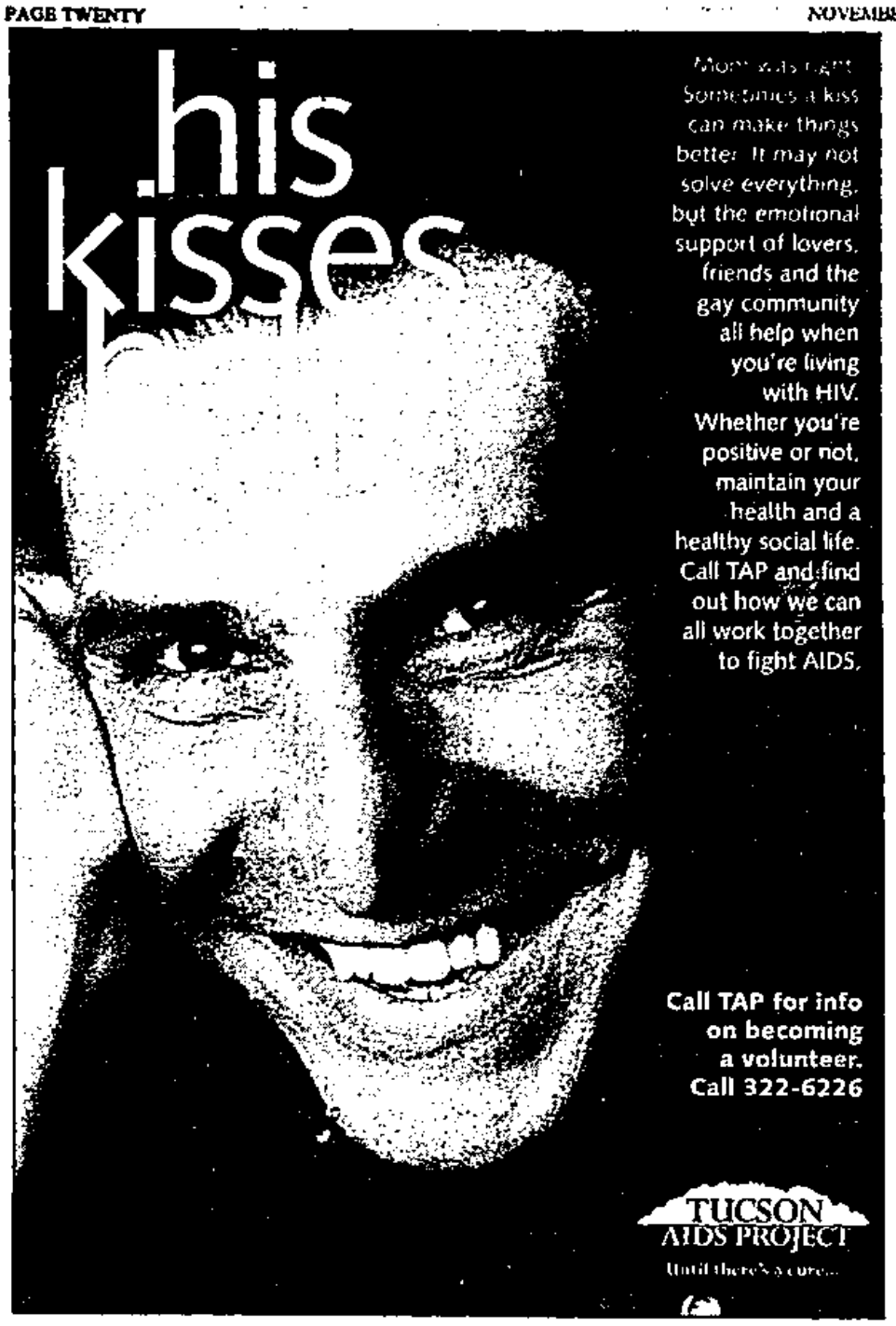

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percent margin. Scott was the highest vote getter of all candidates in the city election.

