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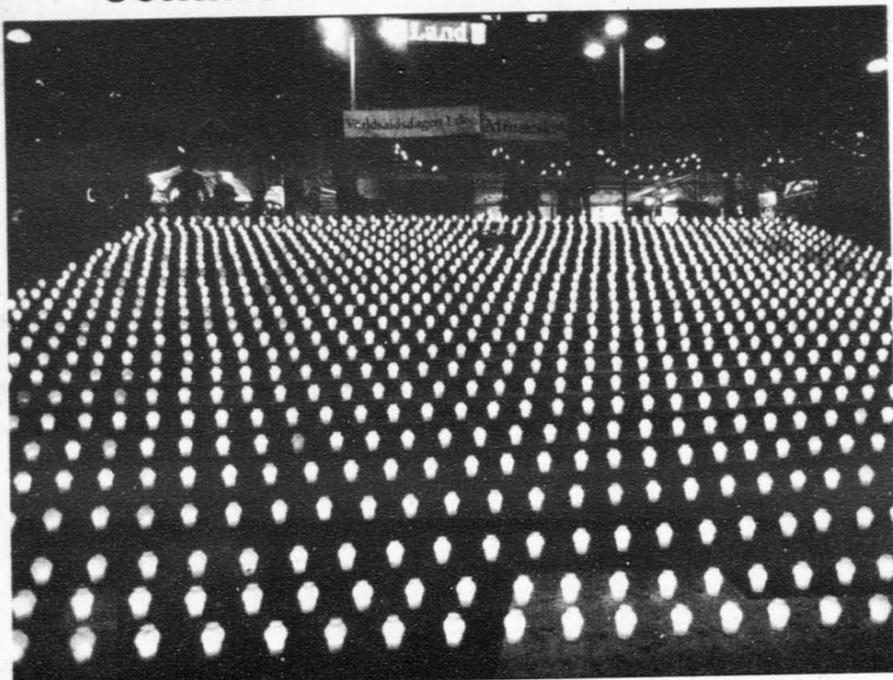
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## World AIDS Day Commemorated In Tucson



Pictured above is Sergei Square in Stockholm, Sweden where 1,445 candles were lit on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. Each candle symbolized a Swede who died of AIDS during 1996. For more on World AIDS Day worldwide, nationally and locally see accompanying story.

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (OBS) - Sunday, December 1, people all over "One World" came together with "One Hope," to eradicate a deadly disease and to remember those who lost their battle to it.

The Sixteenth World AIDS Day was commemorated with a renewed vigor, with new drugs such as protease inhibitors, but also with a sense of urgency after a U.N. agency reported that over one million perished from AIDS in the past year alone.

From church services, panel discussions, vigils and the hanging of red ribbons, World AIDS Day was commemorated in Tucson with several events.

The World AIDS Day observance took place Sunday in Reid Park.

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

David Hoover of the Pima County Health Department opened the commemoration by ringing a bell 16 times to mark the anniversary of the AIDS epidemic.

State Senator-Elect Elaine Richardson gave a heartwarming address and read the World AIDS Day Proclamation:

"Today we ring this bell sixteen times, commemorating the 16 years of the AIDS epidemic. We gather here today to say those we have lost will not be forgotten. We gather today to say that we will not give up our fight until everyone with

AIDS is treated with compassion and until we no longer to gather like this, because there will be no more AIDS.

"Each ribbon on the trees you see around you represents a life that is precious -- someone's son, daughter, mother, father, lover, friend. There are more than a thousand ribbons, each representing a precious life that we will not forget.

"Today's theme for world AIDS Day is 'One World, One Hope.' We are here to claim our hope for a new world. One world, where everyone has access to medical care. One world, where AIDS-phobia and homophobia end. That is our hope today. Our one hope."

Jason Vogler of PACT then spoke "as a person who has been living with HIV/AIDS for more than a decade."

He told the assembled crowd to "reflect upon those courageous individuals who are no longer with us, but struggled to bring us the hope we are now blessed.

Vogler reminded the audiences that today, the sixteenth anniversary, "we can truly affect the course of this disease with breakthroughs in medicine, giving many the gift of prolonged life."

"With this renewed strength we can move into tomorrow with our heads held high," Vogler added. "We can continue our work to ensure that no one need suffer from this disease again."

People living with HIV/AIDS, those who've lost friends and loved ones to AIDS then hung red ribbons on the Tree of Hope, symbolizing their hope of living to find a cure.

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## State Judge Bars Hawaii From Denying Marriage Licenses To Same Sex Couples

by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Political Reporter

HONOLULU, HI (OBS) - The most anticipate court decision since the Colorado Amendment 2 case finally came down, on the side of Gays and Lesbians.

State Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang, on Tuesday, ruled that the State of Hawaii does not have a compelling reason for imposing the ban on marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples.

Chang's ruling makes Hawaii the first state in the United States to recognize that Gay and Lesbian couples are entitled to the same privileges as heterosexual married couples.

Before the judge's decision was rendered, both sides had stated previously that they would appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court. Observers expect this case to eventually be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

As previously reported, the state Supreme Court had heard the case brought by three Gay and Lesbian couples, Joe Melillo and Pat Lagon, Tammy Rodrigues and Antoinette Pregil, Nina Baehr and Genora Dancel in 1991.

In 1993, the state Supreme Court ruled that the state's denial of marriage licenses to same-sex couples amounted to gender discrimination which violates the state constitution's equal rights amendment. The case was then sent back to Circuit Court, saying the ban could not be imposed unless the state showed a compelling reason for doing so.

Earlier this year, state lawmakers failed to agree on either on a proposed constitutional amend to ban same-sex marriages or pass domestic-partnership legislation giving Gay and Lesbian couples many of the legal and financial benefits of married couples.

The trial in Circuit Court took place in August. The pending litigation prompted the Republican-controlled 104th Congress to draft and pass the "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA). GOP congressional leaders were intending to use this as an issue in the upcoming fall campaign. President Bill Clinton signed the measure in a midnight ceremony.

DOMA stated that the federal government will not recognize Gay marriages and allowing states not to recognize such marriages licensed in other states. DOMA also stated the federal government would not give benefits to same-sex couples as they current do to heterosexual couples.

The trial lasted two weeks. The

state, represented by deputy attorney general, Rick Eichor, had argued that Hawaii's marriage law was intended to promote the best environment for the procreation and rearing of children. Children, Eichor argued, thrive best when raised by biological parents.

Eichor had stated that legalizing same-sex marriages would open the door to demands that the state also license bigamy, polygamy and consensual incestuous relationships.

Lawyers for the three couples, in their arguments, argued that the state had not met its burden. "The judge made the decision that he could, given the evidence in this case," said Daniel Foley, one of the attorneys for the couples, in an interview.

Foley called the decision "not only historic, but of vital personal consequence to the couples who want to get married."

Two of three couples, Melillo and Lagon, Baehr and Gancel said they were elated with the outcome and stated their intentions to get a marriage license in Hawaii. In a news conference in New York City, Genora Dancel said the case will be a "prelude to action against the Defense of Marriage Act."

The Family Research Council, an ultra-conservative think tank said the rulings defied the wishes of the majority: Surveys show than over two-thirds of Hawaii's residents oppose same-sex marriage.

A long court battle is expected in this case. According to David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign, if the case is upheld, Gay and Lesbian activists will sue to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act. Smith, in an interview, called the decision a "tremendous victory, but the battle is not over. A major bridge has been crossed, but the battle will continue."

On hearing of the outcome, local reaction was swift:

Jaime Ball said, "If the couples win the court battle, this would be terrific. My partner and I want to buy a house, and currently we would have to enter into a business partnership to do so. If this holds up, we could buy a house just as a married couple."

Bruce Corey, president of Wingspan, commented, "It's great! The outcome didn't surprise me. It's a step in the right direction. This shows Hawaii to be a progressive state. This is great for the community."

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# UPDATE

## Gay Mentor Project Obtains National Grant

TUCSON - The Gay Mentor Project is pleased to announce that the National AIDS Fund, through Tucson Community Foundation, will continue funding the program through June 1997.

As a result, the Project is seeking adult volunteer mentors who have a strong interest in mentoring young Gay or Bisexual men through a weekly "big-brother" type program.

Over forty volunteers are currently involved in the program. Our next training for mentors will take place on Wednesday evenings, February 5, 12 & 19 at the PACT for Life offices. Space is limited to ten trainees. Volunteers are completing the application process now.

To sign up for training, or for further information, please call Keith at 770-1710.

## 'A Winter Montage' December 6 & 7

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Tucson's first and only Gay Men's Chorus announced their first concert, "A Winter Montage," December 6-7.

"A Winter Montage," Reveille's holiday concert featuring international carols, classic works and favorites with a definite twist.

"A Winter Montage," will be performed on December 6 and 7, 8:00 P.M., at Grace St. Pauls Episcopal Church, 2331 East Adams in Tucson.

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

For reservations on more information call 617-3100.

## Desert Voices Holiday Concert Dec. 13 & 14

TUCSON - On December 13 and 14, Desert Voices will present their eighth annual holiday concert, entitled "The Child Within."

The forty-five member chorus will present holiday music we learned as children, including selections from Rudolph, The Grinch and Charlie Brown Nutcracker Suite" will be featured as a choral work.

An evening highlight will include the premiere of the chorus' second commission, Miracle, by Chicago composer Eric Lane Barnes.

The concerts will be held at the Proscenium Theatre, Pima Center for the Performing Arts, 8 P.M. each evening. For more information or tickets, call the chorus hotline, 791-9662.

## PACT 'Festival for Life' December 8

TUCSON - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life) will hold its eighth annual "Jerome Beillard Festival For Life" fund raiser, Sunday, December 8, in the Galleria at the Tucson Community Center.

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.

The five professionally-decorated Holiday trees to be live 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 prices 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.

Advance admission tickets are \$20 and may be charged to major credit cards by calling the PACT office. At the door, admission tickets will be \$25.

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.

## IN MEMORIAM



MARK ALAN FIELDS

Born January 1, 1960 in Wilmington, Ohio. Died November 29, 1996 in Tucson. Survived by parents Billy and Ola Mae Fields, of Wilmington, Ohio, and three sisters and a brother, all of Wilmington.

Most recently employed at Bumpers Pub, where he had many friends.

A memorial reception will be held at Bumpers, Saturday, December 7, starting at noon.

## Lisa Thiel At Girlfriends December 15

TUCSON - Lisa Thiel is a visionary artist and ceremonial singer whose healing prayer songs and chants are among the most popular in the women's spirituality movement today.

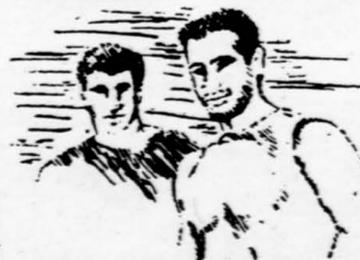
Lisa Thiel will be appearing at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore on Sunday, December 15, for a "Sunday Afternoon Delight" at 4 P.M.

Originally a Holistic Healing professional, Lisa began creating her music as an expression of her process of personal growth and healing. As a result, her music is an authentic reflection of her journey to self-discovery and spiritual transformation.

Lisa self-produced her first tape, Songs Of The Spirit in 1994. Since that time she has produced other recordings of spiritually oriented music inspired by many traditions, such as: Prayers For The Planet, Songs Of Transformation, Rising Of The Phoenix, Lady Of The Lake, Sisters Of The Dream, Song For My Ancestors and Journey To The Goddess.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door. For more information call 888-GIRL.

