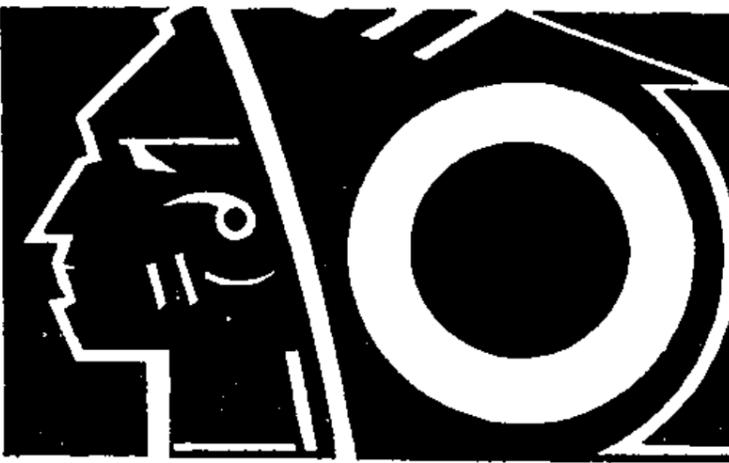


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## Gay Teens Look For Someone To Listen

PHOENIX (AP) - Talk to people about teens who are dropping out of school, living on the streets and killing themselves in record numbers and they'll tell you they care.

Talk to people about the struggles of being a Gay or Lesbian youth and they're not sure they want to talk about it at all.

Many of those people who don't want to talk are the same people the teens are mostly trying to reach out to when they're feeling lonely and afraid. They are parents, teachers, counselors, the coach at the local club, the Scout leader.

The Children's Aid Society of New York reports Gay and Lesbian teens make up thirty percent of young people who have attempted suicide and have a higher risk for drug abuse.

Another 40 percent of Gay and Lesbian youth suffer violence from family and friends because they are Gay. Nearly half of New York City's 15,000 homeless street youth are Gay or Lesbian.

In an effort to stop such waster, The Flinn Foundation recently awarded Arizona's Children's Action Alliance and the Lesbian Resource Project a \$50,000 grant.

It will be used to develop a curriculum for a one day educational workshop on issues facing Gay and Lesbian youth for people who work with teens.

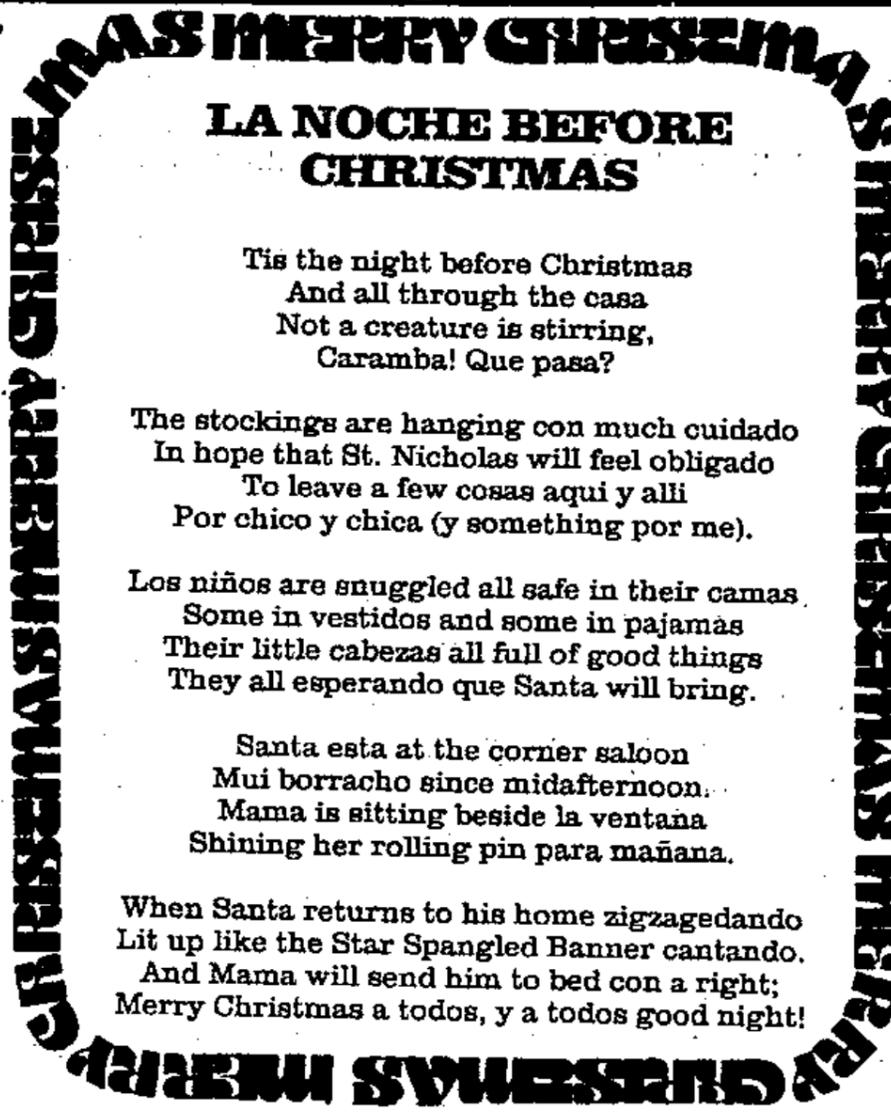
"One of the things our kids feel is isolation. Unless they know it's safe, they won't reach out. They need to know they won't be totally ostracized or beat up," said Toby Urvater, the adviser for a Gay and Lesbian youth support group.

Many of the 35 kids who show up at the weekly support group are afraid to talk with friends or teachers, even counselors, clergy, or parents.

"I hear all the time, 'If I told my parents, I wouldn't have a home to live in,'" Urvater said. "What's worse is when they send them to a program to get the Gayness out of them, to cleanse them. What does that do to their self esteem?"

The problem is not only rampant bigotry, but ignorance, she said. Many adults, even those who work with youth, simply assume everyone's heterosexual.

It's also a subject that scares some people because they fear a strong reaction from deeply conservative sections of society.



## LA NOCHE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tis the night before Christmas  
And all through the casa  
Not a creature is stirring,  
Caramba! Que pasa?

The stockings are hanging con much cuidado  
In hope that St. Nicholas will feel obligado  
To leave a few cosas aqui y alli  
Por chico y chica (y something por me).

Los niños are snuggled all safe in their camas.  
Some in vestidos and some in pajamas  
Their little cabezas all full of good things  
They all esperando que Santa will bring.

Santa esta at the corner saloon  
Mui borracho since midafternoon.  
Mama is sitting beside la ventana  
Shining her rolling pin para mañana.

When Santa returns to his home zigzagando  
Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner cantando.  
And Mama will send him to bed con a right;  
Merry Christmas a todos, y a todos good night!

ED NOTE: This poem, whose author is unknown, first appeared in the Arizona Gay News in the late 1970s. Due to repeated requests, we print "La Noche Before Christmas" one more time. Enjoy!

Despite the statistics, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., of North Carolina attempted to cut federal money this summer to any school district that permitted school counselors to talk to Gay and Lesbian students even if they referred students to Gay and Lesbian support groups.

The amendment to an education funding bill passed the Senate, as did similar legislation in the House, but was gutted in a joint conference before the bill became law. It is expected to be back on the agenda this coming session.

That kind of sentiment chills the efforts to save these children from disaster, Urvater said.

"We'd like to do more outreach to let people know we're here, but we have to be real careful. We don't want a backlash. We don't want to be accused of recruiting," Urvater said.

Despite it all, many counselors and social workers say they would welcome more information.

"The information would be real useful. Most school counselors are pretty conservative because we work in a con-

servative setting," said Meg Sanford, past president of the Arizona School Counselors Association.

Despite Sanford's conservative realm, she resents Congress' efforts to dictate which children she can help and how.

"My communication is confidential. It becomes an ethical issue. Reality of that (a ban on speaking to Gay students) really happening is remote," she said.

Sanford works in a school with kindergarten classes up to eighth grade.

She's never been approached by a young person who suspects he's Gay, but she has talked with children who have Gay parents.

Being Gay is a big secret for little kids to keep, she said, but it remains a secret because they fear being called a "fag" and being physically abused.

"Yes, we need training," said Jenelle Borsell, program director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix.

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## 151 People Murdered In Anti-Gay Violence In Recent Years

NEW YORK, NY - At least 151 Gay people in the United States have been murdered over the past three years in hate motivated killings, a national report compiled by the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project issued Tuesday, December 20.