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

For the first time since 1983, the city has given the mayor and council a pay raise. Proposition 100, which would give the mayor and council a 50 percent pay raise, from $12,000 to $18,000 for council members; $24,000 to $36,000 for the mayor passed by over 10,000 votes.

The most controversial ballot initiative, Proposition 200, the Water Consumer Protection Act, which halts CAP Water from being delivered to homes for a period of five years passed by a 13 percent margin.

Propositions 400 and 401, which awards franchises to local companies, American Communications and Brooks Fiber, to lay cable and get Tucson on the information super highway, passed with three to one margins respectively.

CITYVOTE

Tucson was one of 17 cities that participated in the non-binding presidential preference primary called CityVote. Tucsonans reaction to the primary was a big no to early presidential politics. None of the Above won the contest with 35 percent. President Bill Clinton was second with 23 percent of the vote. Colin Powell came in third with 12 percent.

Here are the results, with 99 percent of the vote tallied. [There are some questioned ballots still out. The Observer will have the final numbers in next week]:

MAYOR		
George Miller (D)	38,228	53.50%
Sharon Collins (R)	24,273	33.97
Ed Kahn (L)	6,575	9.20
Over/Under Vote	2,383	3.33

WARD 1		
Jose Ibarra (D)	36,747	51.42%
Ray Fontaine (R)	26,337	36.86
Over/Under Vote	8,374	11.72

WARD 2		
Janet Marcus (D)	34,121	47.75%
Rick Grinnel (R)	24,366	34.10
Tim Loomis (L)	6,654	9.31
Over/Under Vote	6,317	8.84

WARD 4		
Shirley Scott (D)	38,734	54.21%
Bill King (R)	24,824	34.74
Over/Under Vote	7,900	11.05

PROPOSITION 100		
YES	39,814	55.72%
NO	29,727	41.60
Over/Under Vote	1,917	2.68

PROPOSITION 200		
YES	39,969	55.93%
NO	30,226	42.30
Over/Under Votes	1,263	1.77

PROPOSITION 400		
YES	49,125	68.75%
NO	15,204	21.28
Over/Under Vote	7,129	9.97

PROPOSITION 401		
YES	47,862	66.98%
NO	17,138	23.98
Over/Under Vote	6,458	9.04

CITY VOTE		
Undervote (None)	25,141	35.18%
Bill Clinton (D)	16,786	23.49
Colin Powell (I)	8,948	12.52
Steve Forbes (R)	5,963	8.34
Bob Dole (R)	5,110	7.15
Phil Gramm (R)	1,370	1.92
Ross Perot (I)	1,367	1.91
Pat Buchanan (R)	1,182	1.65
Bill Bradley	1,023	1.43

[Over/Under vote is a combined tabulation. An over vote means a person voted for more than one candidates or position in a respective race or proposal. An undervote means a person did not cast a vote in a race, meaning none of the above.]

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Betty Wheeler, the Democratic counsel to the House Subcommittee on Courts, said it "was risky business to try to predict the court based on an oral argument but it seemed to me that Justice (Ruth Bader) Ginsburg was clearly prepared to uphold the Colorado Supreme Court, and (Justice Stephen) Breyer. It seemed fairly clear, almost certain, (Justice David) Souter was there as well."

