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## S.B. 1314 Update: Bill Clears Latest Vote By Arizona Senate

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PHOENIX - Senate Bill 1314, which would effect how HIV testing would be performed in the State of Arizona, cleared another hurdle this week in the State Senate.

S.B. 1314 was passed Monday, by voice vote, in its Second Reading by the entire Senate. The bill had an amendment added by Sen. Ann Day (R-Tucson) in the committee, which was adopted by voice vote.

Originally, the bill would remove the requirements for consent for HIV testing to be written and require oral consent for HIV testing to be documented in the patient's chart and require consent for anonymous testing to be oral. The original bill had no definition of what oral consent would be.

Sen. Day's amendment, would keep written consent for testing and gives the option of oral consent for HIV testing, and that "this consent shall be noted in the medical chart."

Sen. Day's amendment would define oral consent as "requiring providing to the subject of the test the following information:

1. An explanation of the test including it's purpose, the meaning of it's results and the benefits of early diagnosis and medical intervention.

2. An explanation of the nature of AIDS and HIV-related illness and information about behaviors known to pose risks for the transmission of HIV infection.

3. An explanation of the confidentiality protections afforded HIV related information.

4. An explanation that an HIV-related test is voluntary and can be performed anonymously at a public health agency.

5. An explanation that a positive test result must be reported to a public health agency as required by law.

6. An explanation that the consent for the test maybe withdrawn at any time prior to drawing the sample for the test and that the withdrawal of consent may be given orally if the consent was given orally or shall be in writing if the consent was given in writing."

S.B. 1314, as amended, is the third and latest attempt by the Radical Right and the Arizona Medical Association

to get rid of anonymous HIV testing in Arizona. In 1992, a bill was introduced to forbid anonymous testing, it was killed in committee. In 1993, a bill was again introduced, but was not heard by the Senate Health, Welfare & Aging Committee.

Capitol sources stated that S.B. 1314 did not have the votes to pass the full Senate. Sen. Day's amendment is seen as a "last ditch effort" to persuade moderate Republicans and Democrats to vote for the bill. Opponents of S.B. 1314, see the amendment as "a double edged sword" with some protections but some taken away, but just enough to pass the bill.

The prime backer of the bill, the Arizona Medical Association claims that written consent for HIV testing scares away people and that the form is a barrier. The AZMA has not substantiated this claim.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Austin Turner (R-Sun City), stated that his reasoning behind introducing the bill was, "only 20% of HIV/AIDS cases have been reported and that 80% of HIV/AIDS cases in Arizona are unknown."

Two opponents of the bill, Chris Brown of the Pima County Health Department and Patti Jo Angelini, Capitol Lobbyist for the Community AIDS Council, when reached for comment, disputed these claims by Turner and AZMA. They have also urged people to call their legislators and state their feelings on S.B. 1314.

The bill now awaits Third Reading by the full Senate, which is expected to take place early next week.

## Record Number Register For Gay Games

PHOENIX - Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival has received 7,776 registrations from around the world to compete in the June's historical event. Participation has doubled each time the Games have been held. Gay Games I in San Francisco in 1982 included 1,300 athletes. Gay Games II in 1986, also in San Francisco, had 3,500 athletes. Gay Games III in 1990, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, featured 7,250 people in 29 different sporting events. Already that number has been exceeded!

More than 15,000 athletes are expected to participate in 31 team and individual sports at Gay Games IV &

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## Hawaii Attorney General Says Bill Could Pave Way To Same Sex Marriages

HONOLULU, HI (AP) - State Attorney General Robert Marks believes a domestic partners bill could pave the way to same sex marriages in Hawaii.

Marks spoke out against the bill during a hearing conducted by the state Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill would allow Gay couples to register as domestic couples, who would then be eligible for most of the benefits married couples have, including medical benefits and tax exemptions.

Marks disagreed with those lawmakers who believe the bill would lead the state Supreme Court to uphold current state law which bans same sex couples from marrying.

"We would ask that you not pass it as written, if your intention is to help us uphold the current law," Marks said.

"It's readily apparent that the bill merely provides a separate and only roughly equal accommodation, and may well be struck down as unconstitutional gender discrimination in it's own right," he said.

If that happens, Marks said, the

Supreme Court may be led to strike down the current law.

Marks said he was not certain that any bill, short of one that calls for an amendment to the state constitution, will assure that marriage will remain solely an option of couples of the opposite sex.

A constitutional amendment would require the question to be put to voters, something some lawmakers believe would provide divisive.

"To put the community through a constitutional amendment involving this kind of an issue would be extremely painful," Judiciary Committee Chairperson Rey Graulty said.

The domestic partners bill also drew from supporters of same sex marriage.

"The intent of the makers of the bill, as indicated by their news quotes, is that they choose to avoid equality and the equal status of marriage to same sex couples, thus this ploy to subvert the efforts of true equality," said Bill Woods of Gay and Lesbian Education and Advocacy.

## Armed Services Issue Regulations for Don't Ask etc.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The U.S. Armed Services issued regulations implementing the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on homosexuals, formally ending the 50 year ban on Gays in the military and provoking the immediate threat of a court challenge.

Under the new rules, which have been the center of controversy since President Clinton began reviewing the policy last year, homosexuals will be allowed to serve as long as they do not declare their homosexuality or engage in homosexual conduct.

"These are regulations which outline a policy that is fundamentally flawed," said Gregory King, communications director of the Human Rights Education Fund. "The 'don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue' policy is basically a 'lie and hide' policy. It doesn't end discrimination in the military."

The immediate effect of the move is to allow seven members of the Armed Forces, now on standby reserve pending discharge hearings for alleged declarations of homosexuality, to try to remain in the military by proving that they did not engage in homosexual activity.

A declaration of homosexuality by

a member of the Armed Forces is presumed to indicate Gay conduct, or an intent or desire to engage in it. The accused has the burden of proving that he or she is not active in or inclined toward homosexual acts.

The seven facing discharge must decide whether to defend themselves under the new regulations. If they do not, the military, which has placed them on unpaid, non-drill status, will begin discharge proceedings, a Pentagon official said.

Under the regulations, sexual orientation is regarded as a private matter. Recruits are not asked to declare sexual orientation when they enlist. But while in the military, they may not declare that they are Gay. This is the "don't ask, don't tell" portion of the policy.

The "don't pursue" portions limits military investigations to cases in which a commanding officer decides there is "credible information that there is basis for discharge."

This must involve homosexual acts, declarations of homosexuality, or marriages or attempts to marry someone of the same sex.

The regulations were due to be

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# UPDATE

## Openly Gay Man To Become California's Acting Secretary of State

SACRAMENTO, CA - Tony Miller was sworn in as California's Acting Secretary of State. Miller made history by becoming the first openly Gay American to hold a major statewide office.

Currently the California Secretary of State's Chief Deputy and legal counsel, Miller will replace incumbent March Fong Eu, who has been appointed the United States Ambassador to Micronesia.

Miller has already announced his candidacy for Secretary of State, according to William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national do not network that has endorsed Miller's campaign.

## Tom Cruise Dons Bra for Award

CAMBRIDGE, MA - Tom Cruise traded his pinstripes and dress whites for a bra and hot pink pumps as he accepted the man of the year from Harvard's Hasty Pudding club.

Cruise, who played Harvard schooled lawyers in "The Firm" and "A Few Good Men," put on the pumps last night after jokes about the 5 foot 9 actor's height.

Men in drag then ran up, kissed him and gave him a bra with a bright red satin Harvard insignia on each cup. Cruise put it on over his tuxedo.

## Gay Group Seeks Orange Juice Boycott

PHOENIX - A Gay rights group called for a one week boycott of Florida orange juice because the product is being pitched on Rush Limbaugh's radio show.

Sixty Gay bars from Oregon to Massachusetts have already agreed to stop serving orange juice to protest Limbaugh's \$1 million, six month deal with the Florida Citrus Commission, according to the Gay and Lesbian Americans (GLA).

"While the commission may find it easy to swallow Limbaugh, we as consumers find Florida orange juice leavers a bitter, homophobic, un-American taste in our mouths," said Jonathan Bauer, who heads the Gay and Lesbian Americans Arizona chapter and conceived the planned boycott.

## Miller Brewing Company To Sponsor Gay Games

MILWAUKEE, WI - Miller Brewing Company will be the exclusive malt beverage sponsor of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, June 18-25, 1994, in New York City, a Miller Brewing Company official announced.

According to Greg Plowe, consumer promotions manager, "Gay Games IV is an international event, and this year more than 15,000 athletes from 40 countries are expected to participate," said Plowe. "We're pleased to be able to help these athletes compete in an event of this caliber and to bring the games to an estimated 500,000 spectators."

The sponsorship will be supported with point-of-sale materials, and Miller Lite and Miller Genuine Draft promotional advertising in local publications.

Additionally, Miller will work with distributors in select markets to assist in fund raising events for local teams. "With our distributors, we'll raise additional funds to help defray some of the expenses for these teams," said Plowe.

## Gay Rights Group On Alert for Ohio Ballot Issue

COLUMBUS, OH (AP) - Gay rights groups are watching and waiting to learn if they will face a statewide effort to exclude Gays from anti-discrimination laws.

A potential opponent isn't saying what form a battle might take.

Ohio Pro-Family Forum, which is composed of 23 conservative groups, met in Columbus.

Phil Burress, coordinator of the group, said it would be at least a month before the forum reveals whether it plans to put an issue before voters in the November 8 election.

"We do have a plan," he said. "We're just not revealing it."

About 350,000 voters' signatures would be required to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot. A ballot initiative asking the Legislature to enact a law would require about 113,000 signatures from among half of Ohio's 88 counties.

Stonewall Union and other Gay rights groups are keeping watch.

## Kentucky Congressman Refused to Apologize for Homophobic Joke

SOMERSET, KY (AP) - A congressman refused to apologize for a homophobic joke he told at a Republican Party function.

U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers joked during a Pulaski County Lincoln Club dinner that President Clinton was being named "Gardener of the Year" by Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

Rogers said Clinton was getting the award "because he got the Bushes out of the White House, Flowers in the bedroom and pansies in the Marines." The joke refers to Gays in the military, Clinton's defeat of President Bush and Clinton's alleged affair with Jennifer Flowers.