The report examined reported killings in 29 states and Washington D.C.

Nearly 60 percent of 151 anti-Gay slayings reported in 29 states involved "extraordinary and horrific violence" of a sort "fueled by rage and hate," said the study, coordinated by the New York City based Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

The list, culled from police and news media reports, describes numerous killings in which victims were bludgeoned, stabbed repeatedly or mutilated, or where witnesses heard anti-Gay remarks or suspects confessed to anti-Gay sentiment. Twenty four people were victims of serial killers.

While guns are used in 68 percent of all murders in the country, only 26 percent of anti-homosexual murderers shot their victims. Knives, baseball bats, clubs and hammers were the weapons of choice, the study said.

"The level of violence in these homicides is really gruesome," said Bea Hanson, a spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. "There's no reason why somebody needs to stab somebody more than 100 times."

"These murders are only the end result of the rampant violence we face as Gay people," said Lester Ulmstead-Rose, executive director of the San Francisco based Community United Against Violence, which took part in the study.

"What we face is terrorism, the demand by thugs that we conform to their personal and religious standards," Ulmstead-Rose said in the statement released Tuesday, December 20.

The study defined a killing as Gay or Lesbian related "if the victims sexual orientation appeared to have played a role."

Fifty one percent of such killings have been solved, compared with 65 percent for all homicides, the study said.

The Gay homicides also appear to be solved at lower rate than killings in general due to friends or family members

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# UPDATE

## Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Shanti

TUCSON - House of Jerome Catering will be serving a spaghetti dinner at Club 2520 on Tuesday, January 3, 1994, 4-8 PM.

House of Jerome Catering, in cooperation with Club 2520, will be sponsoring this event every Tuesday night for the foreseeable future.

A regular menu will be served on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 4 to 8 PM, every week at the Club 2520.

The regular menu will consist of dinners starting at \$4.95 and such items as Chili Con Carne for \$2.95, Soup & Sandwich also \$2.95.

Specialty of the house will be Pasta dishes, with other meals such as steak, casserole dishes and daily specials.

## Tucson Softball Board Members Sought

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) is seeking individuals to serve on the Board of Directors for the 1995/96 season of TGSA Softball.

The Board positions will be appointive until the elections, which will be held on February 26, 1995. All posts on the Board are up for this election and TGSA strongly encourages individuals to run for office for the upcoming season and make TGSA a big success in it's second season.

The TGSA 1995/96 season is set to commence on Sunday, April 2nd, at Freedom Park. (Date, time and location to be confirmed by Tucson Parks & Rec.) If you would like to be a part of the fastest growing Gay and Lesbian softball league in the United States, call 622-4503.

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## Melinda Paras Named NGLTF Exec. Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced the appointment of San Francisco Health Commissioner Melinda Paras as the new executive director of the organization, which has been newly re-shaped following a four month program evaluation of the agency.

Appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission in 1993 by Mayor Frank Jordan, Paras chairs the Budget Committee and serves on the Joint Conference for San Francisco General Hospital.

For the past four months, Paras has headed a transition team at NGLTF, assessing the organization's strengths, challenges and duties, and developing a plan for NGLTF's next two years. The NGLTF Board established the transition team in response to the departure of several key staff people, the changing demands of NGLTF's constituents and the altered political atmosphere facing the Gay and Lesbian community.

## Gay Teens

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"It does come up. We have invited speakers to discuss how to break down barriers to help a child. We don't pass judgment on choices."

The new curriculum will focus on several areas, including reducing prejudice, homelessness and money problems, lack of support and friends, harassment and physical abuse in schools, transportation to support groups, health and spirituality.

## In Memoriam

RAYMOND "BUZZ" METZGER  
1931 - 1994

A gentle, sweet man, Buzz passed away December 4th of cancer. He is survived by a sister, niece, nephew and his loving partner in life, John McLaughlin. John and Buzz were together 30 glorious and loved filled years.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Buzz was a graphic artists at Ford Aerospace for many years. Buzz and John retired to Tucson from the San Francisco bay area in 1981.

We are grateful for our friends and the good fortune to have lived here in Tucson: truly as city of saints.

## In Memoriam



DALE AUTRY MC KISSACK  
May 27, 1940 - December 14, 1994

Dale McKissack passed away at his home in Phoenix last Wednesday night. Although his health was not the best for several years, his death came as a complete surprise to everyone who was close to him. He was owner of Tuff Stuff Leather, Fuzzy Daddy Promotions and Datamax.

Dale was very proud of being a 3rd generation native Arizonan. His mother's family came to the Valley in the 1860s. He was also proud of his Celtic and Scottish ancestry.

He attended elementary and high school in Phoenix as well as the Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM) studio school while under contract as a professional singer and dancer during his late teens.

Several years ago, Dale embraced the teachings of the Apostolic Church of the East in which he was ordained as a priest. He was later confirmed as a 'Very Reverend' (Bishop) whose territorial responsibilities included the Western part of the United States.

When he returned to Arizona and settled in Tucson, he came out and became very active in the formation of many clubs and organizations most of which still exist today. Among those in Tucson were Gay Community Services (forerunner of Wingspan); Imperial Court de Tucson (a civic organization); Tucson Knight Owls (a levi/leather club). He lectured at Pima Community College on Gay/Lesbian sexuality and communal structure and was on the Mayor's council on the News media representing the Gay and Lesbian community.

In Phoenix he was very energetic in forming clubs and organizations such as Volunteers In Direct Aid (V.I.D.A.); The Arizona Leather Fraternity (a leather club); Copperstate Leathermen (a leather brotherhood); The American Leather Federation (an alliance of businesses, clubs and individuals); The Firebird Levi-Leather Society (A levi/leather club) and the Leatherlords (a leatherman's social club).

A memorial service was held on Monday, Dec. 19 in Phoenix. There will be a memorial service held in Tucson on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 6:00 p.m. on the patio at Venture-N, 1239 N. 6th Avenue.



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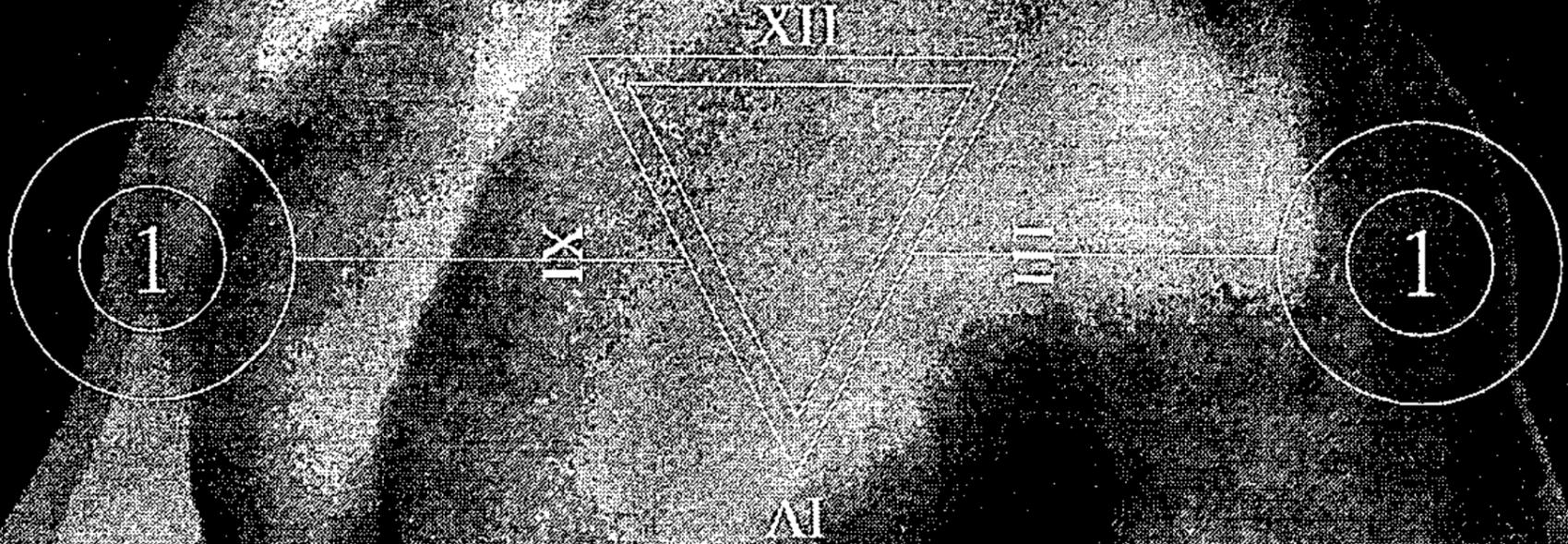
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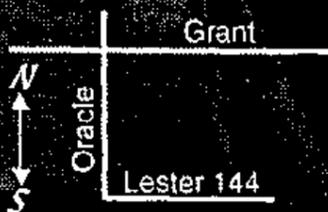
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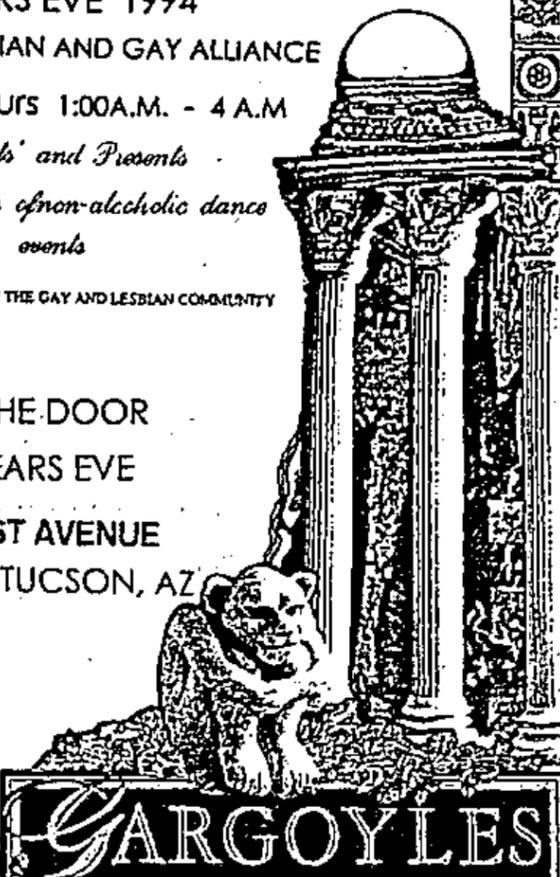
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## GARGOYLES

