

Legislature: Yes To Happy Hour, No To Drinking Bouts

by Jill Blondin

PHOENIX - A bill that would have banned happy hours in bars was watered down last Friday by a House subcommittee.

By a unanimous vote, the subcommittee passed a bill directing the superintendent of the state Liquor Licenses and Control Department to adopt rules to curb excessive drinking.

Those rules, which would be subject to a public hearing, could include a ban on drinking contests, a ban on advertising that encourages heavy drinking and prohibiting the sale of unlimited amounts of alcohol at a fixed price.

The amended bill, which was written by state liquor department Superintendent Philip MacDonnell, met with fewer objections than the original

draft introduced by Rep Karen Mills, R-Glendale.

Mills' bill would have prevented liquor establishments from serving free drinks, drinks at reduced prices or more than one drink at a time. Pitchers of beer or alcohol could have been sold only to groups of two or more people. Contests that involved drinking, or provided drinks as a prize would have been banned. Bars would have been required to post a list of prices that would have been maintained for at least one week.

Mills, whose brother was killed in an accident involving a drunken driver, endorsed the amended bill that was passed by the subcommittee. She said she believes that it would reduce drunk driving, which results in 26,000 deaths

a year nationally. Representatives of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association also endorsed the bill.

But Penelope Miedaner, director of the Southern Arizona Restaurant Association, opposed it because, she said, the bill fails to address a complex social problem. Most drunk drivers are alcoholics, she said. The amount of alcohol consumed during happy hours is minimal compared with all of the drinking that goes on in the state, she said.

Miedaner, along with representatives of the Arizona Licensed Beverage Association and the Arizona Hotel and Motel Association, suggested that legislators simply ban drinking contests and the sale of unlimited

amounts of liquor at a fixed price. Although they said that the amended bill was a vast improvement over the original, they said some of the wording is too vague.

"One person's idea of 'excessive consumption' is different from another's," Joseph Ralston, an attorney for the Arizona Hotel and Motel Association. MacDonnell and lawmakers said their idea of excessive includes a Tempe establishment that advertises it is "within crawling distance" of Arizona State University.

Representative John Kromko, D-Tucson, said the amended bill, which is scheduled to be heard by the full House Judiciary Committee on February 15, is a fair compromise. (Reprinted from the Tucson Citizen)



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Arizona's Big AIDS Fundraiser This Weekend In Phoenix

SECOND ANNUAL SWEAT AND MUSCLE EXTRAVAGANZA
SET FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 23

PHOENIX - The governing body for the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust has rented Hot Bods for the entire night this Saturday, February 23 for its annual fundraising party "Sweat and Muscle '85".

Bob Hegyi, Chairperson for AAP-T promises that "Sweat and Muscle '85 will be 'this winter's hottest and most meaningful party ever'". With music by disc jockey Stewart Barkal, and lights by Jon Ford, both from The Probe in Los Angeles, this year's party promises to be even bigger and hotter than ever. In addition, Ron Moore, Mister International Leather '84/'85 will make an appearance.

The extravaganza begins at 10:00 p.m. and will last until 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Advance sale tickets may be purchased at Books

Brothers and Tramps in Tucson. In Phoenix tickets are available at Charlie's; Farrah's; Hot Bods; R. Hegyi; Taylor's and Trax.

The Arizona AIDS Fund Trust (AAP-T) needs to raise in excess of \$10,000 to get through the coming months. As the number of AIDS patients in our community steadily rises, AAP-T is extending more and more support to our brothers and sisters who are stricken with this terrible disease. The Arizona AIDS Fund Trust is the only vigilant, caring group within the state of Arizona dealing with AIDS. Their outreach needs to increase in the coming year.

A most important date should be marked on your calendar - Saturday, February 23 - Sweat and Muscle '85. Even if you can't make it, buy a ticket and help your friends.

Arizona Gay TV Show Goes 'Live' For First Time



Shown above are the panelists who participated in the first "live" telecast of 'Arizona Gay' TV show last Thursday, Feb. 14 on Channel 37. Left to right: Jack Stockslager, Co-Chair TLGPC; Valerie Taylor, Lesbian

author and poet; Bob Ellis of the weekly Observer; Cheryl Kohout of the UofA Campus Women's Center and James Farlas, host and director/producer of the weekly 'Arizona Gay' TV show.

TUCSON - 'Arizona Gay' Tucson's very own Gay weekly television show went live on Valentine's Day night for an hour of questioning via telephone calls from viewers. All previous shows had been taped.

Participating on the panel for this "first" for 'Arizona Gay', were Valerie Taylor, Lesbian author, poet and humorist, Cheryl Kohout with the University of Arizona Campus Women's Center; Jack Stockslager, Co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, and Bob Ellis, publisher and editor of The Observer. The show was hosted by the director and producer of 'Arizona Gay' Jim Farlas.