POLITICS

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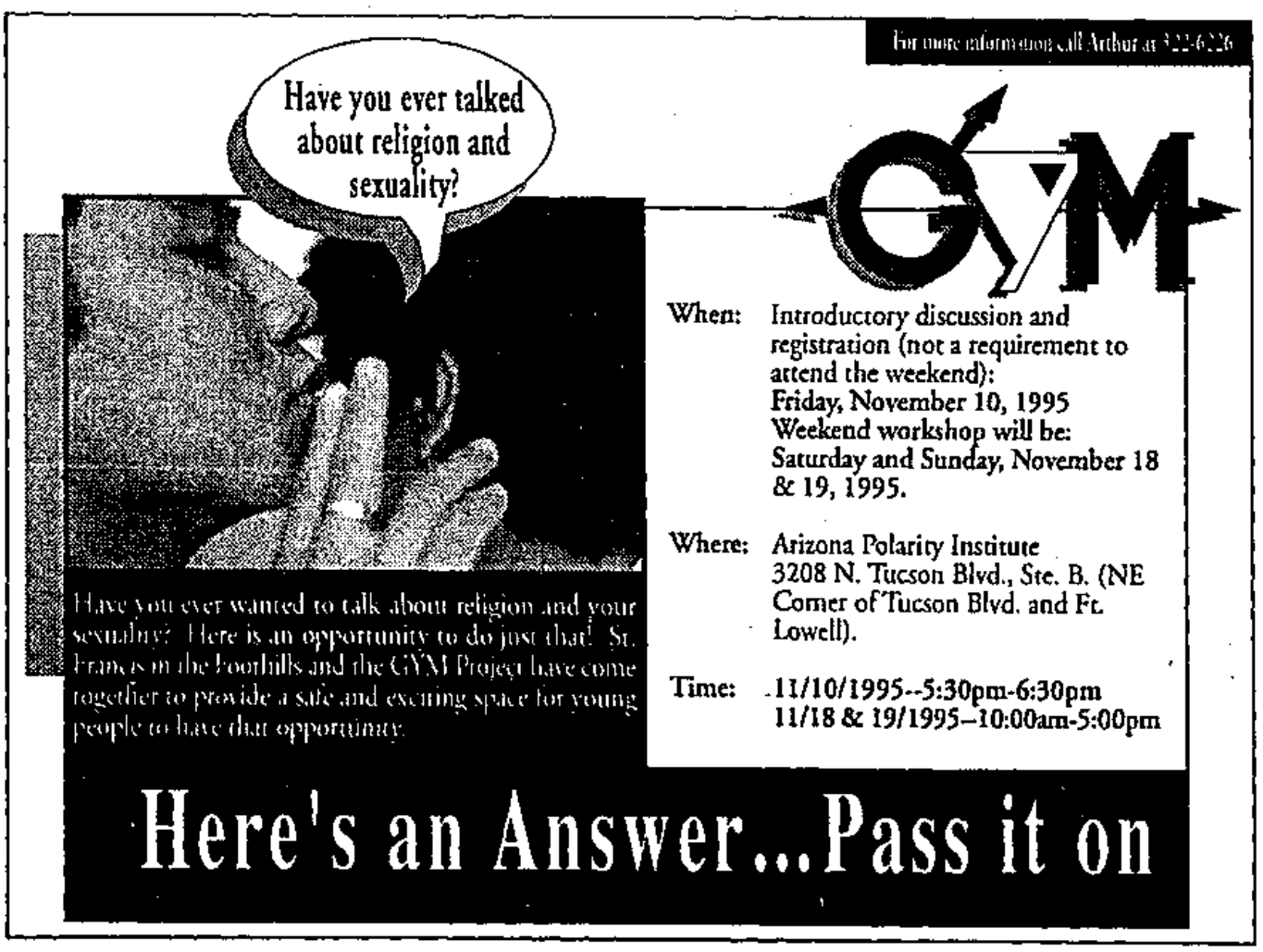
You wonder why we get such jokers as elected officials.

GUESS WHO? DON'T SUE!: What former Alcalde of the Old Pueblo was recently at state party headquarters stating an interest in running for Congress against Jim "I just want to be a player" Kolbe. The Alcalde stated that their candidacy would be a successful one. State party officials bought it hook, line and sinker. Did any body bother to check the results from the Alcalde's ill fated bid in CD-2 in 1991, where the Alcalde finished a distant third in rural areas. Guess not! [Hint: The Mayor has something in common with the late Eva Gabor. And it isn't being "friends" with Merv Griffin!]

Next week I will report on the Tucson elections and how the six people turned out to vote and voted for whom!

So it goes for now kids!