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### Gay & Lesbian Americans To Form Nationwide Advocacy Network

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Leaders of Gay & Lesbian Americans announced final plans to hold a summit in Washington D.C., to formally organize a new democratically run national group for the Gay and Lesbian community. The summit will be held over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, January 15-16, 1994, at the Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

C-SPAN will broadcast portions of the summit nationwide to those unable to attend. To find out when the summit will air, viewers can call the C-SPAN Schedule Hotline at (202) 628-2205.

"At our Leadership Summit this January, GLA will develop plans to empower millions of Gay and Lesbian Americans to fight for our civil rights. We want to energize the Gay and Lesbian constituency," said GLA spokesperson Steven Reichert.

"The purpose of the summit is to bring together Gay and Lesbian grassroots leaders who are interested in forming a national group with state and local chapters. Gays and Lesbians from across America are encouraged to attend the summit. Advocates from beyond the Washington Beltway must realize they are our best hope for the future," added Reichert.

Issues to be discussed include: establishing local chapters, utilizing computer bulletin boards to disseminate information, organizing phone trees and letter writing committees, and developing a Gay and Lesbian agenda, including sodomy law repeal and passage of the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill.

GLA is encouraging summit attendees to submit two page proposals on structuring GLA and what issues our agenda should include. Proposals should be mailed to GLA by January 7th for consideration at the summit.

Ann Northrop, a long time Lesbian leader from New York City, formerly of CBS News, will be the summit facilitator.

Those interested in attending the summit are asked to notify GLA by December 31, 1993. Letters of intent to attend should be mailed to GLA, P.O. Box 77533, Washington, D.C. 20013-7533. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Suggested donation for the summit is \$35, but no one will be turned

away due to lack of money.

A small number of community housing slots will be available for summit participants who register by January 7, 1994. Those who need community housing are asked to call GLA Housing Director Steve Barchers at (301) 588-7330. GLA can also provide a list of hotels within 5 minutes walking distance from the Georgetown University Law Center near Capitol Hill.

The GLA Leadership Summit is hosted by Georgetown University student group BILAGA (Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay Association). Georgetown University does not necessarily endorse the views of BILAGA.

For more information call GLA at (202) 232-1773.

### Gays & Lesbians To Join 1994 MLK March

PHOENIX - For the first time, the Lesbian/Gay community has been officially asked to participate in the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday March & Festival. The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) will be coordinating the Lesbian/Gay contingent for the March.

The March will be held on Monday, January 17, 1993. Members of the Lesbian/Gay community will gather at the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 3136 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix at 7:30 a.m. Carpools will be available. They will then gather at 8:00 a.m. at Eastlake Park, 16th Street & Jefferson, Phoenix and begin marching towards the Arizona State Capitol at 9:00 a.m. Look for the AHRF banner and the Rainbow Gay Pride flags. Over 15,000 marchers are expected. AHRF hopes to have over 100 people from the community marching.

Mark Freeze, Board Member of AHRF, will be speaking to the after March Rally and AHRF will have an information table at the Festival. "It is very important for the Lesbian/Gay community to show it's support for the Martin Luther King Holiday. The right wing has targeted the African American community in an effort to expand their anti-Gay campaigns. We must not allow this to go unchallenged," said David Blais, Community Action Chair of AHRF. Marc Colledge, AHRF Board Member said "This is

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### FBI Ordered To End Bias

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The FBI is being ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno to end a policy making it difficult for homosexuals to be hired.

Until 1979, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ad barred homosexuals and since then its policy was that homosexual behavior made it "significantly more difficult to be hired."

Reno issued a statement prohibiting all kinds of discrimination throughout the Justice Department.

While that order was a restatement of existing policy for most of the department, the language forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation produced a major change for the FBI, spokesman Carl Stern said.

The bureau issued its own statement: "The FBI, like the attorney general, is committed to ensuring that applicants and employees are judged on the merits of their qualifications."

Most agents were taking the change in stride, said one FBI agent, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "I don't believe it's perceived as being revolutionary or shocking."

Reno's came as a federal class action case brought by former FBI agent Frank Buttino, began in San Francisco.

Buttino is a decorated 20 year FBI veteran who was fired in 1990. His supervisors in San Diego received an anonymous note in 1988 saying he was Gay. Buttino denied it at first, explaining later that he knew he would be fired if he told the truth. After he acknowledged his homosexuality several weeks later, he lost his security clearance and then his job.

The FBI says he was fired because he lied, not because he is a homosexual.

Under the new policy, job applicants at the FBI will not have their chances derailed simply because someone interviewed during a background check says the applicant is homosexual when asked about "conduct that would make the person unreliable," the agent said.

Homosexuality alone would not disqualify applicants, but going to Gay bathhouses every night could, just as "if a heterosexual is going to singles bars every night, you could make the case that that could compromise the person," this agent said.

"To the extent that you have somebody engaged in questionable sexual

activity, it doesn't matter if it's heterosexual or otherwise," he said.

Congressman Don Edwards, a former FBI agent who chairs the House Judiciary subcommittee that oversees the FBI, said, "It's a new day at the FBI and it's something that should have come a long time ago."

"The FBI will be a better organization because of this new policy," Edwards said, recalling the half dozen homosexual agents who have spoken to him over the years about ruined careers. "It's the same principle that we've been insisting upon, the FBI must include persons representing the diversity of our society."

### Oregon's Anti-Gay Rights Opponents Now Face Recall

CANBY, Or., (AP) - Two city council members face recall elections for their opposition to an anti-Gay rights ballots measure passed by voters in this small town six months.

But the recall is only part of the fallout caused by the Gay rights debate, Scott Taylor, the town's mayor said.

"This issue keeps being brought up, it won't go away, and it makes it hard to get people to focus what I think are more pressing real issues."

The anti-Gay rights measure sponsored by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance passed by 56 percent in Canby. Voters in 15 other cities or counties have approved similar measures.

A law passed by the Legislature this year blocks enforcement of the measures, but court challenges to that statute are pending. The measure would ban the city from spending money to promote homosexuality or enacting Gay rights ordinances.

City Councilors Maureen Miltenberger and Joe Driggers tried to keep the measure off the ballot and later filed a lawsuit to block its enforcement.

But Phil Sargent, one of the recall's sponsors, said the election will not be about the two councilors' stance on Gay rights.

"If this had happened to an initiative about spitting on the sidewalk, we would have done the same thing. They wanted to take away our right to the initiative procedure," Sargent said.

Miltenberger and Driggers say  
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# UPDATE IN MEMORIAM

## No More 'Waiting For Godot'



TUCSON - For the past few months a giant stuffed bear by the name of Godot was the subject of a big raffle for the Arizona Children's home. Rudi Riesgo has been the force behind this annual fund raising event in past years. This year however he was joined by David Zinke and Jimmy Dawson.

The final totals are in and the trio is proud give their thanks to all who contributed to the raffle, the show and in donating food, clothing and toys. The grand total amounted to \$1,636.56. The breakdown is as follows:

GODOT RAFFLE	\$1034.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1636.56</b>

## Baltimore To Extend Benefits To Gay & Lesbian Couples

BALTIMORE, Md., (AP) - Baltimore has moved to extend health benefits to the partners of Gay municipal employees.

The Board of Estimates' unanimous action drew no opposition at the meeting, but Mayor Kurt Schmoke warned, "I think this is the calm before the storm." The board consists of the mayor, the City Council president and the comptroller.

The policy takes effect in 1995. To be eligible, employees must submit affidavits saying they share a home and living expenses with their partner and are not involved in another relationship.

Douglas Stiegler, director of the Family Protection Lobby in Annapolis, complained that the policy "gives legal sanction to something with many moral implications. The issue of homosexuality is not a health care issue."



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## Sex Change Course Draws Governor's Ire

by Howard Fischer  
Arizona Daily Star

PHOENIX - Calling it "an obscene gesture," Gov. Fife Symington criticized Northern Arizona University for scheduling a course on transsexualism in society to be taught by a transsexual.

