

Record Media Participation On Day Of Compassion



L-R: Kristoff St. John ("Young and The Restless"), Elizabeth Sung ("Joy Luck Club"), Felix Pire ("It's My Party"), Kimberly McCullough ("General Hospital"), Wendy Riche (Executive Producer, "General Hospital"), Richard Jennings (Executive Director, Hollywood Supports), Alaina Reed-Hall ("227", "Sesame Street"), Bruce Davison ("Longtime Companion"), and Dan Butler ("Frasier") at press briefing for 1996 Day of Compassion.

LOS ANGELES, CA - Hollywood Supports summarized media participation in this year's Day of Compassion, June 21, 1996, as having featured more entire television shows devoted to the subject of AIDS and compassion for those affected than ever before, and the greatest network television participation to date.

Hollywood Supports also reported that the overall quality of programming for the Day of Compassion this year was the best it has ever been. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National AIDS Hotline reported receiving over 80,000 hotline calls during the Day of Compassion, a new record for calls resulting from television programming.

The annual Day of Compassion, a project of Hollywood Supports, is when network and cable television programming, along with other local and national media, highlight compassion and support for people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Hollywood Supports Executive Director Richard Jennings explained that, this year, "Virtually all the daytime talk shows participated, with most devoting the entire program to the topic. Some, like Jenny Jones, and Late Date with Sari, produced special shows that ran twice those shows' evening, also participated, along with all but one of the daytime dramas. Clearly the entertainment and news media's participation this year made this the biggest media even yet for AIDS awareness."

Two of the major themes of the Fourth Annual Day of Compassion were the rapidly growing rate of infection among teens, and volunteer opportunities

for those who want to make a difference in the fight against AIDS. According to Jennings, "It would be extremely difficult, if not downright painful, to try to identify the best of this year's Day of Compassion programming, since so many shows did such an extraordinary job in portraying compassion and addressing this year's theme."

According to Hollywood Supports' telephone logs, however, the shows most often cited by viewers and volunteers who called the office that day were Oprah, which featured children and adult affected by AIDS, with an appearance by Hollywood Supports' own Lynne Gabriel; General Hospital, which devoted the entire episode the Nurses' Ball for AIDS, during which the character of "Robin Scorpio" came out as having HIV; Rosie O'Donnell, which featured the cast of Broadway's "Rent" and other celebrities taking about AIDS; and Extra, the only one of the evening newsmagazines to devote the entire subject highlighting the way that the entertainment community has consistently taken the lead in the fight against AIDS.

Richard Jennings gave special kudos to Extra for helping to generate advance awareness by running promos for Day of Compassion the entire week in advance of the Day of Compassion show.

Day of Compassion started in 1993 when Hollywood Supports volunteer Neil Tadken got the idea after watching an AIDS-themed episode on One Life to Live. Day of Compassion is now an annual project of Hollywood Supports, underwritten in part by a grant from the Permanent Charities of the Entertainment Industries.

Euphoria Abounds At AIDS Conference

VANCOUVER, Brit. Col., (AP) - The 11th International Conference on AIDS opened with something entirely new in the brief history of the epidemic: a barely containable sense of optimism.

The euphoric shift in mood is as dramatic, and as surprising as the scientific breakthroughs that triggered it. For the first time, the idea is beginning to sink in that HIV might not be a death sentence after all.

"People are much more enthusiastic about what we have to offer," said Dr. John G. Bartlett of Johns Hopkins University. "We have had an avalanche of new drugs. The perception is that we can much more effectively deal with the virus."

There might even be, and this word is at last being said out loud, the possibility of a cure.

More over, experts see the first glimmer that AIDS can be turned back in the developing world, too, even in places where the new AIDS drugs are too expensive to make much difference. Condom campaigns at last appear to be slowing the spread of the virus in Africa and Asia.

Such changes were virtually unimaginable two years ago when the conference was last held in Yokohama, Japan. The outlook then could hardly have been more bleak. The available AIDS medicines worked poorly, if at all, and nothing much better seemed likely.

But in the last six months, the momentum has turned, the news has suddenly become astonishingly good. As 15,000 people have gathered in Vancouver, British Columbia, from 125 countries to talk about AIDS, almost anything seems possible.

The key discovery is the power of combining AIDS medicines. Alone, none of these drugs does much. Together, they seem to stop the virus cold.

"We now know that the drugs we have can work far better than we had hoped. For many patients, this will be a much more treatable illness," said Dr. Cal Cohen, who treats AIDS at the Harvard Community Health Plan in Boston.

How treatable? More specific evidence is expected at this meeting. But many of those on the front lines of AIDS seem to agree with Dr. William Paul, head of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research.

"I can imagine that the drug therapies will put us in the position where AIDS becomes a chronic, manageable disease," he said.

In these doctors' view, AIDS may become something like diabetes or high blood pressure, illnesses that can be kept in check with careful, lifelong treatment.

In all, nine AIDS drugs are on the U.S. market, five of them introduced in the past half-year. The most of importance of three in a new class called protease inhibitors, which block one step in HIV's reproductive cycle. When combined with two older AIDS drugs, the virus appears to stop reproducing.

The protease inhibitors attack another enzyme that is also crucial to HIV's reproduction. When the machinery of an infected cell manufactures the proteins that make up the body of HIV, those proteins are all joined together in one long strand. They cannot form new viruses until they are snipped apart by a scissors-like enzyme called HIV protease. The newly developed protease inhibitors jam the scissors portion of the enzyme so that it can no longer cut, thereby blocking viral replication.

People have been taking various three-drug combinations for about 18 months, and in many, but not all, every trace of HIV disappears from the bloodstream.

"We are talking about a brand-new paradigm, which is to complete suppress virus replication," said Dr. Douglas D. Richman of the University of California-San Diego.

If the virus cannot make new copies of itself, it cannot destroy the immune system. So in theory, patients should be able to live reasonable, healthy lives, if AIDS has not already done irreparable damage.

Even though undetectable, however, the virus is not gone. It lingers quietly inside cells. But in time, many of these infected cells will die off.

"If the patient suppresses it long enough, will the last embers of the virus become extinct so the virus is cured?" Richman asks. "We don't know if it can be or not."

A cure. So seemingly unachievable, the word became all but taboo.

"I refuse to say that word at this point," said Dr. Richard D'Aquila of Massachusetts General Hospital. "But people are beginning to think about how much you can suppress the virus and how long you can keep it suppressed to begin to think about experiments to do that."

Some believe the best chance of a cure is to start treatment as soon as people know they're infected, ideally within weeks of catching the virus. This may head off HIV before it becomes established in the brain and other hard-to-treat parts of the body.

Some worry, though, that exhilaration about recent advances will raise hopes too high, especially considering

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High Praise Ministry To Visit Cornerstone Fellowship

TUCSON - High Praise Ministries, featuring Karen Ann Edwards will be performing a free concert at Cornerstone Fellowship on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, 7:00 P.M.

Karen Ann Edwards formalized her musical ministry into High Praise Churches (MCC). It is the fulfillment of a calling which had been given many years prior and one she had fought against because of her own self-doubt and a sense of worthlessness. High Praise Ministry has traveled extensively for the past five years and has grown due to the steadfast faith of its members.

In her concert ministry format, in which she incorporates testimony scripture, and prayer, Karen Ann brings to her audiences the message of the healing power of Jesus Christ. Music becomes the instrument of healing and inspiration.

Karen Ann personally has been involved for the past fifteen years in fund raising for nonprofit organizations throughout the state of Florida, dealing with issues ranging from homelessness, AIDS, missing children to alcohol and drug recovery programs. Karen Ann serves on the Board of Directors of a wellness center, and serves as Interim Director of Music for her home church, Church of Our Savior MCC, as well as other work through the church.

Everyone is invited to hear Karen Ann in concert at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, July 17, at 7 P.M. The concert is free, however, a love offering will be taken to help further High Praise Ministry's work.

For more information call 622-4626.

Family Matter

ATLANTA, GA - Brother Newt wanted no part of half sister Candace Gingrich's memoir, "The Accidental Activist," coming soon from Scribner, chronicles her transformation from part-time UPS truck loader to Gay rights advocate.

Though Newt always displayed a "life-and-let-live attitude about sexuality" at family gatherings, she writes, he ignored her repeated requests for an interview.

As a last resort, she tailed her brother after a TV appearance and stuck her foot in the elevator door as he was leaving in a futile effort to plead her case.

In a chapter titled "Family Values," Candace reveals that early in his second marriage Newt and his wife, Marianne, decided not to have children. Newt, who has two daughters from his first marriage, had a vasectomy. A Gingrich spokesman declined to comment.

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'Simply Equal Tucson' Continues Drive

TUCSON - Simply Equal Tucson (SET), Tucson's newest Gay and Lesbian activist group continues their campaign for persons to serve on Tucson's various Citizens Advisory Committees.

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San Diego Gay Pride Celebration July 27-28

SAN DIEGO, CA - A sizzling program of top-name entertainment, featuring big-name comedians and a diverse line-up of musicians, is scheduled for this year's San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride festival, July 27-28, in the west end of Balboa Park.

Pride's towering, main stage will spotlight a rainbow of comedians and musicians ranging from the politically humorous Kate Clinton to the dynamic line dancing of Midnight Cowboys.

Top disco divas, such as Robin S; pop artists such as Extra Fancy; rockers Betty; comedians Jason Stuart, Amy Boy, Steve Moore, Robin Tyler, Kat Howard, Mimi Freed, and Carlease, will be performing at San Diego Pride.

San Diego Pride's musical menu is also jammed packed with quality performers who are either making their festival debut or returning because of popular demand. Appearing will be rhythm and blues favorite, Earl Thomas; boogie-woogie girl, Candy Kane.

The Midnight Cowboys will take the stage for a dazzling, high-energy country dance performance that many remember seeing in the movie, "Jeffrey." The troupe is currently a hot commodity on the entertainment scene, and performs regularly throughout the U.S.

Other performers scheduled are: Bjorn Baby Bjorn for ABBA fans. Christina Veronica and the Latin Blues Band. Men Out Loud. Songwriter and jazz artist Jill Warren, composer Rob Shinn and Mary Dolan.

