

## TLGA Meets With New Tucson Police Chief

### Promises To Have Booth At Pride Picnic

by Dave Hensley

TUCSON - On Monday afternoon, Aug. 29, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) Police-Liaison Committee met for the second time month with the Tucson Police Department. This meeting was especially productive because the new chief of police, Chief Douglas Smith, attended. Smith, who became chief in June, came to Tucson with twenty years experience with the Minneapolis Police Department, working his way up through the ranks.

Minneapolis, a very a progressive community, is home of the main campus of the University of Minnesota. Smith also served three years as Chief of Police in Ann Arbor, Michigan, immediately before moving to Tucson. The University of Michigan has its main campus in Ann Arbor. This training in University cities similar to Tucson has given Chief Smith a excellent grasp of citizens who live in a liberal, university ambience.

Prior to this meeting, last Friday, Aug. 26, Chief Smith submitted the first phase of a departmental reorganization plan to modernize TPD's approach to crime prevention among several other changes. The plan also creates a more "complainner-friendly" internal affairs unit. Prior, at TPD, "nobody was ever wrong," said Emma Keller, member of the TLGA Police Advisory Committee as well as co-chair of the Citizens Police Advisory Committee. "I think that is going to change," she said.

Several important decisions came out of this meeting. First, Chief Smith quickly accepted TLGA's invitation for TPD to have a booth at the upcoming Pride Picnic, October 8, for the purpose of recruiting Gays and Lesbians for future officers and to foster greater rapport with the Gay community. Also, the hope is that this expression by TPD will give current Gay and Lesbian officers and staff more confidence and assurance that this administration will fully support them when they choose to step forward.

Chief Smith committed himself to look into the content and dimension of the present sensitivity-training curriculum at the police academy. He readily accepted the offer to review a nationally recognized curriculum written specifically for training on Gay issues for law-enforcement agencies. He feels that involving Gays and Lesbians as part of the training process, most appropriate. Tucson's academy had this involvement several administrations ago.

Other changes proposed by Chief Smith include creating a seven member domestic violence unit which will deal with investigations with child molestation,

child abuse and youth crimes. Crime prevention will be stepped up to provide instant crime information to neighborhood watch groups.

The internal affairs unit, which investigates public complaints against officers, will become the Office of Professional Standards. This change was prompted by criticism that complaints against officers were discouraged. Keller said several people told the committee they were threatened with criminal prosecution if their complaint was deemed untrue. Others said that their complaints were dismissed with little or no investigation.

Another change proposed by Smith will see motorcycle officers no longer working together out of police headquarters. Instead, officers will be assigned to substations across the city. The change will allow officers to focus on neighborhood traffic problems.

Finally, Chief Smith and members of the committee expressed renewed energies for working together to build a better community, not dwelling on what the past has been, but focusing on what the future will be.

## Gay Bashing Not Down Tucson Activists Say

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbian Activists warn that just because reports of "Gay bashing" are on the decline in Tucson, it doesn't mean homosexuals here are less at risk for attacks than in Phoenix, where a Gay man was recently murdered.

The June 9 death of Michael DeSpain, 24, has galvanized the Phoenix community just as the 1976 fatal beating of 21 year old Richard Heakin did in Tucson.

Heakin was beaten outside a Tucson bar known to be frequented by Gays and Lesbians. The four teenagers, who received probation for their crime, stated they had specifically went to the bar on June 6, 1976, to "hassle queers."

Attacks against suspected homosexuals are on the rise in Phoenix. In 1993, there were 126 crimes prompted by hate, according to Phoenix investigator Sgt. Al Ramirez. Nine were classified as anti-Gay.

In the first six months of this year, six of 75 hate crimes in Phoenix were against homosexuals.

One such case involved DeSpain,  
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## Plans For AIDS Walk '94 Moving Ahead

by Dale Kuehnert

### SEEKING SPONSORSHIPS & UNDERWRITING

TUCSON - This year's AIDS WALK is just around the corner and things are looking good for a successful event. Those of us working on this year's event are enthusiastic and excited, and pleased to share with you our progress.

Many of you have supported this event in the past, and this year especially, we ask you once again to show your support by developing teams of walkers, contributing financially, and/or volunteering. Your help is vital. A unified and visible effort to address HIV/AIDS is critical to prevent more people from becoming infected, to encourage people with HIV to live productive lives in our community, and to ensure that people with declining health live more enriched and independent lives with the resources made possible, in part, by money raised by the WALK.

Some of you may have questions about how this year's Walk will be different from last year's. We submit this article to share with you our plans and progress, and, we hope, gain your confidence and support. For easier reference, certain issues are outlined, so please read on...

### ENSURING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EVENT ACCOUNTABILITY

To be as inclusive and accountable as possible this year, a group of people met earlier in the year and decided to form a Community Steering Committee to oversee and help plan the WALK. This initial group included members from TAP, PACT, SHANTI, TLGA, Wingspan, and a few other individuals. Additional people were then recruited to serve on the Committee.

Since June, the Committee has been working on logistics, marketing, walker recruitment, administration, and fund raising. The Committee includes board members and staff from each of the participating AIDS service organizations (ASOs), Pete Lara (TLGA), Ed Arriaga (TUSD), Kaleen Sorohan (Tucson Airport Authority), Pam Liberty, Sandy Pederson, and others.

### ESTABLISHING A BUDGET AND DETERMINING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS

At the preliminary Walk planning meeting, the ASOs, with TLGA, Wingspan, and others, agreed to the distribution of proceeds from the Walk, the approach for organizing the Walk (including the formation of a community based Steering Committee, the Walk's name, theme, and date). Subsequently, the Boards of Directors from each ASO agreed to a list of responsibilities and obligations to help with the Walk and to receive proceeds.

Critical to putting on the Walk is obtaining financial underwriting. We ask those of you who can, to show support by contributing money at whatever level you or your business can reasonably afford, and actively promote the Walk to your friends, employees, and patrons (if applicable). In return for financial support, businesses and individuals will receive advertising based on the levels of sponsorship provided. If you would like more information, please contact TAP, PACT, or SHANTI as soon as possible.

In addition to raising money for local agencies providing HIV/AIDS related services, the Walk generates significant publicity, recognition for supporters, and heightened awareness in the Tucson community. It's vital that our community has role models, visible individuals and business leadership in the struggle against AIDS.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In early September, registration materials will be available and then leader meetings will be held to distribute information and answer questions. In the meantime, "early bird" registration forms are available so that people can start developing teams and soliciting pledges. You can get these forms at any of the ASO's. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call one of the ASO's or Tom at the Walk office at 795-1852.

We sincerely hope this letter helps answer any questions or concerns about this year's Walk. The Community Steering Committee wants our community to know that many people are working very hard to make this year's Walk the best yet, and an event we can all feel good about. We encourage everyone to help support the Walk by developing teams of walkers, pledging financial support, and getting involved as a volunteer. We invite anyone who has any questions or suggestions to get involved in the Walk.

## Latina Lesbian National Conference Tucson Sept. 16-18

TUCSON - The Latinas Latinas de Tucson are organizing "Adelante con Nuestra Vision," the First National Latina Lesbian Leadership and Self Empowerment Conference. The conference will be held at the Aztec Inn, 102 North Alvernon in Tucson September 16th, 17th and 18th.

Carmen Vasquez, Director of Public Policy at the New York City Gay  
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# UPDATE

## Auditions For Desert Voices To Be Held Sept. 6

TUCSON - The Fall season for Desert Voices, Arizona's premier Gay and Lesbian Chorus, began last Monday evening. Returning and new members held an orientation meeting including private auditions for new members, at the regular rehearsal site for the Chorus, the School of Music Building on the U A Campus.

There will be one more opportunity for new members to audition for the chorus this season on Tuesday evening, September 6 (right after Labor Day) at 7 PM, Room 146 UA School of Music.

Artistic Director Jim Gall encourages all who are interested in being part of Desert Voices to show up for this audition. No preparation is required; just be there! Become part of this high quality choral ensemble dedicated to promoting an ongoing, positive, Gay and Lesbian presence in Tucson.

Last season Desert Voices had a nearly sold out season, with its three regular concerts - the Holiday Concert in December; the Affirmation Concert in the Spring; and the Pride Concert, Salute to Sondheim, last June. Each of the three major concerts this coming season will be performed twice on consecutive nights at the Pima College Center for the Arts.

Regular Monday evening rehearsals begin at 7 PM on September 12 to prepare for the Holiday Concert scheduled for two performances at Pima Community College on December 9 and 10.

Watch The Observer in a few weeks for information on 94-95 Season Tickets. For further information call Desert Voices at 791-9662.

## Casting Call For "Dykotomy"

PHOENIX - Phoenix comedian, Slick Callahan, has written a Lesbian opera, "Dykotomy". Auditions will be held September 6 and 7 at the Repertory Theater in Park Central Mall, Phoenix.

All "Divas" interested may call Slick at 602-253-8099 for more information.



## 'Jerker' Opens at a.k.a. Theatre Sept. 7

TUCSON - a.k.a. Theatre Company will present the southern Arizona premier of "Jerker, or the Helping Hand: A Pornographic Elegy with Redeeming Social Value and a Hymn to the Queer Man of San Francisco in Twenty Telephone Calls, Many of Them Dirty," by Robert Chesley.

