



Can A Hormone Fight AIDS?

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A year ago, Jeff Getty could look in the mirror and see that he was dying. The 37 year old AIDS activist and 14 year survivor of AIDS had lost 18 pounds in a year, a sign that he was "wasting," the harbinger of death for many AIDS patients.

Today, Getty is up to his normal 160 pounds, thanks to a new AIDS treatment using human growth hormone. "My strength went up, and I put on 15 pounds in three weeks," he says.

Though use of growth hormone is still highly experimental, preliminary trials have less AIDS patients and activists to clamor for it. Getty, who is a member of ACT-UP Golden Gate in San Francisco joined others in bringing pressure on the Food and Drug Administration to approve more trials of the drug. Growth hormone is a restricted substance because of its potential for abuse by body builders.

ANSWERING THE BIG MYSTERY

Scientists are not ready to embrace growth hormone so warmly. Still, there is tantalizing, albeit sketchy, evidence that the drug could help AIDS patients not by attack the virus directly, as the majority of AIDS drugs do, but by restoring their immune systems.

That evidence could hold the key to the central puzzle of AIDS: Does the virus kill its victim, or does the victim's own immune system turn on itself, exposing the body to deadly infection? Or both?

Now that AIDS patients use various drugs to fight off opportunistic infections, increasing numbers die from wasting instead. Their bodies no longer process food correctly and their bodies' systems shut down.

Growth hormone reversed wasting in a study of 178 AIDS patients led by Morris Schambelan, an endocrinologist at the University of California at San Francisco. Schambelan reported that patients taking the hormone gained an average of 3.5 pounds over 12 weeks, compared with less than 1 pound for patients receiving a placebo.

More important, those on growth hormone lost fat and gained on average 6.6 pounds of lean muscle. "There are reasons to think immunological function is worsened by wasting," he says. "It's like your mother telling you to eat more so you don't get sick."

A small but growing number of researchers are exploring the idea that hormones play a critical role in the failure of the immune system when it is confronted with HIV, the AIDS virus. In pilot studies at the National Institutes of Health, researchers have used growth hormone and a related substance in children and adults infected with HIV.

Early results suggest that some children with HIV grow and gain weight more readily with the help of hormones, though researchers don't know why. Immunologist David Katz, founder of Lidak Pharmaceuticals and the Medical Biology Institute in La Jolla, California, argues that "HIV disorients both the immune system and the endocrine system, which controls hormones." In his view, growth hormone or related compounds given at early stages of HIV infection could reorient both systems and help them keep the virus in check.

As scientists ponder the working of growth hormone, they are also scrambling to solve other AIDS mysteries. Among the biggest: Why do most infected people stay healthy for 10 years or more after acquiring the virus? And what ultimately triggers the deadly symptoms of AIDS after this period of latency?

A team from the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center led by David Weiner announced that they may have part of the answer to this question. In a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, they reported that a viral protein called Vpr prods the AIDS virus to its full destructiveness, but does so slowly, over many years.

The protein accomplishes its grim task by awakening dormant copies of the AIDS virus, which slumber harmlessly in immune cells from the earliest days of infection. But once the virus is aroused by Vpr, it destroys its immune-cell host. Widespread immune cell destruction eventually leads to the symptoms of AIDS.

The University of Pennsylvania team believes that because of Vpr's crucial role in making people sick, it is a useful target for designing AIDS treatments. Disarm Vpr and that will keep the disease from progressing, which may be enough to keep patients alive for many years.

But many other scientists have serious doubts about the new research. They point out that the findings are based on test tube experiments, which do not always reflect what goes on in the body. And they say that probably many factors, not Vpr alone, are involved in awakening the inactive virus. Even so, the critics admit that Vpr probably does play some role in mobilizing HIV.

The focus on VPR and other viral proteins may eventually shed light on another important question: Exactly how does the virus overwhelm the immune system? One possible answer is that the virus steadily reproduces until it overpowers the immune system, leaving the body wide open to infection.

A second potential scenario is that the immune system turns against the pa-

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Gay Doctors Launch Campaign to Fight Discrimination in Medicine

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) announced a major project to convince leading U.S. and Canadian medical societies to combat anti-Gay discrimination in health care.

The 1,600 member U.S. and Canadian group, until recently known as the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, announced that it is launching the project to follow up a survey conducted among the group's members earlier this year that documented widespread anti-Gay discrimination in medicine. In the survey, 91% of respondents knew of anti-Gay bias directed at patients, while 59% percent reported that they suffered anti-Gay discrimination professionally.

According to GLMA Executive Director Benjamin Schatz, GLMA is asking 200 medical, and other health organizations to take five steps to combat anti-Gay bias:

- 1) Adopt organizational non-discrimination policies and educate both patients and member physicians about unique Lesbian/Gay health issues;
- 2) urge training institutions to train health care workers appropriately about unique Lesbian/Gay health needs and the need to avoid bias;
- 3) press managed health care plans to

- help health consumers identify Gay friendly and knowledge providers;
- 4) encourage licensing agencies to consider bias in evaluating provider's ability to provide care; and
- 5) demand that any health reform legislation include sexual orientation non-discrimination protections.

According to GLMA President Bob Cabaj, MD, "This project is part of a broader GLMA campaign to make health care professionals more responsive to the needs of Lesbians and Gay men. GLMA will continue to follow up our proposals with medical groups and government agencies, and we encourage others to join us." Cabaj noted that GLMA has also asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create a special task force to examine Lesbian and Gay health needs, which, he maintains, are frequently overlooked.

The importance of the project was underscored by GLMA member Gary Graham, MD, who is helping to coordinate the project activities. Noted Graham, "When discrimination infects the health care setting, it's no longer merely an issue of civil rights, it's potentially an issue of survival. There's no excuse for any health care professional to allow bias, against Gays or anyone else, to affect the quality of care. Unfortunately, it too often does."

Houston, San Francisco, and New York Operas in Co-Production of Harvey Milk

HOUSTON, TX - Houston Grand Opera (HGO), New York City Opera and San Francisco Opera are joining together to co-commission and co-produce the ground breaking opera Harvey Milk, with music by Stewart Wallace and libretto by Michael Korie.

The opera, which was inspired by the life and assassination of San Francisco's first openly Gay elected public official, City Supervisor Harvey Milk.

The opera will premiere at 7:30 PM on January 21, 1995 at Houston Grand Opera's Brown Theater, with additional performances on January 25, 28, 31, and February 3 and 5. The co-production will then travel east for presentation by New York City Opera in the Spring of 1995, and will subsequently be presented by the third co-producer, San Francisco Opera, in its 1996 Fall season.

"We are very excited about our partnership with such esteemed companies as New York City Opera and San Francisco Opera in bringing the life of Harvey Milk to the lyric stage," said HGO General Director David Gockley.

Gockley went on to say that, "I feel strongly that American opera companies must join forces to create new

opera in order to infuse new blood into the standard repertory. In this way, we hope to ensure the survival of opera in this country into the next millennium."

Lotfi Mansouri, San Francisco Opera's General Director, said, "To be involved in the birth of any opera is incredibly exciting; for San Francisco Opera to be involved in the creation of an opera depicting the life of Harvey Milk is especially so, because Harvey was historically significant in the community that has so loyally supported San Francisco Opera for many years. Like opera itself, Harvey was colorful, passionate and larger than life."

Born in New York to a middle class Jewish family, Milk led a conventional lifestyle until he moved to California, where he became politically active in the Gay community. Milk drew together a veritable rainbow coalition from the minority communities and other marginalized citizens of San Francisco in the 1970s.

Rising above prejudice, he succeeded in American politics and became a hero in the process. Dedicated to fostering the ideals of freedom and the dignity of the individual, Milk grew to stand for

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UPDATE

Gay Activists Demand Symington Rebuke Or Fire Aide

PHOENIX (AP) - Gay rights activists are demanding Gov. Fife Symington reprimand a top for referring to homosexuals as "queers" and jokingly asking a male reporter to marry him.

"We need to send a strong message that this kind of Gay bashing will not be tolerated," said Jeff Ofstedahl, a writer for the Echo, a Valley magazine for Gays and Lesbians.

In an editorial that appears in this week's issue, Ofstedahl called on Symington to publicly reprimand Jay Heiler or fire him.

The head of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, a Gay and Lesbian rights group, is seeking a meeting with Symington to protest Heiler's remarks.

Bill MacDonald of the rights group said Heiler owes the state's Gay and Lesbian community an apology.

"I don't know how a person can use that type of language," he said. "I think any intelligent person would realize that's offensive."

Heiler's remarks apparently came after unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial candidate Eddie Basha said he would sign a bill authorizing same sex marriages.

The Arizona Human Rights Fund supported Basha during his campaign.

Neither Heiler nor Symington's spokesman, Douglas Cole, would comment. MacDonald said Symington has been supportive of Gays and Lesbians, opposing a proposed anti-Gay rights initiative.

Paper Prayers for Shanti Friday, Dec. 2

TUCSON - "Paper Prayers." A reception for the second annual event will take place on Friday, December 2nd, from 5 to 8 PM at the Dinnerware Artists Cooperative Gallery, 135 East Congress Street.

"Paper Prayers" is an exhibition of prayer cards created by artists and other volunteers. There will be a silent auction of framed paper prayers, or anyone may choose an unframed prayer and take it home for \$5.

The proceeds from this event will go to aid the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, a non-profit organization that works to enhance the lives of those with HIV and AIDS. Admission is \$10 including refreshments.

For more information, call Shanti at 622-7107.

Interfaith Healing Service on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is sponsoring an interfaith healing service at 5:30 PM at Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 East Speedway.

Congregational leaders from various religious traditions will lead the service to heal the fear and isolation that surrounds AIDS, to mourn those lost to the disease, and to celebrate the lives of those living with HIV.

In addition, churches around Tucson will ring their bells 14 times at 1:40 PM as part of a national remembrance of 14 years of AIDS.

Rudi's "Teddy Bear" Raffle

TUCSON - The yearly benefit that Rudi does for the orphan kids at Arizona Children's Home at Christmastide has kicked off for 1994.

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The answers to these questions are not easy to find. The IRS has no handy information booklet for unmarried couples, and most tax professionals can't find the information in a tax system that essentially pretends we don't exist.

On Saturday evening, January 7th, there will be a special free presentation on "Tax Planning for Domestic Partners (including Gay or Lesbian couples)", starting at 7:00 PM at the Valley of the Sun Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 3136 North 3rd Avenue in Phoenix.

The speaker will be Bob Lind, and Enrolled Agent with over 17 years experience as a professional tax advisor. His credentials include consulting on tax matters for MONEY magazine and two television networks, writing a regular column for a national taxpayer's newsletter, being quoted as a "tax expert" by the Arizona Republic, and he is one of the "Tax Gang" that answers questions for users all over the country on America Online. Tax planning for Gay couples is a particular specialty of Bob's, and he has lectured on the topic before in Phoenix and other cities. He was also quoted on the subject by The Advocate.