Rogers issued a two sentence statement: "It was a joke and that's all it was. It is a joke that has been making the rounds all over Washington."

Donald Suggs, spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in New York City wasn't laughing.

"I think that it's outrageous that someone who's there to represent a constituency that includes Gays and Lesbians could make such a statement," he said. "Statements like that are incompatible with holding office."

Rogers, who has been in office 14 years, has opposed allowing Gays in the military.

## Blunt Instruments May Prevent AIDS

ATLANTA, Ga., - Hospitals should use blunt needles and other simple measures, in addition to those required by federal law, to prevent the spread of AIDS between workers and patients, a panel of physicians said.

Using blunt instruments would help control infection, according to a panel of surgeons and AIDS experts who debated the universal precautions developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Protection measures already include hand washing; proper sterilization; using gloves, gowns and masks, and careful disposal of needles and other sharp instruments.

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## TLGA Rules and Guidelines For King and Queen Candidates

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance has announced its rules and guidelines for the upcoming contest for King and/or Queen of Gay and Lesbian Pride 1994. The first major change has been the actual title of the winning contestants, formerly known as King and/or Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. The new title was chosen to be more inclusive and to open the candidacy to the entire community regardless of ethnicity. Many believed that since the contest revolved around the Cinco de Mayo holiday that it was meant for just the Mexican segment of the community.

It was pointed out that Lesbian and Gay Pride involves the entire community and that the King and/or Queen candidates should not be limited to just the one segment. All are welcome to participate in this important contest which raises the needed funds to put on the weeklong series of events for Pride Week 1994.

Rules governing the contest appear below. The Red Team of Adrienne Alexander and Paris St. Claire have already announced their candidacy and will be holding benefits from now until the deadline on May 8. Other hopefuls should get into the contest as soon as possible to help raise the needed funds to put on this important event.

One other big change that TLGA has announced that the annual Picnic will not be held in June as in the past, but be held in October with a tentative date of Oct. 8. This was done for several reasons. Particularly this year there will be a huge celebration of Stonewall 25 in New York with the Gay Games IV being held in conjunction with Stonewall 25 June 18-25. Postponing the Picnic will allow Tucsonans the opportunity to attend this big event. Another reason is, of course, that the weather will hopefully be cooler be cooler in October.

Here are the TLGA rules and guidelines for King and/or Queen candidates:

The purpose of Fiesta De Mayo is to generate funds for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic and Pride Week activities, and to generate enthusiasm and activism for these events during Pride Week. The candidates for the Fiesta De Mayo Court are encouraged to hold as many events and activities to generate the enthusiasm and activism that the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance strives to achieve every year during Pride Week and throughout their year of reign.

### Article II. CANDIDATE GUIDELINES

1. Candidates must be 21 years of age.
2. Must be a resident of Pima County.
3. Persons can run as individual candidates (ex: King or Queen), or run as a couple (ex: King and Queen).

### Article III. RULES

1. Candidate(s) must state their intentions to run for the Fiesta De Mayo Court by 4/3/94, Easter Sunday. Notification of said candidacy must be given verbally or in writing to T.L.G.A. by the first Sunday in April, 4/3/94, Easter Sunday.

2. Candidate(s) must designate a person on their campaign team to serve as Treasurer. Said person will be responsible for the collection of monies raised. The treasurer must be named and name, address and phone number (work and/or home), must be given to T.L.G.A. by 4/3/94.

3. Candidate(s) can raise money by any legal, (in the state of Arizona and Pima County) means, and that is consistent with preceding Fiesta De Mayo campaigns and that will not cause undue embarrassment to the Lesbian and Gay Community of Tucson and Pima County. Any amount of money donated is acceptable and greatly appreciated.

4. Each dollar raised is equivalent to one vote. Cash & checks are acceptable. Checks must have the following two forms of identification: 1. A valid bank guarantee card and expiration date. 2. A valid drivers license.

5. Candidate(s) are responsible for any checks that are NSF, (Not Sufficient Funds), and for the service charges also attached. Any checks that are NSF will be deducted from the candidate(s) tabulation. If said deduction results in the candidate(s) score being lower than the next highest candidate(s), the new leader will be proclaimed the winner. Please tag checks with your color before deposit.

6. Candidate(s) schedule of fund raising events and activities should be presented to T.L.G.A. as quickly as possible to ensure attendance by T.L.G.A. Officers.

7. Candidate(s) are greatly encouraged to get sponsorships from businesses, clubs, social groups and any other organizations within the Lesbian and Gay community of Tucson and Pima County.

8. Candidate(s) or Treasurer of the campaign will make deposits into the T.L.G.A. account. The campaigns will receive deposit slips from the T.L.G.A. Treasurer to make said deposits. Candidate(s) or Treasurer are responsible for the deposit receipts, which will be used in the final tabulation of money, (votes).

9. The deadline for contributions, (votes), for the Fiesta De Mayo candidates is 11:00 p.m., 5/8/94, MST, Tucson time.

10. The candidate(s) who raises the most money, (votes), after the final tabulation on 5/8/94 will be declared the winner. The candidate(s) who raises the second highest amount of money, (votes), will be declared the First Runner Up. The candidate(s) who raises the third highest amount of money, (votes), will be declared the Second Runner Up and so on for the rest of the candidate(s) for the 1994 Fiesta De Mayo.

11. The final tabulation of money, (votes), will be done by the T.L.G.A. Co-Chairs, the T.L.G.A. Vice Chair, and 1 representative, (preferably the Treasurer), from each of the campaigns.

### Article IV. EVENTS WHERE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES PARTICIPATE

1. Monies raised at events where multiple candidates participate will be divided equally among the participating candidates.

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# Majority In U.S. House Vow To Be Fair To Gays When Hiring Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - A majority of House members surveyed pledged not to discriminate against homosexuals in making employment decisions in their congressional offices, a Gay rights group says.

Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told the Washington Times that forcing a lawmaker to hire homosexuals could be "against his religion."

A total of 225 of the 435 members of the House signed and returned statements to the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in hiring, promoting or terminating of an employee in my congressional office."

At the time, Foley criticized the Oklahoma congressmen but said rules barring lawmakers from refusing to hire Gay people would interfere with their special need to employ whomever they want and probably could not be enforced.

"Lesbian and Gay Americans face discrimination in the job market and there are no federal laws to protect them," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the campaign fund, which calls itself the largest national Gay lobbying group.

Under House Rule 51, members cannot make job decisions based on a person's race color, national origin, sex, disability or age. Sexual orientation is not mentioned.

He released a list of the 225 members - 1373 Democrats and 52 Republicans, including House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-Ill.

Federal civil rights laws do not forbid discrimination based on sexual orientation, although legislation repeatedly has been introduced in Congress to add that category.

Of the Arizona Congressional delegation, 4 House members signed the statements, they are: Rep. Sam Cooper-smith (D-CD 1); Rep. Ed Pastor (D-CD 2); Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-CD5); Rep. Karan English (D-CD 6.)

The campaign fund sought anti-discrimination pledges from House members after a furor last year when three Oklahoma congressmen, Republicans Ernest Istook and Jim Inhofe and Democrat Bill Brewster, told the Tulsa World newspaper that they would not hire Gay people for their staffs.

Inhofe said hiring an openly Gay person for his staff would be "disruptive in terms of unit cohesion", terminology reminiscent of the Pentagon's argument against allowing openly homosexual people in the military. Istook said his decision was based on ideology, not prejudice.

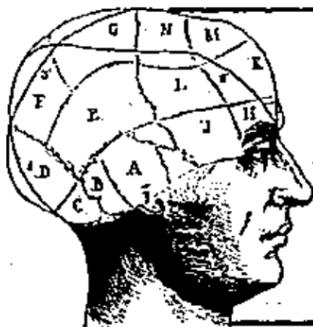
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## Human Rights Coalition Fundraiser March 12

TUCSON - Join the Tucson Human Rights Coalition for an evening of theater, poetry, comedy, and song. Performers include Women of the Bloodhut (improvisational theater), Jamie Anderson (singer-songwriter-comic), Rus McCoy (singer-songwriter from L.A.), The Courage Sisters (singers Patty Sundberg and Molly Who), Meikil Addie Berry (poet) and Pastiche (choral ensemble from Desert Voices). The concert will be at the Unitarian Church, 4831 East 22nd, Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 in advance for regular seating, \$15 for preferred seating, at Antigone Books, Hear's Music, Hours, from a THRC member or by mail from Tsunami Records, P.O. Box 42282, Tucson, AZ, 85733. Tickets are \$9 at the door for general seating. Interpreted for the deaf, concert area is wheelchair accessible. All proceeds will benefit the Tucson Human Rights Coalition to help fight the recently introduced anti-Gay initiative.

Women of the Bloodhut are known for their sold out shows in California and Arizona. They feature moving, improvisational theater about women's lives. Jamie Anderson, singer-songwriter-comic, tours nationally and has 4 recordings to her credit. Dirty Linen, an international folk journal, says that Jamie, "Sings funny and touching songs about the life and romances of an average goddess babe Lesbian."

Rus McCoy is a talented performer from Los Angeles who sings of the joys

and struggles of being a Gay man. He performs all over the U.S. and last year, was well-received at a performance at the University of Arizona.

The Courage Sisters are singer/guitarists Patty Sundberg and Molly Who. With Patty's soaring soprano and Molly's harder edged vocals, they paint stories of the world in poetry, and sing their truth with complex harmonies.

Meikil Addie Berry is a dynamic poet from the east coast. In the short time she's lived in Tucson, she's become known for her readings at Bentley's and as a co-host of the KXCI show "Broad Perspectives." Pastiche, an ensemble from Tucson's own Gay and Lesbian choir "Desert Voices" is well known for their exciting, sold out shows.

