

## It's Official: Bob Dornan Loses Seat! Gays and Lesbians Rejoice!

by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Political Reporter

SANTA ANA, CA (OBS) - Bob Dornan, R-CA, the most anti-Gay member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was finally toppled from office after nine-terms.

The Democrat, Loretta Sanchez, a financial adviser, the winner in one of the most bitterly contested House races in the country. Final results were certified by Orange County Voter Registrar, Rosalyn Lever.

Sanchez won by 984 votes - 47,964 to 46,980 - with the ballot counting completed last Friday.

Initial election results had given Dornan a small lead, but there were 3,000 absentee ballots plus 1,300 provisional ballots to be counted. After these votes were verified and counted, Sanchez took the lead resulting in the stunning upset.

Dornan has alleged that undocumented aliens had voted, prepared ballots had been given out and ballot boxes were not secured. "I've never seen a more slimy campaign than this," Dornan fumed in an interview.

Of these allegations he has produced no evidence, but that hasn't stopped Dornan, who has accused Sanchez of stealing the election.

Dornan said he plans to meet with the Orange County District Attorney. Dornan has called on the Secretary of State to investigate the charges. In a terse statement, the Secretary of State's office said they were looking into the matter.

About the voter-fraud charges, Sanchez said in an interview that the allegations were "anti-Hispanic" and "insulting to the will of the people in the district." "There has been no evidence so far . . . But for now the county has certified the election, and we expect the state do so also." Sanchez also added that the Voter Registrar is Republican and Orange County is Republican, so "why fraud against a Republican in a Republican stronghold."

Sanchez is the first woman and Hispanic to represent the sprawling district. "I'm really proud of the community coming out and supporting us, and everybody coming together," Sanchez said in her victory declaration.

During his 1992 reelection campaign, Dornan made headlines by asserting in an interview that "Every Lesbian spear-chucker in this country is hoping I get defeated." In this race, Dornan attacked Sanchez as "another Catholic for abortion and sodomy rights."

So how did a nine-term Republi-

can Member of Congress lose in Orange County?

The numbers worked against Dornan. The 46th Congressional District, located in Orange County is no longer the lily-white suburban home of Disneyland and conservative military retirees. Latinos and Asians have streamed in and the growing Mexican-American community in Santa Ana, which is in the center of the district. Whites now make up 36% of the District, Latinos' 50%.

Dornan also did himself in with his vociferous support of immigrant-bashing Proposition 187 in 1994, and anti affirmative action Proposition 209 this year. Angered by this, thousands of Latinos registered and voted for this first time this year.

Sanchez was helped by those groups Dornan had offended, just to name a few of the many: women, minorities, Gays and Lesbians. In addition, defections from Republicans who were tired of Dornan's shrill, hateful rhetoric did in his bid for a tenth-term.

Reaction to Dornan's loss was swift:

"The 105th Congress will be a Dornan-free zone, and fair-minded Americans are jubilant across the land," David M. Smith, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) communications director said.

"Today, Gay people across this nation are heaving a collective sigh of relief, knowing that they will no longer be subject to Dornan's capricious, sinister attacks," Daniel Zingale, HRC's political director said.

Throughout his political career, Dornan has obsessively launched attacks on Lesbian and Gay Americans, and people living with HIV/AIDS. In the last session of Congress, Dornan tried to get passed legislation that would have forced the military to discharge service members with HIV.

Dornan also provoked the ire of his House colleagues when he launched a vendetta against fellow Republican Rep. Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. Dornan accused Gunderson, from the floor of the House, of having "a revolving door on his closet." "He's in, he's out, he's in, he's out."

During this past session of Congress, Dornan singlehandedly took credit for the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Dornan refuses to accept the results from the Orange County Voter

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## TLGA Announces Community Donations

by Bruce Corey

TUCSON - At the regular monthly board meeting on November 21, the Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) board of directors voted to donate \$2,000 to non-profit organizations that serve Tucson's Gay community.

This fulfills a pledge TLGA made to the community priority to OUToberFEST '96 on October 19 as part of the decision to charge \$1 for beer.

TLGA made the decision to charge for beer at this year's festival for several reasons. It was recognized as a great fund raising opportunity, not only for TLGA to help fund the event, but also for other non-profit organizations that serve our community.

Another factor in the decision was that the cost of the beer would have been much higher if it had been given away. That's because one of the distributors, for legal reasons, would not have donated any beer if TLGA hadn't sold it. To have paid for that beer, and not realized any revenue would have been a \$7,000 negative financial turn around for TLGA (the additional cost of over 30 kegs and no beer revenue). So from an economical standpoint, the decision was obvious.

The Board was also acutely aware that the beer at past picnics had always been free. TLGA anticipated some backlash within the community because of this decision.

And there was some backlash. Some people didn't agree with the decisions that were made. Some felt that it's always been free in the past, and it should still be free. The TLGA board understands and respects that. But, according to TLGA, there was a great deal of community support for the decision as well.

The board also decided that it would ease the transition by agreeing to donate a portion of the proceeds to other non-profit community organizations this year. Please be aware that this donation does not set a precedent and future TLGA boards may or may not choose to donate proceeds in the future.

Total revenue from beer sales at OUToberFEST '96 were \$7,903. The cost of sales included \$327 to pay for additional beer that was sold above and

beyond the amount that was donated, \$500 for additional insurance and \$1,385 for the fence that enclosed the festival site, which was required by the City of Tucson. Total net beer sales were \$5,691. The donation amount of \$2,000 is 35% of the net sales.

The board decided that 35% was a fair and significant distribution. The rest of the beer sales revenue is being retained by TLGA to help produce next year's festival, and to help it group. Remember, TLGA is also a non-profit Gay community service organization, and the annual pride festival is by far the biggest single celebration of pride held in Tucson.

Last Thursday evening, several members of the community attended the monthly TLGA board meeting and let the board know their ideas about where the donation should go. The interest and input was very welcome and valuable. It definitely had an impact of the decisions that were ultimately made. TLGA expresses thanks to those in attendance.

After hearing the community's input, a lengthy discussion ensued, and the board ultimately decided that all of the organization fit into two categories, health and education.

It was decided that the total donation would be divided equally between the two, \$1,000 for each category. The following is how the money was divided:

**HEALTH** - The Lesbian Cancer Project, \$500. Shanti Foundation, \$167. PACT for Life, \$167. Tucson AIDS Project, \$167.

**EDUCATION** - Wingspan, \$600. P-FLAG, \$200. Gay & Lesbian Awareness Project, \$200.

The vote of the board was unanimous with one abstention due to a conflict of interest.

The donations will help these organizations help our community, and are possible because of your support at OUToberFEST '96. Together we all accomplished something that is very good!

To comment, call the OUTline, 622-3200. To send a letter of comment - TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717 TLGA adds that comments for a better OUToberFEST '97 are always welcome.

## World AIDS Day In Tucson, December 1

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON - The annual observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated on Sunday, December 1, marking the sixteenth anniversary of the epidemic.

In Tucson, several activities are planned around this year's AIDS Day theme of "One World, One Hope" to mark

the ninth annual observance in the Old Pueblo.

The World AIDS Day observance will begin in Tucson at 2:00 P.M. in Reid Park (around the duck ponds and throughout the Southwest corner of the park). Bells will be rung 16 times to mark the anniversary of the AIDS epidemic.

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# UPDATE

## Calling All Queer Quilters

TUCSON - Queer Quilters of Southern Arizona will gather to form a quilting group, with membership to all. The first meeting will take place January 11, 1997.

If you want to learn how to quilt without the raised eyebrows of others, or continue to expand your knowledge of quilting, then this group is for you.

Call Kathy Costello Lewis, (520) 743-7768 for more information or to reserve your spot.

## Inzalaco Art Show At Girlfriends Dec. 1

TUCSON - Girlfriends Coffee House is hosting a showing of important paintings and drawings by Lorraine Inzalaco. The opening reception is Sunday, December 1, 4-7 P.M.

The images in her work have been recurrently censored in the world of mainstream art. At the same time, her portrayals of love and intimacy between womyn have been called "authentic," "painterly," and "stunning."

Ms. Inzalaco portrays her life honestly with great beauty. Her paintings make Lesbian lives and loves visible to the world. "When one group is made invisible, none of us see ourselves clearly." Come view her work and join us in celebrating visibility for a change.

Girlfriends is located at 3540 N. Oracle Road. The exhibition will be on display during the month of December.

## Desert Voices Concert December 13 & 14

TUCSON - Come hear Rudolph, the Grinch, White Christmas, and the Nutcracker as you've never heard them before in "The Child Within."

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Tickets are available at Antigone's, Tucson Trunk, and PCC West Box Office. Or call Desert Voices at (520) 791-9662.

## Pima County HIV/AIDS Consortium Survey and Planning Workshop

TUCSON, AZ - The Pima County HIV/AIDS Care Consortium is conducting a survey to help determine which services are most important for people living with HIV disease in Pima County.

The survey is available through Tucson AIDS Project, People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, Shanti Foundation of Tucson and the Tucson Community Foundation.

The deadline for responding to the survey is December 4, 1996.

The survey is part of the larger planning process the Consortium will use to determine Ryan White Title II funding priorities for 1997. The Consortium will also collect data about other resources available in the community and conduct a public planning workshop on Monday, December 9, 5-9 P.M., at the Junior League of Tucson, 2099 East River Road.

A Request for Proposals will be issued based on the outcome of the planning workshop. The Consortium anticipates that approximately \$500,000 in services will be funded for the 1997-98 cycle.

Ryan White Title II programming provides services to people living with and affected by HIV disease who do not have private insurance or are not eligible for other public assistance programs to provide these services. Outpatient health care as well as support services are eligible for support with Ryan White funding. Current programming includes medical services, medications, dental services, case management, attendant care, and home

Ryan White Title II funds are made available through the federal Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency Resources (CARE) Act of 1995. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) administers these funds in Arizona via the Arizona Department of Health Services and locally via the Tucson Community Foundation.

For additional information about the planning process and Ryan White programming, please contact the Tucson Community Foundation, Jane Conklin, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, 6601 East Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85715. Phone: (520) 722-1707.

## L.A. Radio Station Adds Insult to Insult

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) - In radio, ratings are more important than reason and rationality.

The Los Angeles chapter of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, (GLAAD), protested to the management of an L.A. radio station, KSLX, about the degrading use of "fag" and "faggot" by the hosts of the talk show, "The Regular Guys."