Bob will explain applicable tax laws, and suggest strategies on how you can use them to your advantage, simply and safely. He will also review the changes for 1994 returns, and give you an idea of what to expect in the next few years. If you have questions on other matters, related to taxes, Bob will be happy to answer those as well.

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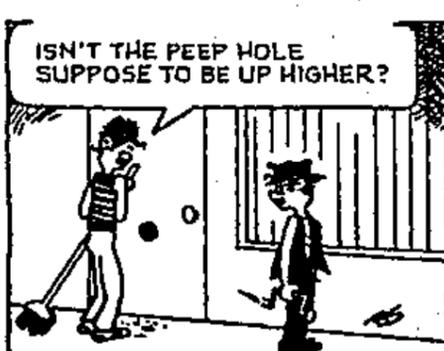
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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

Chili Verde Days '94 a great success! Over \$2,700.00 was raised this past weekend during Chili Verde Days '94 at Club 2520. A special thanks to everyone at Club 2520 for their hospitality during this two day event. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the performers, volunteers, clubs and organizations that took part in Chili Verde Days '94. Your participation helped make our fund raiser the success it was. Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to the community. You are the reason these events are a success. Thanks for your donations and support of AGRA. Our hats off to all of you.

Coming December 11, is the AGRA Christmas Jamboree at The Graduate. There will be entertainment, balloon busts, raffles, and Christmas Carol sing-alongs. Join AGRA and The Graduate as we celebrate the Holiday Season in grand fashion.

December 18 brings the AGRA Do It Yourself Messiah to life. This will be a wonderful holiday event to share with your family and friends. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending. Gift certificates will be on sale soon.

The December AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meetings will also take place on December 18, at The Graduate. Board Meeting will start at 2 PM. General Membership Meeting will follow at 4 PM. Don't forget that dues for 1995 will soon be due. New members are always welcome.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

The weekend was filled with fun and great entertainment. While most of the entertainment was on stage, there was some off stage that I feel must be mentioned. Did you all catch Charlie's Renegades while locked up in the AGRA Jail? They were really working it to raise their bail money. Our own AGRA-Tucson President gave a little money and a whole lot of tongue to Charlie's Renegades. I wouldn't be surprised if his lips are still puckered. Let us not forget our Fund Raising Director. He decided to take a little stroll through the bar while wearing his imitation Jackie Kennedy Onassis hair. If you missed it, be glad you did. This was a very bad hair day.

I had the opportunity to be in the kitchen at Club 2520 while our guys and gals were preparing for the Boots-N-Briefs Auction. This was quite a sight folks. Our thanks to all who participated in the Boots-N-Brief Auction. Did you happen to see the proprietor of Club 2520 as the Boots-N-Brief Auction got underway? He was perked up on the DJ Booth, eyes bulging and tongue hanging. Hope you got what you wanted Al.

By the way Tom, I hear you are not only a great bar manager at Club 2520 but also a gracious host. Seems Tom offered one of our out of town visitors a place to hang his boots for the evening. Hope you enjoyed.

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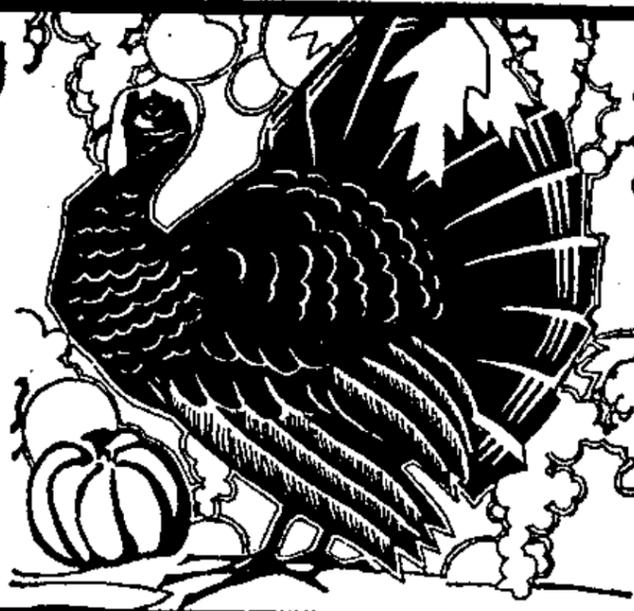
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Gayly Wed Contestants Bare Souls for Shanti



TUCSON - Shown above in the top photo are contestants in the Gayly Wed Game held Sunday as a fundraiser for Shanti. They are all kissing each other in a show of unity that they did not seem to mind the embarrassing answers given to some very personal questions. It was all in good fun and for a great cause. In the lower photo are Michelle and Barb holding the answer that gave them the winning points for the evening. You'll have to ask either of them as to the significance to the numeral "2". See related story.



Gilda Fatalè made up the questions for the five couples that made up the teams. They included Natalie & Beth, Rick & Scott, Michelle and Barbara, Roland & Steve and Linda and Paul, all well known in the local community.

By the end of the game, those in attendance had a much clearer picture of their private lives, thanks to the insightful questioning by MC Fatalè. The audience howled at the questions and the responses of the team members. Is there nothing sacred anymore? I think not!

It was all in fun and the contestants deserve a big pat on the back for their opening up private lives in the name of charity. The teams collected over 800 in pledges and an additional \$300 was donated by those in attendance making the benefit for Shanti over \$1,100. Way to go gang!

Thanks to Roland for the idea and following through making the evening a smooth event, and to the contestants and Gilda for making the evening a complete and enjoyable and profitable one.

TUCSON - Last Sunday, Nov. 20 a benefit for Shanti was held at IBT's that deserves some special note! The game that was played, "The Gayly Wed Game" was a take-off of the old TV format but that was about all that was similar. Hostess

Slique Callahan in MPS Benefit in Tucson Dec. 11

by Beth Tullis

TUCSON - On Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m., "The Best Lesbian Drag Show You've Ever Seen In Your Life," is coming to Tucson.

The show features Slique Callahan as 'Ivana Tinkle' and her cast of twelve (count 'em - 12) from Phoenix. Melinda Brown of Ain't Nobody's Bizness will be bringing these dazzling beauties to town for a benefit show. There will be a \$4.00 donation at the door which goes directly to the MPS Society.

MPS is a metabolic condition that is characterized by progressive accumulation of mucopolysaccharides in various tissues of the body, including the brain, liver, heart, spleen and joints. It is a progressive disease which has its onset in early childhood and leads to death usually in the teenage years.

My son Woody, was diagnosed with "Huzler Scheie", a form of MPS, two years ago.

There are over 300 children in the

MPS directory (11 with Woody's diagnosis). Because of the rarity of this disease, funding isn't available to us. The MPS Society was founded 20 years ago by parents and friends with MPS children. This disease has taken the lives of their children, and it will take the life of Woody.

The MPS Society was set up as an information center for doctors, parents and friends affected by this disease. We put out a newsletter four times a year. Again, because of the rarity of this disease, we use to newsletter to pass information to each other, information that can only be found from other parents. Our hope is to extend or improve the quality of our children's lives by exchanging medical information.

A special thanks to the employees at the "Biz" for hearing Woody's story and getting involved, and to Slique Callahan who insisted on doing something, and has.

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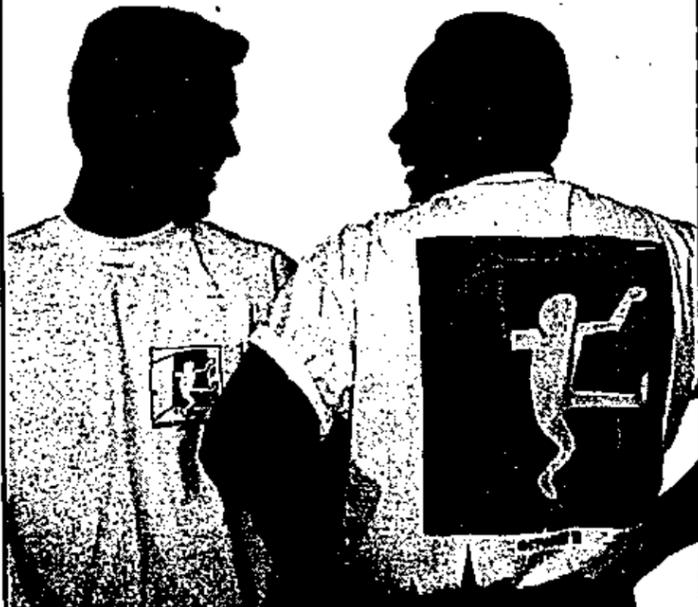
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WHAT'S UP DOC???



Well the time has finally arrived that one of the subjects I keep rattling about has arrived, and this will be the last time I'm able to advertise it. Of course, next week I will be able to pass on a few notes concerning the 4 days of fellowship and partying.

Yes, tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m., this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship Run officially begins. Dual registration tables will be set up at that time, one at the Graduate, the other at the Venture-N.

As for myself, who is presently the Secretary of this committee, it is my responsibility to have enough registrations blanks for all those who will be registering. I am hoping that come Friday morning, I am going to have to go out and find a print shop open to run more off. I was on this run once a few years ago when there were approximately 100 people on the run. Maybe we will not get that this year but the more the merrier.

Also, this Thursday at the Graduate, TKO will be hosting a Beer Bust from 1 to 5 p.m. So after you register for the Fellowship run, stick around and enjoy some suds with your buds.

I can now understand why all show performers listen to records so many times. It is not to hear the song they will be performing, it is to learn the words. Presently, I have the TKO Christmas show tape, and I am trying to copy the words of each of all the songs on it, for distribution to the different club people who will be in the show.

The record being used in not one of your normal records. Hell, you didn't think this club would do anything normal, did you? Being such, finding a copy of the words printed someplace is impossible, so I'll just have to listen to each song, over and over.

Also, time is running out for me to get copies of everyone's numbers to them. This year's annual TKO Christmas

Show and Raffle will be held at the Graduate, on December 17. I'll be passing more on this as the time draws closer so, be sure to mark your calendars for this always joyful benefit.

I swear, what some people go through just to put on a beer bust. Ben, last Saturday, had 7 different earrings to choose from, letting Stan pick the one he wanted to wear. The one Stan chose was a half moon type. It was fitting for this particular earring because I've heard talk around Tucson that when tending bar, he has stars in his head.

TBBS: Now, for a change, I got out to another watering hole and was able to gather the following. On one occasion, Bert was tending bar, and not having a good day when it came to a couple of his customers. I made the comment after he had just thrown yet another one out of the bar that, "he was having a Butch attack." Well, Jim was standing there and his response to that was, "I want to know what a Butch attack is for Bert."

Another customer sitting there at the time, who wishes not to be named asked for the following. Tucson should feel sorry for Jim and help him. It seems he is having some trouble finding bartenders who will show up to work on time and get the bar open when it is scheduled to.

