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## Study Finds Different Brain Waves In Homosexual Males

DENVER, Colo., - Brains of homosexual males are stimulated by sound differently than those of heterosexual men, indicating genetic and biological differences, a psychiatrist said.

Dr. Martin Reite, professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, said the findings are based upon a study of 17 adult males.

An earlier study by a group of National Cancer Institute researcher found evidence supporting the theory that the tendency to be Gay may be inherited.

Dean Hammer, principal author of the earlier study, said his research does not prove that sexual orientation is compelled genetically, but it does indicate that sexual orientation is powerfully influenced by inherited genes.

Reite reported his findings to an annual meeting of the Society for Neurosciences in Washington, D.C..

The 17 men were divided into groups of nine heterosexuals and eight homosexuals.

Brain function was mapped through magnetoencephalography, a non-invasive method of recording magnetic fields of brain activity while tones were delivered through an earphone.

Reite said brain waves of the

heterosexuals was asymmetrical, with processing sites in the right hemisphere being further anterior than those in the left hemisphere.

Past studies had shown that heterosexual women process such stimulation symmetrically in both the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

Brains of homosexual males processed the sound stimulations somewhere between heterosexual males and heterosexual females, the study determined.

"This indicates that there are genetic and biological differences in the brain that correlate to sexual orientation," Reite said.

It is unclear at that point during development the difference becomes apparent, whether prenatally or, for example, during puberty, he said.

Reite said he hopes to continue the research in Denver to include homosexual women in the future.

Hamer's research found a common genetic pattern for homosexuality in a part of the X chromosome in 33 of 40 Gay brothers.

Three other experiments in recent years have found possible biological explanations for sexual orientation.

## Wingspan Sets Election Day For New Board Members

TUCSON - Wingspan's Nominating Committee and current Board of Directors have completed their search for nominees for the 1994 Wingspan Board of Directors. The response to this outreach for new Board members was exceptional, 16 individuals have come forward to serve on the Board and will be up for election on Sunday, January 9, 1994, at 6 p.m. at Wingspan.

This group of nominees, along with two current Board members up for reelection and five members that will continue on the Board, will fill out the '94 Board to a number of 23.

The entire community is encouraged to attend and participate in the election. The election will be for the slate of nominees as they appear listed below, but, nominations and seconds for other interested individuals will be accepted, and may

be offered for election. Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board is encouraged to contact Ken Godat at 624-1779 as soon as possible.

The list of nominees for the Board is as follows: Bruce Cole, Scott Davey, Karen Davies, Leslie Graham, Michael Hutchins, Shawnee Inez, Beau Jones, Adam Lovallo, Eva Maria Lugo, Bob McMahon, Karen McDonald, Elisa Mitchell, Nicole Resin-Stein, Ron Solano, Theresa Terry and Mary Young.

With this potentially dramatic increase in size, Wingspan's Board will stand poised, to better represent a much broader range of individuals within Tucson's Gay Lesbian and Bisexual community. The talents, interests and concerns of this new Board coupled with even greater

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## Tucsonans Join In World AIDS Day Commemoration

TUCSON - Arlene Lopez, aide to Tucson Mayor George Miller, will read the Mayor's proclamation of World AIDS Day at a ceremony starting at 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 1 at the Pascua Neighborhood Center, 758 W. Sahuaro. Activities throughout the day will emphasize education, access to care, and community involvement. World AIDS Day will link communities throughout the U.S. in a unified observance of dimming lights and sounding bells. Organizers have said the White House will dim its lights in tribute to those living with and those who have died from AIDS.

Locally, the day culminates in the sixth annual "A" Mountain candlelight walk/caminata beginning at Presidio Park at 5 p.m. and concluding with a memorial candle and luminaria lighting atop "A" Mountain. Representatives from local AIDS service organizations will be joined by Christian Haren, a former model who lectures nationally about his professional and personal life experiences of living with HIV.

Chairman of the San Ignacio Council Arcadio Gastelum will preside over morning events sponsored by CODAC's Project HACER. In Old Pascua and five other neighborhoods, HACER provides free, anonymous HIV testing, referrals to treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse, and other related services. CODAC Behavioral Health Services is a non-profit organization providing prevention and treatment services addressing drug, alcohol and mental health issues in Pima County.

### WORLD AIDS DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

On this day people will come together to renew their commitment to bring the AIDS pandemic under control. This is an opportunity for individuals and families to become involved in activities and events to increase awareness, focus on the prevention of AIDS and celebrate life. We hope you'll join us. (For more information call the sponsoring agency.)

10 a.m. - 12 noon. Pascua Neighborhood Center, 785 West Sahuaro. Sponsored by: CODAC Project HACER 623-9833. World AIDS Day Proclamation and Commemoration. Celebration of Life. Essay Contest: reading of winning essays. HIV/AIDS Education Game and Raffle.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. University of Arizona

Mall and Student Union Galleries. Sponsored by: University of Arizona-Student Health Service 621-4967. Day Long Event - "A Day Without Art." 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Resource Fair on Mall (local agencies and student groups.) 12 noon - World AIDS Day Ceremony and the Unveiling of "AIDS Awareness" Postage Stamp (co-sponsored by: People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson-PACT 770-1710).

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Student Center Mall-West Campus Pima Community College. Sponsored by: Pima Community College Peer Wellness Center 844-6712. Red Ribbon and Information Give Away.

12:30 p.m. City Wide Simultaneous Events. Sounding of Bells and Balloon Event - "Prayers to Heaven."

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. El Rio Health Center. Sponsored by: El Rio Health Center - AIDS Education Project 670-3904. Educational Resource Exhibits at the Clinic Site. HIV/AIDS Educational Message-Radio KQTL.

2 - 4 p.m. Pascua Yaqui Reservation - New Pascua. Sponsored by: Pascua Yaqui Health Department - AIDS Program 883-5177. Reception and Educational Activities for Community Youth.

4 - 5 p.m. El Presidio Park County Complex - Alameda & Church Streets. Sponsored by: People with AIDS Coalition Tucson-PACT 770-1710. World AIDS Day Ceremony and the Unveiling of "AIDS Awareness" Postage Stamp.

5 - 7 p.m. El Presidio Park County Complex - Alameda & Church Streets. Sponsored by El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora 770-1314. Sixth Annual "A" Mountain Candlelight Walk/Caminata begins downtown and proceeds to "A" Mountain for Vigil and Lighting of Luminaries.

5 - 7 p.m. Dinnerware Gallery. 135 East Congress Street. Sponsored by Shanti Foundation of Tucson 622-7107. "Paper Prayers". A benefit for Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Brings together local artists, students, Shanti clients and volunteers, and others to create art that offers a prayer of hope to those living with HIV/AIDS and other life threatening illnesses.

7 - 8 p.m. HIV Early Prevention Center. 801 West Congress. Sponsored by: Students for the Prevention of AIDS, SPA

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# UPDATE

## OPBPA Business & Craft Fair This Sunday

TUCSON - The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will be holding their fourth annual holiday business and crafts fair this coming Sunday, December 5th, from 3 - 6 p.m., at the Cactus Gallery, 621 North 4th Avenue.

Many Gay and Lesbian artisans and merchants will be at this event and O.P.B.P.A. urges the community to come to the event and support them.

Interested artisans and business who wish to participate call 293-5397. For more information call 791-7000.

## Desert Voices Holding Auditions

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Choir will be holding auditions for the spring semester on Monday December 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The auditions will take place at the University of Arizona School of Music Building. All sections are open, Desert Voices are especially looking for sopranos, tenors and bases. Call 791-9662 for more details or information.

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## Gay Games V Goes To Amsterdam

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federation of Gay Games announced Amsterdam, The Netherlands, as the site for Gay Games V to be held in 1998. The announcement was made at The Federation's annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. This marks the first time in history the Gay Games will be held off the North American continent.

In making the site announcement, Federation Co-presidents Rick Peterson and Susan Kennedy stressed the selection will not be completely official until contractual agreements are finalized.

Bids to host Gay Games V were received from three cities: Amsterdam, Atlanta, and Sydney. "All three bids were exceptional," stated the Co-presidents. "Everyone is excited to see the Gay Games enhance its international status by being held off the North American continent for the first time."

Amsterdam is centrally situated in Europe with more than 350 million people on its doorstep and within easy reach of the rest of the world through "Europe's hub" Amsterdam Airport. The Netherlands has welcomed minorities for centuries; homosexuality has long been integrated into the multicultural Dutch society.

"Amsterdam is a very open society with a strong history of tolerance and acceptance, so it's only fitting that Amsterdam's theme for Gay Games V is Friendship," said Peterson and Kennedy.



## Lobbying Called For PBS AIDS Program

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., - Lesbian and Gay people around the country should be lobbying their local public radio stations to broadcast a new radio documentary entitled Give Me Those Moments: Parents Remembered Their Gay Sons Who Died of AIDS, produced by Bert Wylen.

The documentary's premiere broadcast in Philadelphia after the local AIDS walk fund raiser on October 17 brought a flood of compassionate response. Typical was one listener who called to say, "I thought it was a very moving, wonderful show. I hope it gets rebroadcast soon." Even long time Lesbian activist Barbara Gittings called Wylen to tell him how moved she was by the program.

In this half-hour of radio, listeners will be able to identify, through a series of moving interviews, with parents who have lost their Gay sons to AIDS, and to see these men and their families as victims of a dread disease who lived and loved as warm-blooded human beings. All recall finding out their sons were Gay and had AIDS, how they coped with the disease, what some of them do now as AIDS activists to carry on the memories of their beloved deceased, and how they deal with their on-going grief.

Joe Logan of the Philadelphia Inquirer called it "a stirring documentary." Philadelphia columnist Brian Caffall wrote that Moments is "an extremely moving account of love, loss and understanding." Lesbian singer-songwriter Margie Adam, whose song "How Many" is incorporated into the broadcast, said, "The candor of the parents is really breath taking at times." Gregory King, communications director of H.R.C.F. said, "It's one of the most remarkable and powerful radio documentaries ever produced about the AIDS epidemic. Bert Wylen captures the true loss of the human family in the wake of AIDS."

According to Philadelphia magazine, Wylen's first documentary, Unfriendly Fire: Lesbians and Gays in the Military (May 1991) "is regarded as having brought the issue of Gays in the military to the forefront."

"My experience in distributing Unfriendly Fire demonstrated the importance of this kind of community lobbying," Wylen said. "The news director of an Ohio station made a frantic call to me the day of the (Unfriendly Fire) satellite feed to say that his down-link had broken down half-way through the program, and he needed a copy express-mailed to him. 'I don't know how the Gay community found out about this, but they've been breathing down my neck to air it.' The same sort of community effort is needed for Give Me Those Moments. Ask them kindly to fit the documentary into their programming schedules."

## Wingspan

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input from the community, will form an integral part of the refocusing of Wingspan's mission. It is hoped that this new Board will have the potential to open broad new areas of services and communication that Wingspan has previously been unable to provide for the ongoing benefit of all of Tucson's Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals.



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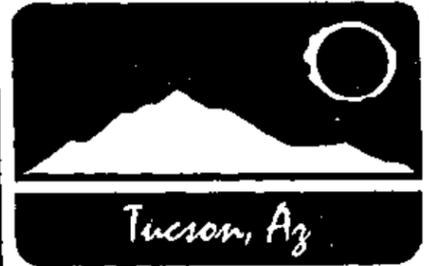
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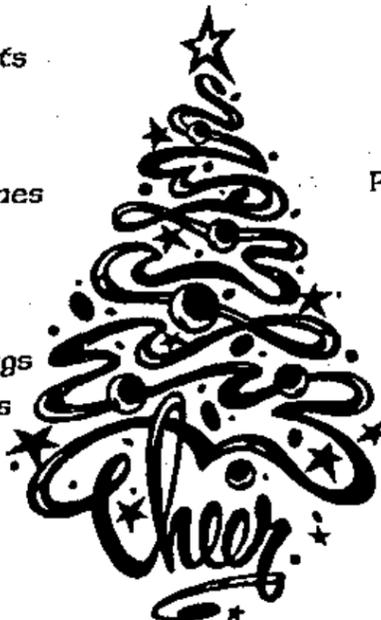
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## Panel Calls Agency's AIDS Program A Failure

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \$539 million annual effort to slow the spread of HIV has been a dismal failure, a federally appointed panel of AIDS experts says.