In a letter to NAU President Patsy Reed, Symington complained that the course, Sociology 499, "has absolutely nothing to do with development of either the intellect or character of young people."

The governor said the fact that the instructor, graduate student Thurlin Schminke, is a man who used to be a woman had nothing to do with his protest. Symington said he is troubled that the university would offer this course when other, vital courses are cut due to budget constraints.

Jay Heiler, the governor's communications chief, said Symington learned that the course will be offered next semester from an article in The Lumberjack, NAU's student newspaper.

That article, which included an interview with Schminke, said he was born a female but always felt a conflict between his physical gender and his psychological sex.

Dick Skeen, head of the NAU sociology department, had suggested Schminke teach the class. Skeen said he wanted his students to be exposed to topics that are often ignored.

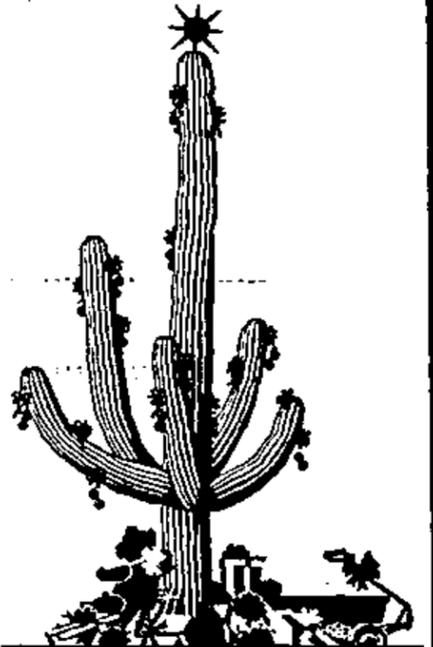
Symington, however, described the course as "an insult to the taxpayers who fund Northern Arizona University."



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# Keith Meinhold Re-enlists For Two More Years

spending an all time high of \$1.3 billion on AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health, Gebbie said during the interview.

"We are reaching out with new and different prevention programs," she said. "But it is true. It doesn't make the headlines every day. There are many news shows that haven't done a special on AIDS for a long time. There are many people in this country who still can't comfortably say the words, who aren't ready to talk about it."

News media have finally "caught up" with what a number of folks were saying at the beginning: This isn't an overnight answer," Gebbie said.

"The vaccine research needs to be paralleled by research on ways to stop the virus, ways to restore the immune system, and ways to treat the opportunistic infections that come along. And research is going forward on all of those fronts as well," she said.

"People are living a long time with this disease, much longer than they did early in the epidemic. Our ability to treat the opportunistic infections is a very important weapon. And people need to know that getting an early diagnosis and getting into that kind of preventive treatment does make a difference in the length and quality of your life."



The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca., (AP) - Petty Officer Keith Meinhold signs a re-enlistment certificate in San Francisco after taking his oath from Lt. Zoe Dunning.

Meinhold, who is openly homosexual, was discharged in August 1992 after announcing his sexual orientation on national television, but several court rulings have said there is no rational basis for excluding service members solely because of sexual orientation.

Meinhold has served for 13 years and re-enlisted for another two. Also pictured is his mother, Margaret Green, is at left. Lt. Zoe Dunning is at right.

Meinhold, who is openly homo-

## AIDS Czar Gebbie Says Public Is Tiring Of AIDS Story

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Despite waning public interest in the fight against AIDS, the Clinton administration is making significant progress combating the deadly disease, the president's AIDS czar said.

of the story," said Kristine Gebbie, national AIDS policy coordinator and former health director in Washington and Oregon.

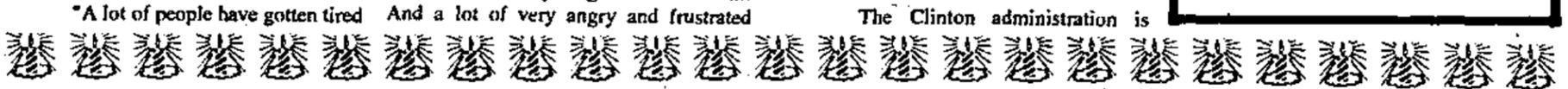
people remain very concerned that they need treatment, they need services, they want prevention to be happening."

"A lot of other remain convinced it doesn't have anything to do with them. And a lot of very angry and frustrated

"This administration is trying to put some energy behind that search."

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## Conservative Idaho Legislator At It Again

BOISE, Id., (AP) - State Sen. Stan Hawkins of Ucon has been called "maverick conservative," "independent," and even "rogue elephant."

The eastern Idaho Republican has reinforced that reputation by taking on an issue his party has avoided: the anti-Gay initiative.

Hawkins said he plans to propose legislation that deny homosexuals specific status as a minority. Republican leaders in the Senate are not pleased.

The Idaho Citizens Alliance is raising its own signatures to put the matter on the November 1994 ballot.

Those who have worked with him say they are not surprised Hawkins would take up the potentially divisive issue.

"He takes on the establishment, and in a sense, sometimes, that's a breath of fresh air," said former House Speaker Tom Boyd of Genesee. "His main problem is if he needs help from everyone, he won't get it."

Hawkins proudly says his style and conservatism often leave him at odds with what he calls the more liberal contingent of his party.

"There are a lot of people in both houses of the Legislature that don't like people who bring forth issues, especially issues that are tough and really draw the lines as to where people stand politically," he said.

In response to conservative efforts in 1992 to unseat more moderate Republican incumbents, he and fellow Sen, Rex Furness, R-H Rigby, were stripped of committee chairs.

Hawkins fought back, unsuccessfully, to open caucus meetings to the public.

He also backs another issue unpopular with politicians, the latest version of the 1% property tax limit initiative pushed by tax activist Ron Rankin.

On the eve of the next legislative session, he is trying to force lawmakers to debate what he calls "special rights" for homosexuals or any other group not singled out by the U.S. Constitution.

Initiative opponents reply they are not asking for special rights. The initiative, they say, would deny basic civil rights.

Hawkins has not yet drafted his proposal, and he said his aim is not to limit anyone's rights.

But Hawkins believes allowing any group to achieve minority status would set an unwise precedent for the future.

He said lawmakers are avoiding the issue. The Democratic party has opposed the initiative, but the Republican party has declined to take a stand.

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# At The Closet Door

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## The Search For Baby Jesus

In an appropriate example of the true Christmas spirit, Frank Meliti has called a press conference to herald the filing of the hate initiative. In this season of charity, giving, peace on earth and good will toward men, our loving fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters are announcing a ballot initiative designed to separate us from our rights. Ho ho ho.

Toys for Tots is whining about low donations, liberals are planning their one day per year of service to the poor, and the homophobic Salvation Army is ringing those damn bells all over town.

Merchants are selling the hell out of more useless trash in the rush to get at your credit balance. The middle class "bells and whistles" competition is encrusting houses and trees with giant teeth, Santas, spacecraft, and gaudily dressed cartoon characters.

The only people talking about Christ's Mass are the Christians. What they don't tell you is that Christ was probably born in springtime, the lambing season when shepherds stayed up with their flocks. The date was moved to December 25 in the fourth century to compete with *Natalis Solis Invicti*, the birthday of Mithra, the Roman sun god.

Mithraism threatened to eclipse Christianity; the Church decided to steal Mithra's fire, as it were, by celebrating the birthday of Jesus on the same day. Thus began the first deceptive step in the search for Baby Jesus.

My family used to search for Baby Jesus every Christmas. Did anyone else's family play this bizarre Christmas game?

At the beginning of Advent, my mom would put out the Advent wreath and the Nativity scene, minus Baby Jesus, since Jesus didn't arrive until his birthday. Joseph and Mary knelt adoringly before an empty manger for four weeks.

After Midnight Mass (during which Santa Claus came), we searched the house for Baby Jesus. The lucky finder of the baby won the right to place Jesus in the manger. Whoop-de-doo.

Every Advent school day the nuns gathered us all in the hallway beneath an Advent wreath hung from the ceiling. We heard readings from Isaiah and the Gospel, then sang that perennial Advent favorite, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

After Vatican II, we added the Jesse Tree, a bare twig stuck in a coffee can full of sand with Biblical symbols from the Isaiah readings hung from it.