I hope to see a lot of you over this Thanksgiving Day Holiday and wish each and everyone of you, have a safe and happy Gobbling Day.

In closing, I want to thank the thief from last week, and not returning the item mentioned. I do hope that some day I do find out who you are so that I can personally go to each bar in Tucson and give you all the free advertisement you deserve.



POLITICS '94 by Mark Kerr

HELMS HURRICANE: This past weekend, Republican North Carolina Senator and soon to be chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, Jesse "I hate Gays and Lesbians" Helms stuck his proverbial foot in it twice this past week.

On CNN's "Evan's & Novak", Helms stated, in response to a question, that President Clinton is not a good Commander in Chief. This past weekend, Helms stated that if President Clinton would need "body guards" if he visited military bases in North Carolina because he is so unpopular because of his stand about Gays in the military and defense cuts and closure of bases.

Reaction was swift: Clinton, in a statement, said that it is the President who makes foreign policy, not the Senate. Democratic Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut criticized Helms and called for an investigation. Soon to be Senate Majority Leader, Bob Dole (R-Kansas), rebuked Helms statement. Senator Dole added that the President is very welcome to visit his home state of Kansas. In a televised interview on CNN, Dole referred to Helms as a "cannon" not a "loose cannon."

AZ GOP EXPANDING GOVERNMENT?: With the Republicans, who call for less government, in control of Congress for the first time since the Eisenhower Administration you think Arizona Republicans would follow the lead of the national party, right?

Wrong! Senate President John Greene, R-Phoenix recently announced the creation of three new committees; Government Reform; Family Services and Professions and Employments.

When reached for comment, Greene said he wanted to ensure that every experienced Republican senator, including three who move over from the House, to receive a committee chairmanship. He added that the additional committees do not mean more government. "This is not making government larger, it's just spreading out the work." [Isn't that the line the Democrats who had controlled Congress for forty years use in justifying their committees and tripling of staff during their control of Congress?]

AULD LANG SINE: Hopefully this we be the last bit of news about a recently recalled Assessor, who had put Arizona back on the map of the national embarrassment.

Former Pima County Assessor Alan Lang, on election day, filed 8 job applications for Appraiser's positions with the Assessor's office. The applications were rejected since there were no positions open at the time. [Sort of interesting though, Lang did this despite the fact that he had publicly stated that he would be overwhelming re-elected because of his record. 93 percent of Pima County voters

thought otherwise.]

TUSD TROUBLES: The proposed new southwest side high school, which almost led to the closing of Catalina High School and caused many controversies, is going down the proverbial tubes.

The problem is none of the three bids received by Sundt Construction, Connelly Construction and Target General is over the \$17 million (max) set by the TUSD junta, led by Joel Ireland. The bids were: Sundt Corporation, \$24.7 million; Target General, \$23.8 million and Connelly Construction, \$24.4 million.

When reached for comment, Joel Ireland stated that it looks bleak that the high school will be built due to the budget shortfall. [Oh, Joel! It's such a pity when you betrayed the public's trust when you tried to divert bond moneys away from Catalina High School for repairs which you had campaigned for, highlighting CHS's plight, in the \$344 million bond package; to build a new high school, which your TUSD Location Committee said there was no need for.

It's such a pity, since you ticked off newly elected TUSD Board member Gloria Copeland with your negative campaign tactics, so you won't have a majority and Tucson will not have the Joel Ireland Memorial High School with the "Battling Bob" Miranda Gymnasium and the Jim "Anti" Christ cafeteria and shrine!

Just maybe Joel you should spend some of the money that voters approved on repairs, like on Mission View Elementary with the rodent problem they have, recently reported on by the media.]

MEDIA MUSH: On Channel 4 KVOA's Eyewitness news, Tucson tv's most perky news announcer, Patti "Greet Story!" Weiss is doing a series on increasing brain power. [Fill in your own joke for this one!]

If by chance you listen to KTUC radio, 1400 on the AM dial, stop! Why, well specifically on the John C. "I'll quit and leave town if Janet Marcus is re-elected" Scott's program, stated that the reason Fife Symington was re-elected was the fact that Eddie Basha came out in favor of same sex marriages and would sign legislation to do such.

Scott went on to run a tape of Basha on Phoenix radio station KFYI of Basha saying this during a debate between him and Symington and Libertarian John Buttrick. Scott said he ran this on his show about 150 times, thus whipping of the flames of homophobia. During the broadcast on 11/21, Scott also said that Planned Parenthood and NOW were "abnormal groups". [Isn't it about time for another Rotten Fish list of businesses who advertise on the show.]

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The SHANTI Corner

by Tom Kappler

Share Bears, a name with which many are familiar, is an important monthly fund raiser that provides money for direct client aid benefitting people with HIV/AIDS.

On the first Saturday of each month, volunteers go to each of the bars and request a \$1.00 donation from patrons, as they enter. When a contribution is made, that person receives a Share Bear sticker which lets everyone at that bar and any other bar in town know that they supported Share Bears.

Since January of this year, bar patrons have donated over \$5,000.00 to Share Bears. So far, 44 people have benefitted from this money. Financial assistance was given for things such as: food, vitamins, rent, utilities and car repairs.

This program is presently administered by the Shanti Foundation. Anyone living with HIV/AIDS is eligible to request assistance. Call the office for more information.

The next Share Bears night is Saturday, December 3rd. If you would like to volunteer and collect donations, call Amy Wheeler at 622-7107. It's fun and you get to meet great people.

Appreciation is expressed to the bar owners. Without their support this activity could not take place.

A special, "thank you", to the TORCH Awards Committee, co-chaired by Amy Wheeler, Shanti Events Coordinator and Annie Richie, Shanti Volunteer and Board member for their excellence in planning and presenting the 4th Annual TORCH Awards.

Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of TORCH Awards, especially Shanti volunteers, Wanda Angel, who received the Volunteer of the Year Award, Lee Chaffee, a Humanitarian Award recipient and Judith Anderson, a Humanitarian Award nominee. All the nominees and recipients make a marked contribution to the community.

On Sunday, IBT's held the First Annual Gayly Wed Game, to benefit Shanti. The evening was a wild success. It seems that all the couples who participated are still together and some couples

are already volunteering for next year's event. In addition to an evening that had people rolling with laughter, \$1,058.25 was raised for Shanti. Many thanks to IBT's and everyone who made this event possible. Another word of "thanks" is in order for two contestants hoping for AGRA titles and all the people who have supported them in their fund raising efforts.

Teresa Housley, a contestant for Ms. AGRA and Adrienne Alexander, a contestant for Miss AGRA, have named the Shanti Foundation as the beneficiary of the fund raising they are doing in connection with their AGRA title quests.

In a benefit show at IBT's, Teresa, supported by Adrienne and a great cast raised \$635.00 for Shanti. In a second show at Hours, Teresa, Adrienne and many other talented people raised an additional \$400.00 for Shanti. On the 25th, Friday, Teresa will be singing at the Graduate. This show, which starts at 9:00 PM, will also benefit Shanti. Shanti appreciates the support of the contestants and everyone who made this possible.

This Sunday, November 27th, Shanti will be moving its offices to 300 East 6th Street. Tucson Electric Power will be helping with the move, but there is still a need for more volunteers. Anyone who would like to help should come by the present Shanti office at 602 North 4th Avenue on Sunday or the new office at 300 East Sixth. We will be working through most of the day.

Paper Prayers, an art benefit for Shanti, begins Friday, December 2nd, with a reception at Dinnerware Artists Cooperative, located at 135 East Congress Street. The reception lasts from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Unique 4' x 12' works of art by professional and amateur artists, school children and many others will be on display and for sale.

Another Shanti Skate Night is planned for December 12th at Skate Country North located at 2700 North Stone Avenue. A \$5.00 donation entitles you to a great night of skating.

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Republican Sweep Not Seen As Mandate For Social Agenda Changes

Anti-Gay Initiatives and Extremist Candidates Defeated in Midst of Republican Rout

by Tim McFeeley

Despite grandiose claims by the Christian Coalition and other conservative political groups, the Republican sweep in the midterm elections was not a mandate for the social agenda of the party's extreme right wing. Where voters spoke directly on the subject of equal rights for Gay people, they sent a clear message that their vision of change does not include an agenda of intolerance. Anti-Gay initiatives and extremist candidates were defeated in the midst of the Republican rout, and the Lesbian and Gay community emerged from the elections with some high profiles wins under our belt.

In conservative Idaho, where Republicans swept Congressional and state elections, GOP voters provided the margin of victory over anti-Gay Proposition 1. The entire Republican Congressional delegation opposed the measure, and both parties' candidates for attorney general paused during their campaign to hold a joint press conference denouncing Proposition 1 as unconstitutional. This is hardly the stuff of which mandates are made.

In Oregon, the Christian Coalition dumped 650,000 "voter guides" directing voters to approve Measure 13, which would have written anti-Gay discrimination into the state constitution and denied basic rights to Lesbian and Gay Oregonians. Voters rejected Pat Robertson's agenda and sent a clear signal that they oppose discrimination and support equal rights for all people.

Gay issues played a highly visible role in the most closely watched Senate race. Early in the Virginia campaign,

Senator Chuck Robb spoke to a Human Rights Campaign Fund fund raising dinner, and took a stand for the fundamental value that all Americans deserve dignity and equal rights. Oliver North branded Robb the "point man in the Senate for the radical homosexual lobby" and pounded the incumbent for opposing discrimination against Gays in the military.

Newspapers throughout the state reported on the active involvement of Virginia's Gay community in the campaign. The Campaign Fund worked with our Virginia members to field hundreds of volunteers who contacted more than 15,000 moderate voters, equivalent to more than 29 percent of Robb's margin of victory. North lost despite the millions of dollars pumped into his campaign by radical right groups nationwide. In Robb's victory speech, the Senator emphasized "inclusion" and said that "Virginia will continue to be tolerant rather than intolerant."

Robb was one of 13 Senate incumbents up for re-election who opposed the ban on Gays in the military and backed the Gay community's top legislative priority, a bill to prohibit job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. All 13 won re-election. Of 120 House co-sponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, 110 will return to Washington, and 11 new Members were elected who pledged to co-sponsor the bill. While the environment in Congress has obviously shifted, the base of support behind equal rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans remains intact.

These results confirm trends that have surfaced in public opinion polls over

the past several years. In a national survey conducted by Mellman Lazarus Lake, Inc., 77 percent of respondents opposed job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Most Americans believe that people who want to do their jobs, pay their taxes and contribute to the community should not have to live in fear of discrimination.

The most recent study released by the respected Times Mirror Center for The People & The Press reported that the most important swing voters in the electorate, representing 20 percent of registered voters, are "highly tolerant of homosexuality." As for the general public's values on social issues, Times Mirror wrote, "We found at least one important change in public tolerance in the last four years, a sharp decline in homophobia."