### Radical Right Attacks Pro-Gay Companies

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Not satisfied with recent election results, the American Family Association (AFA), an ultra homophobic media watchdog group, has now turned its sights on businesses and media sympathetic to Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

current pressure, contact: Michael Miles, Philip Morris Co., 120 Park Avenue, New York, NY, 10017, Michael Quintan, McDonald's Corporation, 1 Kroc Drive, Oak Brook, IL, 60521 or (708) 575-3000 and Alexander Trotman, Ford Motor Company, POB 1899, Dearborn, MI 48121.

AFA has been extremely vocal and diligent in its attacks on AT&T's pro-Gay company policies, public education and community involvement including the company's sponsorship of Gay Games 1994. The AFA encourages members and supporters to switch to Lifeline, a long distance carrier that pledges to donate 10% of its billing to groups opposing abortion and Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

Finally, take a pro-active step at your workplace, contact the safe Place Program (407) 662-3515 to find out how your employer can better serve its Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual employees.

In addition, citing the "awesome power...of the homosexual community in Hollywood," in its most recent newsletter, the AFA recently launched a postcard campaign threatening a boycott of companies that sponsor television shows even mentioning homosexuality.

These companies must be encouraged to publicly reject Radical Right pressure. Show your support for AT&T's pro-Gay policies, contact CERC, 295 North Maple Ave. Basking Ridge, NJ, 07920.

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## NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson is proud to support and co-sponsor HIV/AIDS Instructor Training, a program organized and conducted by the American Red Cross under the supervision of Lynn Sagara, Statewide AIDS Network Coordinator.

On December 9th, 14 members of our community came together to learn, take examinations and become certified as HIV/AIDS Instructors with the capacity to reach all persons, groups, not only in the immediate community, but be available to make presentations throughout the state.

I was fortunate to be in the group and the impact of the following three days of intensive learning, training and examinations had made me realize the great need that exists to inform, educate and enlighten everyone that: 1. Does not know the difference between HIV and AIDS. 2. Does not have basic facts (and not misinformation) about prevention and transmission.

Keeping the American Red Cross' objectives in mind which are to improve and enhance the quality of human life; to enhance self reliance and concern for others; to help people avoid, prepare for, and cope with emergencies, these fourteen newly certified instructors can go out into the community to reach all school children, church and social groups, employees of companies great and small, or anyone needing this information.

Video based presentations with question and answer sessions are 1 hour, 90 minute or two hours in duration.

These presentations provide facts about HIV infection, transmission, prevention in an effort to dispel so many myths that, unfortunately, confuse and frustrate the general public.

To request information on having a presentation made to your group, call Lynn Sagara at the American Red Cross office, 623-0541, Harold Lackey, Early Intervention Counselor Specialist at PACT or myself at 770-1710.

The Global AIDS Policy Coalition released the following statistics of this year for the Worldwide cumulative HIV infection totals: Men - 11,287,000; Women - 8,737,000; Children - 2,175,000 for an alarming total of 22,199,000.

In the weeks to follow, more information will be provided to raise public awareness concerning this disease and provide options and information on networking, referral, intervention, counseling that is so necessary today.

The entire Board of Directors, all staff members at PACT wish everyone a happy and joyous holiday season. As we anticipate this season's celebrations, **THINK AND ACT SAFE!**

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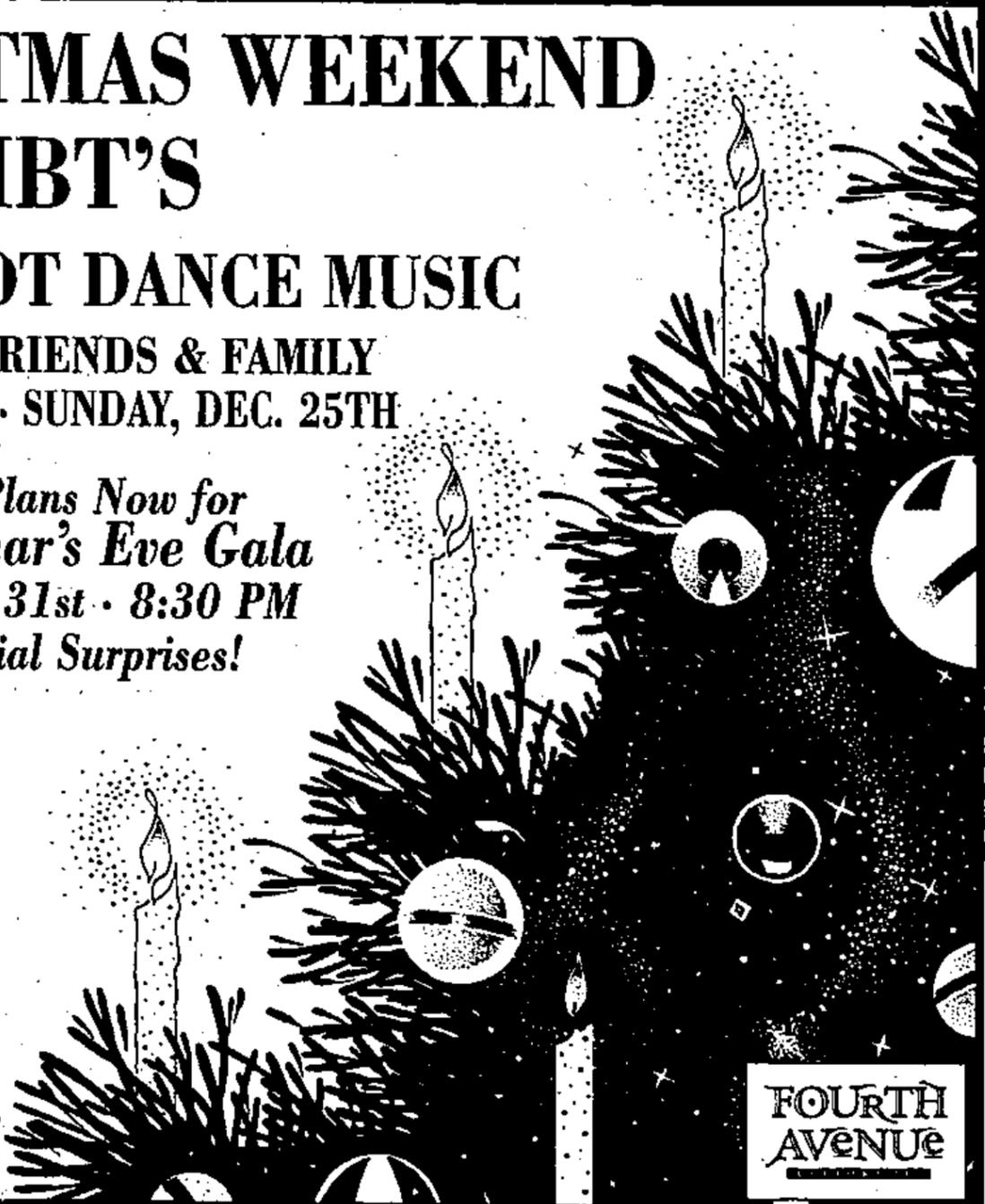
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The content is up to the writer. We want stories, dreamscapes, fantasies and anecdotes, funny, sad, or poignant about growing up, coming out, falling in love, breaking up, raising children, making and losing friends.