In keeping with Pride tradition, The San Diego Women's Chorus, The Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego and the San Diego Men's Chorus will join together in an uplifting performance that showcases many of San Diego's finest voices.

Entertainment will be non-stop throughout the two-day festival, which begins at 2 P.M., July 27, immediately after the San Diego Pride parade down University Avenue. Festival admission is \$10 per day, or \$15 for a two day pass. For more information, call the Pride office at 619-297-7683.

Judge Drops AIDS Suit Against Van Cliburn

FT. WORTH, TX - A judge has dismissed a multi-million dollar palimony suit filed against Van Cliburn by a man who claims the pianist exposed him to the AIDS virus during a 17 year sexual relationship.

District Judge Fred Davis said he agreed with Cliburn's lawyers that no part of the arrangement between Thomas Zarembo, a mortician, and Cliburn was in writing and that therefore nothing was binding.

When the suit was filed in April, Zarembo's attorney said that his client doesn't have AIDS and that there was no reason to believe that Cliburn has HIV. But he accused the pianist of having sex with other people who were HIV positive during his relationship with Zarembo.

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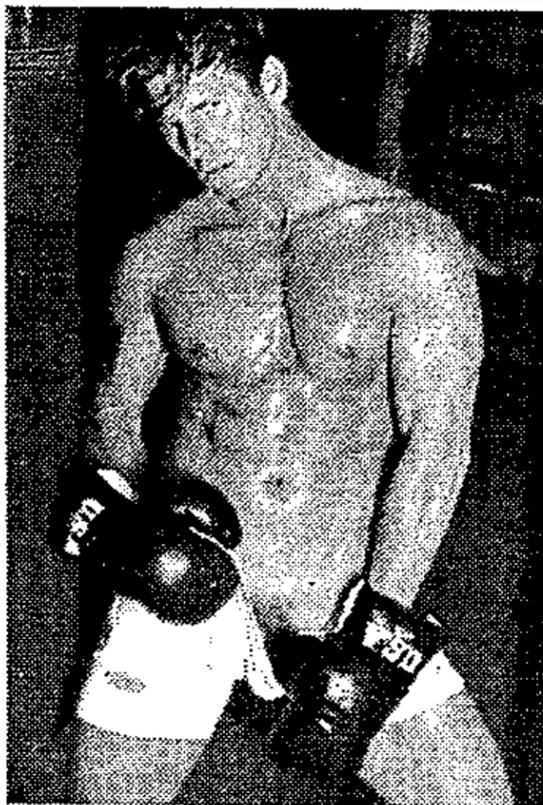
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Double-Mischief

by Wendy Caster

When I was writing *The Lesbian Sex Book*, I was struck again and again with the fact that we don't really know who Lesbians are. Are the women at pride marches average Lesbians, or are the Lesbians willing to be seen at Gay events only the tip of the dyke iceberg? Are open Lesbians ninety-five percent of the total? Fifty-five percent? Five-percent? Are most Lesbians monogamous? How many Lesbians are politically correct? Women of color? Republican? Picked? Serially monogamous?

As it turned out, I didn't need to answer those questions for my book, since its target audience soon became very clear: newly out women looking for a gentle and friendly introduction to Lesbian sex. As I wrote, I would sometimes visualize a reader, perhaps 45, whose kids were in college and who had finally left her husband. I pictured her as shy, with a strong sense of humor, and very enthusiastic about having sex with another woman.

The reviews of my book revealed an interesting geographical pattern of Lesbian life: overall, large-city Lesbians reviewers found my book too "vanilla," while reviewers from smaller cities and rural areas found it friendly and funny. What do these reviews tell us about Lesbians? Do the reviewers, as open Lesbians, truly represent the communities they live in?

Even the word "community" is suspect. Are closeted Lesbians part of the Lesbian community? The word "Lesbian" is problematic too. Are women who live in heterosexual relationships but love and have sex with each other Lesbians? Del Martin and Phyllis Lyons say that a Lesbian is a woman who says she is, but how do we find out if a woman embraces that label? Does it count if she says she's a Gay woman?

What about women who only whisper "I am a Lesbian" in their deepest psyches? How do we find them? How do we welcome them into the community? How do we get them to join us in fighting for our rights? If their only view of Les-

bians is from T.V., they may well be scared away. Lea Delaria may be brave and wonderful, but she's also intimidating as hell.

Lindsay Van Gelder and Pamela Robin Brandt explore Lesbian existence in their new book *The Girls Next Door*, but I hope they are wrong in their conclusions. The book, which focuses on the Michigan Women's Festival, the Dinah Shore Golf Tournament, and a Lesbian Avengers action, seems to argue that most Lesbians take forever to sleep with other women, sleep with men more easily, and whine and bicker incessantly. Van Gelder and Brandt may present an accurate account of the women they spoke with, but their focus skews the final picture. One chapter on Lesbian experience with men would have been sufficient; grilling every Lesbian on her sex life with men was too damn much.

And Van Gelder and Brandt made another major mistake: they choose not to deal with closeted women. They wrote, "We're looking for insights and connections; closeted women, however bright and decent, have an investment in walling off their Lesbianism from everything else in life. It isn't that they don't toe some party line so much as they don't even look at their toes." But what if the majority of Lesbians are still closeted? Shouldn't their stories be told too?

Look at the math: say a million people did indeed March on Washington. Say that 40% of them were Lesbians: 400,000 people. There are some 120 million women in the United States; if five percent are Lesbians, then five and a half million didn't go to the march! Did they watch on T.V. in solidarity and envy? Were they horrified by what they saw? Thrilled? Were they inspired to come out or to burrow more deeply into their closets? Van Gelder and Brandt, in their search for preexisting connections, missed the opportunity to forge some new ones.

I occasionally hear of Lesbian enclaves in small cities and towns. These groups consist of eight or ten women. These groups consist of eight or ten women, always even numbers it seems, always in couples, and are closeted outside of their interactions with one another. If one couple breaks up, the whole group is devastated. How many small Lesbian groups exist? Hundreds? Thousands? Millions? Is that the main unit of Lesbian existence? How could we ever find out?

It's 1996, and we're more open than ever, yet our knowledge of Lesbians is still limited, by definition, to the women who choose to be known.

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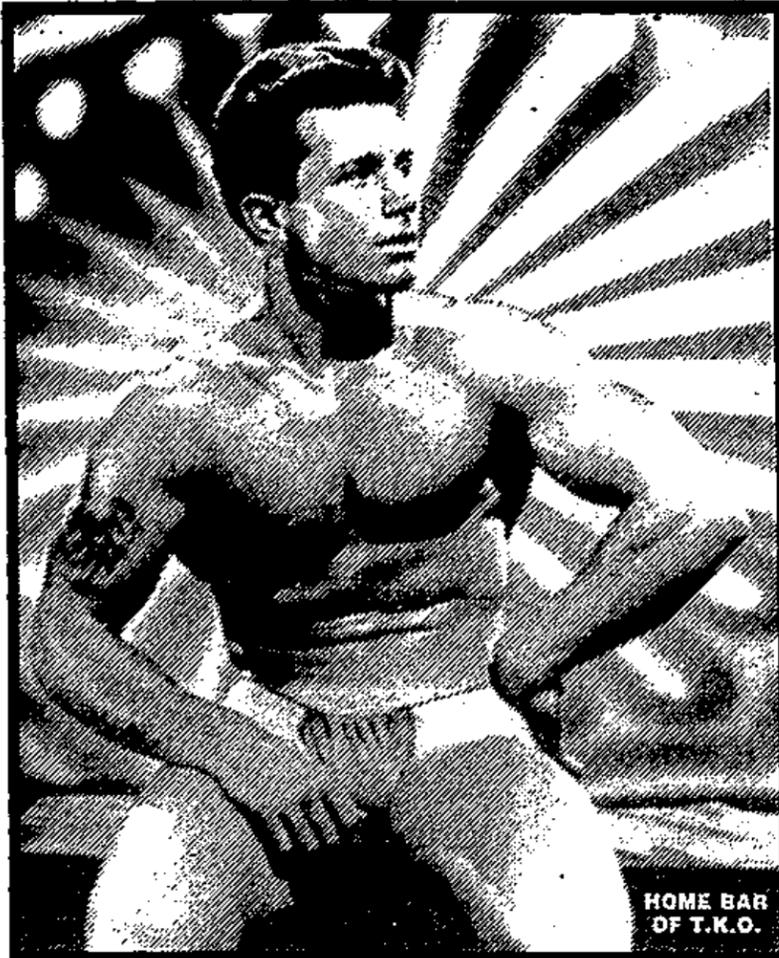


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The festival runs August 13-18. Among the forty musical performers already scheduled are Phrance, Jane Siberry, Dar Williams, Kick La Luna and 7 Year Bitch. Comedians Michele Balan, Elvira Kurt and Karen Ripley are also expected.

Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

The Womyn's Music Festival, The Heat of Atlanta, and the Pleasures of P-Town

Along with the musical offerings, the festival offers more than 300 workshops on women's issues and a craft bazaar displaying the works of 140 crafts-women.

Most attendees camp on-site in tents or RV's. Because of the cooperative nature of the event, everyone is requested to volunteer for two four hour workshifts during their week-long stay, or one shift if attending the weekend.

The Womyn's Music Festival takes place on a 650 acre woodland, surrounded by the Manistee National Forest, near Hart, Michigan, northwest of Grand Rapids. Prices range from \$55 for a one-day ticket on Sunday to \$250 for the six day pass. Other combinations are also available. Ticket prices include all activities, concerts, dances, food, workshops, films and on-site camping. A limited number of tickets are also available for economically disadvantaged women.

For more information on the festival, send a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458. ...

Hotlanta: The crowds, sights, and beautiful bodies on display at the Atlanta Summer Olympics will be just a warm-up for the annual Hotlanta River Expo, August 8-11. Once again, the four-day event offers a variety of activities including rafting in the Chattahoochee River, the Miss and Mr. Hotlanta contests, a Thursday night Victory party, two Saturday dances and the Sunday T-Dance.