In a national poll released by People for the American Way, 62 percent of respondents said intolerance and discrimination against Lesbian and Gay people is a serious problem, and 65 percent said "the government should not concern itself with the morality of private activity, such as sexual orientation." A poll conducted for U.S. News and World Report found that two-thirds of voters favor ensuring equal rights for Gay people and preventing discrimination against Gays, with a majority of every demographic subgroup supporting the idea, including those who voted for Clinton, Bush and Perot.

Perhaps this is why none of the right's social issues appear in Newt Gingrich's "Contract With America." The GOP leadership knows that these extreme views will not help consolidate its base

among swing voters. Rather, the future of the party lies with moderates like the up and coming GOP star Christine Todd Whitman, the popular governor of New Jersey who may figure on the party's 1996 Presidential ticket. New Jersey is one of the eight states whose laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"I am proud to be Governor of a state which recognizes that 'equality' applies to all citizens unconditionally," she wrote in a letter endorsing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. "Ours is a state of many faces, but one family. At the heart of this family is the principle of inclusion, meaning that no person is cast aside or denied equal opportunity for any reason."

The voters have not signed a carte blanche for the right's social agenda, but rather expressed frustration with and alienation from an unresponsive government. The values expressed by Gov. Whitman are the best antidote for these feelings. They are sentiments that Lesbian and Gay Americans know only too well. We must work to tap into the good will that exists for us and appeal to the values that we share with fair minded Americans. From a position of strength and unity, we can move forward into the uncertain days ahead.

[Tim McFeeley is Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.]



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Double Mischief

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Bulletin: CNN Saves Lives!

Each month, *Harper's* magazine features a wonderful array of "readings." Past "readings" have included short stories, essays, speeches, memos, press releases, editor's notes, and letters, such as the "scent restriction" guidelines of a Lesbian conference and the pro and con lists that an anonymous man jotted down (and left behind on an airplane) about his two girlfriends. (The list revealed the man to be a total jerk.)

This month's *Harper's* includes "a list of nonlethal weapons being developed or considered by the Pentagon." The list was compiled by ex-Defense Department consultant Richard L. Garwin, who explains that nonlethal weapons may be "extremely valuable in intervention where the 'CNN effect' puts a great premium on minimizing or eliminating casualties, particularly noncombatants." In other words, if you want a war to be popular, don't show TV viewers lots of messy dead civilian bodies.

President Bush was aware of this consideration, so he blocked useful news coverage of the Gulf War. Without having to deal with pesky corpses on TV, the bulk of the American public rallied around the war without a second thought (many people, I suspect, didn't even have a first thought). It's easy to support a war when (1) all you have to do is tie a yellow ribbon on something or fly a flag; (2) you don't have to acknowledge that people are being killed; and (3) even if people are being killed, they're those vexing brown

folk who worship those odd gods.

Since the Gulf War, some pictures have been published mostly in "radical" publications (radical = tells the truth), of Iraqi people burned to death in the war. I suspect that these graphic photos of blackened, burned, scarred, baby sized corpses would have softened the hearts of all but the most militaristic Americans and motivated them to question the necessity of war unless every single other possible avenue were exhausted.

More importantly, the Pentagon suspects that seeing those photos would have changed people's minds and hearts. Therefore, the military brass have decided to consider using nonlethal weapons. This is astonishing news.

Some of the nonlethal weapons are almost charming. Take the "roach motels" or "polymer adhesives [that] can 'glue' equipment in place and keep it from operating." Of course, these weapons would have collateral damage, as cars and trucks and buses would also be glued in place, but, compared with the "carpet bombing" of the Gulf War, they seem positively benign.

In a related development, people have taken to hunting elephants with paint-ball guns; instead of shooting elephants, these folks splatter them with big colorful paint dots. The hunters can feel suitably macho, while the elephants can run away with their friends and discuss the stupidity

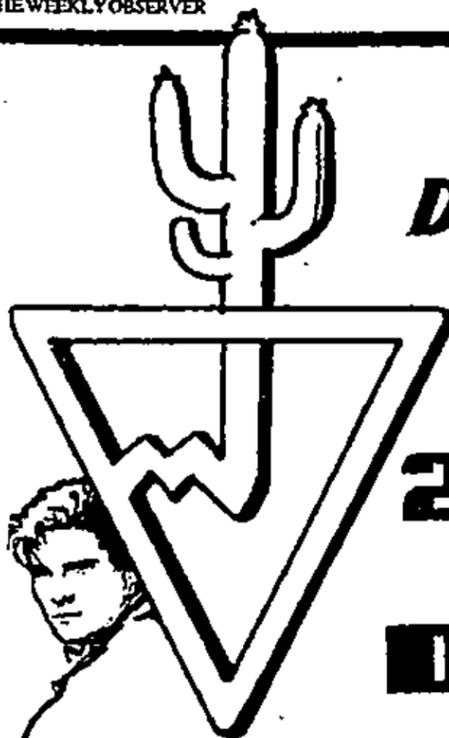
of humans. ("What is it with these creatures?") This relatively harmless way of hunting elephants is probably also the result of the "CNN effect," as effect, as publicity about the dwindling elephant population has finally educated people to stop slaughtering them. I hope the Pentagon is considering the paint-ball approach to warfare!

Just one little question: don't all the elephant hunters and Pentagon brass and warmongers the world over have better things to do with their time? Like have a life? And let other people (and animals) have lives?

The idea that recognizing the enemy's humanity could lessen enthusiasm for war has been expressed by artists for centuries, sometimes in odd ways. When asked why he hadn't written poems about his experiences in World War I, as his friends had, Robert Graves replied, "I did. But I destroyed them. [My friends Siegfried Lorraine] Sassoon and Wilfred Owen were homosexuals. To them, seeing men killed was as horrible as if you or I had to see fields of corpses of women."

I find this quotation bizarre. Graves seems to believe that we only care about, and write about, the people we might one day screw. Yet he understands that caring about the people you kill makes all the difference in the world.

CNN and the other media can't present the rest of the world as our potential lovers, but they can show that the mutilated, burned-up corpse of our "enemy" looks just as heart breakingly appalling as the mutilated, burned-up corpse of our friend. This lesson is so vivid that even the Pentagon is learning it.



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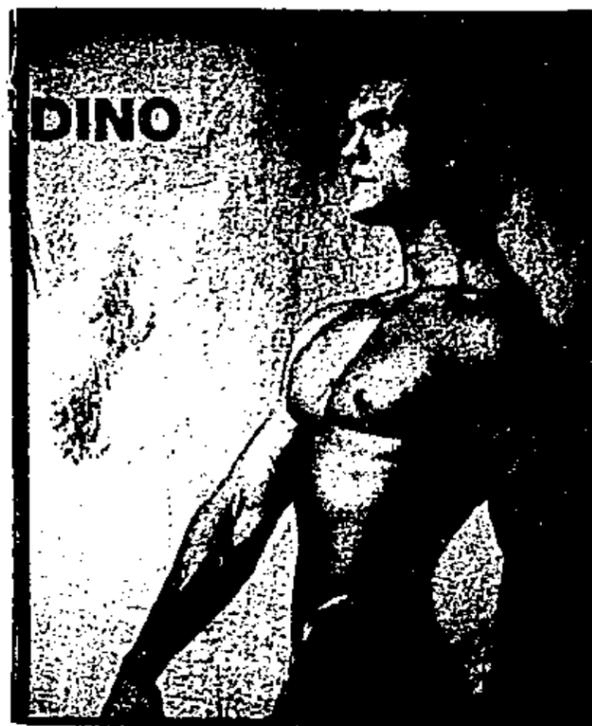
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - THANKSGIVING GRADUATE - TKO will be holding a Beer Bust here from noon to 5 p.m. Stop on by and enjoy football and dinner with the gang and have a few cool ones too!

HOURS - Thanksgiving Potluck starts at 2 p.m.: Hours brings the main course, you bring salads, side dishes and the desserts. Football on the big screen then stick around and dance your dinner off with great country music.

VENTURE-N - Thanksgiving Dinner begins at 12:30 p.m. V-N supplies the meat, you bring a side dish. Grand opening of Tuff Stuff Too leather shop on the patio with special guest Leon, nationally known leather artist who will be displaying some of his artwork for sale. Register for door prizes to be drawn Sunday but you gotta be there! Y'all come.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

GRADUATE - A benefit show for Teresa Housley who is a candidate for Ms. AGRA. Come by and support this fine singer and help her win the AGRA sash. 9:00 p.m. sharp!

HOURS - Thanksgiving weekend continues with T.K. Hot and Malibu promo nite with prizes and surprises. 9:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Join Hopi and the Venture-N Team to watch the UofA vs ASU football game at 4:00 p.m. Hot Dogs, Pom Poms, Fight Songs, Cheer Leaders (for both teams) and cheap beer. Tuff Stuff Too leather shop Grand Opening Weekend. Register for valuable door prizes to be drawn on Sunday (you have to be present) plus Leon, nationally known leather artist will be displaying his artwork. Then later in the evening, a benefit for Mr. Venture-N for the trip to International Mr. Leatherman contest in Chicago. Beer and Soda bust - \$4.00 bottomless cup from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

GRADUATE - Opens at 9:00 a.m. today. TALL Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. And their dinner this month features Stuffed Bell Peppers. Excellent dude! The pool tourney will feature special prizes also.

VENTURE-N - Grand opening weekend for Tuff Stuff Too leather shop continues in the patio store. Special guest Leon, nationally known leather artist will be here. Come meet the artist and view his artwork which is also for sale.

Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will tackle Pink Hill-Wentworth Trail Loop (8 miles; 480 ft. elevation change). A beautiful, easy hike to Little Wild Horse Tank in Saguaro National Park! Hike begins at 9:00 a.m. For information and/or reservations contact Les McAllan through pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number followed by the # sign (touch-tone phones only).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Lambda Car Club monthly social today at 5:00 p.m. Call Mike White 888-0471.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Cronies (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) Christmas dinner party at 6:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn Motor Hotel Arizona room. This evening will combine the monthly meeting and the monthly dinner social. Extra special surprise entertainment is scheduled. This is a "don't miss it" fun event. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Cronies, (Gay men over 40 and younger friends) Video Movie Party "Meet Me In St. Louis" at 7:00 p.m. For more information and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.