All profits will benefit the Tucson Human Rights Coalition. They are currently working to educate the people of Arizona about the anti-Gay initiative that was introduced by the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona. If TVCA gathers the signatures of more than 105,000 registered voters by July 7, this hate initiative will qualify for the 1994 general election ballot. A legislation effort is also underway; Rep. Russell Bowers (R-Mesa) has filed a measure to ask voters to ban ordinances protecting homosexuals. In addition, TVCA plans to file a court challenge to the Tucson Human Rights Ordinance.

For more information, call 325-7828.

## Homosexual Genetic Test Should Not Be Misused Researchers Say

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A researcher who believes he is close to discovering a genetic test for homosexuality says he will try his best not to let it be used commercially.

Dean Hamer, a molecular biologist at the National Center Institute in Maryland, told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that a Gay gene should not be used to discriminate against those who carry it, for example, candidates for the military, applicants for life insurance and unborn fetuses.

"It would be wrong, unethical and a terrible abuse of the research," he said. "Everybody has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and sexuality is a big part of that."

Hamer's team of geneticists announced last summer that they had made significant advances in pinpointing where a gene possibly responsible for homosexuality may be found.

In their study, 33 of 40 pairs of Gay brothers were found to have an area of genetic similarity at the end of the long arm of the X chromosome, the only chromosome that men inherit exclusively from their mothers.

Their finding, which Hamer said is being supported by similar results in follow up studies, has touched off both excitement and alarm in the Gay community.

Some Gay groups say a genetic basis for homosexuality should be reflected in civil rights laws and would show others that their sexual orientation is not a matter of choice.

However, others say they worry that predictive tests for the gene or genes would be used indiscriminately and might even lead to abortions.

Hamer told a news conference that if he discovers the gene, he will hold a special patent on the test that is used to find it, and he plans to stop or at least "slow down" any applications of the technique that he considers improper.

"I would try to prevent any commercially available test," he said.

However, he added that "You can't have 100 percent control of a technology."

Daniel Kevies, a professor of humanities at the California Institute of Technology and the author of a book on eugenics, said it is impossible to "control the use of the information," and there will be ways of getting around patents such as the one Hamer hopes to hold.

He said attempts to find a biological root of sexuality "over the long term have proved to be scientifically wrong and socially hazardous and deleterious."

Research such as Hamer's should continue, but only if "treated with a great deal of caution."



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# FYI

by Big John

Dear TAP Board...

The letter in last week's Observer from TAP Board member Jean Baker, Ph.D., was further evidence about what's wrong at TAP. First, let me tell you that Jean Baker is a nice lady with wonderful intentions - we even had lunch together last November. However, let me quote from her recent letter in the Observer that says... "we are committed to the TAP goal of providing high quality services to the HIV community and we believe that divisiveness among those concerned about this population is counterproductive and not in the best interests of those individuals who are HIV infected."

Lady, wake up... you are talking about US. YOUR TAP CLIENTS...not some ignominious group of persons in "some other" population of HIV infected people who you call your clients. Everything I have been asking from TAP, and everything I write in this FYI column is about and for US PEOPLE WITH HIV! And how do you or any of the TAP Board members know "what" is in the best interest of US PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV? You're probably lucky if you can count

three or four persons with HIV on the TAP staff and Board combined.

Ironically, the "enemy" at TAP seems to be US, THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV, as well as people like YOU, who do not understand the word "empowerment." In my book, self empowerment for people living with AIDS and HIV includes telling a bunch of white, rich, well intentioned, but HIV-negative people (except for a couple of tokens) how to spend a million dollar budget to make things better for US PEOPLE WITH HIV, instead of bigger salaries for your staff, and a \$40,000 give-away to people like Jim Toevs. You TAP Board members didn't want to hear what we felt we had a right to say to you last November, when we were asked to leave your meeting.

And how do you respond to the assertion made by Pima County Health Department AIDS program administrators that there may be 3,000 or even 5,000 people living in Pima County with HIV, but you are still convinced that a client survey with 77 responses tells you that TAP is doing an excellent job? Does this

77 include any clients who are partners, parents, or kids who are not HIV+? If there are 5,000 of US WITH HIV in Pima County, that's only 1.5% of US telling you that you're doing an OK job. What about the other 98.5% of US telling you otherwise?

And, don't those 77 persons in your survey cause you to question the validity of your own data due to "selection bias" because they might be afraid they could lose TAP services if they fail to say something "nice" about their relationship with TAP? I found one person who has not seen his case manager for nine or ten months, but he still fills out your surveys each month, telling you how good his case manager is. Wake up and smell the coffee... WE'RE HERE, WE'RE QUEER, WE'RE LIVING WITH AIDS, AND WE DON'T LIKE WHAT WE SEE GOING ON AT TAP!

Take a look at the current TAP Board. The TAP Board President is a Computer Store Owner and ex-used car salesman, then there's the UMC Hospital Chief Executive Officer who just last week "walked" from his job, and a Law Professor, three UMC doctors, the Nursing College Development Director, a Magistrate, a Speech Professor, ex-mayor Volgy's administrative assistant, a Rabbi, a Psychologist, a member of the Arizona legislature, and a hand full of other folks, plus a couple of US PEOPLE WITH HIV as "tokens". This Board appears to be mostly WHITE, AFFLUENT, UPPER CLASS, LIBERAL...and making decisions about how to get more money to help US PEOPLE WITH HIV. Craig Snow has done an excellent job of selecting people who will support him in his quest for the image he wants to project to our community. Unfortunately, it has nothing to do with US PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV! Why not have a Board at TAP that is made up 100% of US PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS OR HIV? At least the PACT Board has 50% + 1 of US PEOPLE WITH HIV as a rule.

You TAP Board members probably think you're doing an excellent job of helping a bunch of faceless, nameless clients struggling with HIV. But what you have failed miserably at, is "listening" to US PEOPLE WITH HIV. Lady, don't do a survey, get on the phone and call me and ask me what my HIV needs are. I'll tell you that spending \$600,000 a year on your captain and his crew is OFFENSIVE to me and others of US LIVING WITH HIV. And the Toevs contract that you hid from me for five months is a SCANDAL... you've paid a failed politico \$40,000 of AIDS dollars with the expectation that he raise a total of only \$70,000? Someone should go to jail! What you don't seem to understand is that many of US LIVING WITH HIV are surviving on Social Security benefits, which may only be \$300 to \$600 a month. This is "chump change" compared to the salaries your gang of employees takes home each month!

Unfortunately, or should I say "fortunately" you've left a good "paper trail" of documents that show what you've been up to these last few years. For example, if you take a look at the order sheet for the "TAP Raffle" in support of what's called the Michael Bosch Fund for HIV Services, the small print on the order form says "all proceeds... will be used to help support TAP in its mission of providing services to people living with HIV disease and providing education and prevention programs to the entire community." I'd ask... when did we get confused about "HIV Services" really meaning community education and prevention? Or

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**CLOSET LIVING**

'BYE TERRY, THANKS FOR THE CUP OF TEA - HAVE A NICE TIME TONIGHT!

THANK GOD SHE'S GONE! I'M LATE GETTING READY NOW! TRACEY AND JULIE ARE PROBABLY WAITING FOR US, TERRY.

IT'S A PLEASURE, CLIVE SAYS 'THANKS' FOR THE PRESENT THAT 'KYLIE' VIDEO IS RIGHT UP HIS STREET - SEE YOU SOON!

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WELL IT'S THEIR LOSS! TONIGHT'S GOING TO BE FUN!

SURE... MOTHER?!

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HI CLIVE - HAPPY BIRTHDAY! - HI TERRY - I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU...

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### WHAT'S UP DOC???



How lucky can you be? Here you are reading yet another group of words I place on paper, BS for short, and you are happy.

My first thing for this week is to wish a

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Jimmy. Boy Tucson had better look out when his present vacation is over because he is going to have 68 beers in a row, one for every year of his childhood. I know that Monday was your birthday but a little late wish never hurt anyone.

Most of you do not care but I do. Not that it is earth shaking but more convenient for me now. Saturday saw the final meeting for the 1993 Arizona Fellowship Committee in Phoenix. It now has moved, all meetings and the run itself, back to Tucson for the 1994 year, with TALL being this year's host club.

As of today, Tucson has 18 days until the yearly party over at the Venture-N begins, their annual Hydes of March. From talk, I've learned that their will not only be those coming to town from Houston, but also from California. And yes, I will not forget you up in Phoenix that I'm sure will force yourselves to be on hand for the festivities.

Either next weeks Observer, or the following week, should have more details on this popular run. All the local clubs will be taking part in the event schedule, serving meals or whatever. So gather up your hottest outfit, and be sure to be on hand for three days of pure raising hell.

With DL having their beer bust at the Venture-N this Saturday, if you want more information on the annual Hydes of March run, stop by, sip a few suds and get your answers.

In my travels this week, I've come across some funny and confusing situations. People complaining about one thing or another, news of people being 86ed for at least one STRANGE reason, and another for finding the wrong hiding place. Even my one day trip to Phoenix was interesting. Don't ever change Tucson or Phoenix, I love you just the way you are.



**TBBS:** While at the 307 this past Saturday, Mother Johnny was telling me she is single again. She went on to say she is only doing tricks 'One day at a time'. Knowing Mother Johnny for years now, her one day at a time could result in more than 'One Person A Day'.

Peanut Butter on your Skirt individual, and that description is only being good to you for now, what was that thing you were banging on the bar at the Graduate, with BC looking on starry eyed? I've heard of gunfighters hitting something at 50 paces but Kenny Ann can knock the fire off of a cigarette from 20 paces with an ice cube, just ask Granny.



**Other TBBS's:** As funny as it may sound and the reason for it I don't understand but, be careful when you kiss in the bar or the bathroom, you could be 86ed. What is this about Tony "Paul" Harding and Granny? Stan's new nickname is "Hell-An-Wait". (See, there are other messages or quotes that people passed on to me just for this section.)

I guess that will be it today. Enjoy this early warm weather because it is not going to last. But, in the mean time, get those cut offs out and show some skin.

Quote of the Week: The trouble with a self-made man is that they worship their creator.