"The federal bureaucracy has not acted upon AIDS as a crisis situation," said Norma Lopez, of the National Council of La Raza in Washington D.C., who is a chairwoman of the panel.

The 50 member Advisory Committee on the Prevention of HIV Infection concluded in a series of reports that:

The government has failed to identify transmission trends accurately because it counts only AIDS cases, not new HIV infections.

Government HIV testing sites made little effort to assist people in reducing high risk behaviors, and referral services were usually non-existent.

By shying away from blunt, explicit sexual language, the government fails to deliver effective warnings against high-risk behavior.

Programs to prevent infections among high-risk youth are seriously underfunded.

Because the CDC directed prevention efforts at a "mainstream" audience, those at greatest risk, Gay men, African Americans and Latinos, have missed the message.

Congress has been too conservative with funding and created a political climate that led to censoring of plain talk about sex and HIV transmission.

In response to the findings, Dr. James Curren, director of the office of HIV/AIDS at the CDC, told the American Medical News that "our prevention programs were built rapidly in response to an epidemic, before we understood which interventions would be most effective."

"In this time of scarce resources, we must be more focused, and evaluate what is working" and what isn't, Curren said.

With unlimited funding, prevention programs could avert "maybe half" of new infections, he told the publication of the American Medical Association.

The panel's review was ordered by the Clinton administration to evaluate federal prevention efforts in the first 12 years of the AIDS epidemic, and suggest improvements.

AIDS is the No. 1 cause of death among men ages 25 to 44, and the fourth leading cause of death among women in this age range. Although there are signs that the rate of new infections has slowed, an estimated 40,000 to 80,000 Americans become infected each year, ensuring that the epidemic will continue into the beginning of the next century.

In San Francisco, the epidemic among young Gay men ages 17 to 22 continues to spread virtually unchecked. In this age group, there has been a 12 percent rate of new infections during the past two years.

Community based groups launched prevention programs in 1982 before the cause of AIDS was even discovered. By comparison, the national preven-

tion effort got off to a slower start. The CDC was given \$200,000 in 1981 to count newly emerging AIDS cases, but major outreach and educational campaigns weren't well under way until the mid 1980s. The CDC now funds about 500 prevention programs across the country.

Funding for CDC prevention programs has been essentially flat over the past three years, with an actual decrease in fiscal year 1992.

The review panel outlined its reports to a CDC meeting in Atlanta. But the office release will not come until next March when the CDC prepares its formal response.

The CDC has boosted the overall number of Americans being tested, but has not effectively penetrated high risk communities. Thus it may be failing to identify many infected people.

"Inappropriate and ineffective risk-reduction messages are widely disseminated," charged Lopez, who chaired a subcommittee on improving public understanding of the HIV epidemic. A vivid example was the "America Responds to AIDS" campaign, which failed to mention condom use.

The group recommended that the government change the way it monitors the spread of the epidemic, involves community groups in local prevention efforts, and designs risk-reduction messages.

It suggested monitoring high risk behaviors and HIV infections, not just AIDS cases. The CDC should function as a strong national advocate, reaching out to community groups with technical support.

Unless it is willing to use direct and candid language, the CDC shouldn't waste its time with public service announcements to the mainstream community. Instead it should use paid advertisements to target small at-risk communities, the panel recommended.

Congress took its share of blame.

"It is not possible, or fair, to evaluate overall (CDC) progress without recognizing the hostile political context within which critical strategic and practical decisions were made," Lopez said.

The CDC has begun to implement some of the recommendations, such as a soon-to-be-launched public information campaign using more explicit messages.

Krisane Gebbie, the Clinton administration's AIDS policy coordinator, has increased pressure on the CDC to be more direct and outspoken in its prevention and education activities. Gebbie says that the United States should stop being a "repressed Victorian society" when it comes to sex.

She has also established an AIDS education effort for federal employees, the nation's largest single work force, and endorse needle-exchange programs to prevent HIV spread among intravenous drug users. (San Francisco Examiner)



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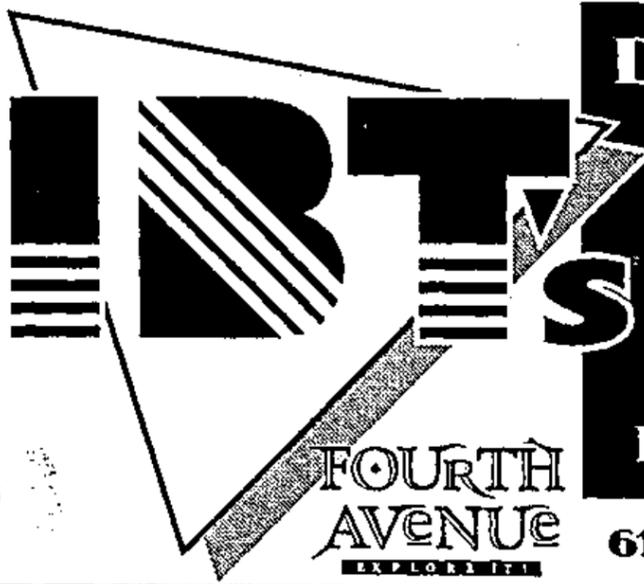
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# Viewpoint

by Robin Hardy

1993's World AIDS Day will go down in history as a most macabre endorsement of mass slaughter. The White House will dim its lights, Gay officials murmur breathlessly. But that misses the whole point. Actions on World AIDS Day were meant to be a protest against White House inaction. Then and now.

Talk about co-optation, but it's hardly unexpected. The "fight" against AIDS has become pure sentimentality. The post office issues a red ribbon stamp, and you can buy red ribbon bone china at Barney's, and critics gush about *Perestroika* and *Jeffrey*, and people line up to see them. But in the month after the pessimistic news out of the Berlin conference in June, the death rate from AIDS in San Francisco doubled, from around 200 to 400. Although it cannot be measured on a chart, these extra dead people appear to have just given up hope.

So has the Gay community. When Gay "leaders" had their historic meeting in the Oval Office earlier this year, they struck AIDS from the agenda, until the President insisted on bringing it up. Virtually all the Gay men who built the movement during its first 15 years have been wiped out, and the new generation no longer wants to define its "queerness" in terms of disease. As far as the new leadership of the Gay community is concerned, AIDS is over. And Gay men lust.

Besides, rhetoric has it that AIDS is not a Gay disease, it's everyone's. In percentage terms, there is a slight decline in the number of Gay men with AIDS. But individuals are not percentages; the number of Gay men who are diagnosed or dead rises higher each week. The transmission rate of HIV among young Gay men appears to be sky-rocketing. It's no surprise: their elders have given them permission to have unsafe sex, because AIDS is no longer a Gay disease. It's everyone else's.

Unfortunately, when AIDS fell off the Gay agenda, no other community stepped forward to carry the torch. The vacuum has been filled with professionals, wallowing in vast amounts of Ryan White

funds. It's like contracting out compassion. When the typical PWA knocks out one end of this great factory, cogs and wheels begin to turn, but often little comes out the other side. If there's a 13 bureaucrat run around to get disability, case workers provide lists of phone numbers to half-blind CMV retinitis patients, instead of just doing it.

A very specific narrative has now been written into American life: get HIV, get horribly sick, die. Again and again newspapers insert their boilerplate clause, "scientists believe all those infected will eventually die." That this is only a belief is no longer clear. It is also contradicted by fact: 35% of HIV+ San Francisco men in a cohort followed since the late '70s still have intact immune systems. Among PWAs there are recognized hordes of wistfully named, "long-term survivors", people living well with HIV ten years after infection or three years after diagnosis. Some of these men's immune systems plunged almost to nothing then slowly rose to half-steam and remain stable; others have vanished immune systems, yet manage their health so they never fall prey to opportunistic infections. There are thousands of them. Yet a mythology that AIDS is quickly and invariably fatal persists.

Scientists and drug companies have been allowed to make so many mistakes, everyone believes their new line: hunker down for the long haul, there's not going to be a cure or treatment soon. Whenever a breakthrough or discovery is made, scientific cautionaries are quoted with apparent relish: "It will be many years before this breakthrough translates into a treatment." Not once has a scientist or AIDS bureaucrat or AIDS czar said, "We will do everything we can to get this discovery rigorously tested will do everything we can to get this discovery rigorously tested, and if it works, into people as quickly as possible." Not once.

It's almost as if there's a price to be paid for getting your hopes up. I think it's still connected to a streak of puritanism in our culture. Contrary to popular belief, most of the sex that led to AIDS

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wasn't orgiastic; it was the same kind of sex everyone else was having, Gay or straight. Is it that HIV+ people must accept the consequences on behalf of those who "transgressed" but remained negative?

How convenient then, to swallow a bag of tricks that means years of research grants, philanthropic endowments, congressional appropriations, and charitable donations for a vast new cadre of professionals and scientists, caseworkers and bureaucrats. "Hunker down for the long haul," is their battle cry, as they launch their careers into the 21st century.

Two years ago, MicroGeneSys, in cahoots with Walter Reed Military Hospital tricked Congress into appropriating \$20 million to test their therapeutic vaccine, GP160. If such a vaccine works, it will help people who are already infected fight the virus. All the Beltway agencies and departments were in a tizzy about MicroGeneSys's end run around the FDA. Bernadette Healy gave a stern nod to merely humanitarian concerns by agreeing to go ahead with the tests anyway. Two years later bureaucrats in said Beltway agencies are still fighting turf wars over who gets to spend the money, and where.

Appointing a straight woman as the AIDS Czar instead of an HIV+ Gay activist, is this the humane face of the new administration, to give us our mothers? Instead of instituting a Manhattan-type project to make significant progress against the immune-deficiency syndrome, there is no action, no call to action, neither from the AIDS czar nor from the White House that will dim its lights on Wednesday night. Thus, the price of electoral victory.

The list of things-to-do-in-a-crisis-already exists: last January, Project Inform gathered several dozen of America's foremost AIDS researchers to a weekend retreat on Francis Ford Coppola's modestly opulent Russian River estate. These scientists, normally rivals with competing employers, were "loosened up" when Coppola started the retreat with theatre exercises. The scientists were divided into four groups of six. Two groups were to make recommendations for no-holds-barred research that would signif-

icantly alter disease progression, and be accomplished within 18 months, the other two groups were charged with drawing up 36 month agendas. At the plenary that compared efforts, the research recommendations and tasks on all four lists were astoundingly similar. The lists are there for the asking. If anyone cares to ask.

As for the therapeutic vaccines, pharmaceutical and biogenetic companies, and the Salk Institute have been injecting them into small numbers of human beings for five years now. It's time to release data, no matter how tentative.

Out in America, silent except for fits of a hacking cough, going blind, growing weaker, losing weight, helpless, slipping into night, an audience watches this theatre of the absurd. Where are the steel instruments to record deaths that ensue from their despair?

Absence cannot be measured. So many thousands of sweet and handsome Gay men, and straight men, and women, and children, all ages and colors, so many tens of thousands, so many hundreds of thousands. And many more to go. And when you argue against mass murder, people remind you that "you're angry," as if anger somehow invalidates your point of view.

