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Virginia Sacrifice Named Miss Gay Arizona America 1997



TUCSON - Last Sunday, June 15, just after being crowned Miss Gay Arizona America, Virginia Sacrifice was unable to smile for her official photo due to tears of joy. She is shown above kneeling between Miss Gay Arizona 1996, Gilda Fatalgon on the left and Miss Gay America 1997 Lauren Taylor who resides in Austin, Texas. Read all about it on page sixteen of this issue and there are pictures on page nine too!

Tucson Gets Ready To Celebrate Gay & Lesbian Pride

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - During the last week in June, Gays and Lesbians in cities across the United States celebrate Gay and Lesbian Pride.

With parades, picnics, festivals and demonstrations, Gay and Lesbians commemorate the 28th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City. The riots, taking place after a police raid at the Stonewall bar in late June 1969, marked the beginning of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement.

Gays and Lesbian in the Old Pueblo in addition to celebrating the Stonewall Riots will be marking the anniversaries of several local events of concern to the Lesbian and Gay Community, such as:

The twentieth anniversary of the City of Tucson's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. Passed in 1977, Tucson was one of the first cities in the United States to approve an ordinance protecting the rights of Gays and Lesbians. Tucson's measure came even before the statewide ordinances now in eleven states.

The tenth anniversary of the Pride Proclamation. In 1988, then Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, D, issued the first proclamation, which proclaimed the last week in June, "Gay and Lesbian Pride Week."

A total of twelve proclamations dealing with "Pride Week," "Pride Day," "National Coming Out Day," and "Gay and Lesbian History Month," had been issued from the Tucson Mayor's office. This year marks the tenth year of recognition from the City Government.

In addition to the City's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance and the Proclamation's, Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans also have to celebrate the passage of a statewide hate-crimes ordinance; a City of Tucson hate-crimes ordinance; same-sex domestic partner benefits for Pima County and City of Tucson employees.

Several events have been scheduled, June 21-28, to commemorate Gay and Lesbian Pride in Tucson. Here's the schedule:

JUNE 21 - Pride Night at Boom-Boom's. Leather Pride at the Venture-N. The Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 600 North Fourth Avenue is raffling of a free pound of coffee and coffee grinder, the winners to be selected, June 27-28.

Martie van der Voort and "The Rhythm Method" will be performing in concert at the Unitarian Church, 4831 East 22nd. Concert starts at 8:00 P.M. and is hosted by Jamie Anderson. Tickets are \$7 in advance at Antigone's and Girlfriends, \$9 at the door.

JUNE 22 - Pride Night at the Graduate. "Splash '97" at Gateway Villas: BYOB/BBQ/Pool/Dance party from 2:00 to 8:00 P.M., 228 North Fourth Avenue, (corner of Fourth and Ninth Street). \$3 cover.

JUNE 23 - Pride Night at The Biz.

JUNE 24 - Pride Night at Hour's.

JUNE 25 - Pride Night at IBT's.

JUNE 26 - Pride Night at Stonewall. The Gay Men's Health Project will be offering HIV Counseling and testing at the Stonewall.

JUNE 27 - Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 North Geronimo, will hold an AIDS Stonewall Memorial at the Memorial Garden, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Antigone's is having a Pride Week extravaganza, starting at 7:00 P.M. with poetry readings and short fiction. Pianist Jonathan Brown will be performing. 10% of Lesbian/Gay books from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Girlfriend's, 3540 North Oracle (888-4475), is hosting a "Pride Ball," from 8:00 P.M. to ??? Formal wear requested "Tails and Shorts, catered buffet and live dance music. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door, membership discounts honored.

The first winner for a free pound of coffee and coffee grinder will be announced at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 600 North Fourth Avenue.

JUNE 28 - Gay Men's Health Project will be hosting a "Wet Dreams' Rave", location TBA. Call 320-5376 for more information.

The second winner for a free pound of coffee and coffee grinder will be announced at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 600 North Fourth Avenue.

The final event on the Pride Week Calendar is "Gay West." "Gay West" will take place at Old Tucson Studios, 201 South Kinney Road, from 6:00 P.M. until midnight.

"Gay West" is a fund raiser for 10 non profit organizations that serve the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and HIV/AIDS communities. They are: Wingspan, AGRA, TLGA, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Team Arizona, Desert Voices, Reveille, PFLAG and Arizona Central Pride.

Activities include all park attractions and shows, a country western dance and cowboy cookout, and performance by

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Kolbe Calls For Lifting Ban On G/L Military

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

TUCSON (ON) - Openly-Gay Tucson Congressman, Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, called for the lifting of the ban on Gay and Lesbians serving in the military.

Kolbe's announcement came during a Tucson visit to his congressional district this past week. In the announcement Kolbe also called for the adoption of a uniform code of sexual conduct to apply to all service-members.

In an interview, Kolbe said the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is not working as intended, and military officials should change the way the policy is currently being carried out.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is under review by Secretary of Defense William Cohen. The 1993 policy was created to lessen investigations of

homosexuals and provide certainty regarding enforcement.