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One-In-Ten Theatre Company is presenting "17 Days" running through Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Historic 'Y' Theatre, 730 N. Fifth Ave., Suite 131. \$9 general admission, \$8 students. Tickets are available in advance at Antigone Books on Fourth Ave or by calling One-In-Ten at 770-9279 for reservations. Just 17 days to pack up their childhood home. To sort through memories, to say goodbye. The MacArthur sisters have a lot to do, and the unexpected arrival of their brother doesn't make it any easier. Through the joys and heartache, they'll always remember their '17 Days'.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving dinner will be served at Cornerstone Fellowship from noon until 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please call 622-8860 for more information. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Gerosimo.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Cronies, Gay men over 40 and younger friends, "A Day After Thanksgiving Video Movie Night" at 7 p.m. Call Jerry 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

FACT volunteer orientation and organizational party at the FACT office, 801 W. Congress, 6:30 p.m. Everyone interested in attending please call Mary Higgins, volunteer coordinator, Lee Sloan, Frank Gallego at 770-1710.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 - WORLD AIDS DAY

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is sponsoring an interfaith healing service at 5:30 p.m. at Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 E. Speedway. Congregational leaders from various religious traditions will lead the service to heal the fear and isolation that surrounds AIDS, to mourn those lost to the disease and to celebrate the lives of those living with HIV. In addition, churches around Tucson will ring their bells 14 times at 1:40 p.m. as part of a national remembrance of 14 years of AIDS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

2nd Annual Paper Prayers benefit for Shanti Foundation/Tucson from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dinnerware Artists Cooperative, 135 E. Congress Street. \$10 is requested for this reception. As many as 2,000 4"x12" paper prayers donated by local artists, school children, seniors and anyone else who would like to create a piece of art in support of Shanti's work with people with HIV/AIDS. Call Shanti, 622-7107.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Annual Festival for Life fund raiser at the Windmill Inn on north Campbell in the St. Phillip's Square. Admission is \$10 per persons which includes complimentary buffet. Tickets available at PACT, 801 W. Congress, by mail, call 770-1710 and at the door. Silent auction begins at 5 p.m. Live auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Items for bidding are fine art, holiday wreaths, memorabilia, baskets, designer trees. Drawing for raffle winners to include: Round-trip ticket for two to anywhere in the continental United States (donated by Continental Airlines), a bonanza package "on the town" including concerts, restaurant dinners, etc. All three prizes are worth \$3,000 each!

Cronies monthly meeting is canceled tonight. This meeting and the monthly social dinner will be combined for the Christmas Dinner Party on Dec. 10.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

GRADUATE - The Grad will open at 10 a.m. today and will host the send-off brunch for the Arizona Fellowship Run. Everyone is welcome to come on down and join in the festivities. Lots of out-of-town guys too! Great fun as always.

IBT'S - The benefit B-B-Q here this afternoon from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. will benefit P.A.C.T. There's a Tea Dance from 4 to 8 with dj MIQ.

VENTURE-N - Always lots of action here on Sundays both indoors and on the patio. This weekend Tuff Stuff Too leather shop holds its grand opening and tonight there will be drawings for hundreds of dollars worth of door prizes. Deadline for registering for the door prizes is 9:00 p.m. so be sure to get that little job done and then stick around as you must be present to win any number of fantastic prizes.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - One of the favorite women's band in Phoenix, "Just Us" will be playing here tonight from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. If you haven't heard them, better stop on by. They're great. There's a small cover but the music is worth it!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - An evening of Latin, Jazz and Salsa music here performed by one of Arizona's best Carmela Conimas just back from her Japanese tour. Voted #1 Salsa band in Phoenix. Advance tickets \$5.00 (\$7.00 at the door). 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

FRI. SAT. - SUN., DECEMBER 9-10-11

IBT'S - 25th Annual 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair. It's stupendous with thousands and thousands of bodies walking up and down the avenue - it's a cruiser's paradise. Don't miss this event! Showtime with Hostess Madame X at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 3 and 9 p.m. on Sunday. Watch for upcoming ads.



Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Hors d'Oeuvres. Best of 60s, 70s and 80s music begins at 7 pm.
CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Saled Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaappa 75c
HOURS - Shady Marys and Screens \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10 am until 8 pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. 50c Draft. Stonewall opens at 8pm, Disco dancing 8 to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 6 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7, Reverse Happy Hour 9-11. DJ 9pm.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Hour Madame "Beck's". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaappa 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour is the Eagle 10am to 8pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Moby Monday, \$1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.
- Open at 8pm for dancing.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Dart Tournament 7 pm.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c 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.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schaappa 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Well 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattou Tuesday. \$1.25 well and domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Wet Jockey Short Contest 10pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schaappa Shots \$1.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Lidar 7:30-9:30
CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring cage dancers.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaappa 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Cumbia, Banda y top 40's. Corona or Cuervo Gold \$1.50.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly mobile" men.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, \$1.25 pitchers.
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c Schaappa 9pm to 1am. 2-Step lessons 7 pm. Dart Tournament at 8. \$2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaappa 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Reindeer or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 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/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Country/Western Nite: Drink Discounts for those in Cowboy Hats.
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

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres
CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schaappa 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. C/W dance 8-1
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/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cruise Party, \$1 well and domestic beer. Leather/Uniform Nite. \$1 Well and Domestic for proper apparel.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 3 pm. Pot matched, winners take all.
CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schaappa 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pilsa Colada \$3. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.
IBT's - Open 11 am 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/EAGLE - Open at 10am. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Leather/Uniform Nite - \$1 well and domestic all site for those in proper attire.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm.



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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! The turkey's ready for roasting and families throughout the Nation are getting ready to gorge themselves on mouth waterin' recipes...but what is this occasion really all about anyway?

President Lincoln declared it a holiday many years ago and we've been doing it year after year habitually ever since; most of us never giving much real thought to it. Oh yeah, we say our table grace and thank God for all of the goodness which has come our way, but is this what it's about? A turkey dinner and a prayer of thanks before we gorge?

Over the years in which I was involved in the Evangelical ministry I found the majority of prayers of the good Christian folks to be prayers of "Help me", "Gimme"; with only little quickies of "Thanks!". This never made much sense to me.

For those who do believe in a creator God, the only kind of prayers/talks-with-God that make sense to me are the innumerable, unending "thank you's". Maybe this is because since my life to death to life (they call it "near death" now) in the 50's, I no longer find myself able to believe in "good" or "bad". There really isn't any. There is simply what is in my present moment of reality and I am very sure my creator loves me.

So anyway, it's basically "thanks" for my memories since this all I'll take with me when I finally am allowed to stay on the Other Side and not have to return to this particular body.

Now, in spite of my near death experience, which one would assume might create drastic changes in philosophy. I don't want you to think I arrived

at all of these philosophical feelings overnight; it took time for this stubborn head; raised as an Evangelical Swede to come to conclusions.

Memories should create "thanks". Memories of this lifetime which will allow me on the Other Side the knowledge of my progress in self mastery as I trek toward the Sainthood everyone seeks. Being thankful for the lessons learned along the way; lessons learned from the many choices made plus the few fates.

I'm sure it comes as no revelation that I've learned more from the hard times also. Therefore I'm so very grateful for those miserable times, the physical pains from injuries or illness; like from the feelings created from the physical loss of a loved one or a life mate; like from the experiences most folks call "failures" or "success", both of which produce their own unique misery; like from psychological gut wrenching created from my own immaturity; like from non-made disasters.

How very thankful I am for the rain as well as the sunshine. Oh the wonderful eternal lessons learned from these memories which have led me to the path of love and loving. Loving myself first, which has enabled me to love others, and even to have experienced the incomparable "in love"!

CHANNEL CHANGE: Maalox ads herald it on TV: "When the food you love doesn't love you back". Ah! Delightful masochism! And I've heard straights say they think Gays and Lesbians are masochistic! Really now girls! Who's the masochist? When my Swedish tummy says "ouch" I certainly don't continue to aggravate it.

When someone wants to inflict pain on my being. I certainly don't ask for more. As a child I sued to get many of my "spankings" with a bull whip by my Dad and believe you me I wasn't telling him "more"! Psychologically speaking, there's something very interesting about masochists. Maybe the feel guilt of some nature and think they deserve punishment? Maybe they've turned off their ability to feel normal sensations so only the pain lets them know they're still alive? Whatever it's all about, it has to start in the brain.

Senator Sam Nunn said it recently: "In Haiti, when there is an election there is the fear of a minority that lives." Well, Sammy boy, if I hadn't heard the first two words I might have thought you were talking about the Gay/Lesbian community here in America. Of course, since our voting track record is so crappy, I'm never sure if some idiot anti-Gay Representative, Senator, Governor or President might get elected and put the real screws to us.

President Thomas Jefferson said it, not so recently: "If people sacrifice freedom for security; they deserve neither."

Now there's a President with balls!

Are you safe and secure in your suffocating little closet today but you don't have the freedom to truly be all of who you are?

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet!

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'G Word' Highlights

Once again Yugo, the Yugoslavian wonder car proudly presents the highlights of the "G" Word, Tucson and Arizona's own Gay and Lesbian television show, which is seen live Thursday, on Tucson Cablevision Channel 64 at 8 PM.

The "G" Word, hosted as always by the man who writer Dorothy Parker said of his performance as Dirk in the Ed Wood film, That Sinister Urge, "Ranged emotions from A to B", Gary Clark.

Gary looked radiant in his outfit from Yves Saint Laurent, which he acquired from the VF Factory Outlet for less. Gary's co-host was the "Virginia Graham of Tucson Gossip", Ms. Dani Reid.

Dani premiered her new segment of the show, "Dear Blabby", answering letters from people with problems. Gary and Dani also talked about the latest hot dish from the Tucson community.

Gary and Dani's first guest was Bill Ladd, director of the One in Ten theatrical production of "Seventeen Days." Bill talked about One In Ten's latest effort. Then the show received a big surprise,

when Joan Rivers showed up, or a reasonable facsimile of, and chatted with Gary.

Next on the big broadcast was the "G" Word's political commentator, Mark Kerr who gave us a rap up, or clean up depending upon your political persuasion, of the general elections.

News followed with Stan Phalp and Scott Hawkins, who informed us of the happenings, highlights and stories of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community.

The "G" Spot with those queers in the hall, Jonathan Berner and Madison O'Neil followed news, there subject for this week was acceptance.

A video of Desert Voices performing at AIDS Walk '94 followed, with members of the musical choir in the studio talking with Gary about their upcoming projects.

There is no show this week due to the FCC Investigations. Just kidding! The next live broadcast will be Thursday, December 1st.

LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of everyone at Shanti, I want to thank the community for your tremendous support over the past week. I can not believe how much money has been raised for Shanti.

Specifically, I want to thank Teresa Housley for the two performances she held for Shanti. (She has one more this Friday night at the Graduate). To date Teresa has raised \$1,035.00 for Shanti. I also want to thank everyone who performed with Teresa including Adrienne Alexander, Mary Murphy, Gilda, Lucinda, Kenneth Blake and Jerry Harrell. You were all fabulous! Such talent! I also want to thank Lee and Eddy from Hours and Dave and Frank at IBT's for your on going support and for allowing the benefits to happen at your bars. Best wishes to Teresa and Adrienne in your candidacies for Ms. AGRA and Miss AGRA!