The show was deemed a big success by Farlas and those on the panel who fielded many questions that were phoned in. Everyone of the questioners were non-Gay which strengthens the knowledge that 'Arizona Gay' is being viewed by a large number of non-Gay Tucsonans and is playing a vital role in the education of these viewers. All questions were honestly asked and were given honest and straight forward, astute answers by members of the panel.

Farlas has deemed the show such a success that he now plans to do a similar "live" show once a month.

With the help of a grant from the Tucson Community Cable Corporation, Farlas will produce at least twelve more shows this spring including discussions of AIDS; Transvestites and

Transsexuals; Job Discrimination against Gays; Gay and Lesbian Parenthood; and Relationships of Gays and Lesbians with "Straight" family and Friends.

The show is aired only on Cox Cable Channel 37 as part of local public access television administered by the Tucson Community Cable Corporation. It is seen every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. It is re-telecast every Friday at noon; Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 p.m. For those who do not have Cox Cable, the show will also be shown every Thursday at two local clubs. The first begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket and again at the Fineline at 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in appearing on the show is encouraged to contact the producer, Jim Farlas, 297-1207 or write to: Arizona Gay, Box 1, 855 E. River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Air Force Colonel May Face Court Martial

by Robert Halfhill

WASHINGTON, DC (GCM) - In what legal observers are calling a highly unusual move, the United States Air Force has initiated court martial proceedings against a 51-year-old colonel accused of having homosexual relations with a lieutenant under his command.

The colonel, whose last name is Gunter, has served in the Air Force 29 years and is currently assigned as an administrative officer at the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland.

According to Major Poetia McCracken, public affairs officer at Andrews, Gunter stands accused of "dishonorably and disgracefully displaying public affection with another male officer on two occasions"; "dishonorable and disgraceful activity involving the same male officer in private"; "being intoxicated at an off-base restaurant while in uniform." These charges are violations of Article 133 of the Code of Military Justice falling under the category of "behavior unbecoming an officer and a gentleman".

If convicted, Gunter could serve a year in military prison and would certainly be dishonorably discharged from the Air Force thus losing all his benefits.

The lieutenant involved has been granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for becoming the government's key witness against Gunter. A preliminary investigation, allowed for under Article 32 of the same code and similar to a civil grand jury investigation, determined that there was enough evidence to warrant a court

martial proceeding.

At a recent hearing, prosecutors Capt. John Cox and Major Joe Oxley claimed that Gunter took advantage of his authority over the lieutenant, who was assigned as an intern in the same hospital.

Defense attorneys Michele Zavos and Alan Dranitzke hammered away at the unsubstantiated and at times conflicting statements by the lieutenant. They complained of not having the opportunity to cross-examine the lieutenant prior to the proceeding. To underscore their contention that the lieutenant was an unreliable witness, they produced, to the prosecution's shock and dismay, a draft report written by the Article 32 investigating officer.

The draft report, which apparently was "inadvertently" retrieved from the trash and delivered to the defense attorneys by an unnamed clerk, differs greatly from the officer's final report. The draft recommends against initiating court martial proceedings on the grounds that many of the lieutenant's statements were open to doubt.

After the conclusions of the draft report were made public, presiding officer Col. George R. Stephens decided to accept the defense's motion that the charges be returned to what is called "the convening authority." This means that it is up to base commander Brig. Gen. Paul Harvey to decide whether to call another Article 32 investigation, or to drop some or all of the charges

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Congressional Hearings

On AIDS Report

WASHINGTON, DC - The Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources, chaired by Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY) will hold a joint hearing with the House Energy and Commerce Committee to receive an Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) report on the Public Health Service's response to the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

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BRIEFS

Black and White Ball

Last Saturday night the much heralded Black and White ball took place at the Santa Rita Hotel. A large group of people were present at this first annual fund raiser for AIDS, sponsored by the Sun Country Leather Club. A great time was had by everyone who attended the cocktail party, dinner, entertainment and dancing.

The entertainment featured performances by Tucson's square dance group the T-Squares, illusion performances, some live vocalizing and some special dance routines. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening in a neutral surrounding.

An accounting of the monies raised for AIDS from this event was not available at presstime. A full report will be made in next weeks issue of Observer.

ORDINANCE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA - An ordinance will be submitted by Mayor Torrigno to the West Hollywood City Council with an openly Gay majority, suggesting Gay couples living together have the same rights as married couples.

Last December, a similar ordinance was passed in Berkeley extending benefits such as medical and dental plans to couples employed by the city who have been living together for no less than six months.

HELP PAY FOR ABORTIONS FOR \$1

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-CO, has introduced legislation that would allow taxpayers to earmark \$1 of their income tax to help pay for abortions for poor women under Medicaid, according to a report from the Associated Press.

