

## Gay & Lesbian Elders Sought For Locally Produced Documentary

TUCSON - A new Tucson-based film production company, Ruby Moon, is in pre-production for a forthcoming documentary tentatively titled: *Silver Linings: Paths of Gay and Lesbian Elders*.

The documentary will include interviews with Gay Seniors discussing their personal development, the stigma and challenges they endured before the birth of Gay Liberation, Stonewall 1969. Dictated greatly by the geographical areas they grew up in, ethnic background and religious dogma, these rich and varied histories offer a new perspective of the Gay past and the legacies as they pertain to the current Gay Agenda and lifestyles.

This film hopes to explore the special needs of these Gay Elders as they approach their "Golden Years." Such needs as referral services regarding health and nutritional problems, legal advice, assistance to public aid and governmental programs, and just plain respect from their Gay community which in most cases rejects them rather than honor their history and fortitude.

Ruby Moon welcomes any interested Gay and Lesbian Elders born prior to 1940, with various ethnic backgrounds, from all areas of the country, urban and rural, who have stories to tell, and are willing to be pre-interviewed, starting about mid-march.

Ruby Moon also welcomes and needs any support and interest from the community. People who are interested in working the production side, help is needed from Legal Assistance to Production Assistance. We are also looking for old photos and home movies that pertain to the Gay lifestyle.

If you have an interest and heart for such a project, please call (520) 750-8636, or send inquiries to: Ruby Moon Productions, 4642 E. 26th Street, Tucson, AZ 85711.

This project is to be sheltered by the Arizona Center for the Media Arts, a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization, funded by grants and donations.

## Atlanta Gay Bar Bombing Update

ATLANTA, GA (SFE) - Handwriting analysis on the letter taking responsibility for the bombing of an abortion clinic and Atlanta Gay and Lesbian nightclub is leading some experts to the conclusion that one man, not a group, is responsible.

Michael Rustigan, a criminologist told reporters the person responsible for both the abortion clinic and Gay & Lesbian bar bombings is methodical, dislikes or distrusts urban communities, choosing to live instead in the country or suburbs, and probably has an uneven employment record.

The personality sketch of the bomber fits standard far right models in that the suspect is a racist and has a supported and passionate dislike for feminists, Gay people and law enforcement.

Another theory behind the bombing being pursued is the owner of the bombed Gay nightclub had a brother who was a doctor well known for pioneering a method of performing late term abortions.

Dr. James T. McMahon, who died in 1995, taught obstetrics and gynecology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and was among a few doctors who regularly performed the controversial late-term abortions in the United States. He testified about his technique before Congress two years ago.

Federal agents said they would look into his connection to Beverly McMahon, owner of The Otherside Lounge.

A nail-laden bomb exploded at the club, injuring five people. Ms.

McMahon said she doesn't believe her club was bombed because of her brother.

Atlanta, Georgia Mayor Bill Campbell announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the bombing of The Otherside Lounge.

Close to eighty percent of the reward funds were contributed by Atlanta Gay and Lesbian business owners, while \$2,000 came from Campbell's own campaign fund. Campbell also promised that more frequent police patrols to protect Gay and Lesbian venues in the city would continue "for the foreseeable future."

Meanwhile, the massive involvement of federal agencies in investigating the Otherside bombing has made no dramatic discoveries thus far. They appear to be increasingly skeptical of two claims of responsibility for the bombing. The two claims were: A phone message to the Gay Community Yellow Pages purportedly from "SOCK," the Sons of the Confederate Klan. A letter sent to a news service purportedly from the "Army of God."

The letter discusses stopping abortion clinics and then goes on to say, "The attack in midtown was aimed at the sodomite bar. We will target sodomites, their organizations and all those who push their agenda." Although the letter is being taken serious as a threat, federal authorities feel there is nothing yet to specifically tie it to the details of the bar bombing.

The Otherside Lounge reopened  
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## Christian Coalition Losing Power In Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BG) - A report recently released exposes what has long been whispered in official Washington since the 1996 election; the religious right is no longer the potent force in national politics that it was in 1994 and 1995, and is rapidly bleeding whatever Congressional clout it once had.

Tensions between the Christian right and House Republicans, catapulted into public view last week when Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, lashed out at the GOP leadership for ignoring the social agenda long espoused by his organizations. Republican leaders, said Reed, are "guilty of timidity, of retreat, and of muddle-headed moderation."

The apple of the Christian right's eye is a constitutional amendment to protect religious expression. But the chasm

that has opened between Congressional Republicans and leaders on the right is so vast, action on voluntary school prayer is almost certainly doomed in the 105th Congress.

The vast religious community the right does not speak for is also growing restless. Last week, in a move that stunned observers, the National Association of Evangelicals, the nation's largest evangelical Christian organization, broke ranks with Reed and refused to endorse the school prayer amendment.

Forest Montgomery, counsel and spokesperson for the evangelicals told reporters, "According to my faith, there is no way I can love my neighbor and support majoritarian legislation that requires Jewish kids to recite Christian prayers. It's wrong legally and theologically," he said.

## Request For Proposals For Complimentary Therapies

TUCSON - The Tucson Community Foundation (TCF) is requesting proposals to deliver complementary therapies services under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act.

TCF anticipates that \$37,701 will be available through this for fiscal year 1997-98 to deliver complementary therapies services to eligible Pima County residents living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Proposal applications will be available after March 11, from TCF, 6601 East Grant Road, Suite 111, 85715. Telephone request should be directed to Jane Conklin, 722-1707. Proposal development assistance will be provided for applicants at a technical assistance workshop Tuesday, March 18, from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the TCF. The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, March 27, at 4:00 P.M.

These funds are made available through Title II of the federal Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1995, which is administered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Title II of the Act, which is channeled through the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), has recognized the Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium as the Title II Consortium for Pima County. The Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium, which is staffed and facilitated by the Tucson Community Foundation, set priorities for allocation of the funding. An independent community-based panel will review local proposals and recommend local distribution of the available dollars.

In December 1996, TCF and the Consortium released a request for proposals for services in eight priority areas. Medical services, case management, medications assistance, dental services, in-home services, and behavioral health services were recommended to receive funding for fiscal year 1997-98. The current request for proposals seeks to distribute an additional \$37,701 for complementary therapies for fiscal year 1997-98.

Final funding of proposals will be contingent upon the availability of funds through the Ryan White CARE Act.

## Anti-Gay 'Hope 97' Participants Outnumbered 2-1 By Protesters At ASU

TEMPE (ASU) - A group of Arizona State University students protesting the arrival of anti-Gay tour sponsored by the American Family Association outnumbered tour participants by nearly 2-1.

According to an AFA news release dispatched in late February, the 15-city "Hope '97" tour is a partnership with Kerusso Ministries, headed by Michael Johnston. Johnston is a Gay man who claims to have been "delivered from the homosexual lifestyle" in 1989 through prayer.

A statement from the release says that Kerusso Ministries was founded to "counter the growing proliferation of pro-homosexual philosophy in every area of our culture, including business, education, entertainment, media, politics, and the church. "The Hope '97" offensive promises to provide information and resources

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# UPDATE

## Reveille GMC Holding Open Auditions

TUCSON - The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) of Tucson is holding auditions for its May 31 concert, entitled, "(Not Exactly) Straight From the Heart."

Auditions will be held for all sections; RGMC is looking for men who have some singing experience in choral ensembles, though it is not required.

RGMC rehearses on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. at the Metropolitan Community Church (near Mountain and Ft. Lowell). If you are interested, call 325-4778 to schedule an audition or to find out more information about Reveille.

Thanks to Dave and Frank at IBT's, two Sunday Beer Busts and Bar-B-Q's are scheduled for March: Sunday, March 16, from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. and again on Easter Sunday, March 30. Come enjoy your favorite beverage out on the patio while you chow on delicious burgers, with side dishes created by the culinary creativeness of RGMC members.

## St. Pius X G/L Outreach Group Meeting March 17

TUCSON - The St. Pius X Gay and Lesbian outreach group meets on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, March 17, 7:00 P.M., in the Kino room, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo.

The March meeting features Tom Rogers, Chair of Theology at Salpointe Catholic High School. Rogers will discuss biblical passages regarding homosexuality. Be sure to bring your Bible.

These monthly meetings are opportunities to foster a spirit of compassion and understanding and fellowship for and among Gay and Lesbian Catholics and

their families and friends. Everyone is welcome.

For more information call 885-3573.

## Lesbian Couple Co-Adopt Half-Sisters

SUFFOLK, NY (NP) - A Lesbian couple in Suffolk, New York has co-adopted the daughters each of them bore by the same sperm donor.

According to their attorney, Dee Hoole and Robin Shlakman thus become the first Lesbian couple in the U.S. to "cross-adopt" children who are each other's half siblings: Chelsey, age 4, and Sidney, age 1-1/2.

Through a ruling by the New York Supreme Court a year and a half ago, the actual legalization of the relationships was a 15-minute formality, but to the couples of 6 years, it was a step towards their recognition as a family.

## TLGA Invites Participation In St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come join the Tucson/Lesbian Gay Alliance and Wingspan Community Center in participating once again in the annual Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 15. It's a wonderful opportunity to share our community spirit with the rest of Tucson during this festive, well-attended event.

Parade participants will begin lining up at 8:00 A.M. in the area between Sixth Avenue and Scott and 14th Street and 17th Street. Look for the TLGA/Wingspan group. The parade is scheduled to step off at 10:00 A.M.

The Parade is the first of many exciting events TLGA has planned for 1997. Call the OUTline, 622-3200 for more information on this and other upcoming events. Remember, be safe, be Out and be proud!

## Gay Bar Gets A Lot Of Lip On Straights Kissing Ban

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFE) - A kiss is just a kiss, except in San Francisco.

In a twist on the city's sexual politics, which often focus on Gays rights, the Human Rights Commission reproached a Gay bar for forbidding kissing between heterosexuals.

The Cafe, a Gay and Lesbian bar in the heavily Gay Castro District, violated non-discrimination laws by kicking out a straight couple in August and invoking a "no straight make out" policy, according to Cynthia Goldstein of the Human Rights Commission.

After failing to persuade The Cafe to formally retract its policy, Goldstein asked the commission to issue a "director's finding" against the bar. The Cafe faces no penalty or fine but is officially on record as having committed discrimination.

The Cafe's manager Morgan Gurrone said he has since had a change of heart and is now banning heavy kissing by people of all sexual orientations.

"I was trying to be sensitive to the needs of my customers," he said. "My main complaint from customers is there are too many straight people here."

## Same Sex Marriage Ban Draws Veto

OLYMPIA, WA (AP) - Washington Gov. Gary Locke vetoes a ban on same-sex marriages, calling it discriminatory, divisive and unnecessary. Legislative leaders said they will put the issue before the voters.

"I oppose any measure that would divide, disrespect or diminish our humanity," the Democratic governor said, echoing a theme from his inaugural address a few weeks ago.

In his message to the Republican-controlled Legislature, Locke added: "Our overarching principle should be to promote civility, mutual respect and unity. This legislation fails to meet this test."

Locke noted that Washington courts decided 23 years ago that same-gender marriages are invalid, and that the state won't recognize Gay marriages performed in other states either.