The actual holiday was another occasion for family psychodrama. The same old stories, nominally amusing, were retold and opened old animosities. My favorite of these tortures was "The Paper Bell."

When I was four, my father came home from the hospital for Christmas because he would be dead by the next year. A hospital bed was installed in my parents' bedroom and Father Farrow came three times a week to give him the last rites.

That year my sister Katt was into

the candles made from empty milk cartons, crushed ice, and wax. She had made several festive red and green candles, which were burning in the living room.

A few days before, I had pestered my mother until she bought me a red honeycomb paper Christmas bell. I was tossing it around the living room (against orders) when it landed in a candle and fell flaming to the carpet.

I started screaming "My bell! My bell!", then my mother and my sisters started screaming "Fire!" No one did anything to put the fire out, however, until my father staggered down the stairs with a urinal full of water, poured it on the carpet, and went back to his bed without a word.

My carpet-installer uncle Benny (the unconverted Protestant husband of my father's little sister) came the next day and replaced a piece of the carpet about a foot square.

Twenty years after this little incident, my mother was still telling the family around the Christmas table about how I dragged my father from his deathbed with my disobedience.

There were similar stories about each member of the family, which over time were also embroidered with my mother's bitterness. Add lots of alcohol and you can imagine the scenes that took place.

When I was in junior high, my mom worked as secretary to William Abramson, real-estate mogul. At Chanukah 1971, "Mr. A" asked Mom to deliver a fruit basket to the widow of a friend of his. Her name was Babe, and she lived at Green Acres (I'm not making this up), the county poorhouse.

Green Acres was so depressing that Mom invited this woman to our house on Christmas. We picked her up; I drove (at age 13) because Mom was already drunk. Babe got plastered and kept making passes at my brother-in-law. I was angry because I wanted him for myself. There was lots of nasty spiked punch; the highlight of the evening was Mom telling Babe how to use a penny in the hem of her stocking to tighten it up. Babe (of course) heard the Paper Bell and other "stick it to 'em" stories.

By the time Babe needed to get back to Green Acres, Mom was passed out and Sharon and Bruce had left. I poured Babe into the car and drove her back to the poorhouse.

The last time I spoke to my mother was Christmas Day 1983. She had been living in Mesa for a while when I moved to San Francisco, but had gone to Portland to be with her sisters for Christmas.

Before that phone call, the last words I had heard my mother say were, "I'm an alcoholic because I have a Gay son and a Lesbian daughter." It had been about a year since we had spoken.

Sharon had called me from Colorado Springs and told me that Mom was at Aunt Pat's house and that she really wanted to talk to me. Guilt-driven creature that I was then, I agreed to call her.

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**MONTE-JON GILMER**  
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A multitude of friends were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Monte-Jon. Monte lived in Tucson all of his life and had just moved to Nashville, Tennessee last August with his lover Rhett Gable. He fell ill at work and died of internal hemorrhaging. A Memorial Service is being planned but final details are not available at press time.

Monte-Jon touched so many lives because he was such a public person. He was an actor, vocalist, dancer, producer, director, costumer, and on more than one occasion, a female illusionist.

Coming from what might be called a rugged childhood, Monte excelled in every task he undertook. In his illusionist period, he always was known as Mr. Monte-Jon. One of his favorite performing arts was tap dancing and he will be remembered by many for his engaging talent. Monte-Jon also donated his talents in directing or acting or costuming to many, many benefits which brought in much needed monies to various organizations mainly because of the professionalism of Monte's talents.

Tucson will certainly miss this lively, jovial, active, chipper, spirited young man who had found his true happiness with Rhett and had moved on to bigger and better things, when life cut him short. It doesn't seem fair, and of course it isn't, but everyone knows that life isn't fair.

Bye for now Monte - you're still my favorite "Gibson Girl".



**SEAN THOMAS**

The Gay and Lesbian Community of Tucson was diminished last Sunday upon learning of the death of Sean Thomas. Sean was one of the leading champions of early intervention in the HIV community, and was a prominent example by the strength and energy he displayed right to the end in his valiant fight with AIDS.

Sean will be remembered for his giving nature and his kindness toward his fellow man. He was one of the founders of an organization known as Southern Hospitality which expended much effort in helping other individuals and organizations in time of their need.

In the mid-1990s, Sean joined forces with the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) where he worked tirelessly assisting others in need both physically and emotionally.

Realizing the need for public recognition of those volunteers in the HIV/AIDS field of Tucson, Sean was instrumental in organizing and producing the TORCH Awards (Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help). It was at the most recent TORCH Awards that he was recognized and received the Ron Templeton Memorial Award presented by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance for his years of service to his community.

In his spare time, Sean wrote a weekly column for the Observer for several years. His commentary on love and understanding among others was often biting but always right on the button, as were his admonitions concerning HIV infection and safe sex.

The Tucson community has truly lost a formidable advocate in the local and state AIDS/HIV community, but the results of his work lives on as does our memory of this most extraordinary young man who gave his all to others asking nothing in return.

Funeral services were held for Sean on Wednesday, Dec. 22. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Dec. 24 at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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### "ALAN LANG VERSUS THE DICTATORS"

Yes, our embattled Assessor had his day before the five "dictators", to quote him. The "dictators", also known as the Pima County Board of Supervisors, held a special meeting this past Friday to determine whether Lang should post an additional Surety Bond to protect the County from liability because of the pending lawsuits from employees, property value appeals and other litigation. The Board also considered a moratorium to halt Lang's plans to layoff 42 workers from the office.

The proposer of this action, Sup. Ed Moore, found a law on the books which was enacted in 1901 which gives a County Board of Supervisors the power to force a County elected official to post a Surety Bond to protect a county from liability caused by that person's actions.

The Board heard testimony from county and state officials about Lang's actions and the possible repercussions. Lang attended the meeting, with his attorney Stanton Bloom at his side. The meeting at times became heated with confrontations between Bloom and Pima County Civil Deputy Attorney David Dingleline. Here are some highlights from the testimony:

Pete Pearman, Dep. Pima County Attorney on Lang's reassessment of property values and the layoffs of senior appraisers, "The moral in the office is low due to Lang's plan to layoff workers. I have grave concerns about defending tax appeals, because there is not sufficient resources to defend tax appeals or administrative appeals."

The state Attorney General's

office attorney helping the county to defend tax appeals stated that there is no factual base being developed by the Assessor's office for the A.G. to help the county defend the tax rolls. Lang stated he would help the state with depositions but has not helped.

Lang's attorney, Stanton Bloom, on the charges, the proposal for the bond and his opinion on Lang's job performance, "The charges against Alan Lang are trumped up. The board is looking for an excuse to get rid of Alan Lang; Moore set him up as a straw man and a scape goat. The only group that can get rid of Lang are the people of Pima County. Lang is doing a good job and can faithfully perform his job. The board needs to operate in fairness and liberty and justice for all, including Alan Lang."

Alan Lang responds, "My reorganization of the office is one of my campaign promises. There will be no problem with the reduction of staff during the time of the tax appeals. It's my constitutional right to carry a gun. Would the Board pay for a body guard due to the numerous death threats made against me. The work environment in the office is not a hostile one. Some in the office oppose my administration; those people have mental problems and some has even had counseling." Lang also stated that he had received permission to reorganize from former County Administrator, Manoj Vyas and County Manager Amos Moses.

After the testimony, the board voted 5 to 0 to force Lang to get a Surety Bond, valued at \$900,000, to cover poten-

tial liability. He has 10 days, as of last Friday, to do so or face removal by the board. Lang's attorney, Stanton Bloom stated he was going to file an appeal to Superior Court to block this action. Also, the board voted 3 to 2 to halt Lang's plans to reorganize the office. When leaving the board room, Lang stated "That you are (the board) a bunch of dictators and you better watch out!"