The Gayly Wed Game held on Sunday at IBT's was hysterical. If you weren't there you missed another evening full of laughter and fun. Gilda was the host for the evening and, of course, did a terrific job. A big thanks to all the couples who participated, Roland and Steve, Beth and Natalie, Ricky and Scott, Linda and Paul, and Michelle and Barbara. Congratulations to Michelle and Barbara for winning the game! Thanks to Roland for organizing the event, it was a huge success. \$1,058.25 was raised for Shanti.

I am touched by your support and

thank you for all you do for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Finally, I want to congratulate AGRA for the success you had over the weekend at the Chile Verde event.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

Much love, Anne Maley

EDITOR:

I want to congratulate Roland (a.k.a. Bubbles) on a most successful 'Gayly Wed' benefit for Shanti.

Roland, I know you sparkled in my eyes, but Lordy, who'd've guess'd you was a cluster alone??

I know it took a bunch of ya' to bring it all to the height you did, but it was your thought that brought it to IBT's and to the Shanti recipients.

Love & Honor, Loosey

P.S. Thanx to Dave and Frank for the assignment and to my Bro-In-Law, I'm sure you know where your thanx belong... S.I.L.

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LIGHT from the LIGHTHOUSE

by Rev. Nita T. Willey, Pastor

News From MCC Tucson

Finally, another article. We've been busy but, MCC-Tucson is growing, alive and well. I hope that all of you are reading this column will have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day. This is the time of year when our thoughts should be moving toward remembering our blessings and the good, wonderful things that have occurred in our lives.

I know that I have been blessed in more ways than I can ever recount. Many changes are in process here at MCC and they are for the good and growth of this congregation as well as our community-at-large. The worship services are different and changing to meet the needs of all who worship here. Our outreach is expanding.

On December 1st, 5:30 PM, there will be a World AIDS Day Healing Service at Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 East Speedway. I invite all of you to join me, regardless of your faith base. This is a day and time set apart for us to bring our positive prayers and energies together, focused on the healing of our community and world from this horrible epidemic.

Advent is just around the corner, beginning Sunday, November 27th. Although the stores have been preparing for

Christmas since Valentine's Day, now is the time we set aside to focus on the remembrance and celebration of the birthday of our Lord and Savior. There will be much activity around our facility as we decorate and make other preparations for our Annual Christmas Eve Vigil at 11:00 PM.

The Deacons are working hard to keep up with the requests for food, clothing and financial assistance to all who request help. This outreach has not set budget, but works from the generosity of congregants and community members. If you should have food (canned, frozen or dry goods), clothing, furniture, etc...and need a place to donate it, give us a call and we will accept it here or come pick it up, as you request. Donation receipts for tax purposes are available upon request.

Do not believe all that you may hear about MCC Tucson. If you have any questions concerning what gossip may be out there in the community, please feel free to call me and we can discuss it. Gossip is a powerful tool of Satan, and I do not want to give evil even a speck of room to get in to give us any more grief.

May God bless each of you. Until next time...

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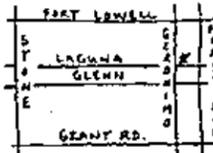
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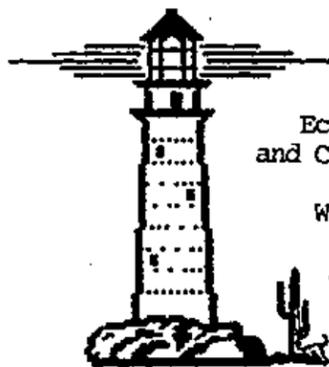


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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The other day I was thinking about holidays in the United States and how the focus of Christmas and Easter is far from the original celebrations. Christ's birth has now become Santa Claus and his death and resurrection the Easter bunny. But Thanksgiving is still Thanksgiving. In 1621, the Pilgrims had a fall feast with the American Indians who had helped them survive their first year in the New World. It was a time for giving thanks to God for sparing them and helping them. Today it is still a time for being thankful.

Now, who is it that we're to be thankful to, and what are we to be thankful for? The thanks goes to God, the Creator of the world. It isn't thanks to Buddha, Mohammed, our inner self, or a white light. None of these gave you life,

none of these care about you and love you unconditionally. None of these watch over your every move and see and know all.

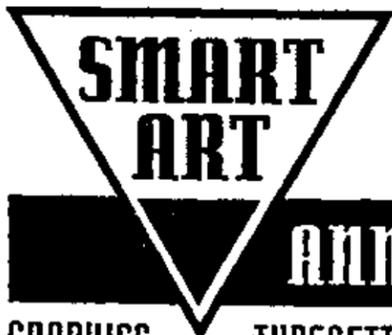
There is one God who reigns over all the world, and that God loves you. His son Jesus Christ died for us so that we could be forgiven of our sins. That's a lot to be thankful for. Probably some of you reading this have been told that it doesn't apply to people who are Gay and Lesbian. Well, guess what? That's not true! Not once did Jesus even mention Gay people in the Bible! He gave us many teachings and examples of how to live a Christian life. The gift of eternal life is for us too! That's a lot to be thankful for!

We can also be thankful that we live in a nation where we have the freedom to choose our religion. In some countries it is illegal to go to church, and Christians have to register with the government. In some countries the government chooses a national religion. Here we have the right to choose where and how we worship. We can pick the denomination and the theology.

Is this enough for you to be thankful for? God loves us far more than our own families ever could. He won't reject us as they often do. He won't let us down or fail us, like human beings can. He wants us to thank him for our lives, for our health, for our jobs, for the weather, for our pets, for our friends. In fact, he says "Give thanks in all circumstances..." (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV)

Are you feeling thankful yet? Sometimes the holidays are a lonely time. If you don't want to spend Thanksgiving alone, go to church. Many churches are having Thanksgiving dinners. Ours is being held at Cornerstone Fellowship's Social Hall on Thanksgiving day from noon to 3 PM. You'll be welcome there.

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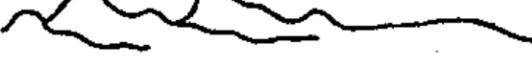
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PERSPECTIVE

On Behalf Of Gay Children

[The evening of Sunday, December 22, 1986, at All Saints Chapel in Cincinnati, Ohio, Larry Wolf gave the sermon, from which the following quotations were taken:]

"At the same time that it is becoming easier for some youngsters to acknowledge their Gayness and have it accepted by parents and peers, it is also a time in which "Gay" is synonymous with a much feared illness. If homophobia is leaping in some places, erotophobia is hysterical. The hysteria to which I have referred is in part a response to our recent successes. In that sense it is a tribute to our courage and honesty. If we continue to persevere, we shall overcome this hysteria. We need not only to persevere, however, but to take the initiative..."

"Let us remember, this Christmas time, that although more of us are out of the closet than ever before, our kind of children are still in need of us. As long as there is one Gay or Lesbian child for whom there is no room in an erotophobic home, so long as there is one child, Lesbian or Gay, harassed at school, in church, or on the streets, we have a job to do. We need to stand tall, for they need role models.

"We need to rejoice that Gayness has always been here, Gayness will always be here, and we know this. We know this, not as words in a book, not because some authority has told us to believe it,

we know this deeply... We know this in our guts. and the rest of the world must take heed.

"Suppose you've been as good and conscientious a parent as you could be, yet your child is Gay. What shall you do with your Gay son?... Love that child!

"In the current crusade to save the children, where is there any voice raised on behalf of Gay children? Why must they grow up, as most have, in an atmosphere of unremitting hostility? Where are they to turn for emotional support? Why should they have to internalize self-hatred and self-loathing and an enormous burden of deep seated guilt? On every hand they are told that they are evil, worthless, inferior, no good. They have to spend the rest of their lives struggling with this. Many are rejected by their parents and thrown out. Where are they to learn by their parents and thrown out. Where are they to learn morality? Are they to learn of honesty, integrity, compassion and responsibility in the streets and alleys of our cities?

"In most communities it is not possible for a Gay teacher to be open and honest. The excuse is that a Gay teacher will 'pervert' the children. This is impossible. We Gays all know that if a child is straight, there is nothing that can be done about it. It is incurable. Instead of forc-

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Congratulations to the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, its members and board for a very successful fund raising event; the Chili Verde Days at Club 2520 last weekend. All monies raised are used toward the Saguaro Regional Rodeo to be held next March at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. After expenses, profits are given to local associations such as PACT. An information table by Shanti, TAP and PACT was staffed by volunteers from all three AIDS service organizations. A hearty thanks is extended to all who participated.

The annual Fourth Avenue Street Fair is scheduled this year for December 9, 10, 11, and all three organizations will have information tables this year and your time as a volunteer is needed. It is very important for all of us to combine our efforts in the causes of education, early intervention and dealing with this horrible disease. Most importantly, we all need to share our concern, time and action to help make a difference. Call your favorite association for information. As a volunteer, your endeavors become part of a world wide collective process. Please help.

One of the services provided by People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson is Peer Counseling. Available is one-to-one Peer Counseling to discuss all aspects of living with HIV. This includes consultation and information for HIV life planning. We also provide current information on all treatment protocols and our networking offers a vast community service referral system. Peer Counselors include: Mark Muchmore, Harold Lackey, John Green, Evangelina Arvizu. This service offers both English and Spanish counsel-

ing. If you are not a PACT client, Harold Lackey may be contacted at 770-1710 for an interview intake.

A Volunteer orientation and organizational party will be held at the PACT office, 801 West Congress, Wednesday, November 30th, starting at 6:30 PM, to welcome current and new volunteers. Plans and delegation of help areas for the Festival For Life fund raising event will be the focal point. Everyone interested in helping with this event call Mary Higgins, Lee Sloan or myself at 770-1710 for information or to volunteer.

The annual Festival For Life is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd, at the Windmill Inn in the St. Phillips square on north Campbell Avenue. Admission is \$10.00 per person and tickets are available at the PACT office and will be available at the door. A complimentary buffet is included as well as a no host bar. This event features fine art donated by concerned artists, designer Christmas trees, holiday wreaths, baskets, menorahs, all up for bidding through a silent auction that begins at 5 PM and continues throughout the evening and through a live auction that starts at 7 PM. Mary Wilson of the Supremes is this year's celebrity hostess.

Three prizes, each worth \$3,000-.00 are up for grabs in our Festival For Life Raffle and your chances are only \$1.00 a ticket. Prizes include: round trip tickets for two to Australia; round trip tickets for two to anywhere in the continental United States; a fling around Tucson with dinners, theater, spas, etc. Pick up your tickets at PACT, Gadabout Salons, Farmers Market on Fridays at the St. Phillips Square.