In sending Locke the bill on Valentine's Day, lawmakers said they wanted a state law, not just a court opinion, banning same-sex marriage, and wanted a clear prohibition against the state recognizing Gay weddings performed in Hawaii or elsewhere.

## Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation Upcoming Fundraising Events

- **Classical Concert #1:** Acoustical guitar concert featuring Roberto Capocchi. Friday, April 18th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7:30 PM.
- **Laff's Comedy Benefit:** Local professional comedians and ASO clients share the lighter side of living with HIV. Tuesday, April 29th. Laff's Comedy Cafe.
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Last week, I talked a little bit about the importance of dreams. First and foremost, our dreams are an excellent way of getting in touch with the unconscious mind. The unconscious mind includes all the parts of ourselves that we are not aware of, and usually includes some very important parts of ourselves, parts with a lot of energy in them. The energy in the unconscious mind can be for good or for evil, depending mainly on how we handle it. In someone who isn't even aware that he has an unconscious aspect, his unconscious mind will basically run amok. All the energy in the unconscious will be untapped by the conscious self, and moreover the unconscious will usually find ways to oppose and undermine the conscious self. In someone who pays attention to the unconscious through dreams, the energies of the unconscious can be tapped, utilized, and benefitted from. The person will be more powerful and more whole. The "purpose" of the unconscious is to round you out as a person.

This week, I want to give you a couple of tools for working with dreams. The first of these is called "associating" to the parts of the dream. First, you will need a little quiet time, when you are undistracted and private. Think back and remember any dream or fragment of a dream. Any one will do, whether it happened a long time ago or last night, although fresher ones are usually easier to work with. Then write down all you can remember of the dream. Next, scan the dream for nouns, and write the first noun below the dream. Now you are ready to associate to that noun. To associate to a word means to ask yourself, without thinking too hard, "What's the next thing I think of when I think of a [noun]?" You're looking for emotionally charged memories or thoughts about that thing. For example, perhaps your first noun in the dream is a basketball court. What do you think of when you think of a basketball court? It could be that you one made a last-minute swish that won an important game, and you were the hero. Write that down! Then association again to the basketball court: I remember my couch bawling me out on a time-out. Again: my dad was a basketball player and really wanted me to play. Writing down all these associations will help you flesh out the meaning of the basketball court as it appears in your dream.

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**More On Dreams**

If you're stuck on how to associate to something, another good technique is to ask yourself: "Suppose I had to explain what a basketball court is to someone from another planet, who had never heard of it?" Then you might say, "A basketball court is a place where you play a game, it's a team sport, very graceful almost like a ballet, and unlike football you don't have a lot of physical contact with the other men. In fact, you get penalized in a 'foul' if you touch another player. It's a place of great intensity and sometimes a lot of pressure. There's usually an audience that either cheers or boos you." That's a lot of information about what a basketball court means to you, and therefore what a basketball court likely symbolizes in a dream dreamed by you. By the way, you should avoid dream dictionaries that give supposedly universal meanings for dream symbols. It's much better to give your own associations.

The next step is to ask yourself what's going on in your waking life right now. Of course, I mean things that are emotionally important, like relationships, jobs, or health issues. Then see if you can see the connection between the dream scenario and your life. If you dream about being in the middle of a basketball game, in some sense, your life feels to you like a basketball game. You can look at your associations to see what that means to you. Following the associations given above, we might guess that you are experiencing your life as a situation of great pressure, yet feeling you are on a team; a chance to be a hero (the memory of the last-second basket); a situation where a male authority figure is poised to criticize you (the memory of coach bawling you out); a situation where you feel you have to please your father or father-figure (father wanted you to be a basketball player); a situation in which people are watching you (the audience); but where being close to other men is taboo (the mention of the penalty for fouls). Perhaps your real-life situation is one where you in the closet at work, with a new project assigned to you, with a boss who may criticize you, and

your promotion rests on how well you do in this project. The dream is trying to help you see your situation more clearly. The dream is speaking in symbolic language, the language of images.

Interpreting dreams is an art and a knack. Your first attempts may not be the most successful. But I guarantee you that if you pay attention to your dreams, they will reward you and become clearer to you. It's also a good idea to get other people in on the act. You might tell your dreams to people you trust, and ask for their input on the dreams. Often those close to us can see things we can't see. However, always reserve the right trust your own intuition.

When you get the correct interpretation of your dream, you will feel an emotional rush, either large or small. You will feel that you understand yourself more clearly, and that your path is now clearer for action. Your unconscious mind

and your conscious mind have communicated, and you are more whole because of it. You have more power in your life to fulfill your goals and love those around you.

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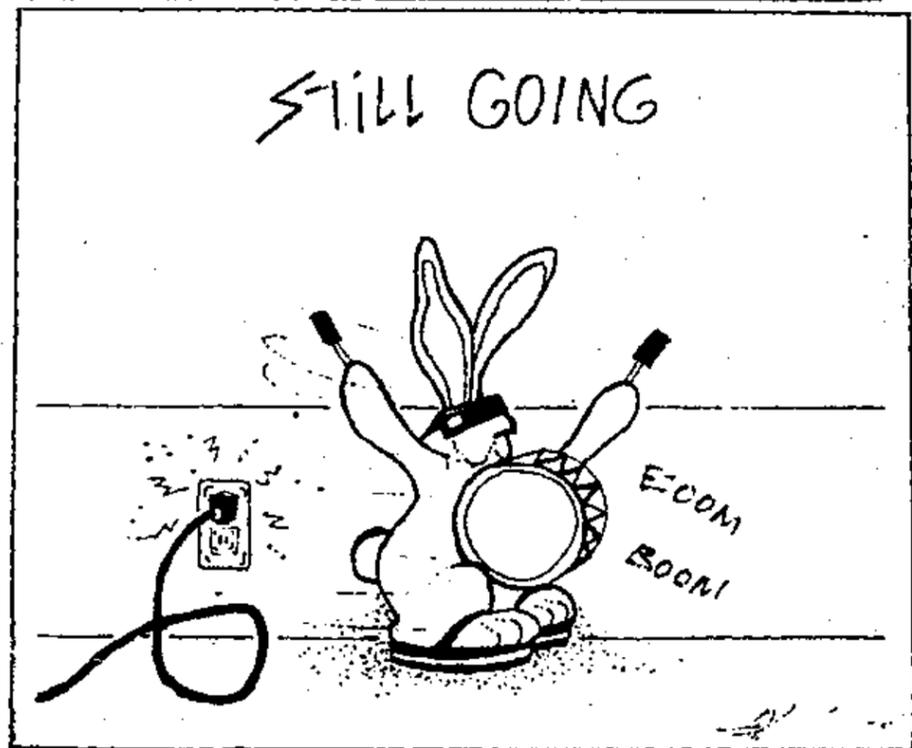
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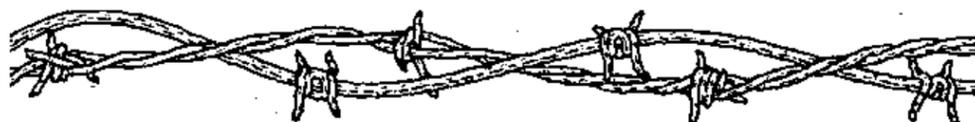
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Yeehaw! It's almost time to haul out your cowboy drag for 1997. The Tucson stop on the IGRA rodeo circuit is March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd when buckaroos and buckerettes from all over the western U.S. will be in the Old Pueblo ridin' and ropin'.

If this is going to be your first visit to the rodeo be prepared for plenty of exciting action and western style entertainment. In view of New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani's wildly successful drag debut at a recent Big Apple fund raiser I wonder if Tucson's own George Miller could be enticed to appear in the opening ceremony as Queen of the Rodeo?

**Attention, Please:** If you don't already know, the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) currently has its back against the financial wall to the tune of \$45,000. PACT provides a number of important, and in some cases critically necessary, services to Arizonans in our area who are living with the HIV virus and AIDS. Those services include providing meals and housing to the service organization's clients.

Among several reasons for PACT's financial shortfall is that the State of Arizona has stopped providing funding due to a "change in priorities". A change in priorities??? Apparently providing meals and housing to the ill and those unable to fully provide and care for themselves is no longer a priority. Think about that for a moment. Rather scary, isn't it.

At the very same time, the state coffers are holding a \$130 million budget surplus!

How on God's green earth can state officials justify cutting back desper-

ately needed funds with the excuse that "priorities" have changed, and do that at a time when there's a king's ransom sitting in the state treasury? What higher "priorities" can there be than providing some measure of assistance and comfort to our fellow Arizonans who face this sort of life threatening illness day in and day out?

There are social service agencies, public and private, across this state providing the necessities of life to a lot of grateful people. Many of those groups wouldn't be surviving as it is without supplemental help from volunteer workers and private contributions. To add to their burden by cutting off funding is pretty darn cold. To do that at a time when there's a giant pile of cold hard cash sitting in state bank accounts is totally indefensible.

PACT will surely cut it's already austere operating budget further, staff will be cut and they will do everything possible to further reduce expenses everywhere they can. But that will not be enough. What will be necessary is for the community to pitch in by volunteering time and effort, and also make some financial contribution.

Those of us who are blessed with our good health need to remember how lucky we are to have that, we need to be aware of the burden and struggle that daily faces those who are not as fortunate as we, and we need to demonstrate our concern for them. We need to do that NOW.

PACT can be reached at 770-1710. And it wouldn't hurt to send a little check to them at 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745.

And then it was now.....

**Review - A Drag Night In Tucson**

by Elise Barbara Fox

TUCSON - Gilda Fatale is taking a calculated gamble -- that female illusionists, as impressive and glittery as they can be, aren't the only thing we'd like to see at nightclub shows.

As an impresario, what she gave us March 5 at IBT's was a tour de force. So you can forgive her hyperbole when she advised about her drag lineup: "We're the best in the world." But, as advertised, it's really a cabaret.

Dave and Frank take note. IBT's is perfect for this because space is limited and it creates "theater in the round" with intimate audience interaction.

Ajia Simone was spectacular, high-energy opening act as a tuxedo-suited waiter with a cute song and balancing a tray of nuts, given to spectators as a treat. Other delights: Hand clapping, original live compositions by Shai and the Frank Sinatra-style live vocals of IBT's DJ David Z. with "Witchcraft" and "New York, New York," a mellifluous voice with tremendous range.

Truly Fabu, you'll make all us envious. This slim siren looks like she's poured into her outfits. And what precious numbers! One act was a teeny bopper; in another, her scanty and campy "princess" outfit looked like she'd just been at the Renaissance Festival.

Judging by audience reaction, one of the big highlights was the debut of Mark Edwards as "Miss Coco Puff." An empirical test is how many greenbacks are thrust into a performers hand. There were so many, I couldn't keep count.

Gilda, consummate and gracious hostess as always, is inviting other acts for her next curtain call. As she put it, "Has anyone got a puppet show?"

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# 14,000 Queers East Of Craycroft

by Paul S. Lotsuf

Over the last few months, two of our bars have gone belly up and their respective owners are undoubtedly doing some soul searching as to the reasons why their businesses failed to attract large followings. Both places obeyed the unwritten requirement that all Gay-oriented establishments must be located within a stone's throw of Stone Avenue. Is it at all possible that this central area has all the Gay bars it can profitably support?