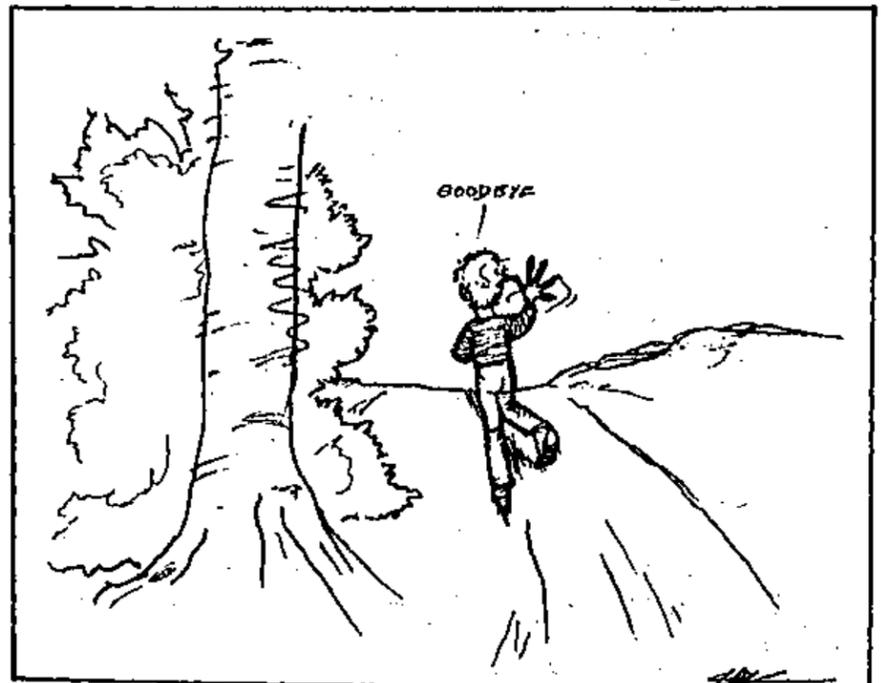
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As I See It

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**POLITICS '94** by Mark Kerr

Icky-Dicky goes "blond!" S.B. 1314 Update! A candidate announcement. Basha news! Pima County Supervisors state their views on Meliti. So here we go:

**ICKY BOO-BOOED!**

Yes, our current Secretary of State, and announced Senatorial candidate, Icky-Dicky "D.C." Mahoney had not been completing all of his duties, by state statute, as Secretary.

It seems that Mahoney had failed to notify members of Arizona Congressional Delegation (House & Senate), and the White House of legislation or resolutions adopted which required federal action or notification of federal officials.

When reached for comment, Mahoney stated he had not done anything wrong but his reasons were that "he had not been informed by the previous office-holders that this was a part of the duties of Secretary of State." Karen Osborne, Election Director for Maricopa County and former deputy for Jim Shumway stated that she had informed Mahoney and his transition team of all duties of the post. (A little too anxious for D.C. Dicky!)

**S.B. 1314 UPDATE**

S.B. 1314, the latest attempt by right-wing Republicans and the Arizona Medical Association to change how HIV testing is done in Arizona, made it over another hurdle this past week.

This past Monday, the Senate Committee of the Whole, by voice vote, approved the bill with an amendment offered by Sen. Ann Day (R-Tucson).

Originally, S.B. 1314 had changed the requirements for testing from written to oral, without defining the terms for oral consent. Sen. Day's amendment sets down a definition of oral consent, sets down counseling for the subject being tested, and the implications of being tested for HIV.

Sources tell me that the amendment was offered to try to persuade moderate Republicans and Democrats to vote in favor of the bill, which did not have the votes before the amendment was offered. Opponents of the bill call this amendment a "double edged sword."

ASOs are not in favor of this bill and neither am I. This bill is nothing but the third attempt by the Radical-Right and the AZMA to take our medical rights to confidentiality away from us. This is a bad piece of legislation and it must be stopped! We need to call our Senators in Phoenix and urge them to vote No on 1314. The number to call, TOLL FREE,

is 1-800-352-8404. We need to show our opposition to S.B. 1314. If we don't, we will lose what little we have gained!

Here is a list of our southern Arizona State Senators to call: Sen. Keith Bee (R-Dist. 9); Sen. Victor Soltero (D-Dist. 10); Sen. Peter Goudinoff (D-Dist. 11); Sen. Ann Day (R-Dist. 12); Sen. Patti Noland (R-Dist. 13); Sen. Cindy Resnick (D-Dist. 14).

**FURMAN ANNOUNCES**

One of THE best friends the Arizona Lesbian & Gay community has in the State Legislature, Sen. Stan Furman (D-Dist. 16), announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State in Tucson this past week.

Furman stated that some of his goals as Secretary would be to publish candidates opinions and qualifications in State Election Handbooks and to persuade media outlets to give free and equal time to candidates running for office.

**BASHA NEWS!**

There has been a change in the date for the Grand Opening for Eddie Basha's southern Arizona Campaign Headquarters. Instead of March 8th, the headquarters party will take place this Saturday, March 5th, starting at 5:30 p.m. The headquarters is located at 4433 A East Broadway, near the intersection of Broadway & Columbus. For more information call 881-1994.

**ECKSTROM & GRIJALVA ON MELITI**

Recently, Pima County Board of Supervisors Dan Eckstrom (D-Dist. 2) and Raul Grijalva (D-Dist. 5), (the good guys!), stated their opinions of the proposed initiative by Frank Meliti and the AZTVC.

Sup. Dan Eckstrom in a written statement, said, "I am 100% opposed to the proposed Meliti Amendment. The proposal represents an attack on civil rights which all Americans value. I do not support any proposal or amendment that would take away the civil rights from any group what so ever. I am committed to the defeat of this proposal."

Sup. Raul Grijalva stated, "The Meliti Amendment represents an assault on the basic tenets of civil rights and common decency that all of us should protect and defend.

"In our society it has become all too common recently to ignore affronts on others as long as it doesn't affect me. A tendency that will undermine the welfare of all.

"The Meliti Amendment is a spiteful attack on the entire community, its purpose is to punish persons for being different, and to sanction by law intolerance and bigotry.

"I am committed to the defeat of the Meliti Amendment; and with its defeat this community can strike a blow for the reaffirmation of American values. The real values of tolerance, civil rights, respect for the individual, decency to one another, and above all to accept the diversity that holds our society together."

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## At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

### Whistle Stop

Several months ago, I wrote a column asking every Lesbian and Gay citizen of Tucson to carry a whistle as a non-violent strategem against queer-bashing.

Since that time, the City of Tucson has released statistics on the incidence of hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians for 1993. Based on those numbers and the anti-queer rights hate initiative currently under way, I want to revisit the "carry a whistle" campaign.

In 1992, there were four reported hate crimes against queers in Tucson. In 1993, that number rose to twenty-five: a 525% increase. If the rate of increase is the same in 1994, we can expect 156 Lesbian and Gay victims of hate crimes. Another year at the same rate of increase would mean 975 queer-bashings in 1995.

Those numbers are based on reported crimes. Research on the subject of gay-bashings has shown that there are many more victims than those who actually call the police. Sadly, there is no way of really knowing how many of our sisters and brothers were bashed by bigots simply because they are Gay or Lesbian.

Those statistics also fail to take into account those of us who were victims of domestic violence, beaten by those we love. That, however, is a topic for another column.

Queers all over the country are being hurt and killed in ever-increasing numbers. Since the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado, Lesbian and Gay citizens have suffered greatly at the hands of irate, hate-filled fanatics.

In Oregon, a pair of Lesbian and Gay housemates died when their home was firebombed during that state's struggle over Gay and Lesbian rights.

The federal government has had to intervene in Overt, Mississippi, where townspeople are trying to force out a group of Lesbians operating a women's center and spiritual retreat. The town is attempting to impose "community standards" of decency and morality on some citizens (who happen to be Lesbians), who are asserting their right to own property and live as they choose in the community. (This "community standards" line sounds more and more to me like the "states' rights" arguments against racial integration in the 1950s.)

Here in Arizona, we face a campaign of hatred designed to deprive us of equal rights. The religious right asserts that we already receive special treatment and enjoy rights which do not extend to the heterosexual citizens of the state. They have already begun to inflame the hatred of those whose view of the world denies our right to exist.

If Frank Meliti and Lou Sheldon succeed in their propaganda campaign

against us, the rate of violence directed at queers in Arizona will rise even faster than it is already. If their hate initiative passes, we will have no recourse against those who would deprive us of our homes, our jobs, or even our lives just because we're queer.

Last year I spent some time chatting on a computer bulletin board with some Lesbian and Gay folks around Tucson. One young man insisted that the only way to confront the rising numbers of queer-bashings was to arm ourselves and return equal violence to those who would harm us.

Using weapons and violence to defend ourselves seems to me a basic violation of the spirit of our struggle. We did indeed fight back at Stonewall. However, in the twenty-five years since, we have made progress through political means. Civil disobedience is a central tool of nonviolent struggle. Resorting to violence will simply inflame the hatred of our enemies and reduce the credibility of our cause.

We have come too far and worked too hard to lower ourselves to reacting violently. We are better than that. Our rage must be released, but not at the expense of progress. On the other hand, we cannot ignore or deny the increasing danger to our brothers and sisters.

There has to be a middle path between violent reaction and complacent denial. Now is not the time to give violent vent to our anger and rage, however well-deserved.

Queer people have distinguished themselves (to the point of stereotype) in all creative endeavors. That creativity has helped us respond to AIDS with great compassion and flexibility. The fact of our survival through centuries of oppression is proof of our ability to adapt and to fashion an appropriate response to circumstances.

The appropriate response to the increase in queer-bashing is to defeat violence with non-violence. Lesbians and Gays in several cities are defeating the bashers with an elegantly simple strategem: that of carrying a whistle.

Here's how it works. Every queer person carries a police whistle — every one. We keep the whistles in our hands (like on our keys) or around our necks.

We pay attention to our surroundings when moving about in public. If threatened with violence, we take the whistle (which is close at hand) and blow it as loudly as possible while running to a crowded, well-lit place.

Anyone hearing the sound of a whistle blowing runs toward the sound, while blowing her/his own whistle. This lets the victim (and the basher) know that help is on the way.