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The eight days of festivities kick off the Grand Opening Ball on Wednesday, August 21, and will be followed by events such as the Artist's Ball, "Myth

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Because this end-of-summer event draws thousands of revellers, some hotels have a seven-night minimum. Book ahead. For more information and a free copy of the Provincetown Business Guild's 42 page guide to 1996 events, call (508) 487-2313.

IGTA: The International Gay Travel Association or IGTA, was founded in 1984 to improve the services available to Gay and Lesbians travelers, travel agents and related businesses. Membership has boomed in recent years, from 525 members in 1993 to more than 1,200 today.

If you and your friends wanted to spend two weeks in Hawaii, Greece or France, it's likely a mainstream travel agent would know little about Gay hotels, nightlife or attractions. They might even get hostile if asked. IGTA members would not only know about them, but may have even stayed there themselves.

The IGTA gives consumers an easy way to recognize Gay or Gay-friendly agents, familiar with the many aspects of Gay travel, whether for business or pleasure, in the U.S. or overseas.

"The mainstream travel industry is finally recognizing the size and strength of our marketplace," says Michaels. "Most of the major airlines, including Qantas, American, Virgin, United, KLM and Continental now have Gay marketing campaigns."

IGTA President Tracy Michaels explains that despite recent examples of homophobia in both Colorado and Costa Rica, and the difficulties still sometimes faced by travelers with HIV, the mainstream travel industry is now actively courting Gay travelers.

There are three ways to find an IGTA agent. The first is to look for the logo on a travel agency's window or in ads. The second is to call the organization's toll-free number (800) 448-8550 to get the names of agents in your area. Or visit their internet site at: <http://rainbow-mall.com/igta>

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NGLTF Applauds Passage Of Church Arson Prevention Act; Permanent Reauthorization Of Hate Crimes Statistics Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) applauded final Congressional passage of the "Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996."

The measure will broaden the ability of the federal government to seek criminal penalties in cases involving vandalism or destruction of religious institutions. The bill also permanently reauthorizes the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (HCSA). Though it only authorizes appropriations for HCSA through the year 2002, its permanent mandate of HCSA is a victory for the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual commu-

nities and all groups included in the measure.

The "Church Arson Prevention Act" is in response to increased crimes against religious institutions, especially black churches in the Southeast, in the past 18 months. According to federal officials, there have been over 243 attacks against religious institutions, since May 1990. Over half of these attacks have occurred since January 1995. Most disturbing, 78% of all suspicious church fires in the Southeast occurred at black churches.

The legislation, passed by both

houses of Congress, breathes new life into the Hate Crime Statistics Act by permanently mandating the landmark law and authorizing appropriations for it through the year 2002. HCSA, which expired at the end of 1995, was passed in 1990 and signed into law by President George Bush.

HCSA is the first ever federal law to explicitly include Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals. It requires the Department of Justice to collect and publish annual statistics on crimes that manifest prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnic origin. Many civil rights and religious groups, including NGLTF, have

advocated for the law's permanent authorization.

Melinda Paras, NGLTF executive director, praised the Church Arson Prevention Act, both as it relates to the attacks on churches, particularly the recent slate of burnings of Black churches, and the reauthorization of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Paras also denounced those responsible for the climate of "intolerance and hostility" that foster attacks on black churches and other forms of hate violence.

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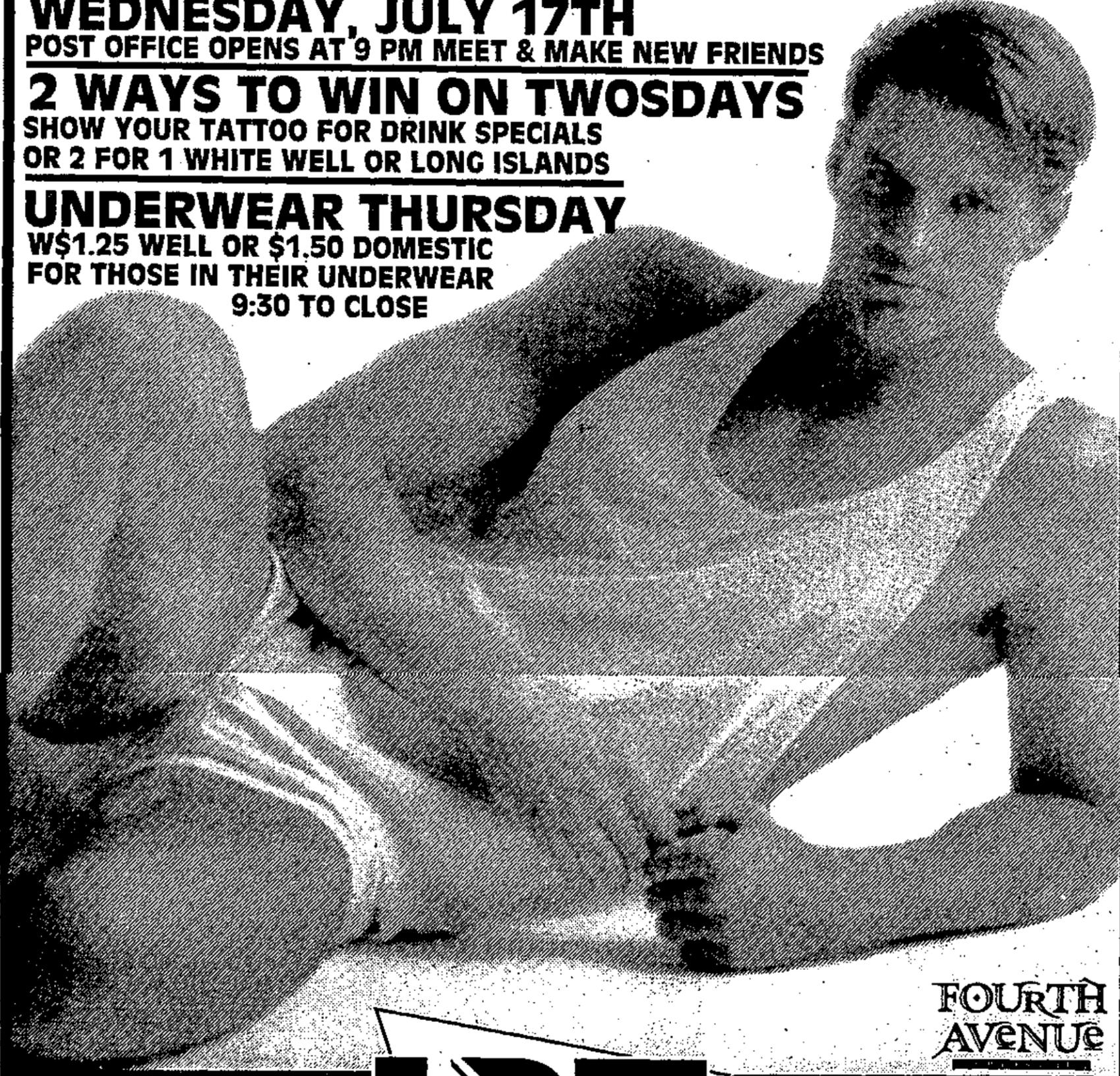
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by Frank E.G. Gallego

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Many volunteer opportunities are available this summer and your help will be greatly appreciated. Areas open are: filing; data entry; reception; Food for Life drivers; housing; Early Intervention Center Director's assistant; other special events. Contact Aimee Carpenter, Volunteer coordinator at 770-1710.

Please take note of PACT's summer hours for the months of July and August: 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 8 A.M. to Noon on Friday.

Congratulations to Craig Snow, TAP Executive Director for winning the 1996 Greater Tucson Leader Award. This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the community.

Craig was nominated for his leadership in all four areas of eligibility: finding solutions for identified community problems; implementing positive change that affects the quality of life in southern Arizona; initiating and facilitating programs that generate community dialogue; increasing understanding and appreciation of diversity and encouraging responsible action that enhances Tucson's cultural richness.

I leave you with this is mind, "A true measure of your worth includes all the benefits others have gained from your success." - Cullen Hightower



HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by J.D. Wrangler

Howdy! The countdown to 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo continues, only 200 days left.

The poster contest deadline is fast approaching as well, July 21, 5 P.M. is it. You can mail your entry to the AGRA post office box or bring it to the July Meetings. There will be a \$100 prize for the winning entry. Entries cannot be signed by the artist on the front for the judging. The winning entry can be signed after the selection. If you have any questions, leave a message for Cindy Chamberlain at the AGRA Hotline.

July is a month of celebration, with the AGRA-Tucson Anniversary party, July 14, at Hours. Starting at 2 P.M., there will be Indian fry bread, cooked by Adrian, AGRA Blackjack, entertainment by the current AGRA and NGRA Royalty. In addition, there will be a buckle raffle and a jail fund raiser. Inmates who are confined will raise their bail for AGRA to be released. Looks like fun for all, bring a friend and a have a great time. Come join the party and ring in another great

year for AGRA-Tucson.

Upcoming events: July Board and General membership meetings, July 21, 3 and 5 P.M. respectively at The Venture-N. The August meetings are, August 18, same times, at the Stone-wall/Eagle.

Congratulations to Pat and Sherri, who were married on July 9. Best wishes from AGRA.

The Denver Rodeo is next weekend, good luck to all competing. Those going to enjoy the festivities, have a great time and bring back some good pictures. It's time to hit the trail for this week, as the sun goes down, the campfire roars and the coyotes howl.

Take a moment to reflect on the important things in life, enjoy what is has to offer and be safe.

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POLITICS
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By MARK R. KEHR

Political Anatomy 101

Take a former conservative Phoenix Republican legislator running for her old seat, as a Democrat. Add the only openly Gay, Democratic elected legislator into the mix. For spice, throw in the fact that the former GOP legislator's husband, holds the other seat, as a Republican.

Voila, you have the race for the Arizona State House of Representatives from District 25 in central Phoenix! In an election year, Pima County usually has the "unusual" campaigns for elected office, but Phoenix is challenging Tucson for the title this year.

Here is the cast: State Rep. Ken Chevront (D), Arizona's only openly Gay elected official. Tried in vain in past session to kill same-sex marriage ban.

State Rep. Robert Updike, (R), part of the Republican right-wing, anti-Gay, voted wrong on most AIDS legislation, voted against the hate crimes bill, because "he was bashed by the Gay press," he stated after the vote. His wife, Margaret said that her "Democratic" candidacy was incredulous to him.