This policy was the compromise President Clinton initiated when he couldn't keep his 1992 campaign promise of letting Gays and Lesbians serve openly in the Armed Services.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy bans inquiry into service members' sexual orientation but provides for the discharge of those who declare their homosexuality or engage in homosexual acts while on or off duty.

With that, the military seems to be taking advantage of the discharge provisions.

According to figures from the Department of Defense, a total of 850 homosexuality-related releases took place from the military last year, a five year

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UPDATE

SAAF Office To Open June 24

TUCSON - The move of PACT and Shanti into the offices shared by TAP to create the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has accelerated, resulting in SAAF functioning as of June 28.

The SAAF phone number will be 322-6226; and the fax number will be 327-9557, (the old TAP numbers). SAAF will have a new mailing address: 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211, Tucson, AZ 85716.

SAAF will come officially into existence on July 1.

MCC Minister To Give Invocation At City Council

TUCSON - Joyce Cook, Pastoral Leader at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Tucson, has been invited by the Tucson City Council to open the June 23, 7:30 P.M. Council meeting with an invocation at City Hall, 255 West Alameda.

Having served as the spiritual leader at Water of Life MCC since February 1 of this year, Cook accepted the invitation, noting that "this is a great honor for the church and our community, since we have not previously been invited to open a City Council meeting with prayer.

For more information about Water of Life MCC, call (520) 292-9151.

Dry Or Wet Volleyball At St. Francis

TUCSON - Volleyball players unite! We play every Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road (NW corner of Swan & River Roads).

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For more information, call Davy, 886-1208.

'Speak No Evil' SAAF Fundraiser June 22

TUCSON - Murderers Row presents their second annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, "Speak No Evil," Sunday, June 22 at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott.

This is a benefit for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, a new merger of the Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation and the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson. Proceeds from the event will benefit people affected by HIV/AIDS.

The evening of dining and whodunnit drama begins with cocktails in the courtyard at 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:00 P.M. and performance at 8:00 P.M. Tickets for the event are \$35 and include dinner and the performance.

Dinner is being provided by five local restaurants including Fuego, Cafe Terra Coita, Landmark Cafe, Terra Nova, Presidio Grill, Eclectic Cafe, Sous Chef and the Marriott University Park.

Audience members will sort through the clues and be part of the fun as they try to correctly guess the mystery murderer. Super sleuths will have the opportunity to win a trip for two to New York City including airfare and tickets to the Radio City Music Hall 1997 Christmas Spectacular. Other fabulous prizes are available.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Jenny Porter, 622-7107.

SAAF Seeking Volunteer Massage Therapists

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation needs massage therapists to volunteer their services to help people living with HIV/AIDS.

If you are a massage therapist and are willing to volunteer three hours a month, please let us know. For more information and details contact the clinic coordinator, Curt Beall, 299-8586.

'Stonewall' Film A Benefit For Desert Voices

TUCSON - Blue Coyote Productions will present the film "Stonewall," Sunday, June 22, 7:30 P.M. at the U of A Gallagher Theater.

The presentation of the film is a benefit Desert Voices, one of Tucson's premier choral arts organizations.

The film, "Stonewall" is an adaptation of Martin Duberman's book, an account of the Stonewall riots that sparked the modern day Lesbian and Gay rights movement. The film was directed by Nigel Finch. Finch is known for his award-winning work in the films, "Paris is Burning," "Robert Mapplethorpe," and "The Lost Language of Cranes." Stonewall was to be Finch's last film.

Stonewall is a semi-fictional account of a pivotal moment in the history of the modern day Gay Rights Movement:

The drag-queen riots outside the Stonewall Inn in New York's Greenwich Village in 1969. It was these riots that gave birth to Gay rights today, and this moment in history is commemorated every June around the world as Lesbian and Gay pride day. The film follows the lives of a half-dozen Gay New Yorkers in the weeks leading up to the riots. It examines the police harassment, the Mafia control of Gay bars, and the generation oppression faced by Gay men and women before the Gay Rights Movement began in earnest.

Celebrate Lesbian and Gay Pride in Tucson by attending the return of the film Stonewall. The event will benefit Desert Voices, one of Tucson's premiere choral arts organizations. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door.

San Francisco Sex Club Regulations Upheld

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) - Sex club monitors will keep their jobs as a result of a San Francisco Human Rights Commission decision that health regulations to enforce safe sex don't stigmatize Gay men.

San Francisco's Human Rights Commission has rejected claims that the city's Department of Public Health regulations for sex clubs violate human rights and stigmatize Gay men, voting 5 - 1 late to affirm the rules intended to prevent transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The Commission's own Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Advisory Committee had called for replacing the required staff monitoring that interferes with patron's privacy in the city's dozen or so Gay sex clubs, with "voluntary enforcement of the guidelines for safe sex in public sex places." Only Commissioner Agar Jaicks voted against the regulations, in the belief that the monitoring might tend to drive people in search of more privacy into less safe venues.