The drama will open Wednesday, September 7, and will play every Wednesday through Sunday evening at 8 p.m. until October 2. There will be one preview at 8 p.m., Monday, September 5. Admission is \$7 to all regular performances, with a \$1 discount for seniors, artists, and students with a valid ID. Admission to the preview performance is \$5. Reservations for the regular performances may be made by calling 623-7852. No reservations will be taken for the preview performance.

"Jerker" is directed by Tim A. Janes, and stars a.k.a. Theatre Company members Ross Forti as Bert and Martin Chandler as J.R. The play concerns two Gay men in San Francisco in 1985 who developed a relationship exclusively through phone calls. The play, which includes nudity and sexual situations, is suitable for mature audiences only.

"Jerker" deals candidly with issues of sexuality, self-esteem and interpersonal relationships.

In the late 80's, "Jerker" was the center of a major censorship battle that has had national, long-term implications. On April 16, 1987, the FCC, in its first effort at censorship since the George Carlin "seven dirty words" case in 1975, recommended that the Justice Department prosecute Pacifica radio station, KPFF, in Los Angeles, on criminal charges of broadcasting obscenity as a result of the station's 1986 broadcast of excerpts from "Jerker."

The Justice Department declined to prosecute, as KPFF had been within the guidelines previously established by the FCC. The FCC responded by changing its guidelines, making them both vaguer and more stringent. As a result, at a time when candor about sexuality was becoming literally a life and death issue, a "chilling effect" on the broadcast of sexual material took hold across the nation.

"Jerker" celebrates the gay identity while reaffirming the validity of healthy sexuality.

## 3rd Annual Lesbian Health Fair In Phoenix Sept. 10

PHOENIX, AZ - On September 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. Lesbians will have a free opportunity to learn about dentistry, mammogram's, massage therapy, sexually transmitted diseases, hospital services, chronic diseases and nutritional supplement providers. In addition, there will be special presentations throughout the fair on such topics as naturopathic medicine, GYN care, legal issues and health advocacy, issues of aging and chiropractic care.

The Lesbian Resource Project has invited a variety of health care providers to make themselves available to our community for the purpose of answering specific questions about their expertise and to begin bridging the gap between health care providers, Lesbians seeking health care and Lesbian health issues in general. The number of Lesbians attending this women only event grows each year.

During the Lesbian Health Fair women will have an opportunity to participate in health screening programs and receive a variety of valuable written material.

If you are a health care provider or know someone who is and would like to be included in the fair please contact the LRP at 266-5542 or 266-5797 (tdd) - or write to us at 3136 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013. This event is interpreted and wheelchair accessible. Location to be announce.

## Planning Underway For TORCH Awards '94

TUCSON - The Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help or T.O.R.C.H. is holding it's annual awards ceremony at the Ramada Inn, downtown on November 13, 1994 at 6:30 p.m.

This 4th annual event serves to recognize people in the Tucson community who have provided services or care to People Living with HIV/AIDS and serves as a tool for community awareness and involvement.

Contact: Amy Wheeler, Co-Chair, Shanti Foundation 622-7107. Some of this years presenters will be Mayor George Miller, Bob Bernhardt, conductor of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, and Jim Lemmon, KGUN 9.

Community Organization that comprise T.O.R.C.H. are:

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University of Arizona AIDS  
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Tickets are free of charge and a limited number are available at the participating agencies. For more information call Amy Wheeler, Co-Chair at 622-7107 (Shanti Foundation). Nominations are presently being solicited with a September 15, 1994 deadline. These nominations must be accompanied by a brief description regarding services that were provided to People Living with HIV in this community. Submissions may be made to any of the agencies/sponsors listed.

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## Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

AGRA State Meetings will be held September 11 at Ain't Nobody Bizness, 2900 East Broadway, Suite 118. State Board Meeting will begin at 3 PM. State General Membership Meeting will follow at 5 PM. Mark your calendars and plan on attending, it will be a lot of fun.

AGAR would like to welcome Melinda Brown, Theresa Barnabei, and the entire staff of Ain't Nobody Bizness to the community. We wish you the best of luck for a bright and successful future here in Tucson.

We will be starting the AGRA Pantry at the meetings on September 11. We ask that everyone in attendance bring along a canned food item for the pantry. All canned goods that are collected will be given to the Tucson Community Food Bank. Depending upon the response, the AGRA Pantry may be an ongoing event at each monthly meeting. You would be amazed at what a few cans of food can do for a family or individual in need. Let's try to lend a hand to those people that are less fortunate than ourselves. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget that the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance will be hosting the 1994 Stonewall 25: Global Celebration of Pride at Reid Park on Saturday, October 8, 1994. AGRA will have a booth set up at the picnic where we will be selling T-shirts and coffee mugs. Anyone interested in volunteering to man the booth please call Bill Darnell at 323-0805.

The AGRA Fund Raising Committee had a one day retreat this past Sunday high atop Mt. Lemmon. There was a great deal accomplished and many exciting events are planned for the year.

The day started with breakfast, or should I say lack there of. Not until Richard learned that waffles cook better in a waffle iron instead of splattered on the kitchen counter, and Bill D. learned the fine art of making coffee, after only two attempts, did we sit down for a fabulous breakfast out on the deck. Believe me folks, breakfast is not included with any in this bunch.

After breakfast, Bill N. decided to take us on a wonderful hike up the mountain. It was almost straight up, as a matter of fact. But I must report that not everyone made the hike. While Bill D. got an E (for effort), Barney stayed behind to catch some shut eye, and Bob was too sore to hike; where and what from only Bob can explain. Addison and his other/better half kept disappearing behind the bushes.

There was also a new country-western variety act formed, the Sister of the Saddle Sore. Due to her previous experience, Sister Edgar Chung, also known to many as Connie, was elected Head of the Saddle Sores. Pending some last minute arrangements, show schedules will be out soon.

The entire day was a great success and many of the ideas have already been put into action. A big thank you to Bill Nugent for making all this possible. By the way, let it be known that yours truly stands corrected. There are no cows on Mt. Lemmon!

Don't forget that the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association (NMGRA) will be hosting their rodeo this coming weekend, September 2-4, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more information contact the NMGRA at (505) 255-5045.

For more information on AGRA or if you are interested in becoming a member please call 323-0805.



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# Candlelight Vigil Marks First Hate Crime Death In Phoenix

PHOENIX - A candlelight vigil for a slain Gay man was held in what is to be the first fatal hate crime in Phoenix since statistics began being kept after the 1991 Buddhist temple murders.

Michael DeSpain was killed June 9 in an arson fire set after an argument he had with some juveniles over his sexual preference.

The vigil was held on what would have been DeSpain's 25th birthday.

Mark Colledge, chairman of the Phoenix-based Anti-Violence Project, said that it's important for people to know why DeSpain was killed; simply because of who he was, a homosexual.

AVP was created in April this year after the beating of a Gay man in Encanto Park.

Colledge said Tucson appears to have the best record in the state when it comes to hate crimes against homosexuals.

None have been reported so far this year, Tucson police said.

But hate crimes against homosexuals in Phoenix appear to be on the rise, although African-Americans are by far the most common targets, Phoenix police say.

This past Tuesday, Chuck Hampton, became the sixth "Gay bashing" victim in Phoenix this year.

Hampton said he was walking to a central Phoenix convenience store when two youths pulled up in a car behind him.

Hampton said one called him a "f---king faggot" and slugged him in the left side of his face. Hampton fell, skiing his knuckles and landing hard on his right hip. The two youths then drove off.

"I was not flaming at all, I don't know how they knew," Hampton said. "I've been fag bashed before. Three times. Once I lost all of my front teeth, but this was the first time it happened in daylight."

College, like Hampton, said "Gay bashing" probably happens more often than is reported because homosexuals typically mistrust police based on previous negative experiences.

Activists say that police officers, with their heavy doses of machismo, typically make homosexuals feel ill at ease.

Arrested in the death of DeSpain was 16 year old Tyrone David, who was suspected in at least two earlier fires, according to police reports.

Two other juvenile witnesses told police they informed Davis that his sister and DeSpain were upstairs, but he still set the fire.

Davis is facing charges of first degree murder and arson of an occupied structure. [Update: A story reported on 8/29, according to Maricopa County authorities, Davis and the other teenage suspects may not be brought to trial due to lack of evidence.]

Phoenix Police Department spokesman Mike Torres said because of Da-

vis' prior tendencies, and because his sister was in the building with DeSpain, he didn't believe there was enough evidence to say the fire was prompted solely because of DeSpain's sexual preference.

Hate crimes began being monitored after the August 1991 shooting deaths of six monks and three worshippers at a Buddhist temple west of Phoenix.

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who died of smoke inhalation in an arson fire set after an argument he had with a group of juveniles over his sexual preference. DeSpain's charred body was identified through dental records.

"We don't want the Lesbian and Gay community to forget why he was murdered," Mark Colledge, chairman of the Phoenix-based Anti-Violence Project, said. "I can only hope some type of good comes out of his death."

Heakin's death unified the Gay community in Tucson and subsequently prompted the City Council to pass a law prohibiting hiring and housing discrimination against homosexuals.

"I think so far we've had seven or eight (hate crime) incidents reported to us this year," said Sgt. Jim Grider of the Tucson Police Department. "I can't recall any of them targeting homosexuals. Our is mainly religious and ethnic. Knock on wood, we don't have the problems they have up in Phoenix area, which doesn't mean if some kook gets the idea it won't happen."