In response, the station arranged for a GLAAD spokesperson to go on the air with hosts, Larry Wachs, and Eric Hassler. Instead of seeking reconciliation, Wachs said he knew perfectly well what the words meant and he would continue to use them as he saw fit.

"There are other racial and ethnic slurs that you can bet no radio station would want to broadcast," said John Henning, Chair of GLAAD's Los Angeles Monitoring & Response Committee. "It's about time KLSX-FM's management educates its staff, and these schlock-jocks in particular, that anti-Gay slurs are just as unacceptable."

## Emory University Defends Domestic Partners Policy

ATLANTA, GA - Emory University, a Methodist school, has responded to a reprimand approved by the United Methodist church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

By a vote 245-226, with 16 abstentions, the jurisdiction criticized the university's personnel policy that provides benefits to domestic partners of employees, regardless of gender.

The Rev. Joe Peabody, superintendent of the church's Gainesville District in the North Georgia Annual Conference initiated the action. Peabody believed the university was "headed in the wrong direction." Despite the vote, Peabody added that he does not expect the university to change its policy.

Responding to the letter, Emory President William Chace, said, "the university provides such benefits, because we believe it to be consistent both with our educational mission and with the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church."

Chace continued, "I would note that our policy on domestic partners does not assume such partners are related to each other sexually." He recalled the Book of Discipline's call to treat homosexual persons justly.

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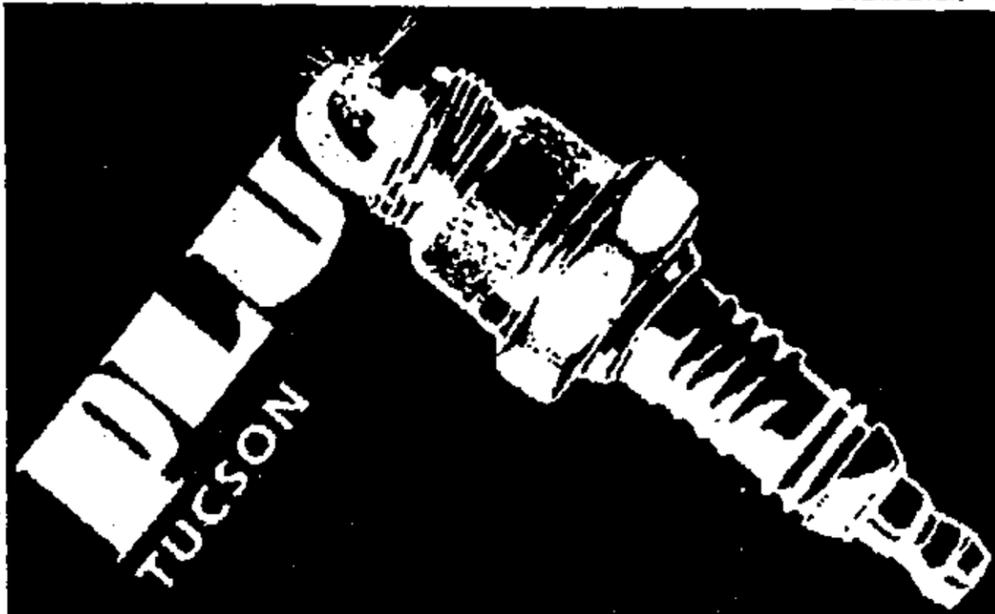
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NEIL COWHEY

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Dancer, choreographer, Neil Cowhey passed peacefully from this life at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23. He died of complications from pneumonia and emphysema. He was 58.

Neil lived in Tucson where he was owner of his own dance studio for many years as well as being owner of his dance company, *The Original Theatre Dance Company*, of which he was artistic Director and main Choreographer. He taught tap, ballet, jazz and modern dance at Tucson High Magnet School.

Neil studied ballet with George Zoritch, former Prima Dancer of Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, and Joseph Levenoff, well-known teacher of professional dancers in New York City. Neil received his jazz training from the well-known Peter Gennero, Matt Malloy and Walter Painter. He received his tap training from Dou Christou, lead dancer on the Carol Burnett show.

As a principal dancer in Europe, Neil has performed with the Nuremburg Opera and was the German-American youth advisor for entertainment in Bayreuth, Germany. He toured Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg and West Berlin in many USO and Army shows.

Neil was Director of the Dance Department at Tuller College through 1974 and taught tap, ballet, jazz and theatre movement at the Dance Department at the University of Arizona.

He performed in several summer stock theaters throughout New England and was choreographer and understudy for Ken Berry in a production of *Cabaret*. He danced in a production of *Wildcat* starring Martha Raye, and worked with Patrice Munsel in *Mame*.

He choreographed in many productions for Playbox Theatre, Southern Arizona Light Opera Company (SALOC), the University of Arizona and Invisible Theatre. He will be remembered for his performances in several productions of *Fiddler On The Roof* in Tucson.

Cowhey is survived by his ex-wife Harriet, sons Tim and Murry and daughters Kathryn and Dee Dec.

A memorial service will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St., at Campbell Avenue. There will be a wake held at the Graduate, 23 W. University following the church services.



JACKIE RAY WEST

August 1, 1940 - November 22, 1996

An informal gathering of the friends of Jackie Ray West will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30 at Big Mama's Pizza Heaven, 34 Brewery Gulch, Bisbee, AZ. Mr. West died Friday. He was 56.

Born August 1, 1940 in Konowa, Oklahoma, Mr. West was reared in Dumas, Texas, and graduated from Dumas High School. Jackie was married briefly to Darlene Stephens and they had one son, Michael.

West began his career working for Shamrock Oil and Gas Company in Amarillo, Texas. He worked for Montgomery Ward in New York City and later in Tucson. He moved to Bisbee in 1988 and worked first at The Bead Shop and later at The Gold Shop. He was last employed at Big Mama's Pizza.

Mr. West was a talented interior designer and landscaper. He enjoyed collecting Western and Native American art, Country-Western music and dancing, entertaining and attending rodeos.

There are no immediate family survivors, and there will be no formal memorial service. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Tucson AIDS Project, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252, Tucson, AZ 85715.

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Registrar. He says he's been robbed by the money from homosexuals. Dornan called on the House Oversight Committee to investigate his charges, but since Sanchez was declared the winner it's unlikely the House will overturn the decision.

"He's been and continues to be, a national disgrace. All we can say is 'Adios,'" said John Shallman, campaign manager for Loretta Sanchez, in an interview.

Sanchez traveled to Capitol Hill to take part in freshman orientation for new House members. House staff members have decided to move her into Dornan's coveted office space.

**He who has a thing to sell  
and goes and whispers in a  
well, is not so apt to get the  
dollars as he who climbs a  
tree and hollers.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFC)** - The California division of the American Legion is being sued by the largely Gay Alexander Hamilton Post for discrimination.

The California division of the American Legion, in the suit, is charged with violation anti-discrimination laws by distributing anti-Gay "hate literature," harassing a local veterans group that welcomes Gays, and other rights violations.

A class-action civil rights suit, filed on behalf of the 2.1 million Lesbian and Gay veterans estimate to be eligible

## Gay Vets Sue American Legion

for membership in the largely Gay Alexander Hamilton post was filed in Superior Court.

The Hamilton Post, granted a charter by the American Legion in 1985, says their 275 members have been "opposed, harassed and discriminated against" by the California division of the American Legion.

The Hamilton Post is seeking \$50 million in damages, based on the \$9 in membership dues they would have collect-

ed from each eligible Lesbian or Gay member, as well as an order banning the statewide organization from further discriminatory practices.

The Hamilton Post alleges that American Legion state officials prevented its attempts to draw in new members by refusing to place an ad in the California Legionnaire, the statewide newsletter for members. Instead, the American Legion allegedly distributed anti-Gay literature and an anti-Gay videotape.

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission concluded this year the American Legion had discriminated against Gays and prevented the Hamilton Post from publicizing their views on opening the military to Gays.

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## Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eliezar Garcia

¿Qué tal?, listos para celebrar el "Día de dar Gracias"? Que bueno pues; ya en la columna anterior describí más o menos lo que significa esta celebración, y quiero remarcarles que hay que celebrar con moderación, y que los excesos son los malos... verdad?.

Y si va a viajar para aprovechar "el puente" y visitar familiares o amigos, hay que tomar las precauciones necesarias, y lo más recomendado es que se revise el carro, si este será el medio de transporte, y hay que recordarles que la somnolencia es una de las principales causas de siniestralidad; su incidencia es incluso mayor que la de los adelantamientos y casi tan peligrosa como conducir bajo los efectos del alcohol. Aunque no existen cifras oficiales y confiables del número de accidentes causados por el sueño, se piensa que a nivel mundial, del gran número de siniestros que ocurrieron entre las doce de la noche y ocho de la mañana el año pasado, más de la quinta parte se debieron al sueño. Una cifra alarmante. Estas cifras revelan que la dimensión del problema, ya que las horas nocturnas son las de mayor densidad de tráfico. Un estudio de la Universidad de Rogensburg, en Alemania, cifra en el 50 por 100 el índice de accidentes ocurridos por exceso de cansancio. Y según la compañía de seguros HUK, uno de cuatro siniestros mortales se produce como consecuencia del sueño. Lo recomendado es que descanse antes y durante el viaje, y hay que programar el tiempo necesario para tomar un descanso, y sobre todo no tomar estimulantes, menos al estar frente al volante; estacione el carro, salga de él y haga mover los músculos, mantenga por un buen rato los ojos cerrados, continúe el viaje, obedezca las señales de tráfico y disfrute sus vacaciones...

desempeñar su papel como actor en el programa de televisión "El verdadero mundo III", se destacó en el cargo de coordinador de política pública de las iniciativas de salud para jóvenes. Entrena a jóvenes afectados por el VIH con el fin de que visiblemente se apoyen enérgicamente entre sí y den apoyo a otras personas. Recientemente, Sean y su finado socio Pedro Zamora, le dieron al mundo una visión breve de su cometido a la educación destinada a prevenir el VIH mientras que, a diario vivían afectados por el virus; actualmente, Sean es miembro activo de la junta directiva del centro de normas del SIDA para jóvenes y familias. River Huston es activista, poeta y fundadora del fondo de salud para la mujer. El fondo proporciona recursos para proveer tratamientos alternativos a mujeres VIH positivas. River Huston ha dictado conferencias por todo el país y participó en la décima conferencia del VIH/SIDA en Yokohama, Japón. A continuación algunos títulos del temario de los talleres: ¿Importa la cultura y la prevención?. La prevención del VIH en la zona fronteriza. Los jóvenes, la auto-estimación, la homosexualidad, el VIH y el SIDA. Más allá de lo más elemental del SIDA. ¿Cómo se ven las cosas desde la calle?. Cuando el VIH viene a la escuela. Prevención entre los jóvenes de zonas rurales y los de zonas urbanas. Como se puede apreciar, un programa bastante interesante... Si necesita más información sobre esta conferencia puede obtenerla al (505) 266-1553 o comuníquese con las personas al final de esta columna.