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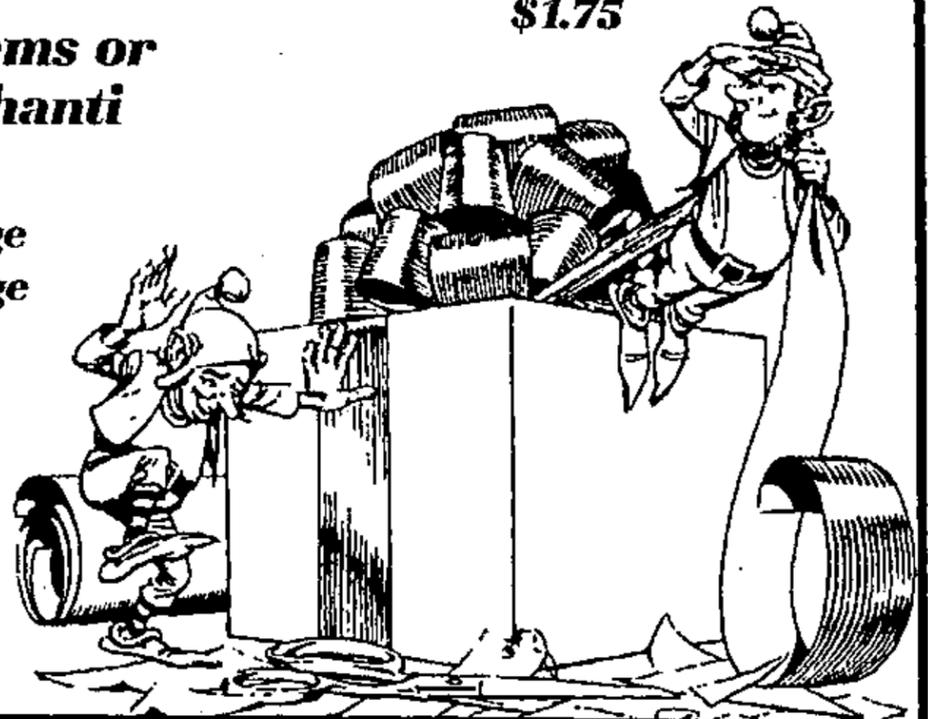
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## Making A Connection For Civil Rights

by Bill Darker

On Thursday, January 7th at 1:00 in the morning, the city council in Lewiston, Maine, became the second in the state to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The ordinance had the support of many community leaders, including Lewiston's mayor and chief of police. However, the ordinance had its detractors.

Largely Franco-American (many of it's residents speak French as a first language), Lewiston's 40,000 citizens are blue collar, Roman Catholic and conservative. A group called "Citizens of Lewiston for the Repeal of Special Homosexual Rights" initiated a petition drive for the repeal of the ordinance. They garnered the necessary signatures.

Equal Protection Lewiston (EPL) was formed to mobilize support against the repeal effort. They worked hard to challenge the opponent's claim that civil rights are "special" rights. They organized an office, prepared flyers, took polls, and placed calls to get the message out. They gained endorsements from civic groups and respected individuals in the community. My first contact with EPL was with Finance Coordinator Janet Welch, and impassioned woman who knows Lewiston well. She arranged for me and my colleague at HRCF, Julio Abreu, to come to Maine for the final push until election day on November, 2nd. We stayed with local businessman Denis Gilbert, an openly Gay man.

Last May, Denis was the victim of a brutal attack perpetrated by two men who knew of him through his business. They had arrived at his home and asked if they could come inside for a glass of water. Of course, Denis obliged. Once inside, they attacked him with a knife, stabbing him fifteen times in the ensuing struggle. They left only when they thought a silent home alarm to police had been triggered. Denis Gilbert was victimized but refused to remain a victim. He got involved, and so did his family, including his uncle, Lewiston's chief of police, Laurent (Larry) Gilbert.

Larry Gilbert looks just as one might expect a Chief of Police to look. What was most unexpected was that this man was one of the most committed to seeing that the civil rights ordinance stayed on the books. I spent all of a Saturday riding around with him and his 13 year old son, canvassing Lewiston with EPL literature and knocking on doors to ask if we could place "Vote No! Discrimination" signs on lawns. During the day we discussed the ordinance repeal effort but most importantly we talked about our own personal experiences with this discrimination "thing", and he asked me about my own experience on being Gay in today's society. I have rarely had such a deep and intimate conversation with my own family, and here I was having one with a virtual stranger! A connection was made. It is all about connections.

Grass-roots canvassing is not an easy job, but a necessary one. Equal Protection Lewiston had a very committed team of volunteers to conduct information distribution, make phone calls urging supporters to vote, and on election day monitor the polling places. There seemed to be a problem however. Numbers. Having been to the local Gay bar in Lewiston, which is owned by Roland Blais who was a member of the Hate/Bias Crime Task Force and instrumental in mobilizing support in the community, I noticed a

sizeable Gay community for a city the size of Lewiston. I wondered, "Are these people only able to leave their homes at night? I don't see them volunteering." I discovered the answer to my own question a few days later on November 2nd, election day in Lewiston.

As election day neared and I began to really get to know my Gay and straight brothers and sisters in the volunteer effort, I felt that even though I was a complete stranger to them a few days ago, an outsider from the beltway, that I belonged. Denis Gilbert let us have complete run of his home for ten days and volunteered daily. Roland Blais, local Gay bar owner expended a tremendous effort in organizing and canvassing. Lewiston Mayor James Howaniec canvassed and helped put up signs. Janet Welch, the spearhead of EPL, a Franco-American Lesbian and native of Lewiston, inspired us all.

The polls opened on November 2nd at 7:30 a.m. and I arrived at my designated polling place to monitor the activity to make sure no underhanded deeds took place by the forces of the extremist right. Two women from the "Vote Yes to Repeal Special Rights" camp were there with clipboards ready to challenge Bates College students as to their legal residency. After she voted, one young student told me that she "sensed a lot of hate" from the two clipboard ladies. I simply agreed and said "That's why we're here." "Thanks," she said. We connected.

Later in the day I observed a young college student with a March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Liberation T-Shirt approach the ballot table. The two elderly women poll workers upon seeing the pretty design in the shape of a triangle on the shirt wanted to read it. Tracing the text on the shirt with her finger, one of the women was speechless, unsure what to say, the other said "Oh... My son went to that." The elderly ladies eyes met. A connection was made.

Minutes later I noticed a young man whom I had made conversation with at the local Gay bar two nights earlier. Although I didn't recall his name, I reached out to shake his hand and said a friendly hello. My gesture was ignored. I said hello again, and he recoiled and pointed to the woman in front of him at the polling table, mouthing the words, "that's my mother". Now I was the one who was speechless. I realized that he was not "out" to his mother, and simply because I had on a campaign button I was a threat. I was slapped back into the reality of Lewiston. There was no connection here.

Although it took only a moment, that incident told me a lot about why we lost in Lewiston. Our biggest enemy in this battle was not the extreme right and the hate-mongers. It was the closet. The fear tactics and stereotypes that our opponents use time and time again stuck like glue in Lewiston. Sure, there were some high profile Lesbians and Gays and Gay friendly people there. But something was missing, the personal connection.

Lewiston is a small place, and it is reasonable to assume that every voter knew someone who is Lesbian or Gay. Every voter has a link to a friend, a family member or a co-worker who happens to

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**POLITICS '93** by Mark Kerr

**DEMOS MEET WITH LANG**

It was reported last week, that members of the Pima County Democratic Executive Committee had held a "private" meeting with the Assessor, Alan Lang, his Chief Deputy, Tom Naifeh, and an (get this!) unidentified employee.

The meeting was private when the Democrats threw out a reporter from the Arizona Daily Star. (Gee, doesn't this violate the Open Meetings Law!). The meetings agenda, was reported to be about "private confidential strategy." (Like what guys?! The County Chair, John Soltero, stated that the meeting "went well." (Good sound bite!)

(Finally, maybe the "committee" realized that Lang's stormy term in the office is bringing the party down in the eyes of the electorate. NOT!)

**LANG FOLLIES CONTINUE**

This past week, our illustrious Assessor had another run-in with the law. It was reported that over this past weekend that a 911 call had been made from Lang's house, and when police and paramedics arrived they found Lang arguing with his girl friend. Both refused to make a police statement.

**TOTAL RECALL UPDATE**

Had enough? I sure have! There is a recall effort on the Assessor by Total Recall, which is coordinating a recall effort of Mike Boyd and Ed Moore as well. To get petitions or get involved call 623-1478 and leave a message. The time for action is now!

**BLANCHARD SWEEPSTAKES**

Yes, the "boy wonder" of the Arizona State Senate, Chuck Blanchard, (D-District 25), a person who has been mentioned as a Democratic candidate for Mayor of Phoenix, and for State Attorney General has been mentioned now for, (are you ready!), Congress in C.D. 1. This may happen if Rep. Sam Coppersmith decides to run for the vacated U.S. Senate seat which is up for election next year.

**TOM SAGGAU SWEARING IN**

Next Monday, December 6, Ward 3 Councilmember-elect, Tom Saggau, will become Councilmember Saggau. The swearing in will take place at City Hall

Council Chambers at 10 a.m. We should be there en masse for Tom, a person we helped to get elected, a person who is going to improve city government, a person who is worth while.

**TUCSON LEGISLATORS HOLD TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Tucson legislators from L.D. 13 and 14 will be holding "town hall meetings" this coming Saturday. The town halls are scheduled for these locations:

L.D. 13: Reps. Andy Nichols and George Cunningham, 10 a.m., Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue.

L.D. 14: Reps. Herschella Horton and Ruth Solomon and Sen. Cindy Resnick, 10 a.m. at Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road.

**PONDER A WHILE, BUT DON'T FILE**

It is interesting that a "paid membership" and a "contribution" can quiet a "group". In 1994, people are going to say to an elected official, "Where's the office space?" The ending of the "honeymoon" I mentioned about last week has a mega-developer "gritting their teeth" over the reasons behind it.

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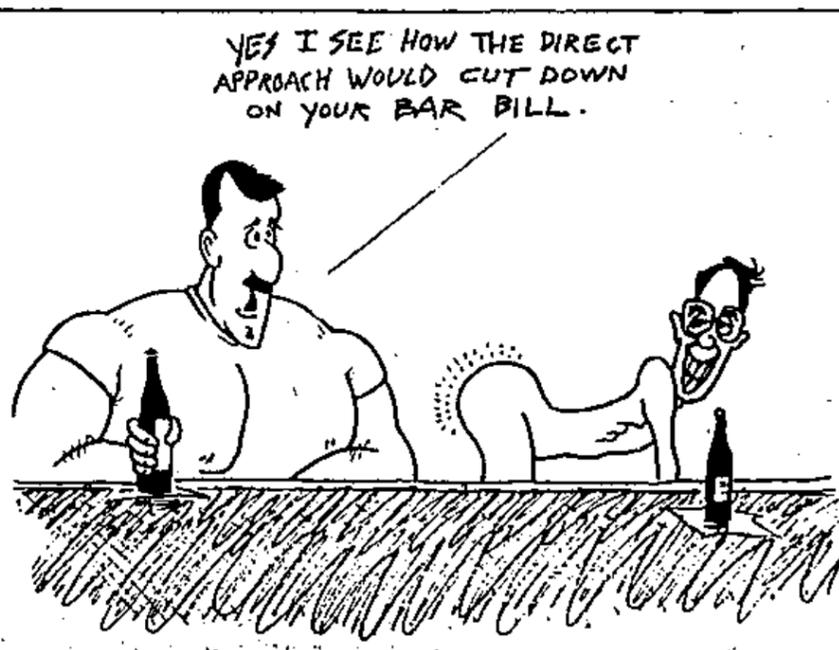


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**PERSPECTIVE**

by Susan Morgan

**In Defense Of Bisexuals**

(Or why you should come out of the closet ... again)

First, an announcement: There's new group in town for Bisexuals only. It's on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at Wingspan. Should you be there? Even if you don't think you should, I bet someone you know ought to be marking it on his or her calendar right now.

Is it any wonder that some people don't think Bisexuals exist? After all, who would want to admit to being one when we get badmouthed from the (straight) media AND from the queer community.

Granted, there are a minority of Gays and Lesbians who can't fathom being attracted to a member of the opposite gender, but there are plenty of us who can. Come now, we all know at least one self-identified Gay or Lesbian person (perhaps...intimately?) who harbors secret attractions or even has "affairs" with people of the opposite gender. Tell them to come out of the closet and get down to the meeting.

We need to take responsibility for creating a Bisexual community. Why? One reason is to counter the preposterous myths about Bisexuality so that we can become a more cohesive Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community. I am tired of hearing people say that Bisexuals can't make up their minds, they can't be monogamous, they're just on their way to being "fully" queer, etc., etc. Ho hum, folks. Try talking to a real, self-identified Bisexual and get the real scoop. I've been out for nine years, have never cheated on a lover, and have been politically active

since college. I was a co-founder of the ACT-UP chapter in Western Massachusetts, but soon realized that I was destined to encounter more hostility and irrational fear in the Gay and Lesbian community than in the straight community. Is it no wonder that a number of Bisexual people who try to venture out from the straight community continue to attempt to repress their attraction to members of their own gender?