### LANG'S TOWN HALL

Tonight, our embattled Assessor will be a part of a town hall meeting, sponsored by the TBC (Tucson's Biggest Crybabys). This meeting Lang will talk about how the Assessor's office came up with the property valuations. That will all that will be talked about at the meeting, nothing else. (Can we say fix?)

### U.S. SENATE RACE NEWS

As you probably read, Arizona State Democratic party chair, Steve Owens, announced that he would not be running for the Democratic nod for the U.S. Senate. He stated family concerns was the primary reason for not running.

Now, last week I mentioned that Congressman Sam Coppersmith, was being touted by political insiders for the race. Well, a scoop for The Observer. Rep. Coppersmith will be announcing his bid for the Democratic nod in the middle of January to the first week in February.

### CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

With the above mentioned hap-

pening, guess who, on the Democratic side is hot too trot for the race in CD-1? None other than State Senator Chuck Blanchard from L.D. 25. Blanchard, who has been mentioned for posts ranging from Phoenix mayor to Attorney General is looking into the race.

### RECALL NEWS

Just a reminder, with an appeal pending, the board cannot remove Alan Lang, so the recall must go on. Also, you may have read in other publication about how Sup. Ed Moore threatened to go to KTUC and expose "some fact about a county aide's life." Where have we heard that one before! It's time to get rid of both, call 623-1478 to volunteer with Total Recall. We must act!

### PONDER A WHILE BUT DON'T FILE

Believe it or not? But don't yet! A beleaguered elected city official is the buzz because it has been mentioned that they may resign and the replacement would be "\$\$\$\$."

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# Teacher Halts Plans For Cross Dressing Skit

MESA (AP) - Saying the point of providing food for the needy was being lost, an elementary school principal has called off the proposed cross-dressing gimmick that had some parents irate.

Bob Meko sat on a flagpole and had his head shaved by a basketball star in the past two years after his pupils met his challenge to obtain thousands of cans of donated.

This year, the Mendoza Elementary School's student council voted to have male teachers dress in drag and perform song and dance routines if students came up with 20,000 cans of food, twice as many as in 1991 and 3,000 more than last year.

Their last count, as of this past Tuesday, they had 15,257 cans. but as news media began reporting Meko's latest challenge, some parents objected that the cross dressing stunt would be sending young people the wrong message.

Meko backed off, "I will not

involve children in adult disagreements," he said.

Instead of the dress affair, Meko said, former Phoenix Suns star Connie Hawkins and perhaps others from the National Basketball Association will appear to say thanks if the pupils come through.

"The canned food issue was being lost," Meko said. "The main thing should be the drive."

Sixth grader Molly Rapp, had a similar view. "I think it was a good idea, but not going ahead with it is not the point. The point was that we collect food to help the needy," she said.

Earlier, Meko had said it was tough trying to be sensitive to 3,000 parents, guardians and grandparents. Recently he spoke a bit more softly.

"If I offended one person, that's one too many," he said. "I understand their point of view, but I don't agree with it."

Why does he do such things?

"One of primary ways children learn is by motivation," he said. "To be enthusiastic is contagious. They react to people willing to do something out of the norm."

One of the complaining parents, Kathy Auerbach, said Meko's change of plans was "the best decision for the children."

# Anti-Gay Discrimination Ends At White House

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a new Equal Opportunity Employment Statement, the White House adopted for the first time an official policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Rights Campaign Fund. Tim McFeeley, executive director of HRCF, called it "a major statement from the highest office in the land that discrimination has no place in the workplace."

The new policy, applicable to all employees of the White House staff, states the White House "does not condone nor tolerate discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, age (over 40), disability or sexual orientation in any of its personnel policies, practices, and operations."

The White House policy statement comes at a time when other federal agencies are taking positive steps to end employment discrimination against Gay people.

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## AIDS Virus Resistant To Three Anti-Viral Drugs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - New research shows the AIDS virus is able to evade as many as three different anti-viral drugs given simultaneously, dimming hopes that a combination of agents can prevent the deadly problem of drug resistance.

patients who showed sustained benefit from the drug combination, and these may offer important clues about the virus or the therapy, said Johnson.

Disappointing evidence of multi-drug resistance, presented at the First National Conference on Human Retroviruses, underscores the complexity of finding an AIDS treatment that will withstand the test of time.

The AIDS community had been optimistic about nevirapine, because the drug attacks the virus in a different location than AZT and other agents.

Resistance was observed in AZT as early as 1989, only three years after it was licensed. Resistance is thought to be a major cause of failure of AZT treatment.

Preliminary results from a three-way approach to treatment, using a new anti-viral drug called nevirapine with AZT and DDC, or nevirapine with AZT and DDI, show the virus is suppressed only briefly, then rebounds vigorously to original levels.

There are now more than two dozen mutations that make the virus invulnerable to the class of AZT like drugs.

This is particularly troubling from a public health standpoint, because there is concern the epidemic may be fueled by an increasingly virulent virus, and will be much tougher to treat.

HIV continues to be a "moving target," slipping out from under a net of therapies.

Researchers have hoped that a virus that is resistant to one class of drugs will be susceptible to another.

Although researchers insist these gloomy results are no reason to abandon use of nevirapine, they admit it has forced a shift in their way of thinking.

### Local Gay Cable Programming Update

TUCSON - Empty Closet, a local Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual cable television program, will cablecast one hour episodes twice a week, the programs began on November 22.

"The goal of combination therapy should not be trying to prevent the emergence of resistance, but to delay or limit the emergence of resistance," said Dr. Victoria A. Johnson of the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham.

Tucson Community Cable will cablecast Empty Closet exclusively on Channel 62 Mondays at 4 p.m., and Sundays at 6 p.m., starting December 20th.

The University is a participant in the trial, sponsored by nevirapine manufacturer Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Although the findings are a disappointment, any delay in HIV's development of drug resistance is helpful, Johnson said.

Empty Closet Productions is dedicated to serving the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community. Production goals are to support, educate, and entertain. For special events coverage, contact Tony at (602) 882-8120.

Future combinations of drugs may perform better, researcher predict.

In the beginning of the study, all 24 patients benefitted from the nevirapine combination therapy. There was a prompt drop in levels of HIV and a corresponding boost in the number of immune system CD4 cells, two promising signs.

But within five months, the treatment showed signs of failure in half the patients.

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# "Madlands" No Valentine To Madison Wisconsin



JEFF KIRSCH

MADISON, Wis., - Part-time Tucson resident Jeff Kirsch has just had his novel, "Madlands" published by Wuabesa Press. "Madlands" is Madison, Wisconsin in the mid-1980's, when sex and politics collide in the pursuit of the perfect alternative lifestyle.

Madison is a city where the cab driver has a doctorate, where a Lesbian activist fears condemnation for liking men. It's a so-called liberal university town where professorships are given to the best looking women.

"It's a novel that could take place in a very few other places, such as Berkeley or, on a good day, Ann Arbor," says Jeff Kirsch. The novel is his first.

Everyone in the complex story is going through a sort of transition, some swinging like pendulums to extremes that Kirsch will not call satiric, though others might. One thing "Madlands" is definitely

not is a valentine to the city.

Kirsch is ready for the reaction.

"When you're writing about politically correct excess and people's sacred causes, and your tone is anything but laudatory, you're going to displease some people," he says.

Kirsch lived in Madison from 1975 to 1989, left to teach at Tulane University in New Orleans, and returned last May. He received his master's degree and doctorate in Spanish literature from the University of Wisconsin Madison and now teaches for UW Outreach.

The sometimes cruel academic politics that provide much of the period action in "Madlands" may be typical of any major university. But, he says, "as to whether it could be set in any other university town. I don't think they would present as dramatic a backdrop."

And things haven't changed that much since the mid-1980's when the novel is set, Kirsch says, especially on the east side.

"I see a new generation of radicals who migrate to that area because they know the reputation and that's where they want to live," he says.

The novel was conceived in the fall of 1983. Kirsch wrote four drafts of "Madlands," followed by polishings. In all, it took him 4 1/2 years to complete the manuscript, beginning with careful character sketches.