Por hoy es todo, los esperamos la siguiente semana D.M.

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- been kicked, hit, shoved or had objects thrown at you or around you?
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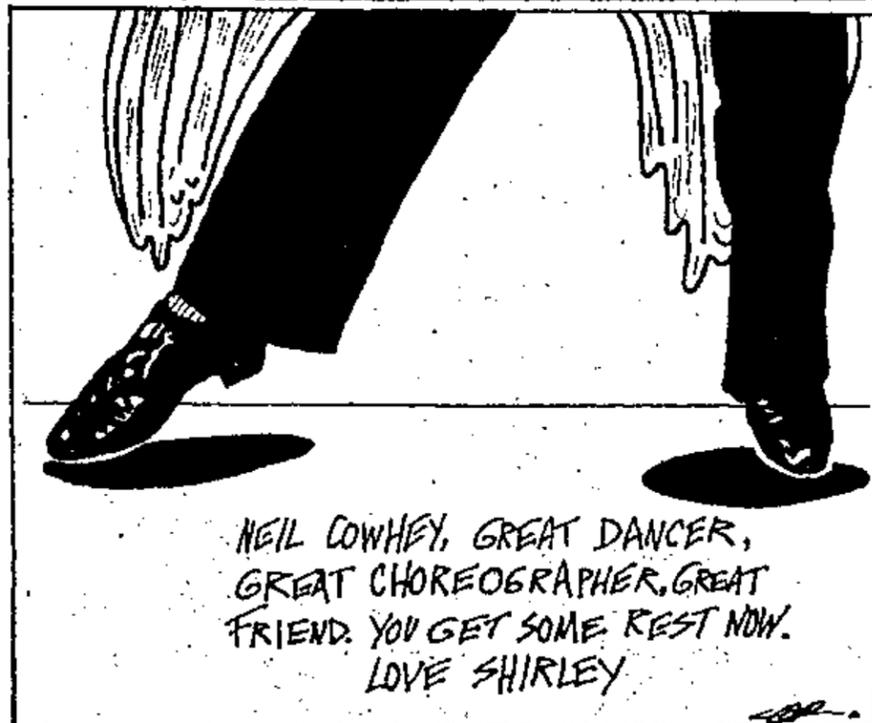
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Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Danged if I surely don't wrestle with myself. Not that way!

I wrestle in my mind, like the Apostle Paul when he said "For that which I do allow not. What I would, that do I not. But what I hate, that I do." It's a real wrestling match!

I really wrestle with the topic of "outing." I'd like to "out" a few hundred of my friends and acquaintances to free them from the bondage they are in their suffocating closets. But I wrestle with the topic of "freedom of choice" and I know

# From The POOP SHEET

By Ace London

they are choosing to suffocate themselves! It is a right to be stupid if we want. But why?

Suffocation is such a slow, painful, living death! "Oh Ace, you don't know what you are talking about. Coming out of my closet would totally wreck my life," you say. I would respond, "Suffocation isn't wreckage?" How naive can you be? If you think I don't know what

you're going through in that little, secret-closet of yours, guess again. I spent 40 years in mine and got to know it real well even if it was dark.

"But, I could lose my friends and family if they knew Ace." Well, yes, you could be outcast by family members. Some members of my family wish I had stayed in the closet, so they could have continued the fantasy, and not face reality

of an unconditional love experience. It is a hard reality for my relatives, and I'm to blame for putting them into this situation by my coming out. Some won't talk to me at all!

My mother cried for years because I came out. I watched my marriage go to divorce court. My teenage son didn't speak to me for three years. Loved ones were afraid to even hug me, for fear they might catch a disease. Family members have prayed for my "return to the fold" although they knew I had experienced a new birth in Christ, years earlier.

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# BOOK REVIEW

## Coming Out Of Shame

NEW YORK, NY - Shame may be the most disturbing emotion in the human experience, the one that makes us feel worthless, deficient, and unspeakably inferior. Everyone has felt its sting to some degree or witnessed the subsequent loss of dignity and honor.

Tragically, for an entire segment of the population, these feelings of shame often become a way of life. Shaped by society's negative attitudes toward them, Gay men and Lesbians have long suffered shame's crippling effects, and been judged as "bad" not for what they do but for who they are.

Transforming shame's inherent self-loathing and self-destructiveness, two men began a deliberate journey toward wholeness and self respect. Gershen Kaufman and Lev Raphael now illuminate that path for the Gay and Lesbian community in *Coming Out of Shame: Transforming Gay and Lesbian Lives* (Double-day; HC \$22.95), an empowering guide to living a healthy, proud life.

About the authors: Gershen Kaufman, Ph.D. is the author of two previous books on the subject of shame. A professor at Michigan State University, he lectures widely on shame and self esteem. Lev Raphael, Ph.D. is the author of a collection of stories, *Dancing on*

*Tisha B'Av*, which won the 1990 Lambda Literary Award. He has authored numerous other books. Lev and Gershen have been life partners for over ten years.

[The following is an interview with Gershen Kaufman and Lev Raphael]

**Q.** Why is the issue of Gay shame so important now?

**A.** Gays and Lesbians are being shamed and humiliated by politicians and religious leaders more publicly than ever before in our history. They're being told they threaten the traditional family; that their open presence in the military will destroy morale; that they're being punished by God with AIDS; that they're unfit to adopt children; and that their relationships don't deserve to be recognized in the form of marriage.

This culture wide assault is like a war being fought to crush Gay spirit and pride, and the weapon of same disguised as morality and family values. When religious or political leaders say they don't

hate Gays but hate their "sin" or "life style", they are profoundly humiliating Gay people by branding their openness as corrupt and despicable. It's essential for Gays and Lesbians, their families, and their allies to understand the nature of this assault by shame, and to develop ways to battle it out in the open and counter its inner damage.

**Q.** Once they come out, most Gay men and Lesbians feel the shame of being Gay is gone. Is this true? In what ways does Gay shame affect even those out of the closet

**A.** Coming out of the closet is a major step toward dissolving Gay shame, but it doesn't complete that process. Being open doesn't eliminate Gay shame, particularly when shaming messages continue to bombard Gays every single day. We can't read a newspaper or turn on the news without being exposed to yet another assault by shaming ideologues.

Sometimes the assault is more subtle, it's our virtual invisibility in movies, television, and advertisements that can make us feel so isolated and defective. Many Gays and Lesbians also deny that shame has any effect on them, and that prevents them from recognizing its impact. You can be out of the closet and still have low self-esteem, engage in addictive behavior, or be drawn into abusive relationships, all of these are rooted in shame. Confronting shame directly is one of the most painful and difficult challenges facing us.

**Q.** How have your families deal with your being Gay? What advice do you have for helping family members cope with a Gay child or relative?

**A.** Both of our families have had to confront their own shame upon discovering their sons were Gay. That's been difficult, but some of them have managed to come through their shame and now openly embrace us, not only as Gay individuals, but also as a couple. We're most proud that Gershen's 87 year old mother recently said, "Sooner or later, people will realize that Gays are just like everybody else." Not every parent will be ready to embrace a Gay son or daughter, but we can encourage and support them in their own journey toward acceptance. Understanding the power of shame is the key.

**Q.** Scientist claim that they have discovered an X chromosome which is tied to some cases of male homosexuality. "A born-that-way explanation would disprove those who say homosexuality is a perversion and encourage Gays to seek counseling to change their ways (US News & World Report, 11/13/95). How do you feel about this data? How do you feel it will affect the Gay community's self image?

**A.** Sexual orientation defies simple answers, and it really doesn't matter whether its roots are biological, cultural, or a mix of the two. What is important and indisputable is that sexual orientation is basically unchangeable. You can't turn Gays straight and more than you can turn straights Gay. The supposed discovery of a "Gay gene," by itself, won't improve Gay self-image.

In fact, some homophobes have hailed preliminary studies that suggest there's a "Gay gene" as comparable to evidence for an "alcoholism gene" proof that homosexuality is a genetic defect. They're not taking it as a basis for acceptance of Gays, they're using it to shame Gays and Lesbians further

**Q.** You have not only been a couple for over a decade, but this is the fourth book you've published together. You've also had flourishing separate careers. How do you do it?

**A.** Our relationship actually took off with our writing and teaching together. Because we've published so much together and separately, one friend calls us "The Literary Rogers and Hammerstein of Okeanos, Michigan." We've each published three books on our own, and Lev will publish two more in the spring of 1996. We edit each other's work, and share a deep love of writing that puts it at the heart of our relationship.

When we started our very first project fifteen years ago, we found ourselves astonishingly, completing each other's sentences, tuned in to the very same wavelength. The identical thing happen when we taught together, and the trust between us was absolute. Writing *Coming Out of Shame* together brought us even closer. And if you can work on a book together with someone, you can work on a life!

**Q.** It's not always easy for Gays and Lesbians to find a life-long partner, and your book argues that shame plays a role. From your own experience, how can Gays deepen their capacity for intimacy?

**A.** Relationships happen when you least expect them, and that was certainly the case for us. Gershen was married at the time and had two sons, and Lev planned to eventually marry and have children. As our intimacy deepened, we had to face shame continually, first about desiring another man, then about actually living together.

There is nothing like intimacy to reawaken shame, and that's true for all of us. Being able to reveal our own shame to each other, and feel safe in doing so, has created a bond between us that will endure over time. Learning to recognize how we trigger each other's shame has helped us work on healing it. And cultivating a gentle and loving sense of humor has been an invaluable tool in transforming shame.



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**POLITICS**  
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By MARK R. KERR

**"Watch Out For Those Flying Spears!"**

"Every Lesbian spear-chucker in this country is hoping I get defeated," - Bob Dorman in 1992.

Bob Dorman: Rush Limbaugh guest-host, veteran, former fighter-pilot, ham-actor (Remember that flick shown on MST3K?), nut-case, bigot and homophobe extraordinaire.

Now add something Gays and Lesbians have always wanted to describe B-1 Bob: Ex-Member of Congress! Yes, fairy tales can come true! [See an accompanying story.]