A well known maxim in the real estate profession is that there are three factors that determine success: location, location and location. Perhaps Gay entrepreneurs could learn something from Tucson's larger retailers. How well would K-Mart do if all of their locations had to be within a couple of miles of downtown? Even City Hall has an Eastside location. Virtually all of Tucson's major retailers have at least two locations: one on or near North Oracle and another on the east side.

Smart store managers study census data carefully when making their location decision. A look at the 1990 census indicates that there were about 142,000 Tucsonans living east of Craycroft and that figure excludes the Air Force base. If you subscribe to the "one in ten" figure, there were about 14,000 queers living east of Craycroft in 1990 and the number today is undoubtedly higher. That leaves us with one interesting question: Could a community of 14,000 support one drinking establishment? The answer to that question is that such a bar

would have to be incredibly mismanaged to fail.

My only other suggestion is to have a look at the Phoenix area. Do Lesbians and Gays in Scottsdale have to drive all the way to Central Avenue to meet their friends? What works in Phoenix should work in Tucson. All we need is someone who dares to do something different and who isn't afraid of making a lot of money.



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## SmithKline Beecham Launches New Website To Inform Gay Men About Hepatitis A



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### ABC Says "Ellen" Will Come Out Of The Closet

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The months of coy references are over. ABC said this week that "Ellen" will come out as a Lesbian.

The character played by actress Ellen DeGeneres will talk to a therapist, played by Oprah Winfrey, about her attraction to a Gay woman in an episode of the sitcom set to air April 30.

While other television shows have featured homosexual characters, "Ellen" would be the first prime-time show to have an openly Gay lead.

Actress Laura Dern plays Ellen Murgan's love interest in the episode. ABC hasn't decided whether the show will be an-hour long special or air in its regular time slot.

The network said a later "Ellen" episode will deal with Morgan telling her parents about "this startling self-discovery."

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FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - Mitchell Anderson rolls up in his sleeve. Anderson, who plays "Ross" on Fox TV's Party of Five, received a hepatitis A vaccination during his appearance at Ft. Lauderdale's Winter Gayla '97 weekend. Anderson was on hand to help educate Gay men about this highly contagious liver disease. Information about hepatitis A is available on the Internet at <http://www.boymeetsboy.com>, the web site sponsored by Havrix.

PHILADELPHIA, PA - "Boy Meets Boy," is a new interactive website on the Internet, which uses a lively and engaging format to deliver an important health message: sexually active Gay men are at risk of contracting hepatitis A, a highly contagious liver disease.

In their final report, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stated groups at increased risk of hepatitis A include sexual active Gay and Bisexual men. The CDC recommends preventive vaccination for this population as well as other groups at increased risk, including travelers to developing countries.

SmithKline Beecham, the makers of Havrix (Hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated), the world's first vaccine for Hepatitis A, sponsors the website which can be accessed at <http://www.boymeetsboy.com>. The website speaks to Gay men about their risk of contracting hepatitis A even while engaging in what may be considered to be safe sex.

"SmithKline Beecham developed the 'Boy Meets Boy' advertising and public awareness campaign to help reduce the spread of hepatitis A among Gay men," said Wanda Warner, Product Manager for Havrix. "With reported cases of hepatitis A on the rise in several Gay communities in cities as Atlanta, San Francisco and Denver and education program such as this is especially timely," she added.

By visiting the "Boy Meets Boy" website, users can access detailed information about hepatitis A, in privacy. The site responds to the most commonly asked questions about the virus. The user-friendly format enables individuals to identify their own risk of contracting hepatitis A and explains how a vaccine such as Havrix provides protection.

The website also features a "Take Charge" option because Havrix is administered in a two-dose series, a single dose will protect for up to one year, and a booster dose 6 to 12 months later will prolong protection. This feature prompts the user to enter the date he received his first injection of the hepatitis A vaccine in order to receive an e-mail reminder for the booster dose.

In addition to the "Boy Meets Boy" website, users can visit a variety of different sites on the World Wide Web

through "Hot Links" and receive information on hepatitis A from organizations such as the American Liver Foundation (ALF), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Gay and Lesbian Health Association (NGLHA) and the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC).

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver disease that infects an estimate 143,000 people in the U.S. each year. Hepatitis A rarely kills, but vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes), fever and diarrhea can debilitate someone for weeks.



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## TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

The schedule for March 9 was shortened with the postponement of the first game between Team Tucson and Girls Night Out.

The 5:00 P.M. game saw the Hill Foot Gems come out hitting, scoring 6 runs in the first and third innings in route to a 12-3 lead over Ain't Nobody Bizness. The Biz fought back with 7 runs in the last inning but lost a hard fought game, 13-10.

The Biz Bats woke up in the second game against Lavender Laces, winning the contest, 33-7.

The last game of the evening had the IBT's Twisters beating the Venture-N. Venture-N coach Dan F., liked his team's showing. "We actually had several good hits, scored some runs and made some tough catches. We look forward to steady improvement for our team."

Twisters' Coach Robert S. would like to thank his players for showing up and playing well despite the flu (Robb), broken finger (Daryl) and pulled calf muscle (Gilbert). That's dedication.

TGSA wishes to thank the fans who showed up to support their favorite players and teams.

In other news, Team Tucson will be holding a fund raiser at the field selling hot dogs, chips, sodas and other side

dishes this Sunday at the park, so bring your appetite. Also, the IBT's Twisters will hold a burger/beer bust at IBT's Sunday, March 23. More details in next week's Observer.

If other teams would like to schedule fund raisers at the field on game days, please contact TGSA Commissioner, Mary O., 770-9979, for availability.

For more information on TGSA, contact League Commissioner, Mary O., 770-9979.

### MARCH 16 SCHEDULE

4:00 P.M. Girls' Night Out v. The Biz  
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Bye: Girls Night Out

\*Open Division not available at press time, call Mary O., 770-9979 after 3/12 for update.

All games at Freedom Park (29th Street, between Swan & Craycroft).

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The league is looking for players for a fourth Open (both men and women) Division Team. Please contact Coach Shane A., 793-3948. Experience not required.

## Lesbian Artist Showing At Bentley's

by Leslie Vinson

Susie Forevermoore paints Goddess in Woman, and she does it in some of the most delicate, strong watercolor you'll see. Check out "Birtha," a nude of Paleolithic proportions, seated firmly on the earth whose symbol she is. Her great body, touched in with colored pencil, is a luminous pale blue, like a soap bubble, or a Portuguese man o'war jellyfish. Paradoxically, it seems to float. We don't see Birtha's face. It's veiled by one of SFM, typical watercolor backgrounds, a shifting primordial soup colored like sunrise. Bolts of multicolored energy crackle over it, escaping the picture to strike the mat, and maybe the observer, watch out!

"Oya" also celebrates Goddess in great curves of gorgeous fat. This African goddess shows the dark moon of her face; but her lush breasts and belly are the focus. Whole worlds could be born and nourished from them. Over the surface of her dark flesh shimmers a play of abstract shapes. They could well be the leaf shadows of some mystic forest.

Another SFM theme is women generating energy together. At least that seems the best explanation of the bright nudes in "Impetuosity." Each figure is doing whatever she feels, howling on a mysterious rope dancing wildly with her hair exploding, or just sitting. Yet, they all seem united in the same process. This unity is even clearer in "Merry Meet." Witches dance in a circle, their hair all streaming one way in a tempest they seem to have created.

See Susie Forevermoore's work at Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea, 1730 East Speedway.



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## The Manager Of That Bar In San Francisco Was Right, 'There Are Just Too Many Straight People'

Now there's something you just don't see everyday! A Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives will before the first to take a leading role for the 1997 Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA).

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-CT, has before the first House Republican to ever assume a leading role of ENDA, the measure would provide federal protections from work place discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Through the masterful manipulations by Senator Ted Kennedy, D-MA, last year, the 1996 version was the first Gay and Lesbian civil rights measure ever to reach a floor vote in either house of Congress. ENDA was defeated by a vote of 50-49.

Rep. Shays has agreed to serve as a principal co-sponsor in the House and promised to work hard for passage of what he calls "common sense legislation." Republican and common sense, like oil and water!

Shays holds out little hope for the bill in the Current Congress. Shays pegged the odds of passage as 2-to-1 against, and the odds of Newt's House hearing the bill at less than 50%.

For the 1997 version of ENDA, Teddy Kennedy will need to get his magic hat out again to get the bill moving! . . .

When you wish upon a star, dreams come true . . . after a very long damn wait! Some movement to report on the Arizona Hate Crimes measure before the State Legislature.

H.B. 2182, for those playing the home game, is the bill that would enact a statewide hate crimes ordinance that lists "sexual orientation" in the protected categories. The measure would allow judges to find aggravating circumstances and impose stricter prison sentences.

As the story has gone so far, H.B. 2182, the crime-fighting measure, had been approved by the House Judiciary Committee and was sent to the Rules Committee for consideration. The bill sat and gathered dust for a month!

H.B. 2182 was finally heard by the House Rules Committee, last week, and was approved by a unanimous vote. Wake up! After the Rules vote, the bill was then reviewed by House Democrats and House Republicans. Caucus anyone?

The bill received the approval by both Caucuses and now goes to the House Committee of the Whole. Who chairs that? House Speaker Don Aldridge. Possible roadblock? What to do?

The sponsor of H.B. 2182 and the heroine of our novella, state Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, is urging people to call the Speaker at (800) 352-8404 and urge him to let H.B. 2182 be heard. . . .

Blue was never my color! H.B. 2538, the state archaic laws repeal is "not going anywhere," according to the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Marion Pickens, D-Tucson. H.B. 2538, would take the "blue" statutes such as criminal penalties for sodomy and the cohabitation (familial relationships living together) of the Arizona law books.

The bill was approved by the House Judiciary Committee and was sent to the House Rules Committee. H.B. 2538 now gathers dust and will not see the light of day according to capitol sources. The bill's future? The only route left for H.B. 2538 is the strike-everything amendment route. . . .

Here's your chance to speak to a real life state legislator. Wool! The District 13 delegation will be holding their town hall meeting this week.

A town hall meeting is where the legislative delegations discuss current legislative issues being discussed at the Capitol and listen to constituent views and concerns.

The District 13 delegation - Senator George Cunningham; Representatives Andy Nichols and Brian Fagin will hold their town hall Saturday, March 15, 10:00 A.M. to noon.

The District 13 town hall meeting takes place at the Himmel Park Branch Library, 1035 N. Treat. To find out more about the meeting or what District you live in call 628-6593. Thrilling isn't it! . . .

Not true kids, just not true! Last week, the morning fish-wrap had an article entitled "Plan to ban school Groups for Gays dies." A take on this article:

The only way any proposal is killed is when the session of the Arizona State Legislature ends. You think the esteemed morning rag would know this and report this.

Instead the morning rag reports the four measures are dead. Not so! Can we say "strike-everything" amendments? An example of this? Remember the Arizona Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. Aloha!

This bill, banning same-sex marriages, was defeated three times in the Arizona Legislature before it was finally approved, with threats by the Republican leadership.

The four measures are still alive, but comatose, and can come back and still be approved as long as the current Arizona Legislature is in session.

The morning rag has done a lot of positive things for our community. In this case though, they flat-out blew it! . . .

So it goes for now kids!