Bob's wife, former Republican State Rep. Margaret Updike, conservative voting record, running as a Democrat because "...Republicans have had two years to fix the education system and they haven't...If I was elected as a Republican, it would make me less effective. If I was elected as a Democrat, I would be more vocal." Updike served in the State House for one term, 1989-90.

The other Democrat, Christine Weason, favored by the District Democratic organization. Weason is now forced to raise tons of money to mount a primary campaign.

The story so far. In an exclusive interview, Margaret Updike said she was asked by her husband, Robert to run as a Republican team.

But according to Margaret, "Why should I want to run as a Republican..." Updike went on about the state's educational system and the advantages of being a Democrat. Republicans dominate both Houses of the State Legislature, so go figure!

So she launched her campaign. Margaret changed her voter registration less than two months ago, May 13, 1996 according to the Maricopa County Recorder's office.

According to the Secretary of State's office, Margaret Updike filed her petitions and organization papers the same day, June 27, the deadline for filing. Margaret's campaign has not filed a financial report, which was due June 30. Potential violation of state election laws?

When asked why she is running as a Democrat. A defensive Updike, who answered many questions with questions, posed the following, "Why is District 25 of interest to Tucson?"

Simple, when a former conservative Republican, now running as a Democrat for a seat, which one is controlled by an openly Gay man, and the other is controlled by her Republican husband, it raises questions!

When asked about where she stands on the issues, Updike stated she rejects all labels. "Voters should consider my record, what I've done with my life, and her commitment to Phoenix. Elections are about choice." A candidate running on no platform, some choice!

Asked about her potential running partner, openly Gay Rep. Ken Chevront, she stated, "that she had not met him, and she'd heard through the grapevine that he's reluctant to run as a team."

What of Rep. Ken Chevront? His reaction was swift. Chevront said, "that Updike has never spoke, believed, or voted with the Democrats. She's running to make the Democrats spend their money, so they don't have any for the general election campaign. What she's doing speaks ill of the process."

Chevront feels that this is an attempt to go after the other Democratic candidate, Christine Weason. [Weason was unavailable for comment as of press time.]

What about going after Chevront, an openly Gay elected official in Arizona? A political hit, could be? The Arizona G/L Community needs to unite behind him. Send a contribution to his campaign: Ken Chevront for State Rep., POB 17043, Phoenix, AZ 85011.

What about the lobbyist reaction? A lobbyist, speaking on the condition of anonymity believes it a orchestrated campaign to weaken the Democrats for the general election campaign.

What about the Legislature.

According to a Phoenix Republican legislator, they haven't, too busy with another tax cuts. Legislators dealing with state business, go figure!

So Updike is running as a Democrat. What about the Arizona Democratic Party's reaction about their new convert? According to Melodee Jackson, the party is "astounded by her departure from the Republicans."

A Democratic candidate would be in contact with party headquarters for advice, help, etcetera? Not according to Melodee Jackson, Margaret Updike hasn't contacted us, and vice versa."

What about her former party, GOP State Chair Dodie Londen said, "I'm disappointed. I was not consulted about this. It was her decision, and I'm not real sure why?" Neither are we!

So what's the story? Margaret Updike says "consider her commitment." How, she's evasive about her stands on the issues, and she's party switching at the last minute? Is she really committed?

Margaret Updike is running in the "Democrat" primary, a phrase she used. Its also used by Republicans to describe Democrats. So is she really a Democrat?

Margaret Updike says about those who state her candidacy is a conspiracy to derail the Democrats, "you just can't change them." Then how did she change?

Margaret Updike is allegedly running against her husband, who used her signs in his initial bid for the State House! So is she opposing her husband, or are they trying to "rule District 25?"

Margaret Updike said she has no political philosophy, she says consider her record. So does that make her a radical-right conservative?

Questions? You bet we have questions! When we will have people in government to serve our interests? Probably never, it's politics, the nature of the beast!

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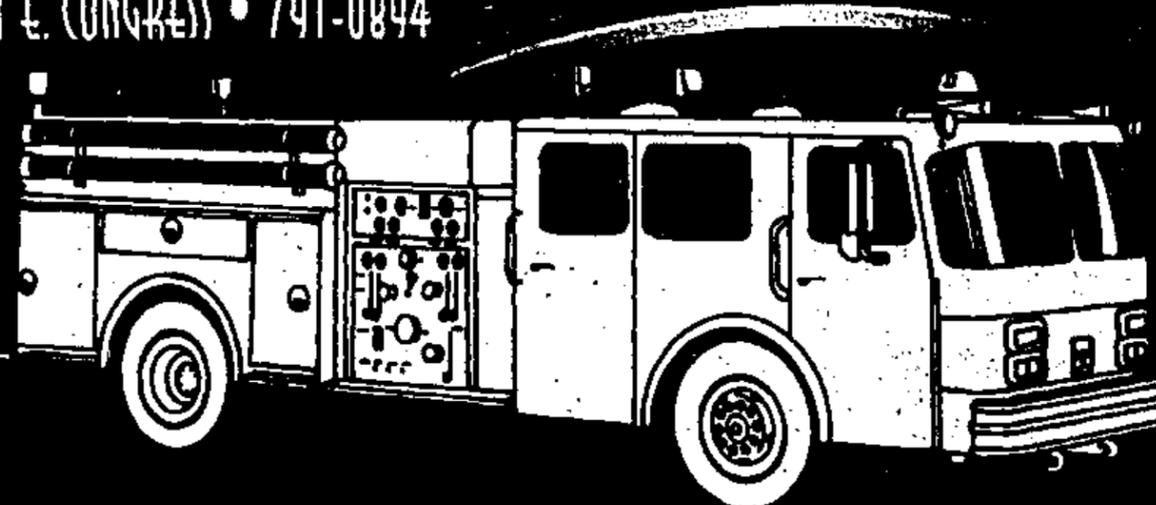
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THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

Power Connection

The times in my life when I feel most alive are in the group sessions (Power Connection Seminars) I facilitate, when Gay men are getting in touch with their own power, and connecting to others. It seems we aren't meant to live life all inside our own skins, where the only person we trust is ourselves. We're meant to find other people to trust with those deepest parts of ourselves, so that they can help us hold our most intimate parts. When people experience this trust, it is such a relief that it can hardly be put into words.

Connection to others is powerful. In our usual lives, there is a lot of how-are-you and talk about the weather and the latest movie, but not very much powerful connection. Most of us are fearful of revealing ourselves enough to get close, then bewail our fate of loneliness. Society's standards don't really encourage closeness to others. We're supposed to just be good little consumers, going to our jobs faithfully, playing "appropriately," and not even being all that intimate even with our spouse! Much less does society expect Gay men to have powerful connections to each other.

In my experience, Gay men can indeed have power connections. Gay men are powerful beings. That's why society feels such a need to put us down, keep us feeling badly about ourselves, because they know that a self-respecting Gay man is one of the most powerful forces in the universe! The best way for them to control us is to keep us in a state of self-doubt, wondering whether we really are perverted or sinful. That's much more effective (and cheaper) than keeping us behind bars!

I remember one Gay man in a Power Connection Seminar last year. He was trying to get in touch with how he held others at arm's length. He kept using that phrase, "at arm's length," as he talked about feeling lonely and disconnected. I was listening carefully to him, and I suggested he do an experiment. The other group members could each come up to him, one at a time, and invite him to do something with them, such as go to get a cup of coffee, go for a hike, or talk. I suggested that the man hold his arms out in front of him, and literally hold the other men at "arm's length" away from him. How did that feel? I asked. "Safe," he answered. "Or safer, at least." As he held a particular man away with his arms, I asked him to imagine that his arms themselves could speak, and for him to say what his arms might say. "OK...as my arms I would say, I'm strong, first of all, I can hold you back, my elbows are rigid, I am rigid, I am pushing you away. See how strong I am? I want you to see how strong I am. You can't get close to me. You can't get close enough to hurt me." Sensing the depth of that last phrase, I asked him to repeat it a few times, to each of the men in the group. "You can't get close enough to hurt me...Bob, I won't let you get close enough to hurt me...Steve, I won't let you get close enough to hurt me...You're outside the striking range." The power of this kind of exercise is that the man can see his usual strategy dramatized openly. He can hear himself say something like, "I won't let you get close to me," out loud, see how he holds others away, and it's no longer just an idea. It's a vivid reality.

I said, "Now try to just be aware of what you are doing here, without judging yourself. Just notice what you are

doing, and how it feels. What else do you notice in your body?" He was still holding one of the other men at arm's length, his hands pushing against the other man's shoulders. "I notice...it's tiring, I'm tired. I'm tense. I'm using a lot of energy to push back, and I'm making myself tense." Picking up on his own phrase, I said, "Try saying to the man you're pushing against, 'I'm tired of pushing you away.'" He tried it: "I'm tired of pushing you away...I'm tired of this tension...I'm tired of holding you away."

I then suggested that he say this to each of the other group members, one at a time, looking into each man's eyes. "Steve, I'm tired of pushing you away. I'm tired of it." "Bob, I'm tired of pushing you away. I'm tired of holding you at arm's length. It tires me out." The simple saying of something like this can be a very powerful experience, when it is honest. Whenever we are honest about something deep within us, it liberates a lot of energy to acknowledge it.

I asked him, "How do you feel saying this?" He said, "I feel honest, but I also feel scared again, that if I let down my guard, you guys will hurt me somehow." I said, "Can you find a way of using your arms that honors both parts of you, both the part that is tired of being on the defense all the time, and the part that is scared of letting people in too close? Just experiment with your arms until they find a way that feels good to you." He waved his arms around, experimenting. He let his arms fall at his sides. Finally, spontaneously, he started doing the most interesting dance with his arms and hands. It looked something like the way a Hindu dancer uses his arms: very fluid, very inviting, and yet impressive because of the skill involved. Every once in a while, his hand would push out in front of him, palm outward, as if to say, Stop, no further. Then his hands would go back to the fluid, exotic movements. The group and I were entranced, watching his gracefulness. He was enjoying himself immensely, absorbed in his movements.