Currently Medicaid will pay for abortions only when the mother's life is in danger or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. Schroeder proposed the check-off system, which is similar to that used to fund the public financing of Presidential campaigns, as a way to "restore voluntarily, abortion funding to those women previously eligible under Medicaid. My bill would ensure that poor women have equal access to complete pregnancy-related medical assistance.

EXPERIENCED

VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS SOUGHT

TUCSON - Anyone who is interested in playing in an organized indoor volleyball league is encouraged to contact Dave M. any Sunday at the Joshua Tree volleyball court from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Play will take place on Wednesday nights from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. in a U.S.V.B.A. format. Winners in this league will be eligible to take part in several tournaments to be held around the country. If you have experience at playing this popular sport, be sure to contact Dave.

MOVIE PREMIERE CAUSES

NEAR RIOT AT THEATER

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO (AP) - Thousands of people tried to push their way into a theater last week to see the premiere of "Lola la Trailera," or "Lola the Trucker" - a movie about a brothel on wheels.

A half-dozen semi-trailers rolled into the driveway of the Alamedas Central theater to promote the movie on opening night.

The appearance of the star Rosa Gloria Chagoyan, caused such an outbreak of "euphoria" that a ceremony featuring the cast was cancelled, the newspaper El Nacional reported.

The paper said 3,000 people got to see the premiere, but an unruly mob of about 10,000 pressed against the doors and even broke a window and the theater's marquee. Fire extinguishers were used to control the crowd, El Nacional said.

FRONT RUNNERS SEEK RECRUITS

TUCSON - Front Runners of Tucson is a very informal confederation of somewhat serious athletes who like to run moderate distances together. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays at the Himmel Park Library.

The standard run heads toward the University, around Old Main once or twice and returns to the Library. The chronically gung-ho run is 4 1/2 miles at a brisk pace. The reasonable run the full distance at a reasonable pace. The rational run less distance at any pace and Third World fans watch the soccer players on the mall.

Thus there is something for everyone, including the night runs in Sabino Canyon on the full moon, occasional parties or en masse assaults on eating establishments!

Front Runners of Tucson is the quintessential casual organization: No Meetings, No Dues!

OUT IN MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (GCH) - The director of this city's civil rights commission has come out as a Lesbian, according to Equal Time? Mary Bums Hixon granted a "coming out" interview to the Minneapolis paper after she was identified as a Lesbian in another newspaper.

Mayor Don Fraser appointed Hixon to head the civil rights commission last June. Her confirmation hearings were marked by hostile testimony from some people of color who felt that a white woman was not qualified to do the job. Fraser threatened to resign if Hixon was not confirmed.

Hixon told Equal Time, "Some people in Minneapolis were not happy with my appointment and being a Lesbian is not going to make that easier. It's going to be an uphill battle."

Hixon said she had not wanted to come out till she had gotten to know her staff and the community. But she said the reactions of staffpeople and the city council members, as well as Gay men and Lesbians in town, have been overwhelmingly positive.

SHOWTIME'S 'BROTHERS' RENEWED FOR 50 MORE EPISODES

LOS ANGELES, CA - 'Brothers' the half-hour situation comedy which the Los Angeles Times says may be the first to depict major characters as having a Gay lifestyle, was recently renewed by Showtime, the cable TV channel, for an additional 50 episodes to be aired over the next two years.

Before premiering on Showtime last July, 'Brothers' was turned down by all three major networks. ABC's Good Morning, America reportedly refused to air a clip from one of the shows to accompany the appearance of one of the show's stars, Robert Walden. Since then 'Brothers' has won solid audiences and glowing reviews from both Gay and non-Gay press.

'Brothers' was created and written by Donald Lloyd, Ed Weinberger and Stan Daniels, Emmy Award winning writers whose credits include 'Cheers', 'Taxi', and 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show'. It centers around three brothers - Joe [Robert Walden], an ex-jock bar owner; Lou [Brandon Maggart], a prototypical construction worker; and Cliff [Paul Regina] the youngest brother, who, in the first episode, backed out of marriage plans and announced that he was Gay.

Counterpoint to Cliff's non-stereo typical character is provided by his friend, Donald (Phillip Charles McKenzie), described by the Times as "at once the show's prissiest and strongest character, the one surest of his identity and most in touch with his emotions."

FIRE TAKES TOLL AT BRENDA STARR'S HOME

A fire whose damage has been estimated at \$20,000 to premises and effects, swept the residence of Al Benjamin (aka Brenda Starr) late last Friday night. It took 18 firefighters six minutes to control the blaze, which started when a radio in a rear bedroom developed a short. There were no injuries.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

Today, February 20, begins our season of Lent. For many it is a time of sacrifice and preparation. It is also a time of fasting and penitence. The next six weeks will be observed as the last days that Jesus spent here on Earth to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament. This season will be climaxed with the observance of His betrayal, execution, death, and most important of all, His rising from the grave to live again, forever. We must prepare ourselves to be worthy of His love and compassion, to be acceptable to Him when he comes again to claim His followers and believers. Are you prepared for His second coming?