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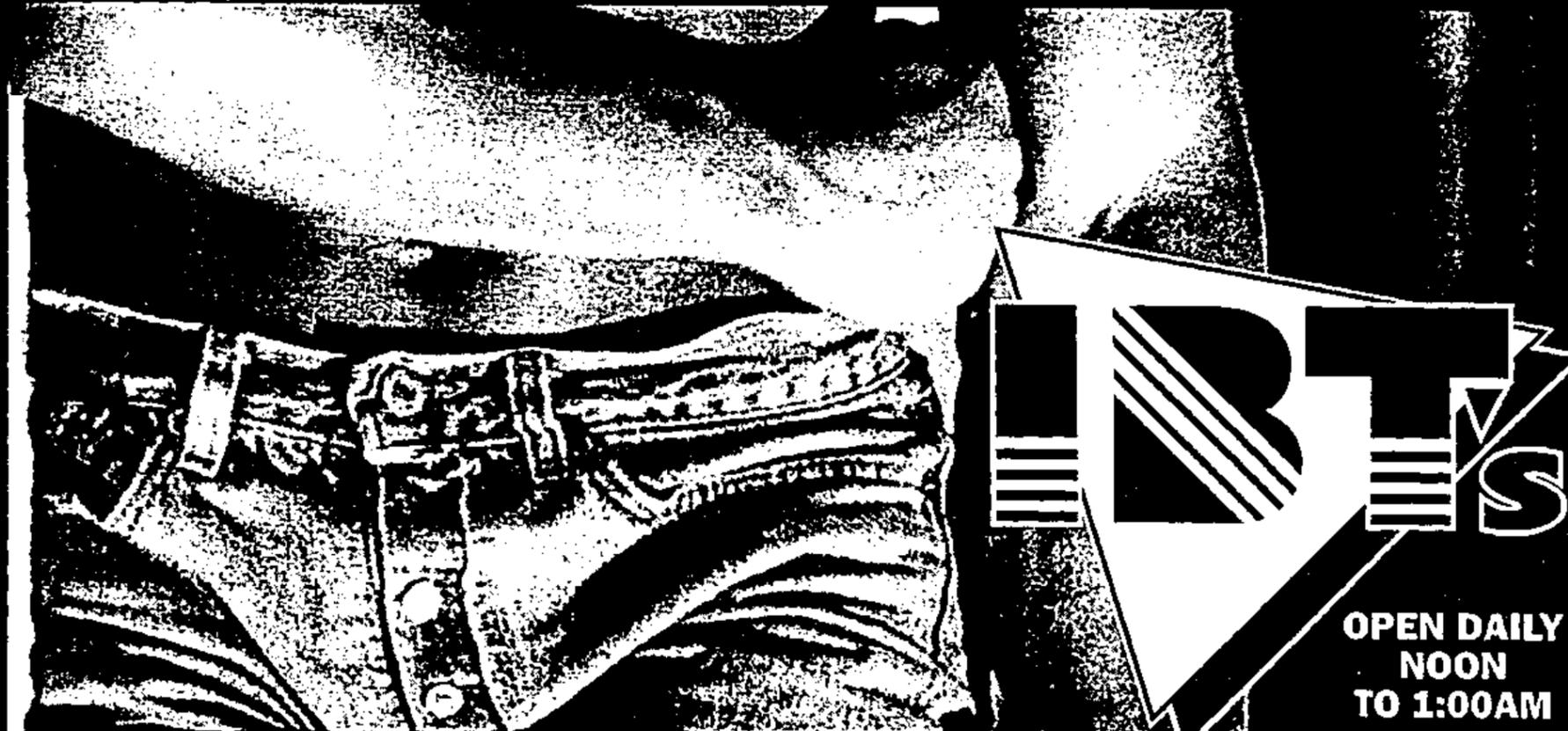
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# POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

**GOOBER POLLS:** Two polls on the Governor's race to report about this week. One about the Demo's "menage a trois" and the Repub's "slugfest."

First, the August poll, conducted by Phoenix Public Television Station KAET showed that Governor Fife Symington continued to hold on to his two-to-one lead (53% to 25%) over challenger Barbara Barrett, with 22% undecided.

Governor Symington holds on to his lead primarily by attracting more conservative, higher educated and older voters as compared to Barrett. In addition, Symington supporters at this time are more strongly committed to their candidate (60%, strongly supportive) than are Barrett's supporters (43% strongly supportive).

This poll of 456 registered Republican voters who voted in one or both of the last two general elections was conducted by telephone from the studios of KAET-TV between August 25-28. The

margin of error is +/- 4.6%.

On the Democratic side, the recent Rocky Mountain Poll (for August), conducted by the Behavior Research Center, sampling 315 registered Democrats in Maricopa County shows that the Gubernatorial primary is getting closer and closer.

Voter preferences are beginning to shift in reaction to the unfurling of major paid media campaigns, and to expanded coverage of the campaign in newspapers, TV, radio and through candidate "debates." The poll notes the following of the survey of Maricopa Democrats:

- 1) The proportion who are uncommitted reversed its downward slide and jumped to 29 percent from 21 percent.
- 2) Terry Goddard slipped from 36 percent down to 31 percent.
- 3) Eddie Basha increased his share of the vote from 18 to 22 percent

and now trails Goddard by only 9 percent in this county.

4) Paul Johnson, who had recently launched his media blitz, lost ground, from 25 percent in the July survey to 18 percent in the August survey.

The Democratic primary has become more competitive as campaign and media coverage has intensified. This latest survey was taken during the initial stages of the three media blitzes, and the media campaigns effect is not registered in this survey.

### BEHAVIOR RESEARCH DATA

	Apr.	May	July	Aug.
Goddard	26%	34%	36%	31%
Basha	14%	21%	18%	22%
Johnson	37%	23%	25%	18%
Unsure	23%	22%	21%	29%

As mentioned earlier, Behavior Research sampled 315 registered Democrats, with a margin of error of +/-5.6%.

**ACC POLL:** In the race for Corporation Commission, State Senator Greg Patterson leads former Senate President Carl Kunasek and Jim Heath in the latest KAET

poll. Patterson leads with 19%, Kunasek is second with 10% and Heath trails with 4%, with 67% undecided. According to Dr. Merrill, "with 67% of the voters undecided any one of the three candidates could win."

The winner of the Republican primary faces the Democratic candidate, former State Rep. Debbie McCune-Davis.

**KILLER CAMPAIGN SIGNS-1994:** Yes, it's that time again, when our scenic landscape is inundated with political signs, hoping that voters will look at, be captivated, and then vote for them on September 13. So here is the 1994 Version of "Attack of Killer Campaign Signs":

**U.S. Senate:** BEST - Sam Copersmith. Clear, simple and gets to the point. WORST - "Icky Dicky" Mahoney. Hey Dick, do you want us to pull your finger. SMALLEST - Cindy Resnick. Aren't we carrying this underfinanced, volunteer bit a little too far? MOST LIKELY TO FALL - Jun Kyl. You can tell he is definitely from Phoenix, his campaign don't know calichi!

**Governor:** BEST - Fife Symington. They are crisp, clear, and gets the message out. WORST - No doubt here, Paul Johnson. Maybe you could make the picture a little bigger and the print much smaller so that passers by could be even more confused! The person who did those should be shot! BIGGEST - Eddie Basha; since he is using billboards, big, clear and get the message out, and people notice.

**Secretary of State:** BEST - Stan Furman. Big, bold and simple. WORST - Pete Rios. Too small, and were put up 2 weeks before county law states they could. Hey, Pete! You want to be in charge of elections you should know election laws. Don't you think?

**ACC:** BEST - Carl Kunasek. Bold and can be seen a mile away. MISSING - Debbie McCune-Davis. You are running, aren't you Deb?

**School Superintendent:** CUTE - Lisa Graham. Good picture, perky. But never judge a book by its cover. BEST USE OF COLOR - Lela Alston. Good choice, dark green and light green.

**State Senators or Reps:** TOO MANY - Andy Nichols, plus there also in the wrong Districts as well. MOST ECONOMIC - District 14 Democrats. List the three on one sign, save moolah. WORST PICTURE - George Cunningham. Try to learn how to smile with sincerity.