After giving him several minutes to experience himself doing this, I asked him gently how he felt right now. He said, "I feel more energy than I have felt in months. I feel a little foolish doing this, but just beneath that, I feel confident and sexy. I like showing off a little, having all of you watch me." "Do you feel afraid?" I asked. "No." "Do you feel tired?" "No." His earlier two feelings were now gone. He had transformed a rigid defense—holding out his arms to keep others out—into a flowing self-expression. He was also capable of setting limits, symbolized by putting his hand, palm outwards, in front of him.

I then asked, "Can you imagine feeling just like this when you interact with other people? Can you imagine doing with your personality what you are now doing with your hands?" He stopped, stunned. "Yes, oh my God, yes..." "Close your eyes and let yourself see in your mind's eye what that would look like, walk like, feel like," I suggested. "Be fluid, be graceful, and have the ability to set limits. Realize that this is your own natural capacity."

He took a few minutes to visualize this and let it sink in. Then it was the next man's turn to work.

Experts Fear New AIDS Wave Among Young Gay Men

VANCOUVER, Brit. Col. (WS) - A generation of young Gay men across the industrialized world, ignoring the lessons of the AIDS epidemic, risk a new wave of HIV infection by engaging in dangerous sex, researchers reported.

The trend means that substantial numbers of Gay men who came of age after the AIDS epidemic was recognized are already, and many more will get the virus in the near future.

First spotted in San Francisco a few years ago, the pattern has now been documented across the United States, Europe and Canada.

"The epidemic of HIV among young Gay men is not only an individual tragedy but is certainly also a major public health concern," said John de Wit, a psychologist at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands.

In some parts of the United States, as many as 10 percent of Gay men under 25 carry the virus, and the risk seems to be especially high for nonwhite minorities.

"The figures are high, very high, especially if we consider that these young men have become sexually active in an era in which massive effort was exerted to increase awareness of HIV risk behaviors and to promote safer sex," he said.

Researchers also reported that new strains of the virus, including one that has spread explosively among heterosexuals elsewhere, are entering the United States.

The heterosexually linked strain,

subtype E, was found in the wife of a San Diego sailor and identified this week in a medical journal issue timed to coincide with the conference. The meeting has drawn 15,000 researchers and reporters to Canada's Pacific Coast. [See accompanying story.]

"It's spreading, although we don't know at what rate," said Mika Salminen, a researcher at the Henry Jackson Foundation of Rockville, Md., who presented a study on virus subtypes at the conference. "But it has been announced at several locations around the world."

The new strain, subtype E has attracted attention because on Harvard University researcher has done laboratory studies linking it to heterosexual transmission. The studies found that subtype E virus could easily infect a type of cell, called mucosal, which is found in the vagina.

That has led to a theory, still controversial, that subtype E spreads more easily in heterosexuals compared with other strains spread by homosexual contact or by the blood of IV drug users. Critics point out that in some other countries subtype also infects IV drug users.

There is strong evidence that subtype E, one of several AIDS virus variants are mutating and migrating worldwide, scientists said. Also, that this is leaving scientists worried that they could confound some screening tests for blood donors, and for vaccines to combat the disease.

Dr. Michael L. Rekart, the conference co-chairman, referring to AIDS danger among young homosexuals, said,

"The young feel invincible and that they won't get sick from anything."

A variety of surveys have found out that about one-third of Gay men in their 20's engage in anal sex without condoms, the riskiest form of homosexual behavior.

The research suggests that young Gay men are two to three times more likely than older Gay men to get infected with HIV, the AIDS virus. In San Francisco, about three percent of young homosexuals catch the virus annually.

Surveys in other U.S. cities show that Gay black youngsters are about as twice as likely as whites the same age to be infected this way.

In the United States and other Western countries, homosexual sex is still the leading cause of HIV infections, although the numbers of Gay men getting virus have fallen dramatically since the start of the epidemic. It now accounts for just under half of all newly reported U.S. AIDS cases.

Dangerous sex fell dramatically among older Gay men after the epidemic emerged in the early 1980's. Experts believe one reason risky behavior continues among the young is that they have not yet seen their friends die of the disease.

Another is simply the kind of risk-taking common among young people, the same impulse that prompt teens to drive fast or take up smoking.

At the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, epidemiologist Linda Valleroy, has studied Gay men in

their teens and 20's in seven areas of four states. She found that seven of every 100 are infected. By comparison, the infection rate among youngsters who apply for the federal Job Corps program is two per 1,000.

"This is just coming to light," she said. "It's really surprising."

De Wit said new AIDS prevention strategies should be aimed directly at the young and go beyond simply telling them what's safe and what isn't.



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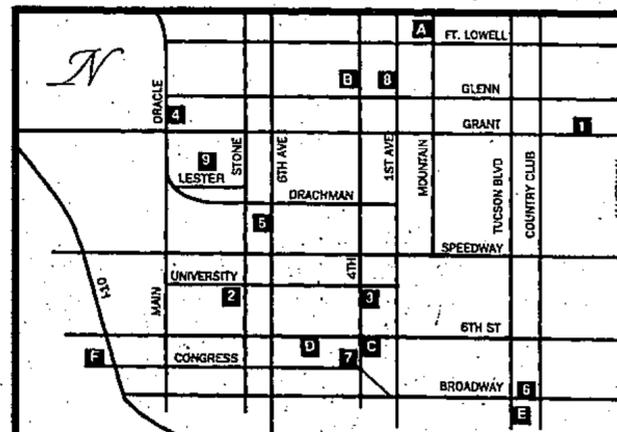
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by Kevin Jackson

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In February, our club celebrated its fourth anniversary and voted in a new governing board. Our president Troy Nash stepped down after two hard-working terms and Bob Howe, a wonderful bear who comes to us from Boulder, Colorado was voted in as our new "Chief." We'd like to take this time to publicly thank Troy for all his dedication and effort in making our little group one of the most friendly and active in the country.

Also voted in was Steve Finch as Vice President, (a great guy with a machine gun laugh perhaps you've heard it at the Venture?). Ralph Geror returns as our very skilled diligent Treasurer, (woofs to you buddy!), and your's truly was voted in as club secretary.

Over the last year the club has seen an amazing growth in both members and activity. We have members and associates from all over the southwest and



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City Of Tucson
Office of the Mayor
A Proclamation

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual
Pride Week
June 16 - 23, 1996

Whereas, in the spirit of celebrating Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual pride, I hereby proclaim the week of June 16-23 1996 to Be Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Week in the city of Tucson, Arizona.

This proclamation was signed by Mayor George Miller on June 14, 1996, in conjunction with Gay Pride Week! Pride Week activities were well attended and very well received.

Whereas, Tucson is a city known for its diversity of people, cultures and lifestyles, and respects the rights of all citizens regardless of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

Whereas, Tucson encourages its citizens to full participation without prejudice in all aspects of our society.

Whereas, it's recognized that members of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community have made significant contributions to this city, economically, politically and socially.

Whereas, continued involvement in the progress of the city and the quality of life of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community is encouraged.

Whereas, it's recognized that it's a basic human right to live free from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Whereas, it's a basic right to celebrate individuality and diversity.

TLGA wishes to thank all of you who participated in the events and came Out to rally support of our lifestyle. A very special thanks goes out to the establishments that held events and fund raisers during the week and especially to all of you who volunteered your time and talents to entertain us.

Also, several members of our community donated services, gift certificates, artwork, etc., that were auctioned and raffled off. A very hearty thank you to all of you.

Because of joint efforts across the community, Gay Pride Week events generated revenues of over \$2,100, which TLGA will use to help produce OUTOBER-FEST. This year's pride picnic will be held on October 19, 1996! In the meantime, there will be several TLGA sponsored events. Watch for details. We hope you continue to come Out and be proud.



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Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita

News From MCC Tucson

Good day everyone! As always, I'm happy to be able to reach out to each of you through this local newspaper.

I wonder sometimes about how many people take *The Observer* for granted. It's a wonderful means by which to reach the entire community at no charge to the readers. If you know others who don't even pick up this paper to glance through it, get a copy, mark some articles, etc., and give it to them. Perhaps this is the way to get the cross section of this city into new readers' hands and homes. For some it's the only means of communication for many help, business, up to date articles and so much more. Try it, maybe they will see something you missed and really want to read or an activity you want to attend.

Well, today, July 10 is the night! At Water of Life MCC (better known still as MCC of Tucson), 3269 North Mountain Avenue, in the large brick building behind the "house" near Mountain Avenue, we're going to have a wonderful evening of food and music, free! Karen Ann Edwards will be giving a concert at 7 P.M. Before the concert, we're serving a buffet dinner from 5 to 6:30 P.M., and this too is free! Come join us as we feed our bodies, make new friends and then listen to one of the finest singers perform. Whoever said that nothing is free, is proven wrong tonight! The congregation will provide all of the food and there will be a simple "Love Offering" during the concert in which you have no obligation to contribute. We hope to see as many of you as possible come to this event.

I trust every enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration. Some of us went to

the display at "A" mountain and got home in time to catch the latter portion of "Pop Goes the Fourth" on the A&E cable network. It was a long evening, but I do love to listen to the Boston Pops Orchestra, then add the fireworks and it was all that much better!

Remember we have No Host Bingo, just for fun, fellowship and small prizes. We provide some prizes (valued at about \$1 to \$2, and the end coverall prize, valued between \$5 to \$10.) If people want to come and play, there are some options, you may bring a small prize, and/or a snack to share. If your finances make it so that you cannot bring anything, bring yourself! These games are played every third Saturday evening, 6 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall. If you're not sure where we are, call 292-9151 to get directions, if the answering machine picks up leave your first name and a telephone number where we can return your call and we'll contact you at your earliest convenience.

Check our ad copy for highlights for the week. Then, read the article for further information. Rides to worship, social events and other activities will be provided, given a 6 to 24 hour notice. The time frame allows us to set routes for the drives and your cooperation in this is appreciated.

Well, I guess that I will close for this week. Until next time, take care of yourself, be kind to others and tell the people who are close to you just how much they mean to you. You will feel much better and maybe the hard parts of life will take a step back as you focus on the good that fills you.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I just finished reconciling my checkbook to the monthly bank statement. For the first time in many months it balanced on the first try! And instead of taking many hours to complete, I was finished in well under an hour! But in spite of this accomplishment I'm still somewhat unhappy about the whole matter. You see, no matter how good a job I do this month, next month I'm going to have to do it again, and the month after that, and the month after that!