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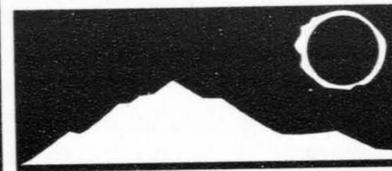
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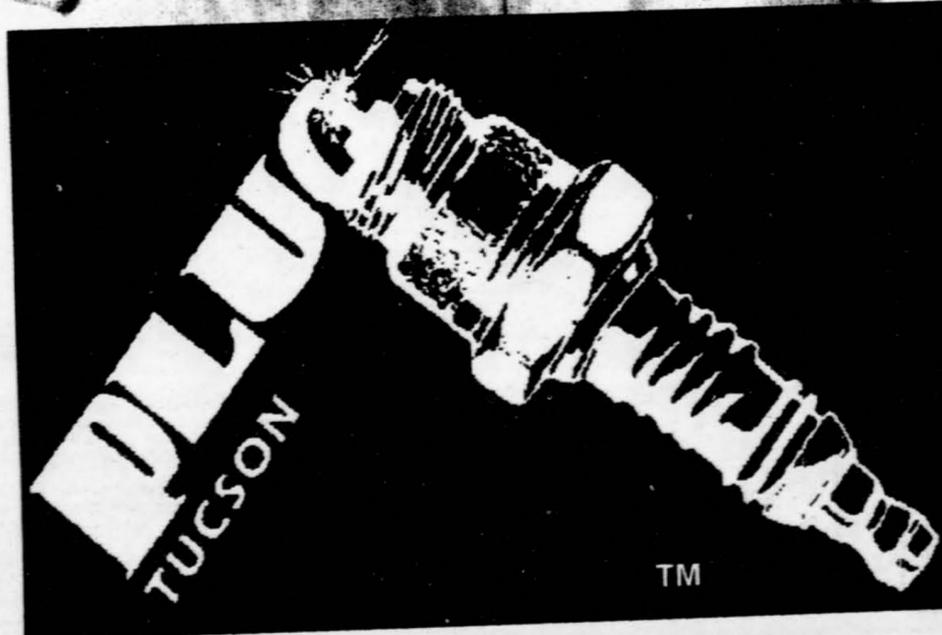
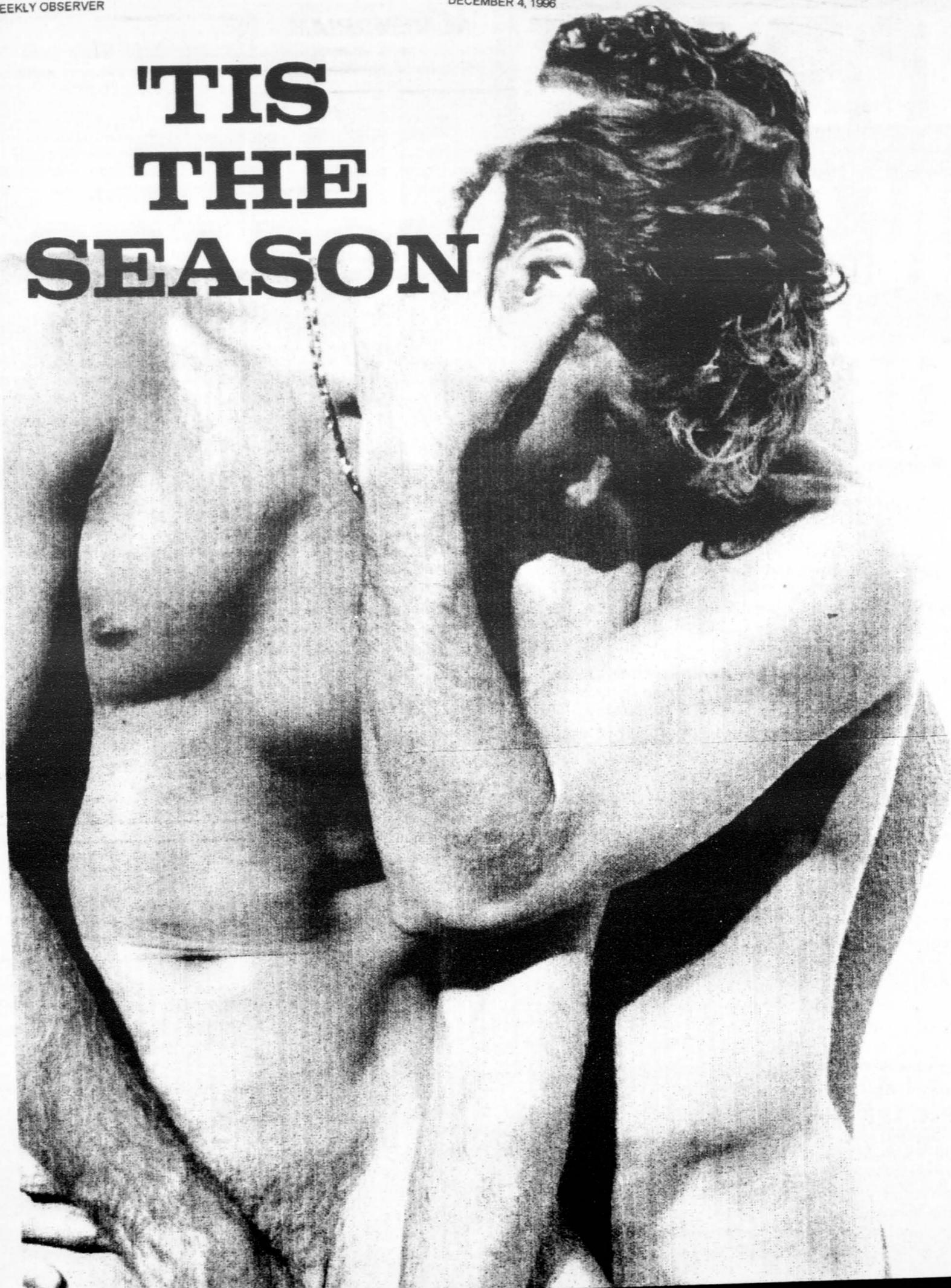
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## Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar García

Saludandoles como siempre, esperando que ya se encuentren descansados de tanto "alboroto" del pasado fin de semana, y sobre todo hay que reservar unas pocas de energías para las posadas y demás pachangas por el pretexto de la navidad y fin del año... Les recuerdo que hay que festejar con moderación, cuidado y respeto...

Como se pudo apreciar el pasado "Día mundial del SIDA" en realidad fueron pocos eventos los que se llevaron a cabo y los que se efectuaron, contaron con poca asistencia, tal vez sería, que el día de Acción de Gracias estuvo cerca de la fecha; el caso es que en el evento que se efectuó en el Reid Park se contó con poca asistencia y de las otras agencias poco se pudo apreciar en relación a esa fecha...

Cambiando de tema; son muy buenos los comentarios que se escuchan en relación a los fines de semana en el "Alternator" del "Plug" donde se puede ir a disfrutar de un bonito ambiente, sin tanta aglomeración y sobre todo escuchar y bailar la música latina que programa Edoardo y que decir de los Shows del grupo Extasis... con sus nuevas integrantes que de verdad lo están haciendo cada vez mucho mejor...

El Instituto Cultural Mexicano de Tucson, ya puso en funciones el programa de Educación para Adultos; el señor Ramón Burrola es el director de dicho programa, si usted está interesado en atender a esas clases o conoce a alguna persona interesada en el programa, por favor comuníquese con al Instituto Cultural Mexicano de Tucson, con el señor Rodrigo Díaz-Brown al teléfono (520) 323-2746 o con el señor Ramón Burrola al (520) 792-6713, o diríjase al Consulado de México de Tucson, localizado en 553 South Stone avenue, donde se le atenderá gustosamente... También el mencionado Instituto Cultural está en proceso de presentar en ésta ciudad de Tucson, a un grupo teatral de la Ciudad de México con la obra: "SIDA, si da..." ya se empezaron las reuniones planificadoras, donde se ha podido apreciar el gran interés de ciertas agencias y personas de poner en escena dicha obra; la cual les daremos los detalles

oportunamente así como las fechas a realizarse; lo que sí hemos podido constatar es que ese grupo de actores y actrices son recomendados por las dos grandes instituciones educativas de la Capital del país como lo son la UNAM y el Tecnológico; si tiene interés en participar dentro del comité planificador para este evento, comuníquese conmigo al (520) 287-4722 o con la señorita Nelly Luevano del departamento de promoción y asuntos comunitarios del Consulado de México.

Quiero agradecer las llamadas que hemos estado recibiendo después de la participación en el programa "Encuentro" con el señor Juan Armenta, de la cadena telemundo, de verdad esos estímulos son los que nos quitan lo cansado después de un largo día... muchas gracias...

El Sr. Jesús M. Gómez en coordinación con la Universidad de Arizona trearan a las instalaciones del TPAC una pastorela y posada tradicional con un grupo de Hermosillo, Sonora. la presentación será el día 14 de diciembre a las 6:00 p.m. además se presentará un bailable de Nati Cano. Ya les daré más información en la siguiente Columna Abierta de la siguiente semana....

Por esta semana ha sido todo, los invitamos a que utilicen esta Columna Abierta para hacer sus invitaciones al público lector a los diferentes eventos que se llevarán a cabo por motivo de las fiestas decembrinas... Hasta la próxima D.M.

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# Gay Student Club Comes Under Heavy Fire In Alaska

ANCHORAGE, AK (ADN) - Another debate over Gay student clubs is brewing again, this time at Dimond High School in Alaska.

The club has the qualified support of school officials who say it is clearly allowed under current district policies, but the issue has already become hotly confrontational.

Parents are calling principal Pat McDowell to accuse her of being a Lesbian and to slam school officials for what

they call a Gay teen dating service. The issue seems to have similarly divided the student body. "There's been a very visceral reaction," McDowell said in an interview. "We are all being assaulted over this thing."

The principal says that the Dimond High Gay/Straight Alliance has followed standard school criteria and conforms to both district and federal guidelines. The federal Equal Access Act, drafted to allow the creation of Bible clubs, prohibits schools from banning

clubs for their religious, political or philosophical beliefs.

"If you allow one noncurriculum club, you have to allow them all in," one school official said. "You can't pick and choose groups based on your personal biases. That's how we're proceeding with this."

Community reaction has been harshly negative, and opponents have vowed to make their influence felt by the board. Mostly negative calls from parents and students, as well as the public at-large

have inundated decision makers. Local radio commentaries have taken up the campaign to denounced the group as immoral and subversive.

Pockets of support remain, however, which the Gay group and its supporters hope to build on.

One parent, Judith Hoerding, whose son is a member of the Alliance, criticized the media for sensationalizing the sensitive issue of teen sexuality. "This isn't about morality; it's about civil rights," Hoerding said.



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**PERSPECTIVE....**

by Jason Vogler and Harold Lackey

**And The Mariachis Played On . . . .  
The Arizona AIDS Travesty**

'Tis the season when our local AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's) are faced with a funding dilemma.

The State is working out how it will allocate AIDS moneys for the next year. The problem is that there is more need for programs than there is money to go around. What kind of sacrifices will have to be made? What services will be provided and which will be cut and which ones will go by the way side? Hmmm.

Some people may not know this, but all the money allocated for AIDS services in this state are federal monies, the State of Arizona does not contribute one red cent of it's own to the pot. The problem boils down to one of prevailing attitudes. Our state government seems to take two stances: 1) We are not our brother's keeper and 2) Find funding elsewhere.

Both of these (unspoken) views are wrong. If the State is not our brothers keeper, then what purpose does it serve? We were always led to believe that the purpose of government was to unify and protect us. Yet they contribute nothing. We get sick and die and they do nothing. We scrimp, cajole, and try to provide the latest (and most expensive) therapies to those who are afflicted, and they do nothing. Does this bother you?