San Francisco's legal sex clubs are not allowed to have private areas for sex and must be well-lighted enough so that club staff can make sure that condoms are always used and that no high risk activities occur.

Jonathan Klein, chair of the group Community United for Sexual Privacy, argued that, "The prohibition of private spaces has the effect of banning Gay bath houses and is clearly an attack on the Gay community's right to privacy." Klein denied there is any evidence of special risk

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

Hello Dalai: In the middle of a three-day peace conference in San Francisco two weeks ago the Dalai Lama, the exiled leader of Tibet and a Buddhist spiritual leader considered to be a "saint", stated he believed that homosexual sex is incompatible with Tibetan Buddhism. It seems he picked the wrong thing to say and the wrong place to say it.

His statement disturbed many Buddhists who informed him that because of Buddhism's general respect for the rights of individuals, a large number of Gays and Lesbians have embraced that particular form of religious expression.

Following a closed door meeting with 7 people including Steve Peskind, a Gay Buddhist and co-founder of the Buddhist AIDS Project in San Francisco (who apparently explained a few facts of life) his holiness decided that a conference including representatives of all sects should be organized to discuss sexuality.

In a subsequent speech to conference members he expressed concern about the effects of hate and bigotry directed toward "Gays and whatever, Lesbian," he said, giggling, "I can't pronounce properly, but you, you know," he told the audience.

Quick! More Hairspray!!: The Miss Gay Arizona pageant was held last Sunday evening and amidst all the glitter and glamour there are many unseen, unsung heroes who slave away behind the scenes to make their contestant clients look as enchanting as possible. I spoke with a couple of them on Friday before the show - Dillwood Snips, famous wig maker to the stars, and renowned seamstress/dressmaker Phyllis von Whipstitch.

"It gets worse each year," complained an exasperated Dillwood. "All they want is more, more, and more hair. I've run out of hair, I've run out of dynel and there isn't a strand of fishing line available within 250 miles. Right now my assistant is out scouring the city for dental floss." Spotting something through the window of his shop he suddenly jumped and rushed toward the door. "Wait!!!

Who owns that collie? You with the dog! STOP!!!", he screamed while running down the street.

For von Whipstitch, a crusty show veteran with an ever present cigarette dangling from the corner of her mouth, the problem wasn't a lack of materials but rather changing shapes. "Take it in, they say - let it out, they say. They should take a laxative and stay away from the damn drive-thru at Bushel 'O Tacos I tell them. But do they listen? No! It's worse than working for Liz Taylor who's been inflated and deflated more times than the Goodyear blimp!"

She turned to leave, and squinting through smoke she waved a finger in my face warning me, "This I don't need - next year we do Hawaiian and everybody gets muu-muus."

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Scott Weidamoyer

Hey Tucson! Another hot week in the Old Pueblo . . . Hope everyone is finding their own ways to keep cool . . . Been a fairly quiet week though. Just got a PC this week and got set up on AOL . . . How Fun! . . . I must admit . . . I have become addicted to the service . . . Chat rooms are the best thing since Bloody Mary and Margarita Mixes. So those on line, send me an e-mail: "PRCowboyAZ@aol.com".

I want to start off by thanking everyone who came out to Boom-Boom's this past Saturday night. What a blast we had with the Boxers and Boots Party. I had a lot of people commenting about how much it felt like Club 2520. The crowd and the energy contributed to a great night as well as AGRA's very own Raul keeping us dancing with great music. Rulie was gracious enough to play DJ this weekend and I want to personally thank him for doing so, keep up the great work roomie! Congrats also to Ron for the winningest Boxers of the night, they were so cute with all of the little feet all over them. You go Ron! Come visit us this Saturday night, it's AGRA Night at Boom-Boom's. Anyone wearing an AGRA Logo in any way, shape or form will receive happy hour prices on their drinks. With me behind the bar and Raul in "the booth" we will promise you a great night.

you read in last week's article. (Thanks Danny for filling in!) It looks like its going to be a great weekend. Lots of food, fun and entertainment. If you are at the Stonewall, make sure you take a chance on a Color TV and VCR Combo that AGRA is raffling off. It's a great system to win on a dollar chance.

June 28, there is a lot going at Old Tucson for Gay West so make sure to see a Board Member or contact the AGRA Hotline to purchase tickets. A portion of the ticket price we sell will be turned back to AGRA. The tickets are \$10.50 in advance and \$12.50 at the gate the night of the event.

Attention artists and creative persons! Get your designs ready for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Poster Contest. Deadline for submission is July 20, 5:00 P.M. All submissions must be a two color maximum or if a photograph is being used, the original negative must be submitted with entry. The winning entry will receive a cash prize so start working on those entries. For more information contact Scott, 792-5653.

Hope you have a great week! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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The Board has been planning for the July Fourth Bash at the Stonewall as

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

[This week's information is provided by Cicely d'Autremont, Interim Executive Director, PACT.]

Maley of Shanti and Craig Snow of TAP through June for the last month of PACT's separate existence.

The PACT Board of Directors recently voted to make some positive changes and step toward a merger with Shanti and TAP to form the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). This merger is a necessity to maintain client services, but is also a plain good plan.