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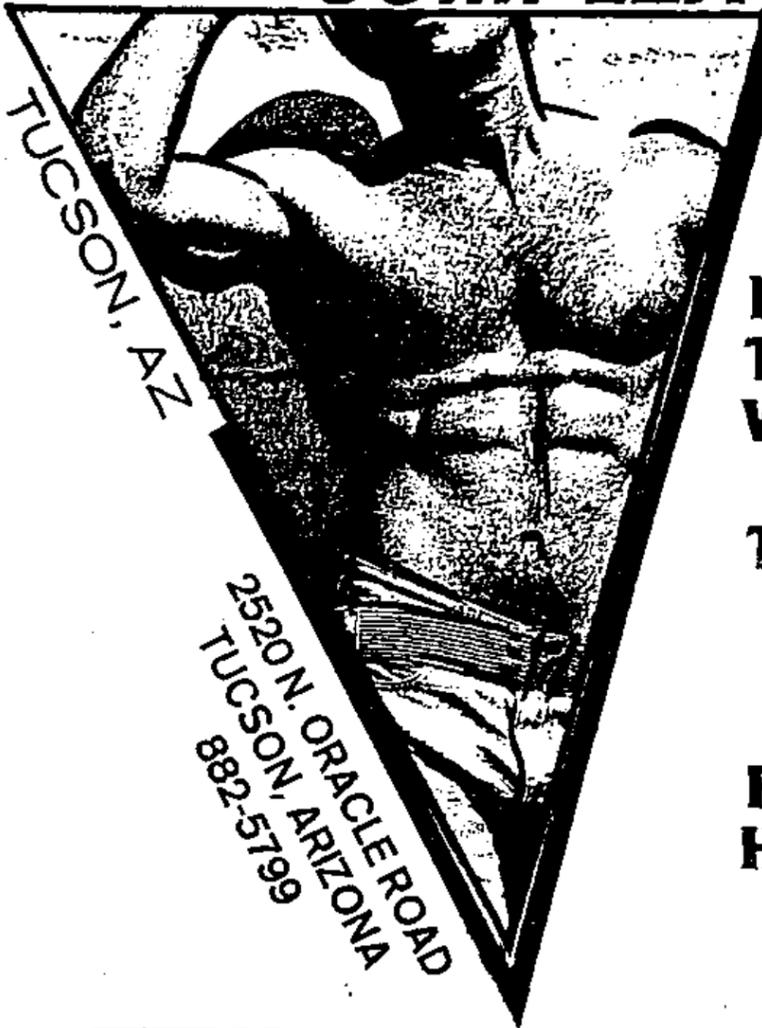
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## Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

### Oh No He's Being Cranky Again

I have a file where I squirrel away notes, ideas, and attempted columns. Sometimes I start to write on an idea and it never fully develops into a column. Usually I put it away and it might pop up in another piece. Well today we go through the file and do some fall cleaning.

I went with a group of my friends to the second night of business for "Ain't Nobody's Bizness" and had a blast. The staff was professional, the surroundings gorgeous. But best of all, the customers treated "us guys" to a great time.

A bar is really best judged by its' customers and the womyn of the "biz" were super. The ad says "Bizness" welcomes Gay men (I assume not str8 men), and they delivered. My question is this, what if straight men show up? Everyone knows the prevalent heterosexual male fantasy of watching two women in bed together (while 2 men in bed is their worst nightmare). What if the hets start showing up to scope the Lesbians? How can one find out who is Gay and who is gawking? That's the job I want, fag tester. "Excuse me, sir. Could I see your ID? And may I ask, are you Gay? You are?! Prove it. Step this way, we have a few simple..."

A friend and I decided to check out the strippers at Stonewall/Eagle on Tuesday, August 23. The show was advertised to begin at 9:00 PM or 9:30 PM depending on if you read a flyer or an ad in the Observer. We left at 10:30 without seeing a single boytoy. How late is late? Is it any wonder the Stonewall looks like a museum and not a bar. As a friend of mine would say, "Well, it had to be said."

Have you noticed the campaign ads this year. Jon Kyl is running for Sen. Dennis DeConcini's seat and had paid big bucks for a series of ads that look like a cross between the commercials for Bank of America and Depends undergarments. The problem is, Kyl hardly completes a sentence in the spot. The good thing is (for Kyl), he never gets to complete a sentence in the spot. I'm not a registered Democrat, but it is clear that any of the Democratic senatorial hopefuls would be better. In one of the ads he brags about how he and his wife moved back to Phoenix in a car with no air conditioning. He chuckles about the car overheating. "It was great," he says. Obviously the message is, "shucks, I ain't so different than you folks." What I want to know is, who wants a U.S. Senator that drives a non-air conditioned car in the summer in Arizona? I prefer intelligence.

Integrity is cool, too. Jon Kyl is pushing \$400,000 dollars in campaign contributions from the insurance and healthcare industries to obstruct meaningful healthcare reform. I think they got their monies' worth. Another point I'd like to bring up. The Children's Defense Fund rates members of the House and Senate on their voting records. (A common practice for all lobbyists) In the early 1990's Jon Kyl had a lower ranking from the CDF than Jesse Helms! Quite frankly, I can't imagine a more negative candidate to the issues of importance to Gays, Lesbians, women, children, and people who care about religious liberty. Which brings me

to another gripe.

State Sen. Peter Goudinoff printed up some tacky bumper stickers (with his own money) that made a misspelled allusion to a Nazi slogan and Jon Kyl's name. Goudinoffs' Archie Bunker mentality got the attention of the press, (most reporters received a free sticker) and some Jewish organizations. Representatives of some Jewish organizations were outraged at the insensitive use of a holocaust reference in a partisan political campaign. They were right and they were short sighted. Homosexuals were also a target of Nazi pogroms and discovered that in the camps they were the bottom of the packing order. It was Gays who received the worst of the hell on earth Hitler spawned. This is not intended to be a "our persecution was worse than yours" sorts spiel, but not once has anyone talked about Jon Kyl's embarrassingly homophobic record in public service. For members of Jewish civil rights organization to support a Kyl candidacy takes some kind of chutzpah.

In 1994 there is no more important challenge to Arizona's Lesbian and Gay citizens than defeating Jon Kyl. It's time to be pro-active and win!

[Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome. Kenny Jacobs, c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson AZ 85703 or E-mail at kwjenny@aol.com. The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and probably don't represent the views and opinions of anyone else, and the author likes it that way.]

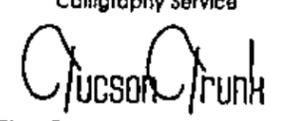


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## Double Mischief

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### Stereotypes Begone! Or Even White Men Are Individuals

The condo complex in which I live features a cement courtyard that is decorated with tons of plants. Bougainvilleas, cacti, birds of paradise, schefflera, and ferns transform a potentially bleak landscape into a gorgeous, heart-warming one. My horticulturally-inclined friend Charles recently moved in with my lover and me, and he brought his own collection of plants. I checked with Jim, the guardian of the courtyard, as to where Charles might add his greenery. Jim said that it was important that Charles respect the esthetics of the courtyard.

"Don't worry," I replied, "he's Gay."

I meant this innocently, but Jim was annoyed and pointed out that not every Gay man is a designer. At first I thought Jim overreacted, but now I think he was right and I was wrong.

By reducing esthetics to a "Gay trait," I ignored Jim's and Charles individuality. If I had said, "Of course Scottie Pippen plays basketball well; he's African-American," I would be guilty of racism. And when people chalk up my balanced checkbook to my Jewishness, I feel stereotyped and ignored. Yet it's easy to succumb to stereotypes when the target's a white male.

This relatively trivial tale represents a larger problem. Because those of us in minority cultures are genuinely oppressed, it feels okay to pick on white guys, who have power, rights, and money. But not all do! And having those things does not make a person immune from pain and the desire to be an individual.

Edward Albee was belittled by Gay activists for complaining about aging when he spoke at an OutWrite conference. Because he is successful (although he has no more rights than any other queer), the activists ignored Albee's humanity. While being well-off does mitigate the aging process through health care, excellent food, and freedom from financial stress, it doesn't lessen joint stiffness or allow someone to defy death. I'm sure Albee's pain is real. The question is, should he only complain in front of people who are officially better of than he is?

In a Village Voice movie review,

Gary Indiana wrote of the "adolescent solipsism and histrionic self-pity of those with the least to complain about "...that is, middle-class, white, male, 'alienated,' heterosexual pre-med students." The particular male in the movie Indiana reviewed has to give up an internship at the Surgeon General's office to care for his mother, who has a broken leg. As an HIV positive man, Indiana has more serious concerns than this fictional teen-ager does, but does another's suffering matter only when it's worse than one's own? And does Gary Indiana disallow his own anguish because it doesn't match that of orphaned infant Rwandan refugees. I hope not.

The ease of ignoring the pain of white men, particularly straight white men, is based on sloppy logic. The fact that the world is (mis-)run by rich and powerful (usually) white men does not mean that all white men are rich and powerful and running the world. Many are unemployed and frightened. Many lack emotional resources and feel pressured to be strong according to a mean and dehumanizing idea of strength. Many feel that their privileges are vanishing, and while I sometimes feel like saying, "Welcome to the real world, white boy," I also know that, even though I am an officially oppressed Jewish Lesbian, compared to much of the world I am privileged, and I too would hate to see my comfort disappear. If I lost my home, would I stoic because others have never had homes? No. No one enjoys losing what they have.

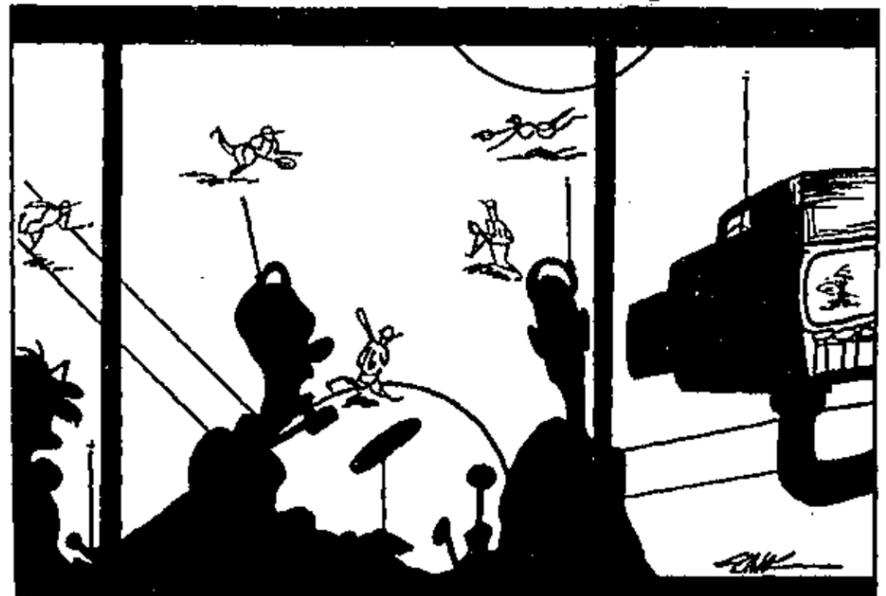
I'm not suggesting that the queer community form "straight white male support groups," nor should we feel sorry for guys who bemoan the loss of freedom to tell racist jokes and who work out their repressed emotions by hitting their kids. I'm simply suggesting we remember that even straight white men are individuals, that some of them are gentle and not the enemy, and their pain is genuine.