Dorman lost, 47,964 to 46,980 to Democrat Loretta Sanchez. B-1 Bob had called Sanchez as "another Catholic for abortion and sodomy rights." Call her the Member of Congress from the 46th District! The Orange County Voter Registrar Rosalyn Lever said she won by 984 votes. Oh Bob, it's over, you lost!

B-1 Bob is refusing to accept the results! Go figure. Dorman says he was robbed of reelection by lies of his opponent, money from homosexuals, and the votes of illegal aliens and felons. It's always queer money and the non-American vote! What about the communists?

Dorman fumed, "I've never seen a more slimy campaign than this." Just look in the mirror Bob!

Does he have evidence? No, but he declares anyway that Sanchez stole the election. Oh Bob!

Right! Orange County, a GOP stronghold, with a Republican Registrar supervising the ballot counting would commit fraud against a Republican candidate. The winner, Loretta Sanchez, rightly pointed this hypocrisy out in a news conference.

Dorman, bluster and all, has called on: Orange County District Attorney, the California Secretary of State and the U.S. House of Representative Oversight Committee to investigate the "massive voter fraud." Get her!

Dorman is threatening lawsuits, a fund-raising drive to dump Sanchez in the next election, and a political action committee aimed at impeaching the president. Right and you'll get along with your wife, Sallie, who has tried to divorce you four times sweetie!

Dorman, bombast, drama and all should accept reality and the results. He won't. Dorman has no concept of reality. He'll continue to challenge the validity of ballots cast for the new Member of Congress, Loretta Sanchez.

"Roger & Me" director and creator of "TV Nation," Michael Moore, probably had the best approach to deal with B-1 Bob. Moore filed an official challenge with the Orange County Registrar's Office to Dorman's ballots.

In his challenge, Moore asserted that Dorman poses a threat to himself and others and needed to be placed under psychiatric supervision. By extension, anyone supporting Dorman should be declared "mentally incompetent," and therefore, under the terms of California's Election Code, ineligible to vote. So how did Bob win the last nine contests before his loss?

Dorman had been a favorite target of Moore's for some time. When B-1 Bob attached an amendment discharging HIV-positive servicemen and canceling their health insurance, Moore publicly petitioned a psychiatrist to take Dorman off the House floor in a straightjacket and have him committed.

Moore's move, according to Capitol Hill sources was cheered by members of both parties. Cheer schemer, commit him!

Throughout his "McCarthyesque" political career, Dorman has obsessively, maybe psychotically, launched attacks on Lesbian and Gay Americans, and people living with HIV and AIDS. He was vociferous in his opposition to immigration and affirmative action (California Propositions 187 in 1994 and 209 in 1996 respectively).

Guess what did him in? His district isn't lily-white and John Wayne anymore! Dorman's district is half-Latino and multiethnic. Also, Gays and Lesbians endorsed Sanchez's candidacy and gave money. A get-out-the vote effort brought many Latinos to the polls for the first time. Can we say democracy works? Yes!

Dorman lost to a Latina woman whom he said of her candidacy, "I'm being fed a dream candidate." Sanchez was Dorman's worst nightmare!

Dorman has demanded the U.S. House of Representatives Oversight Committee investigate this "massive voter fraud" in his warped eyes? Will they? Probably not. The House won't usually overturn an election that's been called.

Consider this as well about Dorman's popularity on the Hill. Sanchez is in D.C. to take part in orientation for new House members. House staff members, controlled by the GOP and Newt, have given Sanchez Dorman's coveted office space. They liked you, they really liked you! Not!

Gays and Lesbians across the U.S. are heaving a collective sigh and their "spears." B-1 Bob Dorman is gone. His absence from the U.S. House of Representatives is a relief.

Arizona went for Clinton and my vote counted for the first and probably last time. B-1 Bob Dorman, homophobia and all got beat. Damn, something good did happen in Campaign '96!

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# 'Festival For Life' December 8

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A Tucson holiday tradition since 1989, the Festival is now named in honor of PACT's former Executive Director, who died in October, 1995, of an AIDS related illness.

As in years past, many holiday items will be offered to the public through both live and silent auctions. The silent auction will start at 5:30 P.M., with the live auction to follow at 6:30 P.M.

This year's honorary hosts are Rita Coolidge and Sally Kirkland. Rita Coolidge is best known for her Top Ten hits, "Your Love is Taking Me Higher and Higher" and "We're All Alone." Sally Kirkland is the Oscar-nominated star of such movies as "Anna." KVOA-TV's Lupita Murillo returns as the emcee of the Festival.

The five professionally-decorated Holiday trees to be five auctioned that night will be on display at Tucson Mall from November 25 through December 7. Tree designers compete for the prestigious Bill Owens Designer's Award, named in loving memory of one of the first designers for this event.

In addition to the trees, many individuals and local businesses have sponsored professionally-decorated holiday wreaths which will also be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Menorahs, works of art, gift baskets, celebrity items, and holiday gift items will be up for bid.

Entertainment throughout the evening will be provided by Desert Voices and Reveille Choruses. Both will be performing holiday favorites. Pianist Jonathan Brown will also performing selections from his new CD.

This event is one of PACT's major fund raisers of the year, and due to cutbacks in government funding, it is vital to support its mission of providing services to people with HIV/AIDS in Tucson.

Raffle tickets are being sold in advance, and at the door, for \$1 each. A drawing will be held at the Festival for prizes including a fabulous Las Vegas package (hotel, airfare, and car rental); a two-night stay at Tucson's Miraval Resort, including local limousine service to and from; and two round-trip tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies in the continental United States. Raffle tickets may be purchased at numerous business throughout Tucson or the PACT office, 801 West Congress.

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# Team Arizona Tucson Meeting Dec. 7

TUCSON - Team Arizona will be holding a general information meeting for members, guests and other interested parties on December 7.

Team Arizona was formed in 1990 to meet the recurring need of organizing Arizona's Gay and Lesbian athletes for participation in the International Gay Games held every four years.

The Gay Games, scheduled for August 1-8, 1998 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, is an athletic festival designed to foster both Gay Pride and the Olympic Ideal: "To educate people through sport in a spirit of better understanding."

The emphasis is on participation and personal achievement rather than competition. There are no qualifications or trials.

In addition to athletic activities, Gay Games hosts a cultural festival which

seeks to stimulate cultural contacts among Lesbians and Gay men worldwide.

The Tucson meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2:30 P.M., 4207 East Bellevue Street.

Team Arizona is a non-profit organization which provides and maintains a state-wide coordination and support effort for all persons, including but not restricted to Gay and Lesbian athletes, whose objective is amateur athletic competition.

Operation for the organization are financed by contributions and membership dues. Team Arizona has been designated 501(c)3 non-profit status by the IRS.

# Reveille's Holiday Concert Dec. 6-7

TUCSON - Reveille, Tucson's first and only Gay Men's Chorus first concert of the 96/97 season, "A Winter Montage," will be performed December 6-7, at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 East

Adams in Tucson.

"A Winter Montage," is Reveille's holiday concert featuring international carols, classic works and favorites with a definite twist. Performance times for "A Winter Montage" is 8:00 P.M. both days.

Tickets are \$12 with \$2 discounts for children (12 - under), students with ID and senior citizens. Tickets can be also purchased at: Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Jeff's Classical Records, Girlfriends, Hear's Music, Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse and Tuff-Stuff Too.

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ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

## Giving Thanks

How often do you say "Thanks" during a typical day? If someone passes the salt, gives you the time, calls you out of the blue, keeps you informed about what's going on, or expresses their love for you, most of us instinctively say, "Thanks." It's a basic human emotion. It feels good. It's an acknowledgment that there's good in this world, and that you are the recipient of some of it. It's a recognition that we depend on others for a lot of our pleasures, and that we owe them a debt of gratitude for all they give us. People also say "Thanks" to us, when we give them something they like. We're also part of the chain of giving that makes up the human community. People rely on us, as we rely on them. And "Thank you" acknowledges the exchange. It's a very human feeling, this feeling of "Thank you."

Thanksgiving Day is a formalized time to say thanks. It's a short work week, a time for family and friends, a day of turkeys and pilgrims. Basically, however, it's a day to give thanks to each other and to the universe or God for all the good in our lives. To say "thank you" is a little vulnerable, because it acknowledges that we're not totally self-sufficient. Few of us want to really let go emotionally when we say thank you. But it feels really good, every once in awhile, to express your gratitude fully, and let the feeling of gratitude be like a rush of water through your whole being. If you've ever really been moved by something someone has done for you, you know what I mean. It heals the soul.

Spiritually speaking, gratitude towards the universe or God is very important for our continued growth and well-being. St. Paul said to give thanks in all things. Jesus was often heard to be thanking God for things, according to the gospels. The word "eucharist" means "thanksgiving." In the Unity church, they have a nice saying at the collection time. They ask you to hold in your hands the money you're willing to give to the collection plate. Then they ask you to say, "Divine Love, moving in and through me, blesses and multiplies all that I give and all that I receive." There's a rich theology of thanksgiving in that little prayer. It goes back to the story of how Jesus fed the five thousand. As you may remember, there were five thousand people out in the country listening to Jesus preach, and it was time for supper, and there was nowhere to get any food. All they had was a few fish and a couple of loaves of bread. Jesus took the food, gave thanks to God for it, and told the disciples to distribute it among the crowd. There was more than enough to go around. So the message, of course, is to give thanks for what you have, and it will multiply like the loaves and fishes. Good theology. Very practical, Jesus was. We all need things. The way to obtain them, if you believe Jesus, is to thank God for what you already have, and be open to receiving more. (Of course, a little hard work doesn't hurt!)

The act of giving thanks for what we have opens our hearts and souls, calms our fears, banishes negative thinking, and, if you can believe it, actually creates more good things out of the abundance of the universe. At least it opens our eyes to the abundance around us, and makes it available to us. It also makes a man a lot more agreeable to be around, if he can give

thanks for what he has, rather than complain about what he doesn't have.

I can say a few things I personally am thankful for. First of all, I am thankful for Martin, my partner. He is a truly remarkable man, and so very precious to me. His coming into my life has been the best thing that has ever happened to me. I'm also thankful for my MSN (Men's Social Network) family. This is a great group of guys with whom I've spent a lot of time in the past year. MSN has been a godsend to me since moving to Tucson. It's given me a place to be, a true Gay family. I'm thankful for my blood family as well, back in Cincinnati, who love me and try to be supportive of me as best they can. I'm thankful for my practice of massage and psychology, in which I get to serve other people in the way I have been served. It's great to watch people grow in therapy, especially the Gay men who make up the bulk of my practice. (Especially nice since we've been denied the freedom to grow too often, having to deal with homophobia instead of the more wholesome challenges of life, such as making a longterm relationship work.) I'm grateful for the travel I've done this year. I'm grateful for my cozy little home. I'm very grateful for the lovely climate and terrain here in Tucson. I'm grateful for the success I've had in moving to Tucson two years ago. I'm grateful for my health in mind and body. I'm grateful for the Internet, which has been fun and educational for me to play with. And a lot more.