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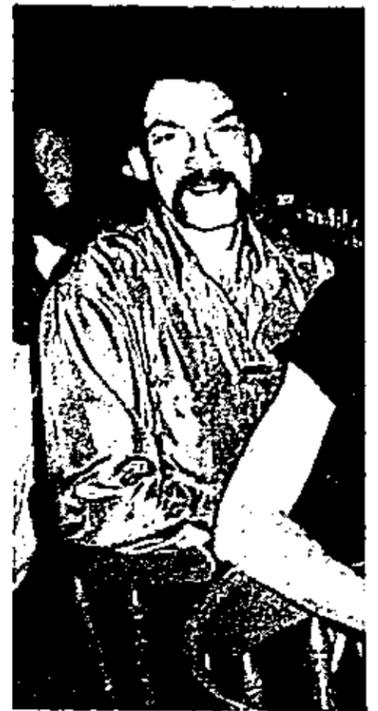
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## LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

Billions and billions of thanks to those fabulous Glamazons for making Louise Manishovitz such a devastating success, we know it wasn't easy girls. The February 16-benefit show at IBT's helped catapult the Desert Leathermen past their goal for the first annual community condom drive. Over \$350 was generated during the 2 hour star studded performance, topping the \$1100 mark dedicated to making free condoms available in local Gay bars for the next year.

In addition to the ample display of talent by the Glamazons, the highlight of the evening was a rare guest appearance by Louise (Bert Hoop) Manishovitz, resurrected to the stage after more than 3 decades of quiet response. Louise displayed a wide range of characters from Lucy Van Pelt to Peggy Lee to Nancy Sinatra (we think) trying out her wobbly "walkin' boots" on the rumps of several prone and willing leather clad groupies. Funny thing was, no matter how flashy the costume or intricately choreographed the number was, Louise always seemed to remind us a little too much of Candas after a 3 day binge.

The bottom line is that it was a worthwhile cause and Bert's heart was truly in the right place (even if his boob's weren't). It took a lot of guts, Bert, and we really respect you for it. Rumor has it that the girdle and heels took their toll and left Bert quite incapacitated for several days after the show. And who says drag queens aren't tough?

Our gratitude to Frank, David, Pete and the entire staff at IBT's for their help and technical skills. Bert wants to express his thanks to Madam X and David Ruder for the fabulous costumes and accessories. Gilda Fatale for her "immoral support" and to Candas for "making me look so much like her that everyone liked me."

Special hats off to Chris Brown and Floyd Meeks of Pima County Health Dept. for their unflinching support of our

efforts. Their cadre of condom-casting-chronics crusaded through the house during the show, only to reinforce our common goal: to see that condoms are readily available in all of our bars all year long. This is an excellent example of what this town needs more of, every agency, group and club working together to make safe sex as easy as dropping your drawers.

But the biggest thanks by far goes out to the community who supported this drive one dollar at a time. You've made an invaluable investment in yourselves as well as all our brothers and sisters.

The first shipment of condoms has already been delivered to the bars and hopefully been put to good use. Meanwhile, the paper chain which symbolizes the fund raising (one link for each dollar donated) continues to weigh heavy in the rafters of Venture-N. Arrangements are being made to build a bonfire with the chain in the near future.

Upcoming fun includes the 3rd annual Hides of March celebration sponsored by Venture-N, March 18-20. The event is an excuse to celebrate leather, the arrival of Spring, or anything else you can think of. The party includes dinner on Friday and Saturday, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and entertainment on Saturday night, all provided by the Bears of the Old Pueblo, TALL, TKO and Desert Leathermen. It's a nice chance to cut loose and hobnob with some new meat from Houston, San Diego and San Francisco. The event is free to those who register on Friday evening, March 18, at Venture-N.

The monthly meeting of Desert Leathermen will be held this Saturday, March 5 at 11:00 a.m. Interested individuals should call Candi at 881-4320 or Terry at 790-1940 for more information. Or, just come hang out at our monthly beer bust Saturday, March 5 from 3-7 p.m. on the patio at Venture-N and enjoy some suds and studs.

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## News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Carlin

This is the week! This coming Friday, March 4th, will be the first day of our Spiritual Renewal Weekend. Starting at 6:30 p.m., a dinner will be served and all are welcome. Then at 7:30 p.m., a worship service will be held with Rev. Elder Freda Smith preaching and the choir from Gentle Shepherd MCC, Phoenix, will be singing.

On Saturday, March 5th, there will be Workshops during the day, with a dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. Our worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Elder Freda Smith preaching

and Marsha Stevens will give a concert during the service.

On Sunday, March 6th, starting at 10:45 a.m., Rev. Elder Freda Smith will be preaching for the final time with her sermon "Purple Grass". Marsha Stevens will also sing at this service. All are welcome to attend any or all of these events this coming weekend.

Thought for the week: Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten. B.F. Skinner

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The other morning while I was driving in rush hour traffic I spotted two cars with rainbow decals on them. It made me smile as I drove past them. I'm not sure who officially started using the rainbow to symbolize our sexuality, or if it's use can be traced. Never-the-less, the rainbow is a beautiful symbol.

The first rainbow recorded in history was in the Bible in Genesis, way back in Noah's time. People in the world had become so wicked that in Genesis 6 God says he wished he'd never even created them! God told Noah to make an ark and how to fill it with animals. For 150 days water flooded the earth. After the flood, God created a rainbow to appear in the sky as a promise he'd never destroy the world again by a flood. He told Noah it would remind him of his promise to Noah whenever he saw it. The rainbow wasn't a one time occurrence and then forgotten. It was a symbol of God's promise.

There are other promises God has made to us. He said he'd send a Savior to the earth, and he sent us Jesus. He said he would always be with us and never leave us, and he sent the Holy Spirit. He said that he would forgive our sins as far

as the east is from the west. He said that Jesus would come again to earth. What do these promises have to do with you and me? Well, a lot! I've been told before that God's promises don't apply to me because I'm Gay. That's not true! They apply as much to me as they apply to every other human being. These promises can give each of us some hope and happiness in a world that is often pretty lonely.

In a few months the monsoons will begin and we'll have beautiful rainbows. Remember this article and the rainbow will have a new meaning to you. Next time you're in traffic and you see a rainbow flag on a car, think about God's promises. God loves us just as much as anyone else he's created, and his promises are for you.

What are these promises that he had made? Besides the ones I have mentioned, the Bible is full of many others. Talk with a Christian about what they are. If you don't know a Christian or you need a Bible, call Cornerstone Fellowship. We have free Bibles and a lot of Christians who love Jesus. We'll be happy to share these promises with you, just as someone shared them with us.



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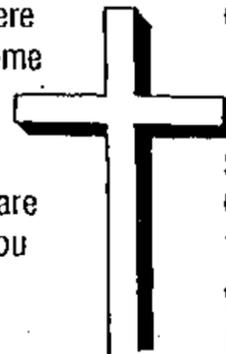
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# CALENDAR

*of upcoming events*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

**IBT'S** - Those glamorous Glamazons are at it again here with a brand new show that is bound to please. A very professional group always with new material. Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X hosts. Don't miss it. 9:00 p.m. Sharp!

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

**RUMORZ** - It's Salsa Nite here again and this time there will be a big Tecate Beer Special to put you in the mood. Ole!

## FRIDAY, MARCH 4

**RUMORZ** - It's Karaoke here beginning at 9:00 p.m. and it's hosted by "Crash". This has proven to one of the more popular events here always with a large number of budding vocalists. It's fun, come on down and try.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Those Glamour Kittens will be here to present an evening of undeniable illusion. It will be a fund raising show for Adrienne Alexander and Paris St. Claire who are running as the "Red Team" to raise money (votes) to be King and Queen of Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994. Also appearing in the show will be Lucinda Holliday, Raven and Candy Plastique. The show begins at 9:00 p.m. Get there early for a good seat and contribute to a good cause.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6

**CLUB 2520** - The beginning of a weeklong series of events to celebrate the club's 2nd anniversary. Tonight the Men of Muscle will be here headed by that HOT man, Dave Silver. On the Country Side Dolly & Reba will be performing. There will be drink specials throughout the bar and prizes and posters given away. Party!

**GRADUATE** - Another fund-raiser for The Red Team (See the calendar yesterday) This one is a Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to TLGA for the Red Team Candidates Paris St. Clair and Adrienne Alexander who are campaigning for Queen and Queen of Lesbian and Gay Pride 1994. Stop by and see what the Red Team has to offer! There will be food served too! Come on down and enjoy.

**IBT's** - Today's BBQ and Beer Bust will benefit Shanti Foundation of Tucson. It runs from 3 to 6 p.m.

**RUMORZ** - Mister Bucky is serving up those scrumptious Egg Omelettes this Sunday from Noon until 3 p.m. and the best part of it is they're only \$3.99. Try one on for size - you'll like it. Tell Bucky we sent you.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

**CLUB 2520** - More 2nd anniversary celebrating here with Kevin Andrews and his First Class Male Revue performing in the disco. A first rate male strip show that is currently traveling from coast to coast showing off their wares. Don't miss this group.

## FRI.-SAT.-SUN., MARCH 11-12-13

**IBT'S** - It's Spring Street Fair time and if the weather holds it promises to be the biggest and best yet. Thousands of folks all cruising up and down 4th avenue right outside the bar. Inside there will be a showtime extravaganza starring those Amazing Glamazons who will be performing on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday with shows at 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Don't you miss it.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 13

**CLUB 2520** - An AGRA Kick-Off Party takes place here all day and evening. There will be a state-wide meetings held here with both AGRA Board members and the general membership. There will be plenty of other "stuff" going on too. "Get In Bed With AGRA" is only one of the tempting ideas being offered! No Steak Fry this Sunday but AGRA will be serving up some of their great western-style food that's bound to please your taste buds. In the evening, that HOTHOTHOT Dave Silver will be taking it off for you on the disco side and Dolly & Reba will be performing with Candy Plastique on the C/W side. Your C/W DJs will be Rob and Daniel. There'll be lots of other activities too and all monies will go to defray costs of putting on the Saguaro Regional Rodeo coming up next weekend March 18-19-20.