Do you ever have the feeling that no matter what you do, you're going to have to do it again tomorrow or next week or next month or next year? Take doing the dishes, for instance. We wash them every day (or put them in the dishwasher) and then we turn around and get them dirty, which necessitates washing them all over again! Or how about dusting? That's something which could be done hourly hear in the desert, unless of course you have an air conditioner and keep all your windows closed! Is there even one thing which a person only has to do once in a lifetime?

As I pondered this question, a resounding yes came to my mind! There is something which I did over thirty years ago that I'll never have to repeat! Not only will I never have to repeat it, but it's something which has changed my life forever, not just here on this earth, but for eternity to come. You see, back all those years ago, I realized that when Jesus died on the cross it was for me, and I accepted him as my savior. I have Jesus' promise

to me: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27,28) This eternal life which Jesus gave me began on that very day when I accepted him as my savior, and because it's eternal, it's never-ending. That's what eternal means!

Before you decide that I'm a perfect person who has never once sinned since I became a Christian, or that I think I am! Let me set the record straight! Even though I'm a Christian and therefore possess eternal life, I'm still a human being. I know that I'm not perfect. There are many things I've done in the past thirty years which I'm not proud of. I know they've not been pleasing to God and therefore are sin. But in spite of this, I don't have to ask Jesus to be my savior again, because I still have his eternal life! He promised me that "no one", not even me, can "snatch them (all who believe that, including me) out of my (Jesus') hand."

So what happens when I sin? Do I just ignore it since I have eternal life? No way! You see, Jesus expects his people to continually search their lives and confess all that's not pleasing to him. We're told, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) As Christians discover sin in their lives, whether actions; thoughts, attitudes, or words, we must confess it to Jesus. We tell him what he



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already knows, that we've sinned, and he in turn reminds us that those sins are already forgiven. But then he helps us turn away from those sins so that our lives become more pleasing to him.

Have you made this once-in-a-lifetime decision to accept Christ as your savior? If not, why not? And if you have, are you living each day to please him? Or have you thought that since you have ignored him for a while you have to start all over by accepting him? Remember, your decision is truly a once-in-a-lifetime commitment! You don't have to accept him again, just tell him that you want to once more act like his child, and then allow him to guide you in the ways he wants you to go!



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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

IBT'S - "The Girls Show" Starring Lucinda Holliday with Bulemia Dehaviiland, Feloe Renard and Christina de Alexis.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

IBT'S - Underwear Thursday 9:30 to close. Drink specials to all those in underwear!

SATURDAY, JULY 13

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Plus 2:00 Pool Tournay with pot matched.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

HOURS - 2:00 p.m. AGRA's Anniversary Party. AGRA will be having entertainment, raffles, Adrienne's fry bread, Black Jack, and much more. Come join the fun.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust proceeds go to Shanté. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Softball Association Awards Social and Banquet 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., it's the annual Miss Gay Latina Pageant in the Stonewall. \$5.00 at the door.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Jodi will appear here from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This show will benefit the Jodi Awards. Come out and enjoy the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

HOURS - Free and anonymous HIV testing by Pima County Health Dept. From 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Male Box Nite! Post Office opens 1:00 pm. Meet and make new friends.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

HOURS - Come watch the opening of the Olympic Games on the Big Screen TV. Hours will be carrying as much of the Olympics as is available.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 1996 Jody Awards here at 7:30 p.m. These annual awards are presented to those who help in the HIV/AIDS community.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 27 & 28

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Christmas in July Party, More later!

SUNDAY, JULY 28

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz is proud to present "La Onda De Tucson". They will play live Tex-Mex from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cover is only \$3.00. This band will rock the house. Come out and enjoy the music. \$1.25 pitchers 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Coming Sunday, August 4

The next "Roast and Toast..." to benefit the National MPS Society. You won't want to miss this one! Mark this date on your calendar. For more info call 747-7426.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Borderlands Theatre in residency at Pima Community College is presenting "Deporting the Divine" by Guillermo Reyes, through July 21 at the PCC Center for the Arts BlackBox Theatre, 2202 N. Aridam Road. "Deporting the Divine" is a zany comedy that narrates the story of Michael, a befuddled Border Patrol agent, bound by duty and honor to job and family, who wrestles with his wild fantasies of wigs, queens and femme fatales. The play is rich with themes that intertwine, producing a tapestry of sub-plots within plots. Tickets are \$10 General, Regular performances July 10-13 and 17-20. 8:00 p.m. curtain. Matinees 14 & 21 with curtain at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

High Praise Ministry featuring Karen Ann Edwards, evangelist and singer, will be performing a free concert at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship. A love offering will be taken. 2902 N. Geronimo. 822-4626 for more information

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Dinner out at the La India restaurant. Mexican and traditional American food. Call Steve at 795-8718 by Monday, July 8 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) will meet for their regular information exchange supper at 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. The meeting will be hosted by P-FLAG. All Gay, Lesbian and HIV groups are welcome. For more information call David at 323-7943.

GTV - All-Hive Gay cablecast program #21 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. The MSN Book Club will be discussing Mel White's memoir Stranger at the Gate. A former ghostwriter for the far right fundamentalists writes about his long battle as a closeted homosexual before coming out. How to be gay and Christian. Call Les or Jerry at 890-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Video movie "Deathtrap" starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve. A 1982 comedy. For reservations and directions, call Les at 890-9585. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650. Guests always welcome. MSN - 7 p.m. Discussion night. Topic of discussion is "Choosing to be lucky". This is about empowering ourselves to make good choices, resulting in good luck. Call Jerry at 890-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests welcome.

MONDAY, JULY 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Card game night. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Martin at 571-8950 for reservations and directions. Swan and 5th Ave. area. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Summer chiller video comedy movie "Pillow Talk" starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day. Call Les at 890-9585 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7:30 p.m. Movie out at the Gallagher Theater located on the U of A campus. "Mighty Aphrodite" starring Woody Allen and Mira Sorvino in her Oscar winning role as a hooker. Call Larry at 795-9125 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Barbecued beef dinner prepared and served by Bill. Limited to 20 people. Call Bill at 296-7881 for reservations and directions. East side. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 a.m. Salt River tubing. We will car caravan up to the Mesa area and tube down the river. Return to Tucson about 6 p.m. Call Donn at 325-4257 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 10 a.m. Sunday Brunch. Limit of 18 people. Call Steve at 988-4849 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome. 2 p.m. MSN hike in Marshall Gulch on Mt. Lemmon. This will be a shaded hike & it is 30 degrees cooler on Mt. Lemmon than in Tucson. Call Larry at 795-9125 for directions.

Tucson CALENDAR

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Sides Monday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Steady Marys and Scrums \$1.25 all 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-9 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Smooth 8-9 and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. 10 energy dancing 8pm to close.

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. BBQ 'Palms' with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 7pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Bart Tournament 8pm \$3 entry fee. Bart Burgers 5-7, Tuff Staff Teal 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 3-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 1 am.

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

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

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 2x2x pitchers. Rave 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Conny burrito with Meese 8pm. Bart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.50 Longneck 8pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7:00pm. Party with Brian. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 8-9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ENERGY Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 7½ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 8 to close.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 8 pm to close Tuff Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.75 well 8pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 7½ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Boogie Night. Music from 70s & 80s from 8pm. Beer Bust 7-11pm - \$1.25 pitchers.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Bart Tournament 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ draft all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, 60s or disco.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 8pm - 1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50

VENTURE-N - Open Sun Draft Beer 7½ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Staff Teal open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heinekun or Corona \$2.00 8pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. 10 energy dancing 8pm-close.

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Martin Jazz Hour 4-8pm. \$1.50 well martini; \$2.25 call martini.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter spectacle all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun Draft Beer 7½ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Staff Teal open 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hots B'Devries

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. - Pats Bar with Lesley 8-1. Dance Party 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with Candice. \$1 schnapps all the time. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 8pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Hot Hots B'Devries 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get Happy hour prices all evening long.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 7½ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Staff Teal opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 8 pm. Pot matched. 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiri, Pina Colada \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Pats Bar with Lesley 8-1. Dance 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Free Pool noon to 8pm. On 3 tables. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 8pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Stiches & Sogies w/51 Steady Marys Bar-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Staff Teal Opens at 8:30pm.



Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Hola!!! esperando que esten disfrutando estas lluvias de julio, y que ya se sientan mejor sobre estos cambios de temperatura, ya que los días anteriores eso de estar bajo unas temperaturas por arriba de los 100 grados como que no "funcionamos" como debe ser... En esta Columna Abierta hay mucho material para compartir; primeramente nuestro colega Ernie Pérez, quién es el encargado de Salud es Poder, ya se ha reunido con varias personas para formalizar el comité organizador para el evento del año: Miss Gay Hispanidad '96 que se llevará a cabo el día 15 de septiembre de 1996, en el lugar para los hispanos desde luego: Stonewall y las reuniones de este comité son los martes a las 6:00 p.m. en las oficinas de Salud es Poder, se les invita a las personas interesadas en participar dentro de este grupo de trabajo; porque si que hay trabajo, comunicarse con Ernie al 322-6226, dentro tantos otros planes para ese evento se está considerando la participación de personas de diferentes ciudades, de las que ya se confirmo su participación son: Hermosillo, Agua Prieta, Phoenix, Nogales, Los Angeles, quedando pendiente, Cd. Obregón, San Luis Rio Colorado, Yuma, Cananea, Ures, y otras ciudades que lo harán ya que este más cercana la fecha. Se les aclara que estos participantes vendrán a solidarizarse con los camaradas de Tucson, pero los concursantes deben de ser residentes del condado Pima por los últimos seis meses, además de haber llenado la forma de registro la cual ya está disponible en las oficinas de Salud es Poder. Hay muy buenos planes para que éste sí sea el evento del año como lo dice Ernie... Además, se les recuerda que para el mes de octubre se está planeando el Mr. Gay Hispano '96 con la misma magnitud de entusiasmo, hay que irse preparando porque habrá muchas sorpresas en cada uno de estos dos eventos!!!