I won't deny that the Bisexual community has long been a safe haven for those who are just coming out. And certainly, there are those who get married who eventually realize what "might have been" and manage to find the courage to try to start life all over again. But we need to realize that the scope of Bisexuality is as large as the numbers of people who are truly Bisexual. Many people have the capacity to enjoy companionship and sex with members of both genders. Give us a break. We exist, and we want our community to reflect the incredible diversity of our experiences.

My vision of a Bisexual community is one that encompasses coming out groups for those "in transition," support for "established" Bisexuals, a group for Bisexuals married to people who are Gay/Lesbian or straight, our own proud contingent in (gasp!) a Tucson pride parade, social events, and most definitely, a political group targeting the Gay and Lesbian community's misperceptions and prejudices about Bisexual people. If you want to be a part of this vision of a new and improved queer community. We hope to see you this Thursday.

**Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson**

by Michael Allison

**AGRA CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

Saturday, December 11, AGRA Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., HOURS.

Saturday, December 19, AGRA Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m., The Graduate. General Meeting following at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Jamboree following at 6:00 p.m.

January 14-16, The Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Corona Arena, Phoenix, more details coming soon.

March 18-20, the Saguaro Regional Rodeo, Tucson! Details coming soon.

AGRA Hotline 323-0805.

"Chili Verde Days" 1993 was a real success for AGRA. Over \$1400 was raised! Thanks to the community for supporting us!

Last Saturday AGRA held it's first sunset trail ride and the response and reactions were incredible. Thirty five people participated in the ride beginning at the El Conquistador Stables and winding its way up pusch ridge to some incredible vistas. Afterward a fabulous dinner was served by a huge bonfire where everyone had time to mingle. Everyone attending came back with glowing reports. In fact, everyone I've talked to wants to do it again as soon as possible. Looks like we'll hold another trailride in the spring! Sorry more of you didn't make it but you'll have another chance come spring.

Hard to believe that December is already here! That means that the first of

our Gay rodeos is only about six weeks or so away! You need to start making plans now to head up to Phoenix on January 14-16 for the second best week-end of fun to be had in Arizona (Second best because only Tucson's rodeo offers more fun!) If you've never seen a Gay rodeo then it's about time to see what you've been missing. In addition to the traditional rodeo events which are held and conducted in a completely professional matter, there's some of the hottest partying to be found in the southwest. Rodeo weekends are non-stop fun and action! Make plans to spend the weekend in Phoenix now!

And following the Phoenix rodeo by only eight weeks is the hottest weekend seen in Tucson! March 18-20 brings Tucson's own Gay rodeo, the Saguaro Regional. People will be coming from all over the country to share in our Gay community's biggest and best event! The day hours will be filled with continuous rodeo events at the arena with nonstop partying, dancing, eating, and drinking throughout the day. When the sun sets get ready for parties like you've never seen in Tucson! We're expecting as many as 3,000 people at our hotel parties this year! Last year we had 2,500 and it'll be bigger and better this year. You'll be proud of Tucson and the Gay community when you see all that's offered.

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DEAR FRIEND:

In the days before my son Allen was beaten to death by one of his shipmates, he knew his life was in danger. In his journal, he wrote about his sense of despair and hopelessness that some aboard his ship could not accept that he was Gay. But he had nowhere to turn.

Although it doesn't seem possible, things are worse today in the military than just a few months ago. Since President Clinton buckled under to the military brass, homophobic officers on bases around the world have been allowed to step up their witch hunts. I hear every day from Lesbians and Gays in the military, and from frightened parents, who want to know if there is ant help available.

Thankfully, young men and women like my son Allen now have somewhere to turn. Across the country, attorneys have stepped forward and offered to serve as unpaid counsel to Lesbians and Gays who are targets of investigation, harassment or discharge. This nationwide network of attorneys is being coordinated by a new non-profit organization, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

But all the attorneys in the world won't help if Gays and Lesbians in the military don't know how to find them. That's why I am asking for your help.

We want to begin publicizing the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. We need your help to pay for ads on bases and in military newspapers. We need your help to support the tiny staff that is coordinating all these attorneys.

When Colonel Fred Peck found out his son Scott is Gay, he told the U.S. Senate that he would not want his son to serve because he would be afraid for his life. Thousands of men and women like Scott Peck and Allen Schindler are in the military today, in fear for their lives.

We couldn't do anything to save my son from being beaten and left to die in a men's room in Japan. But we can ensure that no one else has to go through what he did. Please help me.

Sincerely, Dorothy Hajdys

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DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to express my feelings to the fine people in our community.

I've been in Tucson now for 2 and 1/2 years and have honestly enjoyed myself. However, as they say, all good things must come to an end, and now its time for me to move on.

I can't possibly thank everyone in one letter, so if I've left anyone out, please don't take it personally, but know that my heart is with you.

To all my true friends, you know who you are. Thank you for all your love and support.

To my ex - Robert Martin, thank you honey for everything. I do love you and I'm glad we managed to remain good friends. I.L.M.P - always!

To Shane Kirkpatrick, what can I say kid. You are the little brother (or sister) I never had, but always wanted. Thanks for everything. You were there when I needed you most. Now that I'm gone, whenever you are feeling down or blue, just remember - FLUFF UP BITCH!

To Raffi, I'm glad I was able to play a part in opening your eyes to a whole new world you never thought to explore - you go girl!

To the management and staff of Club 2520, thank you for the opportunity to work with Tucson's finest. I will miss all of you.

I don't want anyone to look at this as a "GOODBYE", but rather as a "so long". I will be back, and we will party again.

Once again, thank you all for all your love and support. See ya soon.

Love, Mark McDonald  
a.k.a. "D.J. Marquis"

DEAR WINTER ENTHUSIAST:

It has been an intense year for us. We are going forward with the 17th Aspen Gay Ski Week. It's not that we are for or against the boycott, it's that we have the right to assembly. If we canceled the week then Colorado for Family Values wins, so we will continue to welcome our Gay and Lesbian friends with a banner over Main Street. The opening party is Sunday evening January 23rd, 1994 at the Hotel Jerome.

The response to our going forward has been everything from verbal insults and hate mail from pro-boycott Gays to unsolicited cash donations and group confirmations. We will welcome everyone. These groups have told us that Aspen has always supported the week and they will too.

We have mixed feelings on the boycott; it's something you do to your enemies. Consider, Aspen was the first city in the state to pass a Gay rights law, that the city passed three pro-Gay resolutions surrounding 2, that it joined the lawsuit, that we had a Gay float in this year's 4th of July parade, that our sheriff endorse the week, "We really like the week because there's no macho bullshit associated with the week.", and that this last Gay Ski Week raised over \$40,000 for anti-2 and pro-Gay causes. This brings up the question, are we your friend's or you enemies?

Pro-boycott or anti-boycott, Aspen or Park City, our strategies may differ, yet and this is the really important point, we are united in our goals to advance the Gay cause. The activist Frank Kameny said, "There is nothing to be maintained by keeping an enemy. Once you have made your point, you can bring them in as allies." With this in mind the 18th Aspen Gay Ski Week has been set to begin with an opening party on January 22, 1995!

As to historical analogies, we are pushing not Arizona but the behind the lines Resistance Movement of WWII. The Allies supported them. If this is to esoteric consider the Black civil rights movement in this country during the fifties and sixties. They went to the South to help and they went into the restaurants. Presi-

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# Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

**SHALL THERE BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARIZONA CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING ANY LAW OR POLICY WHICH PROVIDES THAT HOMOSEXUAL, LESBIAN, OR BISEXUAL ORIENTATION, CONDUCT, OR RELATIONSHIPS CONSTITUTE OR ENTITLES A PERSON TO CLAIM ANY MINORITY OR PROTECTED STATUS, QUOTA PREFERENCES, OR CLAIM OF DISCRIMINATION?**

This is not the proposed ballot initiative. The Arizona version will be similar. What does this mean to you? It means our meager civil rights protections in Tucson, passed in the literal wake of a Gay mans' murder, will be null and void. It means B-GALA and similar groups on our publicly funded campuses will lose their official sanction to exist. It means nothing to me. I'm out. Look up the word "out" in the dictionary and you will see my resume photo. I have my family behind me and my conscience clear. I will fight to prevent its passage. I won't quit. But if it passes, let me give you a taste of Armageddon.

I have a list of prominent Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals. They work for or own some of the large and high-profile companies in Arizona. Some vote in Congress, advise Senators, head up departments of our state government. They preach in nearly every Christian denomination you can name. They sell real estate, cars, software, bonds. They sit on the boards and direct some of Arizona's leading cultural institutions. They have families, friends, co-workers, all of whom have loose lips. That is why a not-so-bright-guy like me can acquire and corroborate all this information in less than two years.

I did it, who else do you think has done it? What do you think they might do with their list? Please come out and fight before this amendment is passed. Who will fight for you after it is passed? As Audre Lord wrote, "Your silence will not protect you."

I've been thinking about organizations and the people who join them. I think I see the same thirteen people or so at the meetings I attend. I love them dearly, even the folks I can't stand, but I'm sick of their faces. More to the point, I'm sick of their voices. We need new (or re-tread) people with their ideas, eyes and voices.

Can we agree on six goals? 1.) End discrimination based on sexual orientation. 2.) End hate violence. 3.) Obtain recognition of our families. 4.) Implement a progressive AIDS policy at every level of government and community. 5.) Overturn laws that criminalize our sexuality. 6.) Achieve the ability to live our lives openly and freely. (Thank you, Urvashi Vaid)

How's that for starters? Any ideas? Write me, or better yet, see ya at the next meeting. We may not always agree on everything. In fact, I'd put money on it, but that is no excuse for imploding ourselves. The only thing we all have in common; the old and young, those of color or not, of means or without, male or female or trans, HIV negative or positive, the families and friends, is this:

we are oppressed, repressed, discriminated against, and divided by the excuse of "traditional family values". It is the lie that won't die without killing it.

Unless we explain to people, show them, how people suffer from discrimination, then we will fight this fight (ballot initiatives) again and again. We must design, coordinate, run an organization that will change the way Arizonans feel about Lesbian and Gay people. We must identify and show Lesbian and Gay people as role models and use them up front in our endeavors. We can't paint the right with a single brush stroke of conspiracy and we certainly can't expect the support of civil libertarians who don't understand our concerns. There can be no assumption that an unwillingness to support discrimination will translate to support for civil rights.

It's Lesbian and Gay people who are behind many of the things that make Tucson and all of Arizona a special place. If we make a case of our contributions and

show how important we already are to them, it will be hard for them to discriminate.

Gilda Fatale will be hosting an "auction" of beefcake, cheesecake and sights to soothe the eyes. This not to be missed event is at IBT's on Sunday December 5th at 9:00 p.m. Featured merchandise will include some of our very own frat boys and a few of those hunks you just can't bring yourself to talk to. All proceeds go to the Tucson Human Rights Coalition as Gilda has selected THRC as her beneficiary for her quest to become the first Miss A.G.R.A. from Tucson.

On that very same day the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will be having their annual business fair. Debra Broner is hosting the event at the Cactus Gallery (across the street from IBT's) from 3 to 6 p.m. The Glamazons will cross the street (stopping car and trolley traffic, no doubt) to make a rare daylight appearance. Thank you, Gilda. Thank you, Glama-gals!

Please join the Tucson Human Rights Coalition, P.O. Box 41182, Tuc-

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[Comments, rebuttals, and/or pithy remarks are welcome: Kenny Jacobs c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, Arizona, 85703.]