This Sunday, February 24, will be the First Sunday of Lent. Pastor Dave's sermon will be "Lent - A Time Of Preparation?" at the morning service. We invite you to come and join us to hear this all important message.

Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dave Gunton has office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The church telephone is 622-4538, if anyone would like to call for an appointment for consultation with Pastor Dave. Appointments are encouraged as Pastor Dave does have a busy schedule.

Thought for the week: Make other people like themselves a little better and you can rest assured they'll like you very much.

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WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN



BY LORETTA VON OYSTERSHUCKER

Surprise, surprise, another week has passed and I am still alive. I did receive a few threats here and there, but I always say f--- 'em if they can't take a joke. There certainly was a lot going on that I saw this week. By any chance did you observe...

Isidro C. taking several people on a tour of the Congress Hotel. They say he just loves to do that, but going over to Books Etc. bookstore really doesn't have anything to do with the hotel, does it Isidro?

James telling everyone about Rudy getting stuck somewhere last Sunday and Rudy just kept telling him to be quiet.

Tiger receiving a phone call and have Inga at the other end telling Tiger he was 86'd from the bar on her shift. Little did Inga know that she was about to be 86'd from the Hotel. Welcome back Charlie.

Polo being carried out of the bar the other night. Well I know that's not new news, but what the heck.

Tommy S. sneaking out of the hotel at a very early hour in the morning. From what I hear, he's done that several times lately. Perhaps he snuffed out the cigarette he kept burning in the window waiting for someone to get back from vacation.

A certain customer at Rita's talking about the 100 times JoJo and he had done it and he kept calling JoJo - Blow Joe!

Dan A. and Bucky L. trying out their new rug on the dance floor at Rita's in front of several people. It's hard to believe at Bucky's age he can still move that good!

Michael M. was doing his "I must be in San Francisco" imitation last Saturday night. After waking up in his car, he came back into Rita's and just

walked around in a fog. Needless to say Lloyd B. was doing his "I am not amused" imitation.

Peter S. having a wonderful discussion with Bert H. over at Tramps. It's too bad Bert's volume was so much higher than Peter's.

Phil S. practicing his bowling at Tramps using some tiny, tiny guy for a bowling ball.

Gene Z. and Mike discussing what the bedroom with the mirrors was going to be used for.

Ron L. reading a book on home repair. Well, he should after all the homes he's wrecked.

Did anyone observe what Denny L. did last weekend. Let him know because he can't remember.

Ron T. had trouble making it to the bank last week. Something about a lost deposit.

Don P. saying Tommy S. is the only person who has to gargle with Oll of Olay.

Thom S. making the comment, "It is too bad it isn't Mac's birthday. With all the snow on Mount Lemmon, we could use it for Mac's birthday cake and there would be enough pine trees for candles."

George M. trying to get an orgy together with Dan, Kurt, Marshall, Bruce, Peter and several others. Once a party girl, always a party girl.

Louie and Bobby Jr. out shopping for a wedding dress and bridesmaid dresses. Perhaps they could get Kurt to design them if he gets Marshall's finished.

Warner J. carrying his baggage around town last Monday, only to get picked up by Bill McT.

Mickey D. saying he wants to buy a bigger bed so he can entertain more.

Perhaps a marching band!

Jim S. demonstrating how to do a proper curtsey and after several cocktails he looked so cute.

Bill McT. wearing short pants until the rug burns on his knees heal up.

Did anyone overhear Denny W. asking if the new picture hanging at Rita's was a portrait of Candaa?

David H. saying he spent all weekend in Tucson with Jim and did not get a hickey.

Jack D. puts out just like one does their trash. His schedule is every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning and Sunday afternoons. Just like the trash collections, holidays affect his days.

While reading an article on the Congress Hotel and learning that they used to have a dumb waiter, Dan P. asked with those innocent eyes batting, "Did Don P. work there?"

George R. finally had the baby and has been seen at the Congress looking for a new husband.

DPDP could have checked into the Honeymoon Suite last Monday night. Who was that cute blonde with you DPDP? Look out, he's JB's type too!

Bert H. let Jimmy out in public for the Black and White Ball. Jimmy behaved just fine.

Those who went to the Black and White Ball are still wondering what took the longest to sit through, - waiting for dinner, the drag show, or Jesse talking.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Charles N. saying as he is looking at the newly painted Rita's: "My, sit certainly is colorful!"

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AIDS IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (OCN) - Although its total number of AIDS cases lags years behind that of the United States - 20 to 7000 - Australian Gay activists are working to prevent an epidemic situation in their country.