But my main goal in writing this column is to help you give thanks for what you have been blessed with. I suggest you take few minutes this week and write down on a piece of paper all the things you like about your life. List big things and small, important things and trivial things. Then take a moment to say "Thank You" to the universe, or reality, or God, or however you think of it. Let your heart warm up and overflow. And enjoy your holiday!

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker specializing in service to the Gay community. He offers individual, couples, and group sessions. Please call Robert at (520) 623-1732 or email: bobby@azstarnet.com.]

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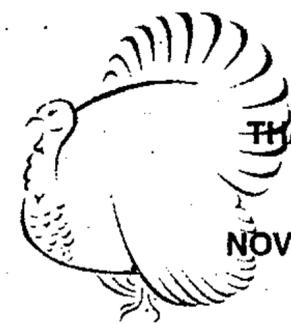
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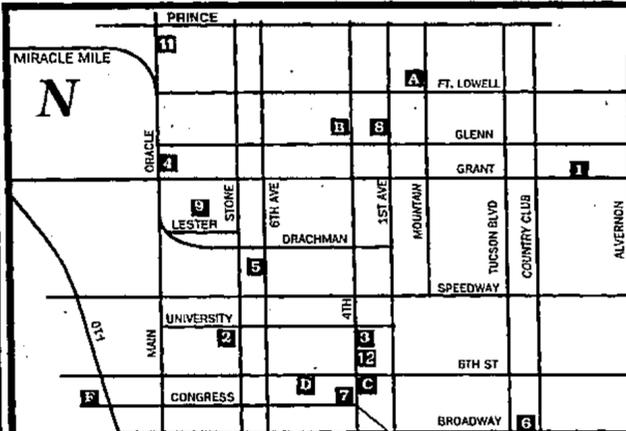
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## NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

On behalf of the entire staff, all of us at People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson thank everyone who has helped us these past twelve months with volunteer time, fund raising involvement, financial contributions - all of which made our work in this community a reality. Thank you for helping us help others. . . .

[Part Ten of The Portland Project and The Tucson Mens' Study.]

### SECONDARY PREVENTION OF AIDS

How likely are HIV+ Gay men to use available medical treatments for HIV and opportunistic infections that accompany infection?

For those who don't, what are some of the reasons for not using HIV antivirals (such as AZT), or drugs which can prevent opportunistic infections (such as Bactrim or Pentamidine)? In "Decisions to Get HIV Tested and to Accept Antiretroviral Therapies Among Gay/Bisexual Men: Implications for Secondary Prevention Efforts," recently published in JAIDS, Dr. Ron Stall used the 1992 survey responses to look at these issues.

"Secondary Prevention" refers to strategies that an HIV-infected person uses to prevent the onset of full-blown AIDS (as opposed to "primary prevention," which refers to strategies used to prevent getting infected with HIV). As a person cannot make any choices about secondary prevention strategies if unaware that he is HIV+, we saw HIV testing as a crucial first step in getting involved in one's medical care.

Getting the HIV test raises many concerns, including fear of social stigmatization if identified as HIV+, being unable to cope with an HIV+ diagnosis, and a reluctance to see oneself as being at risk. These were some of the reasons why, in 1992, about one-third of respondents stated they did not know their HIV status.

Once an HIV+ Gay man knows his serostatus, he needs to learn about the options he has to prevent the onset of AIDS. Therefore, it is not surprising that Gay men who are actively involved in their healthcare and reported positive relationships with their physicians were more likely to follow recommended medical treatments.

However, negative beliefs about AZT may have prevented HIV+ men in 1993, from exploring strategies for maintaining their health, including regular checkups with their doctors, getting T-cell counts, or finding out about medicines that help prevent opportunistic infections such as PCP.

Given the changes that have occurred over the past few years in attitudes about the value of taking antiviral medications (whether in the class of nucleoside analogues such as AZT or the newer protease inhibitors), we may see changes when further waves of survey data is analyzed in the likelihood of seeking out medical treatments and the availability of current information to HIV+ Gay men.

Next week: The Future.

I leave you with this in mind, "Love is like oxygen; you can't live without it." - Lee Roupas

## IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY

What's in a Name: As a socio-sexual group we're headed for a serious name crisis. Back in the good old days when men were men and Harriet Nelson always had a freshly baked coconut layer cake sitting on the kitchen counter, before either the concept or term "politically correct" ever crossed anyone's mind, the word "Gay" was the generally accepted all inclusive term for everything and everyone that was non-heterosexual.

It served us well for quite a long time. But with the enlightenment that came with all that pot smoking and bra-burning in the late 60's and early 70's the term "Gay" just didn't afford a sufficiently distinct cultural identity for the female of the species so it was broadened and became "Gay and Lesbian".

Although that was fine for those who were exclusively homosexual, switch hitters of both sexes (who must have jumped on the bandwagon while I was down on the floor huddled with my friend Sheila Winkleman smoking pot and trying to help her set fire to her brassiere) decided they were being excluded from specific mention. The term was modified again, it became "Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual" and we all heaved a collective sigh of relief thinking we FINALLY had everyone covered. Not!

Another segment of the sexual rainbow felt left off the letterhead so another modification was made and we became the "Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Trans-generated". Personally, I thought this was taking things just a little too far

from the original starting point, but at the time I was sitting next to a trans-generated bi-sexual who had me beat in both weight and reach so I didn't make a fuss.

Now come the transvestites who we know aren't always homosexual despite what your Uncle Ralph may think. Depending on whether or not they decide to stick together (in the cultural sense) based on their mutual interest in lingerie, or they split along lines of sexual preference, we may well have to go to "Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans-generated and same-sex transvestite".

We haven't heard yet from the omni-sexuals, asexuals, androgynous and those who haven't decided, but we're at the point where it's become a little ridiculous and someone is going to have to come up with one short, simple, all inclusive name for everything and everyone who isn't exclusively heterosexual.

Please call me when they do. I'll be down on the floor huddled with a same-sex transvestite smoking pot and trying to help her set fire to her brassiere.

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# The Shanti Corner

Last week we gave a brief overview of Shanti for those of you who are new Tucson and may want to know more about the services we provide.

One of the services we mentioned -- support groups. If you are HIV positive or are living with AIDS, Shanti offers a friendly, safe and confidential support group every Wednesday called Safe Havens. The group meets for lunch each week and discusses any number of things from new break throughs with protease inhibitors to personal relationships. The group is diverse -- men, women, Gay and straight. So don't worry about fitting in, all are welcome no matter what group you identify with. If you would like to learn more about Safe Havens, please call Edgar at 622-7107.

While you are out and about at the local bars you may notice a few gift wrapped boxes. Shanti is placing these boxes in the bars to gather donations for special holiday boxes for people living with HIV/AIDS. Our clients appreciate the extra items this time of year and you can help by donating any type of non-perishable food item -- or you may want to donate things like soap, toothpaste,

shaving materials or cleaning supplies.

Shanti also has a holiday wish list itself. Our office is in need of a few important items:

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Lastly, thank you to all our volunteers and friends in the community. Shanti could not do all the work it does with out your support and generosity.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This is the time of year when it is traditional for people to enumerate those things for which they are thankful. I would like to share with you some of the things on my list.

I am thankful that I was born in the twentieth century. This past summer there were several popular movies released which were set in medieval times. One especially I appreciated for the honest way it depicted them. The capital city had mud lanes for streets and there were no indoor bathroom facilities. In a historical novel I read recently, a character was bragging about the "modern" plumbing of London, where sewage was not just thrown on the streets, but placed in a ditch running down the center of the street! Yes, I am very thankful I was born in this century.

I am also thankful that I was born in the United States of America. While I agree that this country is not perfect, it comes much closer to my idea of perfection than any other country of which I am aware. Just a short hour's drive from us, many of the people of Nogales, Sonora, live in one room cardboard shacks on the sides of mud hills. Elections are often decided with a bullet, not a ballot. The value of money fluctuates almost daily. Many things which we in the U.S. consider necessities are considered luxuries there.

Tucson is my idea of heaven on earth, so I am thankful that I can live here. I think the mountains and desert and cactus and deep blue skies make the most beautiful scenery of any place on this planet!

I have some "personal" things for which I am thankful, of course. I am thankful for my eyesight with which I

enjoy all the beauties of nature around me. I am thankful for my ears through which I hear the majestic music of the masters. I am thankful for my mind, which I use to try to figure out "who-done-it" before the end of the book! And I am thankful for my spouse, who understands me sometimes better than I understand myself, and loves me anyway!

To whom, or what, should I be thankful? It is just blind chance that allowed me to be born in this century? Was it my destiny to be born in the U.S.? Was it my lot in life to be able to see and hear and think, instead of being blind or deaf or retarded? Was it by accident that I met and fell in love with my spouse?

The book of James in the New Testament gives the answer to all these questions: "Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James (1:16, 17) Every good thing in my life is a gift from God. He is the one who have given me all these blessings, and he is the one who deserves my thanks.

And he is also the one who has given you all your blessings, even if you have not yet acknowledged him! This verse says that every good gift from God, not just those gifts he gives to his children! You see, God loves you so much that he continues to give you good things, whether you know him or not! And the best gift he has ever given you and me is the gift of his son, Jesus Christ, who took the punishment we deserve for all our sins, so that we could like in Heaven with him forever! If you have never received this good gift of God, what better time than now? Then you will really have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving!

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Dear Readers,

This week I received two very serious questions that have very much in common. I have decided to devote my column to answering them together.

**Question #1**  
Dear Dr. X,

*I have had HIV for about three years and I still have rage in knowing that some guy infected me because he either didn't care about me or he didn't know he was infected. I was getting tested about every six months so I had a good idea as to when I turned positive. I was having safe sex most of the time but would slip occasionally, when I was seeing the same guy for awhile. I know I share the responsibility in getting infected but why didn't he know he was positive? Please advise me on how to get over this anger, it messes me up all the time.*

Sincerely, Raging Queen

**Question #2**  
Dr. X,

*I have had HIV for about two years. Last week I went home with someone who said they were HIV+ also. I try to play safe even with other guys that have HIV but in the heat of the moment he talked me into anal sex without a condom. If he was HIV+ then essentially no real harm was done but I am plagued with guilt about the possibility that he just said this so I wouldn't use a condom. What was I thinking? I hope I didn't give him a really lousy holiday gift. How do I forgive myself and get over the guilt? How can I be sure he was telling the truth?*

Signed, HIV Guilty

## POOP

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At family reunions, they would talk behind my back, and smile to my face. Yes, I know what can happen when you come out to your family.