Stereotypes too often overshadow the humans underneath, sometimes in trivial ways, sometimes in serious ones. I love to generalize, and to male bash, but I know it's more important to treat individuals as individuals. After all, in search-

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by Clark



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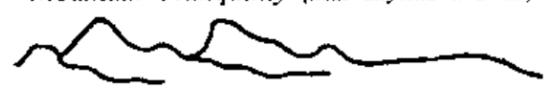
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The regular meeting of MCC's Board of Directors will be held September 6th at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend, as business for the church is conducted.

Tuesday night, September 13th, the exciting and informative Revelation Bible Study will resume. After our lesson, we'll have a snack, refreshments, and fellowship.

Join your MCC brothers and sisters for a social outing Saturday, September 10th. We'll carpool from the church at 8:00 AM, to Wilcox for some apple picking. We'll have a fun filled day and all are invited and welcome. Bring a sack lunch and your choice of beverage(s). The apples will be used to prepare "home-made applesauce and apple butter."

Watch this column for date and time of September's "Desert Desserts Bingo!" There were 17 Bingo players in

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Do you remember a television game show from the fifties and sixties called "Truth or Consequences"? Many of you may be too young to remember it, but I remember it well. The show had to provide humor and laughs, so it was rigged so that almost no one got the answer to a question correct. Every incorrect answer resulted in some funny and/or ridiculous penalty which had to be paid. I was reflecting on this show had to real life. However, real life isn't always as humorous as the TV show, because if we get too far from the real truth, the consequences aren't always funny. As a matter of fact, they can be deadly.

In college I learned about the corrupt rulers and despots in ancient Rome. When the empire began to decline, instead of trying to correct the wrongs in their society, they tried to distract the unhappy and discontented citizens with free circuses and all kinds of other entertainment. Their philosophy was to keep the citizens drugged with debaucheries. Instead of food, clothing, and shelter, the corrupt rulers gave them entertainment to attempt to take their attention away from their problems. They didn't want to give the people time to think about serious matters or about tomorrow. The hopefully, no one would notice that the rulers weren't attending to the business of the country but were themselves busy taking from the people in order to line their own pockets, live high, and enjoy their own forms of hedonism.

Does that sound familiar as we look at our own country today? How many slogans having to do with that same attitude can you come up with from our culture? Here are a few that come readily to mind: "If it feels good, do it." "It's just politics as usual." "I'm not hurting anyone." "I have a right to..." "It's no one else's business." "Go for the gusto." "You only go around once, so get all you can." "The one who dies with the most toys wins." And finally, "Enjoy this life now, because when you're dead it's for a long time."

August. Bring your favorite snack to share, and maybe a \$1 to \$5 prize and play all night. Whether you can bring anything with you or not, by all means, come and be a part of the night's fun.

Plans are being developed for the formal Installation Ceremony of Rev. J. Nita Terlisner-Willey as Pastor of MCC/Tucson. The date and time will be announced in this column. Plan to attend this ceremony.

There is a desirable place that's similar to some churches. It has pure, fresh air and constant winds, that eliminate pollution and germs. Its climate discourages native virus growth. It may be the healthiest place on earth, but no one lives there; at -100 degrees Fahrenheit, the South Pole is too cold for germs and humans. Just so, our churches must not be this sterile. It is just as important to provide a climate where God can create a warm loving fellowship of believers, as "keeping out the germs."

Thought for the Week: God speaks to those who takes the time to listen.

First, let me tell you the truth; then I'll tell you the consequences. True, lasting, fulfilling happiness only comes from realizing that God, the creator of the universe and all that is in it including you and me, is the source of that kind of happiness. Only when we realize that he had required us to acknowledge him and his sovereignty over us, can we accept his love for us and love him in return. Then we can have the true happiness that we are all searching for. God knew from the beginning that we would always be a rebellious and strong willed people. God cannot allow that attitude and still have a personal relationship with us. But God, loving us, provided a way, the only way, for us to come back into a loving relationship with him. God sent Jesus Christ to die in our place and release us from the death which we deserve for ignoring our Creator. Accepting Jesus as our savior and following him guarantees us all the gusto right now, plus a bonus eternal life, full and rich and happy with God in his presence in heaven later. That and more is ours just for turning away from our wicked ways and following the truth, Jesus, who is "the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

Now for the consequences. Satan (or the devil) is real, and his eternal destiny is a real place called Hell. He hates God and all of God's creation because he can't be God and have it all. He has one purpose in mind, on emission: to rob, steal, kill, and destroy. You are his object. His greatest weapon is lies. What are some of them? "There is no God." "God loves everyone so he will not send anyone to Hell." "God doesn't love me and I'm going to Hell anyway so I may as well have a good time on the way." "I have plenty of time to change later, just before I die." "There is no such place as Heaven or Hell." "There is no life after death." "I will be reincarnated and have a second chance and another, and another."

OK friend. Go for the gusto.  
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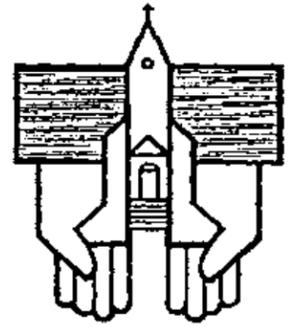
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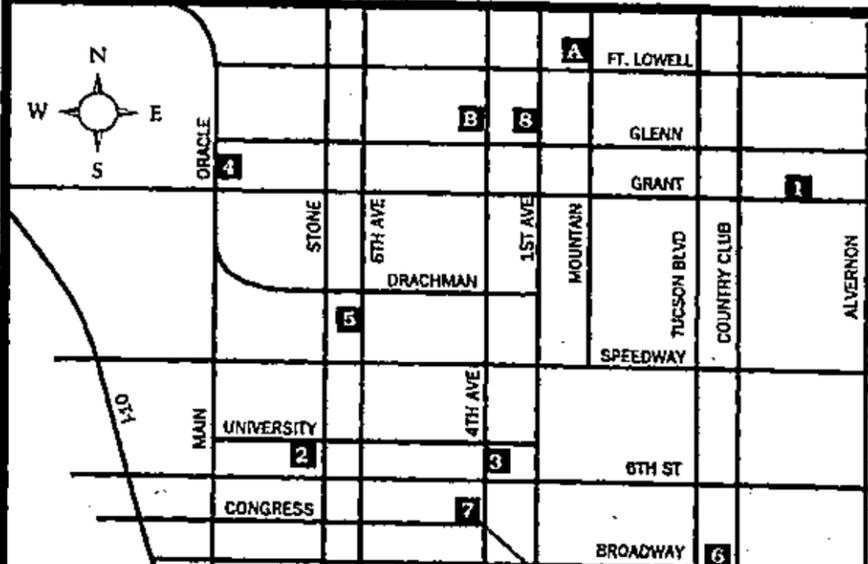
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## From The POOP SHEET by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma'buns! WHO SAID THIS? "The writer's role is to menace the public's conscience. He must see arts as vehicle of societal criticism." WHO SAID IT? Ok, so maybe you don't give a hoot, but aren't you just a bit curious? He's kept millions of followers thinking for years with heavy thoughts.

**THE DATING GAME** - Has it changed in the last 15 years? Should it have changed? You bet it has and you bet it should have. Time changes things and things change the way the world functions.

Fifteen years ago who had heard of THE virus? Today we know a killer is on the loose and ANYONE who might be involved in the dating game is a possible host to this killer. Are folks playing the dating game differently now? Well, intelligent folks are. The ignorant and stupid don't-give-a-damns are risking their very lives and the lives of others by not being willing to make changes in dating habits.

Regarding AIDS -- or for that matter ANY killer disease: We must never forget the fact that Medicine is a "Practice" AND we must never cease questioning our Practitioners. Answers must be sought; they never seek us. It may do us well to view "LORENZO'S OIL" one more time.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT:** Life is not just a bowl of cherries; it also contains many pits...MANY PITS!

Now: for those of you who think LARRY KRAMER is crazy, pushy old queen; we may need to remind ourselves that he is a questioner -- fighting for his life and maybe even our lives. We may disagree with his tactics through ACT UP but he is doing something; which is more than can be said for many of us. He's not hiding his head in the sand. His neck is out there on the chopping block. Like many straights and gays, I too get upset by him and with him at times. If he were a stupid person, I'd really want him to shut up...but he isn't. He's a very intelligent brother.

If anyone is tired of hearing about AIDS, I'm sure he is - but he keeps on keeping on. If anyone is emotionally drained from hearing about one funeral after another, I'm sure he is - but he keeps on keeping on. Questioning and more questioning. You know what? He is a crazy, pushy old queen, but may God give all of us those guts and hutzpa to keep on keeping on...questioning and seeking answers...demanding answers!