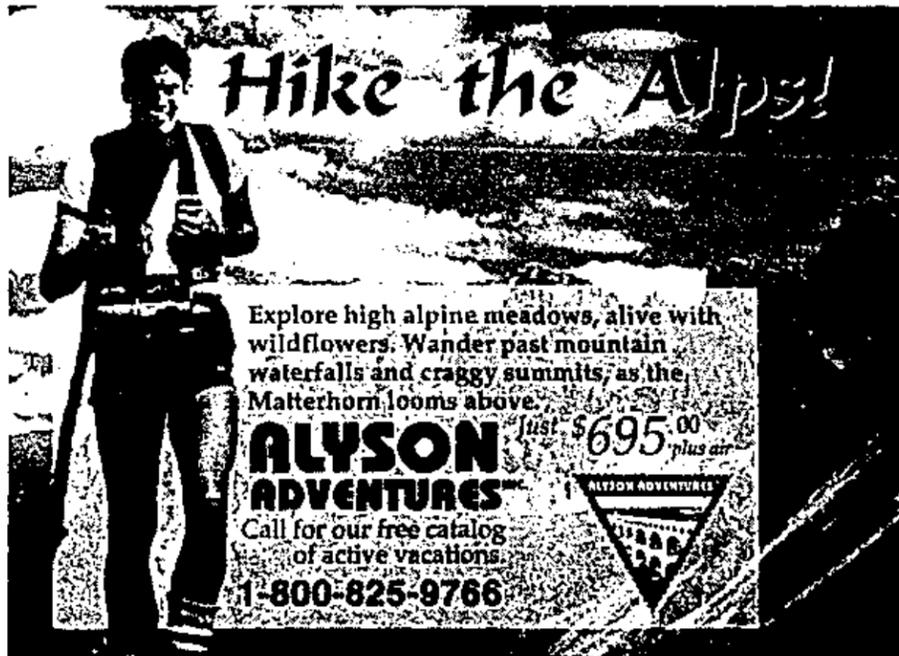
Anne and Craig have already begun to meet with PACT staff, and during June they will be spending time working at PACT. This will help make for a smoother transition as we head into the merger.

The sooner all services are under one roof, the better for all concerned- especially clients. One stop shopping for clients, the sharing of resources, and maximizing the talents of staff are some of the advantages of the merger.

Finally, on a personal note, I will remain at PACT through June and then drift off to other pastures. I have treasured my time at PACT and my clients. It has been a pleasure working with such wonderful staff at PACT as well as with the other agencies. . . .

The PACT Board has been in favor of all efforts leading to the merger and formation of SAAF. As you may have already learned, I will be acting as the interim co-executive director of PACT and co-executive director with Anne

I leave you with this in mind, "Dear Lord, thank you for all your gifts. Help make me more mindful of the needs of others and more aware of those less fortunate than I."



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At the end of this month, The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT For Life) will close its doors as a part of the merger with TAP and Shanti to form SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation). As a two term PACT Board member - and not one of the "chosen" to serve on the SAAF Board - I feel there are several matters which need to be addressed in an open forum such as the one offered here by the editors of The Observer.

Having voted unanimously for it, the PACT Board certainly supports this merger. However, many of our clients, several members of the Board, and all of our Board's Executive Committee, have expressed concerns on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS about how this new organization will be operated. Indeed, PACT, as a grassroots organization who's bylaws mandate majority Board representation by people living with HIV/AIDS, has always focused singlemindedly on clients and their well being.

Recently, in preparation for PACT's final Board of Directors meeting, PACT's Executive Committee sent a memo to the Executive Directors of the three Tucson ASOs expressing two primary concerns over the process of the merger with hopes that a discussion of those

Viewpoint

by Alan McLaughlin

concerns would take place at that final meeting. (These EDs are Cicely d'Autremont, PACT's acting ED, Anne Maley, and Craig Bradford Snow, Executive Directors of Shanti and TAP, respectively.)

What follows is primarily a discussion of Concern #1 as it appears in that memo. My comments will be interspersed, but everything in quotation marks is as it originally appeared - and in the true order it appeared - with nothing left out. In a couple of instances I add a word in parenthesis for clarification, but the memo speaks for itself.

While stating that we feel the merger is an important step in our community and that the merger is a community based project, the memo expressed "grave concerns" on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS concerning the matter of SAAF's projected, but yet-to-be-ratified administrative costs, and the issue of expected equal representation on the SAAF Board by members of the previous three

Boards.

With regard to the first concern, the Executive Committee wrote, "Given our knowledge about the financial situation facing SAAF, we have grave concerns that client services not be cut any further. In the long run, we feel that SAAF cannot afford the high administrative cost of maintaining the equivalent of two Executive Director salaries. At the time the decision was made to merge, our expectation was that there would only be two Executive Directors for a limited period of time, which period of time was to be set before June 1st. (Further) when this time limit for two EDs expired, we expected an open application process to fill the one ED position".