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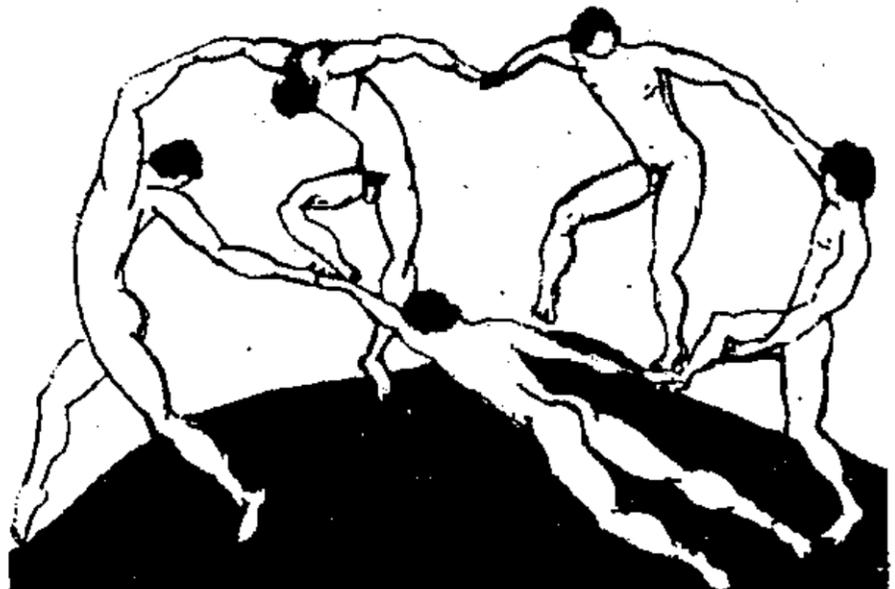
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U.S. Judge Rules Ohio Doctor Broke Law By Refusing Treatment For AIDS Patient

TOLEDO, OH (AP) - A doctor violated the Americans with Disabilities Act when he refused to treat a man at a hospital because he had AIDS, a judge ruled.

Fred Charon, of Portland, Maine, was traveling through Ohio in April 1992 when he went to Memorial Hospital in Fremont because of a fever and other symptoms.

Dr. Charles Hull refused to admit him, and he was taken 45 miles west to Medical College Hospital in Toledo, where he spent two days before being released.

Later that year, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit on his behalf against Memorial Hospital and Hull. Charon died of AIDS four months later, in March 1993.

A federal jury this summer awarded \$512,000 in damages to Charon's estate. It said Memorial Hospital violated the Federal Rehabilitation Act, which prohibits discrimination against the disabled by institutions that received federal money.

But it was up to U.S. District Judge John Potter to decide whether Hull and the hospital violated the Disabilities Act. The broader law, which took effect in 1992, prohibits discrimination against the disabled in all public places.

Before the trial, Potter ruled the act applied to people with AIDS. Potter ruled that Hull and the hospital violated the law.

"Hull improperly considered Charon's disability in refusing to admit Charon to Memorial Hospital," Potter said in his decision. He added that AIDS was "the motivating factor" in Hull's refusal to admit Charon.

Man Wins Paternity Rights To Daughter Of Lesbians

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - A Gay man who fathered a child for a Lesbian couple through artificial insemination, then sued over visitation, has won paternity rights to the girl.

A state appeals panel ruled that Thomas Steel, of San Francisco, can call himself the father of Ry Russo-Young.

"The notion that a Lesbian mother should enjoy a parental relationship with her, but a Gay father should not, is so innately discriminatory as to be unworthy of comment," the state Supreme Court's Appellate Division said in a 3-2 decision made public.

RY lives in Manhattan with her mother, Robin Young. Young's partner, Sandra Russo, and Russo's daughter by another sperm donor, Cade.

By mutual agreement of her biological parents, Ry visited with her father from about age 4 through 9. Steel said Ry sent him cards and letters, including one

that called him "the best dad I ever loved," and wrote a song for his 40th birthday.

But when Steel asked in 1990 to bring both Ry and Cade to California for a visit without their mothers, the women objected and cut off all contact, Steel then sued for paternity rights.

The judges sent the case to Family Court for a hearing on visitation.

AIDS May Bring African Famine

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The AIDS epidemic in Africa and other developing regions has become so serious that it threatens to hurt agricultural production and cause food shortages, a U.N. report says.

Among the countries most at risk of an AIDS induced economic slow down are those in the sub-Saharan Africa, as well as some in Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia, especially Thailand.

Perspective

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ing Gays and Lesbians out of the school system, we need to have one Gay and one Lesbian teacher in every school.

"In conclusion, 'the time has passed when you can expect Gays to automatically cringe at the sound of the word faggot, or submit helplessly to physical abuse.' More and more of us stand our ground, and if called names, we are apt to respond that you may be odd but we are queers, and so what?"

Hormone

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tient: In trying to clear the virus from the body, it may also stimulate viral growth.

Many scientists now think that AIDS kills for both reasons: The virus ravages the immune system, and the immune system turns on itself, with Vpr potentially contributing to both problems. The picture has grown more complicated now that hormones appear to be involved. But they may also offer new ways to help the body fight back.

[The story, written by Shannon Brownlee and Traci Watson, is a reprint from the November 21, 1994 edition of U.S. News and World Report.]

Harvey Milk

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everything that makes America unique.

The composer and librettist of Harvey Milk, Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie, respectively, have collaborated on several operas including Where's Dick?, which had its world premiere at Houston's Grand Opera in 1989. The New York Times called this satirical look at urban chaos in modern America "the type of musical stage work that we ought to be pursuing."

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AIDS In Aging Is Of Growing Concern To Professionals by Naina Ayya

"Gerontological societies and professional associations need to commit to making AIDS a priority at national, state and local conferences," according to Gregory Anderson, supervisor of individual services of New York based Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE). He spoke on AIDS and aging at the American Society on Aging's (ASA) Diversity with a Difference conference in New York.

"Even as the HIV infection has moved from the young Gay male population to the intravenous drug using population to women and children, many of us in the field failed to notice that substantial numbers of older people were becoming infected, getting sick and dying," Anderson recently wrote in OUTWord, the newsletter of ASA's Lesbian and Gay Issues Network.

At an ASA symposium in San Francisco last spring, research and services experts on the impact of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquire immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), discussed major areas of concern both for older adults living with AIDS today and their service providers. Key issues include:

Disclosure to their adult children of their HIV status and, if Gay, often revealing their sexual orientation for the first time;

Concern about accessing public assistance and feeling of isolation that prevent many older men and women from obtaining support services;

Late diagnosis of AIDS or misdi-

agnosis of AIDS related dementia in older patients by physicians;

A critical need for education of providers and caregivers of acutely ill older persons with AIDS (PWA's).

If current trends continue, during the mid-1990's the number of AIDS cases reported among adults age 50 and older will surpass the more than 58,000 American soldiers who died in the Vietnam war, according to researchers at the University of California at San Francisco. The share of total reported AIDS cases among older people rose to 11% this year, a 1% increase over last year.

Since many health professionals do not adequately recognize the risk of AIDS in older adults, diagnosis of the disease may not occur until an elder is near death, states author Rita Strombeck in her educational workbook, AIDS and Aging: What People Over 50 Need to Know.

In California, about one fifth of AIDS cases include people older than 50 who have not been diagnosed until the month of death, according to Strombeck.

The problem of provider attitudes was underscored by a study of Florida's failed state incentive program, one of several state programs around the nation designed to encourage nursing home admission of PWA's.

Researcher Peter Cruise of Florida Atlantic University, said that although the state ranks third highest in the nation for the number of reported AIDS cases through 1993, the proportion of PWA's

who went to nursing homes on discharge from hospitals did not increase after the incentive program began.

Cruise found, "The very first quarter this program was available, the PWA discharges to nursing homes actually dropped and the program is designed to do exactly the opposite. Every other category increased."

He analyzed Medicaid covered PWA's discharged from hospitals between 1987 and 1992. During this period only 3% of the total went to nursing homes and 70% returned home.

Cruise added that researchers are beginning to assess Florida's "attitude problem" about PWA's.

A recent study, "A Survey of Gay and Bisexual Men Age 50 and Older," published in AIDS Patient Care, surveyed reported engaging in high risk behavior and they frequently get tested for exposure to the virus.

The study also found survey subjects were responsive to AIDS education efforts and can successfully reverse high risk behavior. The majority of participants in the study said they received information about HIV/AIDS from Gay community newspapers and magazines.

'DIFFERENT FOR WOMEN'

Disclosure of HIV status, such as to a spouse, and limited access to services are significant issues for older adults living with AIDS at the Jeffrey Goodman Clinic's Gay and Lesbian Center in Los Angeles. Psychotherapist Joan Lavick,

who developed the clinic's support group for older men and provides individual help for women, said the clinic provides primary medical care and counseling to an estimate 2,000 clients.

With the rise in heterosexual transmission of HIV, women have become highly vulnerable to infection. According to Lavick, the experience of accessing support is "different for women. It's hard for them to get away from their families and children, and they tend to be a bit more private about wanting to share things."

Nationally, since 1981 women have outnumbered men in the category of heterosexual transmission of HIV, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Many experts believe these figures to be underestimated because of the lack of attention to women.

Mary Guinan, assistant director for evaluation at the CDC's Office of HIV/AIDS, said that there is "a critical need" for a method of HIV protection that women can control, which would be as effective as a male condom but not dependent on partner cooperation.

In addition, older women contend with increased risk of HIV infection due to physical changes during the natural process of aging. For example, thinning of the vaginal wall during menopause increases susceptibility to HIV infection.

[This is a reprint from the November/December 1994 edition of Aging Today.]

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DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Your intuition has never been more on target. Give thanks to inspirational Sun in Sagittarius for the psychic spotlight. It will be your turn to crow as your hidden enemies trip themselves up and fumble in their dastardly plans. Make as much use as possible of this lucky planetary energy to give a little extra help to those in the Gay community who are in need.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friends, crateloads of them, seem to come out of nowhere and gravitate to you. Could it be Sun in Sagittarius' lucky effect that has them all agog? Enjoy the convivial company but remember, a friend in need can sometimes be a pest. Avoid the temptation to give and give without requiring a little give back every so often. Friendship is a two way street, you know.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Sun in Sagittarius sends a happy little zap in your career endeavors. Projects that you have carefully nurtured and toiled over will suddenly explode on the scene and give you the recognition you so richly deserve. Don't fade into the background; gather your political rosebuds while you may. You never know when this time will come again.