"It's a novel that's definitely character driven," he says. There are nine major characters, earlier drafts featured as many as 23, and at least a dozen secondary characters.

There's Lesbian activist Roz Goldwomyn (changed from Goldman); new faculty member Cissy and her husband, Jeb; the Gay cab driver, Juan; and Pep.

Who's Pep?

"Her jet black hair lay in two asymmetrical halves, one limp, the other jutting out. Her forehead was high, her nose round and lips thick. Closer scrutiny revealed the upper lip painted black and the lower one a deep purple."

As much as you might like to meet some of these people (or perhaps avoid them), Kirsch says the characters have no real life counterparts.

After sending it out to several publishers, "Madlands" was accepted by Wuabesa Press, which released a month ago in Madison and selected cities nationwide. Half of the press run of 2,000 has already sold, and a second printing is being considered.

Kirsch is working on a sequel to the novel called "Burr Oaks," which picks up five years later. And while it's too early for critical response to "Madlands," the author says he does not expect lavish praise.

"It's a novel that in all probability has something to amuse and offend everyone," he says.

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**IBT'S** - IBT's joins with HITT for an extra special Christmas party with raffica, prizes and food starting at 7:30 p.m. Plus a special Glamazon Christmas Show at 9:00 p.m. starring Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X, Gilda Fatalé, Lucinda Holliday, Angelica West and Blaze.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 (XMAS DAY)

**CLUB 2520** - The Club will open at 6:00 p.m. today only to allow their employees to enjoy the day with family and loved ones. Then, celebrate Christmas Night with some hot, hot, hot strippers here. Dave Silver and his Men of Muscle will begin taking it off at 10:00 p.m. and where they stop no one knows! ID's required, no one under 20 years allowed!

**GRADUATE** - Open regular hours.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

**CLUB 2520** - To pep you up on the day after Xmas, the Club will be selling 99c Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers and 50c Schnapps from noon until 7:00 p.m. Fa la la la la la la!

**GRADUATE** - The Grad will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. today only.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)

**CLUB 2520** - What better way of brisning in the New Year than with those fantastic Men of Muscle starring Dave Silver, Denu and John. Hot Men and Hot Bodies! 10:00 p.m. Plus the usual party favors, dancing and champagne.

**GRADUATE** - Food fun and favors with complimentary champagne of course. Celebrate and drive safely!

**HOURS** - New Years Eve Party starting at 8:00 p.m. Complimentary Party Favors, Buffet and Champagne at Midnight. No Cover!

**IBT'S** - New Years Eve extravaganza here beginning at 10:00 p.m. with food, party favors and all the hoopla with champagne at midnight.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEARS DAY)

**CLUB 2520** - Sick Call! Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers 99c and of course the traditional Black-eyed Peas and Cornbread. Happy New Years!

**GRADUATE** - Fiesta Bowl Madness with Pool Tourny and Menudo for You!

**IBT'S** - New Years Day Recovery Party! Food and drink specials. Watch your favorite bowl games on their 3-TVs.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

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The fine artwork of Mr. Robert Bray will be on display at Cactus Gallery during the month of January.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

**One-In-Ten Theatre Company** will present "Hannah Free", a benefit performance for P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) beginning at 8 p.m. at the troupe's Historic "Y" Theatre. Get your tickets early and make this a sell-out performance with proceeds to our mom's and dad's. For ticket information or reservations call Priscilla Walker, 883-7383.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

**Christmas Day Dinner at MCC/Tucson**, Meals will be served from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to anyone wishing Christmas Dinner. Anyone needing transportation to the church should call 292-9151. Anyone who is homebound may have dinner delivered by calling prior to Christmas Day to make arrangements for delivery. All are welcome - no charge to anyone and there will be no worship service on Christmas Day. A Christmas Eve Vigil will be held Friday, Dec. 24th, starting at 11:00 p.m.

Sandlot volleyball at St. Francis in the Foothills, Swan and River Road sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual support group. All men and women are welcome - all skill levels. The group plays for fun every Saturday (including Xmas and New Years Day at 1:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Healing Service at Cornerstone Fellowship beginning at 6 p.m. This is a monthly time of worship and prayer for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Cornerstone is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)

**Alcohol-Free New Year's Party** sponsored by 3rd Friday. Coffeehouse and St. Francis Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Support Group. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. \$3 for 1, \$6 for 2, \$9 for 3. Doors open at 9 p.m. Coffee & Iced Tea and munchies included. Sophisticated refreshments will be sold by Desert Voices. Dance the night away with DJ Jeannie Kelley. Party ends at 1:00 p.m. What a deal! Profits will go to local Gay and Lesbian organizations.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Lesbian art group for beginners and experienced artists. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Call 624-1779 for info.

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**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon, Sated Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7pm. AGRIC C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$5. 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; Tea Dance with Ron 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 Screw Drivers \$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. Buffet B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 am. 301 Dart Tournament 4pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7pm, B-B-Q 5-7pm.

monday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 6-1 + Moon Madness "Beaten". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm.

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**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, also, 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Monday with Pete from 9 to 1

**RUMORZ** - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1pm until 8pm \$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. 99c 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-Square's Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.

**GRADUATE** - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 7:30 7pm to close

**IBT'S** - Open noon to 1am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25c extra for pizza. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Jazz with Pete 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 close. Fabulous Fabrics show at 9:30pm.

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

wednesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c 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 Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8pm to 1am, featuring cage dancers.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c 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. Scamnal 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. Sales Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fira" salsa.

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thursday

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

**GRADUATE** - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00

**HOURS** - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heinrichs 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 - via a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.75 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 V/DJ Linda.

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friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

**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. GoGo 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. Hux D'Overre. V/DJ Jeff Strickles 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 Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

**RUMORZ** - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Finkel V/DJ 10-1.

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

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And a Merry Ho, Ho, Ho to all...

At the December 7th Board Meeting of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) their new "Bigger and Better" budget for fiscal year 1994 was revealed, so let it be my Xmas "present" to you my readers, with a look at their 1993 budget by comparison. Please check out Table 1.

Table 1. TAP Fiscal Year (FY) 1994 Budget - Compared to FY '93

Revenues:	FY '94/FY '93
Grants/Contracts:	488,194/415,954
Fund Raising:	455,000/349,313
Total Income:	943,194/765,267
Expenses:	
Personnel/Payroll:	590,959/548,575
Volunteer Services:	13,490/ 4,500
"Space"	58,052/ 54,000
Program Support:	134,003/ 54,002
Operations Support:	31,747/ 25,240
Equipment/Furnishings:	18,921/ 17,250
Materials/Supplies:	17,069/ 15,259
Staff Development:	19,953/ 14,999
Fundraising:	29,000/ 2,500
Total Expenses:	913,194/765,231

As it's easy to see from Table 1, this new budget for 1994 expects to pull an additional \$105,000 out of our community, probably based on TAP's AIDS Walk expectations. Last year, TAP expected to raise about \$350,000 through community fund raising, compared to \$455,000 this year. If TAP thinks they are going to raise almost half a million community dollars "for AIDS" this year without some serious questions and comment from me about how those dollars are

going to be spent, then "guess again" folks! I have a real problem with the amount of bureaucracy at TAP that we are paying for, and the number of employees that have nothing to do with direct client assistance. Seems that TAP has almost 90% of its salaried staff doing administrative and "coordinating" jobs - that means they tell other people, probably volunteers, where and how to do something for a client, or how to tell the client where to get a service from some other agency. Again, I have no problem with grants that fund employees to go out and educate the community about "safer sex," etc., but I do not believe people in our community who donate money to an AIDS agency such as TAP want to see their dollars paying for newsletters, "space" to the tune of \$58,000, data managers, fund raisers, and professional AIDS "workers" instead of providing direct assistance to persons with AIDS - first and foremost.

#### Survey of HIV+ persons...

Also, TAP seems to have this "bug" up their butt about case management, possibly because there are government dollars floating around out there for this kind of happy "referral" service. An associate of mine, however, obtained a survey of HIV infected persons from Pima County Health Department, which was conducted by PACT back in 1990, with the involvement of Information & Referral, Inc. This survey is very revealing, for it shows that 28% of those who participated had no medical coverage and almost 30% stated that they had a serious problem being able to afford basic necessities, such as food and housing.