As to the second attitude, the ASO's in Tucson have received an estimated \$750,000-900,000 a year from private sources and fund raising events. That's a sizable chunk of change. The ASO's have indeed gone out to find new funding sources. The State doesn't have the right to this attitude since they have not stepped up

to the plate and pulled their fair share of the load. The availability of money can't be the issue when they have funded, in the past, a State's Rights Political Action Committee with \$1,000,000 of our money! And on top of that, the State has posted substantial budget surpluses for the last several years.

Does this bother you? We probably will never get the State of Arizona to fund AIDS services directly (Eeek, some queer might benefit!), but maybe, just maybe, we could get them to chip in for drugs. We have all heard of the latest breakthroughs in medicine, protease inhibitors.

They are a new class of powerful medications, that when used in conjunction with the drugs currently in our arsenal, can significantly affect the disease and prolong life. The cost for this "cocktail" (usually AZT, 3TC, and a Protease Inhibitor) is somewhere around \$15,000 annually. Please note that the \$15,000 only includes the drugs used to control HIV, not any of those used to prevent or treat any of the symptoms/illnesses caused by HIV and that not all people can tolerate these drug combinations.

At current funding levels, the monies allotted cover existing usage and will not be sufficient to expand the availability of these drugs. One can readily see that we need more money for drug therapies. But don't forget the other services provided. As people live longer we will have an increased need for housing, case management, dental and wellness services, to name a few.

outstrip any savings we might realize in other areas such as In-Home Care. One last point is that we are keeping people with HIV alive longer but we haven't experienced a marked decline in the numbers of people becoming infected, so that only adds to the burden. How will we cope? There is no readily available answer. All we know is if we could get the State to match the dollars allocated for drugs from federal sources, we could increase the amount available for drug therapies and for services.

It has been a long, hard road over the last 16 years. We have cause for hope, but the fight isn't over. The people of Tucson are making contributions, the City and Pima County do their part as well. We receive federal monies for AIDS services. What we are missing is the State. We must get the assistance of the State if we are to provide the drugs and services needed by many in our community. Do you know who your state legislators are? If any of this does bother you, call the legislature at 1-800-352-8404 and say so, repeatedly.

[The views presented are those of two men living with HIV/AIDS and do not represent the views of any organization with which they may be affiliated.]



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**British Police Force Asking For "Sensitive" Gay Recruits**

LONDON, UK (UPI) - In a highly unusual move, the South Yorkshire Police department has placed an ad in the December issue of Gay Times, a popular Gay magazine in Britain, asking for Gay and Lesbian recruits.

A spokesperson for the department said Gays were being actively courted because Gay people are "more sensitive" to those who suffer victimization.

The advertisement itself drew laughter and cheers throughout the country's Gay community. It features a handsome officer tipping his helmet in a flirtatious manner, with the slogan: "Fancy a chat with Tom?" Other law enforcement agencies were not amused and were neither shy nor sensitive in expressing their deep displeasure.

Sgt. George Roper, who is married and has two children, isn't taking any guff. He told a local British paper that other departments think what they like; in a time of increasing public hostility toward the police, dealing with victims in a sympathetic way is vital to a force's health and its effectiveness in the community.

Roper said of the 3,500 officers in South Yorkshire, only three to five percent are Gay. "We would like to bump that number up. There are many more Gays in society than three to five percent," Roper said.

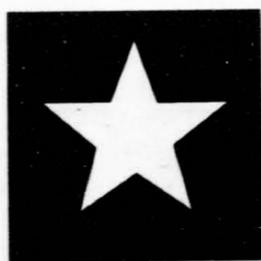
Earlier this year the department hired 25-year-old John Beckett, who was thrown out of the Royal Navy because he is Gay.

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Dear X,

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*Signed, Sleepless in the Saddle.*

Dear Sleepless,

Yikes! Dr. X is almost adviceless. Yes it is true, you have me completely stumped for a smart workable solution. The best thing I can come up with is to say give it time and it will work out. A bird in the hand sometimes makes the two in the bush look bad by comparison. You have this guy in Phoenix who is accessible to you and the other guy is far from your grasp. You are comparing all the new, exciting, romantic, sexy stuff that goes with a new relationship to years of comfort and reality. The new guy may seem better, but how well do you know him? Don't dump your partner and don't throw out the new guy either. Play it out for a little while longer, if the bubble doesn't burst then make a decision. My concern is about the honesty thing with the lover that is away. I think you have to let him know that this is going on for you soon if things keep going well with Phoenix. It will tear you both up for a while, but if he comes home for a visit or you begin lying you will both suffer even more. He will soon start to sense something is amiss unless he is very stupid. Don't destroy a relationship that is based on a fairly healthy history or your possible new relationship will have bad Karma! Let the old one go carefully and with dignity. I am concerned that if you are writing me you have already made a decision. You'll never know if it is a mistake until you do what your heart is telling you, but for now I advise that you cautiously give it about two more weeks before acting. Good luck and let us know what happens.

Dear Dr. X,

*I dread the holidays. This is the first year in six that I haven't had a boyfriend going into the holidays. Who will I go to parties with? Who will ring in the New Year with me? Who will buy me an extravagant gift for Christmas? I am so lonesome for a holiday fling! Help!*

*Signed, Material Boy.*

Dear MB,

I advise that you get out there and get busy. You suffer from a common holiday problem, everyone gets a new boy at Halloween and then by Valentines day it is break up city! So this year you got skipped. Say Amen and move on. The

reality is you probably have plenty of friends to party with and you can just go out and buy yourself something grand for Christmas. Save the heart ache and spend the money. Think how jealous all those holiday couplers will be when you show up single and get to have a different holiday treat at each party. Sometimes single is good, and sometimes people like to be single for good! Don't ever underestimate the power of bachelorhood. Just go shopping for some fabulous, glittery dance threads and have a blast. You may be more hungover by New Years but you won't be tossed over in February!

X,

*I want to move away from Tucson. I like my job and apartment but I can't seem to fit in socially. The men here are not my type and I am just not able to meet anyone I want to settle down with. What do you think?*

*Signed, Packing.*

Dear Packing,

Don't jump on the train just yet. You are looking for a geographical cure. Sometimes people can move to a new place and boom, everything falls in place. The reality is that most times when we move for this reason things seem better at first and then we go back to square one. The guys here are mostly the same as guys anywhere. Maybe you need to rethink your approach and take a good look at you technique. Maybe you haven't been successful because you really want to stay single. I can't tell you the answers to all of those questions but I advise that you look at yourself real hard and maybe develop a new plan. You may have some kind of issues with intimacy or be doing something wrong in social situations. I wouldn't give up the job and apartment until you take some time to work on yourself. There are many options here to meet guys. The Men's Social Network and other community groups can get you started. Why did you come here in the first place? If it was the same issue I would advise some counseling. You may have to grow some and get yourself on line with the people here and then a nice guy will drop in your lap! Good Luck and let me know what you decide. Until then, LATER!

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## Historic 'Stonewall' Bar Temporarily Shuttered

by Lou Chiabbo Jr.

NEW YORK - The New York City Health Department forced the famous Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village to close for two days last month after charging the bar with failing to pay a \$600 fine for not renewing its food service permit.

Following the closing, bar employees quickly renewed the permit, paid the fine, and reopened the Stonewall on October 11.

"Hardly anyone noticed," said Fred Winters, a health department spokesperson.

A June 1969 police raid on the Stonewall ignited three days of rioting by angry patrons of the bar and neighborhood Gays, who said police routinely harassed Gay bars at the time. The now famous "Stonewall riots" have been credited with triggering the modern Gay civil rights movement.

Winters said city health department officials were aware of the Stonewall's history. He said officials went out of their way to make sure that a routine code violation would not be misinterpreted as a form of anti-Gay harassment.

"This was the same action we take against any other establishment that violates the code," he said.

Winters said some city officials braced themselves for a possible outcry from the Gay community. But he said nothing at all happened.

"No one from the Gay press called," he said. "Only one TV station did a report."

Gene Robinson, manager of the Stonewall, said the office of New York

City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was "very helpful" in expediting the paperwork that enabled the bar to re-open two days after it was declared in violation of a clause in the city's sanitation code.

The clause requires all bars that serve food to send an employee to a city-sponsored training class on sanitation procedures.

"It's all been taken care of," Robinson said.

[Lou Chiabbo Jr. is a reporter for the Washington Blade, from which this article is reprinted.]



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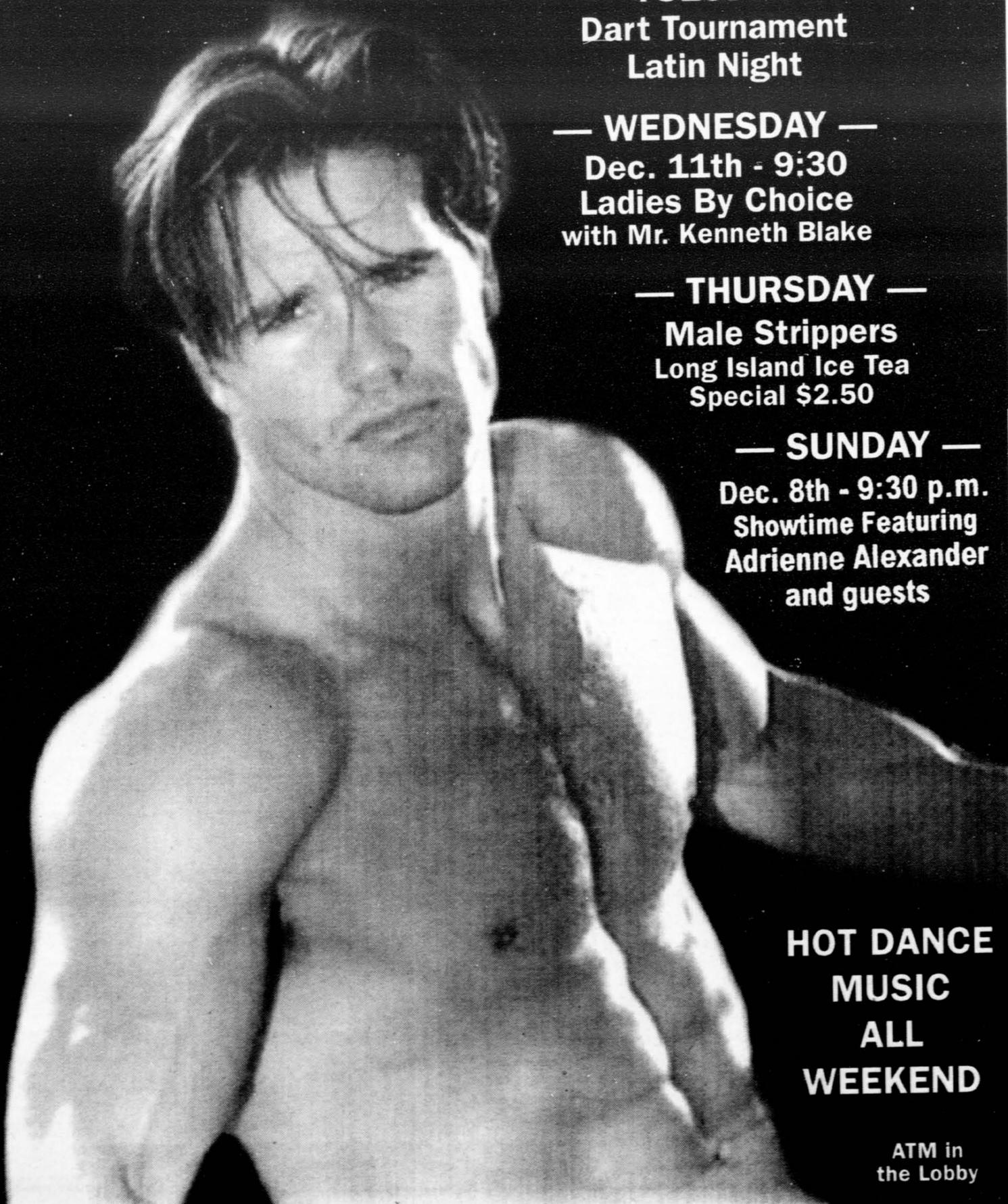
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**'Even More Leftover Turkey'**

Let the court battle begin! We won the first round and we're now registered at Target!