As far as friends turning their back on you. I learned a great lesson in my coming out. A real friend will stay by your side through good and bad.

So if you think coming out, all the way, would wreck your life? Think again and very carefully! Coming out means freedom. That's why millions down through time have given, even their lives, to achieve it. Think very carefully about what it is like to live daily a life of lies and how this affects you. Lastly, think about what slavery is all about, slavery to a system!

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Dear Fellows,

I'm going to field your questions simultaneously so you will have to weed out your personal responses. I can't say this anger or guilt will ever go away. You have been infected with a life threatening illness and there is no cure, just treatments to slow it down. You are in many ways a victim of sexual and emotional abuse. I am glad to see that you own a part of getting infected and are thinking about your actions. This is very important. I don't know why the other guys didn't know if they had HIV or were even telling the truth. HIV is not a new thing on the scene and testing is cheap enough to go at least once a year. I guess you are dealing with some much bigger issues like social conscience, self esteem and fear about rejection and death.

Some guys believe that we are all going to be infected sooner or later so who cares? I think if you are negative you can stay negative as long as you get clear about your responsibility to yourself and that abstract acceptable level of risk I always talk about. Your level of risk was to occasionally have unsafe sex with a guy you were dating, but you left out an important step which was to know his HIV status. I am not attacking you. Many people think this way. The trick is to know that if you are going to have unsafe sex; meaning primarily unprotected anal intercourse, with a guy you are dating, you may want to go get tested together first, or have a really open dialogue about your history and status. It is also important to know that you are engaging in this behavior with this person on a monogamous basis. By this I mean that if you are seeing only each other and you are both negative the risk of HIV infection is almost non-existent, but if either of you is having sex with other guys it has to be safe with them, and then for good house-keeping safe with the guy you are dating.

Many guys with HIV feel that it is okay to have unprotected sex with other guys that have HIV. The studies on the possibility of re-infection in this scenario are either inconclusive or nonexistent, so you have to decide about the risk yourself. I wish that HIV wasn't such a strange character that changes its behavior every time we think we have some answers, but it is. If you have one strain of HIV and you have risky sex with a guy who has another strain, can you increase your virus and add new strains? This all gets a little complicated so the best policy is when in doubt, rubber it out!

Let's get back to your anger and guilt. The best way to deal with this is counseling. Talk it out with a friend or counselor; writing in is a good step. I can't give you all the answers in a few paragraphs. I had to confront the person that infected me. Then I was able to move on and start letting go of the anger. If you don't know specifically who infected you this is not an option. I hope that you were able to successfully notify any partner that you had unsafe sex with since you last few negative tests, as well as your current positive test. Notifying partners that they may have been at risk is a good way to stimulate some guys to get a test. If the guy that infected you didn't know he had HIV he may test and find out.

About this guy that tells you he has HIV so you will engage in anal sex

without condoms. What someone tells you in bed is going to be a judgment call every time. If this came up in the bar over a drink or the other guy initiated with revealing his status first you may have sounder information. Remember that you have half of the responsibility, not all of it. You acted in the moment and now you have regrets. I don't know about you, but that is how I got HIV. I am not saying you are wrong for going where you went with this guy, but if you are going to have doubts later than just use condoms no matter what they tell you. You have the right to choose safe sex with other guys that have HIV.

It is important to look at the anger we feel toward ourselves. We may need to acknowledge that we are beating ourselves up for taking chances and getting infected, or putting others at risk. I sure have kicked myself a few hundred times. Moving around in a body that carries a lethal virus is a very weird place to be. We know all the important stuff about HIV infection and we still take chances. What are we thinking? Maybe we just get tired of all that safe sex stuff. Maybe we get tired of condoms. Maybe we have such little respect for ourselves that we just don't care. Grim answers I know but the survival of our community is dependent on our personal survival. I hope I am not sending you into depression on top of anger and guilt but I wanted to explore with you the angst I feel some times in my own head so that you could feel a little less out there. Everyone with HIV gets mad from time to time. We all have those millions of questions running through our heads about the choices we made and the reality that is unfolding to us now. I hope that your questions will prompt others to think about the choices they make. We are coming up on the Holidays and we will all be partying big time. So I hope we can be smart in bed and give only gifts of love to each other this year. Good luck to both of you; Later!

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Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly and the Sun gotta change signs from Scorpio to jolly old Sagittarius this week. Prepare for a new spurt of energy and a drive to fulfill your unique personal mission. And if that mission happens to involve an egg timer and a squeeze bottle of mustard, who am I to say.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Proud Rambos can't help but look at life from a different angle when the Sun moves from private Scorpio to ecumenical Sag. Don't be surprised if the next twenty-nine days bring unusual people to your door (No names please) or send you Out and about into the world. Expect a bright light to shine in your eyes as you begin to comprehend all that the world has in store for you. (Is it a sobriety test?)

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

The Sun in Sag loosens up more than a few Gay Bulls. Sexual energy is high, so set that bod on boil and see who feasts. But life is not totally physical, my friend. The Sun now offers you a valuable opportunity to break through and triumph over old intractable psychological problems. What can I say except plunge to the depths of the human experience during this solar transit.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Don't be surprised if life centers around relationships. Gay Twins ache for a special mate and the Sun in Sag enables you to connect with someone special. If you are still searching, try places where friends and friends to be hang out. Remember though that Sag is not hot and heavy energy, so don't seek passion. Seek someone who won't mind if you floss and fart at the dinner table.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Pink Crabs will be relieved to know that work will go much easier when the Sun is in Sag. You may find that even the most onerous type of task goes a bit faster and smoother and everyone works together without the usual antics. I suggest that you this twenty-nine day period to reevaluate your diet and exercise regime. It's never too late to get that shell into ship shape for cruise season. Hello sailor!

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Sun in Sag encourages all proud and dramatic Lions to hone their artistic craft. (As if you needed any excuse!) Go Out and enjoy yourself, at least for the next twenty-nine days. This solar energy heats up any artistic, creative pastime, so try writing that great American Gay novel or wearing that great American Gay party outfit. Do just about anything delightful just as long as it's great and Gay!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

The Sun in Sag casts some warm energy in your home life. Queer Virgins can plan any redecoration or renovation now when confidence and personal satisfaction is high. Even family issues turn down the volume a notch. Maybe everyone's getting tired of bickering or maybe your point is finally hitting pay-dirt. Sag energy is known for its honesty and in-your-face confidence. It's a good thing too!

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Chatty Gay Libras may find that their words have uncontrollable power and frankness when the Sun enters Sagittarius. Sag energy is so unbridled in communication, you'll find that while you get your point across, it will be more like hitting

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

someone with an anvil rather than your usual diplomatic feather duster. Heck, sometimes you have to yell to get heard. Try not to belch it out.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

If you thought that finances were all tied up nice and pretty, think again queer Scorp. Sun in Sag acts like a wild spend-thrift, wreaking jolly havoc with even the best laid, financial plans. Of course, Sag energy plays hard and wins hard most of the time. (I suspect most of us like it like that.) Don't risk more than you can comfortably afford to lose, but also keep in mind is far too short to hoard.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Happy birthday proud Archer. The Sun in your own sign encourages you to get Out there and make a name for yourself. (Let's hope that name is not "Cheap and Easy"). It's time to gather up your best ideas and present them to those who can

help you succeed. Crash the right parties and make a good first impression. That means wearing clean underwear and washing your neck.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Sun in Sag casts a whole new light in that dark old closet of yours. Air it Out queer Cap and be honest about and with yourself. You'll feel much better and the smell in your house will be gone. It's also an excellent time to get involved with a great Gay charity and volunteer with those brothers and sisters who need our help. Pile up those good karma points in time for the new year.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians find comfort and conviviality among good friends and affirming social groups. The Sun in Sag makes your personal goals at one with the group; the energy is right to take on a good Gay cause (is there any other?) and hoist the

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER rainbow banner high. Maybe it's time to dance to a different tune; the Sag energy is liberating and freedom loving. Is it time to strike a new pose?

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

If you haven't thought of speaking up and demanding your professional rewards, the Sun in Sag will give you the push you need. Proud Fish are hard workers but sometimes fail to show off their talents where the big bosses can see. Use the next twenty-nine days to show off your wares. There is a better than average chance you'll get that recognition. Don't be a working schlub.

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A hilarious mock-documentary in the tradition of "This Is Spinal Tap" and "Bob Roberts," "Man of The Year" was released as a theatrical film this year in more than 50 markets. It was the Official Selection of the Toronto Film Festival and garnered rave reviews from many key publications.

Stephen Holden of The New York Times called the film: "Articulate, witty, flirtatious," and The New York Post said, "The most fun I've had at the movies this year!" Kevin Thomas, writing in the Los Angeles Times, that producer-director "tells his story convincingly and with such an amusing satirical touch."

Blurring the lines between truth and fiction through staged reenactments combined with actual documentary footage, the film follows Shafer through the ups and downs of his tenure.

Through a seemingly innocuous photo shoot that spirals into a Playgirl spread, Shafer suddenly finds himself as the magazine's "Man of The Year." His job is to be the mascot for the magazine and portray himself as the "ideal man for all women" on national television and radio talk shows, all of which Dirk to show off his manly physique and reveal what women really want out of a stud.

There's only one catch: Dirk is Gay, and has no clue what women want at all. But he takes his job seriously, and aggressively researches women's desires and fantasies. He "plays it straight," all the while fearing he'll be outed and lose his job.

Soon, Dirk has become an expert spokesperson for what women want from a heterosexual man. However, Dirk becomes increasingly guilt-ridden as the maintenance of his image conflicts more and more with his true identity.

Dirk's hilarious yet often poignant adventures server as a truly unique method for dramatizing many essential conflicts all Gay persons must face today. From coming out and finding one's own identity, to being forced to play it "straight" in heterosexual society, to dealing with love and loss.