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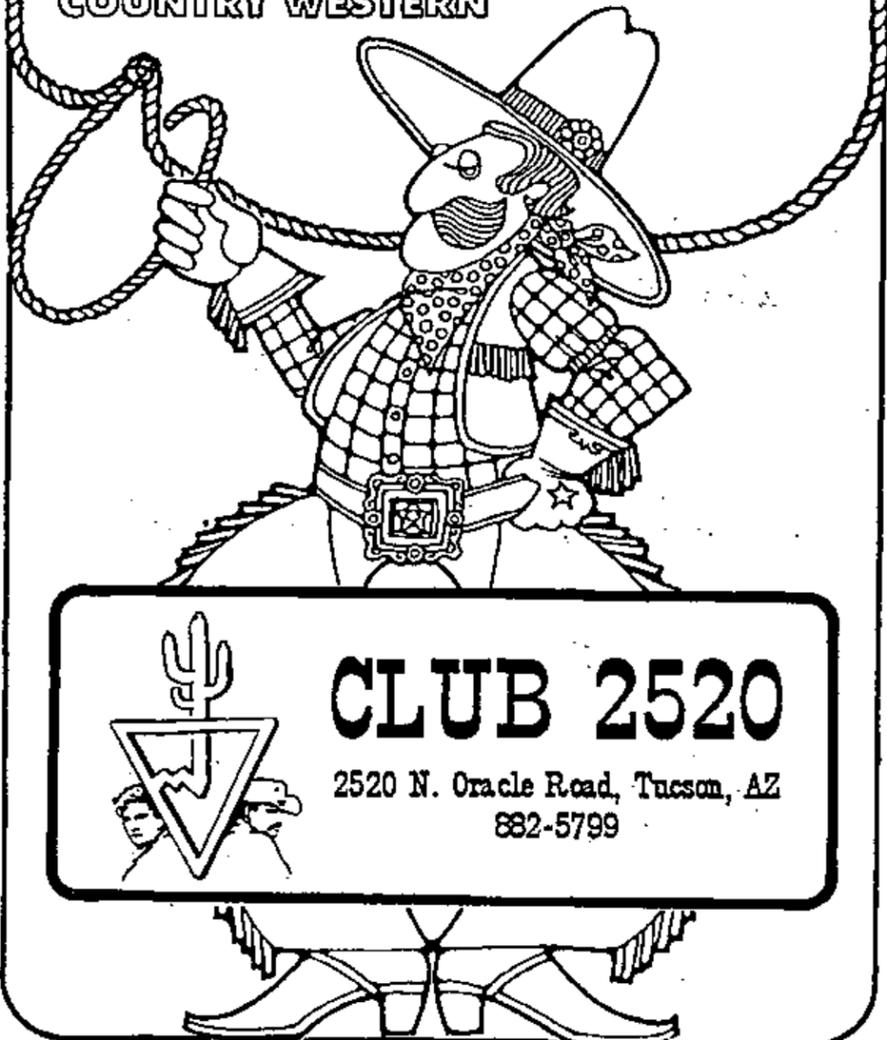
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**FYI**

by Big John

**About Those Community Meetings**

It seems there's been a breakdown in communications about who's doing which meeting, when, and for what purpose. The concerned citizens who wrote a letter to Tucson AIDS Project after the AIDS Walk should call Pam Shack at TAP (322-6226) and hammer out a meeting date with TAP's "Task Force" (her words) so they can arrange a meeting that the community is indeed invited to. So, to you folks whose letter appeared in the *Observer* that you wanted a "town hall" type meeting, the ball is in your court. The "town hall" meeting concept was also endorsed by Jerome at PACT and Anne Maley at Shanti.

Now, on another note, the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) is indeed having a community forum on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 3 p.m., to be held at the Tucson Community Center. Although the '93 AIDS Walk will probably be discussed, this meeting is not the meeting TAP was asked to hold by the group in the last paragraph. The focus here will be that the community at large be given an opportunity to voice their concerns and suggestions about the future and directions of PACT.

**Dear ASO heads...**

So that it does not appear that I'm continually picking on Craig Snow at TAP, I feel that all of you ASO "chiefs" need to have your feet held to the fire (figuratively, at least) for what you failed to accomplish at UMC when that place was self-destructing during the past six or seven months, and we lost the most experienced AIDS team in the Southwest. For those of you who don't remember things for more than a couple of months, there used to be a group of trained, dedicated, and experienced physicians working at UMC - and their names were Drs. Gorman, Carmichael, and Darragh. Today not one of these good doctors still practices at the main UMC facility. While it was brought to the attention of you ASO "chiefs" that UMC was going through some major, major, problems, all that you seemed capable of doing was having social visits with Mr. Waterbrook and other "dignitaries" at the Health Sciences Center, who assured you that everything was "O.K." at UMC...*But it really wasn't!* So your group's performance in representing the needs of people with HIV in our community fell far short of acceptable. And you should try and explain that fact at one or more of your community meetings...

That sorry episode at UMC, and a terrible financial decision involving Jim Toevs, is why TLGA is now asserting itself on behalf of our community, and sticking its nose into what you ASOs are also doing (or not doing) with community AIDS dollars. So I hope you don't feel "put upon" too badly, but "it's a new day, so let the sunshine in..." I've also heard that the Community Research Initiative (CRI) may be in trouble because you ASO "chiefs" have your noses so high in the air that you really don't know what's happening at the "grass roots" level in our HIV community. It's one of the reasons we are demanding open meetings for all ASO's and executive committees, etc. If you guys quit meeting behind closed doors most of the time, you might have a visitor or two who could tell you what's going on in your community - and maybe even your own organizations!

**Now, for my medical readers... Cytomegalovirus (CMV)**

CMV infection is caused by a virus that is a member of the herpes family of viruses. This particular virus can be spread by urine, semen, and possibly saliva. Studies have shown that at least 50% of the general population and 90% of gay men have been exposed to CMV. Both among healthy and immune-suppressed people, exposure may or may not lead to symptomatic infection. Among people with AIDS, CMV can often be slowed or controlled by medication. However, the emotional adjustment to the treatment method, which involves having a central line catheter, can be very difficult.

**Symptoms...**

In people with AIDS, CMV can infect major organs and most commonly results in pneumonia, colitis in the bowels, encephalitis in the brain, and/or retinal infections in the eye. Symptoms depend on which area of the body that is infected:

- CMV pneumonia: shortness of breath, coughing, chest pain.
- CMV colitis: diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, weight loss.
- CMV encephalitis: confusion, headaches, dementia symptoms.
- CMV retinitis: blurred vision, "floaters" where vision is partly blocked by floating shapes, visual impairment, risk of blindness.

**Diagnosed by...**

Because most people infected with CMV have no symptoms, the only way to definitively diagnose active CMV disease is by finding the virus in body tissues that were previously uninfected (e.g. lung, liver, blood, bowel, brain, eyes.) CMV in the urine or semen does not necessarily indicate an active infection.

**Prophylaxis/prevention...**

Annual eye exams are recommended for people with T-cell counts below 200; exams should be increased to every 3-6 months in those with T-cell counts below 50. Prompt diagnosis is extremely important in order to prevent blindness. Several studies have shown promising results using high-dose oral acyclovir (3200-4000 mg./day) as a medical prophylaxis.

Other members of the household can be tested for prior exposure to CMV. If they have not already been exposed, precautions should be taken when handling the urine and semen of the infected person. Some cautious physicians also recommend avoiding saliva contact (sharing glasses and silverware, kissing on the lips). However, most people with healthy immune systems who do become infected will either feel no symptoms, or just a few days of flu-like symptoms. Caution with infectious body fluids is most important for pregnant women who have no prior exposure to CMV, since a first exposure during pregnancy can cause birth defects.

**Standard treatment...**

Intravenous DHPG (Ganciclovir) or Foscarnet. Recently, Foscarnet has received a lot of attention because it can be taken along with AZT, and many im-

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# At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Last month I was called for jury duty. While waiting in the jury assembly room, I overheard two women talking about religion, specifically fundamentalist Christianity.

One woman had felt "called to full-time Christian service," having worked part-time for Good News Communications. She said the Lord sent her to her current full-time job in some Christian social agency. The other woman spoke rapturously about a trip she took with her son this summer to Colorado Springs, which she called "a ministry Mecca." She and her son spent a month in workshops about political organizing, preaching, and herding souls into Heaven.

What my fellow prospective juror called "a ministry Mecca" is ground zero in the fight to repress queer liberation in this country. Colorado Springs is a conservative town, home to the Air Force Academy, NORAD, and many fundamentalist Christian organizations. Talk radio thrives, filling the airwaves with anti-queer, anti-woman, anti-freedom drivel.

Last week, PBS aired a Bill Moyers report on Ground Zero. Moyers spoke with the car dealer (shades of Ev Meacham!) who came up with the idea for Amendment 2, the anti-Gay rights ballot measure currently being fought out in the courts. He also interviewed the car dealer's pastor, who gushed about how full of love the man is.

The Gay and Lesbian citizens of Colorado Springs do not feel loved by this man or his pastor. They are victims of the increased anti-Gay violence in their hometown. They are losing their jobs. They are being thrown out of their churches. They foresee a future in which they will not be safe in Colorado Springs or anywhere in that state.

The people of Colorado Springs are, for the most part, a churchgoing lot. They come by the thousands into convention-hall sized sanctuaries where they listen to hateful propaganda about Lesbians and Gays. They listen to the same tired Biblical justifications for hatred, discrimination, and violence directed at queers. They are assured that "homma-sekshuls" are perverse manifestations of Satan who intend to tear down the society of God-fearing Christian white people and install a fearsome, orgiastic, child-molesting regime.

Bill Moyers also pointed out that "ministry" is a multi-billion dollar business in Colorado Springs. Huge mailing houses spew fear and hatred across the country and around the world, collecting big bucks to fund the fight against equal rights for queer citizens. Preachers collect money to spread their anti-Gay agenda across the rest of the U.S., planning to open more branch offices in places not yet sufficiently inflamed with their hatred.

Groups of righteous citizens fight to remove books from library shelves. Others attempt to squelch AIDS information and prevention measures, safe in their certainty that God would never let "good" people contract HIV. Bible-study groups and Sunday schools dissect Scriptures to give their political actions a supposedly divine foundation.

Pastors who follow their consciences and accept their Lesbian and Gay parishioners face harassment, violence, and ostracism. Large portions of their

congregations leave, taking their dollars with them, to join the crusaders against queers.

My sister Sharon has lived in Colorado Springs for twenty years. She has seen the beautiful little mountain town turn into Orange County East, a center of right-wing, fundamentalist Christian heterodoxy. She says she doesn't much like it there any more since all the "outsiders" (her word) came in and started this controversy. She wishes it would all just go away.

Don't we all? Wouldn't it be nice if all those scary people would just wake up one morning and realize they've been hurting others? Wouldn't we all be relieved if the talk radio shows and the mass-mailing preachers began selling inclusion and diversity instead of the same hateful wheat-and-chaff means test for salvation?

Don't hold your breath. What is happening instead is that other states (Arizona high on the list) are watching what is going on in Colorado. Groups of self-righteous finger-pointers are designing ballot initiatives to take away our right to live as we please. I've written about Frank Meliti and the Arizona Traditional Values Coalition; we are poised at the edge of a ballot fight like the ones in Colorado and Oregon.

If we wait to see what will happen, the religious right will impose its "special rights" definition on the issue and the typical non-political voter will vote against equal rights for Gays and Lesbians.

After all, we challenge the Great White Father, the earthly representative of that old white guy in the clouds with the long white beard. The religion that drove colonialism and Crusade has found an enemy for the 90s, a threat to the patriarchy of Heaven. It's time for the electronic Inquisition.

One good thing that has happened in Colorado is that queer people have begun to come out in large numbers. It may be too late for that to make any difference; the battle is joined, with the religious right having the advantage of defining the enemy.

It's time to come out, Arizona. The closet is a luxury we can no longer afford. Colorado Springs may be Ground Zero, but the next anti-queer-rights bomb is armed and ready to drop on our heads. Don't "duck and cover"; it won't save us from this political bomb any more than it would have saved us from an atom bomb. Instead, we need to stand up, yell, wave our arms, and organize.

The ostrich strategy (sticking our heads in the sand) will not help us. Your silence will not protect you. Come out now, or the closet door will be locked behind you, and Frank Meliti and the religious right will throw away the key.



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# CALENDAR

## of upcoming events

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

**GRADUATE** - It's the big night here when "Godot" the giant stuffed bear will be raffled off. Also a benefit show for the Arizona Children's Home too. The show starts at 8:30 and will star Lucinda Holliday (hostess); Dani Reid, Marilyn Taylor, Touché, Teresa Housley, Kimberly Ryan, Christina de Alexis and the ever popular Jerry and his Friends. A fine show to make the children's Christmas a happy one.

**IBT'S - Slave Auction!** Hosted by Gilda Fajalé, contestant for Miss AGRA. All proceeds go to Tucson Humo Rights Coalition (THRC). Come bid on your favorite hunk!