Finally, the last question asked of these HIV+ survey participants was "...what do you feel are the three highest service needs that ought to be addressed?" The results were the same as I've been hearing from HIV+ friends in our community for the last year, which are (1) Medical care (11.7%), (2) Financial needs (11.7%), and (3) Housing (9.8%). But how come nobody in this group mentioned "case management?" And why does Tucson's largest AIDS service organization (TAP) seem to ignore surveys such as this that asked about the needs of people with HIV? Case management may be great for some persons, but it will also not pay someone's rent for a couple of months, or buy food for the dinner table that is both appropriate and selected by the HIV+ individuals in need. How dis-empowering for people living with AIDS/HIV that a bunch of highly paid AIDS "professionals" at TAP should decide what is in the best interest of us HIV infected individuals, and then to spend our community dollars to hire other staff to tell us where to go and how to get the needed services from other agencies!

While this survey only included 75 HIV+ persons, it is certainly comparable to the 77 responses from TAP's last consumer satisfaction survey and should be looked at and listened to by an agency like TAP that has almost a million dollar budget.

More money for "space"...

"Space" in the amount of \$58,000 is still an unanswered question, although I did find out that it probably does not include client housing, which is covered by a ten-year HUD grant of approximately \$33,000 per year, or a total of \$330,000. So just what is the \$58,000 in TAP's budget this year buying as "space?" Come on Craig, lets hear it!

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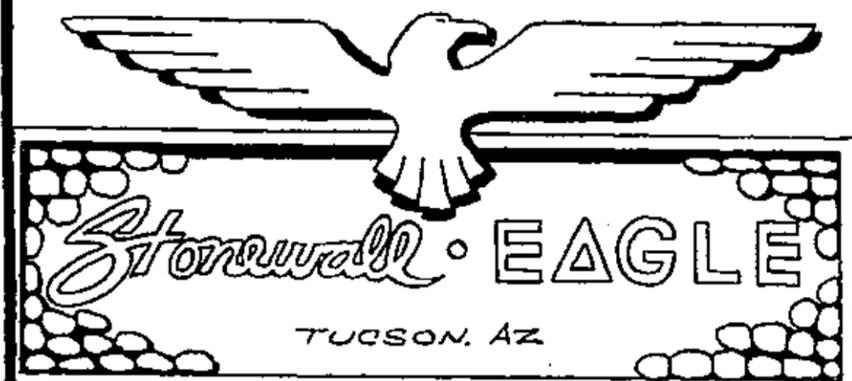
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# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Our community has banded together on many issues in this world in which equal opportunities have been denied to Gay people. These issues range from health benefits for our spouses to one of the most recent issues to incite media attention, Gays in the military. While these causes are noble and should be pursued, the most important issue facing not only each person in our community but every human being, their relationship with God, has been the one that has caused the greatest division within the Gay community.

At this time of year we are celebrating the birth of much more than a wise man and teacher. We are celebrating the birth of the son of God who came to this earth to sacrifice himself for the sins of all humanity. A segment of the straight fundamental Christian community has stirred up hostility toward Gay people, but this doesn't mean that all Bible-believing Christians are hostile towards Gays and Lesbians. It does not mean that they are correct in their interpretations, nor is it the first time in the history of Christianity that the prejudices of men have caused controversy.

The Apostle Paul was given a mission by God to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to the gentiles (those who were other than Jews). He received opposition from many Jewish Christians who did not want to accept the gentiles into the faith. Paul said to them, "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Romans 10: 12,13)

When our community challenges much of the world on issues other than Christianity, we take great pains to study and interpret the laws of the land to pin-

point the injustices and misunderstandings. I wonder what percentage of our community has put the same kind of effort into studying the word of God. How many have studied the Hebrew and Greek words from which the Bible was translated, or the culture and customs of biblical times that are important in the understanding of these words? We often claim moral injustice, citing moral and ethical laws that come from God himself through his word, yet somehow blame God for the sins and ignorance of men. God does not break his own laws, but humanity does. Many Gay people have given up what has been freely offered to them by God and replaced it with alternative beliefs and false assumptions about his word. Many have lashed out in bitterness, engaging in a war of stereotypes with straight fundamental Christians.

This month, as all Christians celebrate the birth of the "Prince of Peace". I urge one and all in our community not to defiantly perpetuate stereotypes that others perceive, but to take that step toward studying and understanding the word of God and his great love for each one of us. Keep in your hearts these words of Scripture: "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all who have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:22-24)

Merry Christmas to all our readers!

Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held at 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 24. Everyone is invited to join with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with song and scripture readings.

bores at The Graduate last Sunday. Special thanks to Art Lewis and the staff of The Graduate for the location and the great food enjoyed by all; Ron Shaw and John Carmichael for tending the beer bust bar; Theresa Housely and Christina De Alexis for the great entertainment and funds raised through tips, love you! Many thanks also go to the AGRA members who attended and supported us at the meeting and the Jamboree.

As the year ends I realize just how close we are to "Arizona Gay Rodeo Season". Our first one falls in January in Phoenix and Tucson isn't far behind in March. So much work to be done. AGRA members, soon you'll all be receiving phone calls asking for your help for certain areas. Please respond with a whopping "yes!". If you love the rodeo how 'bout doing something to make it happen. What about simply picking up the phone and calling the AGRA hotline and volunteering for what ever is needed and even for some area where you have interest or skills?

Sales for advertisements for the programs and buckle sponsorships are about to get under way. We ask all the businesses in our community to support us and get some highly visible advertising to boot.

Happy and safe holidays to all

## Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

### AGRA CALENDAR

January 14-16, Phoenix "Road Runner Regional" Rodeo, Corona Arena, Phoenix.

Sunday, January 23, AGRA Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. General Membership meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Venture-N.

Wednesday, January 26, AGRA Banquet, Charlie's, Phoenix. Cocktails and election voting from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Banquet, (donated by Charlie's), starts at 8:00 p.m.

February 18-20, Chicago Gay Rodeo, "The Windy City's Illinois Regional Rodeo". Call local AGRA for Chicago contact phone numbers.

Sunday, February 27, AGRA "Hoedown", Hours. Details coming soon!

For information about these and upcoming events call the AGRA hotline 323-0805.

Holiday greetings from AGRA-Tucson to all of you in the Tucson community. We wish you peace and happiness in the coming new year.

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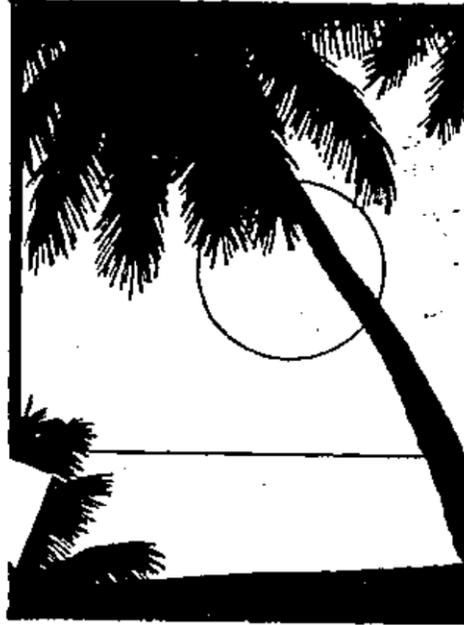
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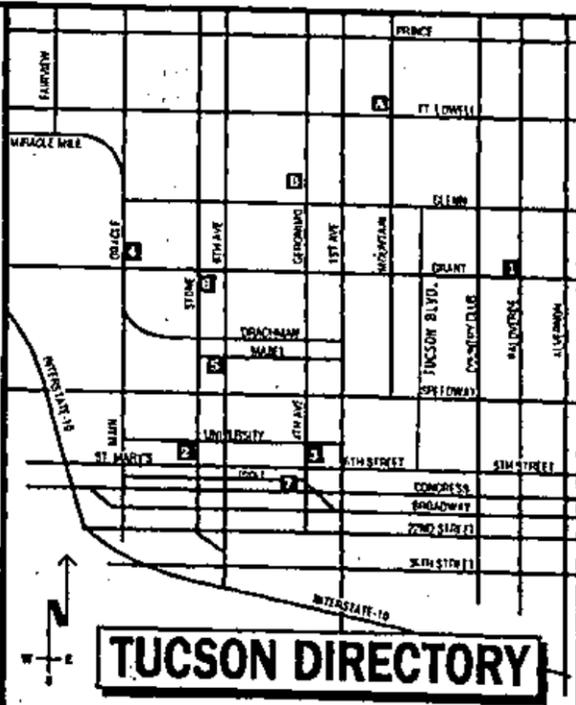
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# Birth Mother Wins Back Child From Adoptive Gay Parents

BELLINGHAM, Wa., - The state will appeal a judge's order calling for temporary placement of a three year old boy with the mother who gave him up for adoption last year, an assistant attorney general says.