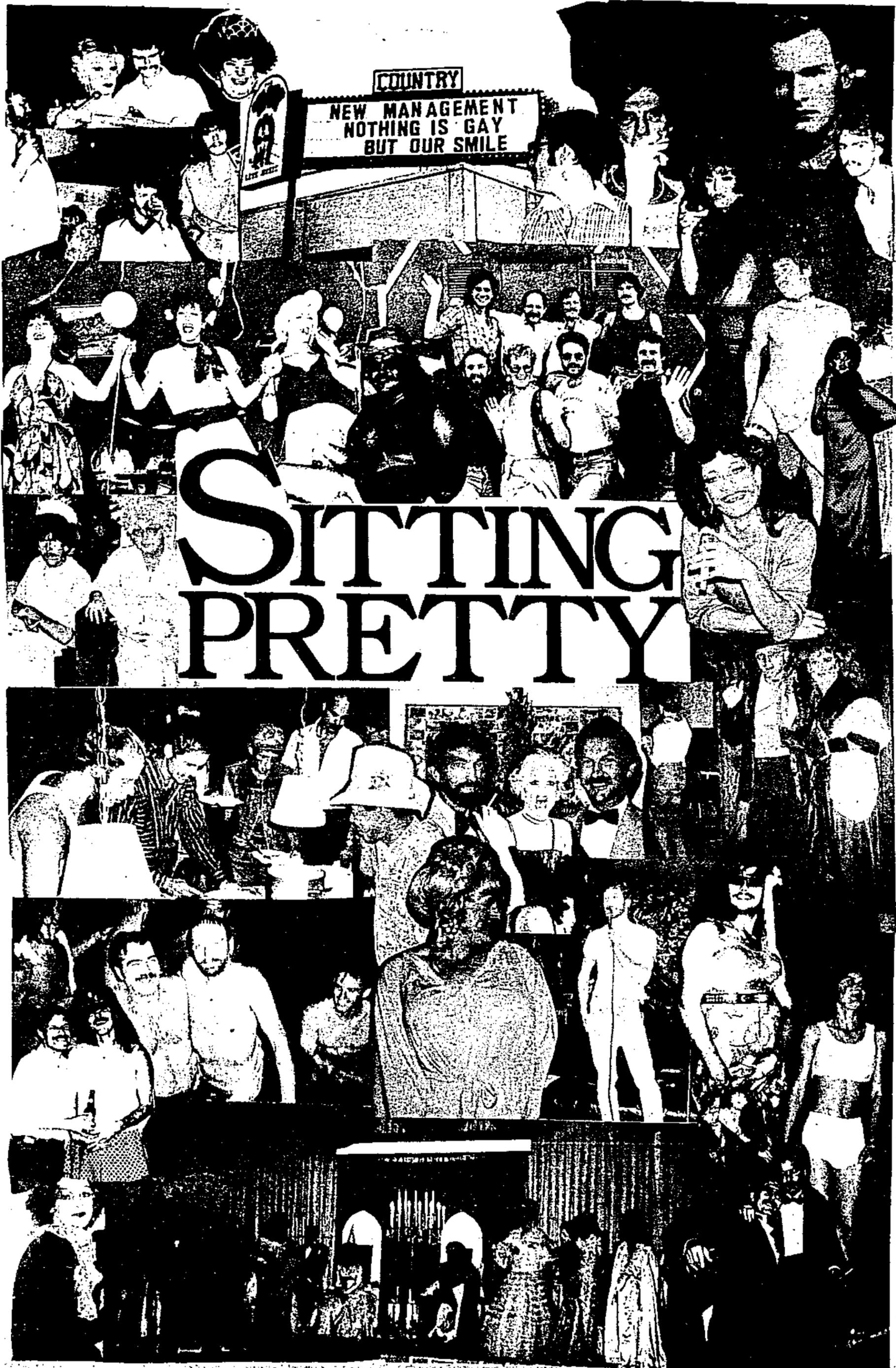
Adam Carr of the Victorian AIDS Action Committee, in a lengthy analysis of AIDS in Australia estimated that there will be 300 cases by 1987. Carr wrote, "Now we know that the AIDS epidemic in Australia is going to be substantially the same as in America. Those comforting little theories that had it that Australian men were somehow less vulnerable, because we did fewer drugs, or fucked around less, can be discarded. We are not going to be spared."

It is estimated that Gay men will make up 80-90 percent of the total number of AIDS cases, as opposed to 71 percent in the U.S.

In New South Wales, two cases of AIDS have been attributed to blood transfusions, and in Queensland, three infants have died after receiving blood in transfusions from a Gay man thought to have AIDS. Queensland lawmakers recently enacted a law setting up a \$10,000 fine and a two-year jail term for anyone with AIDS who donates blood and does not state he has the disease. One member of the Queensland parliament suggested that manslaughter charges ought to be brought against anyone who does not heed blood bank policies regarding donations and, by so doing, causes a recipient to die of AIDS.

Carr reported that a private group - the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation - has raised \$10,000 to help coordinate and provide services to people with AIDS. Although Carr said the funds were adequate for the time being, he predicted a growing need for programs for the "worried well".