This expectation of an open application process (a nationwide search for the most-qualified person to head up SAAF) was based upon the wishes of PACT's membership and clients who, in a very passionate presentation before the Board, expressed in no uncertain terms that they

felt it only appropriate that an open application process be implemented by SAAF.

The memo goes on to say, "At the (closed) SAAF Board meeting following the joint Board meeting, it was recommended that the time limit for having two EDs be set for December 31, 1997. The recommendation was apparently agreed to by some other(SAAF) Board members because it was stated that only Anne's title would change on December 31st, and that she would stay on under a "different title" and, presumably, at the same salary.

Upon receipt of the memo, Craig Snow and Anne Maley sent a fax to PACT stating that they would not attend the Board meeting of June 5th because they had not had sufficient time to draft a formal response to the memo. In private conversations with some of PACT's Board members, however, both expressed the feeling that they were deeply hurt by the tone of the memo and that certain members of the PACT Board were apparently attempting to undermine the merger and/or get them removed from office.

The memo itself, however, does not suggest anything of the sort. It continues: "While we have every confidence in Anne's ability, the implication that there might be current knowledge of a high level position to be available on command (italics mine) is a concern, as is the implication that Craig would have the Executive Director's job automatically. Again, this is a process concern, not a personal one."

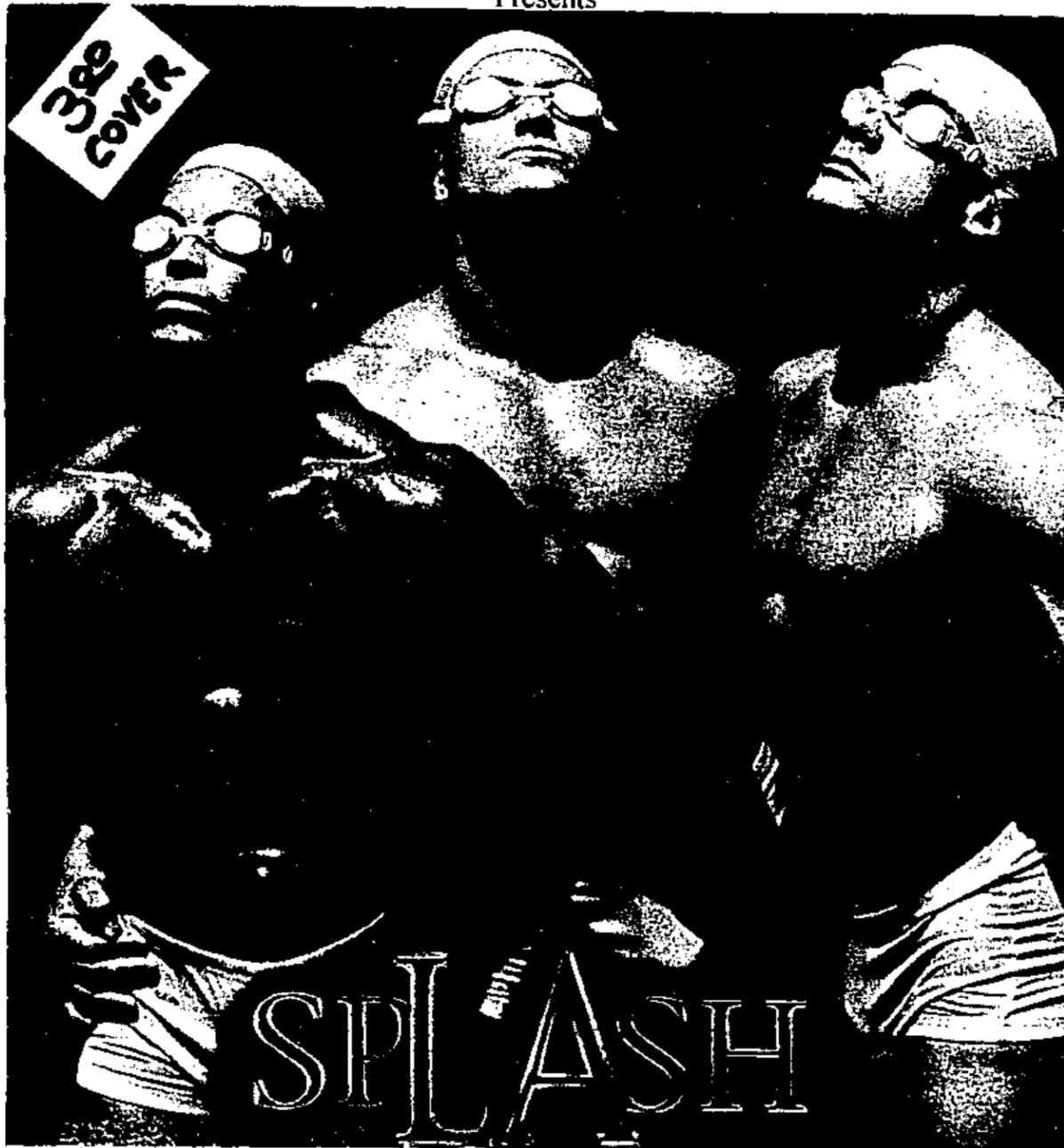
A little background information might be useful here, particularly to newcomers and the new members of the SAAF Board who haven't served on one of the three ASO Boards before. Prior to the merger, a "collaboration" of the three ASOs was being worked on by the three organizations in an effort to consolidate fund-raising activities. Due to cutbacks in government AIDS funding and shortfalls in local fund-raising goals, it became apparent that a united fund raising effort would be more effective to insure the continuation on non-funded services and personnel.