The mother, Megan Lucas, drew national attention when she learned her son was being placed with Gay foster parents and tried to reverse her decision to give up the boy. She contended she was coerced into surrendering her son and was promised he would go to a heterosexual couple.

She recently dropped that effort to concentrate on a bid to adopt her own son.

The decision to appeal came after Whatcom County Superior Court Judge Steven Mura issued a written decision calling for the boy to spend as long as 60 days with his mother so a report can be prepared on the arrangement.

"We think it is contrary to the child's best interests to be placed with them at this time for purposes of obtaining a post-placement report," said Assistant State Attorney General Dennis Kole. He represents the Department of Social and Health Services, which oversees the state foster-care and adoption programs.

"I'm real disappointed," Lucas's attorney, Richard Kimberley said of the state's plan to appeal.

"My client is going to be devastated if she doesn't receive her child back," he said, adding an appeal would be "a needless waste of my client's resources and the court's time."

Lucas was an unwed teen-ager with a drinking problem when the boy was born, and he has spent much of his life in foster care.

Now married and the mother of an 18 month old girl, Lucas and her husband filed a petition to adopt, along with a pre-placement report on their suitability as parents. The social worker found the Lucas home as very suitable.

Mura's order for the boy to be placed with the Lucases would provide a basis for a post placement report.

The state wants a fact finding hearing held before the child is removed from the Seattle home of his foster parents, Louis and Ross Lopton, the Gay couple.

"We think the trial court erred by not considering the best interests of the child," and that the child's welfare would be compromised if he is shuttled to the Lucases, Kole said.

Kimberley contends the state "contributed mightily to that situation," noting DSHS shifted the child from a foster home in Bellingham in September "knowing he was the subject of litigation to return him to his mother."

"For the state to argue, that this child shouldn't be moved because he's been moved too many times already is just unbelievable to me when the state moved him the last time," he said.

Mura's order also says that if an adoption petition is filed by another party, one is expected from the Loptons, it should be considered along with the Lucas petition.

## Oregon

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they were elected to take stands on controversial issues.

"I made a choice based on my conscience, values and what I felt would benefit the community as a whole. I will never be able to make decision that will reflect everyone's viewpoint," Miltenberger said.

## MLK March

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very exciting. This is the first time that we've been officially invited by March organizers to participate." The theme of the Lesbian/Gay contingent will be "Human Rights for ALL."

AHRF will also be sponsoring two tables at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, on Friday, January 14, 1994. For more information call AHRF at (602) 530-1660.

## Closet Door

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I called; she cried. We told each other that we loved each other. Then I hung up. Three months later she was dead.

Every year since 1965, I have watched *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. (This year my ex gave me a video of it just before he left with his boyfriend for three weeks in Europe.)

Like Charlie Brown, I always felt let down by Christmas. Given my family's style of celebration, it's not surprising. Linus's recital of the Gospel nativity story used to make me cry, then restore my Christmas spirit. Then I'd go to the mall and contribute to the real Christmas season.

This year Baby Jesus is not coming to my house. Linus can't make me cry anymore. I'm free of Christmas at last. I haven't been in a mall since July, haven't sent a card, haven't seen a fruitcake (thank Goddess), haven't sung a carol.

The search for Baby Jesus has led generations to war from the Crusades to the latest atrocities in Northern Ireland. It has led people like Frank Meliti to organize hate, justifying their wickedness in Christ's name. It has led Gay men and Lesbians to the stake, to mental institutions, and to the concentration camps.

As for me, I cannot believe in a Creator who would make me queer and make being queer a one-way ticket to the fiery pit. I no longer need the December rites to assuage my guilt for the way I act the rest of the year. The search for Baby Jesus has led me to my pagan self.

If you celebrate Christmas, I sincerely hope it will be merry. For the first time, mine will be, too: finally I don't feel let down.

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**N. phoenix DADDY TYPE:** looking to meet yng guys who are looking for daddy type, leave msg & I'll get back. #1123

**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, 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 goodlkg, latina, 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, atrac, wm) #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 scaprio #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, wm, 5'10, 175lbs, well built, goodlkg, 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 same for friends & more. #6320

**NO INHIBITIONS PLEASE:** blue eyed 20 YR OLD, 5'10, 150lbs, w/brw hair, goodlkg, seeking my aged or little older for an 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 tucson 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 bttm, 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 WNTED:** 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

**call. A Call is worth a thousand words. #3171**

**Tucson CURRENT AFFAIR:** 6', 160lbs, brw hair/eyes; hairy chest, looking for indoor scitem'l & 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. clean-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 gdllg GM 33, 5'11", 155#, Brn/Blu, must. & 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/Span. 29yrs., 5'9", 160#, Grn/Dk Brn, very attrac., 43c, 29w, sensitive. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's get some good hardbody fun going. #4688

**FLAGSTAFF, PREFER HAIRY, FOREIGN A PLUS!** Grad student at NAU, 6', 175#, Br/Blu, interested in safe fun with disc. educated male. Looking for friendship, like travel, outdoors, computers, good conversation and good fun. #5097

**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

**DON'T WANT YOUR EMOTIONS, BUT I DO WANT YOUR MUSCLE!** Looking for studs under 30, smooth, long hair, to come over and turn and burn! I'm 28, Br/Br, ready to rock & roll! #2072

**TUCSON, JUST OUT FOR FRIENDS.** Give me a call, looking for other Bi males in the area. Give me a call, get my hm number. #5363

**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

**PHOENIX, ALL YOU JOCKS WITH SWEATY SOCKS!** I'm a good-looking well-built GWM. If you're 18-35, also in very good shape, muscular. #1563

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**Arizona OPEN TO ALL:** Interested in getting together for rel.? leave msg in my box. #6338

**Tucson PERSONAL TRAINER SOUGHT:** HISPANIC, 5'10, 180LBS, brw hair, love racquet sports, looking for guy who likes to work out & have fun. #6367

**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, goodlkg, 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 DEVOTEE:** 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 co-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

**Bowhead STILL LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT!:** 6'4, 185lbs, where are you WM? dying for your call! give a

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Happy holidays to all of the zodiacal family!

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21 - APRIL 19**  
 Opening the lines of communication with your superiors establishes a balanced interpretation of your career direction. Your evenings sparkle with interesting people and enjoyable conversation. Get those last minute holiday details accomplished.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 20 - MAY 20**  
 You are deeply engrossed in your job right now. Since you have been sharpening your skills you may recognize your marketability. Your gregarious nature will be a big plus at interviews, highlighting your strengths.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 21 - JUNE 20**  
 You will find your holiday shopping lets your fingers do the walking and you order by phone. Step back and encompass the whole picture to allow for better perception and foresight. This new aspect answers your questions about a domestic/business matter.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 21 - JULY 22**  
 It seems an apology is in order that will work to your advantage. Actual reality prevails concerning a project which you have put to action and finally bring to fruition. To avoid holiday conflict be sensitive to those around you through exercised patience.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23 - AUGUST 22**  
 This week shapes up with hedonistic endeavors and relaxed views. All matters that are serious will be pushed aside and a major over-haul on your closest relationship will hash out all the details to a good end!