**RUMORZ** - That crazy Bucky will be serving those fabulous egg omelettes here from noon until 3 p.m. They're only \$3.99 making them the best brunch value in town. Be there or be square.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DEC. 11 & 12

**IBT's** - The annual 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair takes place this weekend. Make IBT's your Gay headquarters, right in the middle of it all. Showtime Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday 3 p.m. and a special "Gay" version at 9 p.m. featuring the amazing Glamazona and special guests. Don't miss this fun weekend on the Avcauel!

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

**HOURS** - Christmas Show beginning at 8:00 p.m. starring the live vocal talents of Mis. Teresa Housley.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

**GRADUATE** Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will hold their Christmas Jamboree here. Watch for more details.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

**CLUB 2520** - Big Dance Contest Night here with contests for cash prizes going on in the Country Western barroom and on the Disco side too.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 (XMAS DAY)

**HOURS** - Come join the gang at Hours Christmas Party starting at 6:00 p.m. Deck the Halls!

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)

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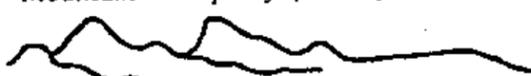
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# CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 WORLD AIDS DAY

6th Annual A-Mountain Candlelight Walk/Caminata. 4:30 p.m. gather at Presidio Park; 5:00 proceed to A-Mountain; 6:30 end activities. Guest speaker: Christian Haren (The Marlboro Man); music by Bwia Tofi. Other activities include a spiritual ceremony, lighting of luminaries and the reading of names. This is not a fundraiser but a community awareness event coordinated by El Proyecto Arizona/Sopora. For more information call 770-1314.

'Paper Prayers' a benefit for Shanti will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Dinnerware Gallery. Wines & hors d'oeuvres will be served. Donation \$10 and paper prayers may be purchased for a donation of \$2. Paper Prayers are donated works of art from artists, school children, Shanti clients and volunteers - created to offer prayers of hope to those living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening diseases. Dinnerware Gallery 135 B. Congress. RSVP 622-7107.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Lambda Democratic Caucus meets at 6 p.m. at Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave., Nominations of persons interested in becoming officers to the following openings, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Also people who want to form a fund-raising committee. To be eligible to run for office or to vote in the January 1994 election, you must be a paid-up member of the Caucus. Memberships are \$2 and \$5. you may pay your membership dues or join Lambda at this meeting or call 791-7000 for more information. Lambda will accept nominations over the phone.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds their next family outing at Peter Piper Pizza. Parents, kids and other family members are invited to have a good time at the 22nd Street and Alvernon location (4112 E. 22nd St.) Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information and directions.

The Cronics Prime Timers (the 40 and over club) will hold its monthly planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain.

Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay Chorus will present "Ficats of Light" beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theatre Pima College West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for student, child. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, and Pima Community College West Campus Cashier's Office. Call 791-9662 for more information.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) Executive Committee will meet today at 3:00 p.m. at Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. This meeting's agenda will focus on Pride Week activities 1994.

"Holiday Gift Fair" 4th Annual Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association Holiday Business and Crafts Fair. 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. sponsored by OP. Arts & crafts, jewelry, t-shirts, caps & clothes, Gay stuff, things for mom and dad, Rainbow flags, AIDS ribbons, cactus, something for everybody. Being held this year at Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. Interested artisans and businesses contact Brad Bivins, 293-5397.

Susan Claason presenting a benefit performance of "Shirley Valentine" at the Invisible Theatre beginning at 2:00 p.m. Call 770-1710 for ticket information.

Lambda Car Club meets for dinner/social at Club 2520. For more information call Bill James 622-3808.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Free December workshop with S. Eryn Rubin, "Ripping Through the Anti-Semitism of the Christian Right Wing," begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Ave. For more information call 323-2465.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

2nd Annual LRP Winter Concert at 7:30 at First Unitarian Church, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley. Tickets \$10 & \$7. This year's artists include TLC, Kawcab, Fatima Halim, Shique Callahan, Jess Hawk Oskensar, Nancy Goodson and Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn who will also MC. There will be food and beverages available for sale before the concert and during intermission. Call (602)266-5542 for information.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Lesbian Art Group for beginners and experienced artists. First meeting at 1 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Call 624-1779 for more information.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are invited to attend at St. Francis in the Foothills, River & Swan, Room 31. A play area is provided for children adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Lesbian and Gay Catholics and friends will celebrate their lives at Picture Rocks Retreat with a mass and Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m. For directions call Picture Rocks Retreat 744-3400.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

One-In-Ten Theatre Company will present "Hannah Free", a benefit performance for P-FLAG. For ticket information or reservations call Priscilla Walker, 883-7383.

## Tucson

# CALENDAR

## sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Saled Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Best 3-8, all you can drink \$7. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00. 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11am - 2pm; Ten Dance with Ram Rio 2:30-4:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30pm (usually a cover for the band).  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Scroves \$1.25 til 7pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Best for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

**RUMORZ** - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Scroves \$1.25 from Noon to 6pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 am, 501 Dart Tournament 4pm. \$1 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7pm, B-B-Q 5-7pm.

## monday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Music Madam "Becky". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9pm all short well drinks \$1.00. 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 to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7, club, 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Tent Mondays with Pat from 9 to 1.

**RUMORZ** - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1pm until 4pm \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm

## tuesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8pm to close. \$2.50 Pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8 to 10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.

**GRADUATE** - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for jalisco. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Tent with Pat from 9-1.

**RUMORZ** - Open 1:00pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to closing. Fabulous Fabrics show at 9:30pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm

## wednesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.

**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rod Parrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8pm to 1am, featuring caged dancers.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Maza. 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9pm to close.

**RUMORZ** - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Saba Nite 9 to closing. \$1.50 Margaritas and Coronas + Chips & "Foca" salsa.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

## thursday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches put.

**GRADUATE** - Beer Best all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00  
**HOURS** - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. - with a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

**RUMORZ** - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

## friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 8pm - 1am

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. CoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z.

**RUMORZ** - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Stricklin 9 to 1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

## saturday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Dancing 8pm to 1am.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z. and Co Go dancers begin at 10pm.

**RUMORZ** - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to closing. Dance with Linda Pinedale VJ/DJ 10-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 5pm.



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## The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

After taking a few weeks off, the Bowling Beat has returned with plenty of news about past and future events. The November hiatus that this column observes gives both the writer and his readers a break, and the writer hopes his readers enjoyed it as much as he did.

From the reactions and feedback received from participants, H.I.T.T. '94 (The Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson) was an unqualified success. This year marked the fourth anniversary of Tucson's Gay tournament and the third consecutive sell-out. Planning and hard work by the tournament committee, along with the energy and enthusiasm of the bowlers, and perhaps a sprinkling (quack) of luck combined to provide a trouble-free and FUN weekend for all.

We're especially pleased to note that more Tucson bowlers participated than ever before, thanks to the support of our local leagues, The Tucson Desert Coyotes and the Tucson Lambda Lizards. Among our local bowlers, top team honors went to the team of Jeff Thompson, Chris Thompson, Bill Richards, and Billy (TD) Close with their first place score of 2424.

Winning third place in the team event was Jackie Blue, Chris Willi, Russell McCarthy, and Geoffrey Wilcox with 2375. Fifth place team honors went to Randy Patch and Al Mally of Tucson and Rick Mallory and Ted Lorenzen (Granada Hills and San Francisco) with a combined score of 2371.

Additional Tucson Winners: Geoffrey Wilcox, 5th place (singles), Robert Fields, 11 place (singles), Wayne Steele & Jim Shafer, 8th place (doubles), Jeff Thompson, High Series Handicap (708), Geoffrey Wilcox (AGAIN!), High Game Scratch (279), Robert Fields, High Game Handicap (293). Geoffrey & Robert also won awards in the optional scratch competition.

### AND THEN CAME MID-YEAR...

Immediately following H.I.T.T. '94 (it seemed like only hours), a contingent of 13 Tucson bowlers, committee members, and supporters traveled to San Antonio for the IGBO Mid-Year Fiesta '93. Members of the Tucson Mid-Year '94 bid committee presented our formal presentation at the general membership meeting and are pleased to announce that our bid was accepted by acclamation, and Tucson will host the 1994 IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) Mid-Year tournament, October 26-30, 1994.

Throughout the weekend Tucson received warm praise and encouragement from among the 260 bowlers attending the San Antonio event, many of whom made a point of mentioning their excitement about coming to Tucson next Fall.

Our Tucson contingent didn't fare

quiet as well on the lanes, although Tucsonan Randy Patch placed third in his optional scratch division. One local team (The Tucson IGBO-Peeps) seemed better at accessorizing than bowling, but that's another story.

### WHAT'S NEXT.....

Both of our local Gay/Lesbian leagues are back in session and will be bowling until just before Christmas. Although H.I.T.T. '93 wrapped up a mere four weeks ago, the first organizational meeting of the Tucson Mid-Year '94 committee will take place this Saturday, December 4th.

Among the first items of business will be final planning for the first fund raising event for Mid-Year, a Scotch-Doubles bowling event to be held Sunday, January 2nd, 1994 in Phoenix. This FUN event will be held in conjunction with People & Persons league of Phoenix and supported by People & Persons, KISS, and Our Gang of Phoenix.

We hope to see as many Tucson bowlers as possible to help support our hometown IGBO tournament. For more information, please call 795-6055 or 743-3303.

## German AIDS Scare Spreads With 50 Infants' Possible Exposure

BONN, Germany (AP) - The AIDS scare sweeping Germany worsened with the announcement by health officials that at least 50 premature newborns may have received AIDS tainted plasma during treatment in Bavarian clinics.

The report is likely to increase anxiety about contaminated blood supplies, despite evidence that only a small fraction of the country's 60,000 people infected by the AIDS virus got it from tainted blood.

More than 1,500 people in Germany have been infected with the AIDS virus after receiving blood products since 1984. The infections of six people have been traced to two companies that were shut down after officials said they had distributed tainted blood.

In an effort to ensure that no more AIDS-contaminated blood products are used, the federal Health Ministry unveiled a comprehensive plan that includes closer monitoring of pharmaceutical companies.

"Each individual step into the use of blood and blood products must be immediately subjected to a strict examination, from the donation of blood to the treatment of patients," Health Minister Horst Seehofer told reporters.

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# WHAT'S UP DOC???



As the sun slowly sinks in the Western sky, so does the dust created by the 70 plus people that attended this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship Run, in their excursion's around Phoenix.

Besides the normal group of club members from the 7 hosting clubs, 3 out of Phoenix and 4 from Tucson, this years run was joined by members from 2 different clubs in Albuquerque, 1 club out of Las Vegas, and 2 clubs out of San Bernadino. And, as on any major run, those GDI's were also present.

All the festivities started Thursday afternoon with check in registration at both the Bum Steer and Harley's. I was part of the group over at Harley's and it was obvious to everyone, Arizona Fellowship Run #7 was going to be exciting and pleasurable. It was party time whenever each new individual strolled into Harley's to register, what with everyone already in attendance having to welcome the new arrival.

Somehow, after all of this, Curt was able to retrieve the newly arrivals and get them signed in. After, it was back to party time, renewing old friendships, making new ones and having a welcome cocktail.

With the exception of two meals, one served at the 307 and one at the Bum Steer, all the remaining were served at the Augustana Lutheran Church, starting with the traditional Thanksgiving meal. This also served as the hub for entire run, with the majority of scheduled activities being held there.

Of course not all of the games were played there, but one departed and returned there (TALL's Enduro Run). Other locations for the other games was Harley's, 307 and TRAX. Throughout the entire run, other games were also played, those we shall not put in print, but, just listen to some of those who were in attendance and I'm sure you will hear about them.

With the final send off brunch Sunday afternoon, followed by awards presentations, this year's run came to an end. From observing the presentations of all the different awards, 3 each from the hosting clubs, 3 extra from TALL (Back Seat Driver - Enduro Run) and 2 from the Fellowship Committee itself, as far as I could tell, every club that participated in this run, carried one or more home with them. There was even 1 award given out

to one of the GDI's, Dick Smith.

Now that everyone is home resting up from the run, conversations will go on and on for days, highlighting some of the different experiences of different people on the run. And, just to clear the air, this write up on the run is only chapter #1 because I had another note taker and spy during the run that no one knew about. It seemed every time I got around a group, conversations with cease. For shame, everyone knows that they can trust me and besides, my pen was not working.