Over the course of the months from January thru March, PACT's Board of Directors had to make some hard decisions regarding the services we provided and the personnel who administered them. Because so much of PACT's Executive Director's time had been spent on the "collaboration" during the last six months of 1996, insufficient energies were given to fund-raising, upon which the 1997 budget was based. As a result of said shortfalls, we had to let "Food For Life" go to Wingspan (God bless you folks for supporting Anne Bowen and her life-sustaining project), we cut back on Wellness and Early Intervention, eliminated the position of Director of Development, and exercised our 30-day option to terminate the contract with our Executive Director (who had given notice of her intent to leave because she felt she didn't have 100% of the Board's support and did not wish to have the Board vote on the renewal of her contract).

In early March of this year, the financial condition of all three ASOs was so alarming that discussions began over an actual merger, which - it was said would result in a reduction of administrative costs because of the elimination of duplicated non-funded jobs (one receptionist versus three; two accountants instead of three; one Director of Development rather than three, etc.) and consolidation of three offices into one. It looked good on paper,

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**"KVOA-TV-4 Eyewitness Snooze:
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A Tucson Gay and Lesbian Pride history lesson, and even on time! This year marks the tenth anniversary of the City of Tucson Proclamations of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Pride Week. It started back in 1988, when the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance persuaded then Mayor Tom Volgy, D, to issue the proclamation, which proclaimed June 19-25, "Lesbian/Gay Pride Week."

This was short lived after numerous letters and calls complaining of the ceremonial proclamation. For the remaining three years of Volgy's term, the mayor issued proclamations in June, which proclaimed Pride Week as "Anti-Discrimination Week." A proclamation, but watered down for political reasons.

Things changed in 1992, when the new Democratic Mayor, George Miller, issued a proclamation in June, that proclaimed it to be "Gay and Lesbian Pride Week." This continued until 1994 when the Picnic was moved to October and celebrated National Coming Out Day, two proclamations were issued for "G/L Pride Day" and "Coming Out Day."

In 1995, proclamations were issued for "Coming Out Day" and "Lesbian and Gay History Month." In 1996, two proclamations were issued for "Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Pride Week," and

"OUToberFEST '96: Pride Without Borders Day." A total of twelve proclamations in nine years. . . .

Even Satan changes his minions! At a press-conference held in D.C., T.V. evangelist and hemorrhoid curer, Pat "Satan" Robertson picked a former one-term congressman, Randy Tate, as executive director of the "Christian" Coalition and named a former Reagan clone, Donald Hodel, as president of the group.

At the press gathering, Robertson called Tate, "one of the brightest and most-talented political leaders in the nation." Sure! This man's claim to fame was pushing to make English the official U.S. language and served for one term and then got trounced. What a talent!

It gets better! House Speaker Newt Gingrich really liked Tate, saying Tate is "politically astute, media-savvy and experienced in management of large organizations." Like his congressional district?

Tate succeeds Ralph Reed, who "jumped ship," pending FEC and IRS audits, to form his own political consulting firm. Before being the "Son of Satan," Reed had starred in the 70's flick, "The Omen," as Damien. . . .

"Donde esta el baño?" A question former Republican Massachusetts Governor William Weld and U.S. Ambassador-designate to Mexico will probably not be asking. Weld, whose pro G/L policies are causing him difficulty within the "D.C. Elephant Pack," especially with North Carolina's inbred Senator and Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Jesse Helms. Go figure!

Weld may not be confirmed as U.S. Ambassador because of Helms. Helms was recent quoted as saying about Weld, "I don't think he is ambassador quality and neither do a great many of the conservatives and Republicans in the state of Massachusetts. He's a little loose with his lip and that sort of thing." This coming from the man of moderation. Check please! . . .

"Fiferama Follies!" Our embattled and severely indicted governor has been travelling the state to meet the common folk and try to make everyone forget the trial and have everyone "like him, really like him!" Recently, Whitewash visited the Karchner Caverns, yes a photo-op to see a big-hole, soon to be park. A big hole? Just like the Fifer's in! Recent trial highlights, a la "I'm Remember It Well" from Gigi:

Former Southwest Savings and Loan Prez Donald Lewis testified that the Camelback Esplanade appeared in '83 to be one of the most profitable investments the S&L could make, but by '86 had spend \$40 million with nothing to show for it. Lewis also testified that he loaned Whitewash with consulting any financial statements. Ah yes, Fiferama remember's it well . . . sorta.