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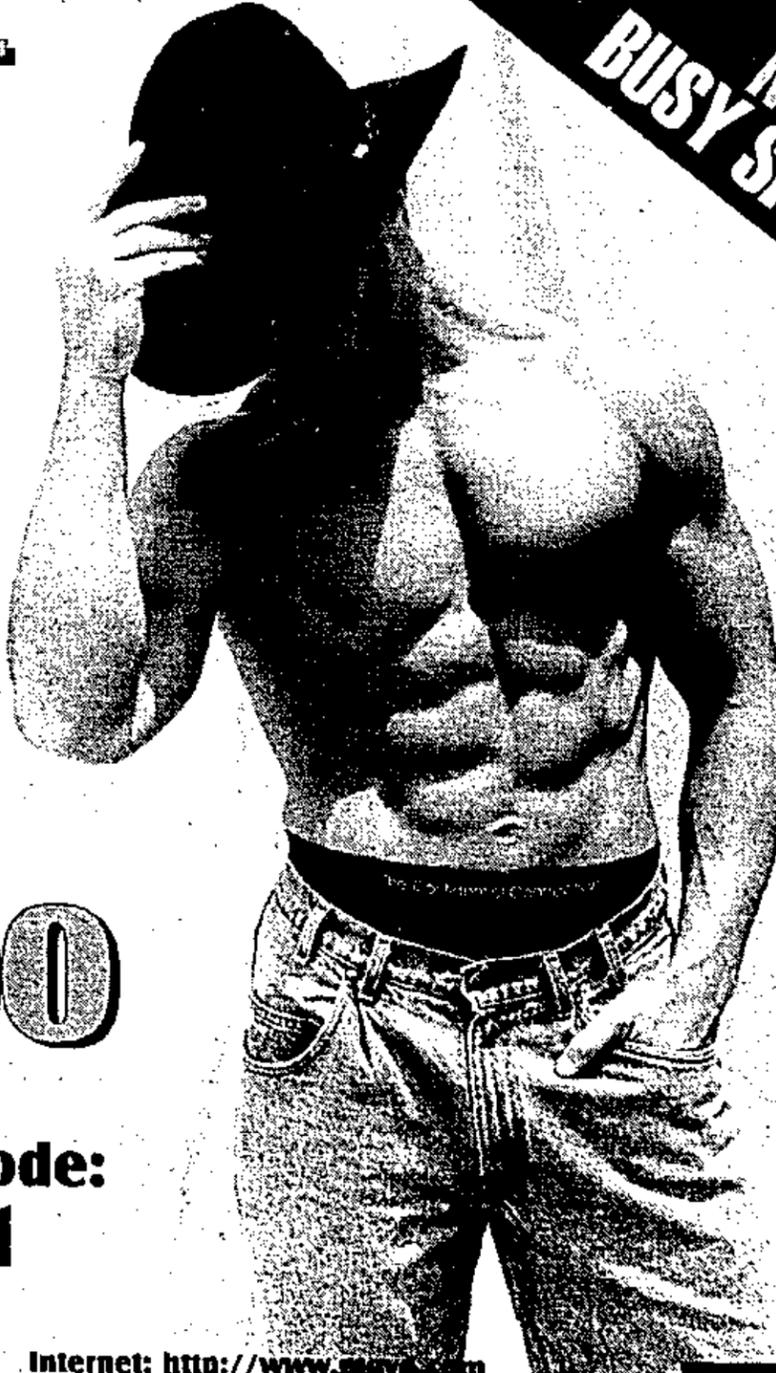
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**Go In Good Health**

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

This time and next week's column I would like to focus a bit on Women's Health issues. Before anyone objects what would a man know about a woman's body. I was married to a lovely woman for ten years! She too, is an herbalist and counselor, so I learned first hand about women's health issues from a holistic approach.

In the Lesbian community, there are a wide variety of health concerns which affects all women, not just the Lesbian part of the population. Unfortunately, women too, are susceptible to AIDS, and their symptoms differ. Be-

cause Bisexual women can be exposed to AIDS through unprotected sex with men, AIDS has become a Lesbian issue, also with little emphasis.

This article is not just about AIDS! Women can suffer from chronic problems such as candida infections, menstrual difficulties, and other woes, and again, the gentle power of Nature is here to help. Let me tackle these health challenges one at a time. I can only "scratch the surface" here, and I sincerely hope you will take the time to educate yourself!

First and foremost, a woman's body is very sensitive, particularly around the time of her menstrual cycle. She loses blood, relining her uterus, flushing away old, dead cells. Because of this, many women tend toward anemia, or poor levels of iron in the blood. Iron supplementation can help, but iron can lead to constipation. Small amounts in the diet are best.

The pain, cramps, and irregularities associated with the menstrual cycle can be alleviated, or greatly reduced with herbal remedies. Cramp bark is good for women's cramping, and also the herbs Chamomile and Peppermint tea, the Peppermint being soothing to the stomach in general. Chamomile is a mild relaxant, helping to de-stress the body.

If a woman is having problems with excessive or too little flow, my advice is to seek a competent herbalist, natural healer, or especially a woman in a health food store, and ask what she has tried to alleviate these problems.

There is a lovely herbal blend called "Mense-Soothe" by Dancing Willow Herbs (a company I do business with, which is not in local stores, unfortunately, but I can obtain this blend easily). Some of the herbs used include the following which can be purchased in dry herb form locally: Cramp Bark, Wild Yam, Beth Root and Skullcap. You can mask the strong taste of medicinal herbal teas by blending it with a more pleasant tea, such as a soothing mint tea, or an orange almond, etc. (I would avoid stimulant teas in this instance as they may counter the effects of the herbs taken).

This is a soothing blend. There are also homeopathic blends available that friends of mine have taken for menstrual troubles with good results. Follow the instructions on the label. Homeopathy is a wonderful healing system and I will discuss it at length at a future date. Also, proper rest and nutrition will help. Poor diet has been linked to pre-menstrual problems, and has been shown to intensify the symptoms of pre-menstrual syndrome. Do some reading on this subject.

I recommend the books by Susan Weed like the Wise Woman's Herbal, which includes one for the menopause years, and one for the childbearing years as well.

Next week I will discuss herbs, stress vitamins, chronic fatigue and other ailments that affect women.

[Rev. Brooks can be reached at 326-0841.]

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - If you like to 2-step, 6-step or waltz, then the Biz has a country dance contest for you! Dance contest is for couples only and registration forms are at the Biz. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Pitchers of Beer only \$1.25 from 8:00 to midnight. No cover, but there is an entry fee. Stop by the Biz for forms.

**IBT's** - 9:00 p.m., "The Girlie Show" Thanksgiving Special hosted by Helena Bubbles and featuring Miss Gay Tucson Felicia Renard and Lucinda Holliday. Spotlight Guest Vanity Stamos.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - The Biz will open at 7:00 p.m. today to allow their employees to enjoy Thanksgiving with their family and friends.

**GRADUATE** - The Grad opens at 9:00 a.m. today. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Party, 3:00 p.m. Join your friends for Thanksgiving at the Grad.

**HOURS** - Thanksgiving Potluck here today. Hours will supply the turkey, dressing and basics. You bring your favorite side-dish to share. Everybody welcome.

**IBT's** - Thanksgiving Party. (IBT's opens at 6:00 p.m.). Drink Special: Apple Pie Schnapps \$1.00. Hot dance 9:00 p.m. to close.

**PLUG** - Thanksgiving Dinner here from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring in a non-perishable food item for Shanti's Food Pantry. All proceeds also benefit the pantry.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Thanksgiving Buffet begins at 3:00 p.m. Hot male strip show 10:00 p.m.

**VENTURE-N** - Thanksgiving Dinner at high noon. You bring a side dish and they'll bring the meat.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Bare Chest Contest tonight. Sign up at 9:00 p.m. the contest begins at 11:00. Prizes: \$100 for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

**IBT's** - Benefit Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que 4:40 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit AGRA. Then stick around for the Torn, Tattered and Tattooed Party 9:00 to close. Special \$1.50 Well / \$1.50 Bud for those in torn/worn clothes or tattooed.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - The return of Divas of Drag hosted by Adrienne Alexander. 9:30 p.m. Come early and enjoy their steak fry from 4 to 8 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**IBT's** - Male Box Nite here from 9:00 to close. Meet new friends and the men of 85705. Prizes and surprises.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - "Ladies by Choice" show hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake begins at 9:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

**IBT's** - Coming! "The C.C. Rae Comedy Show" Mark your calendars.

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Jazz Hawk Oakenstar at Girlfriends from 8 to 10 p.m. \$2.00 Cover.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Spend Thanksgiving with your gay family. Turkey and dressing will be provided, and in the spirit of the holiday, we ask others to bring food to share. For details, directions, and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Tucson Arts District Downtown Holiday Parade

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. After Thanksgiving, we present the biggest turkey of all: the annual Turkey Movie. This year, "Malibu Express" is honored as a movie most foul. See bad acting, writing, and direction. This movie has it all! For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. After over-indulging this holiday weekend, come in and pamper yourself as Bob, our host, offers to teach the basics of upper body massage. All body types are welcome as we learn to share the human touch in a healthy way. For reservations and directions, call Bob at 623-1732.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore will present a showing of important paintings and drawings by Lorraine Intalaco for the month of December. Artist reception 4-7 p.m. 688-GIRL for more information.

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Shop & Watch Movie Day. Drop by Les & Jerry's to watch a movie and visit the nearby Tucson Mall for some Christmas shopping. The first movie of the day is "The Shop Around the Corner" starring Jimmy Stewart in a warm, good-hearted comedy from 1940. Call Les at 690-9565 to reserve your space and obtain directions.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. The second movie of the day is "Gremlins." This movie is about the mayhem the little creatures bring to a tiny town on Christmas Eve. Call Les at 690-9565 to reserve your space and obtain directions.

3. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650 for reservations and directions.

4. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The holiday-themed movie is "Meet Me in St. Louis" starring Judy Garland and the scene-stealing Margaret O'Brien. Great songs, lush colors, and as an extra present, a bonus song which was cut from the film. Call Les at 690-9565 to reserve your space and obtain directions.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Beginner's bridge night. For those men interested in learning the basics of bridge and practicing while they learn. Call Gi (pronounced "Guy") at 690-0801 for reservations and directions.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Sign up now at Girlfriends Coffee House and Book store for the Awareness Workshop. Starts at 7:00 p.m. at Girlfriends, 3540 N. Oracle Road.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On Fourth Ave. At 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

Girlfriends Coffee House and Book store presents Jazz Hawk Oakenstar from 8 to 10 p.m. \$2 cover.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4268 or Donna at 325-4257 for details and directions.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Bring an ornament and help trim Girlfriends Christmas Tree.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Sagittarius Birthday Party at Girlfriends. Come and join Susie for her birthday. 8:00 p.m.