Write about being queer on the job, politics, Gay bashing, bashing back, being Two Spirited, living with AIDS/HIV, living with disabilities, poverty, co-parenting, family, relationships, negotiating sex, having sex, dry periods, being single, being married, dating, stolen moments, cruising, tricking, monogamy, non-monogamy, butch-femme, bear boy and anything else about the wonders and challenges, contradictions, ironies, tragedies and triumphs of queer life past, present or future.

**Submission Guidelines:** Submission should be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Use a letter quality printer. Manuscript should be approximately 750-1000 words in length. Don't send original. Things get lost in the mail. Include a SASE (must be Canadian postage or International Reply Coupons) if you want your manuscript returned. Include an additional business sized SASE (Canadian postage) for correspondence. Include a short bio with your submission.

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# POLITICS '94 *by Mark Kerr*

## JINGLE BELLS, LUIS SMELLS, CARMEN'S LAID A FRUITCAKE...

Normally during the month of December, little to no news occurs in the wacky world of politics. But the past week we had more than our fair share. So for your perusal:

What does a T-Bone steak, a \$4.99 bottle of nose spray and four fruit cakes have in common? Answer: These items have brought public shame and ridicule of three politicians, who were arrested for shoplifting the above mentioned items.

Back in 1983, then Democratic mayoral candidate and former Pima County Supervisor Ron Asta was arrested for shoplifting in a supermarket, when he tried to shove a T-Bone steak down his trousers. His bid to be Tucson's mayor went down in flames.

In 1992, former District 10 State Senator Jesus "Chuy" Higuera, was arrested for shoplifting a bottle of nosespray. Higuera was on probation for his involvement in the AZScam scandal. [Remember his famous quote, "I want the casino shrimp concession."]

Now in 1994, December, State Representative Carmen Cajero, (D-District 10), who has been in office for 30 or 40 years was, you guessed it, arrested for trying to shoplift not one, two, but four fruitcakes.

Cajero had allegedly put the fruit

cakes in her purse, while shopping at a supermarket on Tucson's southside. Rep. Cajero is being charged with misdemeanor.

It is unlikely though that the Legislature will take action against Cajero, according to former State Rep. Jack Jewett. Jewett states that the Legislature acted to remove someone the first time in 1991, when Sen. Carolyn Walker was removed, because of her involvement in the AZScam scandal.

Democratic party officials are calling the situation with Rep. Cajero, "a sad one", and "showing the unfortunate sign of the times."

[This sordid situation leads this reporter to ask three questions: 1. Why!? 2. Has she lost her mind!? 3. How big was that purse!]

The next scandal involves the new wunderkind of local politics, the newly elected Mayor of Nogales, Arizona, 23 year old, University of Arizona student, Luis Valdez.

What could a fresh face, idealistic young politico could have done? Well for the past several months, Valdez had been driving with a suspended license, due to his involvement in an auto accident, where he was cited for three violations, the one in question was for speeding, which caused the rear end collision.

Well, Valdez paid the fines for the two violations. But his license was

suspended for the speeding violation, which Valdez claims he did not remember receiving a ticket for. Valdez added that this has been brought up and blown out of all proportion due to his political enemies.

[Frankly, his reaction surprises me. As it has been reported in the newspapers, Valdez is a political science major at the U of A, and in this reporter's opinion, he should have learned by now or through his courses, that once you go into elected political office, your life is not your own and you are thrown into the political fish bowl.]

On January 14, at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Hall in Tucson, there will be an intimate gathering...of Democratic Precinct Committeepersons to elect new officers to lead the Pima County Democrats. Last week, a challenger announced her intentions for the County fracas.

Carmen Villa Prezelski announced her candidacy for the post of County Democratic Chair. Prezelski currently serves as Chair of the District 13 Democrats. The current Chair, John Soltero, announced his plans to run for re-election. [What a record to run own, a drop by 33% of elected PC's, and losing all the statewide races in Pima County. Wow!]

In the Ponder A While But Don't File Department: A member of the Tucson Mayor and City Council board is no longer speaking to over half the board, which doesn't hurt their feelings.

Plus, this same Council member is not happy with their council office. In fact, they are going to try to remodel their office. They stated they cannot hold "big meetings" there. The last time their office was remodeled was late 1993! Talk about spending that taxpayer money!

So it goes...

## Wingspan Gallery Curator Appointed

TUCSON - Bob MacMahon was appointed as Curator of the Wingspan Gallery. The appointment occurred during the monthly Wingspan Board meeting.

The Wingspan Gallery consists of about thirty feet of wall space, and is suitable for small art exhibits. There have been several exhibits as of late. They consisted of Survival Art, Paintings by Evamarie Lugo, Photographs by two members of the youth group and Cibachrome photographs by the new Curator. Starting the new year off will be an exhibit by David Eyde.

The Gallery will be showing a new exhibit of some form of the visual arts by different artists. If you would like to schedule a showing of your art, please call Bob MacMahon at 571-8783. Please have a portfolio or set of slides that we may review.

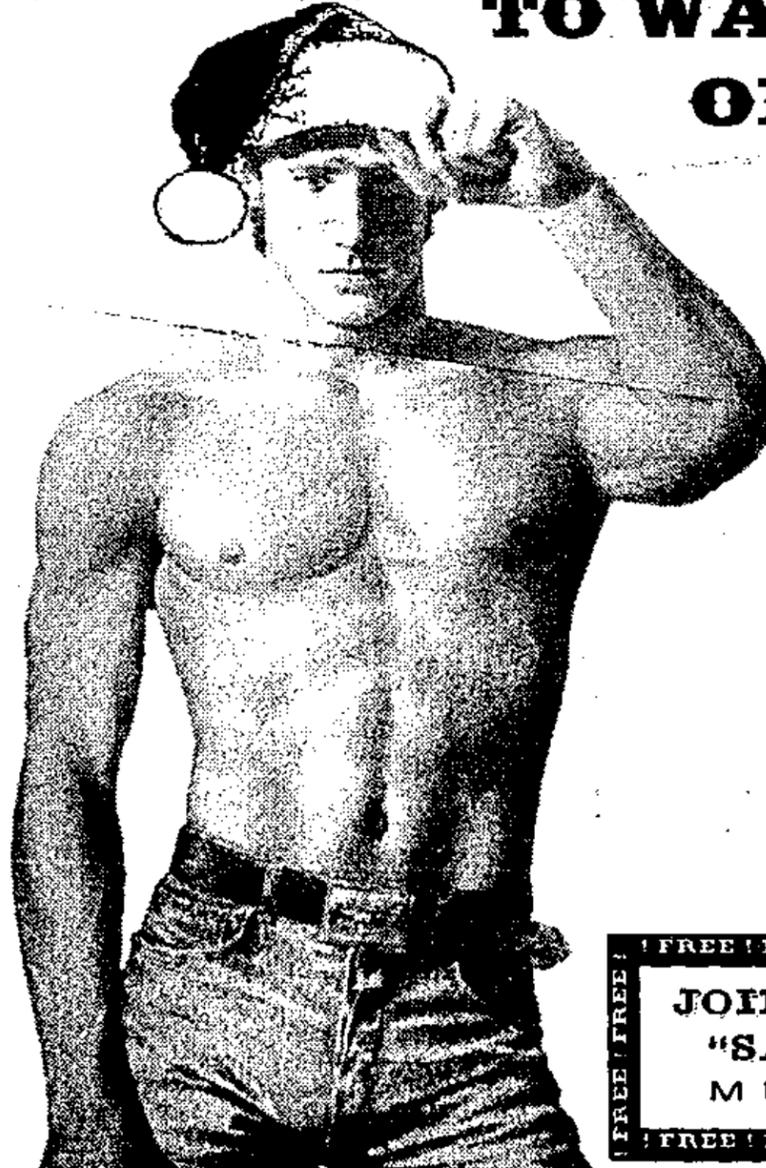
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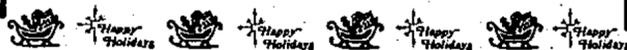
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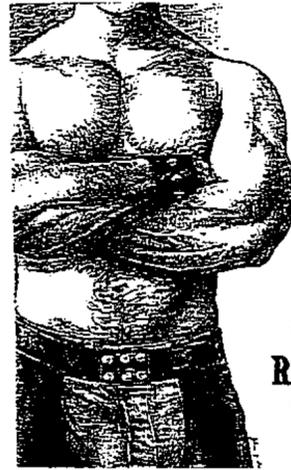
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**From The POOP SHEET**

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Mr. dear! What kind of reader have I attracted!? Now just wipe that silly smile off your face. The word is "sheer", my dear, not "chute"! You probably thought this was going to be a "sex column", didn't you? Just curious, but does your mind always function in this manner?