One of the Fifer's bookkeepers, Claire Oddo, testified that loans the government were left off Symington's

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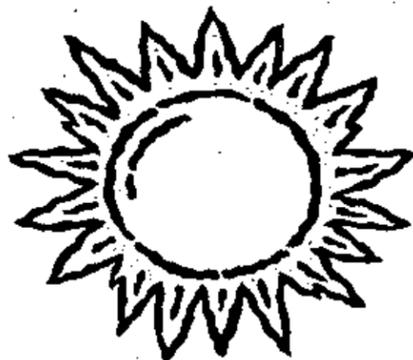
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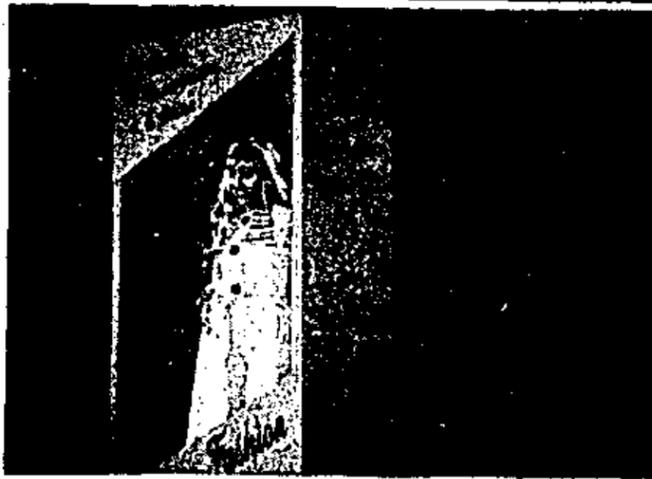
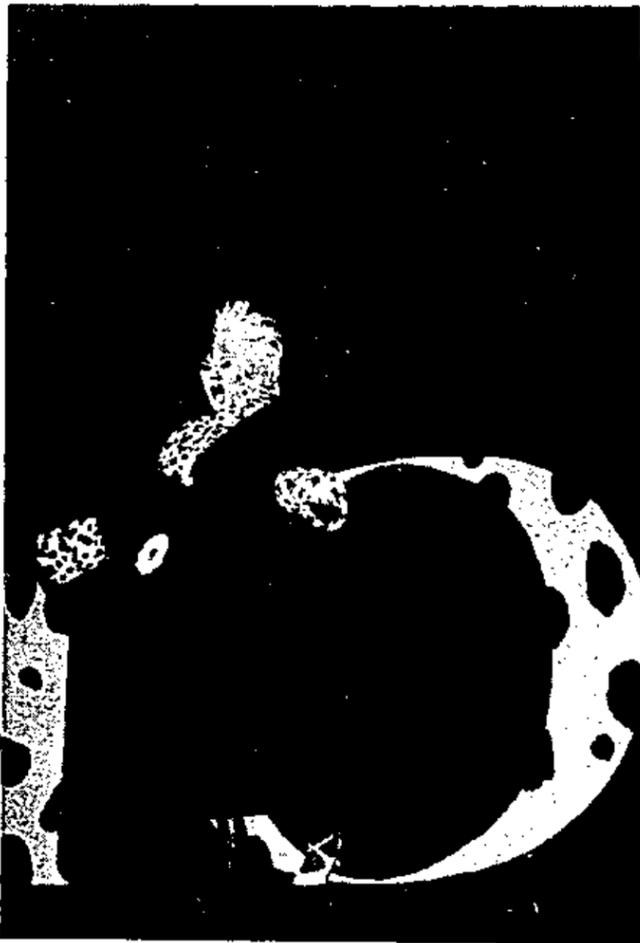
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¿Qué tal?, saludándole como cada semana, y en esta ocasión un poco apurado por el factor tiempo, ya que estamos planeando la Feria de Salud para los jóvenes de ambos Nogales, con el grupo Interdisciplinario de Estudiantes de la Universidad de Arizona (UA), y de la Universidad del Estado de Arizona (ASU) para el próximo mes, ya les comenaré más al respecto al estar cerca la fecha para dicha feria...

Para continuar con nuestro principal objetivo de esta Columna Abierta, el de informarle, a usted apreciable lector, temas de salud que tengan que ver con nuestra comunidad; en esta vez quiero compartir lo siguiente: Dentro del tema del SIDA; las enfermedades oportunistas siguen siendo la principal causa de muerte entre las personas que padecen de SIDA, a pesar de los avances científicos. Sin embargo, el poder diagnosticar este complejo de enfermedades a tiempo, junto con la evolución de nuevos medicamentos, han sido factores determinantes en la prolongación y el desarrollo de una mejor calidad de vida. A nivel internacional, una de las barreras fundamentales en la prevención y el tratamiento de estas enfermedades es la falta de medicinas aprobadas y el establecimiento de programas de servicios de salud

Columna Abierta.

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

(hospitales, clínicas, laboratorios).