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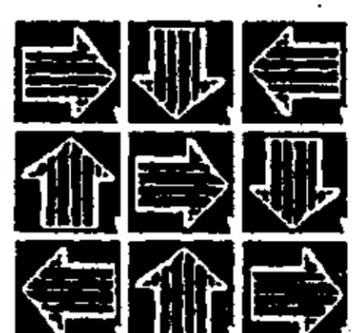


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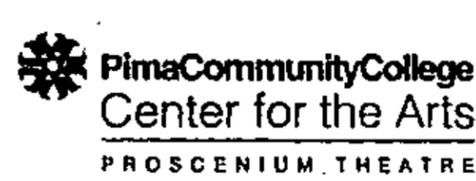


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by Rev. Andrew Brooks

I often find wisdom in music, and a current pop singer, Donna Lewis, wrote a lovely song called Simone, which (I think) has some great wisdom. "Don't look back over all the years gone by, they're gone and now it's time to leave. You have to let your childhood go, and then you'll find the peace within."

People spend many thousands of dollars every year trying to recover from emotional traumas, alcohol, drug, and sex addictions, all linked to our ability (or inability) to cope with life. Even if it was something that happened twenty years ago, if it still bothers you, still causes you anger, or stress, then on some level, we have not let go of it yet.

When we "radiate" a constant condition of being the victim, allowing life to just push us around, we often attract situations, people, even lovers, who are controlling and dominant. That is because we are locked in the role of helpless victim.

But we can change that. We can make the necessary changes within, to allow ourselves to stand up for ourselves, to control our lives, and not to allow others to manipulate or hurt us any longer. So if you are in a situation that is not to your highest good, it is time to get out from under!

A little honest self-examination will help to sort out what we want, and what we don't want, and this is especially true of love relationships. There is a lot more to that man that we are pursuing than a sexy body, he is a complex combination of his thoughts, feelings, and beliefs.

All too often, I see fellow Gay men go through one meaningless short-term relationship after another, and consistently, pick men with the same problems over and over. That is because we are accustomed to that kind of relationship. If all we expect is sex, then that is what we will usually get! We need to "keep our heads on straight" and not just blindly fall into casual partnerships that end badly, one after the other, because that can really damage our sense of self-worth.

After a man is dumped, cheated on, or lied to by one guy after another, he often begins to say, "Gee, maybe I deserve this kind of treatment. I'll never find a decent man. Maybe I should just give up looking and settle for sex." That is self-defeating. You deserve the best, never settle for less!

So, if you remember nothing else that I have ever written, remember this: Expect the best, and accept nothing less. Remember every day of your life how wonderful and special you are, and treat everyone in your life with the same respect and kindness that you expect to be treated with. If we do not give out love, then it is hard for us to get back love in return. Why waste your time on things that are not good for you? You can do better! As always, go in good health

[Andrew Brooks is a herbalist and holistic counselor. He can be reached at 326-0841.]

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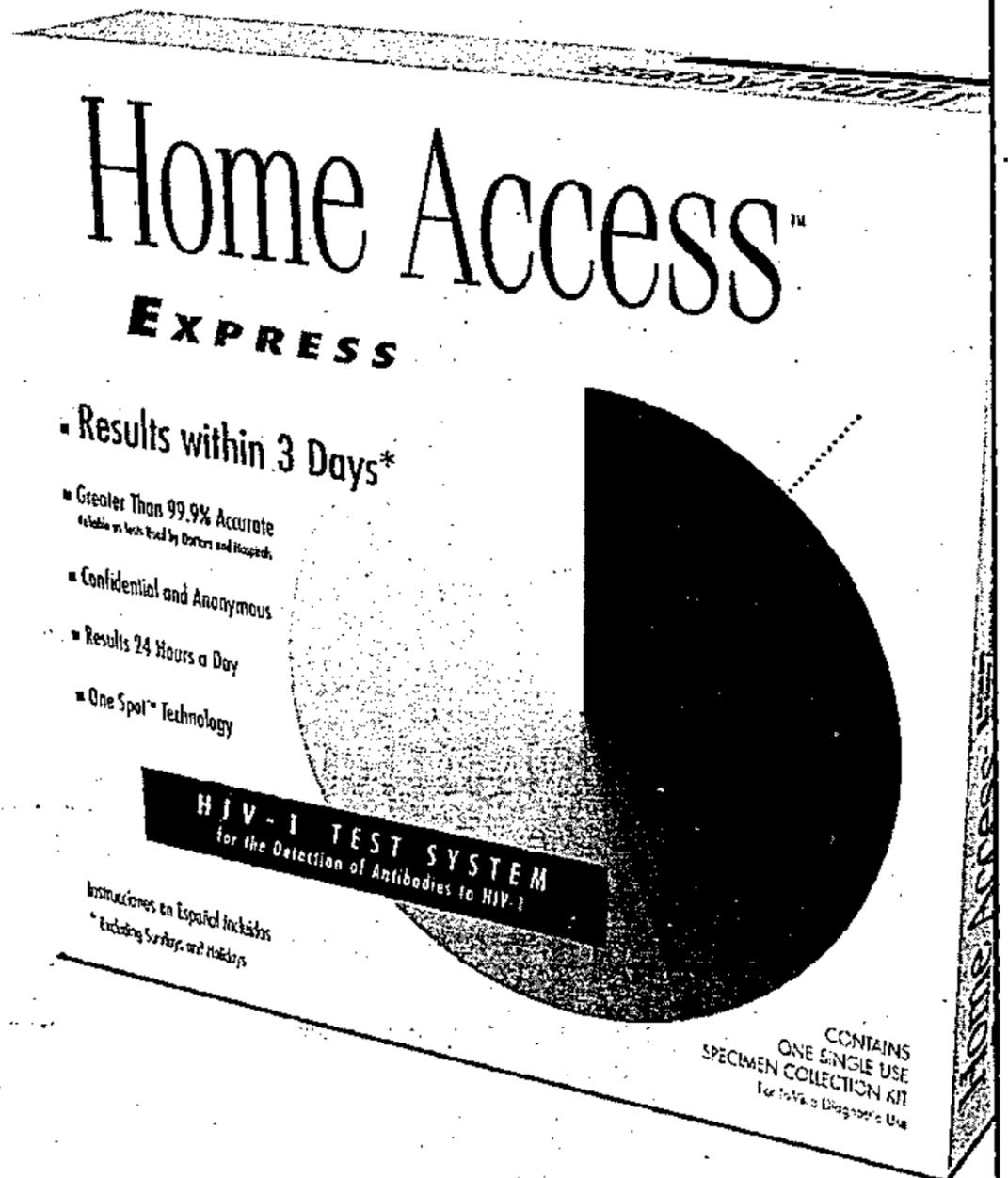
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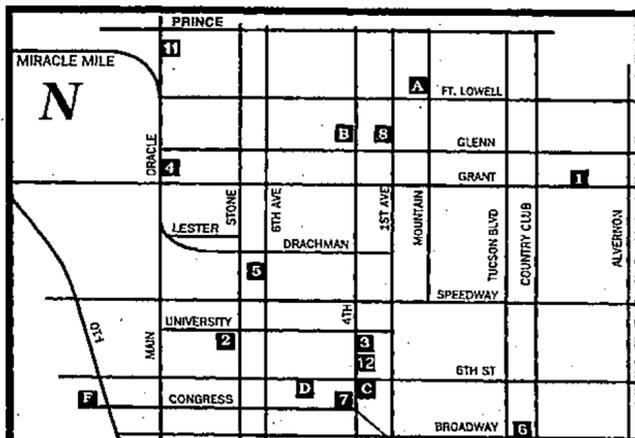
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# It Was The Best Of Times And The Wurst Of Times

by Gary Neal Clark

TUCSON - Remember, slander is my best "suit!" This is the saga of 11 men and abroad, who went abroad, not looking for wo-persons!

This reporter and my entourage boarded the plane for 11 "cheerful" hours in search of "a little foreign tongue." The flight was so long, this reporter asked the stewardess, "How long will it take us to get to Dusseldorf?" The stewardess replied, "I don't know, we've never made it."

Arriving in customs, the customs agent asked this reporter, "What was my business in Deutschland?" This reporter responded, "Business! I don't even know how the hell I got on the plane!" This reporter added, "I don't know how half my entourage got off the plane, since most of the way overpacked!"

After the inevitable strip searches by several charming customs agents, the "Looking for the Kaiser Roll" tour began!

Here are some candid snap-shots of myself and the entourage, some of whom are still going through customs, enjoying those strip searches just a little too much!

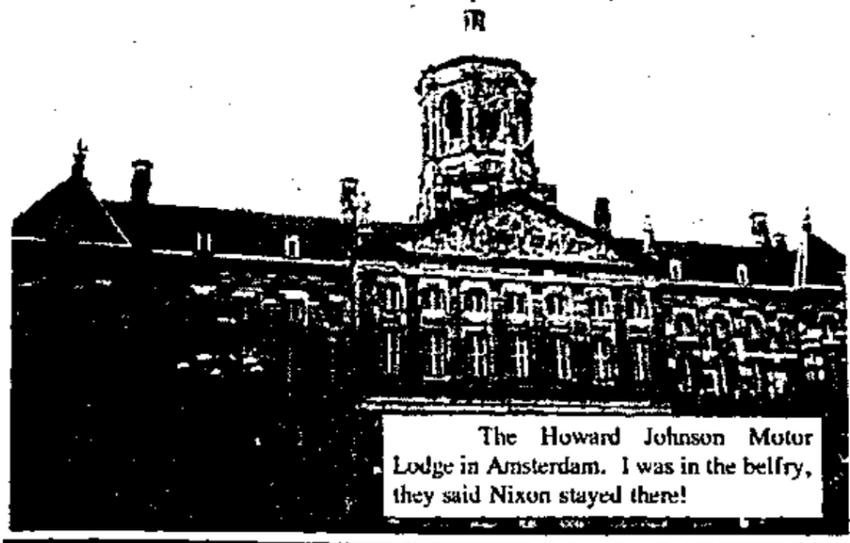


A very attractive performer! I gave him Frank and Dave's card! I just know how they love live performers! He said he would call if they had an interpreter and paid in Guilders! Talk about conversion!