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## CURRENTLY PLAYING MARCH 2-6

"Invitation To The Wedding" by William L. Ladd and presented by the One-In-Ten Theatre Company winds up its current run this week. Laughter, tears, squabbling families, cold ice ... just another wedding, right? Not when two men want to marry. It is playing at the 1-in-10 Theatre in the Historic "Y" at 738 N. 5th Ave. Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased at Antigone Books are for reservations call 770-9279. For more information call 770-0279. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 3

**UBGLAD** - United Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians with Dignity, the Gay/Lesbian/Bi group on the Pima Community College campus will hold their monthly meeting from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in RC-5. For more information call Wayne or Nicole at 884-6562. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month during the school year.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 5

**Cronis** (40 and over club) will meet at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Because of a special meeting at the church, the Cronis will meet in the house near the street in front of the church building. Call 888-7264 for more details.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a potluck dinner on today at 4:00 p.m. This social event is for the whole family: parents, their partners, and kids. Bring a dish to share. Call 318-9348 for the location.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at IBT's at 3:00 p.m. to plan Pride Week '94 and the fund-raising events leading up to those days. Perspective candidates interested in running for King and/or Queen of Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994 are urged to attend. Others interested in becoming involved with plans for Pride Week in Tucson is urged to attend.

Lambda Car Club will meet at Club 2520 at 5:00 p.m. for their monthly social and dinner to follow. For more information call Bill James 622-3808.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 12

A benefit concert for the Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) will be hosted by nationally renowned singer/recording artist Jamie Anderson. Details will be forthcoming. Check this calendar.

## FRI., SAT., SUN., MARCH 18-19-20

It's time for the annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds hosted by the Tucson satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. It's three fun-packed days of dancing, eating, fun, entertainment and of course, plenty of rodeo action. Check the posters and flyers for complete schedule of events. Make plans to see it all. It's a wonderful event with lots of out-of-town people coming.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 19

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 20

There will be an ecstatic Loving Men's workshop at 1:00 p.m. for four hours. This workshop is about becoming more in touch with yourself and others sensually, better communication, more intimacy and better relationships. Sign up by Wednesday, March 16 by calling 881-4582 for more information.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 1 & 2

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# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA 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 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Branch 11-2; Live music by Horton & Hill, Friendly Fire 7:30-11:30 (Usually a cover for the band)

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

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

**RUMORZ** - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - The Eagle opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust. Stonewall opens for dancing at 8pm

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

## monday

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

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8, \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing 8-1. Western Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to those in western attire.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

## tuesday

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

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 75c 7pm to close

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

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Pabst/Pilsener show at 9:30 p.m.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to those in leather.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

## wednesday

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

**CLUB CONGRESS** - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring cabaret dancers. Featuring cabaret dancers.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 75c 7pm to close

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

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

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa Nite 9 to close, \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fraz" salsa.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. 8-1 specials on well and domestic beer to members of breeding trams and leagues.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly mobile" men.

## 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 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches 10-1.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 75c 7pm to close

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Disco 9-1

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

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30. High Tech Music follows with DJ Linda.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic longnecks plus a special on domestic can beer for \$1.25. The Stonewall opens at 8pm nightly for dancing. Uniform Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer if wearing military, police or other uniforms.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

## friday

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

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c 75c 7pm to close

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

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

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30. High Tech Music follows with DJ Linda.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well. Patio bar opens 7 pm.

## saturday

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

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1.

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

**RUMORZ** - Open 3 p.m. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Pindale DJ 10-1.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - The Eagle opens at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

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

## Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

Last week, I promised to give all of you some definite dates and locations for March's Bear Events. Well, these are them:

Thursday, March 3. Bears General Meeting will be out on the Venture-N patio at 7:30 p.m. A "Bear Bust" will follow at approximately 9 p.m., serving 50 cent drafts to everyone until midnight. Plus, here's one more reason to dump the orange juice, from Florida. March 3rd is Anita Bryant's birthday. Hold the screwdrivers.

Saturday, March 12. Movie Night will be held at Troy and Bob's house. All Bears, non-Bears and Bear-lovers are invited. There are three things you gotta bring (other than your lovable self). One, bring one of your favorite videos. Two, bring food (a bear must eat). Three, bring a towel because we're going to make Troy and Bob's famous Bear Soup (they do have a hot tub, y'-know). Note: We've decided to make beef stew instead of spaghetti for Venture-N's "Hides of March", so don't bring your homemade spaghetti sauce. We won't be judging it if you do.

Wednesday, March 16. It's Restaurant Night! All are invited to this shindig. We start gathering at the Venture-N at 6:30 p.m., and at 7 p.m., we decide what restaurant to go to and we promptly invade. Last time, we went to Pinnacle Peak. See where we'll be next

time.

March 18-20. The Venture-N will hold it's second annual Hides of March celebration. Chock full of greatness, it begins with the Bears Beef Stew Dinner on Friday, March 18, 7-9 p.m. Now there's a switch, the Bears will feed you.

Thursday, March 24. So as not to conflict with Holy Week, the Bear Business Meeting is being moved back one week and will be held at Troy and Bob's home.

Sunday, March 27. The Bear's are going to the Renaissance Festival. (This is an official event. Forget what I said last week.) We will gather at Venture-N (of course) at 8 a.m. and then carpool up to Casa Grande. Some of you may want to get your tix ahead of time, so head to your nearest Fry's to get them. All are invited. It's their final day so they're gonna be giddy. Come have some fun.

This week's Bear hunting grounds: Downtown Saturday Night. It's the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month and a hell of a lot of fun.

Also, a sad farewell to our British friends from Bearhug U.K. We love you. We'll miss you. We'll ravish your bodies when we see you again.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

## FYI

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paying the rent and phone bills, or some employee's salary? To me, it seems real clear that HIV services are meant to be services for people living with HIV, but education and prevention to the entire community is very different.

### AIDS WALK '94

Since TAP is incapable of coming to grips with their past, and Jim Toevs, in particular, I'm going to deny them a future... insofar as that future involves the next AIDS Walk, at least. I want to formally announce that TLGA has legally registered the Tucson "AIDS Walk '94" logo and plans to invite any and all of the local ASO's to participate with TLGA as the sponsor agency, so that this year, people living with AIDS and HIV will get more "bang" for the bucks raised from the Walk!

### THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT...

Last week I gave you the low-down about a civil rights complaint filed against the University Health Sciences Center and the dismantling of the AIDS program there. In yesterday's Tucson Citizen, ASO head Ann Maley was quoted as saying "...to say there is no good AIDS care in Tucson is wrong." I would ask, how would you know that fact Ann? Are you being treated for AIDS? If you're not, then don't make comments about what is or is not good AIDS care in Tucson. Besides, the point behind the Civil Rights complaint wasn't Tucson's AIDS care in general, it was AIDS care at the University.

Other unnamed sources were also quoted in the article, reflecting the opinion that the persons behind the complaint were a "small, vocal, angry group" within the AIDS community. So... why not?...es-

pecially since the ASO heads were so passive and ineffective in representing the needs of people with AIDS when they were meeting with Keith Waterbrook and the Dean of Medicine last summer. Who better to represent people living with AIDS and HIV than an angry, vocal and small group...YEA!

### PACT AND THE CDBG GRANT...

I went to the Board meeting of PACT last week and was disappointed that the group who has the most at stake for not "standing tall," just passed the buck to their executive committee to discuss CDBG with TAP and Shanti. At the next meeting of the ASO's joint executive committees on the following day, nothing was decided about the CDBG application there - either! So...I'd recommend that any of my readers who want PACT to assume a leadership role for the HIV community to call and ask them to back out of the joint CDBG application for \$250,000 as a down payment on a \$750,000 "fictitious" grant application. This CDBG application was submitted by TAP, PACT, Shanti and El Proyecto to purchase a common building to house all of their agencies. At the Board meeting it was called a "fictitious location" by Jerome, the Executive Director of PACT, with the final outcome designed to get the grant money to possibly build or buy something at another location.

Please call PACT at 770-1710 to voice you objections about the CDBG grant, or write PACT, c/o Mark Miller, Board President, at 801 W. Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85745.

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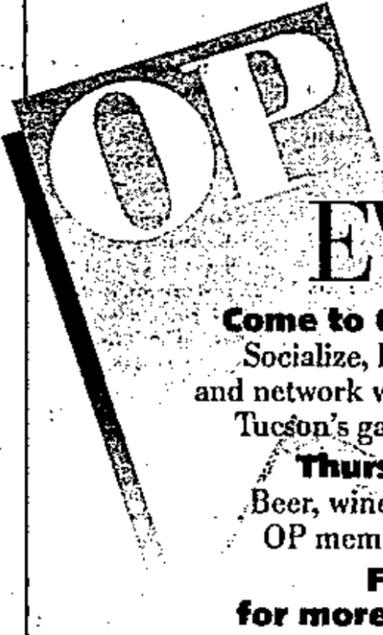
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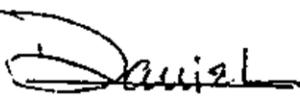
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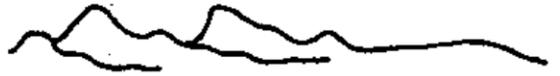
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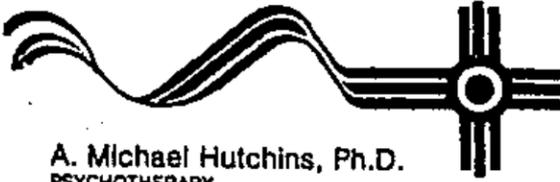
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## Violence In Lesbian Relationships

by Lavina E. Tomer

### A Call For Attention To The Tucson Lesbian Community

In thinking about and wanting to write about the grim reality of violence in Lesbian relationships I have felt overwhelmed, outraged, horrified, terrified and very, very, sad. In the reading I have done over the months to heal and educate myself, and to validate my experience and feelings, I was taken by this quote from Sojourner: The Women's Forum, a newspaper out of Boston. In an article on violence, Ann Russo writes, "Our Lesbian-feminist politics are hypocritical if we do not address Lesbian battering directly and passionately, not because Lesbians are worse (or better) than heterosexual men, but because it's about truth telling and reclaiming our lives."