Y otro evento que no hay que dejar de asistir es la obra "Deporting the Divas" de Guillermo Reyes, que estará en escena hasta el día 21 de julio, en la sala de teatro del colegio Pima; es un trabajo teatral realizado por actores profesionales sustentados en un buen texto dramático del Sr. Reyes; bajo la dirección escénica de Chris Wilken. De la obra "Deporting the Divas" podríamos escribir todo un análisis de la puesta en escena pero nos evocaremos solo a tres. Tenemos personajes creados por actores que saben lo que hacen; vemos en el transcurso de la puesta en escena a personajes y no a actores recitando un texto, es decir, los actores dentro de la ficción; algo que en otros montajes es difícil de lograr. El texto del Sr. Reyes, es un buen texto dramático que le da una serie de elementos al director para adentrarse en el juego del teatro, en el juego de la imaginación, en la ficción; el texto da para entablar una comunicación con los personajes, una comunión. El trabajo del director es muy asertado, retoma el mundo de los actores, el mundo del dramaturgo y lo convierte bajo su visión, en una obra interesante, es un tema que no puede pasar inadvertido por el público tucsonense; el tema de las DIVAS. Asista y esperaremos sus comentarios...

Los juegos Olímpicos de 1996 en Atlanta, ¿Recuerda usted qué significan los aros olímpicos?... La bandera olímpica - cinco anillos entrelazados en azul, amarillo, negro, verde, y rojo sobre un fondo blanco sin borde - representa el espíritu de amistad entre los pueblos. Los anillos son referencia de cada uno de los

continentes: Europa, Asia, Africa, Australia y América. Los colores simbolizan la unidad del orbe pues las banderas de todos los países contienen uno (por lo menos) de los mencionados colores. Hay que recordar que los únicos juegos que se han celebrado en América Latina fueron los organizados en la ciudad de México en 1968.

Y ya para terminar con esta columna abierta, algo relacionado a salud...

Precisiones sobre el avance de la enfermedad. Por lo general no se hace el diagnóstico oficial del SIDA hasta que el conteo de CD4 llega por debajo de los 200. Esto marca usualmente el comienzo de la declinación final del paciente. Sin embargo, en los últimos años, los médicos se han dado cuenta de que el número de CD4 no muestra verdaderamente cuán enferma está una persona. Hay pacientes con menos de 200 CD4 que en ocasiones se ven bastante saludables, mientras otros, con un conteo mayor, sufren ya de enfermedades oportunistas como el sarcoma de Kaposi o la neumonía por Pneumocystis carinii.

En opinión de los científicos, dicha diferencia depende de la cantidad de VIH que se haya filtrado de los nódulos linfáticos. Sólo muy recientemente han aprendido los investigadores a medir ese nivel, y de acuerdo a un informe presentado en Washington en meses pasados, esto parece ser un indicador más preciso del avance de la enfermedad. También se puede predecir así la sobrevivencia. En un estudio con 181 pacientes seropositivos, 65 por ciento de los sujetos que iniciaron el estudio con 34 mil 500 partículas virales por milímetro murieron en cinco años. A manera de contraste, todos los sujetos cuya carga viral era de menos de 5 mil partículas sobrevivieron. Se espera que cuando los equipos pequeños para efectuar pruebas de sida estén ampliamente disponibles, los médicos podrán juzgar correctamente qué pacientes están en buenas condiciones y cuáles necesitan una terapia fuerte. Con los nuevos inhibidores de proteasa, los investigadores se encuentran frente a un dilema. Dado lo que se conoce acerca de cómo y cuándo se reproduce el virus, es más sensato atacar al VIH lo más rápido posible. Pero también saben que si no lo atacan con fuerza suficiente, el virus mutará hacia una cepa más resistente. Por eso se administran los medicamentos en forma combinada - para que un virus que resista a una droga quede barrido por algunas de las otras. Existen, sin embargo, algunos primeros indicios de que comienzan a aparecer virus resistentes a los inhibidores de la proteasa.

El costo de la sobrevivencia. Aun si los inhibidores de la proteasa cumplen lo prometido, es difícil saber quién en Estados Unidos podrá tener acceso a ellos. Según algunos cálculos; los nuevos medicamentos costarán entre 500 y 600 dolares al mes -probablemente durante el resto de vida del paciente. Eso está por encima de la terapia combinada (AZT y otros medicamentos) que ya cuesta alrededor de 400 dolares al mes. La hospitalización y otros cuidados médicos en las etapas terminales de la enfermedad pueden totalizar 150 mil dolares. Los tratamientos futuros podrían ser todavía más caros. "¿Hasta dónde llegará esto si no nos despertamos?" pregunta el Dr. Max Essex, del Harvard AIDS Institute, quien

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Why do more than 20 states still have sodomy laws?

June 30, 1996 marks the 10th anniversary of the devastating decision by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Bowers v. Hardwick*, in which the Court held that sodomy laws were constitutional.

Before the *Hardwick* case, civil rights attorneys had spent nearly a decade looking for an ideal case with which to challenge the constitutionality of laws forbidding sodomy. In the last several decades, such laws have rarely been enforced, and arrests have almost never been made without complicating factors such as coercion or sex with a minor. So when Michael Hardwick was arrested for sodomy in Georgia in 1982, Gay and Lesbian activists latched onto the case though the charges were soon dropped.

Hardwick's case seemed tailor-made to show how sodomy laws violate a person's privacy: A police officer intent on serving a warrant entered *Hardwick's* bedroom and arrested him after observing engaged in mutual oral sex with another man.

Influenced by the right to privacy established by previous cases including *Roe v. Wade*, one court of appeals held that sexual activity in private between consenting adults was protected by the Constitution from government interference. The Attorney General, right-wing Republican Michael Bowers, appealed the case to the Supreme Court to defend his state's sodomy law.

Georgia's sodomy ban applies to same-sex and opposite-sex couples, including married heterosexuals, and *Hardwick's* attorneys found a married Georgia couple, "John & Mary Doe," who claimed that the

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BY DAVID BIANCO

sodomy law invaded their privacy as well. But the Supreme Court quickly rejected their claim, and ruled on the narrow question of, in the words of the majority opinion, "whether the Federal Constitution confers a fundamental right upon homosexuals to engage in sodomy and hence invalidates the laws of the many States that still make such conduct illegal and have done so for a very long time."

Justice Byron White (succeeded in 1993 by Ruth Bader Ginsburg) penned the 5-4 majority opinion, which used sweeping, derisive language to mock the idea that Gay Americans have a right to sexual privacy in their homes.

Justice Harry Blackmun's dissent strongly disagreed, arguing that "depriving individuals of the right to choose for themselves how to conduct their intimate relationships poses a far greater threat to the values most deeply rooted in our Nation's history than tolerance of nonconformity could do."

But these two opinions don't tell the whole story of the ruling in *Bowers v. Hardwick*. When the case first came before the members of the Court in April 1986, there were four justices who considered sodomy laws unconstitutional and four who thought them totally legitimate.

In the middle was Lewis Powell, Jr., a moderate jurist who in several previous cases had sought compromises between extreme positions. Powell initially indicated support for overturning the sodomy laws, but was ultimately con-

vinced by Chief Justice Warren Burger to switch his vote. Meanwhile, Powell received heavy pressure from both sides among his law clerks, including a Mormon and a liberal, a somewhat closeted Gay man.

Powell's Gay clerk on several occasions considered coming out to his boss, but instead settled for an impassioned argument in favor of sexual freedom. In light of Powell's remark after the decision that he didn't know any Gay or Lesbian people, some activists have suggested that the clerk's coming out could have made the difference in Powell's vote. Indeed, in 1990, Powell indicated that, upon further reflection, he regretted his vote in the case.

The ruling in *Bowers v. Hardwick* was handed down on June 30, 1986, just one day after Gay and Lesbian pride celebrations took place in major cities across America. The reaction among the organized Gay and Lesbian community was one of outrage, and was one of the major factors, along with the government's sluggish response to the AIDS crisis, in the decision to call for a March on Washington in October 1987.

Did Bette Midler really get her start by singing in a Gay bath house?

Indeed she did. In the early 1970's, Midler was a featured performer at the Continental Baths in New York City, where her popularity reached beyond the men who had sex in the cubicles and playrooms of the upper floors of the bath-

house. Straight and Gay audience members in full evening dress would sit in the basement dance floor/theater and watch Midler sing and camp it up, sometimes accompanied by Barry Manilow at the piano. Particularly after the favorable comments of Rolling Stone in 1973, watching Midler at the Continental Baths came to epitomize chic decadence, and hundreds of New Yorkers would line up for the chance to watch "The Divine Miss M" perform (and to gawk at handsome young men in towels at the same time).

Her popularity at the Continental helped her land a guest spot on the Tonight Show, and Midler was soon starring in feature films, including "The Rose" (1978) in which she did a Lesbian scene. Midler also performed at Gay and Lesbian pride celebrations, most notably at New York City's 1973 pride rally, in which she helped smoothed over tensions between two segments of the Gay and Lesbian community. Some drag queens were furious at Lesbian feminist Jean O'Leary's speech attacking transvestites for mocking women, and Midler's performance of "You Got to have Friends" aimed to appease the ruffled feathers.

But Midler has had a mixed relationship with the Gay and Lesbian community, particularly given some of her statements reported by the media. In 1976, she denied having Gay fans and told the Chicago Tribune that she "wouldn't know a homosexual if [she] saw one." She also told Vanity Fair in 1987 that she felt sorry for what she considered to be her contribution to the spread of AIDS by performing at a bath-house: "I was helping to make it seem fun."

Still, Midler has performed at a number of AIDS fund raising events and is

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From The POOP SHEET

By Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Maybe its time to give our heterosexual loved ones a "heterosexual questionnaire!"

The following are excerpts from Alyson Publications wonderful book, "Becoming Visible," edited by Kevin Jennings, whose mother taught him to love history. This is definitely every homosexual or parent/relative of same, or actually,

Anyone interested in the historical accounts of same-sex love should read and have this book in their library.

The following quiz might be used to illustrate the unearned privilege that accompanies heterosexuality in our heterosexist society. Are you ready?