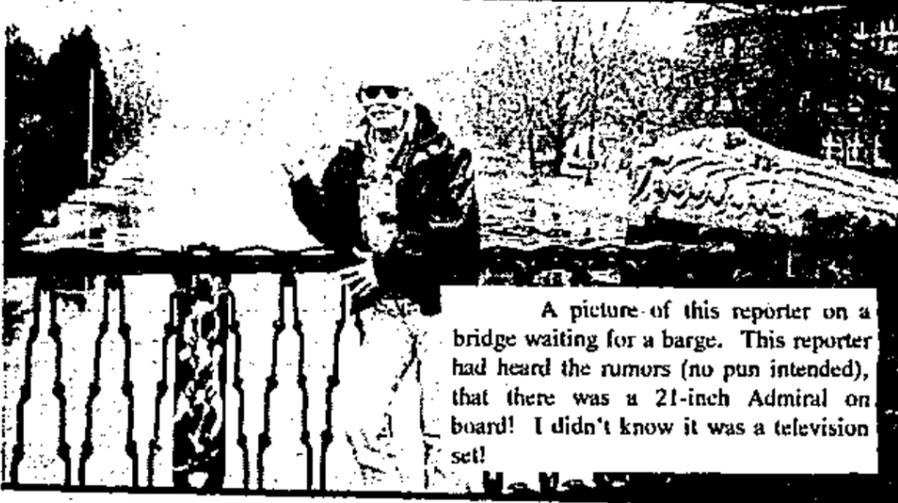


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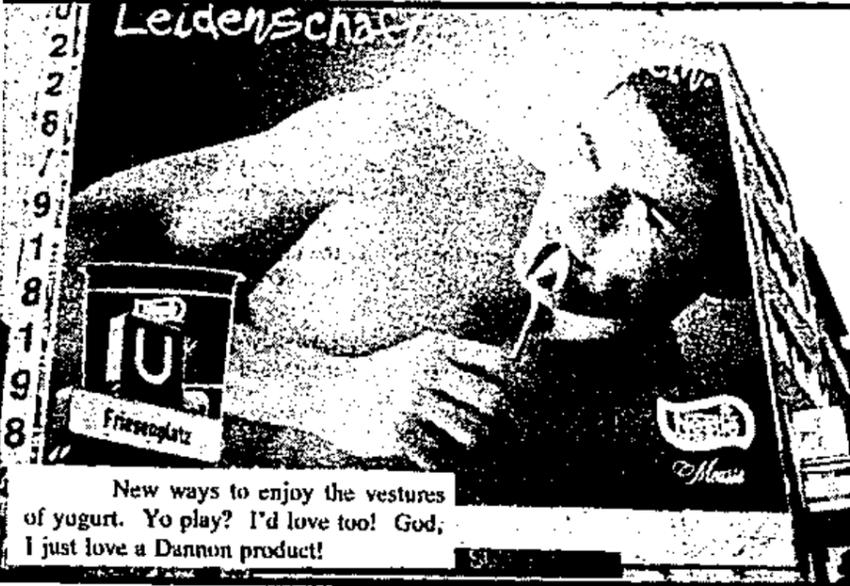
## See you Leder



The Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Amsterdam. I was in the belfry, they said Nixon stayed there!



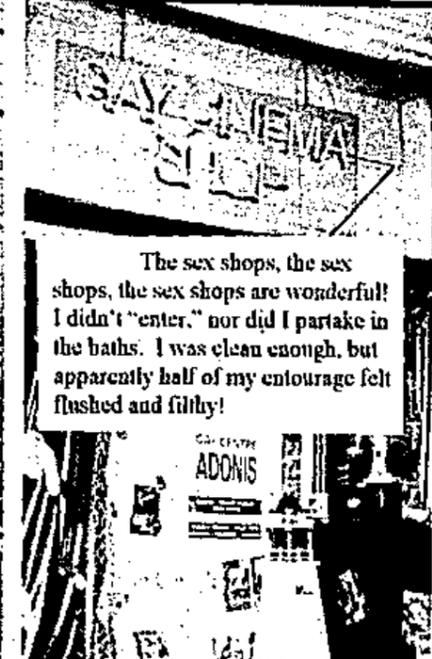
A picture of this reporter on a bridge waiting for a barge. This reporter had heard the rumors (no pun intended), that there was a 21-inch Admiral on board! I didn't know it was a television set!



New ways to enjoy the vestures of yogurt. Yo play? I'd love too! God, I just love a Dannon product!



The Germans are just so inventive, especially the radical right. They just have to blend!



The sex shops, the sex shops, the sex shops are wonderful! I didn't "enter," nor did I partake in the baths. I was clean enough, but apparently half of my entourage felt flushed and filthy!



A meeting of the American delegation of the Holland Herbalist Society. This was funny since most of the delegation had already sampled the "Mushroom Fondue," minus the fondue! I didn't participate . . . but I digress!



Would you like to meet these people on a bridge? Don't answer that!



ALLES LIEBE!

This reporter would like to thank my fellow travellers, a.k.a. Peter, Mark, Dennis, Brian, Frank, Ron, John, Mike, Madison, Jeff and Todd. This reporter raises a glass of Kulsch in salute to those who took the "Kaiser Roll" tour and partook in a little foreign tongue.

In closing, in the tradition of the true German, after the introductions are completed, their reply is "Sex!" Auf Wiedersehen, Fraulein Clark nicht su haus!

## A Taste of the Water of Life

by Bob Feldhaus

News from MCC Tucson

There's an interesting thing about Christianity: Jesus himself never wrote a single word, or at least, nothing that has come down to us. Jesus himself did not write any of the books of the New Testament. All that we know of Jesus is from what his followers wrote about him. One opens the gospels, and hopefully also one's heart at the same time, and reads. The loving portrait of Christ you find there may well open your heart to him, even though you know you are trusting only the testimony of those who loved him first. Then you may suddenly realize how fitting it is to be reading the testimony of his friends, and not Jesus' own testimony to himself. It fits into what love is. Love is too humble to testify to itself. Instead, genuine love allows other to respond to it as they will, and trusts in that response. Love gives itself away to those whom it loves, as Jesus gave himself away to his disciples. In this way, we come to have the beautiful reflections of Christ that are the gospels.

With that in mind, let's slow down and hear Jesus' words, as told by Matthew: "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-29) These words are profound and worthy of a moment's pause. Can you get a sense of who is speaking here? It's no ordinary human ego, that's for sure. If you imagine an ordinary, limited person saying such things, it's simply absurd.

If not the voice of an ordinary person, then perhaps the voice of Jesus is the love behind the universe speaking. If you listen to the words, can you hear the compassion love for us mortals who struggle? To those who are oppressed and weary, love offers only refreshment and rest. "The Love that moves the sun and other stars" (Dante) is gentle and humble in heart. That's good news!

Jesus chose to eat and drink with the "sinners" of his day, prostitutes and the poor, in effect the street people. He never condemned anyone for their sexual-

ty. He was never angry with the oppressed, with women, those in mourning and grief, the outcasts, or those who were ill. For the Pharises, the respectable religious people of his day, he had some harsh words, but only encouragement and blessings for the downtrodden. Question: in which group do you think the Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual, and Transgendered people were found?

Jesus refers to his "yoke" being easy. A yoke is a symbol of joining and union; to yoke two things together is to join them. (In fact, the word "yoga" comes from the same root, meaning union with the divine.) Jesus' yoke is the yoke of love. Love makes demands on a person, yes, but Jesus is saying that if you truly love someone, the demands of love are easy to do. They are not felt as a burden. On the other hand, if one does something merely out of duty, without love, then the demands of the law are burdensome indeed. But if you love God, you want to do things for God naturally. (It turns out that what God wants you to do is to love yourself and other people with the same love with which God loves you.)

"The crushed reed he will not break; the smoldering wick he will not extinguish." (Matthew 12:20) These words speak of Jesus' infinite gentleness. Do you ever feel like a crushed reed or a smoldering wick? The gospel says that if you approach Jesus, he will treat you with sensitivity and respect, and will not further wound you. Instead, he will give you rest. He will yoke himself to you and keep you company. He will offer you healing of body, mind, and spirit, for he is gentle and humble in heart. The good news of the gospel is that the power behind the universe is not oppressive power that wants to dominate you, but rather love. The church is the gathering of people who have heard and begun to trust in that unheard of possibility.

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## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Are you lonely? All of us have had moments when we felt alone. But some of us experience very long periods, sometimes years, of loneliness. When that happens the person feels like there is no one in all the world who loves them or cares what happens to them. Unfortunately, sometimes this is true. A person may have many admirers, "friends," or acquaintance. But when the chips are down those people simply melt away. The feeling of desertion can drive a person beyond distraction. Some try to drown it in drink. Some try to find oblivion in drugs. Some try to deny it by becoming addicted to casual sex.

Any or all of the above might work, for a while, but in the end they exact a terrible price, hangovers, depression following a high, disease from the wrong choice of a sexual partner are just some of the unwanted results of trying to deal with loneliness. Often the loneliness is intensified, so the person goes on another binge. The person may decide that the only way to avoid the downs is to stay drunk, high, or whatever else keeps them

from facing the empty hole in the middle of their gut.

Or a person feels uncertain, afraid because there is some microbe inside slowly eating away at their body, and they wonder about death. Some people deny their impending demise. Others simply try to find comfort (?) in denying any existence beyond this life and say it doesn't really matter. Still others try to reason or bargain their way out. If they think there might be a God "up there," they think that somehow he will balance out the good and the bad. If you've been a "good" person, that will gain you a ticket into the great paradise in the sky.

Sorry friend, that doesn't work! The Bible tells us, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12)

But what wonderful news I have for you! There is a "right" way! It is the only way which is guaranteed to solve loneliness, to heal all your wounds. Would you trade a cubic zirconium for a

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diamond? I certainly would! Jesus Christ is the way to eternal life, to contentment, to love that never fails, to comfort. Psalm 9:9-10 says, "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." And Psalm 31:7 says, "I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul."

If you want all doubt, all worry about your future cleared away, turn to the one who has the power to give life, Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8-10 says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do

good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

If you don't know how to ask Jesus for life, we at Cornerstone can help. We're interested in and concerned about you. Call us at 622-4626, or come to our adult Sunday School, 9:00 A.M., our worship service Sunday mornings, 10:30 A.M., or our midweek Bible Study, 7:00 P.M., each Wednesday. We want to help you. Will we see you soon?

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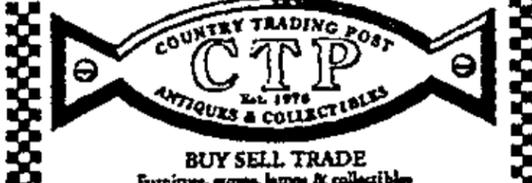
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# Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Hola!!! Saludandoles con el mismo animo de siempre, esperando que esten disfrutando de los días "calientitos" que hemos tenido y esperando que así sigan; como les comenté en la edición pasada, el sol nos da más energía y desde luego que hay que aprovecharla; ¿no cree usted?...

En esta ocasión, la presente Columna Abierta será corta; primeramente, por el factor tiempo, y no tenemos preguntas pendientes, así es que seguimos esperando sus sugerencias y preguntas en relación al cuidado de la salud.

Lo que sí quiero compartir hoy, es la pregunta que me hizo uno de mis sobrinos de 8 años de edad: "Porque hay gente muriendo de SIDA, la puedo tener yo?... Nosotros hablamos del SIDA en la escuela". Al momento pensé; es el tiempo de tener una plática muy seria con él... Y así fue... Y a la vez entendí las situaciones que se les presentan a los padres cuando tienen que tocar los temas de la sexualidad, las enfermedades sexualmente transmitidas, el VIH, y tantas otras cuestiones que hacen los niños y hay que ser honestos; la mayoría de las veces no sabemos como responder aunque tengamos la respuesta. Los expertos dicen que, primero los padres deben ser educados; De acuerdo con la Academia Americana de Pediatría (AAP), muchos de los padres saben del SIDA, pero no siempre conocen los hechos; por tal motivo se les recomienda que lean, se informen, se eduquen y así podrán educar a los hijos. La AAP ha recomendado que desde los 5

años de edad, es la edad apropiada para mencionarle a los niños sobre el VIH y del SIDA diciendoles que es un problema muy serio, pero que las oportunidades de que él las obtenga son muy, muy pocas. "Pero esto dependerá de la madurez del niño" dice el Dr. Gwendolyn Scott de la Universidad de Miami. "Usted puede decirle que hay una enfermedad que se llama SIDA"... Y Johnny Colon, que está a cargo del programa VIDA-SIDA, un programa comunitario en Chicago, sugiere: "Algunas personas estan enfermas de algo que se le nombra SIDA; nosotros deberíamos de entenderles y rogar por que se sientan mejor"...Haverle consciencia en una forma simple. EL SIDA es diferente de otras enfermedades; resfriados, <flu>, etc., pueden ser transmitidos fácilmente, por los estornudos, saludarlos muy cerca etc. La gente no puede contagiarse con VIH tan fácilmente; la gente que tiene VIH, podrá desarrollar SIDA, pero también hay gente que tiene el VIH por años y no desarrollan ninguno de los síntomas del SIDA.