**VIRGO**  
**AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22**  
 To your astonishment, you and a friend are on the exact same wave length. You both should consider following the same star. You encounter some incredible bargains at the last moment and remember to mail some forgotten gifts and cards.

**WHAT'S UP DOC?**

It is that time again that I reward myself with a little Christmas gift, in the form of a very small column. After 51 weekly columns, one week off is my own pay check and reward.

But, in next week I'll bring you up to date on TKO's Make-A-Wish benefit raffle, a new K-9 type PUCK retriever in town, and other items I may come across between now, Dec. 20 and next Monday. Also, I have heard from Phoenix and the news is on its way.

So with that in mind - I give you the following:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

**AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!**

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**LIBRA**  
**SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22**  
 Your significant other will be put on the back burner for a little bit so you may enjoy some family and neighborhood activities. Shopping flurries along and you are just about ready for the holidays. Be easy on family members whom you tend to have a short fuse with.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21**  
 You would be wise to heed the counsel of years during this most stressful season. You will be blessed with many remembrances this holiday. Through a confused outlook you are very pleased by the attention. Make a mental note of those who were well wishers to be on your list of thank you letters.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21**  
 Wild spending may lead to buyers remorse, so be careful not to sink yourself too deep in financial quicksand. Most of your closest friends would be happy enough to simply receive a nice Christmas card with your written heartfelt sentiments.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19**  
 Someone in the middle of a battle will try to snare you into the picture. Family will often make you feel obliged, especially during the holidays. Stick to your guns and be diplomatic and detached. Your popularity won't wane due to predictable conflicts and resolutions.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18**  
 Your social course is set on the fast track during this time of the year. Be sure to dress your best for those unexpected encounters. Through the rush of things your other half may feel like they are being kept in the cold. Comfort them and family members alike. You are so loved.

**PISCES**  
**FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20**  
 Doing your work behind the scenes furthers your success and support for investments and favors. Respect and admiration gathers around those who do their homework and realize all the options. The holidays find you prepared and sitting pretty. Your affections are received by the person you consider to be the closest.



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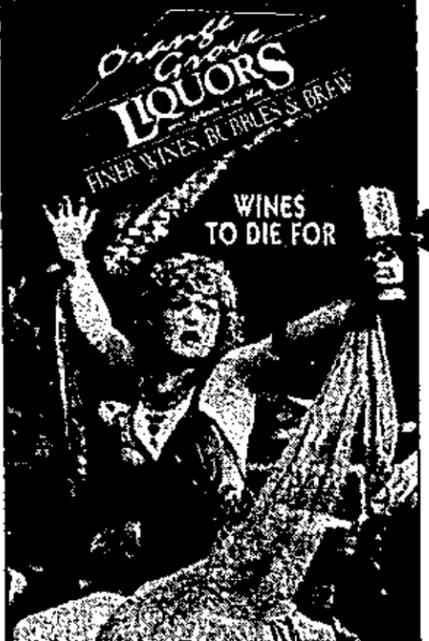
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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

TEN PERCENT meets every Wednesday on the UofA campus in the Student Union room 281 at 6 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual members of the community are invited.

RESTORATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF ALL LATTER DAY SAINTS - SOUTHWEST - Don't give up your religious beliefs and principles. Be with brothers and sisters of RLDS, LDS Mormon faith. For more information call 325-7668 or 1-800-755-2928. Sacramento Meeting Sundays 1-2 (social after). Mondays Family home evening 7-9 p.m. All welcome. Bring a friend.

A FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in practicing information about AIDS in Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY ROBBE ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85017-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

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ATTENTION ALL MUDISTS - Tucson Tantrix is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tantrix, P.O. Box 84-0, Cortaro, AZ 85622.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelfark Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 376-3555

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

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 622-0077. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcoholism 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 577-6018 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

TRANSEXUAL, TRANSGENDERS, TRANSVESTITES AND CROSS GENDER SUPPORT GROUP. Conversation and Fellowship. Meets 2nd Saturday and last Friday of each month. Call 293-3436. Not a dating service.

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

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

ARE YOU A GAY MAN 40 OR OLDER? Do you enjoy the companionship of your peers? Call Cronica 888-7264 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Open for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foxhills Church, Swain and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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# Families Go To Court To Keep Gay Church Goers Out Of Neighborhood

MATTHEWS, N.C. - A ministry aimed at alternative lifestyles, including homosexuality, was looking for a quiet place to worship when they bought a building in this Mecklenberg County community.

But area residents who don't want the church in their neighborhood are anything but quiet about their opposition.

Twenty five families went to court to stop the New Life Metropolitan Community Church. Opponents argue that the town's zoning board erred in granting a variance that opened the door for the church to move in.

About half of the church's 50 members are Gay.

"Homosexuals are entitled to go wherever they want to go," said Charlotte lawyer Paul Whitfield, who represents the families. "But I don't want one in my neighborhood."

But the Rev. Robert Darst of New Life Metropolitan Community Church said the church won't back down, unless residents want the 2.6 acre site.

"If they want to buy it from us, we'll sell it to them," said Darst, who is Gay. "At a profit, of course. We'll make money off their homophobia."

Superior Court Judge Zoro Guice Jr. said he'll decide whether local landowners have the right to drive out the church. The judge said the town of Mat-

thews failed to notify surrounding owners about the zoning variance that allowed the church to locate there.

Residents fighting the church say they object to homosexuals worshipping in their community.

"I think we have the right to choose what we want in our neighborhood. I have small children. I don't want them exposed to it," said Lakeview neighborhood spokesman Cindy Faw.

The fight has led the Charlotte Area Clergy Association to side with Darst and his church. Darst is a member of the clergy association.

"It's total discrimination for them not to be allowed to worship in peace," said Gwendolyn Ferguson, a member of the clergy association task force on Gays. "The whole message of the Bible is to love your neighbor."

Darst's congregation is part of the Metropolitan Community Church, an interdenominational Christian movement with 300,000 U.S. Adherents. The ministry is aimed at Gays, interracial couples and recovering alcoholics and drug addicts.

The congregation still meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte while awaiting the town's permission to renovate the garage building it bought for \$50,000.

But during the seven weeks it met

in North Matthews, Darst said the congregation was the target of harassment that caused attendance to dwindle from 35 to 8. Among other things, he accused residents of leaving a bag of feces in the church mailbox, disrupting a service by the sound of a chain saw and making a

death threat.

Area residents, in turn, claim some church members have tried to bother them by riding up and down the street in front of their homes.

# Jury Finds Waiter Was Fired Because He Was HIV+

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. - An attorney says she might not appeal a jury's decision that chef Jeremiah Tower fired a waiter at Stars restaurant because the man had AIDS.

The panel awarded the dismissed employee \$30,000.

Tower's attorney, Bonnie Glatzer, said it has not yet been decided if the verdict will be appealed. Noting the amount of the award, she said it "might not make financial sense."

The panel voted 9-3 in favor of veteran waiter Rolando Iglesias in his AIDS discrimination suit.

Tower claimed Iglesias was fired because he lied when he told a patron that cappuccino souffle was not on the menu.

Glatzer said the incident took place near the end of the waiter's shift. The dessert takes around a half hour to make and Iglesias lied so he could go home and not have to wait for it to be prepared, she said.

The customer complained after

the souffle episode, the waiter was suspended and then fired.

Iglesias's attorney, Steven Schectman, said Tower plotted to get rid of the waiter, contending his disease represented a potential health insurance liability to Stars.

Iglesias, who is HIV positive, was too weak to attend the Superior Court trial.

"They were out to fire Rolando Iglesias and they couldn't wait," Schectman told the jury in closing arguments. "They jumped the gun."

Schectman sought \$200,000 for emotional distress in addition to unspecified punitive damages.

Glatzer contended "misrepresenting the souffle" at a top rate restaurant was good cause for termination.

"You work at Stars, you have to provide excellent service, because Stars lives and dies on excellent service," she said in closing arguments.

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