This is a powerful statement and can be read in two ways. In one way it is a call to victims and non-violence advocates to speak out, organize and implement programs for assistance and education. Another way it can be read is that Lesbians who engage in violence, both verbal and physical; those of us who have a pattern of control that violates, intimidates, erodes another's self-concept and self-esteem, and impinges on another's human rights have also got to go about the work of reclaiming their lives and telling the truth. Although I write from the perspective of a victim of Lesbian battering, I have walked away from this life experience with the conviction that Lesbians who rage and batter are not throw away people and need as much assistance to walk through their denial, change their pattern and to live without the negative consequences of their violence: to have the quality of life that we all deserve. My sadness comes from myself and other Lesbians having to endure and heal the

wounds inflicted by violence and the sense of a Lesbian lost in her violent pattern. We must see that taking care of the needs of Lesbian victims of domestic violence is only half the effort; we must also provide effective resources for Lesbians who are violent.

Each time I talk with other Lesbians about this subject I hear about more horrifying and painful personal experiences. Along with the shock of becoming aware of more victims of Lesbian battering, I am even more shocked to know that women I have known for many years, some of whom are educators, administrators, counselors, activists, healers, battered women's advocates, and women whom I have called friends are ragers and batterers, Lesbians committing private crimes against other Lesbians; Lesbians who in their public lives are exemplary citizens and feminists, and in their private lives ragers and batterers. The safety of my Lesbian Community has been diminished and I am terrified and actively grieving. Perhaps equally as disturbing is the lack of visible resources for Lesbians that offer shelter, intervention, comfort, and healthy-skill-building. How absurd that Lesbians who have worked so hard further women's lives in society are left in the Dark Ages of silence and desperation. We can no longer hide behind society's homophobia as an excuse to disregard our serious problems as a community. We are destroying and paralyzing each other with acts of physical and psychological/emotional violence, the accompanying silence, and the lack of safe, effective resources. We must apply to ourselves what we have learned from years of fighting against violence against women and children, with

necessary modifications. The incidences of violence are lower among women, less incidences do not mean non-existence, nor is being battered by a woman less painful or degrading. Yes, women are violent; ask any of us who have been beaten, molested, raped or verbally whipped as children and/or adults by women. Yes, women are violent, even Lesbians, even Lesbian feminists, even Lesbians in the Tucson community. We must wake up and take up our own cause this time, not only against men, society, or the government, out against violence, violence within the Lesbian community.

Perhaps I am more sickened by the thought and experience of Lesbians violating Lesbians because as a marginalized minority I have needed to idealize my community in order to identify with it and to survive the personal and institutional rejections and injustices we have all endured. I still need to identify. I am not willing, however, to give any Lesbian unconditional approval (minding my own business), acceptance, or silence for the untenable-violence against women and children.

More will be written on violence in Lesbian relationships over the next few months. We must take a stand against violence wherever it is occurring. I see taking that stand by victims refusing to be silent and by demanding to have resources in the Tucson community and the Lesbian Community that are effective, safe, skilled, and respectful, by the perpetrators of violence choosing to come forward, recognizing how dangerous and damaging their pattern of violence is and demanding safe, effective, skilled, and respectful help

as well, and by all of us promoting and practicing non-violence principles in personal as well as political settings.

If we knew that thirteen Lesbians in our community had AIDS (instead of the dangerous and damaging coping pattern of rage and violence), we would be mobilizing and demanding help immediately. And, if thirteen Lesbians were assaulted verbally and/or physically by strangers (instead of other Lesbians with whom they share their lives), we would be outraged and demand better police protection and more available, safe social services. We really cannot ignore violence in Lesbian relationships. We must all have the courage to stop the violence now!

[This is a reprinted article from the November 1993 edition of the Rubyfruit Journal.]

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# TLGA Rules

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2. Tips raised at the Crownholder's Show on Saturday, 4/30/94 will be divided equally among the participating candidates. Event to be held at the Graduate at 8:30 p.m..

## Article V. FIESTA DE MAYO WEEKEND (AT HOST BAR)

1. On Saturday, 5/7/94 (live music) and Sunday 4/8/94 (finale), the candidate(s) can designate person(s) to perform along side with or for them.

2. Candidate(s) are given one booth each at Fiesta De Mayo, which needs to be active throughout the weekend including Friday 5/6/94. Candidates(s) booth can collect money, (votes), for the candidate even if the candidate(s) is/are not present at the booth. Candidates only may sell food, all others must have games and notify T.L.G.A. by 4/30/94 (Saturday) of their participation.

## Article VI. DUTIES OF THE FIESTA DE MAYO WINNER(S)

1. The winner(s) will be recognized as the top fund raiser for Pride Week and will preside over the Pride Week activities and any other events sponsored by T.L.G.A. during the year, including the Pride Picnic 10/8/94 (tentatively).

2. The first, second and subsequent runners up will be introduced as the Court for Pride Week in June and the Picnic in October at Reid Park.

## Article VII. T.L.G.A. OFFICERS

The Officers of T.L.G.A. will be neutral throughout the Fiesta De Mayo Campaign and Fiesta De Mayo Weekend.

The new Co-Chairs are Sandra Lightner and John Haase. You may correspond to them in person or at our new PO Box: PO Box 40301, Tucson, AZ. 85717

GOOD LUCK! This is a big year of change, so let's go the distance.

# Closet Door

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The crucial point on which this strategem pivots is universal queer participation. If nobody answers the whistle, the bashers will shove it down their victim's throat. If somebody is getting beaten up by three or four thugs and one whistle-blowing queer comes running, the odds are still not good.

If everybody carries a whistle, on the other hand, the bashers are often scared off by the sound of five or ten whistles approaching. The sound of a whistle becomes a signal that the Gay and Lesbian community will not tolerate violence against its members. The bashers learn that their crimes will be prevented or witnessed by groups of queers who will come running.

The numbers don't lie: Lesbian and Gay-bashings in San Francisco have been prevented by the dozens since that city's Community United Against Violence instituted the whistle campaign.

If you don't have a whistle, stop by the Shanti Foundation at 602 North

Fourth Avenue and buy one. It will cost you a couple of bucks; the money will go directly to people living with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. And it may save your life — or mine.

If you are in the closet, you are not safe from violence. Your silence will not protect you. Come out, buy a whistle, and take part in this campaign. Make a commitment to protect your sisters and brothers. We are counting on you.

# Don't Ask

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issued early last month but were delayed while Pentagon lawyers changed the language slightly to narrow a gap between the wording of the regulations and that of the statute on Gays in the military that Congress passed last year.

# Gay Games

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Cultural Festival to be held June 18-25, 1994 in New York City. It provides the one opportunity for the international Gay community to come together. Applications for registration will be accepted through March 31, with a late fee.

The Cultural Festival will be the largest assemblage of Gay culture ever. The Festival will include world-renowned artists and lesser known performers in a variety of artistic disciplines, including music, theater, film, sculpture, history, architecture, literature, performance art and photography. Project proposal deadline for applicants to participate in the Cultural Festival has been extended to March 1. Registration festival information can be obtained by calling the New York office at (212) 633-9494.

If you are registered for the Games and have not yet been contacted the Team Arizona team line, please do so as soon as possible at (602) 264-2645. Team Arizona is currently gathering estimates for air travel to negotiate a group rate and need your response as soon as possible.

# Lesbian

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6. You have the right to request a restraining order called an Injunction Against Harassment from City Court. All city and county residents apply here. You do not need an attorney. There is a fee and you can request a waiver. Call 791-4971 for times. Walk-in basis only.

7. The Community Mediation Program can act as an intermediary between you and the abuser to assist in safe communication even when a judge's order states you are not to have direct contact with each other. Services are free and can help you both discuss options safely.

# AGRA/Tucson Needs

TUCSON - The Tucson Satellite of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is in need of some equipment to help them produce a successful Saguaro Regional Rodeo March 18-20. The group would rather borrow this equipment rather than purchasing or renting in order to be able to raise more money for the local AIDS organizations who receive the major share of the monies raised at the rodeo.

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# Tucson Response To Abusive Lesbian Relationships

by Marcia Paris  
Victim Witness Advocate

October was domestic violence awareness month in Tucson. Violence, the fear of violence or some form of abusive behavior in lesbian relationships occur in our community. A recent Newsweek article, "Not So Different, After All Justice: The Trials Of Gay Domestic Violence" called domestic violence in Lesbian as well as Gay relationships, the second closet ... the taboo topic that might spark more homophobia in society. "Silence provides no help for the abused or the abuser. Become aware of this problem and its devastating effects physically, sexually, emotionally, economically, and spiritually on all who are involved in abusive relationships."

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. In Arizona, the domestic violence law only protects partners of the opposite sex. Other laws protect Lesbians. If you are beaten, hurt, or threatened by your partner, ex-Partner, or someone you have dated, you can call 911 to report.

Charges may include assault, aggravated assault, disorderly conduct, endangerment, imprisonment, kidnapping, trespassing, criminal damage, stalking, and/or use of the phone or mail to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy, or offend.

2. There is no excuse for physical abuse or attacks. Being too bossy, too demanding, too sloppy, too uppity, too angry, or too obnoxious do not cause someone's violent behavior. People have the right to be angry. They do not have the right to hit you because they are angry.

3. Acts of violence and other abuse are usually repeated and increase in severity.

4. Drinking is not an excuse for violence. Both problems require intervention and treatment.

5. Children who grow up around violence are at a greater risk to become involved in violent relationships.

6. Arrests and/or prosecution may deter future violence. Lesbian victims often shy away from using the police, shelters, or counseling. They may fear their partner. They also fear a homophobic response.

### ARE YOU IN A RELATIONSHIP THAT MAY LEAD TO EMOTIONAL, ECONOMIC, SPIRITUAL, AND/OR PHYSICAL ABUSE.

- ...frightened by your partner's temper/anger?
- ...Complain because you are afraid to hurt your partner's feelings?
- ...have the urge to rescue your partner when your partner is in trouble?
- ...find yourself apologizing for your partner's behavior when you are treated badly?
- ...have been hit, kicked, shoved or had things thrown at you by a jealous or angry partner?
- ...make decisions about activities and friends according to what your partner wants or how your partner will react?
- ...involved in a relationship where there is heavy drinking, drug or food abuse?
- ...are frequently paying your partner's bills, living beyond your means at your partner's demands, sign-

ing over your home, car, etc. after being threatened?