Do you think often about the scientific probability that in our good ol' U.S. of America there are probably 24,-870,987 of "us"? Of course, if the conservative Religious Right is right, there are only 2,487,099 of "us".

Really? If they are correct, it would mean there have been some occasions where close to half of "us" has attended. Likely? I doubt it. I rarely attend large functions, Gay or straight, and nine out of ten Gays I know has never attended any of the "biggies".

However, if the scientists are correct, then ponder upon this for a moment: If you live in a town of 8,000 it would mean there are potentially 800 homos in your town. You say "no way, Jose!"

Well, I suppose they could have moved after they found out they "were". Fire Island, West Hollywood, the Castro, etc., do have a higher than 10% Gay population, so some of the small towners certainly must have moved there. But's its highly improbable all 800 moved! One might therefore conclude: The closets in your little homes town are filled. What a pity! I thought it was only my generation which was a bunch of chickens!

Do you ever think of yourself as being a "brother" or "sister: to our fellow Gays and Lesbians? Why not? We're in reality "a family", you know. We all stem from one source. Hard to believe, isn't it? Truth sometimes is stranger than fiction which makes it very difficult to believe. Just knowing, however, that I have a brother and a sister in you sure does make me feel good all over. So, tell me: If you set the rules for love, tell me how it would be.

Ready for a good laugh? Get ready! A united national Gay community. Ha, ha, ha! This baby may have existed during brief episodes twenty years ago, but somewhere along the way baby became like most babies... "Waaa! I want it my way!" Hmmm, maybe it became infected with Mr. Reagan's "me generation" virus? Don't forget: United we stand, divided we fall. It's still true!

Tired of hearing about AIDS? Well, aren't we all! However, is this reason to do the "ostrich syndrome" and pretend it doesn't affect us? I've run into fatalist who say "to hell with it all, I'm going to live just like I want to live. If I die, I die."

Come on folks! This is insanity. And the rest of us are certainly not so sex-starved that we would want to date or trick with someone who doesn't give a shit if they kill us?! Yes, sex is a reality in life. We can't promote it. We just live with it. But, we can protest ourselves and those we fall in lust with.

So! Gays & Lesbians are all a bunch of rich folks, huh?! Well, the straight community seems to be expounding we are richer than they are. We did promote this image though. The impor-

tance of advertising dollars, you know.

Granted we certainly are a bunch of "shoppers". Oh! We're also thought of as being better educated. It's all so interesting as I know so few rich Gays or Lesbian; most are bootstrap folks like myself. The street wise intelligence of most Gays also makes my Degrees seem insignificant. Sure, we're intelligent, but better educated? I dunno.

Why in the hell should I have to be proud I'm Gay? Straight folks don't have to be proud they're straight, do they? Whether we're straight or Gay; if we are loving, kind, honorable human beings; this is what it's all about.

Just because you may feel as I do that you can't be a member of ACT UP; don't think you can't act up in your own individual manner. Your life is very important to all of us in the Gay/Lesbian community. It's also maybe even more important to our straight friends and loved ones, who need to learn to know us in our own "act up" truths.

Do you know a Gay rights activist from 20/25 years go who is still active in the battle? Please drop me a line and tell me about them. Yesterday's heroes and heroines need to be remembered for their labors.

Over the centuries we've been called "creative". Were we "creative" because our closets forced it out of us. Or, have we become less "creative" since the closet doors started opening? Maybe it's time we seriously began "creating" the 21st Century! Can't let the bastards get us down!

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Sorry to being late in writing this letter.

Another show to benefit my kids at the Orphanage is now in the past.

Even though the weather didn't lend itself, it still didn't detract a lot of people from attending the show.

Once the review began, every one got in the mood. It was indeed a great Christmas Show and each and every performer was excellent.

I feel very humble and blessed to have so many friends who not only helped in the raffle but also contributed beautiful gifts that were donated for the silent auction.

So the cast in the review, God bless each and everyone, you gave of yourself and it showed in your numbers.

A special thanks to my two surprise guests who were outstanding.

To David Z., who has been my right hand man and friend.

There are many others who were a part of this huge success, all my love.

On behalf of my kids, David and myself, I want to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

God bless each and everyone of you.

All my love, Rudi

**TO THE COMMUNITY:**

The "Best Lesbian Drag show you've never seen in your Life," a benefit for the National MPS Society, finally arrived in Tucson with over 200 in attendance. The National MPS Society is a non-profit, support organization for families with children diagnosed with the rare, genetic MPS diseases.

Slique Callahan, cast and crew brought a touch of magic to the stage, which helped to raise over \$1,700.00 for the National MPS Society.

A big thank you to the following people:

To Bobby Harris, for making a donation of \$400, that was matched by the audience.

To Melinda Brown, owner of Ain't Nobodys' Bizness, for the donation of \$100, and the numerous donations from other friends.

To Elvia and Melody of TRESS hair for providing a dressing room for the entertainers, and for also providing refreshments for the female FEMALE impersonators.

To the Lodge on the Desert, the Ramada Inn Downtown and the Flamingo Travel Lodge, which provided rooms for our performers. Thanks for supporting the MPS Society and the Gay and Lesbian Community.

To Bob Ellis of The Observer for his photo's. (Get off the pool table Bob!).

To all the employees of Ain't Nobodys' Bizness for their hard and dedication to our cause. You were all terrific.

To Melinda and Theresa; you were so wonderful that we'd like to do it again next year.

A special thanks to Slique, Monique and the cast and crew of "The Best Lesbian Show you've never seen in your Life." You heard Woody's story and other children like him and cared enough to be a part of the solution.

The MPS Society takes our hats off to Ain't Nobodys' Bizness; and all the men, women and others that attended the show.

In closing, I'd like to thank my wife, Natalie Perry, for her love and support. I'm blessed to have her in my life.

Thanks to all for your generosity. Beth Perry



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**IBT'S** - A big Christmas Show hosted by Miss AGRA Gilda Fatale and starring Miss Gay Arizona, Lucinda Holliday, Helona Bubbles, and Adrienne Alexander. 9:00 p.m. sharp!!!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

**GRADUATE** - Showtime: "Christmas With A Bunch Of Queens" featuring "Miss Best Door, Lucinda Holliday; "Miss Gay Bush Bunny", Adrienne Alexander, "Miss Gay Open Range", Christina de Alexis and "Miss Gay Bookstore", Mr. Kenneth Blake.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**HOURS** - Christmas Eve Party begins at 8:00 p.m. Come join Lee and the gang! Christmas presents, drink special and more! Coming to you from your favorite Elve!

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

**GRADUATE** - Open regular hours.

**HOURS** - Christmas Day Pot Luck starts at 4:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish, sit by the fireplace, watch football on the big screen with your friends and family at Hours.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

**GRADUATE** - Grad will open at 3:00 p.m. today to allow the Elves time to party a little.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

**CLUB 2520** - Gold Schlager and T.Q. Hot promotion night from 10:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. \$1 shots of both plus free T-shirts, shot glasses and hats.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**IBT'S** - Party! Watch for upcoming ad and mark your calendars

**PARADOX** - Tucson's newest nightclub will open its doors for the first time tonight at 9:00 p.m. It will be a new year's eve celebration with the pre-grand opening of Arizona's largest and ultimate Gay nightclub. Ring in New Years with the tremendous midnight countdown extravaganza; all night drink specials and after hours until 3 a.m. Direct from LA and Club Axis the gorgeous and hot Go-Go Boys Jimmy Johnson and Alan Andramino. Music provided by Max Dillon from New York City. Check out their ad on page three of this issue.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

**CLUB 2520** - First night of the new dinner schedule with food prepared by House of Jerome Catering. this evening's meal will be a spaghetti dinner and will benefit Shaotti foundation of Tucson. \$3.95 per person. Diners will be served daily Tuesday thru Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. Check it out!