The most anticipated court decision since the Colorado Amendment 2 case came down Tuesday and Gays and Lesbian can rejoice, for the moment. [See an accompanying story.]

The Hawaii same-sex marriage court case was rendered and the three Gay and Lesbian couples who sued the state for the right-to-marry won this court battle. Hooray!

The couples sued the state, claiming their rights under the Hawaii constitution were violated, since they were denied the right to marry. The state has a provision in their constitution granting equal rights to all citizens. The State's attorney general immediately filed an appeal of the Circuit Judge's decision.

This is just the first of many rounds, which most experts agree this case will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. We won the first round! It's interesting that conservatives called us "promiscuous" for not being in a relationship, now criticize us for wanting to be in one. . . .

It's called democracy stupid! How do you think you got elected!

During a quickly assembled hearing on the California and Arizona propositions, approved by voters, which legalize the prescribing of marijuana and other "illegal" drugs for critical ill patients, our quote of the week was uttered.

Arizona's "esteemed" GOP Senator, Jon Kyl, blathered, "How could this happen in Arizona? . . . Arizona voters who supported it were deceived and deliberately so, by sponsors of this proposition."

Proposition 200 was approved in Arizona by a 65 to 35 percent margin. California's proposition, dealing with marijuana only was approved 56 to 44 percent.

By the way Senator, how come we didn't see you in any anti-Proposition 200 commercials or spearheading the drive to defeat the measure? Can we say after the fact? So the CIA will lose on this huh? . . .

Need we say more! Soon-to-be former U.S. Rep. "B-1" Bob, R-Looneyland, homophobe extraordinaire, isn't going away quietly.

As reported, [Observer 645], the Republican Orange County Voter Registrar certified that Dorman wasn't going back for a ninth-term. He lost to a Democrat, Hispanic and worst of all, a girl! Dorman is now claiming a "national conspiracy" took place to deny him reelection.

Just guess who heads the list! Gays, Lesbians, non-Americans, Americans, liberals, conservatives, Democrats, Republicans, Martians, the media and everybody else. A little paranoid?

Despite not a shred of evidence and the rulings against him from the Republican Register and the Republican D.A., he's filed formal charges with the Secretary of State demanding a recount.

Oh Bob, you lost and we couldn't be happier! . . .

Do you think he would score better than O.J. did?

Arizona's severely indicted Governor, J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Alcatraz, will be indicted on two more charges of fraud, according to his mouthpiece, John Dowd. Dowd said U.S. Attorney David Schindler sent him a letter asking for comments on amending the indictment.

The two new charges would accuse Symington of lying to get a \$300,000 line of credit from a Baltimore, MD bank. Looking at the tote-board, this will bring the number of charges to 25. The "trial of the year" is expected to take place in March of 1997. I hope Court TV covers this! . . .

We don't feel your pain! Prologue to the "Updike Chronicles."

Former St. Rep. Bob "Straight-Bashed" Updike, R-Phoenix, according to reports, is claiming a conspiracy cost him his re-election bid. Can we guess who heads the list? Gays, Lesbians and a Phoenix G/L PAC. Go figure!

Bobby has filed a formal complaint: Get her! Updike alleges an illegal mailer was sent out, violating state law and costing him the election! The Secretary of State, soon to be gov, has given this matter over to the A.G.'s office to be looked into.

More later. I just hope not! . . .

Will we be able to "dim all the lights" as we used to "reach out and touch someone?" That's the question before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The ACC is considering deregulating the electric companies in the state.

This is in the form of proposal, so it's serious! Proponents of this intrigue say consumers will benefit in the long-run. How long? Five to ten years! Big business and electric companies will benefit too, quickly! They like it, they really like it. Gee, it just wouldn't be Arizona!

One of the proponents key reasons for implementation is, "It's gonna happen anyway!" Hell, I'm sold!

According to the proposal, if approved, the deregulation would implemented in increments, starting January 1, 1999. By 2003, a complete free-market would be in place. So what of regulatory powers given up by the ACC. These powers according to the ACC would be in the hands of the State Legislature! Yike, that's scary!

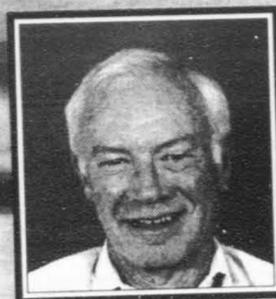
Remember kids, "A kiss on the hand is quite continental. But profits are businesses best friend!" Call the Arizona Corporation Commissions Tucson's office, 628-6560 and state your mind! Did deregulation work for telephones? Nope! Speak now or forever be in darkness! . . .

Lastly, Pima County's Charter Committee is mired in many arguments. To the fifteen, remember, the salad fork goes on the outside! . . .

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## St. Louis Researchers Awarded Grant To Battle AIDS Virus

ST. LOUIS, MO - Research that may someday lead to the crippling of the HIV virus received support in a grant awarded to researchers at Saint Louis University from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

Duane P. Grandgenett, Ph.D., professor of molecular virology at the School of Medicine/Institute for Molecular Virology, received a five-year grant of \$695,726 from NIAID. Dr. Grandgenett will use the funds to help identify potential inhibitors to prevent the replication of HIV-1.

HIV-1 is the retrovirus that causes AIDS. The inhibitors are specifically targeted to the viral integrase which is responsible for inserting the HIV-1 genome into human cell DNA.

"The goal of the research is to understand how the AIDS virus can insert its genetic information into the host cell," Dr. Grandgenett said. "If researchers can understand the basic biochemical mechanisms of how the enzyme works, then we may be able to understand how to produce better inhibitors."

Collaborators on this project are senior research assistant Goodarz Goodarzi and Karl Brackman of Genetic Systems, Inc. They are supplying the HIV-1 virus for testing. Dr. Grandgenett, who is credited with the 1978 discovery of the integrase in avian retroviruses said, "The ultimate goal is to develop a combination of inhibitors to destroy the AIDS virus."

## Mensa In Hot Water Over 'Brilliant' Idea

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) - Mensa, the 50-year-old international club founded exclusively for the brightest two-percent of the human population, is under fire for a recent article that appeared in the group's newsletter.

One year after a Mensa member suggested "humanely dispatching" the "mentally infirm," in their publication, Hmmmmm. R. Robin Ryher, a Mensa member from Texas, advocated the permanent solution for Gay people.

Ryher writes, "America needs to get off its butt and tell these purveyors of perversities to get out of faces and go away. Permanently."

Mensa, according to its literature, has three stated purposes: to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity, to encourage research in the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence, and to promote stimulating intellectual and social opportunities for its members."

Reaction was swift, an editorial in the San Francisco said, "Is there something about scoring in the top 2 percent of a multiple choice tests that gives people ideas about final solutions?"

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## Judge Rejects Man-To-Man Harassment

CHICAGO, IL (CT) - Federal civil rights laws prohibits men from sexually harassing women, but it does not prohibit men from sexually harassing other men, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Norgle dismissed a lawsuit filed by Robert Schoiber, a former employee at a gas station in Aurora, Illinois. Schoiber's lawsuit alleged that his male boss grabbed, kissed, and exposed himself to Schoiber, who "became anxious and nervous all day, had nightmares, and could not think clearly."

Schoiber, who quit his job in December 1994, filed suit against his supervisor and Emro Marketing Co., which operates Speedway gas stations and conveniences stores. The lawsuit claimed the supervisor's alleged sexual harassment - and the company's failure to curb it - violated Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

But Norgle ruled that "while the alleged activities may be despicable and abhorrent," they are not proscribed by Title VII.

"There can be little doubt that, in 1964, Congress did not seek to protect men from other sexually harassing men in the workplace, let alone did it articulate the need for such protection," Norgle wrote. "Title VII was passed to protect women against the 'Old Boy's Club,' the dominant male gender in 1964."

Schoiber's attorney, John DeRose, said of the judge's ruling: "I guess women can't be grabbed. So men, we better be careful."

## Gay Day At Disney World Expands To Other Theme Parks

ORLANDO, FL (WS) - Local newspapers are reporting that the annual Gay Day at Walt Disney World is expanding to other Central Florida theme parks.

Parks holding the new Gay weekend packages next June are not just quietly allowing the annual event, as Disney has, but are actively courting Gay travelers.

Held the first Saturday in June since 1991, Gay Day at Disney will now be sandwiched between a day at Sea World and a day at Universal Studios if all goes according to plan. Lara Anderson, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida, says her group will be responsible for marketing and advertising the package, and in turn will keep part of the proceeds.

Universal City Travel Company has created the Gay weekend vacation package that includes day passes to Universal and Sea World, an evening at Church Street Station, and three nights at an International Drive-area hotel.

The fact that major Central Florida theme parks are sanctioning the event, and that Universal contacted Anderson to plan it, represents a major departure from Disney's level of participation. While park officials at Disney work with Gay Day organizers to ensure the event goes smoothly, the company does not sanction or support Gay Day.