...have a fear that your partner will "out" you to family, friends, co-workers if you don't comply with her wishes?

...have been told too many times that you are too stupid, too ugly, too fat, too lazy, too sick - and you are beginning to believe her?

...have been forced to be sexual in a way or when you don't want to be?

...have a fear that you won't be believed because she's so nice to everyone else, doesn't seem the type, or she is well respected in the community?

### WHAT IF THE VICTIM OF ABUSE DOESN'T WANT TO GET THE POLICE INVOLVED? SHE CAN...

\* Take care of herself as best as she can by eating, sleeping, and drinking in a healthy way - so that when she is ready to make decisions about what she wants to do, she will be in a healthier state.

\* Talk to someone. Don't keep this a secret. Isolation can be deadly. If you won't talk to friends or family, call HELP ON CALL, a 24 hour crisis line. You can talk anonymously. Keep talking. Find out your Tucson options.

\* Call or walk into the Victim's Witness Program office - M-F, 8-5, or after hours call 911 and ask for Victim Witness for referral suggestions.

### HOW TO REPORT CRIMES OF ABUSE:

1. CALL 911 from your residence or get to a safe place and call.

2. If the crime is not in progress you may have to wait awhile.

3. When officers arrive, they will take a report, give you a case number and their names. If your abuser is still present, she may be arrested. Police may be called in to "preserve the peace." If you feel you are not being listened to, treated fairly or respectfully, you have the right to ask to speak to the officers supervisor (i.e. second opinion). If you still feel you were not treated properly, you can report the incident to the law enforcement agency's internal affairs division. The numbers are in the phone book. They will investigate the handling of the incident. Meanwhile, get to a safe place.

4. If your abuser is arrested, you have rights as the victim guaranteed by legislation that passed last year in Arizona. The officers may hand or send you a form that tells you of those rights. The City Attorney's Victim Assistance Program and the Pima County Attorney's Victim Witness Program will notify victims that are identified to them by the courts. Some of those rights may include being kept informed of court cases, conditions of release, etc.

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**ARIZONA NUDE DUDES (ANDLES)** is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDLES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85718-4044 or call Wayne, 887-3115.

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**WINGSPAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). 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 7:10 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Pookhills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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# No Visitation Rights For Gays

by Al Goodman

What would happen if you or your lover were suddenly hospitalized as the result of an illness or serious accident? What would you do if you were told that you were not permitted to visit your lover because you were not a "relative"? How would you feel if you could not be at the side of your loved one during a crisis situation? Even worse, how would you cope if a doctor told you: "because you are not 'family', you would not be permitted to see the patient until next of kin have been notified"?

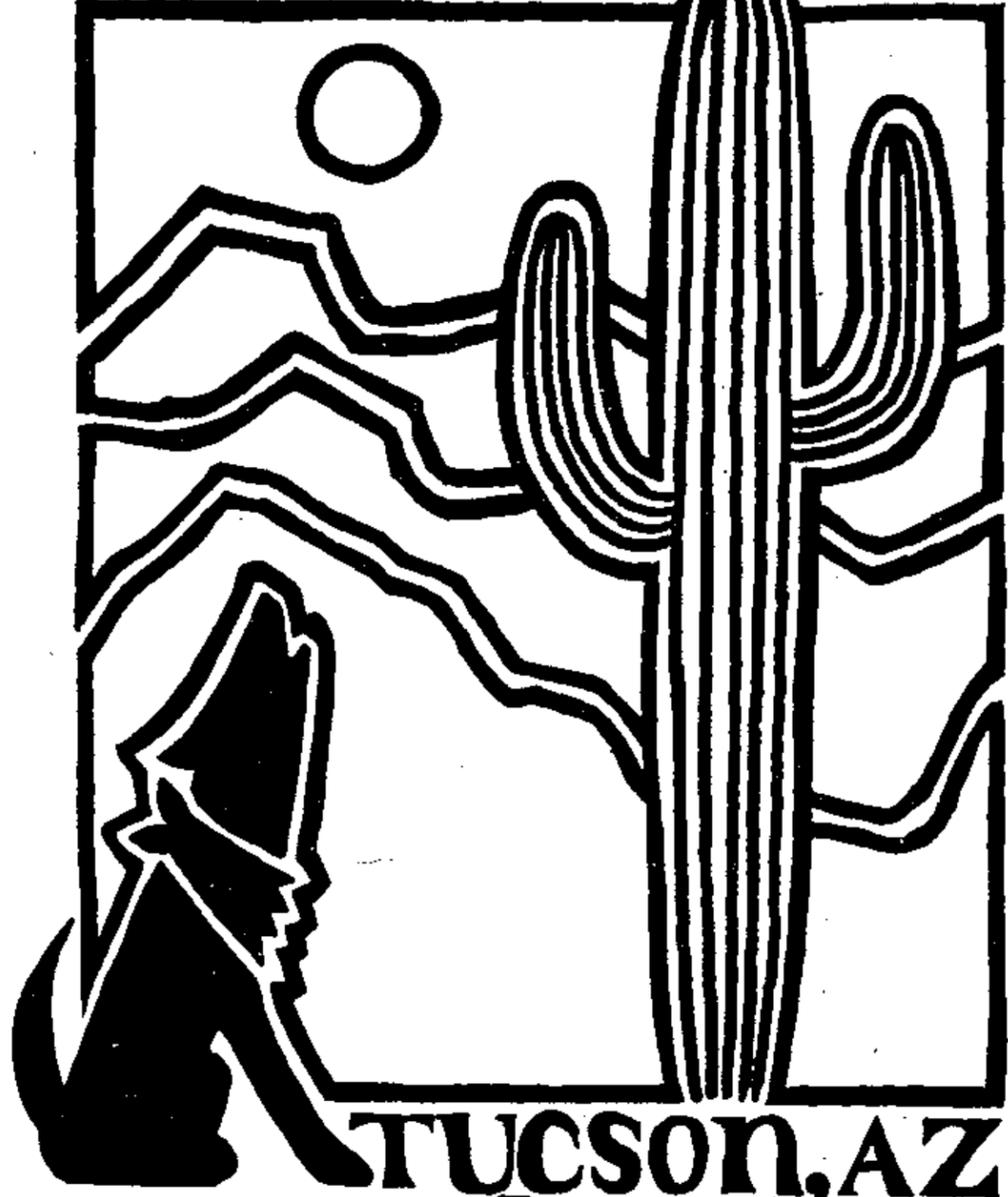
For many Gays and Lesbians across the country, this nightmare has turned into reality. In fact, television programs such as Oprah and Donahue have featured stories about this very subject. As more Gays and Lesbians pair up with hopes of spending the rest of their days together, many are being torn apart by homophobia, intolerance, hate crimes, and the very laws that enforce them.

A recent case involving a Lesbian couple has brought sympathy to this cause when the family of the seriously injured partner refused to allow her lover to see her after she had spent several hours undergoing emergency surgery. According to hospital regulations, this behavior is widely accepted because "technically" only family members such as blood relatives or state licensed marital partners are considered "family".

While it is true that many states are currently debating over the issue of "same sex marriages", none have come forward with legislation to grant Gay and Lesbian couples with the same rights and protections given to straight couples.

As a result, Gays and Lesbians must protect themselves. A recent legal document called the "Attorney In Fact" has been developed to give Gay and Lesbian couples all of the legal rights and authorities necessary in times of crisis. Information regarding this document can be obtained by writing to: Permanent Partners, Unlimited, 3567 E. Hacienda Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120-1215.

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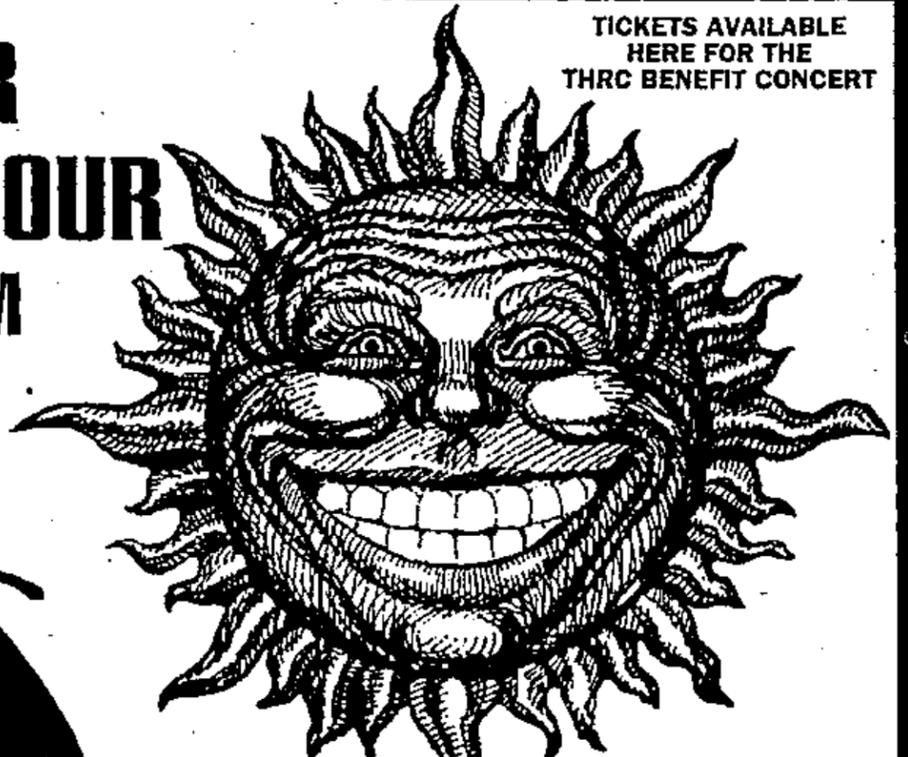
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