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CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The Sun in jolly old Sagittarius is whipping up a feast on the work front. There are almost too many things to do and too many tasks to handle. Don't worry; you will easily handle all and sundry with ease and agility. In addition, the work you accomplish now will have beneficial after-shocks. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can cash in on today!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

This is the time to try your luck at the lottery. While I can never recommend betting on the bank on games of chance; Sun in Sag now has a mysterious way of leading the winning cards your way. Artistic endeavors and romance are other pleasant possibilities during this planetary phase. If you don't strike it rich at the races, you may still find a jewel.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Sun in Sagittarius spreads joy and warmth in your household. The expansiveness of this jolly energy can make your home a beehive of activity so prepare to be Entertainer Extraordinaire! Pack the refrigerator with food and the cabinets with grog; gregarious company could be arriving by the truckload at any moment. A joyous reunion is possible now.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Libras are usually very diplomatic and now, with the Sun enjoying a foray into Sagittarius, your eloquent words will inspire. In fact, you may be surprised how effective your communication can be with this little planetary push. The downside is that Sag tends to exaggeration and you could find yourself spicing up a tale or two just for effect. Avoid the temptation.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Now is the time to review your investment strategy. Sun in Sagittarius is highlighting your ability to make all those little money seeds sprout and flourish. While monetary gain will not be accomplished through quick fixes such as gambling, you may have a spark of inspiration in the stock market or find that perfect little antique in a dusty corner shop.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The Sun in your own sign can, on the one hand, make you the delicious and utterly fabulous center of attention. One the other hand, it can also cause you to over exaggerate your presence in one form or another. First impressions can be lasting impressions and you may come off as a little too too if you allow yourself to run amok.

The Sun changes signs this week, moving from intense Scorpio to good time Sag. Sagittarius is one of the luckiest and queerest signs of the zodiac. Its color is purple, a dramatic lavender. Prepare yourself for a Gay four weeks as the Sun in Sagittarius shines on your sign:

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You yearn to travel and explore the vast unknown now that the Sun has forayed into feisty Sagittarius. This happy explorer can send you on exotic and adventurous destinations, if you give yourself a chance to escape. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to learn who you are by what you see and experience.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

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

De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flaming, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 p.m. Tuesday, women's Rep Group 7 p.m. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6833.

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

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 795-6055 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

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Lesbian and Gay youth 23 and under, meets 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 Wiggan, 624-1779.

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual over 50 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome state or 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 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wiggan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmeor 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.

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

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4181. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 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 Foot-hills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 799-9063 for information.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS! Arizona Nude Dudes 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 60444, Tucson, AZ 85728-6044. For faster reply please include phone number.

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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

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wiggan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

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

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AFFIRMATION Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormons and ex-Mormons. For information write P.O. Box 76461, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call 791-7946. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

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 243 or 245. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in 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 323-0905 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled 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, Corona, AZ 85652.

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GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570-0027

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-House.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-5488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 3001 N. Wilcox.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women both welcome. Office 624-8265.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-3808 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. Elin 581-8450 or Room 964-2384.

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DISCREET GYM seeking contact with Gay Black/Hispanic males for companionship, goodtimes, etc. Dominant, aggressive personalities preferred. Call after 7 p.m. 575-9305 539

Anyone who paid for tickets for the Rocky Point "Pride Tour '94" which did not come off, please contact the Observer, 622-7176 or write P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703.

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Post Election Poll Finds Consensus On Gay Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An election night poll of people who voted in the 1994 midterm elections showed that the voters who changed the face of Congress continue to support ending discrimination against Lesbian and Gay Americans.

In the first ever post election poll that measured voter attitudes toward Gay people, majorities of Republican, Democratic and Independent voters supported equal rights for Lesbian and Gay people, who face widespread and legal discrimination with no protection from federal law. Voters also strongly supported increased efforts against HIV/AIDS, and expressed worry about a "religious right wing agenda."

"These findings show broad support for equality for Lesbian and Gay Americans in the midst of the Republican sweep," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Right Campaign Fund (HRCF), which commissioned the nationwide poll.

McFeeley added, "Voters of all political stripes value fairness and inclusion, and key blocks of swing voters are especially supportive of Gay people. In voting booths and opinion polls, voters have sent a clear message that their vision of change includes equal rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans."

The poll, conducted November 8 and 9 by the independent firm of Mellman Lazarus Lake, Inc., surveyed a random sample of 800 people who had voted in the midterm election. The margin of error is +/- 3.5%. Among the findings:

*70 percent of those surveyed said Gay people should not face unfair job discrimination, but rather have "equal rights in hiring and firing", with 77 percent of Democrats, 71 percent of Independents and 64 percent of Republicans supporting the idea;

*57 percent supported the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a federal bill that would "extend current civil rights laws in the workplace to cover Gays and Lesbians" to protect people from job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;

*78 percent favored "increasing efforts for AIDS research, prevention, and care";

*40 percent were more worried about a "religious right wing agenda" than a "Gay agenda" (21 percent);

*54 percent opposed efforts to exclude "homosexuals from teaching in elementary and high schools"; and

*54 percent opposed "eliminating from public schools and libraries any books or course materials that teach about homosexuality."

"Voters support the value of hard work, and believe no one who wants to do their job and pay their taxes should be singled out for discrimination," McFeeley said. "These findings reflect election results in Idaho and Oregon, where voters rejected anti-Gay initiatives that would have singled out Lesbian and Gay people for unfair treatment. Virtually all of the incumbents who co-sponsored the Employment Non-Discrimination Act won reelection, and new supporters have joined the ranks of those in Congress who favor equal rights in the workplace for all Americans."

Voters in Oregon and Idaho rejected ballot initiatives that would have imposed discrimination and denied basic rights to Lesbian and Gay people by repealing or blocking laws prohibiting anti-Gay discrimination.

In Congress, of 32 Senate co-sponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, all 13 who were up for reelection won their races. Of 120 House co-sponsors running for re-election, 110 won, and ten newly elected Members have pledged to support the bill.

A study released prior to the election by the respected Times Mirror Center for The People & The Press reported that the most important swing voters in the electorate, representing 20 percent of registered voters, are "highly tolerant of homosexuality."

Among the general population, Times Mirror said, "We found at least one

important change in public tolerance in the last four years, a sharp decline in homophobia."

"These polls and election results show a continuing trend among voters in support of fairness and equality," McFeeley said. "We look forward to working with the new Congress to further these values."

Actor Tom Villard Dies of AIDS at Age 40

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Tom Villard, an actor with AIDS who sought to educate the public by continuing to appear in movies and television after making his illness public, has died at 40.

Villard died at a Los Angeles hospital of AIDS related pneumonia, publicist Howard Bragman.

The boyishly handsome actor with all-American looks, who was diagnosed in 1992, said it was important not to hide his illness or his homosexuality.

"In terms of how people with AIDS are perceived in this country right

now, as lepers, it was really important for me to get out of there," he said. "I've been in your living room for 15 years."

Villard had Kaposi's sarcoma, and AIDS related skin disorder characterized by purplish blemishes. He called the splotch at the end of his nose "my red ribbon" in an interview with The Associated Press this year.

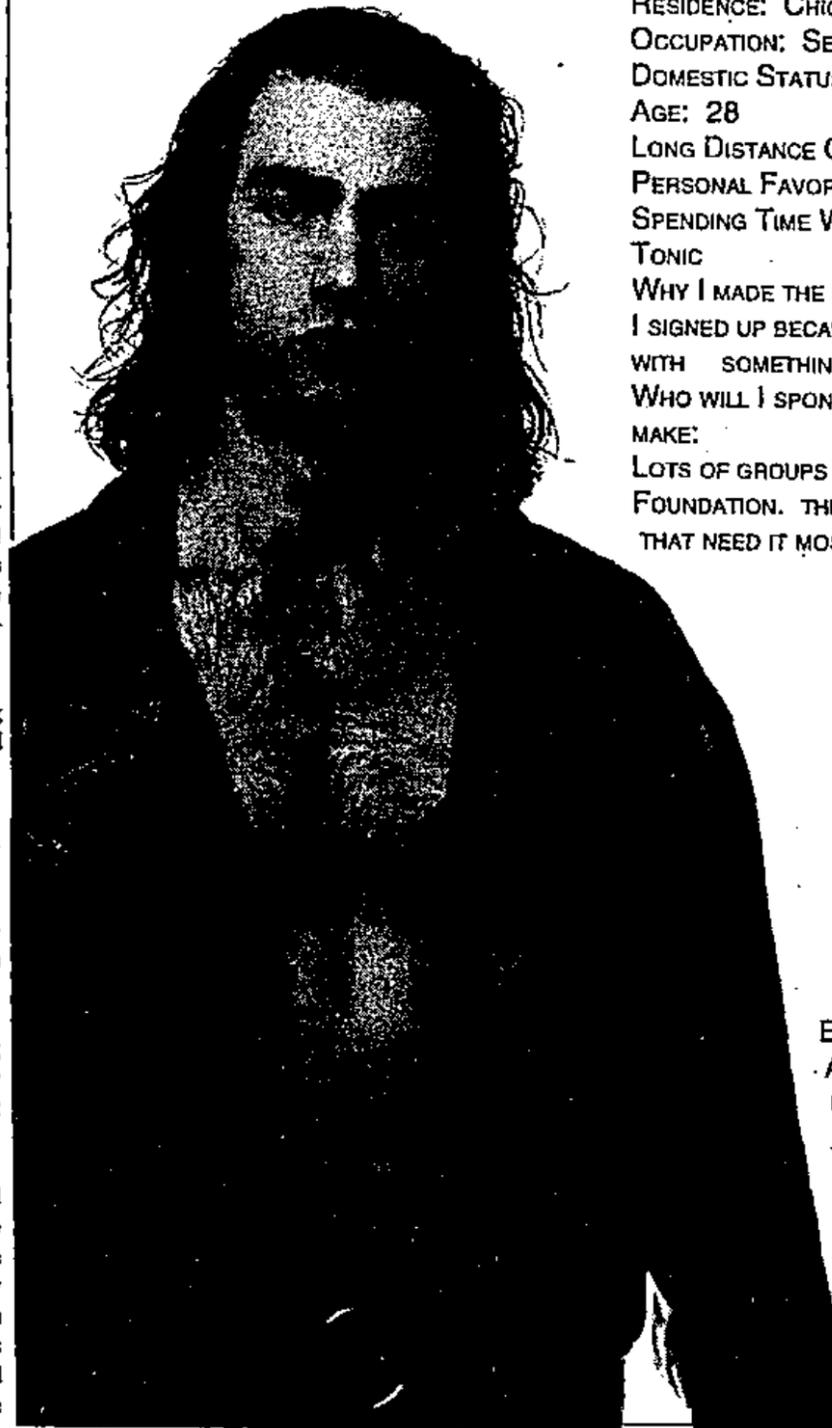
He was willing to don makeup for a role, but refused to do so for auditions.

Villard appeared in 12 films, including "Heartbreak Ridge" with Clint Eastwood and "My Girl," and had the title role in "The Trouble With Dick," a Grand Prize winner at the Sundance Film Festival.

He had several guest roles this season, including episodes of "Frasier," "Sisters" and "Star Trek: Deep Space 9."

He had the lead role in the 1980s NBC comedy "We Got It Made," the story of two big city bachelor roommates, their attractive maid and their suspicious girlfriends. The Spencerport, N.Y., native also was a stage actor.

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