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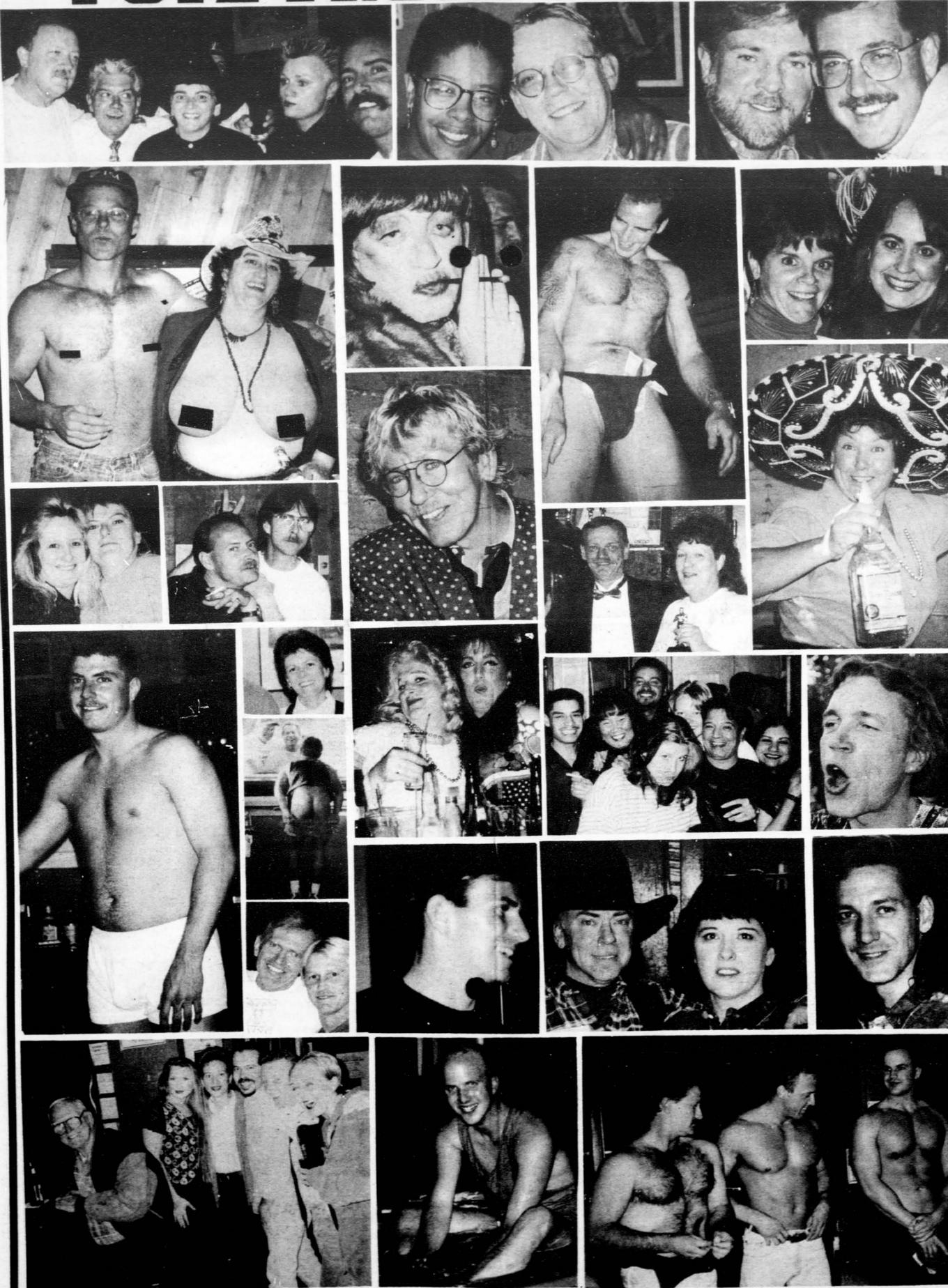
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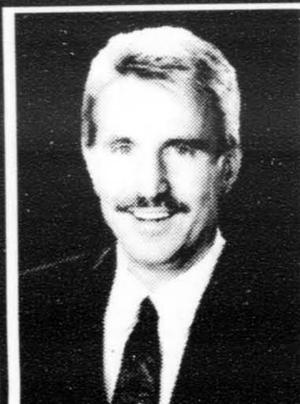
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# UPDATE

## Romania Eases Gay Ban; Rights Groups Still Uneasy

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) - Responding to international pressure, Romania has eased a proposed law banning homosexuality.

Senate spokesperson Lucia Coles told reporters a parliamentary committee scaled back the ban threatening with prisons teams "only public homosexual acts" or those "causing a public scandal."

The purposefully vague language did little to ease concerns in Bucharest that the law could be interpreted to allow roundups of any gathering, club, or meeting area frequented by Gay men and women.

Parliament's lower Chamber of Deputies, earlier this month, approved legislation that would punish Gay sexual activity with up to five years in prison. Human rights groups declared the darkening social climate soon led to militia on Gay establishments and arrests.

That prompted an outcry from the Council of Europe, of which Romania is a member. The council told Romania it condemned any attempt to criminalize homosexual activity and urged President Ion Iliescu to veto the legislation.

## Santa Clara Domestic Partners Plan Put On Hold

SAN JOSE, CA - Santa Clara county's new domestic partnership registry was suspended by opponents who collected signatures to force a countywide vote on the measure.

The proposal to establish the registry was passed unanimously by the county Board of Supervisors on August 14.

The Santa Clara measure, like others across the country, allows Gay men, Lesbians and unmarried heterosexuals to register their relationships with the county.

When proposed, the measure came under concerted attack by a coalition of conservative evangelical churches and a country taxpayer's coalition. The groups say the registry was a first step toward allowing Gay marriages and an attack on traditional families.

Backers of the registry say the vote would rip the South Bay Community apart. Ralph Serpe, executive director of San Jose's Lesbian and Gay Community Center told reporters, "It's not the registry, but the thought of having to recognize that Gay people are part of this county that sticks in their craw."

By filing the signatures for the referendum, opponents suspended the domestic partners ordinance, said county registrar Dwight Beatty. His office has until October 31 to check petitions and ensure they contain the necessary valid signatures to call a vote.

If there enough valid signatures, 44,647, supervisors must either repeal the ordinance, call a special election or put the referendum on the next countywide ballot. If not, the measure takes effect.

## Pennsylvania Court Says Ex-Lover Can Pursue Custody

PHILADELPHIA, PA (WS) - A Pennsylvania state Superior Court has given a Philadelphia woman the right to seek joint custody of a child born to her former Lesbian lover.

The decision reverses a Family Court ruling that barred the woman from seeking visitation rights to the child she and her live-in partner raised together for many years.

The woman, identified only as J.A.L. in court documents, told the three-judge panel she and her former partner had agreed to raise the 5-year-old girl together before separating. By ruling in her favor, the Superior Court took a bold step in granting legal recognition to nontraditional families in Pennsylvania.

Superior Court Judge Phyllis Beck wrote: "In today's society, where increased mobility, changes in social mores and increased individual freedom have created a wide spectrum of arrangements filling the role of the traditional nuclear family, flexibility in the application of standing principles is required . . ."

Judge Beck held that J.A.L. and the baby girl born to her former mate were "co-members of a nontraditional family," and J.A.L. clearly filled the role of a traditional parent.

The ruling does not grant the woman custody of the child. It simply gives her the right to return to Family Court to press her claim. "She must still establish that [partial custody] would be in the best interest of the child," said the court.

## Rabbis OK Same Sex Marriage

PHILADELPHIA, PA - A group of Reform rabbis endorsed the legalization of homosexual marriages but stopped short of recommending rabbis perform the ceremonies.

The 1,750 member Central Conference of American Rabbis is the first major group of Jewish leaders formally to oppose government bans on same-sex marriages.

"As Jews, and specifically in the reform movement, we've always, expressed concern for those we feel aren't treated fairly," said Rabbi Robert Klensin of Arnold, Md.

"You cannot call upon the state to allow these marriages and then refuse to perform the marriage," said Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia, of Princeton Junction, N.J.

But Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin, the conference president, said the resolution "is a matter of civil rights. It is certainly not connected to any question of rabbinic officiation."

Maslin said the organization expects to vote on single-sex marriage officiation at next year's meeting in Denver. The conference had voted six years ago to accept Gay rabbis into its ranks.

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**Go In Good Health**

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

Women who have children can also benefit enormously from herbs, including stress vitamins, such as vitamin B complex, which is good for men too, of course! I highly recommend using B vitamins to deal with stress, and to boost energy. The nice thing about B vitamins is that they won't cause you to become hyper like using caffeine in high doses to keep you going.

In fact, women suffer ten times more often than men from ailments like chronic fatigue syndrome, which can be from the Epstein-Barr virus, or from Chronic Yeast Infections, known as Candida Albicans or Candidiasis. These conditions are symptoms of a compromised immune system.

There are many illnesses that weaken immune function, not just AIDS! I recommend a regimen of the following products: Garlic capsules (odorless kyolic is best), Vitamin C, Acidophilus, Vitamin D complex, and shop around for a yeast-free Vitamin B Complex. Ask health food stores.

The chronic yeast infection difficulties can be affected by stress as much as by other factors. The commercial products offered on the market do work in

alleviating symptoms, so these are good to use also. Beware of repeated use of the drug Nizoral, which can be toxic to the liver. If the doctor is giving you anti-yeast infection drugs, including Diflucan, which does work well, supplement with milk thistle extract.

I advise combining herbal, natural and nutritional healing with modern medicine. Too often I hear, "Oh, I want to stick with modern medicine," when people don't know the serious side-effects of drugs. Women in particular have been victimized by a medical industry that targets them for unnecessary surgeries and harsh drugs that may do harm. Did you know that doctors are quick to do a hysterectomy, even when the problem is moderate? I have heard women talk about having a complete hysterectomy when all they went in for was an "ovariectomy," a removal of the ovarian tubes and ovaries.

Again, take an active role in your own healing. Talk back to your doctor and ask questions. What options exist that are less invasive? If you do need surgery, be well informed before going in, to alleviate fears and to help you prepare.

[Andrew can be reached at 326-0841.]

**A View From The Rock**

*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" around our house! Since my spouse does not have to work the day after Thanksgiving, I decided to take that day off work as well. We spent most of Friday and Saturday getting our house all decked out for Christmas. We have the Christmas tree up (artificial and small, but with loads of ornaments), wreaths on our two front doors (inside and outside), Christmas magnets on the fridge, Christmas pictures on the walls (including a lighted tree made from old jewelry, sounds strange, but looks nice, at least I think so), and candles and other special decorations placed on almost every flat surface in the house! This year there is going to be no last-minute bustle to get ready, I hope!

I even have much of my Christmas shopping finished. Since many of those to whom I give gifts live out of state, I try to purchase their presents early. That way they can be mailed in plenty of time to arrive before the big day. I plan to wrap those presents Friday night and get them in the mail on Saturday morning.

Because we know the exact date of Christmas, unlike many other holidays it is always on the same date each year! It is a simple matter to plan ahead so that everything is ready.

The event which we celebrate at Christmas, the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ, was described in minute detail for hundreds of years before it happened. Many Old Testament prophets told of the Messiah's coming, giving such details as the fact that he would be born of a virgin

(Isaiah 7:14) and that he would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). For those who were looking for his coming there was plenty of time to get prepared, just as we today have plenty of time to get prepared to celebrate his coming every Christmas.

The Scriptures tells us that Jesus is coming again, but unlike his first coming, there are no details given about this event. In fact, when Jesus was speaking with his disciples about his return he told them, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the father." (Matthew 24:36) Jesus could return before I finish writing this column, or before you finish reading it! When he comes he will take those who have trusted in him to live with him in his beautiful Heaven forever. Those who are left behind will experience natural disasters such as this world has never seen as satan and his demons try to destroy this world and everyone left in it. Jesus warns us, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

Everyone knows how to get ready for Christmas. Your preparations may differ from mine, but each year you know what to do. But how does a person prepare for Jesus' second coming, especially since no one knows when it will occur? The answer to that question is simple. It does not involve getting your house clean, or putting up special decorations, or preparing special foods. What is necessary is having a personal relationship with Jesus. We must acknowledge that we have no way to save ourselves and that Jesus paid the penalty that our sins deserve. When we do this we become his children. Once we become his children we should live like who we are, children of the king! Our lives should be reflections of his life. We should love as he loves. We should never do or say or think anything which would make us ashamed if Jesus were standing next to us. Then we will be ready whenever he comes, whether today or a thousand years from today!

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

**Turkey Redux:** It's now a week after Thanksgiving and with any luck at all I'll finally be finished with both the dirty dishes and leftovers in a couple more days. I've worked my way through the entire repertoire of typical leftovers recipes and have reached the point where you use the last of the giblet gravy for stucco patch. On the one hand it's environmentally friendly; on the other, dogs come and lick your house.

Most people do not know that Thanksgiving is the reason why we eat roast beef at Christmas.

**Tis' the Season:** I put up my Christmas tree and holiday decorations this past weekend - two and a half months after Macys, Foleys and Dillards. If the retailers continue pushing back the start of the season we'll eventually be able to combine the celebration of the birth AND the resurrection at the same time, plus get one really long and useful holiday period off work with pay.

**The Check's in the Mail:** I always know the Christmas shopping season is in full swing when I've received enough of those specialty mail-order catalogs to stack up and use in place of the cement block holding up one corner of the coffee table. Which is about all they're useful for because everything they offer is so outrageously expensive you have to be either a Rockefeller or an electro-shock

therapy patient to actually order anything from them.