Si el niño le pregunta: "¿Cómo es que algunas personas se infectan con VIH o con SIDA?"; menciónale que hay ciertas formas de contagiarse; a traves del contacto sexual, o compartiendo agujas que usan para inyectarse drogas, esteriodes o tatuajes. Mujeres embarazadas, que son VIH positivas, pueden infectar al niño que no ha nacido.

Los cuidados específicos que los padres deben de darle a los hijos (de 3 a 4 años) que nunca deben de tocar la sangre o heridas de otras personas, ni tocar jeringas o agujas. Si ellos ven a alguien sangrando o si ellos encuentran una jeringa o agujas, ellos deberán decirselo a un adulto. Recuerdeles que ellos no se podrán infectar si juegan con algun niño infectado o por el saludo de manos, o sentarse enseguida de alguien; tampoco por el aire, ni en las albercas menos donando sangre, o por picaduras de insectos.

Algunos suelen preguntar: "¿Porque no hay una medicina para curar el SIDA?". Sea honesto y digale que actualmente hay unos medicamentos nuevos que se estan utilizando con resultados positivos y que estos ayudan a retardar la presencia de los síntomas y sobre todo que ayudan a que el VIH no invada al cuerpo tan rápidamente. También menciónale, que hay mucha esperanza entre los investigadores, de encontrar la cura algún día como lo han hecho con otras enfermedades en el pasado y que todo esto del SIDA quedará en la historia...

Por hoy es todo, le espero la siguiente semana D.M.

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*of upcoming events*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

**BOOM-BOOMS** - Boot scootin' country western night. Dust off those old boots and come on down for some hootin' n hollerin'. 2-4-1 well, 9:00 p.m. to closing.

**IBT'S** - Murder Mystery Wednesday starts at 9:00 p.m. This weeks mystery involves the death of popular DJ "Dances with Weaves". Guess who committed the crime and get a chance to win a Sony Discman. Clues given from 9:00 to 11:15 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14

**BOOM-BOOMS** - Noche Latina in the "Other Room". Hot Salsa music with Eduardo. If you like your men "Muy Caliente" this is the place to be. \$1.75 tequila shots 9-close.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15

**GRADUATE** - "The Return of the Grad Girls". Showtime 8:30 p.m. Hosted by Matt Malone and starring Karina Montenegro, Christina de Alexis with Holly Boo and surprise special guest.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Avatar, one of Tucson's hottest Latin bands will be playing here from 9:00 to closing. Cover.

**BOOM-BOOMS** - More boot scootin' country western dancing in the "Other Room". The good ol' boys are back and hotter than ever. \$1 cocksuckers and slippery nipples all day, all night.

**GRADUATE** - 7:00 p.m. Special Benefit Show for MPS starring Lucinda Holliday, Shandiana, Miss Gay Tucson Felice Renard, Miss Gay Arizona Gilda Fatale. The live vocals of Roland Bayne (King of Gay Pride) and David Z. Purchase raffle tickets for a "Man of Moose" print.

**IBT'S** - St. Patrick's Party begins today. Drink special "Green Leprechaun" \$1.50 open to close. Tom, Tallered, Tattooed Party 9:00 p.m. to close. Wet shorts contest 9:00 p.m. \$100 first place. Benefit Beer Bust & Bar-B-Que 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. hosted by Alan McLaughlin and Bill Harrison for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus.

## MONDAY, MARCH 17

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - St. Patrick's Day Bash with Killians on special all day. All Irish drinks 50¢ off and All green drinks 50¢ off all day. Give aways and party favors too!!

**GRADUATE** - Join your friends and celebrate St. Patrick's Day here with corned beef and cabbage served from 8:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**IBT'S** - Happy St. Patrick's Day! Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Let's Party. Remember to wear something green!

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - The Biz welcomes 'Peep Show Unplugged'! This all-woman band plays blues, country and rock from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. Cover only \$2.00.

**IBT'S** - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. showtime with Lucinda Holliday, Felice Renard and Special guest.

## MARCH 21-22-23

**VENTURE-N** - Get ready for Rides of March '97 here. Watch for more info. Mark your calendars.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

**BOOM-BOOMS** - Special AGRA Country/Western Night in the "Other Room". \$50 western warehouse gift certificate give away. Free drawing for all Bubbas & Bubbettes decked out in their western wear. See y'all there!

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - The Biz and Fran-Z Productions bring s the best of Latin Divas hosted by Mama Reyna and starring Mz. Gianna, Mz. Jasmine and Mz. Katrina. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. No cover.

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12

**Girlfriends Coffee House** presents Jess Hawk Oakenstar from 8 to 10 p.m. \$2 cover.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 13

The Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual studies at the UofA will present their second annual and most fabulous event, "Sex and Scholarship Symposium" at 6:30 in the Center for English as a Second Language, Room 103. (N. Campus Drive, one block east of Park, between Economics and the AZ State Museum. The Symposium will feature José Muñoz from New York University; Vernon A. Rosario, University of Pennsylvania; Amy Robinson, Stanford University and Janet Jakobsen, UofA. This event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be provided.

**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 (C.W.) at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join MSN for a Music Night as Dave hosts an evening devoted to music performances. For reservations and directions, call Dave at 318-0540.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:30 a.m. A morning hike up Picacho Peak is on tap for all interested men. Be sure to dress appropriately (good hiking boots, a pair of gloves), and bring food and water. For details and directions, please call Dave at 318-0540.

**Desert Voices**, Southern Arizona's Premiere Gay and Lesbian Chorus celebrates its 9th concert season with a spring performance today and tomorrow, March 15 & 16. This spring concert "Go West" will be held in the Proscenium Theatre at Pima Community College on West Anklam Road. Special guests for the concert both nights is the very popular Rare Breed Latin band.

Tucson Arts District Partnership Downtown Saturday Night 7 to 10 p.m.

**Rainbow Families**, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meeting is at St. Francis in the Foothills Church at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Award-Winning country/western duo Kim Person and Lana Puckett in concert at Girlfriends Coffee House at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 or \$9 at the door.

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**Tucson Prime Timers** (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Following the meeting, the group will adjourn to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-ease Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome to join as are all mature Gay men. Become a part of Prime Timers, the largest Gay Social Club in the world!

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Have Sunday Brunch with the MSN guys. Everyone brings a dish to share at this relaxed, casual meal. Please call Steve at 388-4849 to reserve your space and inquire what dish might be needed to round out the meal, and he'll even give you directions!

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. The Desert Voices Concert at Pima Community College. A block of tickets have been set aside for MSN members wanting to attend the concert together. Call Davey at 886-1208 for information and tickets.

## MONDAY, MARCH 17

**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.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Les at 690-9565 for directions.

## FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 21-22-23

Saguaro Regional Rodeo presented by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA/Tucson) at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. For more information or to volunteer your services, call the AGRA/Tucson hotline 323-0805

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. This month, the guys of MSN will go on a shopping expedition to the Casa Grande outlet stores. We'll have lunch there, and when we're done, we'll head off to a member's parents' home for dessert. For details, reservations, please call Bill at 615-0970.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Sunday is sweet and simple. Just bring your favorite pint or quart of ice cream to share with others. 787-6648.

# 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.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Happy Hour daily 4-8pm. \$1.25 small pitchers of draft all day, all night. Dance party 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**IBT'S** - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Benefit 9-9-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Steak Fry! Beer Bust 2pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Dance Music.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. 3art Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 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.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Closed Mondays. See you out at the other bars.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft #1.75 Domestic.  
**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 noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ERG 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 longnecks. Free pool 2-4. Pool Tournament 7 pm. Pot matched. \$1 domestic long necks 9pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Free pool 9pm-close. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.  
**IBT'S** - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9pm to close. 21st 1 well/ M&R Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. 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. Hot dance music all request. 9pm to close.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Boot Scootin' Country/Western Dance 9pm. 2-4-1 Well 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament 2 begins 6pm  
**IBT'S** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Karaoke 9pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Curve Gold \$1.75  
**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 Tool 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.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - High Society Day. \$2 Skyy Vodka or Beefeaters Gin Martinis. All day, all night. 70's Trash Dance 9-close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.  
**IBT'S** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Party with Peter in the Eagle. 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 Tool 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. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8p. 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - "Latina Noche" in the "Other Room". Hot Latin Music with Eduardo at 8pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50 domestic \$1.75.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.  
**IBT'S** - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. ... Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'oeuvres 6m. 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 Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS** - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.  
**BOOM-BOOMS** - Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar at 9. Boot Scootin' Country/Western dance in the "Other Room". \$1.00 shots of schnapps all day, all night.  
**GRADUATE** - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, 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 \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pot all day. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Dance Music.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Bitches & Angels w/31 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



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Wild Mars continues to travel backward in the sky this week, retrograding from Libra back into Virgo. This retreating marauder almost guarantees that even our most sedate and serene actions seem to go too far too fast. Read ahead to see where we detonate the big one in our lives:

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Feisty Mars retrogrades back into Virgo this week which can tempt the ever dominating proud Ram into inadvisable actions on the job. Refrain from getting those lovely horns locked into any work related disputes; you will have a dickens of a time disentangling yourself. Try a more productive technique, count to ten and then go to lunch.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Yes dear queer Bull, it is possible to have too much of a good time during the Mars retrograde. Your creative musing could be in for a bruising. The party hearty mantra could lead to a dissipated "scrape me off the floor" feeling. Avoid overindulging especially in alcohol, gambling or other recreational pastimes. It's hard to bounce back when you feel like concrete.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Although you feel driven to solidify roots by redecorating your current hovel or moving, retro Mars tosses a tornado into the best laid plans. Proud Twins should delay any major changes until late April. Avoid discussions with difficult relatives. Mars sends sparks flying. Live life openly out but don't invite family to rain on your pride parade. Call it avoiding unnecessary aggravation.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Sensitive pink Crabs are advised to keep their best options to themselves during the wild Mars retrograde. Simply stated, nothing is simply stated now. Of course, if you hanker to start an out of control stampede, Mars gives you the molotov. Since good fences make good neighbors, consider building a good Berlin Wall right now. And don't lend your neighbors chainsaw.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Although you hanker to retire early, the Mars retrograde can tempt you into inadvisable investments based on pure greed alone. Hopefully, you can temper your ardor until Mars changes course. Until then however, quietly for your financial homework, seek conservative advisors and learn how to balance work and play. Proud Lions need to lie in the sun and rejuvenate their energies every so often.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Mars retros back into your own sign which can play havoc with any new endeavor or around new and important people. Queer Virgins may try too hard to please as they pratfall their entrance onto center stage or tip the cocktail tray on unsuspecting divas. Keep that sense of humor cousin! The most important thing is to wear clean underwear in case your fabulous outfit loses its fit.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Retro Mars blasts open your closet door and you stub your toe as your emerge. Rest easy proud Libra; Mars has been known to do much worse. For example, your intuition could run amok and your may try to right a perceived wrong that is not wrong at all. Avoid uncovering any

secrets, Sherlock. They may not be ready to hatch and the smell could be shocking.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23**