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were heterosexual?
3. Is it possible heterosexuality is a phase you will grow out of?
4. Is it possible you are heterosexual because you fear the same sex?
5. If you have never slept with some one the same sex, how do you know you wouldn't prefer that? Is it possible you merely need a good Gay experience?
6. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexuality? How did they react?
7. Heterosexuality isn't offensive

as long as you leave others alone. Why, however, do so many heterosexuals try to seduce others into their orientation?

8. Most child molesters are heterosexual. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexuals? Heterosexual teachers particularly?

9. Why are heterosexuals so blatant, always making a spectacle of their heterosexuality? Why can't they just be who they are and not flaunt their sexuality by kissing in public, wearing wedding rings, etc.?

10. How can you have a truly satisfying relationship with some one the opposite sex, give the obvious physical and emotional differences?

11. Heterosexual marriage has total societal support, yet over half of all heterosexuals who marry this divorce.

With that, why are there so few successful heterosexual relationships?

12. Given the problems heterosexuals face, would you want your children to be heterosexual? Would you consider aversion therapy to try to change them?

A quiz like this could be a great method for getting a wonderful conversation started and allowing another human to possibly enter your circle of friendships. Good friends are hard to come by, straight or Gay!

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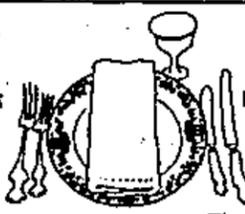
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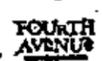
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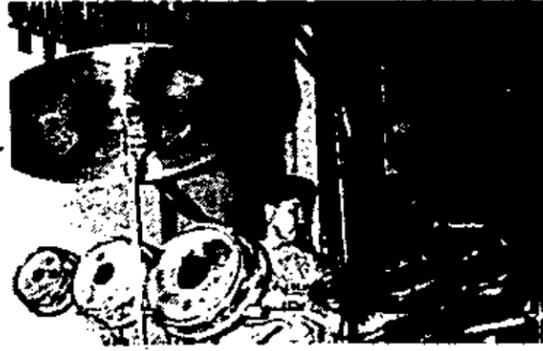
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Aggressive Mars conjuncts lovely romantic Venus this week and the sparks fly. For those who are faint of heart this transit may pack a punch, but I'm always in the mood for a wild planetary goodie fest. After all kids, what's the fun in being out if you can't be outrageous? Read ahead to see how good vibes explode on the scene. Some of us like it that way.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Even domineering proud Rams may feel chatty and compromising with the Venus/Mars conjunction. Your communication borders on the sublime topped with sugary phrases designed to lure people to your whim and will. Be gentle proud Aries and try to use your immense persuasive power for a good Gay cause (that's beside your personal good Gay cause.) And try not to hog that glory.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

It's the perfect time to evaluate all that you hold near and dear. The Mars/Venus face off highlights artistic acquisitions and beautiful items of exceptional value. Proud Bulls would do well to reevaluate personal holdings, possibly investing in art. There may be a great temptation to shop till you drop or be fabulously generous. There is nothing wrong sharing but don't fritter your daily living allowance.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gay Twins get a pleasant zetz from the Mars/Venus conjunction in their own sign. It's time to be the great Gay peacemaker to bring all warring sides to the table and talk turkey. You may be able to avoid nasty squabbles in your own testy affairs because you feel so warm, mushy and, well, too good to ruffle! Maybe it's best to take two vacation days and call me from the beach.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Sensitive and emotional pink Crabs feel especially giving and self sacrificing during the Venus/Mars conjunction. Be good, be very good. You have the energy and the wherewithal to charitably help those in need. The operative word here is "charitably"; there is no need to play the martyr or constantly remind others how giving and wonderful you are. We'll know it now.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud and regal Lions may feel the need to benevolently gather friends together to simply enjoy the convivial company. It will be easy to accomplish; your personal magnetism lures the troops like moths to a flame thanks to the powerful Mars/Venus conjunction. Interestingly, not even the overly dramatic Lion seems to have an overbearing ego now. You can happily join the rabble for a rousing time or two.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

This may be the time for all Gay Virgins to take direct action in their professional affairs. The Mars/Venus conjunction helps you deliver your message and demonstrate your corporate worth. Is there an opportunity to participate in an artistic or more creative venture? Grab it. Or even better, find love with the proper, older, stranger who doubles as your mentor. Who said life is dull, cousin?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Zesty, Gay Scales can use this feisty Mars/Venus face off to explore anything

and everything beautiful, exotic and exciting. If that means escaping to a fabulous paradise, then do so. If it means stalking museums for a glimpse of their treasures, then so be it. Whatever you decide, be sure it mixes the lovely with the revealing. This phase offers new perspectives on your personal philosophy.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Queer Scorps feel a buzz in the patoot during the Mars/Venus hit. Sexual energy is piqued so go out and safely pique somebody. Thankfully, sex won't be for just sex sake. It may also give you an opportunity to delve and transform your inner soul. Scorps aren't the most internally focused of folks but now you can check out your dark recesses with a spotlight. Remember; your dark recesses, dear.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Queer Archers tend to be free and independent of such encumbrances as partner-

ships, but if you're more enlightened Sag, this Mars/Venus conjunction can set relationships in fast forward motion: Heck, you may even be enticed to make a commitment but remember, this aspect is fast and fleeting so do what needs to be done quickly. Life is far too short to play the field forever.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Although it may not seem especially exciting, the Mars/Venus conjunction makes the day to day job go rather well. You tackle even the most onerous tasks and work seems almost, enjoyable. Tap this serviceable energy while it lasts. Consider a new exercise regime or diet. That means staying away from fatty foods or excessive sweets. Don't ruin that fabulous bod during swimsuit season.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Is it possible to have too much of a good time? The Mars/Venus conjunction turns

up the music so party hearty and enjoy the immediate spurt of fun. Romance may be in the air but Aquerians should remember that this is a fast and furious transit; the love of the moment could indeed be a love of the moment. Ever hear of a trip to the moon on gossamer wings? Expect one of those things.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Even Pink Fish feel happily at peace during the Mars/Venus conjunction. An unsettled home life settles a bit. Even recalcitrant, unsupportive family members call a temporary truce and try to mend fences. If you have a hankering to redecorate or apply a little creative verve to your home surroundings, expect some pleasant results. Perhaps something in a prideful lavender?

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 223-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40834, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ad. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 8543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more.

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CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 828-7264. Call CRONIES 828-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontia (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to all. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-8133.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hill Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more info.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. No meetings in July or August. 422 N. 4th Ave.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-6727.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-0662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85710.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelfarb Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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 us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 822-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.O. - 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 875-8650 or write P.O. Box 34284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

WING WATERS FAMILY CENTER new meeting in the front building of St. Francis Church, 3288 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and referral about Alcohol 861-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets 7-11 pm third Friday of each month in the Lincoln Building at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4631 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jane. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not). Saturdays and special events \$5 in Goddard Hall.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers Fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7483 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 Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-0220. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL Call information and referral 861-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8777 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. Meet meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room J2. Call the church at 298-0063 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Bayburt Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CARELACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2087, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1778.

L.S.A., EX-L.S.A., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 781-7840 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 686-1258 for more info.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MENT'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social publuck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and about weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-8585 for information and a newsletter.888

TCSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert E. 882-8513 or Mary G. 770-9979

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 328-0063.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to menage a trois. Many heads are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 623-1732.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson ARS Project at 322-8228.

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BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 781-7846

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. All or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmelfarb Park 3:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

DR. BOB'S INTIMACY SKILLS GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. If you want more closeness in your life, you need to learn the skills that allow for intimacy. This group is a place to learn and grow quickly! Monday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. at 623-1732.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at St. Paul X Catholic Church, 1400 N. Camelback Pk. Decline in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 878-721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 877-8333 for more info.

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HIV's uncanny ability to sidestep scientists' brightest ideas.

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Past Out

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Our heartfelt thanks to all of these spectacular performers for giving of themselves and their time. Also, much appreciation to Melinda and staff at the Biz for hosting the benefit show, and to all who attended and kept the dollar bills flowing. We count on all of you!

With thanks, Jenny Porter
Shanti Foundation

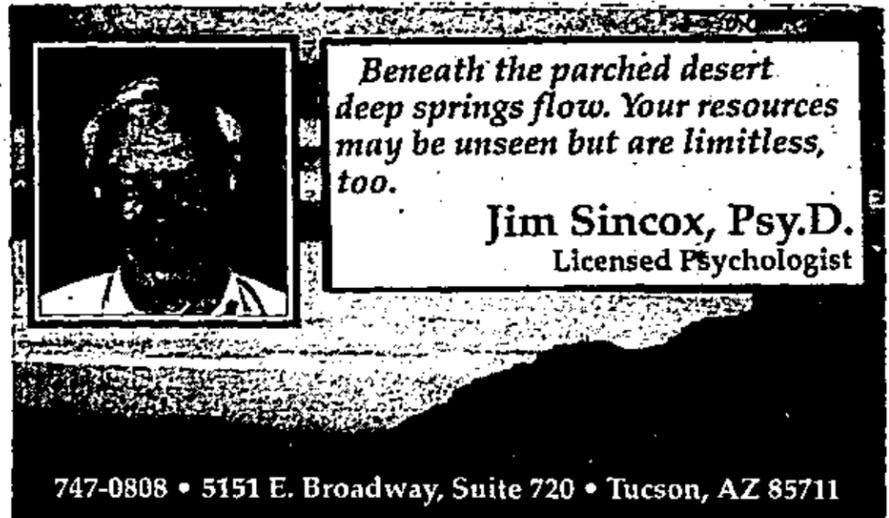
EDITOR:

I would like to thank all of our Desert Voices Gay and Lesbian Chorus family, T-Squares, and their partners for their special standing room only concert for a fellow chorus member, Keith Collins, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Keith is recovering from a critical HIV illness. It was a beautiful musical gift for Keith, and was enjoyed by all the patients, Doctors, Nurses, and hospital staff.

Also, a special thanks goes to Dr. J. Kevin Carmichael, Patty Spegman CRNP, the El Rio Immunology Associates, and all our family of friends from coast to coast, who are there for both of us.

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