For example, there's a place in Missouri that will sell you five lbs. of buffalo burgers for \$55.00. (OOOoooooo-oooooooh, I'll just bet they will.) And you know many times you've said to yourself, "I'd could just KILL for a buffalo burger right about now!" Or you've stood over the stove and wondered, "Gosh, what can I serve Bubba and the kids for dinner tonight instead of the usual old weenies boiled in Budweiser?"

Then there's two guys up in Oregon offering five lbs. of pears for \$23.95, plus tax and a \$6.95 shipping charge - about six or seven times what you'd pay at ABCO. But these are not your ordinary run-of-the-mill pears, mind you. The catalog sniffs that they are "rare Royal Riviera pears" and "have become the hallmark of living well". I got news for ya', boys. A Lexus in the garage is a hallmark of living well, not five lbs. of your damned fruit in the bottom of the fridge.

But no doubt, the "Queen of Catalogs" (and vice-versa) comes from Neiman-Marcus. As expensive, and occasionally outrageous, as some of the offerings may be, they at least represent style, value and taste, and say so much more about the giver than meat ever could.

And then it was now.....

## The Shanti Corner

Shanti would like to thank everyone at TLGA for their hard work at OUTERFEST.

TLGA was able to donate \$167 to Shanti from proceeds raised at this year's FEST. Thank you for your support -- it does make a difference!

How can you help someone with HIV/AIDS and make a difference? It's easy -- be a Share Bear. Just put on your club wear and get yourself to IBT's, the Stonewall, Venture-N or Hours on Saturday, December 7th. While you're dancing or shooting pool you'll also notice one of Shanti's volunteers collecting donations for our Share Bear program.

Some people give a few dollars and some people offer their quarters that are left over after buying a few beers. Folks, all that spare change adds up -- you'd be surprised -- and it does make a difference. This money, 100 percent of it goes directly to clients, has been used to help pay electric and phone bills, fix a few broken down cars as well as help out with rent and other expenses clients need help dealing with from time to time.

So, this Saturday join us -- have some fun, don't forget to tip your bartender and -- Be a Share Bear! You'll be helping someone who is living with HIV/AIDS. Your donations are very much appreciated.

**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.**

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Shopping for the Holidays at the Street Fair this year? Shanti will have a booth located in front of Cafe Sweetwater. So please stop by and say hello. We are also looking for volunteers to hand out information at our booth -- call Jenny at the office if you are interested in volunteering December 12-15.

While we are on the subject on the Holidays. . . Shanti, TAP and PACT are holding a Holiday party on Tuesday, December 17th from 5-7pm. So, come mingle and enjoy! This year the party will be held at 101 South Stone. Please make a note because this is a different location from last year.

Lastly, we'd like to feature another one of Shanti's support groups. Shanti offers a free Grief Group, which is open to all. The group meets for 8 consecutive weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm. Grief Group is small, safe and as always -- all information, experiences and feelings shared are kept confidential. Any one in the community may join and participants discuss a wide range of topics.

For example, death of a friend or family member. But loss also includes death of a pet, loss of good health, relationship breakup/problems, loss or job/career change, etc. The group has been very helpful in enabling participants to cope constructively with loss and find new meaning in their lives. The next group begins January 7, 1997. Please call Kelly for more information and to reserve your a space in the group.

The Shanti Foundation is located at 300 East Sixth Street, one block west of Fourth Avenue. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Phone: 622-7107 Fax: 622-1554

## Home On The Range With AGRA - Tucson

by Anida Cowboy

Oooh Doggie! Please tell me that I was not the only Cowgirl to wreak havoc on the Malls this weekend! There is only one thing better than spending your money at the mall, spending someone else's money at the mall!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I had a flawless dinner! God bless the ol' roommate. After all those years she still knows how to kick out a faboo meal. Not to mention the "Martha Stewart" dinner table of the year! A.T., honey, you still got it girl, thanks again!

With the holiday, and all, there has not been a lot of action this week (as far as the rodeo, that is) we have been chatting and initial planning for the Christmas Jubilee and all of the other Holiday Ho Ho's! Should be a blast, so make sure to show your jolly face and join the fun. The AGRA-Tucson gang is guaranteeing a grand old time. Make sure to mark your calendars for December 15 at the Venture-N.

With the Holiday Season in full swing, Winterhaven will be starting their annual light and decoration fest. AGRA is in the process of planning their annual Winterhaven Hayride and Pre/Post Party to be held at the Plug. Details are still being worked out, but you will be the first to know when all plans are final.

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

On December 14, AGRA will be holding their Annual State Banquet at the Chuckwagon Cafe in Phoenix. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be holding elections for next year's Board and Representatives. 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.

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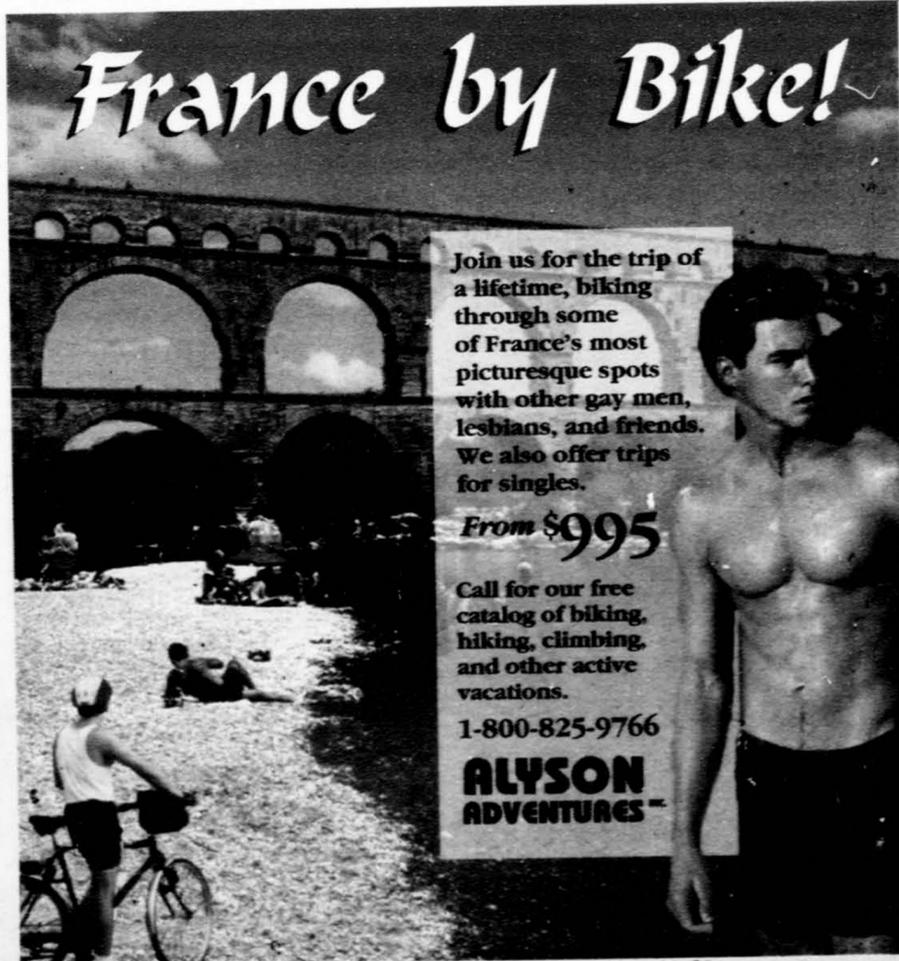
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## PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish may feel more creative, intuitive and spiritual than usual. If you're into meditation, you'll tap far reaching planes of consciousness. Religious experiences will mark a personal epiphany. As long as you are delving into the unknown, take along a friend or partner to keep you company. Connect with others this holiday season and share the affirming energy.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

December is here. Have we been good girls and boys? Sit on Santa's lap and inflate your good points. Speaking of inflating, expect some major surprises this month from Uranus which receives some seductive bumps and thumps from several planets. Have you been working hard on our goals? Sweat pays equity in blue chip stocks. Make this an affirming holiday season, brothers and sisters.

## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Quite a few surprises occur in any social endeavor so check your dance card and prepare for a few turns and twists. Proud Rams may have a case of the jitters for most of the month. Happily nightmares vanish with the dawn; conviviality reigns and jolly times commence not a moment too soon. The holidays bring you foreign travel or an exotic stranger - what a choice!

## TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you felt that your career was a well worn path, think again proud Bull. Uranus has a way of tossing a few tacks in your way early in the month. Don't let them see you sweat cousin; the planets move on and soon you'll be back on track in a loaded tank. (Or will you get loaded wearing a tank top?) Keep conservative on the job but wild and woolly at holiday party central.

## GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Travel plans mark the trip from hell if you expect a regimented itinerary. Why not go with the flow, (Some people definitely like it that way.) and see what fates hand you? Being flexible may just make all your vacation dreams come true, and more. Two is Gay company and you may be packing bags for two. Don't forget the toothbrushes and the massage oil.

## CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs have their shells blown open when Uranus bursts upon the scene. You may find that fun and frolic loosens you up to a piping hot crab bisque consistency. Reigning you in sexually is a lesson in futility, so why even bother? Enjoy safe feasting; by mid month you'll contemplate a more permanent arrangement with a significant other, or at least yearn for one.

## LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Partnerships become a source of surprises, so hang on tight and expect the unexpected. Have you been leaving your smelly socks on the pillow again? Try a red rose instead, it will have a much more desirable effect. Taste the passion in relationships while you can; by mid month you'll focus more on the benefits of exercise and health oriented regimes and become a real bore!

## VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

What you thought was expected of you on the job will not necessarily be the case this month. Proud Virgins can do themselves a favor by directing their considerable talents into more creative, enjoyable enterprises and leave the day to day job to the drones. Entertain at home this holiday. Be the queen bee and have adoring fans pay you homage. Dress appropriately.

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You'll either be the creative genius of the century or a flaky "Johnny come lately" who shakes up the scene like an earthquake. If you really want to the earth to move for you, why not concentrate on home related enterprises and scratchy relationship issues? Make a resolution to clear up problems with partners in time for

the holiday and make family aware of your proud life.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Social commitments become all consuming during this fabulous holiday season. Queer Scorps should be prepared to choose between commitments to friends and problems on the job. Long suffering workhorse Scorps may have to speak up and demand their rights. There's an opportunity to express your hopes and dreams after December 22. Dreams have a way of coming true.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If you've been scaling that corporate mountain, keep climbing proud Archer. The path to the top is paved with hard work and sweat. Thankfully, you may see a bit of monetary payoff after December 22. Avoid jabbering on about your problems though; old Sagittarian foot in mouth

disease could strike at any time. Loose lips sinks ships, so put your lips to better use on New Years.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Goats can put their intuition to profitable use for most of the month. Volunteer for a great Gay cause (is there any other?) and set the good karma in motion for the new year. After you've discovered the secret to life, share it with the immediate world. Get Out and shown them how it's done! Be true to yourself, even if it means wearing that edible wetsuit.

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

This isn't the best time to interview for that job of a lifetime. Uranus in your own sign gives you a wild, unpredictable appearance which could scuttle the corporate ship. Aqueerians would do well to peddle their wares to friends and lovers who are far more receptive. Hang the holly in a g-



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## 'Cocktail' Gives AIDS Patient A Future

by Carla McClain

TUCSON - Three years ago, Keith Collins returned home to Tucson to die near his family.

Though he learned 12 years ago that he has HIV, when he was only 31 and still living in California, it took nine years before he began to get sick, before the virus erupted into full-blown AIDS. Then it was downhill.

Pretty soon, he was in and out of the hospital, with dehydration, severe fatigue and pain. His immune system crashed, and he grew emaciated - "wasting" - as many AIDS patients do.