TBBS: Of course I have brought just of few of all those that no one person could ever catch in complete detail. First off, Jim D. (former Hurricane Jim) showed up at the church Saturday evening. He asked me to hold his champagne glass while he went to his car to get a coat. Upon return he stated, Us fat people gets cold quicker and the cold goes all the way to the bones. Then there was Howard (Copperstate Leathermen) pinning Tempelton. While doing so, Tempelton stated that he had never met a person with teeth on their fingers.

Yes, Ben was on this run, how could anyone stop him. Not only did he get himself a new nickname "Benjamima" but he wore some of those parachute pants Saturday, held up by only elastic. You can guess the results of that mistake as the day progressed. Then I heard a story about "Big Ed" in the back room of Harley's. It seems he kept his teeth in a baggie while back there. Being innocent, I do not understand that one.

The next time Keith, Empire Levi and Leather from San Bernadino attends one of the runs here in Arizona, he should be given a pair of knee pads. And everyone he pinned, Canadian style, loved it, pin and all. (Thank goodness, unless someone sends him a copy of this, I'll get away with that one.)

Now Tucson does not have that many alleys but if you ask Roger (TALL) he can tell you about those up in Phoenix. And for the record, he won this years TRASH AWARD. Finally, at Sundays presentation, Bob showed up in shorts and t-shirt, stating he had worn and seen enough leather for one weekend so he was going in sissy drag. To me he appeared in a "Male Impersonator" type drag.

As I said before, this is only part of the news from this years run, and as soon as I receive it, from my extra spy, I'll be passing it along to you. This years run is over but the memories will last everyone for a long time, and hopefully when next years run is staged in Tucson, all those from outside of Arizona will again join us, and bring more along.

With that I'll close for this week. It was a beautiful run, the weather, other than Thursday evening, warmed up to the bright, and sunny Sunday afternoon for the Awards presentations.

And, yes I, along with Hopi, IP and Bert, did watch the Wildcats kick ass in Tempe Friday evening. We, taking our lives in our hands, watched the game over at the 307.

I'll shut up for now and see everyone during the week and the weekend.



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Phoenix **I LIKE OLDER MEN**: 19 y/o, 135lbs, 6', looking for serious people for good times/friendship/rel/ prefer 35-48, dark hair, & facial hair. #1742

Arizona **GROUP FUN**: 33 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, avg/med. build, seeking gwm, 25-37 for poss. get togethers/group fun, like outdoors, movies, all the usual stuff, call anytime. #4109

Tucson **WILDCAT**: 24 y/o, college guy really looking to have fun. #6247

AZ **PUMPING IRON**: looking for builders for massages. #7064

Phoenix **YOUNG AND BUILT**: 19 Y/O gbm, 6'2, 170lbs, enjoy sports, running, working out, seeking gwm, 18-23, well built & nice personality, if interested call for pager number. #8665

AZ **ARIZONA MAN**: 39 y/o, 160lbs, 6'2, blond, blue, mod. hairy, interested in dancing, darts, cycling, looking for my age or older, (prefer hairy) #1627

Mesa **HEY BI-GUY**: looking for bi-guys call anytime betwn 6pm-10pm. #8375

Scottsdale **CUTE**: 21 y/o, pre-med senior, 145lbs, 5'9, enjoy roller blading #8398

AZ **ARIZONA LATINO**: 24 goodllg, latino, french/spanish seeking white tp 20-30 for fun times. #1418

AZ **ROMANTIC**: attrac. gbm, enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, quiet evenings, seeking other romantic types. #1577

AZ **DESERT FOX**: 6', 250lbs, dark brw hair & eyes, smooth body, intell, humorous, seeking blonds 18-28, around 5'8, 180lbs, for long term., monogamous rel. #1841

AZ **JUST COMING OUT**: 21, animal lover, looking for very open minded guy 21-25 (preferably fit, attrac, w/m) #1902

AZ **BRIT/AMER**: 29, 170lbs, 6', into sports, tennis, soccer, basketball, looking for someone into sports, building, music, travel, please leave msg. #1921

Phoenix **NO WEIRDOS**: 18 y/o, new to area, seeks 18-25 y/o for fun times. #2764

AZ **EASY GOING**: Are you looking for laid back male? Fun loving, gbm, 195lbs, searching for that right one. #2906

AZ **TREAT ME LIKE A LADY**: looking for guy or guys who can treat me like a lady (very subm.) I enjoy lingerie and lots of fun things. #2932

AZ **PISCES MAN**: seeking dom. tp scorpia #1507

Tempe **BLACKBOARD**: 18 y/o, bm, seeks white or hispanic males in area for good times. #4661

AZ **INTO LEATHER**: 23 y/o, looking for ht leather types, please call today. #3319

AZ **HARD BODY**: 19 Y/O, blond, hard body, into racquet ball, all sports, I'm open minded & willing to learn. #3589

**GOODLKG**: 27, w/m, 5'10, 175lbs, well built, goodllg, v. subm, looking for trainer, for whatever you have in mind. #6018

**PROFESSIONAL GAY WHITE COUPLE**: 28 & 31 seeking houseboy to be part of the family. Call to see if there's a fit. #4541

**ATTN: MILITARY OR FIREMEN**: 26 y/o, gwm, 5'10, 165lbs, military reserv, prof. fireman discreet, honest, seeks some for friends & more. #6320

**NO INHIBITIONS PLEASE**: blue eyed 20 YR OLD, 5'10, 150lbs, w/brw hair, goodllg, seeking my aged or little older for un inhibited fun times. #6605

32 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, looking for gwm, 24-37 for group get together, call for more information. #2769

Flagstaff, **TAME ME**: masc. 6'1, 180lbs, brw hair, stached, good shape, seeking masc. hairy dark haired male. #3784

Phoenix, **TWO STEPPIN' DADDY TYPE**: 46, 6', grey hair, attrac., like rodeos & dancin', seeking intimacy w/o immed. commitment. #7652

Phoenix, **FOOTBALL PLAYER BUILD**: old fashion 6'1, 200lbs, brw hair & eyes, seeks rel. #4708

Phoenix, **LET'S PARTY!** 34 y/o, 6'2, tp, 170lbs, gwm, looking for party types/group fun. #4800

Phoenix, **VERZATILE**: gwm, 31 y/o, brw hair, eyes, 6', 250lbs, vers., btm, seeks gwm, 18-30 for poss. rel. #7996

Tucson, **WM Prof. hiv - tp**, UR clean cut discreet masc btm seeking caring? (inexper ok) #4865

Tucson, **LOVE TO WORK OUT**: 6'2, W/ brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, tattooed, seeking attrac. guys under 25, new comers a real plus, I'm N2 just about anything w/the right guy. #3263

Tucson, **B-HISPANIC**: 31, 6'3, discreet, seeks workout partner, #2035

Tucson, **DOM. TALL MALE**: 6'3, 185lbs, tp, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy, seeking subm. males, in tuscon area. #7990

Tucson, **VERY CUTE**: 31, seeks musclr men for workout partner, any race, live alone, enjoy sunsets, evening together. #6663

Tucson, **BODYBUILDER N2 LTRER**: seeks man 30-35 I appreciate most scenes so call. #7071

Farmington, 26, 155LBS, hazel eyes, 32" waist, enjoy long walks/talks/madonna/cuddling, rainy days/fire places. #6607

Farmington, **GOT ANY SECRET FANTASIES?** 20 YR OLD, would like to meet you & talk about it. OK? #5797

Arizona, 32, **GWM**, 5'11, 160lbs, into travel, computers, & goodtimes, seekin guys 28-48 #6747

Arizona, **YOUNG LOOKING**, 45, clean, safe & honest, not into bars, lookin to meet guy 21-30, #7356

Arizona, **MAKE MINE BLACK**: WM seeks BM: 5'9, 165lbs, regular guy, masc. actng, into shooting pool, having fun. #3357

Arizona, **GETTING OFF CAMPUS**: 22 y/o, college student, new to area, looking for other guys my age to go out for a social drink or whatever. #2018

Arizona, **46 INCH CHEST**: 25, college student, 6'2, sandy blond, 200lbs, 46" chest, seeking bodybuilding enthusiasts around my age. #4843

Phoenix, **BLACK TOP 30**, seeks btm, 20-35, attrac. & in excellent shape, w/hairy bodies, if this is you please respond. #6919

Scottsdale, **FILL MY PRESCRIPTION**: 5'8, 150lbs, blond/blue, into anything & everything & love to have fun, the wilder the better. #1945

Tucson, **MACHO MAN WNTD**: 6'5, 180lbs, blue eyes, dark hair, work out, seeking hockey type guy for good times, macho types only please. #1078

Arizona **GROUP/GROPE**: 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg. built, dark hair, looking for avg. kinda guys 26-38 for group get togethers. Call anytime. #5672

35, who keep themselves in good shape, like to stay on top of a good time. #4318

Tucson **YNG ATTRAC. HISPANIC**: 19 YR OLD: 5'8, 130lbs, blk hair, enjoy shopping, cruising, going out, cuddling up, seeks guy 19-24 for my area, #4580

Beauhead City **ANYONE** with a **PULSE**: 6'4, dark hair, turquoise

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Tucson **CURRENT AFFAIR**: 6', 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, hairy chest, looking for indoor xitem't & discreet times during the daytime. #4547

Arizona **OPEN ENDED REL**: 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg. built, want to get together on monthly basis w/ guys for regular get togethers. #3413

Phoenix **RU NICE & HUNKY?** Versatile, nice looking 34, 6', blue eyed sandy blond, seeks local or visiting hunky guys who would like to have a good time. #2782

**TUCSON, JUST DESSERTS**. GBM 23, masc. athletic, interested in meeting guys mid-30's who are masc. attrac. into good times. Give a call. #2766

**PHOENIX, STOP GUYS! LET'S GET SERIOUS!** GM 30, 6', 230#, masc. husky, attrac, tired of being alone sks White or Latin close to my age or younger, serious, trusting, stable, attrac, w/ht prop. If your tired of bars and searching ads, call me. #2908

**TUCSON, ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS**. Airforce veteran GBM 35, thin, 160#, 6'3", prof. dean-cut, HIV-, like cars, music, radio scanners, sks GWM 25-40, mil. vet, for friendship/relationship. No drugs or fml impersonators. #2902

**PHOENIX, FRIENDS ARE A RARE FIND**. GWM 20, Bln/Blu, 5'11", 31w, looking for friends. Please call and get my hm number. #3167

**PHOENIX, FOR GOODTIME FUN**. Very gdlkg GM 33, 5'11", 155#, Brn/Blu, moust. & masc., looking for masc. man early 20's. Give me a call! You won't be sorry. #4274

**PHOENIX, UNBREAKABLE BODY**. GM 28, 6'2", 185#, Blu/Lt. Brn, smooth body, workout 5 days wk, looking for other guys in the area for fun. Into sports, the outdoors. Thanks. #4597

**CONSTANTLY WORKING OUT!** GM Ital/Spain, 29yrs., 5'9", 160#, Gm/Dk Brn, very attrac., 43c, 29w, sensitive. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's get some good hardbody fun going. #4688

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**TUCSON, COUNTRY LIVING AND LOVING**. Good-looking cowboy looking for muscular guys in the area. Give me a call. #5251

**BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES A PLUS!** GM recently moved to area 21yrs., 6'5", college student interested in seeking soulmate relationship with someone my age. #2025

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**TUCSON, BIG ARMS! THE BETTER TO HOLD YOU**. Irish-American 36, young-looking, 5'8", 180#, Brn/Blu, clean-cut, clean-shaven, stocky, muscular, lot of weight-training. Looking to meet guys in area, especially dom. #4824

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Arizona **V. STRONG GBM, 31, DESIRES** similar or hispanic for rel., if serious call. (you'll be surprised by the results.) #1817

Tucson **NEWCOMERS WELCOME**: 6'2, 210lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, look for inexperienced guys and anyone curious enuf to call. #3263

Phoenix **WE TALK WE MEET...** the chemistry's great! Yng Smooth good shaped, 5'11, 160lbs, new for Chicago, desiring the above mentioned. Call my box. #2844

Arizona **ATHLETIC 31**, hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, musclr, goodllg, educated, masc, seeks fit WM, #4231

Phoenix **SHY BOY**: longing for others into the comforts of swimwear, & lingerie, call for my address, espec. if you match my interests. #4071

Tucson **RIGHT STUFF**: 33, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, looking for men 25-

eyes, looking for anyone alive, call for hm # (prefer WM). #3171

Phoenix **B AND DEVOTE**: dynamic 44, 5'10, hairy, w/black hair, seeks, exceptional yng man for sub. times. #3688

Tucson **SELF-EMPLOYED: CUTE** hairy, 38, 5'10, blond, 170lbs, enjoy C & W, camping, just wanna have fun, (no ca-da's pls.) #3827

Phoenix **ALL EXPENSES PAID**: for right travel partner: 38, prof. GWM, seeks 18-25 yr old, to travel with at no expense. Call for details. #3861

Arizona **OVER 35?** 28, brw hair, hairy, 6'1, 180lbs, looking for guys over 35, for fun no matter when. #3887

Arizona **WE SHOULD MEET**: 28 yr old, 5'6, 150lbs, blond blue eyed, hairy chest, seeks friendship/rel./male bonding. #5049

Tucson **EXOTIC 21 YR OLD ASIAN MALE**: 5'5, 130lbs, seeking someone 18-25 for friendship maybe more. #5131

Phoenix **I PREFER HISPANIC MEN**, & long haired guys too. I'm fun, attentive and a connoisseur in all rooms of the house. #5183

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Self-introspection rearranges your thirst for success. You begin to question new avenues for your career to make yourself aware of your options. This new vision may require you to do some extra homework and research.