Don't be surprised if you piss off a few friends during the Mars retrograde. Maybe Gay Scorps should lock themselves away on a desert island until Mars readjusts. Whatever you do, try not to become too involved in grand social gestures and events. You are unable to effectively harness the social dynamic right now and could come off as a petty dictator or even worse, Newt Gingrich.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

While you have never been a superb political player (you are far too honest to kiss up to authority figures) the current retro Mars energy could really derail your best corporate ambitions. Gay Archers play to win by playing it very safe in your career. Allow the corporate sharks their feasting

moment in the sun and prepare to go shark fishing once Mars changes course in late April.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

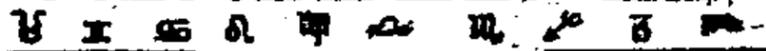
Even the best laid vacation plans can go awry when feisty Mars retrogrades. Maybe proud Goats should reign in their more global projects and stay closer to home to recharge and relax. I would also advise postponing any legal maneuvers until feisty Mars changes course. You jump in with both feet at a time when you should tiptoe out the back door.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians are sexual heated up with the retrograde Mars energy. This may not be a bad thing but know when to say when. Sexual conquests can rage out of hand at this time (Although some people happen to like it that way). Perhaps its best to take a nice cold shower and go to bed with a good book until Mars changes direction.

# HOROSCOPES



BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Relationships are often the reason for being for all romantic pink Fish but now, with retro Mars, you may find cocooning a bit confining. Mars now adds the lighter fluid to any smoldering argument so bite your lip and let things go by until this feisty planet goes direct again in late April. Words once spoken and actions once taken can not be undone easily.

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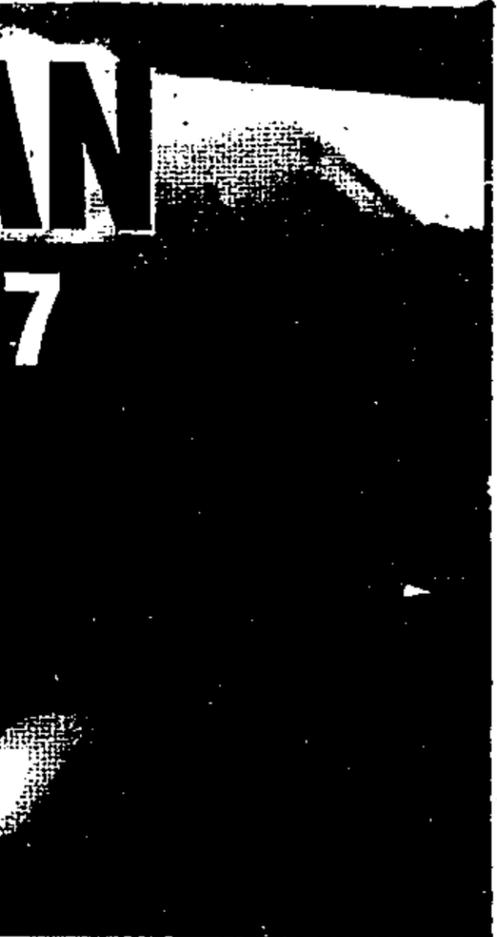
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## Venturing Out by Sasha Alyson

### Gay Hawaii And The Mr. International Leather Festival

Gay-owned and Gay friendly businesses in Hawaii are eagerly anticipating the onslaught of new visitors should the "Gay marriage" initiative become law. Although no one can predict exactly how many same-sex couples might choose to have their union officially sanctioned in the 50th state, the measure is expected to draw several thousands of new visitors to the islands each year.

range of properties, priced from \$70 to \$160 per night.

The Big Island and Kauai both boast a number of Gay guesthouses and beaches, and more are expected in the future. For more information pick up a copy of Island Lifestyles Magazine, Odyssey, and The Pocket Guide to Hawaii when you arrive. When planning your trip, it would be worthwhile to have a copy of The Pages, which contains a wealth of information on accommodations, nightlife, and other businesses. To order The Pages, send \$4 to Lifestyle Publishing Co., POB 11840, Honolulu, Hawaii 96-828.

While Hawaii's airports, hotels, and restaurants are well-equipped to handle the multitudes of American and Japanese tourists who visit each year, a recent visit showed that establishments catering to a Lesbian and Gay clientele still have room for growth.

Gay guidebooks, such as those published by Damron, Ferrari, Fodor, Out & About, and Spartacus are also helpful.

On Oahu, Honolulu boasts several excellent bars and the state's only Gay hotel, the Hotel Honolulu (800-426-2766), but Gay-operated guesthouses are springing up on other islands as well, particularly Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island. Most islands can also claim at least one beach, usually nude, popular with Lesbian and Gay visitors.

Like the swallows to Capistrano, every May leathermen from around the world flock to Chicago for the International Mr. Leather Contest. This year's event will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 22-26, and feature more rugged leather types than a year's supply of Drummer magazines.

If it's nightlife you're after, then Honolulu will probably be your destination. A three-block section of Kuhio Avenue in Waikiki contains most of the Gay bars and the businesses in Honolulu. The legendary Gay watering hole, Hamburger Mary's, has closed, but Trixx, an outdoor bar famous for its Sunday afternoon barbecue, has taken its place.

In addition to Sunday night's IML competition and show are a four-day leather market, a candlelight AIDS vigil and walk, and plenty of parties, climaxing in the infamous Black & Blue Ball.

Adjoining Trixx is Hula's, a wonderful outdoor video bar popular with both locals and visitors. Other bars on Kuhio include Angles, a relaxed second floor bar, and Fusion, a late-night dance club.

This will be the 19th consecutive year for the event, and more than 2,000 leathermen and women are expected to the Windy City. A package that includes reserved seating at the contest, admission to all official events, a video highlights tape, t-shirt, poster, and shuttle service runs \$125; call (800-545-6753) to order. The official hotel is the Congress Hotel on Michigan Avenue, near the Art Institute. A special rate of \$93/night single or double occupancy is available by calling (800-635-1666).

Also in Waikiki are the friendly Michelangelo, featuring karaoke and occasional appearances by strippers, and Windows on Eaton Square, a relaxed lounge next door. In Honolulu itself is Metropolis, Hawaii's only nightclub for women. It's open Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and features dancing each night.

Send questions or comments about Gay travel to Sasha Alyson, Alyson Adventures, POB 180179, Boston, MA 02-118.

On Maui, your choice are more limited, but the scene is more relaxed than the hustle and bustle of Oahu. Most Gay visitors make their way to Little Beach in Makena, a nude beach popular with locals as well as tourists. Nightlife revolves around Hamburger Mary's, a terrific restaurant and bar in Wailuku. Saturday and Tuesday nights are the busiest.

For accommodations on Maui, Andrea & Janet's Maui Condos (800-289-1522) in Puunene offers oceanfront one- and two-bedroom condos, and in nearby Kihei, the Triple Lei Bed & Breakfast (800-871-8645) is a clean, friendly, clothing-optional guesthouse for Gay men.

No visit to Maui would be complete, however, without a visit to Hana, a beautiful town whose beauty is only surpassed by the winding 40-mile coastal drive leading to it. The road to Hana is a spectacular trip that should be savored, not rushed, to allow full enjoyment of the waterfalls, tropical jungle, and clear swimming holes along the way.

In Hana, Lesbian and Gay visitors are warmly welcomed by Blair's Original Hana Plantation Houses (800-228-HANA), a Gay-owned business that rents quite a

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# HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

Howdy y'all! Well we are in the home stretch this week! This time next week I will be vacationing along with the rest of the Rodeo Board in a quiet padded cells somewhere in Arizona. I hope you are getting as excited about the rodeo as we are about putting it on for the circuit. We have a lot planned for the weekend and I hope you all can take some time to come out to the rodeo grounds. Especially if the weather remains the way it has been this week.

This Wednesday, March 12, we are having a Rodeo Roundup party at the Biz to try and lasso some of you who are interested in volunteering your time at the rodeo. If you are reading the article after Wednesday and you are interested in volunteering, call and leave a message on Scott's pager, 792-5653, and he will get back to you. The Rodeo dance committee is hard at work planning the decorations and theme for the ballroom this year. This group is a highly talented crew (in more ways than decorating) and have been working hard to make the dances at the hotel most enjoyable. Thanks go out to Barney and his crew! We know that you are having too much fun with all of the planning and we thank you!

Our Rodeo Director, Richard has been going out of his skull the past few weeks and is doing a great job at putting it all together. I saw him the other day and didn't recognize him with all of the gray hair, between the rodeo and the baby. Richard, you look great in salt and pep-

per! Just kidding! Keep up the good work and thanks for the extra efforts! We all appreciate it!

Ms. Tommy has been quiet this week. She is usually out and rumor has it that she is home resting and storing all of the energy for next week. With the company she hosts, Tommy stay in bed till Thursday! With Dee and the pack, you are going to need all of the rest you can get now! I need a bloody Mary just thinking about it.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Sunday, March 16 at the Stonewall/Eagle. I need to make a correction from last weeks article we will not be voting for the new Board in March. This month will be final nomination month for all of the 1997 AGRA-Tucson Board of Directors positions. We will be sending out voting ballot to all current members to cast your votes within the next few weeks so keep your eyes on your mail. The ballot can be sent back to the AGRA office or turned in person at the April meeting.