By July of this summer, the critical numbers were in. Collins' CD4 (immune cell) count was only 18 - normal is about 750, below 50 is considered end-stage AIDS. The load of HIV in his blood soared over a staggering 1 million.

He lost 30 pounds, dropping to 138. He was malnourished. He spent a lot of time in bed.

He was dying.

But several months before what seemed to be his last summer, the new anti-AIDS drugs known as protease inhibitors hit the medical market.

Collins' Tucson physician, Dr. Kevin Carmichael, put him on those, in a "cocktail" combined with other AIDS-fighting drugs.

At first, nothing happened. Carmichael, alarmed there was no change in the amount of HIV in Collins' blood by spring, switched him to another of the new drugs.

Bingo.

By August, Collins' CD4 count was climbing steadily, nearing 30. His viral load had plummeted to 300,000. He now weighs 171 pounds. His latest tests - results not in yet - are expected to show dramatic improvement.

But tests and numbers aside, the payoff is Collins' life.

"For so many years, I just felt like I was taking pills to take pills," said Collins, now 43, an easy-going man with a gentle sense of humor.

"Nothing ever changed. For years, I just got sicker, I felt so lousy, I got so tired. I couldn't do anything.

"But now I feel the change, I really do. It is the first improvement I have had in all these years. I've gained back all the weight I lost. I feel healthy, stronger - I'm out of bed. It's amazing to me."

A man who used to work 60 hours a week as a quality control inspector in a steel plant, Collins is not quite back to that strength. But he is volunteering several days a week in Carmichael's clinic and is back singing with Desert Voices.

And he is planning a future.

He laughs, because he knows others are now seeing a future where there was none. It can be a shock.

"You know, people ran their credit cards way up, figuring they wouldn't be around to have to pay them off," he said with a smile.

"All of a sudden, we are."

[Carla McClain is a reporter for the Tucson Citizen, from which this article is reprinted.]

## 'More Gay People Victimized By Spouses Than Bias Crime

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFC) - The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs reports that Gay men and Lesbians are more likely to be victims of domestic violence than anti-Gay violence.

The findings suggest that, as with abused partners in straight relationships, most battered Gay men and Lesbians never report the abuse, much less press charges against their partners.

To heighten awareness of domestic violence in Gay and Lesbian relationships, the San Francisco district attorney's office is launching a city-wide public education campaign. Local activists also hope to establish a hotel voucher system to shelter victims of abuse.

The national survey is actually a tabulation of statistics and reports compiled by community activists in six American cities: Chicago, Columbus, Minneapolis, New York City, San Diego and San Francisco. Combined, they document 1,566 incidents of Gay or Lesbian domestic violence. Four of the six cities logged more cases of domestic violence than anti-

Gay hate violence.

A study released by the Fourth International Family Violence Research Conference found Gay men prone to abuse their spouses hold similar psychological traits as abusive straight men: low-self esteem and a problem with sustaining intimate relationships.

Studies of abusive Lesbian relationships report that female batterers tend to be overly dependent on their spouses and use violence to hamper their partners' independence. The study also reported that alcohol and drugs often figure into the level and frequency of the violent outbursts.

Social workers say a big disincentive to reporting incidents of same-sex domestic violence situations is the fear that police will mishandle the situation or ridicule the victim. San Francisco police are among the first in the nation to be trained in handling Gay domestic violence disputes, including a training program to help officers identify the "primary aggressor."



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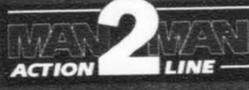
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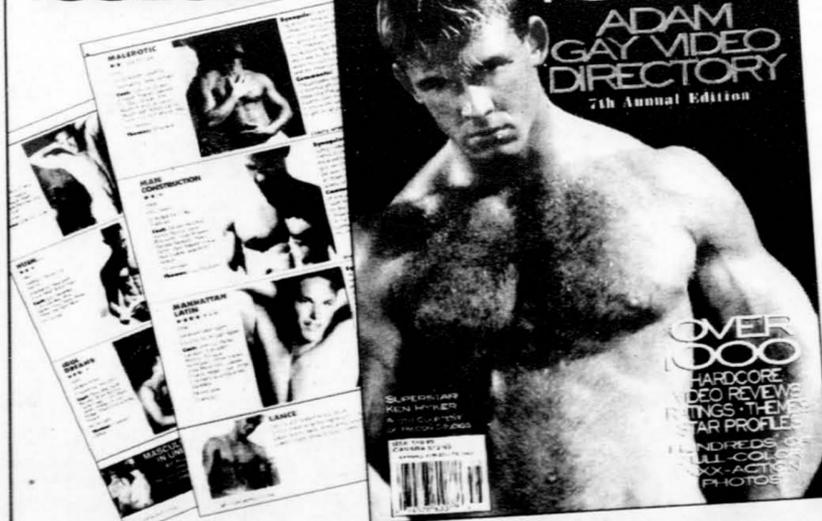
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### Christian Judge Removed From Lesbian Custody Battle

MONTGOMERY, AL (AP) - The Alabama Court of Civil Appeals has sided with a lesbian mother in a child custody case over removal of a judge.

The mother claimed an Etowah County judge's strident Christian beliefs should disqualify him from presiding over her child custody case. The court issued a brief ordering Circuit Judge Roy Moore to remove himself from the case. Moore had twice rejected requests from Susan Borden's attorney to step aside.

Borden is trying to regain custody of her two children from her husband, James Christopher Borden.

Mrs. Borden also petitioned the court on behalf of Janice Hart, Mrs. Borden's counsel. Hart has a record of legal service with the American Civil Liberties Union which is suing Judge Moore over his display of the Ten Commandments and his insistence on opening court sessions with prayer.

During the case in January 1996, Moore made the following statement in granting full custody of Borden's children to the father: "This court strongly feels that the minor children will be detrimentally affected by the present lifestyle of (Mrs. Borden) who has engaged in a homosexual relationship during her marriage forbidden both by the laws of the state of Alabama and the laws of nature."

The judge also gave James Borden the couple's house and ordered Mrs. Borden to pay child support.

### Illinois Governor Signs Non-Discrimination Order

SPRINGFIELD, IL (WS) - Newspaper reports although Illinois Governor Jim Edgar (R) signed an administrative order, earlier this month, banning anti-Gay discrimination in state agencies, he is still being criticized by some Gay activist groups.

These groups state that his approval in May of an Illinois ban on same-sex marriage makes the state order hypocritical.

Leaders of Queer Nation in Chicago said that discriminating against Gay and Lesbian relationships is, by practical definition, discrimination based on sexual orientation. But Rick Garcia, leader of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, said Queer Nation was wrong in this instance to criticize the move. Garcia told local reporters the group's logic is "flawed."

While he understood the group's anger, Garcia said, "are they suggesting that he shouldn't have signed it just so he wouldn't appear hypocritical?" In this instance, he said, the government behaved properly.

An "administrative order" is not the same as an "executive order" which carries the force of law it has won legislative approval. The new discrimination ban covers state employees and government agencies that fall under the governor's leadership.



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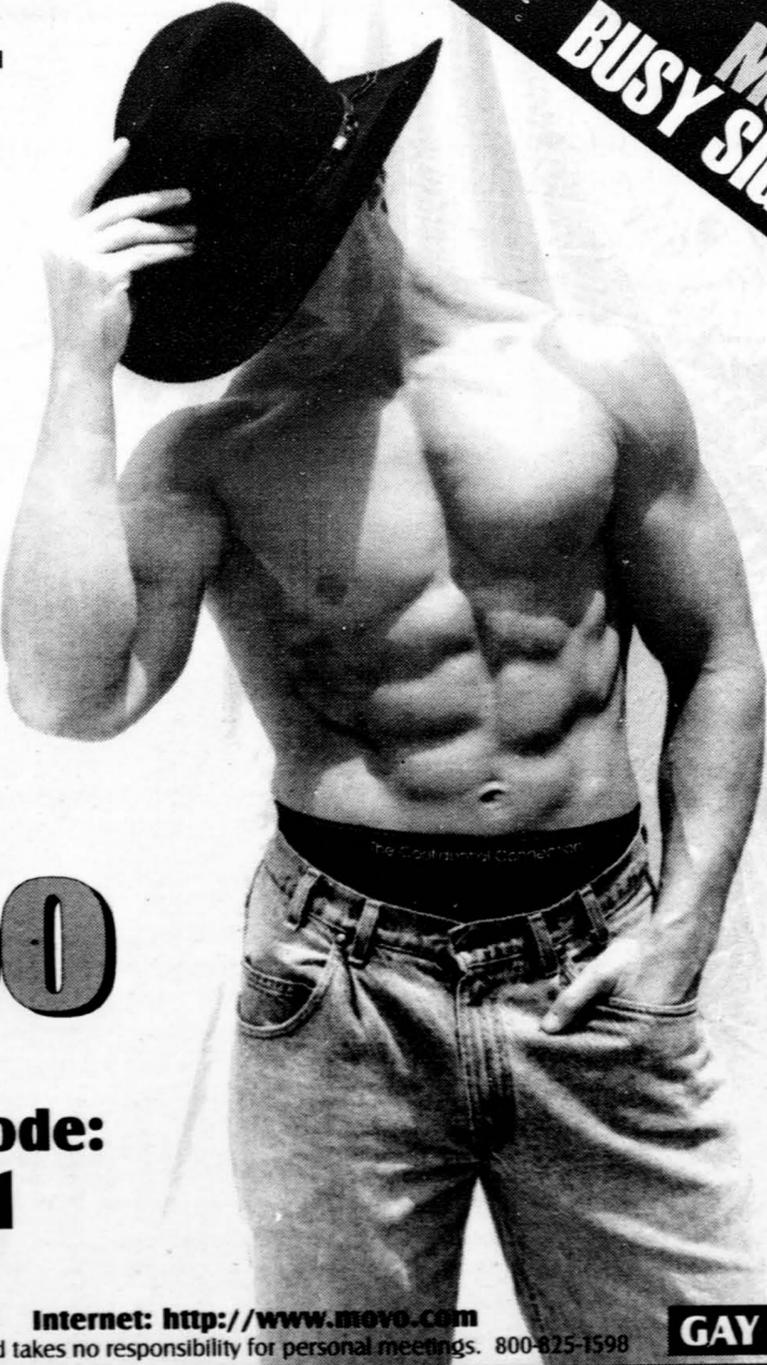
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**From The POOP SHEET**  
by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Danged if we aren't everywhere! Yessirree, it's true. This is probably part of the problem with our inability as a minority to achieve a united front which would bring about Equal Rights.

Let's see now: We're male and female, effeminate and macho, singles, parents and grandparents. We are High School and College students. We may be Gay but are we proud of who we are? Do we have reason to be proud?

We are federal and civil employees, politicians, preachers, teachers, sports figures, scientists, attorneys, farmers, ranchers, bikers, common-laborers, major computer operators, musicians, entertainers, philosophers, authors/writers, journalists, secretaries, owners of business and into the medical profession. We are the rich and we are the poor. We are Christians, Jews, Muslims, agnostics, atheists and you-name-it.

We live in cities, small towns and rural communities. The only real concentration we have is in some of the major metropolitan areas, otherwise we're rather scattered over the landscape; paying our taxes and being good citizens. And yes, there are a few of us who did turn out to be "shady characters" as well.

Yessirree, we are everywhere, in every color of the rainbow and in every size and shape. It may just be because of this great diversity (which we cherish so dearly) that we find it difficult to bring

our resources and strength under one umbrella.