Carr also speculated that the government may not be cooperative as it has been in the past when "the heterosexual majority realizes that AIDS is not going away, not going to be a handful of cases followed by a miracle cure, but a major and protracted epidemic involving hundreds of deaths and the expense of millions of dollars in public funds.



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Suicide Among The Young Called A Global Epidemic

BOSTON, MA (AP) - The United States is "in the midst of an international suicide epidemic" among the young, says the president-elect of the American Association of Suicidology.

The problem is worse in the wide open spaces of the West, where a deeper sense of loneliness and isolation may move youngsters to kill themselves, Pamela Cantor said following a panel discussion on teen-age suicide here recently.

Suicides among Americans 15 to 24 years old rose 136 percent between 1960 and 1980, the last year for which complete statistics were available, she said.

Last year, 100 young Americans killed themselves each week for a total of 5,200, Cantor said. More than 500,000 tried to end their lives.

Cantor, a 40-year-old clinical psychologist who practices in the Boston suburb of Newton, will become AAS president in April at the association's annual meeting in Toronto.

The organization promotes research on the causes of suicide and treatment, sponsors National Suicide Prevention Week and has about 800 members,

including physicians, therapists, researchers, social workers and suicide survivors.

"In 1960, the suicide rate for the age group was 5.2 per 100,000 young people," Cantor said. "In 1980, the rate was 12.3 percent. One in every five suicides in 1980 involved victims in the 15-to-24 age group. The suicide rate among adolescents has doubled in a generation.

"We have done a good job in reducing mortality in all age groups except teen-agers. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in that

[ED NOTE: In a recent edition of the Arizona Daily Star, there appeared a story of a young Texas drama student that was particularly poignant and one that sounds all too familiar]:

ARLINGTON, TX (AP) - A high school senior who climbed onto a classroom stage and killed himself with a sawed-off shotgun as a teacher and four class mates watched was a good student and showed no apparent signs of suicidal distress, officials say.

James Austin Stalley, 17, a drama student with a flair for jokes, killed himself after asking the others in the

questions of students and teacher Carla Posey, Willett said.

He then pulled a sawed-off shotgun from a briefcase, placed it against his right temple and pulled the trigger, Willett said. "It happened before anyone could react," he said.

The teen-ager's mother, Joanne Stalley, said she believed her son had the sawed-off shotgun when he came home for lunch, a neighbor said.

Tom McGregor, who lives near the Stalleys, said Mrs. Stalley told him she found the sawed-off end of the shotgun in her son's bedroom. She searched to no avail for a suicide note, McGregor said.

"(The mother) was very strong," said Arlington police chaplain Harold Elliott, who told her of her son's death. "Obviously, it was very devastating news."

"There had been no problems," Elliott said. "None of the usual signs were prevalent. She just couldn't imagine this sort of thing, but sometimes that happens, where they just don't give signs." Stalley's grades were very good, Elliott said.

Some of Stalley's classmates cried uncontrollably upon hearing of his death. "James was a real deep kind of guy," said classmate Chris Weems. "He was real to himself about his personal life."

Teen Asks 'Heavy' Questions, Then Kills Self On Stage

age group.

"The rise in teen-age suicide primarily is in the West. That may be because the western states are expanding, there is isolation. In the West, there is too much space, and there are not enough people."

Loneliness and a feeling that no one cares about them seems to drive the young to suicide, Mrs. Cantor said.

room "heavy philosophical questions" about the meaning of life, said police spokesman Jim Willett.

He had the lead in the school play, a murder mystery called "The Real Inspector Hound." Performances were cancelled and the other students at Arlington High School were sent home early.

James walked into the Arlington High School drama room, sat on a stool on the small stage, and began asking

ATTORNEYS' DIRECTORY PUBLISHED

BOSTON, MA - The Third Edition of the National Attorneys' Directory for Lesbian and Gay Rights has been published by Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD).

The Directory lists Lesbian and Gay attorneys and attorneys sympathetic to the needs of Lesbians and Gay men in a state by state format. The Directory also helps Lesbian and Gay attorneys to create a stronger network within the legal community in order to further the legal struggle for Lesbian and Gay rights. The Third Edition of the Directory is significantly expanded from the previous editions, both of which sold out quickly.

GLAD is New England's non-profit, public interest Lesbian and Gay legal organization, doing litigation and

educational work on Gay and Lesbian civil rights. GLAD sees an increasing number of attorneys interested in being listed in a referral directory for Lesbian and Gay legal needs, and will continue to publish expanded editions of the Directory. Attorneys interested in being listed should contact GLAD.

The Directory is available from GLAD for \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. Checks payable to GLAD should be sent to GLAD, P.O. Box 218, Boston, MA 02112.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR STATE

STATE OF ARIZONA

Arizona became the nation's 48th state on February 14, 1912 by signature of President William Howard Taft. The act was passed in 1911.