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Join P.A.C.T.'s Holiday Fiesta for Tucson's HIV/AIDS Community from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 801 W. Congress. Need a ride? Call Scott Blades at 299-9063 to arrange transportation. Some food and beverages will be provided. If you like, bring a dish and/or beverage of choice (sorry, no liquor). Table games will be provided. Each person will be given a free ticket for a fun Gift Raffle. Join in on the White Elephant Gift exchange - just find something in your home you don't need or want, wrap it up and bring it with you. For more information call Dan Neizer at 770-1710.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

New Year's Eve Black and White dinner, dance and show at the Quality Inn University, 1601 N. Oracle. \$25 per person includes dinner, party favors and champagne at midnight. No host bar. All proceeds benefit the National MPS Society. Limited seating. Get your tickets now. All ages welcome. Bring your ID for cocktails. enjoy an evening of live vocals, piano music, comedy, female impersonators. Door prizes and lots of dancing. Ticket information call 747-7426 or get your tickets at Holliday's Headliners gift shop inside Club 2520.

"After Dark" after hours 1:00 to 4:00 a.m. hosted by Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) in the first of a series of non-alcoholic dance events celebrating your support of and benefit for the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community. \$4.00 at the door. DJ will be MIQ. Located at 3206 N. 1st Avenue in the Amphib Plaza.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

A collection of color photographs by David Eyles entitled "What I did On My Vacation" will be on exhibit at the Wingspan Community Center Gallery, 422 N. 4th Ave. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The exhibit will run through January 31. Gallery hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Tuesday, Thursday: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 1:00 to 3:00 and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## FRI-SAT-SUN., JANUARY 13-14-15

10th Anniversary Rodeo! Arizona Gay Rodeo Presents the annual Roadrunner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix. Quality Hotel is the Host hotel (602)248-0222. The rodeo will be held at Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds - 29th Avenue at Baseline.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will hike the Bear Canyon and Seven Falls (8 miles; 700 ft. elevation change). Group will meet at 9:00 a.m. and follow the park road to Bear Canyon and then on to Seven Falls where they will relax and have lunch. For those who wish, there is the possibility of hiking beyond the falls for beautiful views from above. For information and/or reservations, call Les McAllen through pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch tone phones only) followed by the # sign).

## FEBRUARY 17-18-19

The NAMES Project will display the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Phoenix at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. The Event Steering Committee needs volunteers. Panel making workshops are held in Phoenix the Third Wednesday and Second Saturday of each month through February 15th at 111 E. Camelback. Volunteers from Tucson are needed to help with set-up, quilt monitoring, sales, panel making, candle-lit vigil. Call Mary Higgins or Frank Gallego at the P.A.C.T. Office, 770-1710 to sign up.

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# CALENDAR

## sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Beer Best 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. More d'Ocevre. Sals Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 7 p.m.

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Sals 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 Schaepps 75c

**HOURS** - Shady Mays and Secret \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 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. Beach B-B-Q and Beer Best for community organizations 4-7. Tin 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 Best. 50c Draft. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Disco dancing 8 to close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. J01 Dart Tournament 4 pm. \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 3-7 pm.

## monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7, Reverse Happy Hour 9-1, DJ 9pm.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well B-1 + More Madras "Decade's". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 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 in the Eagle 10am to 8pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Mary Mody, \$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 BUSINESS** - 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-Square Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing begins at 9 pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schaepps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, Schaepps 75c 7pm to close

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and services.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Wet Jacket Short Contest 10pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

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

## wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Western Mix. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schaepps 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 Edgar 7:30-9:30

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

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 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. Sals Nite featuring Mexican Combia, banda y top 40's. Corona or Cerveza 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 BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Beer Best 9 to midnight, \$1.25 pitchers.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c Schaepps 9pm to 1am. 2-Step lessons 7 pm. Dart Tournery at 8, \$2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schaepps 75c

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken 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 - win 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 BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Complimentary Hous d'Ocevre

**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 Schaepps 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 Louie 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hots d'Ocevre 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 BUSINESS** - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, winner 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 Schaepps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pilsa Coladas \$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 Louie 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 nite for those in proper attire.

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

# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The story of the Wise men or Magi who came from the East to worship the Christ Child is always told as part of the Christmas story. Matthew 2: 1, 2 tells us, "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

The Scriptures tells us very little about these Magi. Although the tradition holds that there were three, probably because of the recounting of the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh which they gave to the Christ child, in reality there were probably more than three.

They had come a long way, across hostile territory, and were undoubtedly aware that a large group of people would be in less danger from bandits than just a few. They were "from the east", possibly Persia, and were famed for their knowledge, not just of the stars as is often thought, but of many other areas such as medicine and religion. You might say that they were the professors of their day.

These men probably arrived several months after the birth of Jesus Christ. Some branches of the Christian Church celebrate the coming of the Wise men on Christmas Day, while others celebrate it on January 6, known as Epiphany.

In some countries Christmas Day is celebrated as a very solemn, religious day, while the gift giving is done on Epiphany, in memory of the Wise men, who were the first to give gifts in honor of the Christ child.

The important thing to remember about the Wise men is why they came, not when they came. They came because they had read the prophecy in the Jewish Scriptures which states, "...A star will come

out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel." (Numbers 24:17) They believed that when the bright new star appeared in the sky this was a sign from God that the promised king was born.

Because they were obedient to God's leading in their lives through the Scriptures as well as the star, they were willing to leave the comforts of their homeland and travel many miles across unknown territory, to worship the new "King of the Jews," Jesus Christ, who was born not just for the Jews but for all who will come to him.

Many people today are searching, trying to find God. Some say that it is hard to find him through the dogma and ritual of religion. But what a terrible misunderstanding this is!

Those Wise men of so many years ago followed what God had told them, and as they were obedient to follow, God gave them further guidance. When the Wise man received the answer to their question about where Jesus was, Matthew tells us, "...the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was." (Matthew 2:9)

Every person who is honestly searching for God today can be assured that God will continue to lead that person step by step until the time when that person will come face to face with him and worship him, just as the Magi did.

Just as the Wise men sought Jesus so long ago, wise men and women will seek him. If you are seeking Jesus Christ this Christmas, you are invited to join us as we'll celebrate his birth. Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6:00 PM, and our Christmas Day celebration will be at 10:30 AM.

person on this planet. A woman is no different that a man when it comes to this virus. Why should prevention have diversion amongst gender?

I am writing this more as a plea than a gripe. If anyone can assist in the prevention of something capable of taking their Sister, spouse or Mother, please get involved.

Lets use all of our communication powers and let the appropriate persons know that this is the time for people; not female, not male, but people. And since people can get HIV, we demand that people be informed and provided with the tools they need to fight this people virus.

It took a banding of a great kind to bring AIDS to the forefront of the news. Lets start another wave and show them we are not through fighting something so strong. Lets be people and fight this people problem.

## PERSPECTIVE by Jerry Diaz

The latest studies have shown that women are the largest growing population of persons acquiring the HIV virus.

The reason I started this perspective on such a grim note is simple.

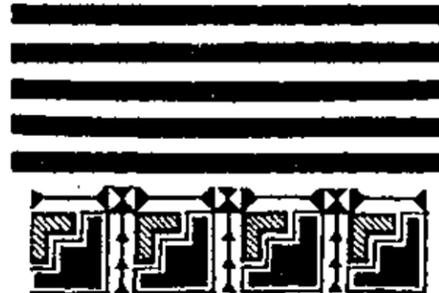
After some research, asking about in the Community, and bothering every organization in town, obtaining a female safe sex packet seemed nearly impossible.

Getting a condom in Tucson is about as easy as running into someone asking for money on Fourth Avenue. Getting some protection for a woman though seems to be a different situation.

Funding seems to be at the root of all the problems involved in getting supplies to fight any battle, and the case is no different in this one. Of course when your dealing with a disease such as AIDS, the battle lines are clearly those where the people have to stand alone.

Even in our Community, there seems to be a diversion about where the greatest need is met. Gender should not be an issue when it comes to saving lives.

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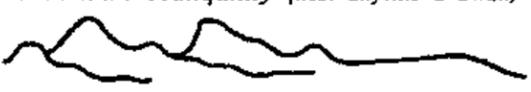
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# "G Word" Update

Irwin Allen, producer of such disaster flicks as "The Story of Mankind", "The Towering Inferno", "Earthquake" and the "Poseidon Adventure" proudly presents the highlights from the season finale of "The G Word".

"The G Word", Tucson's own Gay and Lesbian television extravaganza can be seen on Thursday's, live, 8:00 PM on Tucson Cablevision channel 64, with rebroadcast on Friday's at 2:30 PM on channel 62.

The show opened with Scott Shanks, Tucson's "G.Q. Man", announcing the show, but his voice was gone? Was it laryngitis? What happened to Scott and where is his voice?