**CANCER**

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

You may experience some sudden jerks to an otherwise normal week. Maintain your balance and your ability to rationalize in the face of utter despair. You will draw from past experience to weather the storm.

**LEO**

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Your love life is upstaged by financial matters and familiar problems. With your ability to call on close friends at the drop of a hat, your down time will be brief and insignificant. Share yourself with family members for greater comfort.

**VIRGO**

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Without being too critical you offer some friendly advice and receive a pat on the back for your kindness. Try to be a friend and companion to someone in need and create a new manner of charity to incorporate into your daily routine.

**LIBRA**

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Remember that loose lips sink ships and your spoken word once delivered will never return and travels fast. Your discrimination in confidants will be required with a subject that is deemed newsworthy and classified. This will be a great week for you.

**SCORPIO**

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Your creative talents honor you this week and bring back to you praise and accolades. This will help you avoid any inclination to seek retribution for being double crossed and betrayed by someone you trusted.

**SAGITTARIUS**

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

This week you finalize some involved contracts or deals which have been taking some time to complete. Your idea to celebrate becomes overshadowed by the reality of your bank account and professional commitments.

**CAPRICORN**

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You captivate some one and begin to get to know them after breaking the ice. Your honesty will be required and will make for a good foundation to a friendship and possibilities for more in the future. Show your personal best for good results.

**AQUARIUS**

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 19

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**PISCES**

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

It is in your best interest to avoid conflict this week. Those at a great distance influence some important decisions and break the deadlock that was stifling your schedule. Bright outlook towards the weekend!

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prove survival time; some doctors now consider it the treatment of choice. To cut down on the discomfort of daily injections, people are often given central line catheters (also called "shunts") implanted in a large vein near the heart. People with CMV retinitis who cannot tolerate either drug intravenously may receive intravitreal implants (DHPG injected directly into the eyes.)

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**AGRA** CONTINUED FROM PAGE SEVEN

best weekend of the year! We need your help! AGRA is currently selling raffle tickets for a great drawing, six winners! Six roundtrips for two on Morris Air to any of Morris Air's West Coast destinations! Tickets are only \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held on December 19 at the Christmas Jamboree at The Graduate. Look for the raffle tickets soon at your favorite bar supporting AGRA or get them from any AGRA Board Member. As always, you can call the AGRA Hotline, 323-0805, for any AGRA activity.

AGRA members, it would be great to see all of you at the Christmas Jamboree and meeting. Why not show up and join us? Rodeo season is just around the corner! Please don't wait till the first day of rodeo to show up. Your help is needed now!

**Civil Rights**

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be Lesbian or Gay. Unfortunately, they didn't know it. All over the country, a few of us have come out, even when our civil rights are on the line. In 1994, anti-Gay initiatives may be on the ballots of as many as twelve states. If we are ever to win these battles against bigotry and discrimination, we all need to make more connections.

[Bill Darker works in the Political Department of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.]

**AIDS Day** CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

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**ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 822-3933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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**JOHN USI PLGC,** Presbyterian for Lesbians & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: PLGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

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# UPDATE

## San Franciscans Remember Moscone and Harvey Milk

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., (AP) - Hundreds of marchers braved rain to mark the 15th anniversary of the assassinations of George Moscone and Harvey Milk.

The candlelight march began in the city's predominately Gay Castro District and went to City Hall, where Milk, a city supervisor, and Moscone, the mayor, were shot to death on Nov. 27, 1978.

Milk was the city's first openly Gay supervisor. He and Moscone were killed by former Supervisor Dan White, who resigned abruptly and asked for reinstatement but was turned down by Moscone.

Speaker urged marchers to carry on Milk's legacy of working for Gay rights.

White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to less than eight years in prison. Outrage over the verdict led to the "White Night" riots in May 1979.

White committed suicide in 1985.

## Francis Ford Coppola Hits AIDS Coverage, Urges Review Board For Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., - Film director Francis Ford Coppola criticized media coverage of AIDS and HIV as often mistaken and "irresponsible" and suggested an ethics board for the news industry in an article published in the Argonaut.

Coppola wrote that when the press wrongly reports on AIDS or HIV, "I see no apologies in the press, no self criticism and no redress." Argonaut said that Coppola's media criticism was originally sent to the New York Times, which did not publish it.

The "Godfather" director wrote the article after attending the 1992 8th International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam while researching a film about AIDS. A lead story out of the conference was about a "mystery virus" which supposedly caused immune disease in people who had tested HIV negative. The story was based on incomplete research which Coppola said had been released in an "irresponsible" manner by Newsweek magazine. The movie director said he was "amazed" at the behavior of the journalists attending the conference who then besieged AIDS officials about a possible new HIV strain and even though assured that the cases in questions were "isolated" played the story in a sensational manner.

"The reporters finally had their story, even if they had created it themselves," Coppola wrote. He said that the press later failed to correct the erroneous story in any commensurate way when subsequent studies proved there was no "mystery" HIV virus.

In light of what he called the media's lack of self criticism, Coppola wrote: "Isn't it time that the journalism industry had a self regulated ethics board, as doctors and lawyers have, or even the movie industry has?"

## AIDS Spreading In Russia Paper Says

MOSCOW (AP) - Most of the new carriers of AIDS in Russia contracted the virus from other Russians, marking a new stage in the spread of the disease, a newspaper reported.

The Kommersant newspaper quoted Dr. Vadim Pokrovsky as saying AIDS, which attacks the body's immune system, is mostly spread in Russia by homosexual contact or among drug addicts.

Russia, and the Soviet Union before it, had claimed that AIDS was being spread mainly by foreigners.

The first case of AIDS was diagnosed in Russia in 1987, and until 1990 the disease was spread either by foreigners or as a result of poor medical practices, said Pokrovsky, the head of the Russian Center for the Prevention and Fight against AIDS.

In 1988-89, 256 children contracted AIDS in Russian hospitals and other medical institutions, partly because multiple-use syringes were not sterilized properly, he said.

But since 1990, the disease has mostly been spread by Russians, notably members of such risk groups as homosexuals and drug addicts, said Pokrovsky. He said 688 people have been identified as carriers of the AIDS virus in Russia.

## "War Zone" Video Showing In Phoenix

PHOENIX - "How're you doing healthy?" "Let me see what you got up there!" "Be a f---king bitch, all I said was hello." These were just a few of the comments Maggie Hadleigh-West received as she walked the streets of New York with only "my awareness, a super 8 camera, and a second camera behind me." as she put it. "War Zone" is the title of Maggie Hadleigh-West's 13 minute video which resulted from this 7 1/2 hour walk, and 112 incidents of street abuse.

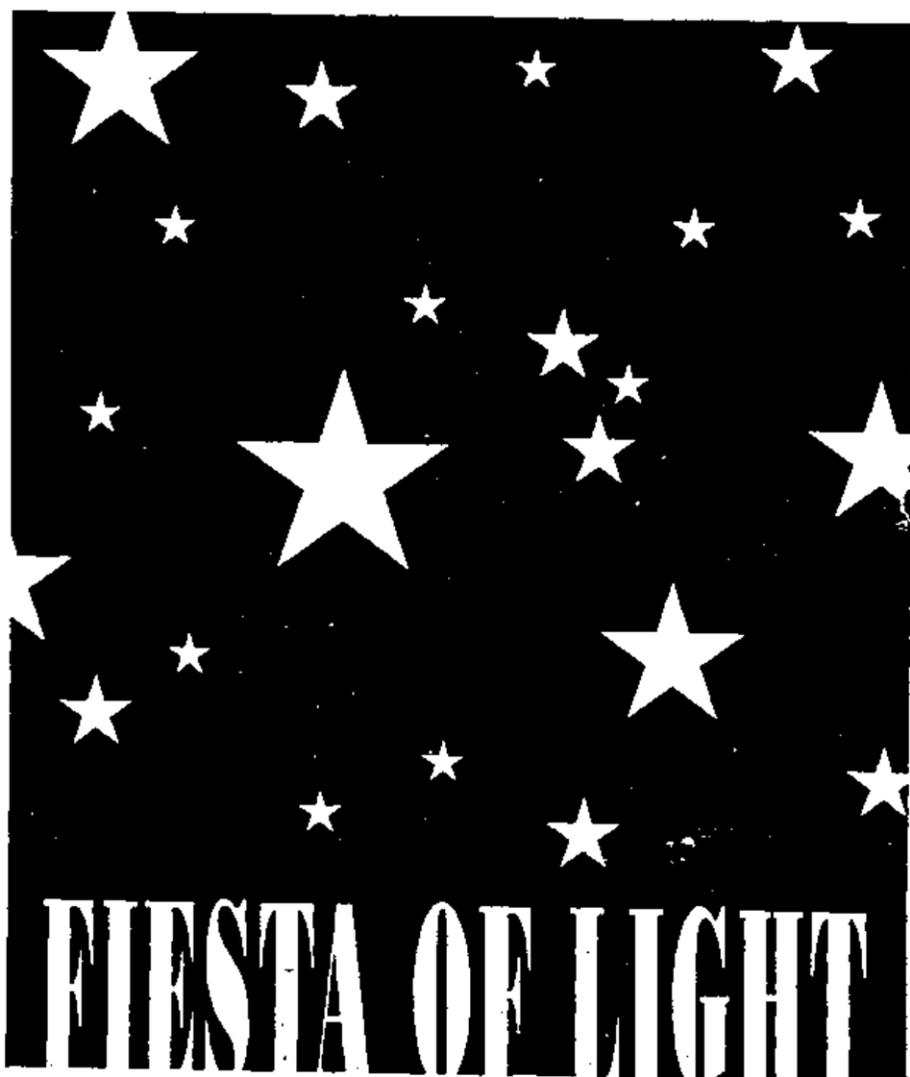
"Street abuse occurs on a continuum," she says. "Some gestures are more heinous than others, but they're all intimidating. A man is imposing himself on a woman's space uninvited, as if he owns the street. It's not a mutual interaction."

"When I'm filming these men, I'm taking something back that they've taken from me. And I think they understand that." "People are always saying that its nothing to worry about, but street abuse is debilitating to women," she says. "We can never feel safe. There's always the threat of sexual and physical violence."

'War Zone', has prompted much heated debate from all the media attention it's received. In recent months, Hadleigh-West has been invited to speak at seven colleges, a carpenter's union and a medium security prison for sex criminals in Vermont. Her film has been shown in art galleries and film festivals, and featured on national talk shows.

"War Zone" will be featured, along with video works by Phillip Mallory Jones, and Uzi Broshi, from December 3 to 20, at deCompression Gallery, 215 South 13 Street, Phoenix, Arizona. An opening reception and viewing will be held on Friday, December 3, from 7-11 p.m. For more information call (602) 256-0898.

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