

LETTERS

Voters' Forum

Dear *Weekly Alibi*,

A very big thanks to Noah Masterson and writer Nicole Toth for coverage of National Coming Out Day events here in Albuquerque ("Community and Events Calendar" and "Editorial: Coming Out," Oct. 7-13, 1998). The article was comprehensive, and selecting NCOD as "Pick of the Week" was appreciated!

I wish our current and soon-to-be-elected government officials had given this event some consideration. Bob Anderson, New Mexico Green Party, was the only candidate running for office that took the time to spend the afternoon with us. Thank you, Bob! Gov. Johnson declined our invitation, stating he was scheduled elsewhere that day and time. Chavez/Denish Headquarters called to say they would send a representative, but I am not aware that anyone was there to represent them. Maloor and Wilson schedulers did not respond.

In light of the recent beating and death of the young man up in Wyoming and the immediate need for hate crimes legislation both statewide and nationally, I am disappointed and saddened in what appears to be the total lack of regard, seeming dismissal of issues and concerns of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgender votes. I certainly will remember this when I go to vote on Nov. 3! I will not be silenced or silent!

M.M. Gray

Albuquerque NCOD Organization Committee '98
Albuquerque

Dear *Weekly Alibi*,

At (the) ... candlelight vigil for Matthew Shepard, Heather Wilson and Gov. Johnson both sent representatives. It was nice of them to come, despite their stances on hate crimes legislation.

Bob Anderson also came and displayed an enormous amount of class by using the opportunity to campaign! I've gotten used to certain acts of crassness in this modern world of disintegrating etiquette, but really, does he need publicity so badly that he would step in front of a tribute to a murder victim for votes?

Jeez, just when I thought there might be one candidate in the bunch who rose at least to the level of "not so terribly inadequate as the others," he had to do this. If this is how the Greens intend to behave, the Democrats have nothing to worry about.

Anonymous & disgusted

Albuquerque
via e-mail

Dear *Weekly Alibi*,

(Gov. Gary Johnson) opposes hate crime laws, saying that "the idea borders on government regulation of thought." Thoughts are one thing; actions are another. Gee ... what was Gov. Johnson thinking, anyway? Hate crimes are violent actions against another race, gender or sexual persuasion (as in the Rodriguez murder in Santa Fe) that need to be stopped now!

A concerned voter
Albuquerque
via e-mail

Dear *Weekly Alibi*,

Regarding ersatz Greens who advocate Maloor as not-Wilson: Negative voting is the corollary, and moral equivalent, of negative campaigning. Anderson was/is the only 1st District Congressional candidate worth voting for.

James Treat
Albuquerque
via e-mail

Dear *Weekly Alibi*,

I've been watching the congressional race in the first district very closely. One thing I've noticed is that Green Party candidates are assumed to be environmentally progressive. It makes sense, after all, they are "greens." This generalization certainly applies to Bob Anderson. I've talked to numerous people who consider themselves environmentalists

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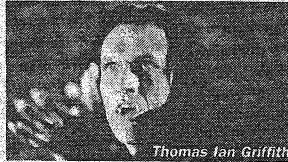
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