The show's host as always that man who started his career in Vaudeville and work his up to dinner theater; that man who gives new meaning to the term, "underdressed and overplayed"; that natural blond demigod, Gary "Where's my Emmy!" Clark. Gary looked luscious in his designer outfit from the Lyle Waggoner collection from the Price Club.

Gary had two co-hosts this week, Chuck Brady and "The G Words" own news and weather god, Stan Phulp. It was revealed on the show that Chuck Brady had gone incognito for several months due to his work on a covert operation in the Assessor's office.

A surprise guest then appeared, none other than Cowboy Ken of AGRA-Tucson. Ken talked about the Roadrunner Regional Rodeo which will take place in couple of weeks up in Phoenix. For details see that advertisements in this edition of the paper. Also, it is alleged that Ken will be forming a new signing duet with none other than Dale Evans. Could this be true?

Then it was time for Dear Blabby, but Blabby was no were to be found. It seems, according to her brother, Dear Drabby, the last he saw of Blabby was when she fled to her limo and was off to the airport, destination unknown. So where is Tucson's premier gossip columnist extraordinaire?

Video highlights was next, showing clips from the past season, retrospective of the shows in the proverbial can. Why only then just three clips?

The show rolled along with Gary doing his impersonation with Phil Donahue, walking around the studio and interviewing audience members and regulars of the big show.

Unfortunately, someone had sabotaged his hand held mike, and he did his impersonation of Marcel Marceau. Who would do this? And could it have been Blabby as an act of revenge?

With a new microphone in hand, Gary interviewed "The G" Boys, Madison O'Neil and Jonathan Berner. But, Gary's hard hitting questions revealed something about the boys. It seems that it wasn't Madison there at all, it was his evil twin brother, Monroe. So, that leads to the question, where is Madison, and what has Monroe done with or to him?

Next on the big show was the director of all the anarchy, also called a television show, Jim Wilcox. Who talked about his upcoming bid for the TCCC Board, and talked about his numerous mistakes in his first bid. Will Jim

succeed this time, or will he become the Harold Stassen of TCCC campaigns?

There was no Slap of the Week or Pat on the Butt on the big show. Why? Plus there were no credits as well? What happened? It seems during half way through the broadcast Executive Producer Tony DeNinno and Producer Rhett Gable were kidnapped by Chechnyan terrorists, and none other than super heroine, the "Krystal Carrington of TCCC", Jai Burns, directed the last portion of the broadcast. Which leads to the question of where Tony and Rhett are? Plus one last question for consideration. Will political reporter Mark Kerr appear again on the show? Will his contract negotiation be resolved or will he be replaced by Vic Caputo?

These questions and a heck of a lot less with probably answered on the second live season premiere of "The G Word", Thursday, January 19, 8:00 PM in studio A.

## Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson by RY

The AGRA Tucson Chapter Meetings were held this past Sunday at The Graduate. A big thanks to the management and staff at The Graduate for their hospitality during our meetings.

The AGRA Do It Yourself Messiah also took place this past Sunday evening at the Southwest Center for Music. Everyone warmed up with some classic Christmas Carols before starting the Messiah. The Messiah cast consisted of: Conductor-Todd Wachsmen, Pianist-Emmy Stringham, Soprano-Stephanie Dreisbach, Alto-Daena Mireau, Tenor-Michal Harris, Bass-James Shafer.

These individuals were nothing short of fantastic as they share their beautiful vocal talents with those present. The audience took part in the Messiah by joining the cast in singing the chorus. While not everyone in the audience knew the words to the Messiah, song books

were provided and everyone gave it their best shot. The atmosphere was very relaxed and quite enjoyable.

After singing a few more Christmas Carols once the Messiah had ended, everyone proceeded to the lounge for a wonderful buffet and cocktails. It was great to see everyone so festive as they mingles with one another. The music hall was certainly filled the with magic of the holidays that past evening.

A special thank you to everyone present for making the Messiah such a fun and successful event. Congratulations to Bill Nugent, Chair-AGRA Do It Yourself Messiah, on a job well done.

January will mark the start of the AGRA-Tucson Membership Drive. If you've ever thought about joining, now is the time to do it. New members are al-

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Intellectual Mercury changes signs this week, moving from good time Sagittarius to a more pragmatic Capricorn. Capricornic energy lends a sort of dry wit and practicality to our communication. New insights can be gained in different areas of our lives. Read ahead to see how Mercury in Capricorn helps us frame our opinions and sound almost intelligent and insightful...

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Trade in your tee shirt for a shark fin. Mercury in Capricorn galvanizes your political, corporate strategy and enables you to carefully plan your professional course of action. Shall we take it to the limit? First get the ear of those in charge and make sure that you can talk the lingo. The idea is to enlist support from those in authority without hitting the CEO over the head Aries style.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

The Bull may want to hoof it to places far afield as Mercury in Capricorn indicates an ulterior motive in any vacation plans. You may be traveling for business or to

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gain greater insight into a particular personal project. What ever the reason, it is an excellent time to make plans and to talk to exotic (erotic?), international type folk who give you a greater global perspective.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Thoughts focus on hot, hot sex and who can blame you with Mercury poised so expectantly in Capricorn? My money says that the issue is not steamy sex, but the other advantages you gain from deeply personal interactions. You may be expecting more than a cheap and cheesy thrill for all your efforts. At very least, try to get greater insight into what makes you tick or some intelligent conversation.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Partnerships take on a greater importance now that Mercury is in Capricorn. You may pair up with someone much older or

more seasoned than you or you could approach relationships with a more mature outlook. Mercury will help you put your thoughts into focus so you will be able to adequately state just what you will and will not accept in a partner.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Although you may not fully appreciate the advantages of Mercury in Capricorn right now, the practical energy of the placement will serve you well later. The planet points you in the direction of work and the job at hand. Tasks can be easily categorized and prioritized. You will buzz through even the dreariest of projects and will never be more effective! Work now, rest later.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Even our old Mercury in Capricorn cannot squelch your desire to tap the creative rainbow. It is an excellent time

to write, paint, dance or even attend a theatrical performance. Any type of artistic outlet will benefit you in more ways than just pure enjoyment; Virgos are very practical and this particular planetary placement is a boon for planning future endeavors.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Mercury in Capricorn makes you much more appreciative of your home surroundings and the things around you that give a sense of security and presence. That delightful old couch with the coffee stains just needs a little TLC and soap and water. The planets also offer you the opportunity to patch up and clean up any long term familial disputes. Why not? It's the holiday season, after all.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

There may be an unfounded fear or not knowing your stuff, but I assure you, you know from whence you speak. The jitters come from Mercury in Capricorn which can play a few mind games on you if you don't muster the confidence to beat the monster back. The best bet is to use this planetary push to build on your knowledge and expertise like an eternal student.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

What better time for you to put all your intellectual focus on money and finances right now? Mercury in practical Capricorn gives you the insight and careful perspective to invest wisely. Money seeds planted in this period will reap big rewards later on. This planetary hard edge makes it difficult for any huckster to take advantage of your generous and trusting nature.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Mercury in your own sign can make you relatively adept in ascertaining peoples needs and motivations. Use this energy to meet new people or begin new projects (particularly those that require careful planning). Life can be one big chess game and you can now become a grand master when you survey the playing field. You may lack a little self confidence but it is all in your head!

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

The energy of Mercury in Capricorn gives you a stronger sense of spirituality this holiday season. I doubt whether you will feel truly at ease until you find time to volunteer at a hospice or hospital and spread the cheer around to those in need. Aquarians are humanitarians at heart and need to feel at one with the universe by making the universe a better place. Mercury says, "plan your strategy".