STATE TREE

The Palo Verde (from the Spanish meaning "Green Stick" or "Green Pole") is the state tree. It grows on the desert and in desert foothill areas.

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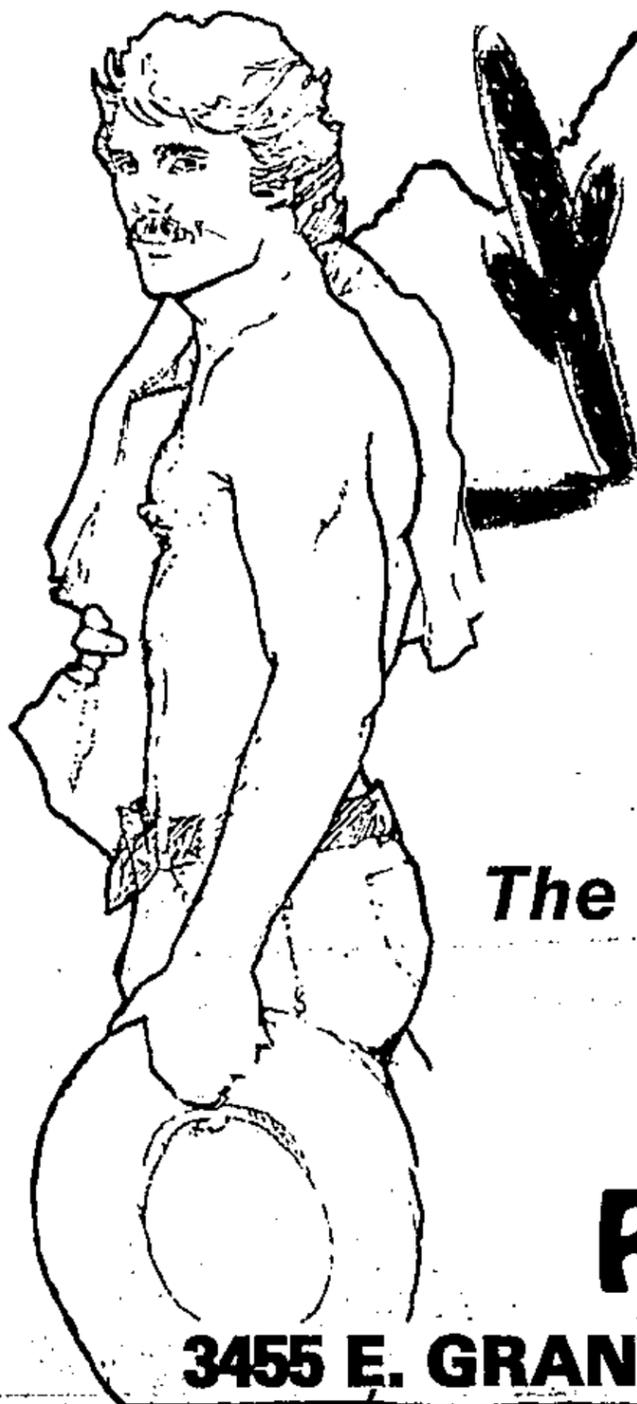
The court martial proceeding marks an unusual course of action for the military which relies on administrative discharge proceedings in cases involving homosexual conduct. The fact that the case involves fraternization between officers of different rank, which the military considers a serious offense, undoubtedly influenced the decision to initiate such a rare proceeding.

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(AIDS) epidemic, according to an announcement by Congressman Jack Brooks (D-TX), Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations.

Prompted by concerns about the Federal Government's activities to fight the AIDS epidemic, the two committees requested that OTA review the technical aspects of AIDS research as well as the related issues of public health policy. In particular, OTA was asked to evaluate the planning, resources and staff of HHS's efforts to control the epidemic. OTA is a non-partisan analytical agency that assists Congress in dealing with complex and technical issues confronting our society.

Invited to appear at the hearing are witnesses from OTA and Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler.



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COLETTE'S NEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$3.50.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens 3 p.m. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00. "Arizona Gay" TV show on big screen at 9:00 p.m. Drawing for Lottery Tickets at 11:00 p.m. Could win big money!
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RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

COLETTE'S NEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.
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TUESDAY

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I don't know about you, but after this past weekend, I'm glad to get back to work just for the rest. Between the Black and White cocktail party, a house warming party, bowling party and the mini-Tacky party, I need a vacation.

First off for this weeks news, I want to remind everyone of the up and coming Country and Western Hoe Down sponsored by the SOS. This event will take place on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at Tramps. Posters are up around town so be sure to mark this day on your calendars and plan on attending. This will prove to be one fun-filled event and I'm looking forward to attending.

Congratulations go out to the SCLC for their successful Black and White Ball last Saturday evening. I was unable to attend but from everything I've heard, all in attendance had a great time. Now they have to keep going because their next project is the Memorial Day Run also co-sponsored by TKO, TALL, SOS and the T-Squares. As the date for this run, called The Old Pueblo Run, gets closer, I'll pass on more information.