If you really feel like you've got to nail someone to the proverbial cross, how about the brothers and sisters who week after week spend hours in bars drinking themselves into a coma; making complete asses out of themselves and the rest of us. Unfortunately, our community does have a reputation for its tendency toward alcoholism.

Maybe we should question a few of our other brothers and sisters to find out why they want to degrade themselves in this manner. Maybe we can find a way of helping them and our tarnished image as a community instead of kicking Larry Kramer.

**HISTORY LESSON:** men who

love men and women who love women have been around for the millennia...BUT, did the citizens of Greece say: Oh look, there's Socrates and Plato - the "homosexuals"? Did the citizens of Rome call Alexander the Great a "homosexual"? Did Abraham Lincoln and his "fiends" call one another "homosexuals"? Not hardly.

What we know as "homosexuality" today didn't have that name until 1869 when it was coined by K.M. Berkert, writing under the pseudonym, of Kerbeny. He actually applies the term to both men and women.

V.L. Bullogh in his 1976 "Sexual Variance In Society and History" (New York: Wiley) quoted Berkert's 1869 statement where the word was born. Quote: "In addition to the normal sexual urge in men and women.

Nature in her sovereign mood has endowed at birth certain male and female individuals with the homosexual urge, thus placing them in a sexual bondage which renders them physically incapable - even with the best intentions - of normal erection. This urge creates in advance a direct horror of the opposite sex, and the victim of this passion finds it impossible to suppress the feeling which individuals of his own sex exercise upon him." End of quote.

My thanks to Chris Lihou of Charlottesville, VA for reminding me of this history lesson which I'd forgotten. I'd read it previously in the April '87 issue of American Psychologist in an article by John Money, Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, John Hopkins University & Hospital.

**SO WHO SAID IT?**  
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# WHAT'S UP DOC???



Another week by and it is drawing close to when all the VIRGINS comes out of the woodwork. Yes, September is the only month that grown adults, who also are level headed, can brag (if that's what you call it) that they are still virgins. Yes, I may be turning 28 again this week, but you can bet, I am no virgin.



But, and this probably includes a lot of you, I have met a few in my days, and some of them after, could never claim it again. Of course, all kidding aside, this was many, many

full moons ago. Hell, now-a-days, just meeting a virgin is rare, and very few and far between.

I take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you virgins who will be celebrating their birthdays this month, a hell of a HAPPY BIRTHDAY and may all those long or short gifts be well worth it. Just let the rest of them eat their hearts out, not being virgins.

I'm not sure just where I will be sitting tomorrow evening to watch the Wildcats football game, but you can bet, I will be. This BS of only showing the game on ESPN, to me, is for the birds. It seems, everyone is getting into the game to get you to have cable. But, who cares as long as I find a cool Bud, and a good seat to watch the game. The road to the roses is starting in Rebel country - Georgia.

In last weeks column, I mentioned a few outfits worn at this years City of Rocks run by some of those out of Tucson. Well, let me tell you, pictures will follow shortly. I've got to finish the roll in my camera first.

With this being a long weekend, school back in session, you will probably be going to a party or two. Do not forget the designated drivers.

Have a fun filled 4 days and play safe.



## The Bowling Beat

by Randy Bilbro



Labor Day weekend is upon us and with that comes the annual Las Vegas Showgirl Invitational Bowling Tournament that runs from September 2 through September 4 and is held at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, and Bowling Center.

This is just one of dozens of IGBO and ABC/WIBC sanctioned Gay bowling tournaments held each year nationwide, not to mention Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Tucson will be represented by at least four bowlers, so I'll provide a brief update in next week's column. Hopefully, there'll be some good news to bring home.

As part of our fund raising efforts, the Mid-Year committee has sponsored a Multi-City Raffle for an airline

### "No Resuscitation Required" at a.k.a.

TUCSON - "NO RESUSCITATION REQUIRED," a work-in-progress, will be presented by aka Theatre in it's Late Show Series. The autobiographical performance work incorporates theatre, dance, poetry, and video to portray one woman's triumph over incest, child abuse, and domestic violence. This evocative work is written and performed by local poet/playwright Meikil Berry. Ms. Berry has been seen in such productions as One-In-Ten's Hannah Free and Interrogations...with Amerikan Hoodoo Theatreworks. Hassan Al Falak, choreographer/producer of AHT, directs this production.

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ticket. Tickets were sold in leagues all over the country and the winning ticket will be drawn and announced this weekend in Las Vegas. For those of you from Tucson who bought tickets, we appreciate your support and you'll be notified if you win.

Both the Wednesday night and Friday night leagues are in full swing now, but there is still room for latecomers. On Wednesdays, bowling begins at 9:00 PM, and Fridays start at 6:15 PM. If you're interested, show up at either time and you can get in on the fun!

September 10th is the date for the Scotch Doubles tournament fund raiser to be held at Golden Pin Lanes. This is fun and inexpensive way to be introduced to tournament bowling and to meet new friends. Hope to see you there!

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**GRADUATE** - Football Party here featuring the UofA playing Georgia on the TV sets. Always a raucous time.

**VENTURE-N** - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust from 9 p.m. to midnight on the patio.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**EAGLE-STONEWALL** - Complimentary buffet with their day long Happy Hour is a great way to start the Labor Day Weekend. Special drinks prices too!

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**EAGLE-STONEWALL** - Complimentary Buffet from 4 p.m. till it runs out. Beer Bust from 4-7 p.m. with 50¢ drafts and then at night there will be "Blue Light Specials" every hour on the hour. Happy Labor Day Weekend.

**VENTURE-N** - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust on the patio from 3 to 7 p.m. Come on down!

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**CLUB 2520** - Dave Silver brings his "Men of Muscle" show here beginning at 9:30 p.m. Hot men; Hot Bodies; Hot Strippers and Hot Times...

**EAGLE-STONEWALL** - Strawberry Daiquiris and Margaritas will be the eye openers from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. here with Bucky's absolutely Fabulous Omelette Bar running from noon until 3 p.m. Best omelettes in town and only \$3.99 too! Their pool tournament begins at 3 p.m. with a beer bust going from 3 to 7 also. Then at 9:30 p.m. its male stripper time. Some hunky numbers to labor for your pleasure.

**IBT'S** - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Tea Dance. All proceeds from the Bar-B-Que will benefit Shanti. Then at 9:30 p.m. it will be "Torn Levis Nite" with \$75 cash awarded to the best pair of torn Levis. Get those razor blades out guys.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**EAGLE-STONEWALL** - Sick call here beginning at 10 a.m. with Bloodys and Screws for only a buck (\$1.00 that is!) Complimentary Buffet at 5:00 pm. winds up a big Labor Day Weekend here.

**GRADUATE** - Opening at 10 a.m. there will be a special Monday Morning Madness Show beginning at 11 a.m. with live vocalist Teresa Housley; Miss AGRA 1994, Gilda Fatale; with Electrica Blue and your hostess with the mostess, Miss Aviva Diamond. Get over there and begin Labor Day right!

**VENTURE-N** - Celebrate Labor Day with one of those famous Venture-N Cookouts on their patio from 5 to 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**VENTURE-N** - Mr. Venture-N contest will be held tonight. Stay tuned for more details or ask at the bar how you can enter so you can get in shape before the 24th!

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The "G" Word airs at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Public Access CableVision Channel 64 (if you have a cablebox) or Tucson CableVision Channel 51 if you don't and your TV is cable ready. If you don't have Tucson Cablevision, IBT's is one bar that televises the show, so stop on by and see what people are talking about. It's great to watch Gay TV!

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Auditions for Desert Voices will be held at the regular rehearsal site for the Chorus, the School of Music Building on the U.A. Campus. Room 146 at 7 p.m. New members may sign up at this time too. Regular MOnday evening rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12. The first concert is scheduled for Dec. 9 & 10.

Life Through Art event mailing. Volunteers are needed to fold, stuff and stamp at 10 a.m. at the PACT office, 801 W. Congress.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

One In Ten Theatre Company will be presenting "Bar Girls" Wednesdays through Sundays beginning today and running thru Saturday, Sept. 24. Curtain is 8 p.m. at the Historic "Y" Theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave, Suite 131. \$9.00 general admission, \$8 students and seniors. Available at the door or in advance at Antigone Books. The play is an unflinching look at the strangely unique and often hysterical scene that is the Lesbian bar. More info at 770-9279.

"Jerker" will open at a.k.a. Theatre tonight and will plays every Wednesday thru Sunday evening at 8 p.m. until Oct. 2. "Jerker" celebrates the Gay identity while reaffirming the validity of healthy sexuality.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will climb the highest peak in Arizona, Mt. Humphrey in the San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff. Because the driving distance involved, the group will leave from Tucson at Noon on Saturday the 10th. Hikers can either choose to camp or stay in a motel on Saturday for an 8 a.m. start up the mountain. This is a 9 mile hike on nice trail with a 3,200 foot elevation gain to the only arctic tundra zone in Arizona. The cost for this hike is \$10 for gas plus food. There will be additional expense if you choose to stay in a motel. For more info call Lex pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch tone phone only) followed by the # sign.