Again, one week left until the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, so rest up and get ready to rodeo! That's all I have for now! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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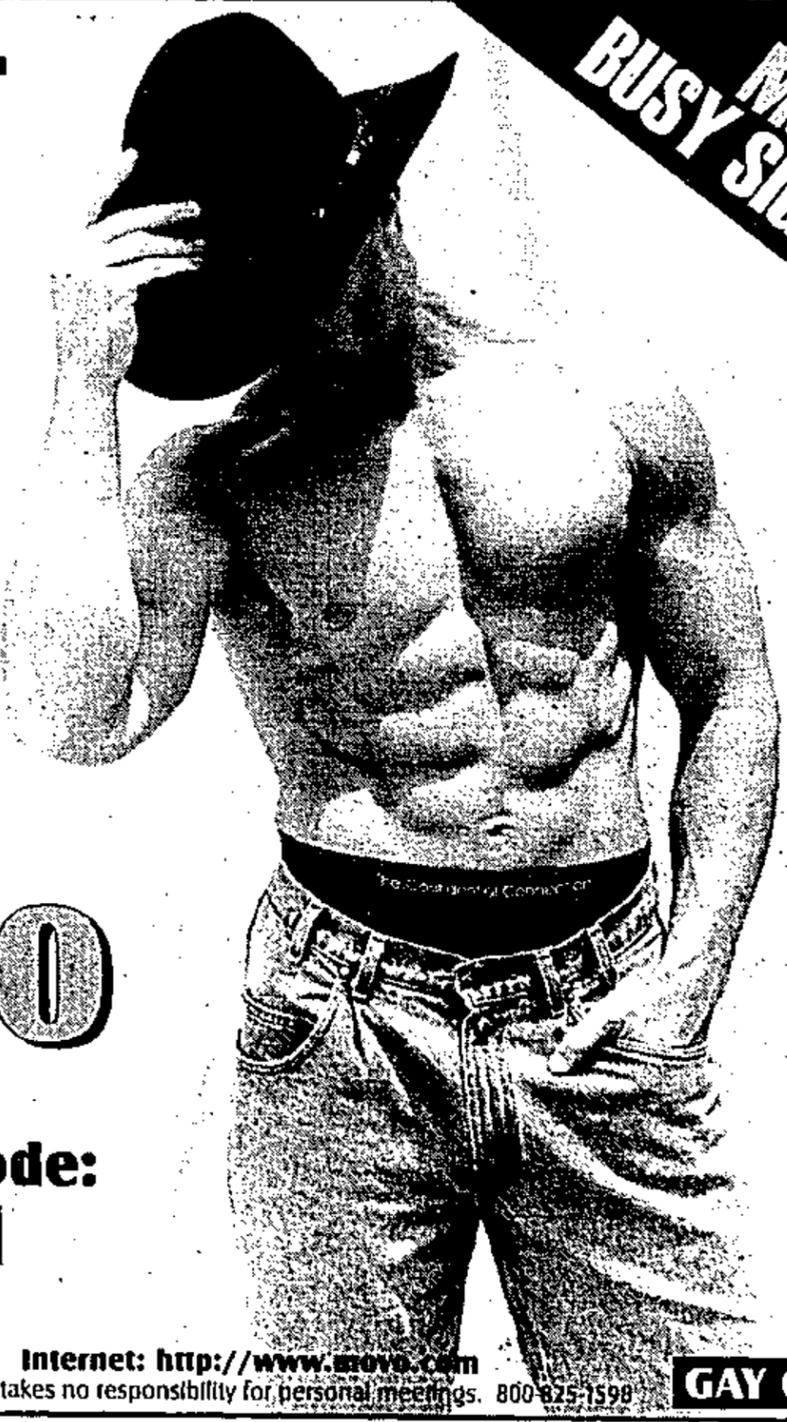
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# NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

[This week's article is contributed by Cicely d'Autremont, PACT Client Services Director.]

Many of you have noticed the unusual accent emanating from the housing portion of the PACT office recently. It belongs to Lesley Beach, a welcome addition to the housing staff. For anyone wondering about the genesis of that accent, Lesley is of Irish descent, raised in England, and has lived in Spain for years. (The accent is one thing in English, but it's really something in Spanish). Fortunately for us, Lesley came to Tucson in 1991 for an internship at Cottonwood de Tucson and stayed in the Old Pueblo.

The issues Lesley most enjoys tackling are homelessness and chemical dependency, with HIV and AIDS rapidly advancing up the list. She brings a unique combination of skills and compassion to her job, not to mention high energy and a great sense of humor.

Kim Russell-Shaw is the newest member of the PACT team. She will also be working with housing clients (including new applicants) as well as helping Gladys Corenti with emergency assistance. Twelve years of experience in counseling, client services (working mostly with chemical dependency), and experience with homelessness and HIV issues give her an ideal background for the job.

As important as her background is Kim's commitment to advocacy against discrimination, particularly in the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS. She believes strongly in the need for a safe, supportive living environment. Her warm, open manner, ready smile and friendly humor all contribute to her success in her new job.

I leave you with this in mind, "Every man is a fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit." - Elbert Hubbard

## AIDS Organization Sues LA County

LOS ANGELES, CA-The nation's largest community AIDS organization has sued Los Angeles County in federal court following actions by County officials that were intended to punish AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for protesting funding cuts in 1996.

Last summer, AHF coordinated several multi-agency demonstrations protesting planned cuts to AIDS services. The protests averted \$4.9 million in cuts. But following a heated discussion at a County appointed HIV Commission meeting in which members attacked AHF's role in the protests, the Commission voted to punish AHF for its advocacy.

AHF President Michael Weinstein noted that several agencies participated in the protests, yet only AHF was singled out for contract investigations by the Commission. Audio tapes from the meeting record that employees of agencies competing for funds with AHF made motions calling for contract investigations- a clear conflict of interest. And despite state law mandating public notification of agenda items at official meetings, AHF's public policy actions were not on the Commission's public agenda nor was AHF informed that the protests were to

be discussed at the meeting.

Audio tapes of the meeting record one Commissioner saying, "they [AHF] got money from this body and there are things this body can do to control that and them."

"Unfortunately, when we appealed these actions, the County's lawyers said they saw nothing wrong with any of the Commission's actions," said AHF's Weinstein. "Our only recourse now is to ask a federal court to make sure the County understands our constitutional protections to free speech, as well as our right to seek redress by publicly addressing our elected officials on issues that directly affect our clients," said Weinstein.

The suit asks for an injunction preventing the County and its appointees from infringing on the agency's free speech rights and seeks no monetary damages.

"This lawsuit is really about accountability of government in our constitutional democracy at its most fundamental level -- local government," said AHF attorney Steven D. Ashford. "Our democratic process is threatened when any government body attempts to silence its citizens from speaking about political matters."

Named in the lawsuit are Los Angeles County, the County Health Department which administers the Commission, and several Commissioners.

For more information, call César Portillo, AHF Government Affairs Director (213)468-1359, Ged Kenslea, AHF Community Relations Director (213)468-1365 or Tony Schulte, AHF Communications Coordinator (213)468-1364.

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People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (FACT ForLife), 801 W. Congress. Office hours M-W-F 8am to 5pm, Tu 8am-7pm, Th, Noon - 4pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-3710 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. 4th Street, 857107. 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 34264, Tucson, AZ 85749-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3268 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 881-1704 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 p.m. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1778.

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 867-7483 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-8226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human services organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and referral 881-1704 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F.

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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 RubyLink Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1318 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm 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.T.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. 770-1354.

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)733-8408, write 1820 E. Broadway #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85718, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 874-2272.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Call 561-8650 or Roxa 968-2384.

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

CHORES SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Mike at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Ann (520)782-9135.

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MADE MEN Long-haired Gay male penis network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P0C4

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

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm 4162. For information call 781-0862.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3461 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 political gatherings the 1st Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9585 for information and a newsletter. 558

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ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-8226.

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THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. Law St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or John Perri at 328-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the 1st Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

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

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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 298-8647.

THIRTIETH SOMETHING SOCIETY - an asexual 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 787-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Dedmo in the Xmas Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Brian 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 845-3573.

"The Fruits of Sobriety" - a party for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 287-8602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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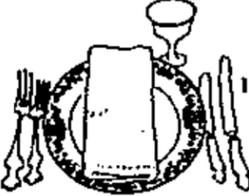
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### ABC Says "Ellen" Will Come Out Of The Closet

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Since word first leaked last September that "Ellen's" producers were considering the Gay story line, DeGeneres has led a steady stream of jokes and cryptic remarks about it.

They began in the opening scene of the fall season, when Ellen Morgan serenaded herself in the bathroom: "I feel pretty, I feel pretty, I feel pretty, witty and . . ." She didn't complete the lyric as written, "Gay."

Executives for ABC, which is owned by the Walt Disney Co., said they took their time giving "Ellen" the go-ahead because they wanted to be sure the coming out fit into a quality story line.

"Ellen DeGeneres' strength as an artist has always been in her ability to respond explore the complexity and compassion of her character," said Jamie Tarses, president of ABC Entertainment.

"I'm thrilled," said Chastity Bono, spokesperson for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. "I think it's going to be a very positive event for the Gay and Lesbian community."

### Desert Voices 'Go West' March 15 & 16

TUCSON - Jones Intercable presents Desert Voices, a 50-member choral ensemble, in Go West! on Saturday, March 15, 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, March 16, 3:00 P.M., at the Proscenium Theater, Pima West Campus. The concert is made possible due to the generous support of Jones Intercable, Tucson/Pima Arts Council, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts. The concert is the second in Desert Voices' eighth season.

The program features arrangements of Chicago composer Eric Lane Barnes, whose Fairy Tales is currently in production in New York and London. Barnes is composer of Desert Voices' second commission, Miracle, which premiered in December with guest artist Mary Redhouse. Go West! features songs, and contemporary country and western music. The chorus explores the genre in a variety of styles, from the Coplandesque Home on the Range to the vocal jazz styling of Tumbling Tumbleweeds and the powerful anthem We Shall Be Free.

Featured guests include Desert Voices' select ensemble Una Voz, the local Tejano band Rare Breed, and local line dancers and Cumbia dancers. Tickets are \$15, \$12 and \$10 and are available at Antigone Bookstores, Tucson Trunk, Girlfriends, Coffeehouse and PCC West Campus Cashier. Group discounts are available. For more information call 791-9662.

### Phoenix Pride March & Mini Festival March 29

PHOENIX - With the recent attempts in the state legislature to further reduce the rights of Gays and Lesbians, a march will take place down Central Avenue, March 29.

The march is sponsored by the Arizona Central Pride committee. There will be a mini-pride festival after the march.

To march, or to offer your skills in making appropriate parade paraphernalia such as banners and signs, call (602) 351-5080.

### Protesters at ASU

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for "individuals, families, and friends struggling with homosexuality."

The more than 100 protesters gather around the Palmscroft Baptist Church told reporters that the "Hope '97" tour is nothing but a front for bigotry. "Different communities gathered to protest the intolerance that is being spread inside the church," said Kris Ward, an ASU graduate student. "We united here holding candles as our symbol of hope for 1997."

### AIDS Deaths Drop In France

PARIS, France (NP) - France's Health Ministry announced that deaths from AIDS-related illness had decreased by almost one-fourth from 1995 to 1996, the first such decrease since the epidemic began there.

This parallels the report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control recently released, although the U.S. drop was only half as large.

### Atlanta Gay Bar Bombing Update

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one week after the bomb blast that sent a handful of patrons for medical treatment and federal agents scurrying for clues.

Damage at the bar had all been repaired except for an area in the parking lot where authorities had used a remote-controlled robot to detonate a second bomb found during the investigation of the explosion.

The bar had hired its own security to supplement the extra police patrols ordered by Atlanta's Gay-friendly Mayor Bill Campbell. One patron remarked, the Otherside was probably the safest place in town that night.

Despite the massive effort by national, state and local police agencies, they seem no closer to identifying a suspect. The authenticity of messages received from right-wing groups claiming responsibility is now considered doubtful.

## SPORTS

### Desert Coyotes Bowling League Spring Standings

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R.E.D.	17	3
Erratica	13	7
Three's Company	13	7
Tres Amigos	12	8
Hung Hoes	12	8
Straight Shooters	10	10
Rubber Queens Return	10	10
Two	9	11
Smokin Bears	8	12
Triple T & Me	6	14
Stoned Rollers	5	15
Garfield & Girls	4	16

### Lambda Lizards Bowling League Spring Standings

	Won	Lost	Tied
Desert Divas	14	5	1
Lesberados	12	8	0
Tastee Buns	12	8	0
Rubber Queens	11	8	1
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