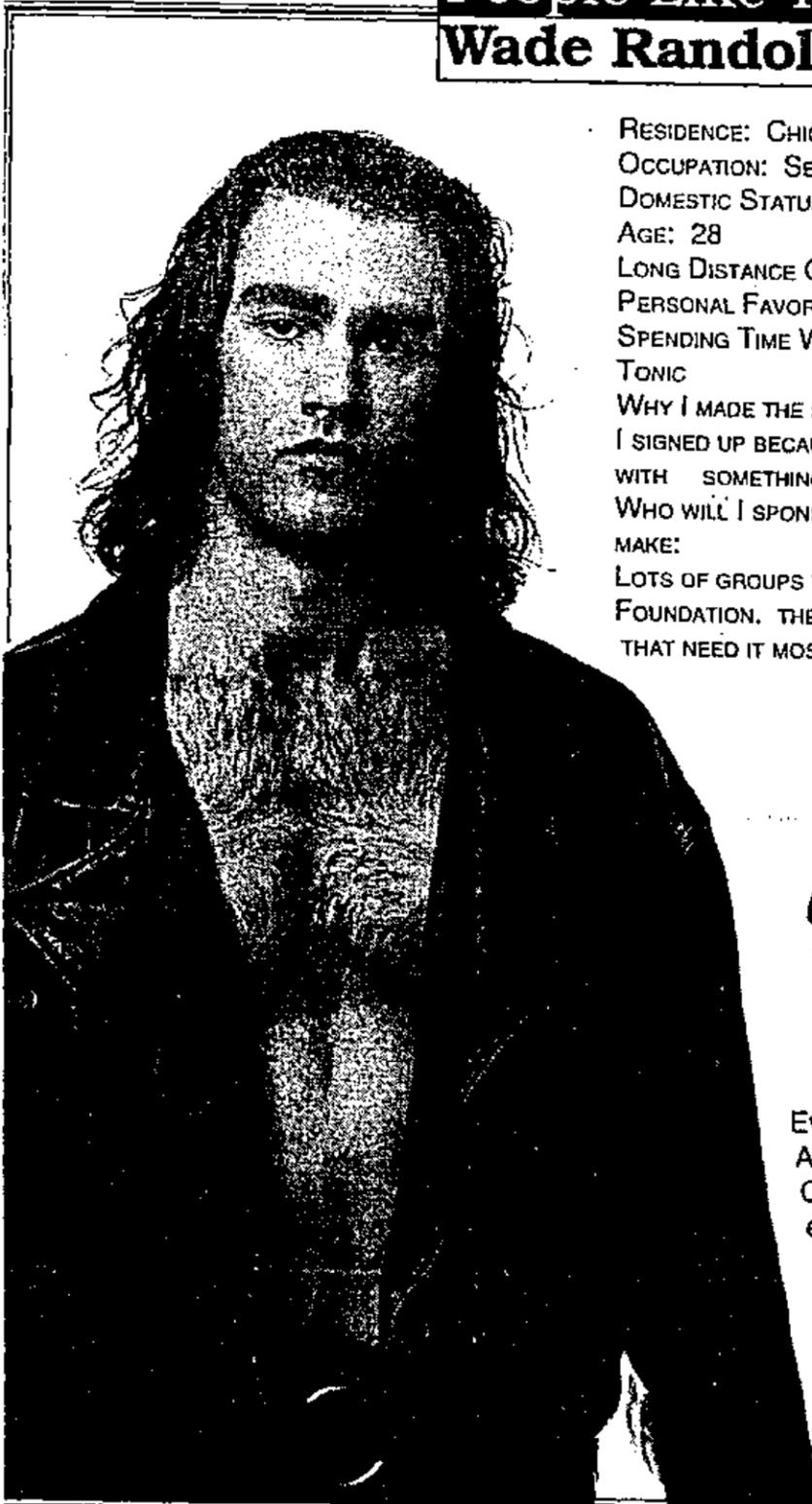
**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Our community needs your warm, practical perspective now that Mercury has entered Capricorn. Join an organization that can further our cause; your input will now fuel the effort like a rocket booster. Interestingly, your friends seems to sense your commitment and seek out your advice, even though they may not have ever asked your opinion before. What a gift for the season!

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

**SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON**  
Help as help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

**P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-6660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**Case De La Paloma Apostolic Church**, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6815.

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

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The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome retired men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 837-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

**AFFIRMATION Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormon and ex-Mormons.** For information write P.O. Box 78461, 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 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

**ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745, 770-1314.

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**"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region"** for information about membership or activities call Mike White 881-0471 Tucson.

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

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona.** Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Edly Waters, (602)371-1103

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

## Notices

**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 32083, Tucson, AZ 85731-2083. For faster reply please include phone number.

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**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 psychological facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPIRIT - 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 Foxhills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

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

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**UCSC ALUMNI:** The first reunion of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual University of California State Cruz alumni will be held April 23, 1995. For more information contact Leandra, Gay, Bisexual Resource, Alumni Office, Carriage House, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 or call (408)459-2530. Email: leandra\_burper@ucscmail.ucsc.edu.

**GAY AND LESBIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS - You are not alone!** SDA Kinship International exists to offer spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDA's who are Gay or Lesbian. For more information on Kinship in their Tucson area, contact: SDA Kinship International, P.O. Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. (714)248-1299. Confidentiality is ensured.

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# WHAT'S UP DOC???



A couple weeks ago I attended this year's Arizona Fellowship Run. Another person that was in attendance gave me the following. He stated that I could run it if I wanted to, and also, this came to him while watching everyone on the run.

Fiercely holding on to each other  
So many have not returned.

These are the lords of the desert.

Well, after reading it, I felt others would also like to read it. So, and a big thank you goes out to Richard Spears, of the Arizona Rangers, for the following.

Tired, tired & weary they've all come together in this place or some other.

Who know the paths these many boots have trod  
They come for friendship for fellowship  
Some for love seeking.

Remnants of a time gone  
Memories play tricks  
Tricks played.

"TKO has asked me to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped in supporting their annual Christmas Benefit Show, held last Saturday evening at the Graduate. After all tickets sales, and auctioned items, plus tips to those show members, was added up, a total of \$820 was raised. As advertised before, this money will be divided equally between Shanti and PACT, ear marked for client housing.

A very special thank you goes also out to not only the management and staff of the Graduate, but also Aviva Diamond, for the very special support given the club. In talking to Aviva, it was determined that the show Saturday evening was the 10th year in a row, TKO has staged this benefit at the Graduate.

Another very special thank you

goes out to contributors of gifts for this benefit. Again, the Tucson community came together to show their warm heartiness and generosity in supporting this benefit.



TBBS: Hank walked into the Graduate the other evening and asked Terry for his bus schedule. The reason being, as he stated, "I want to know what time

Stan is going to arrive at this end of the bar." Later Hank asked me to print a very special Merry Christmas from him to the newest Street Person, "K.B."

2:00 PM - TIME FOR YOUR FEEDING. (Stan telling Neil C. as he poured his shot.) Later - Neil was telling Stan, "You missed my 2:30 feeding."

Now, with Christmas upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest and most loving Christmas possible. If the love shown at this holiday is extended to all, all will have warmth in their hearts.

This column, is dedicated to the loving memory of Dale Mc Kissack, who moved on to the great club in the sky this past week. Dale was one person many of us over the years was privileged to meet and experienced both within and outside of

the Arizona club scene, and his drive will be missed by many. We may not have always agreed with him, but the end results, over the years, have benefited many in the different clubs.

## AGRA (Cont. from page seventeen)

ways welcome. Current members don't forget that your dues for 1995 are also due at this time in order to remain in active status. Please call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805 if you have any questions.

Don't forget the AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo is coming up January 13-15 in Phoenix. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Phoenix Rodeo. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Road Runner Regional Rodeo, please call (602) 265-0618.

If you've heard rumors about a group of individuals terrorizing Winterhaven this past Saturday, you can rest assured it was the AGRA Group. 21 people took part in the Hay Ride through Winterhaven.

All I can say is that this group needs to take a few lessons in Choir 101. Even a young girl walking through Winterhaven kindly asked the group to shut up! The group oohed aahed as they passed the beautifully decorated homes, applauding at the ones with the most decorations.

Why Barney even brought along his Boom Box and Michael Jackson Christmas Cassette! He brings that damn cassette with him next year and he can take his own private tour, just he and Michael. Thanks to everyone that showed up for the Hay Ride.

AGRA wishes everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. May all your wishes be fulfilled this holiday season. Merry Christmas to all.

## Violence (Cont. from page one)

fear revealing a victim's sexual orientation to police, and that anti-Gay killings may be a lower priority for some police departments. The study also said police operated from the "blame the victim perspective."

Sgt. John Clifford, a New York City police spokesman, said the department "views homicides of all persons very seriously with a special sensitivity toward homicides committed against Gays or Lesbians."

FBI spokesperson Rick Smith in San Francisco said he had "no basis for comment" on the report because the FBI does not differentiate between killings of Gays and heterosexuals in its crime statistics.

The study said it found at least eight serial murderers preyed on homosexuals in the United States, and six are still at large.

Roy Secord, of New York City said at the news conference held by the Anti-Violence Project that he came home one day last year to find that his companion had been stabbed 20 to 309 times by a man they hired to do some painting.

"He did not go down with stab wounds alone," Secord said. "He was beaten with a pot and an iron."

Secord said that over his objections, prosecutors let the killer plead guilty to manslaughter rather than face trial for murder. "I don't feel I was given equal time as a spouse would be given," he said.



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