Speaking of the TSO, their Mini-Tacky Ball at the Graduate this past Sunday was a fun-filled evening. People walking into the Graduate were surprised by the decorations hanging all over the bar. You should have seen some of the tacky outfits thrown together by those taking part in the contest. Everyone of the contestants won a tacky gift - they were allowed to keep the outfit they wore in the contest. Miss Runner-up was given a drink of her choice and an empty well bottle as a prize. The judges couldn't decide on the tackiest, so it was a tie between two different contestants. They each won a full bottle from the well of their choice. I'd like to be able to give you the names of the winners, but the judges forgot to get their names. TKO's next activity is the Closet Ball to be held March 16 in the BFR at the Elneline. Rules and applications are now in your favorite bar so ask the bartender for your application if you plan to enter this year's Closet Ball.

Nothing to report from TALL this week, but we know they are still in town because you see some of them at their home bar - The Graduate.

As for the T-Squares, they put on a good show during the Black and White Ball. Keep up the good work and we hope to see another performance soon.

TBBS: Who is to blame for Dirty Dolly? She has been observed cruising the younger guys both at the bowling alley and at The Graduate.....The Mother of the Year Award goes out to Penny.....Bill H. should be announcing the grand opening of his Northern Nogales No-Tell-Motel soon....Ernie is still having trouble with his heel. He lost it again at the Graduate this time.

That's all for this week so I hope everyone out there has a wonderful, happy week.

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

SEXUAL PROTOCOL: THERE IS MORE THAN AIDS TO WORRY ABOUT

[Information in the following column which appears "in quotes" is reprinted, with permission, from the Phoenix Gazette article *Hepatitis B*, by Barbara Yost.]

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver. It is usually caused by a virus, is highly contagious, and its symptoms include fatigue, nausea, fever, joint pain, and sometimes jaundice (a yellowish discoloration of the skin). Most importantly though, is the ease of transmissions: bodily fluids, such as blood, semen and mucus.

There is a vaccine, and testing is relatively cheap, and Gay men and Lesbian women are a primary high-risk group. "In testing of 600 Gay men last year at the [Maricopa] county's venereal disease clinic, 15% were found to be victims of active hepatitis B or were chronic carriers, 47% showed evidence that they had had the disease and now had antibodies, and the remainder [38%] were still susceptible and would benefit from the [hepatitis] vaccine."

Many people believe that prior to the identification of AIDS in 1981, life among the Gays was carefree: dancing, drinking, drugs, clothes, Joan Crawford movies and indiscriminate sexual activities. As rosy as we might wish those 'good ol' days were, there is a certain misconception about Gay life before AIDS.

Gay men are as susceptible now, as they were before AIDS, to gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, mononucleosis and diseases less related to sexual activities.

Some facts from the 1984 Reader's Digest Almanac and Yearbook:

In 1981, there were 72,798 cases of syphilis, 990,864 cases of gonorrhea, 25,802 cases of hepatitis A, 21,152 cases of hepatitis B. [These figures take in account the entire nations' population, not just the Gay population].

As of August 1984, there were 5,785 cases of AIDS nationally. (FOCUS ON AIDS, 8 October 1984) This figure includes the years 1981, '82, '83 and

up to August 1984. Although AIDS is by far the most deadly, you are more likely to get gonorrhea before any of the opportunistic diseases related to AIDS.

Hepatitis B is very prevalent among the Gay society, and is, everything considered, a much easier ailment to get than AIDS. It is so easily transmitted that "if you are in contact with it, you'll get it."

"About 10% of all patients [with hepatitis] are hospitalized, and 1% of these will die. There is no cure, and no treatment beyond rest, nutritious diet and abstinence from alcohol."

"Hepatitis B can progress to more serious diseases such as cirrhosis or liver cancer. [Also] a particle of virus that, in combination with the hepatitis B virus, produces a severe and often fatal disease known as fulminant hepatitis."

These facts and figures are presented as an indication of the need for all of us to be more aware of the risks around us. This is not to say, however, that we should become panicked and swear off all sexual activities forever. It is to say that we should be careful.

The healthier you are, the lower your chances of becoming ill in the first place. Moderate your drinking, smoking and drug-use. Better yet, stop them altogether. Eat nutritious, well-balanced meals. Exercise and maintain a proper body weight.

Also, be aware of the overall health of your sexual partner. Limit your one-night stands and bath-house visits. Encourage yourself to maintain a monogamous relationship. If you are not in a relationship, choose the option of getting to know your future sexual partner before having sex with him or her. Is he clean? Does he look healthy? Does he have a lot of sexual partners? These are all important indicators as to the overall chance of becoming infected.

It is better to forego a sexual liaison if you have doubts about the health of your future partner, than to risk contracting what could become a fatal disease.

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