We have no nationally recognized leaders such as Martin Luther King to lead our fight for equal rights. We have local and maybe a few state-wide leaders only. No one speaks for us as a whole, it seems. Where is our JFK or our Joan of Arc?! Are we all to fearful that we too, like Joan, might be burned at the stake? Or, like Harvey Milk, be assassinated by some religious zealot? Or, like so many across the land, be victims of Gay-bashers? And so, we dare not come out and speak up to even create a leader?

Yes, we have come a long way over the past quarter-century, but it is not far enough! We still do not have equal rights with our fellow citizens. In or out of our closets, we are still second-class citizens!

We do have a few major organizations based in D.C., however, which could quite probably do a lot more for all of us if we would take our scattered selves, and, our of or still in our closets, send in a \$5 (or even \$1!) donation of support as they labor on our behalf. What if all 25 million of us decided to go without only one meal each month and we sent in what we would have spent on that meal? It certainly wouldn't kill us to go without one meal a month, would it?

If that meal cost \$5 and we all did it, that would be \$125 million which could be used by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, The Human Rights

Campaign, Gay/Lesbian Legal Defense Fund, etc., to help fight our battles.

Would it make a difference? Really, Mary! Put your pants on and think! You'd better believe it would. Money talks, loudly! And since we're not all rich and capable of making large donations, this could be one way we could all pitch in together as a community and make our lives count.

Since there is also strength in numbers, would it hurt us if we also decided to take out memberships in these organizations, for those who could afford that \$15 - \$35 a year? Or, take out yearly subscriptions in our local and national publications, so the power of the pen and not the sword might be felt more powerfully!

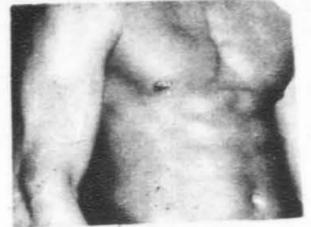
It behooves us on our local levels to get over our silly selves, since we can't seem to unite nationally, and take our butts of the bar stools or whatever and get involved in our MCC's, PFLAG chapters, etc., so they get on a solid footing for the locals to witness.

Or, are we maybe going to continue to want it "my way" only at the end result being that we remain as second-class citizens into the 21st century under a constitution which has promised but failed to deliver equal rights to all citizens!

It's a choice we all must make, and it will determine if we have character or if we simply are "characters" and greedy bitches and bastards who care not for our own brothers and sisters.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## 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.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz welcomes the band "Peep Show". These ladies will rock the house from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. They will play some original music as well as some Melissa. Come and party at the Biz \$3.00 Cover.

IBT'S - Friday is 'Can Nite' at IBT'S. Bring in a non-perishable food item for Shanti.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pearl Harbor Food!

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed will play live Tejano and Norteño music from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This will be the last appearance so be sure to come out and show your support. Cover \$3.00.

GRADUATE - Benefit show for Arizona Children's Home. Hosted by Christina de Alexis and starring Jerry & Friends; Ajia Simone; Felice Renard; Crystal Abrams; Roland and Sasha; Tiffany St. Thomas and Electra Bleu. Teddy Bear raffle among other items.

IBT'S - It's the "C.C. Rae Comedy Show"! Showtime at 8:30 p.m. Be a part of this event. Don't miss this great performer!

IBT'S - Sunday benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust for PACT 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit PACT for Life.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

VENTURE-N - 5th Anniversary Party begins at 9:00 p.m. Yea Party!!

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

IBT'S - Special Male Box Night 9:00 p.m. Send holiday greetings and play post office. Prizes and surprises!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Ladies by Choice starring Kenneth Blake.

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

IBT'S - 27th Annual 4th Avenue Street Fair. Shows on Saturday and Sunday and Sunday night. All-star cast from Tucson and Phoenix. Don't Miss It!

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz-y Bodies Christmas Show! You've waited and you've asked for them... so here they are! These ladies always put on a great show, so be sure to mark your calendar! Cover \$3.00.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The Divas of Drag starring Tiffany St. Thomas and Kristin.

VENTURE-N - An extra special Sunday Brunch here featuring the Great Chef of the West, Ray Gregg, as seen on PBS Television. This Sunday brunch will include: Seafood Strudle; Poached Salmon; Smothered Steak; Egg Casserole and more.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz would like to invite everyone to come celebrate Christmas. It is their annual Christmas Bash! The party starts at 9:00p.m. with drink specials all nite. No Cover.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

THE PLUG - Rare Breed will bring their own special brand of Cumbia and Norteño music at Noches Latinas Nite in the Alternator Room. 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$3.00 at the door.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by an overwhelming demand - Avatar!! This band is a must hear and see band! Don't miss out on this fun and fabulous sound. \$1.25 pitchers until 10:00 p.m. Band starts at 9:00 p.m. and plays until closing. Come early and be ready to dance all night! Cover.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz invites you to ring out the old and ring in 1997. Come and party at the Biz. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. and the music won't stop until 1:00 a.m. There will be party favors and free champagne at midnight. Also shot and drink specials every half hour. Mark your calendars.

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## 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 Jess 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 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

Girlfriends Game and Card Night. 7:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Bring an ornament and help trim Girlfriends Christmas Tree. 7:00 p.m.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus offers their annual holiday concert "A Winter Montage" at 8:00 p.m. at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams St. Call 617-3100 for reservations. Tickets \$12.00 with discounts. Performance also on Dec. 7.

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

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 Wasson 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 Cooleage, 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. We ask that you bring a pint or quart of your favorite ice cream to share with others. For reservations and directions, call Ray at 797-6648.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Awareness Workshop at Girlfriends, 7:30 p.m. AL-Anon 7:30 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out will be at the Casa Molina restaurant at 3001 N. Campbell. Please call Bill by 12/08 at 615-0979 for details and directions.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Girlfriends presents Jess Hawk Oakenstar 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Girlfriends Card and Game Night. 7:00 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.ish. An Alternative Movie Out at the Loft Cinema. At press time, the movie title and starting time were not known. For details, directions and starting time, please call Chris at 687-3478 after December 6.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Desert Voices in concert at Pima Community College's Proscenium Theatre. 8:00 p.m. Come hear 'Rudolph', the 'Grinch', 'White Christmas' and the 'Nutcracker' as you've never heard them before. Plus the chorus will premiere a new work based on a Native American writer theme 'Miracle' by Eric Lane Barnes. Get in the mood for the holidays. Tickets are available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk and PCC West Box Office or call Desert Voices, 791-9662.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Best American Gay Fiction 1996, edited by Brian Boudrey. Half the book will be covered this month, and the remainder at January's session. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Steve at 388-4849.

Girlfriends presents "Lesbian Kissing Night". Calendar signing by photographers and models. 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Cornerstone Fellowship invites you to their annual Christmas Variety Show beginning at 7:00 p.m., 2902 N. Geronimo Blvd. Call 622-4626 for more information.

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# Tucson CALENDAR

## Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.  
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.  
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit 8-8-Q 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. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Too! 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. Campy movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Well all day and all night.  
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. 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 BIZNESS - 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.  
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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 BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest music from 8:30 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. Pot 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 Product Special 9pm 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 Too! open 8:30pm.

## Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.  
GRADUATE - Open 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 9pm 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 Too! open 8:30pm

## Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 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 Too! opens at 8:30 pm.

## Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pot 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 drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.  
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas \$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 till 8pm. Free Pool till 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 & Bagels w/\$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! Opens at 8:30pm.

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

LAMBDA GAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-9135.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips 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 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. 558

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Plus X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Declmo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 577-8333 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. 894-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and Interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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 outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6676 or 670-1954.

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

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT ForLife), 801 W. Congress. Office hours MWF 8am to 5pm, Tu 8am -7pm. Th. Noon - 5pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1710 for more information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7286.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

## NOTICES

### YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

### 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 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-C, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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## World AIDS Day

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Following the speeches, Desert Voices performed several songs commemorating World AIDS Day for the assembly.

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.

Marylee Pangman of PACT said the ceremony was "beautiful, but frustrating the we must continue to do this." She added, "government needs to more emphasis on research for a cure so that we all can get on with our lives."

Anne Maley of the Shanti Foundation said, "It's very emotional. These events brings back a flood of memories of my friends and loved ones that were lost to AIDS."

Maley added that the federal and the state government needs to support the fight for a cure. "Despite the new drugs, it's not over."

Craig Snow of Tucson AIDS Project said there is more hope with the new drugs, citing the protease inhibitors.

Snow continued, "Sixteen years is a long time. I also remember the many people who are no longer in my life because of AIDS."

Dan Nuñez remembered the friends, "so many I've lost to this disease." The commemoration always leaves me "emotionally touched."

Patrick Fenimore looks forward to "the day when we don't have a world with AIDS."

Other events were held in Tucson and Pima County to mark World AIDS Day:

TIHAN and Carondelet held an Interfaith Service at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital Chapel. A candlelight vigil followed the service in the chapel.

The Pascua Yaqui tribe held church services. The Tohono O'odham Nation held events including a walk, panel discussion, red balloon display and AIDS bingo.

The University of Arizona and UApresents held "Day Without Art". Volunteers draped Centennial Hall artwork to symbolize the loss of artists who've succumbed to AIDS. "Day Without Art" shows how AIDS has sapped creativity in the world.

The University Arts Committee will drape outdoor art December 6 for World AIDS Week, which runs through December 8.

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.



## Hawaii Court Ruling

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Kathy Lewis called the decision an "encouraging step, but personally it's taking too long for me to happen. This would be great if it survives the inevitable court challenge."

The Coordinator for Gays and Lesbians United (GLU), David Hoover, commented "It's very exciting, but this is the beginning of a long battle to gain public support for same-sex marriages. The real battle is down the road when we, as a community have to show the public and elected officials the social context that Gay and Lesbian relationships are equal."

Ralph Franklin and Ray Appleman, a Gay couple, expressed their glee over the court decision.

"This is a long time coming. This is not special rights, it's equal rights," Franklin said.

Appleman commented, "I'm glad the court recognized same-sex relationships. We just want the same benefits as straight couples have."

## Air Force Tries To Explain Increase In Gay Dismissals

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WS) - The Air Force says new record keeping methods are responsible for the increase in the number of Gay men and Lesbians dismissed from that branch of the military.

Officials are quoted as saying though fewer troops in the field are being investigated and discharged than any time in recent history.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) charged earlier this year that the Air Force is aggressively hunting Gay people and throwing them out of the service, despite the Defense Department's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The Air Force discharged 111 troops for being Gay or Lesbian in 1992 and 152 in 1993. In 1994, one year following the implementation of the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" compromise, the Air Force discharged 190 troops. In 1995, the number jumped to 232.

An Air Force spokesperson said that before 1994, the Air Force classified a Gay-related dismissal during basic training as "fraudulent enlistment." With the arrival of "don't ask, don't tell," the Air Force began including all troops who were discharged for homosexuality, whether during basic training or afterward, in its count of those ejected for being Gay.

Air Force officials say the number of Gay men or Lesbians discharged dropped from 88 in 1994 to 69 in 1995, a 22 percent decrease. The official said that almost all airmen who come forward to say they are Gay during basic training are discharged and no investigation is launched.

SLDN charges the Air Force regularly uses tactics that violate "don't ask, don't tell" rules. SLDN cited an example a case conducted at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. An airman who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting another man there received a reduced sentence after he supplied Air Force investigators with a list of other service members he said engaged in sodomy.



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Meat'N Heat	11	5	19662
Tres Amigos	10	6	19719
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Twisted Nipples	10	6	19696
Triple T & Me	9	7	19419
Ten	8	8	19460
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My 2 Dads	6	10	19076
Show Me Yours	6	10	18962
Thirteen	5	11	18836

Bea Bytes	3	13	18863
Joey/Pussycats	2	14	19428

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	Won	Lost	Pins
Taste Buns	11	5	11905
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