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. A morning hike to the stunning overlook at Wason Peak in the Tucson Mountains. Seven miles long, rated moderate. For details, reservations and directions, call Joe or Jim at 791-7003

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering will be held. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100 men who come to our monthly gathering. It is held at the Scottish Rite Hall at 33 Ochoa Street. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for more details and directions.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

It's a Tucson Holiday tradition: The 8th Annual "Festival For Life" benefiting PACT, the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Galleria at the Tucson Convention Center. Many holiday items will be up for auction with food and entertainment too. Meet singer Rita Coolidge, help people living with HIV/AIDS and, maybe win a trip for two to Las Vegas or other raffle prizes. For ticket information call PACT AT 770-1710.

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. Card games of all sorts will be played at Martin's home. For details, directions and to reserve your space, please call Martin at 623-1732.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Sunday is a chance to get together and dish-ice cream, that is.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## Sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 9pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screens \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instructor 6-8 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. Benefit 8-8-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.  
**PLUG** - Open Noon, 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-8.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 2pm.  
**Bar-B-Que** and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Surf Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Teal 4-11pm.

## Monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. 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 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.  
**PLUG** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Carrey movies with Moose 8pm. Owl Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Well all day and all night.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Sleep Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

## Tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. 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. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.  
**PLUG** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.00 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

## Wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music 9pm to close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pool matched, Double elimination.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.  
**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 Produd Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)  
**PLUG** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Teal open 8:30pm.

## Thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 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. Hi energy dancing 9-close.  
**PLUG** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with "The Smed" 9pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Teal open 8:30pm

## Friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. 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. .. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**PLUG** - Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Hi-Energy Dance music at 9pm.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Teal opens at 8:30 pm.

## Saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Pool matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colodas \$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. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**PLUG** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 68 8pm. Free Pool 88 8pm. Hot Dance Party at 9pm.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Bitches & Sagals w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Teal Opens at 8:30pm.



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P.F.L.A.C. - 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 515-8660 or write P.O. Box 56284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

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The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome 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, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Breadroom Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours: M-F, 9-5. 322-8226. AIDS Hotline: 326-4123.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1784 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Voluntary opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 824-1778.

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 Footprints Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9083 for information.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 223-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 42884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

CRIMES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Mike at 888-7284.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-10:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Greenway (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Ann (520)782-8136.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philip in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, 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 325-4717.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at Utah School of Music Rm 8182. For information call 781-0682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #846, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact: Mary 770 9878 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Inpatient 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 298-9083.

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ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers to 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 AIDS Project at 322-8226.

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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 98 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 8:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, body, 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.

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CATHOLIC GAYLESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Domingo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Eric 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 895-3577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollins 377-8233 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 834-7083.

THAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer care services to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV+health care, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 298-8847.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly dining away from Tucson. Call 787-3119 for more information and a membership bio.

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**HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON**  
by Anida Cowboy

Fasten your seatbelt kids, and fire up those charge cards! I can't believe that there is less than a month left until Christmas and after this weekend, the Holiday Season will be in full swing.

I want to be the first to wish you all a very happy and health Holiday Season! I have been busy preparing all the fixins for my big dinner party on Thanksgiving, so I am keeping this article short!

A lot has been happening "on the Range." Our AGRA "Planners" have been hard at work organizing the upcoming Christmas Jamboree at the Venture-N scheduled for Sunday, December 15. We will begin the festivities with an AGRA General Membership meeting starting at 5:00 P.M., followed by the holiday festivities. Come join us for the event. This is the AGRA-Tucson Board members way to thank all of our members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

We are also beginning to plan the annual Winterhaven Hayride and Pre/Post

Party to be held at the Plug. Details are still sketchy, so stay tuned for information as it becomes available.

The December issue of the Branding Iron on its way to your mailbox and a bar near you. Look for it the first week in December.

For those of you looking for something to do in Phoenix. On Sunday, December 8, AGRA will be celebrating our twelfth anniversary in conjunction with Charlie's 21 Days of Christmas. A big part in the big city is a great way to begin the Holidays. Also, on December 14, AGRA will be holding their annual State Banquet at the Chuckwagon Cafe in Phoenix. Contact the AGRA Hotline for more information.

I hope everyone has a great week and remember, keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

[AGRA-Tucson, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805.]

**Hawaii Constitutional Convention Gets Green Light**

HONOLULU, HI (WS) - Major network affiliates in Honolulu are reporting the State Attorney General has determined a simple majority of the popular vote is enough to force the legislature to call a State Constitutional Convention.

The Convention has been pushed by Hawaii conservatives who hope to place a prohibition on Gay marriage in the state's constitution.

A controversy surrounding the tallying of ballots precipitated the Attorney General's intervention. The Board of Elections following the November 5 vote said rules governing the assembly of a Constitutional Convention require a public

mandate of more than 50 percent of all votes cast, not a simple majority. The Attorney General overruled that interpretation.

The legislature will now meet to determine the particulars of the convention. The assembly must agree to the issues the convention will address, how the delegates to the convention will be selected, how it will be funded, and when and where the convention will be held.

News reports could not agree on when the convention would take place. Most predict Spring 1998, but some say either 1999 or as late as June of 2000.

**Battered Gay Student Wins Nearly \$1million From School District**

EAU CLAIRE, WI (WS) - Wisconsin school officials agreed to pay nearly \$1 million to settle a federal lawsuit filed by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund on behalf of a battered Gay student, Jamie Nabozny.

Court watchers say this case will have far-reaching national repercussions.

Nabozny, now 21, suffered brutal assaults and harassment while attending public school in Ashland, Wisconsin. Repeated requests for protection were rebuffed or ignored by school officials. A five-woman, two-man federal jury cited three administrators in particular, Mary Podlesny, William Davis and Thomas Blauert as liable for not providing Nabozny with proper protection while on school grounds.

Patricia M. Logue, managing attorney for Lambda, said the settlement "is the first time ever that a federal jury has had the chance to judge a school for

its response to anti-Gay violence."

In an agreement reached before the jury had a chance to consider damages in the case, school officials agreed to pay \$900,000 plus \$62,000 to cover potential medical expenses.

Nabozny tried to kill himself several times during the years of abuse he suffered as an openly Gay student. In one of the more vicious attacks, Nabozny required surgery because of the injuries he sustained.

Attorney David Springer, who worked with Lambda on the case, said, "I am extremely gratified that a jury in America's heartland rendered a verdict for a young Gay man sending such a powerful message about fair treatment for all students." He continued, "Schools and school officials throughout the country are on notice that their obligations include protecting Lesbian and Gay students."



**Desert Coyotes Fall/Winter Bowling League**  
**Second Half Standings**

	W	L	Pins
Tres Amigos	9	3	17936
Nine	9	3	17789
Hooga-Booga!	9	3	17673
Meat N'Heat	8	4	17895
3 Jokers	7	5	17548
Twisted Nipples	6	6	17957
Smakin Bears	6	6	17912
Triple T & Me	6	6	17643
Ten*	5	7	17646
My 2 Dads	5	7	17446
Show Me Yours	5	-7	17303
Thirteen	4	8	17169
Bea Bytes	3	9	17194

Joey/Pussycats - 2 10 17619

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**Lambda Lizards Fall/Winter Bowling League**  
**Second Half Standings**

	W	L	Pins
Taste Buns*	8	4	8863
Pink Flamingos	7	5	8880
Faerie Tails	7	5	8655
Desert Divas	6	6	8979
Four Swigs	6	6	8581
Lesberados	2	10	8536

\*First Half Champions

**World AIDS Day In Tucson, December 1**

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People living\* with HIV/AIDS will be invited to hang their own red ribbon on the Tree of Hope, symbolizing their hope of living to find a cure.

The ceremony will also include comments from speakers, including: State Senator-elect Elaine Richardson and a person with AIDS.

Volunteers will hang 1,069 red ribbons on 1,069 trees in the park. The red ribbons represent the number of individual, reported AIDS cases in Pima County.

The 1,069 red ribbons will hang in Reid Park through December 6 to allow people to witness for themselves the magnitude of AIDS in Pima County.

This event is sponsored by PACT for Life, Pima County Health Department, Shanti, TIHAN, Tucson AIDS Project, UApresents, UA Special Immunology Program and Wingspan.

For more information about this ceremony, call Deborah at 322-6226 or Robert at 694-4209.

On Saturday, November 30, TIHAN and Carondelet will be holding an Interfaith Service at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital Chapel, 8:00 P.M. A candlelight vigil will continue after the service in the chapel. For more information call TIHAN, 299-6647.

The Pascua Yaqui will be commemorating World AIDS Day at church services on Sunday, December 1. For information call Bonnie Robles, 883-5019. The Tohono O'odham Nation will have events including a walk, panel discussion, red balloon display and AIDS bingo.

The University of Arizona and UApresents will commemorate Day Without Art by draping Centennial Hall on December 1. U of A residence halls and Student Union may be draping art around campus and doing informational boards December 1-2. The University Arts Committee will drape outdoor art December 6.

BGALA, the University student group will hold an observance on Friday, December 6, 6:00 P.M., with a candlelight vigil, walk, and reading of names of those who have died of AIDS.

**Doctors Deadlock On Making New AIDS Drug Available**

GATHERSBURG, MD (AP) - Scientific advisers have deadlocked over whether to allow AIDS patients to buy a new drug, citing conflicting evidence over whether it works and who should use it.

Pharmacia & Upjohn argued that delavirdine would help kill the HIV virus in early-stage patients' blood and slightly boost their immune system when used in combination with older medicines.

But the improvement was so slight - and the drug failed to do any good for late-stage patients - that advisers to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) were left wondering how any doctor would know how to prescribe delavirdine.

"We're in a tough position," said Dr. Wayne Greaves of Howard University Hospital, before the panel voted 4-4 on whether the drug should be approved. "There are still patients who need additional drugs."

"A year ago, I would have viewed this very differently," said Dr. Christopher Mathews of the University of California, San Diego, who questioned approving a drug that showed such minimal effect.

But the panel urged the FDA not to make a final decision until doctors finish analyzing an additional study to confirm the drug's impact.

The tie vote came after mothers tearfully protested that Pharmacia, like

almost every AIDS drug manufacturer, had not begun testing to determine whether delavirdine would help HIV-infected children.

Of the nine AIDS drugs sold today, only three are approved for children's use - and they do not include the newest, most potent AIDS therapies.

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