Cronica (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) monthly meeting is chaged to Saturday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. and will be a potluck. Location, MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Call 888-7264 or 690-9565 for information.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Pizza Party and organizational meeting of all volunteers for PACT's Life Through Art event. Meeting starts at 1 p.m. sharp at the PACT office, 801 W. Congress, 770-1710.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

T-Squares Basic Level dance lessons begin today in the country room at Club 2520. The lessons run every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for a 20-week semester. Cost is \$10 per person. The lessons cover the first 50 steps and the stylizing that makes Gay square dancing so Gay!

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PACT's Life Through Art annual fundraising event at the Tucson Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. Donated objects d'art showcasing local and out-of-state talent will be up for bid through silent and live auction from 5 to 10 p.m. Full bar and refreshments will be available.

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# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**EAGLE** - Opens at 10am with specials on Mondays & Serves all day. Pool tournament 3pm with Beer Bust.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 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. Benefit D-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Disco dancing 8 to close.  
**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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well B-I 4 Home Madnest "Buckets", C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Country Night, drink specials to those in western attire.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢  
Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. McFlow Jazz Mondays with Free from 9 to 1  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm for dancing.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

## tuesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing begins at 9 pm.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Skivy Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing skivies.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schaappa 75¢ 7pm to close.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm. \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 9 pm to 11pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8 pm. All new male revue - strippers with hot attitudes and hot bodies 9:30 p.m.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

## wednesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rod Parrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ 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 & well. \$1.50 Dad Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Cambia, banda y top 40's. Corona and Margarita specials.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "apparently naked" men.

## thursday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ Schaappa 9pm to 1am. 2-Step lessons 7 pm. Dart Tournay at 8, \$2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Uniform Nite, drink specials all night to those in uniform.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - with a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.  
**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Pattie' on the Pumps show 9:30 p.m. followed by disco dancing.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. 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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 till pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.  
**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hots 4' O'Clock 6pm  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Disco dancing all night long.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

## saturday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.  
**EAGLE** - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and Bloody Marys until 7pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schaappa 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot match.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colada \$3. Dancing 8-1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.  
**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Disco dancing all night long.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm.

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Welcome back, students. It's September (that is, if you're reading this article after Wednesday, August 31) and the Bears are coming out of their summer time doldrums to celebrate their 2nd Year of being Tucson's premiere social club for large and/or hairy men and their admirers.

We're out recruiting for new blood, so all of you U of A Warner Smith look alikes and newly arrived snowbirds (or snow bears, as the case may be), drop by the Venture-N our home bar, or write to us, or give us a call. Our official contact persons is Brad Spaulding, 882-4149. Our address is: Bears of the Old Pueblo, P.O. Box 41141, Tucson, AZ 85717.

# Bears of the Old Pueblo

Now, here's a listing of this month's events.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** - Bear's General Meeting will be held at the Venture-N on the patio at 7:30 PM. All members and anyone interested in finding out about our group is invited. At 9 PM, the Bear Beer Bust will be held on the patio serving 50 cent drafts till around midnight. C'mon over guys!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10** - Video night will be held at Frank and

David's place. Bring by a favorite movie (Regular movies, gentlemen save the porno for later in the month.) and your favorite food (Bring something original since chips and soda are terribly cliché.)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17** - The Bears shall celebrate their second anniversary by doing what they do best: eating. The dinner is reserved for Bear members and their guests only. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange (which means you grab whatever item in your

home you can't stand, wrap it up, and give it away). Call for more details and location.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** - The Bear Hug!!! What better way of welcoming people back to Tucson, but by making ourselves the official welcome wagon. This little festivity will be held at Ralph G's home. There will be a gate fee. Starting time is at 8 PM.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.



## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - THROUGH AUGUST 1, 1994

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		JULY	JUNE	MAY		JULY	JUNE	MAY		MAY	APR.	MAR	
APACHE	61,591	7	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	0
COCHISE	97,624	28	28	28	15	6	6	6	0	41	41	41	2
COCONINO	96,591	17	17	17	12	0	0	0	0	19	19	19	1
GILA	40,216	8	8	8	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
GRAHAM	26,554	8	8	8	5	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
GREENLEE	8,008	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
LA PAZ	13,844	7	7	7	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	0
MARICOPA	2,122,101	2519	2476	2463	1565	555	543	538	54	1810	1811	1804	105
MOHAVE	93,497	44	43	42	23	5	5	5	1	27	26	26	3
NAVAJO	77,658	12	12	12	9	2	2	2	0	3	3	3	1
PIHA	666,880	763	752	742	449	105	95	93	14	506	518	521	39
PINAL	116,379	43	41	36	25	6	6	5	0	32	32	32	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	9	9	9	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	37	35	35	22	5	7	6	1	34	33	31	3
YUMA	106,895	45	44	43	24	10	10	7	1	52	52	55	3
UNKNOWN		5	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	113	112	112	1
	3,655,228	3554	3494	3464	2174	697	677	665	72	2653**	2663**	2660**	159

\*\* NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 2,013 PERSONS HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION.

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# LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

Clothes make the man. It's one of those trite, generalized vapid statements we've all heard time and time again. Yet, as is often the case, if you scratch the surface of the maxim and scrutinize a little more closely, you can often shake out a few grains of absolute truth.

I remember vividly one unmemorable Saturday night last winter. I had stayed at the Venture till the bitter end and bright lights, and on my drive home I was stricken with a nasty case of post bar munchies. Wishing to avoid the fast food drive through lines, I opted to stop at a 24 hour grocery store to grab the necessities to whip up some nachos. Realizing full well that at that hour of the morning the shoppers haunting the place would be a mixture of weirdos and oddities, I was spurred on by my hunger.

Sporting my full leathers from head to toe, I marched into the blinding faux daylight of the supermarket. As I foraged my way up and down the aisles, boots clomping, leather gleaming, hardware clanking, I encountered the population I had expected. There was the guy mumbling to himself and then answering back. There was the grubby strung out dude whose glassy eyed gaze darted constantly in every direction. There was the pair of hookers with spike heels, itty bitty mini skirts and Tammy Faye makeup. And so on. Yet it suddenly occurred to me that it was me that was the focus of all the stares and avoidance. I was the weirdo that everyone else was gawking at. And as I moved through the store everyone gave me a wide berth or bailed out of

my aisle completely.

When I approached the only open check out lane, I was the eighth person in line. But soon enough another lane opened up and the petite young cashier hauled me over to be her first customer. Her tight lipped smile and flighty movements gave away her nervousness in my presence. So I laid some witty repartee on her and she joined in some friendly chit chat. By the time my items were bagged and money exchanged, we were both laughing and joking and enjoying a very pleasant interaction as two individuals, not just a leatherman and a cashier.

I guess we all need to stop periodically and appreciate that any apparel we choose to put on our bodies is a form of communication. My intended message to the world was that wearing leather makes me feel stronger and more alive. I was advertising for like minded individuals to hang out with who share my kinks and love of "toys". But sending a message is only half the loop. Whoever receives the message process it based on his own experiences and perceptions. So to many of those people at the supermarket in the middle of the night, I was the scum of the earth biker who steals from little old ladies, takes drugs and has sex with small animals. But no matter what I was wearing, I was still just little old me underneath all the trappings.

Bottom line: next time you find yourself looking at someone with scorn because they're in female drag, cowboy drag, leather drag, preppie drag, business

drag or whatever, just stop for a minute. Try to figure out what the message is they're trying to send. And then take a moment to find out why you're reacting to it the way you are. Then after all that mental masturbation, just get over it and find out who the person is underneath the costume.

Congrats to Keith Collins and Rich F., the two lucky winners of the hot oil massages raffled by pledge Nips. His efforts generated enough bucks to provide PACT Food for Life clients with an entire day's worth of food. Way to go!

DL's second annual benefit show to support their ongoing condom drive is scheduled for Wednesday October 19th at IBTs. Watch for details. And if you find yourself in Palm Springs on October 1st, stop by the Tool Shed and party down at our roadtrip beer bust. If you can't make Palm Springs, we would love to have you join us at the Venture-N this Saturday, September 3rd, from 3 to 7 PM on the patio. Seems we're on the downhill side of summer and things are cooling off a teensy bit. Just throw on some old thing and come on down to swill a few beers and have a good time.

## Episcopals Modify Sexuality Document

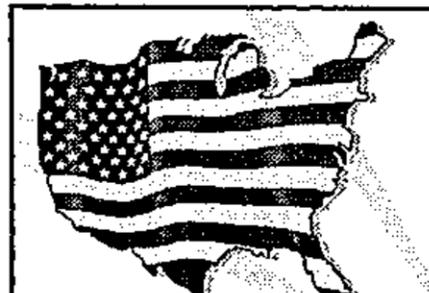
INDIANAPOLIS, IN - A group of conservative bishops has succeeded in modifying an Episcopal Church document on sexuality in church teachings.

"Basically, it affirmed traditional marriage," church spokeswoman Sarah Bartenstein said of the altered document.

The House of Bishops voted narrowly to approve changes in the pastoral document and attached an affirmation bolstering the church's traditional emphasis on lifelong, heterosexual marriage.

In the pastoral letter as it had been proposed to the House of Bishops, spiritual leaders of the 2.5 million member denomination recommended that future ordinations follow church teachings, suggesting a moratorium on the ordination of Gays.

The sexuality statement also urged church members to welcome homosexuals.



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**UofA FACULTY AND STAFF** for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 245. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

**ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE: 882-1933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

**ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER.** Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

**AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS** advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 212, Phoenix, AZ 85012-7903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

**SOURCES UNLIMITED,** a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

**GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads.** Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9541, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

**ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners** is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities included both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85612.

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**PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP** now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8661, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP.** This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on interpersonal blocks and self-esteem issues. Membership will be limited to 8-10 people. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3390

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -** a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 41141, Tucson AZ 85717 or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Venture-N patio.

**GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Moody Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

### TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE

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**"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region"** for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-1804 Tucson.

**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON -** Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellis 548-8850 or Rose 964-2384.

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

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP -** Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Hummel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-1553

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

### SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON

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

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

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### YOUNG AND GAY!

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

**WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4811 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jam. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers Fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP),** 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Breadbox Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

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### GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON

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### GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS!** Arizona Nude Order or ANDES/Tucson for short, is a Gay men's nudist group. We hold local activities each month and have connections to Gay men's nudist groups across the country. For further information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044. For faster reply please include phone number.

**MALE, FEMALE, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP.** Info: Save, 323-8436 or Wingspan, 624-1779.

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**SUN COUNTRY NATURALISTS,** Tucson Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturalists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85713-3772

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

**GAY & LESBIAN HIKING CLUB.** Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol-free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by a # sign or write: Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

**MANE MEN:** Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

If you work for Southern Pacific Railroad as a Train Engineer or Yard Worker, Ken Gleason wants to meet you to learn more about these jobs. You may call me at MCC, 292-9151, or meet me at our Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

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# U.S. Senate Hearings On S. 2238 - Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)

by Mark Kerr  
Observer Political Writer

Transcript of Witnesses (Part 1 of a series)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On July 29th, the United States Senate Labor & Human Resources Committee held hearings on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). The Labor & Human Resources Committee, heard testimony from people who suffered job discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation, as well as testimony from business and labor leaders in support of the bill. ENDA would ban job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, which is currently not prohibited under federal law.

In an exclusive to The Observer, this is the first of a series of articles on the testimony given at the historic hearings on the proposed legislation extending civil rights protections to Gays and Lesbians. Ernest Dillon was the first to give testimony before the committee. Dillon, a postal worker from Detroit was harassed and beaten at his work. Here is the transcript of his testimony:

"My name is Ernest Dillon. I am honored to be here this morning and to be given the opportunity to tell my story. I wish I did not have a story to tell, but I do. A story of harassment on the job, of violence that nearly cost me my life, and of discrimination that forced me from my workplace and robbed me of my livelihood.

"I began working for the postal service in Detroit in 1980. It was a good job, a job I was extremely grateful to have. I worked well with my coworkers. We were a team, and our teamwork made for a very effective workplace. My first four years with the post office passed quickly and I received regular raises.

"Then in 1984, things changed. A co-worker, suspecting I was Gay, began to make anti-Gay remarks to me. I had known him for a while, and I couldn't understand where his new attitude was coming from. I was the same person I had always been, quite and hardworking, never bothering other people. Whether I was Gay or not, wasn't anybody's business and it certainly didn't have anything to do with my job. I did my job, and I did it well.

## View from the Rock

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Let Satan distract you from the truth. Guzzle all the booze you want, shoot or snort all the dope you want, party with all the partners you want. The end is addiction, diseased or ruined bodies, ending up on the trash heap. Don't take time to listen to the truth, don't believe it when you hear it, and pay the consequences.

Jesus says, "...whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:37) He further declares that to reject him (life) is to accept death. The choice is always ours. Will you trade temporary gratification, part time happiness for that which is eternal?

## Double Mischief

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hing for others' humanity, I nourish my own.

(P.S. I'm looking forward to getting nasty letters calling me male-identified; they'll make a nice balance to the ones I've received in the past calling me a male basher.)

"But the insults soon escalated into more serious harassment. They happened every day, they just wouldn't quit. To earn a living I had to endure constant verbal abuse, and try to keep focused while finding outrageous things about me plastered on the walls of the office and in the trucks. Nasty things, vulgar things, hurtful and hostile things.

"I reported these incidents to my supervisors and to my union representative. My supervisors said there was nothing they could do to help me until my harasser actually "did something". Somehow these degrading experiences were not enough, he had to do something more, he had to do something violent. My union representative urged me to start keeping notes of the incidents, and I did that.

"This torment had broken the spirit of the office and compromised our productivity. The harassment and hatred kept us from working as a team, it wasn't fair to me, and it wasn't fair to my coworkers. The hostility was become so intense, I frequently considered leaving the job.

"But after a lot of thought, I decided to stay. I am a black man from Detroit and I have seen much bigotry before. I had been taught at a young age that you do not run from prejudice, you persist in the fact of it. You work hard, you persevere, and eventually it pays off. More than anything else, I had been taught to believe that in America, if you do your job well, you have a right to keep it.

"Then one day, while on the job, my co-worker cornered me, and I thought he would kill me. He threw me down on the ground, kicked me, and beat me until I was unconscious. He left me in a pool of blood, with two black eyes, a severely bruised sternum, and gashes in my forehead. When I regained consciousness, a supervisor rushed me to the medical unit, and then the emergency room. I was sewn up, received medication, and spent three weeks recovering from my injuries.

"When I finally returned to work, I was pleased to be working again but scared to death. Although the co-worker who had beaten me was fired, any relief I felt was very brief. All of a sudden others were not willing to pick up where he left off. They too began leaving anti-Gay messages at my work station and making anti-Gay slurs both to my face and throughout the office. I continued to notify my supervisors of these events. They would not intervene, claiming they could do nothing to stop or prevent such abuse. I tried to just keep doing my job and I tried not to think about it.

"But this harassment continued for three years, and it kept chipping away and chipping away at my spirit and my soul. Then one day I received a death threat from one of my harassers. Fearing another violent incident, I spoke to the staff nurse who told me to go home for the day. I called a therapist, who advised me to get help, including filing a workers' compensation bid and an equal employment opportunity, or EEO, claim.

"Soon after awards I filed an EEO claim, thinking that something could be done to fix my work situation. I could not believe that people were allowed to torment you on the job, and get away with it. I was still getting my work done, but

the work environment had gotten so dangerous, I feared for my life and for my self esteem. The discrimination was so intense it had forced me from my job. It just wasn't fair.

"The Administrative panel that heard my case believed I had been wronged but the appeals began. Eventually my claim wound it's way into the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, who said the law of the United States didn't protect me.

"The judge said: 'Dillon's co workers deprived him of a proper work environment because they believed him to be homosexual. Their comments, graffiti, and assaults were all directed at demeaning him solely because they disapproved vehemently of his alleged homosexuality. Those actions, although cruel, are not made illegal by Title VII.'

"I turned to my union, my supervisors, my doctor, and the court, only to find that in America, I am not entitled to be able to work without fearing for my life. Well that's just wrong. That is not how I was raised, that is not what I was taught to believe in. Something has to be done, and soon.

"I have now gone back to work for the post office, but at a different branch. Luckily, I have not had to endure harassment or discrimination. But without extending federal law to cover sexual orientation, my job, my livelihood, and my safety, are only a matter of luck.

"Please help me and the thousands of Americans who experience discrimination. I want what every other American wants, the ability to work, to be treated fairly, to be judged by who I am, and to be free from discrimination and harassment. I look to Congress for leadership in stopping the pain and prejudice, and in passing a federal law to protect me. Thank you."

## Gay Bashing

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Grider attributes the decline in Gay bashing to a slowing of skinhead activity since the early 1990s. But he admits there may be another explanation.

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## Latina Lesbian National Conference Tucson Sept. 16-18

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and Lesbian Community Services Center will facilitate the Latina Lesbiana Leadership Institute. Born in the hills of Puerto Rico and identifying herself as a "butch socialist", Carmen Vasquez brings twenty years of grassroots and national organizing experience, an integrated and evolving understanding of race, class, gender, and sex politics and an unyielding faith in freedom.

She is the Founding Director of the San Francisco Women's Building, the former Director of the National Network for Immigration and Refugee Rights and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Cherrie Moraga, poet, playwright, and essayist will be the keynote speaker for the Self Empowerment Conference. She is the co-editor of the groundbreaking and award winning-book, *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*. She is the author of numerous plays including the critically acclaimed *Shadow of a Man and Heroes and Saints*. The author of *Loving in the War Years/Lo Que Nunca Paso Por Sus Labios* her most recent book is *The Last Generation*, in which she writes, "I see my task as that of the ancient Mesoamerican scribes: to speak to these cataclysmic times, to expose the 'dream world'."

The Leadership Institute and Self Empowerment Conference are open to all Latina Lesbians. Registration for the entire conference is \$35, for the Leadership Institute only: \$15, for the Saturday Conference only: \$25. For information about the conference please call: Nena Trujillo or Yolanda Leyva at 620-1087. Lesbianas-Latinas de Tucson have also planned two events for a larger community audience. Both events will take place at the Aztec Inn, 102 North Alvernon.

Friday evening, September, 16th from 8 to 10 P.M., the Cultural Evening will feature Cherrie Moraga, as well as other talented Latinas presenting poetry, video, art, and music. This event will be open to the public and will cost only \$3.00.

Saturday evening, September 17th the Conference Dance will feature Rare Breed from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. Open to all women, tickets for the dance are \$5.00. Tickets for both community events can be purchased at the door.

Volunteers are needed to provide housing for out-of-town conference participants and to assist during the conference. If you would like to help, please call Aileen Jacinta McMurrer at 624-0428.

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