En los Estados Unidos, los problemas que existen en algunos sectores de las comunidades más afectadas son la falta de información y conocimiento básico sobre las enfermedades oportunistas, la barrera lingüística, el difícil acceso a medicamentos aprobados y en desarrollo, el casi nulo acceso a estudios clínicos, la falta de comunicación entre el paciente y el médico y el farmacéutico; la ineficiencia que existe en algunos programas de servicios de salud y educación sobre tratamientos y la creciente ola de leyes antiinmigrantes que afectan, sobre todo a la comunidad latina. Esta serie de factores contribuyen a un patrón dentro de un sector de nuestra comunidad de personas que viven con VIH sin recibir atención médica, hasta que una enfermedad oportunista los introduce a lo que es una sala de emergencia y, muchas veces, a su propia enfermedad. Las infecciones oportunistas son una serie de enfermedades causadas por diferentes microorganismos o gérmenes que conviven en el cuerpo humano sin causar necesariamente una enfermedad. Muchos de estos gérmenes

entran al cuerpo ya sea por contacto casual, por medio del aire que respiramos, lo que ingerimos, a través del contacto sexual o porque nacimos con ellos. Cuando el sistema inmunológico se debilita, estos gérmenes se aprovechan para causar una enfermedad. Existen alrededor de 25 enfermedades oportunistas dentro de lo que se reconoce como un diagnóstico de SIDA. Además de éstas existen otros síntomas y padecimientos persistentes de tipo generalizados, como por ejemplo el herpes simplex, la hepatitis, la sinusitis, la neuropatía periférica, complicaciones en el sistema respiratorio, la inflamación pélvica y problemas ginecológicos. Estas enfermedades son causadas por diversos grupos de agentes infecciosos que se dividen en: bacterias, hongos, parásitos o protozoos, virus, cánceres y otras condiciones relacionadas a la infección del VIH. Para poder señalar qué enfermedades oportunistas afectan a la comunidad latina, debemos tomar en cuenta que este grupo social está formado por personas oriundas de diversas regiones geográficas de Sudamérica, Centroamérica y el Caribe. A medida que la terapia de combinación de antirretrovirales sigue

evolucionando, uno de los retos para la comunidad científica es encontrar un balance para la reconstitución inmunológica. La buena nutrición en conjunto con terapias complementarias deben ser parte integral de la estrategia preventiva de estas enfermedades.

La problemática global para las personas que viven con SIDA es el poder prevenir a tiempo los episodios de las enfermedades oportunistas. El desarrollo de nuevos y mejores medicamentos, vacunas para la prevención y tratamiento, un estándar de cuidado general y la prevención del complejo de enfermedades relacionadas al VIH debe ser el enfoque principal de los científicos, médicos y proveedores de salud a nivel mundial. Nuestro reto sigue siendo el poder extender y obtener una mejor calidad de vida para las personas con VIH o SIDA.

Nuestro colega Ernie Pérez le informa del evento que se realizará en el Old Tucson Studios, el día sábado 28 de junio con un gran programa además le informa que ya puede obtener los boletos para dicho evento, y puede comunicarse al 322-6226 para mayores informes. Además se le invita a la Noche Latina después de mencionado evento en el Boom Booms con música, comida y un gran baile!!!

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A Review: Reveille Gay Men's Chorus

by Thom Gandet

expressive ranges.

The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus of Tucson presented its last concert season on Saturday, May 31, at the Proscenium Theater of Pima Community College's West Campus. The Chorus, in its second successful season, was directed by its dynamic Artistic Director, James H. Gall.

The programs of RGMC concerts are always fascinating and musically "of a piece." Music of diverse styles and from many periods of music give their concert their unique flavor. From 14th Century madrigals through German Romanticism and on to contemporary popular songs, the concert was no exception.

The unifying theme was "(Not so Straight) from the Heart," love songs about the joys, perils, and humor of the dating game, finding a special someone, and of keeping a relationship going once past the furniture-buying-together stage.

With a smaller Chorus than at the Holiday concert last December, Reveille's sound seemed somewhat distant, made so as much by the Proscenium Theater's acoustic as by the two few singers for the sheer volume of the hall. The dynamic level rarely reached a real gut-grabber level, and changes in dynamic level often sounded unconvincingly small; here again, though, the Proscenium's acoustics contributed their own quirkiness to the overall sound.

Unfortunately, the performances also sometimes lacked a strong sense of personal, emotional involvement by the Chorus, despite the obviously committed, knowledgeable, and energized conducting and solo performances by individual Chorus members. This was most keenly felt in the older, "classical" music of the evening. The more rhythmically exciting pieces, regardless of their time period, moved the blood faster and hotter, for both performers and audience. More intimately lyrical, complex or unfamiliar musical styles were delivered in somewhat dry, muted colors, and with a generalized emotional utterance. Missing were a taut rhythmic unity and wide dynamic and

The opening three madrigals from the 13th through the 15th centuries were finely wrought but need a clearer delineation of which polyphonic voice was dominant at any given time. A memorable trio of Arthur Riepenhoff, Dan O'Brien, and Greg Stickroth brought fine, warm voices to the second madrigal, and Riepenhoff and Stickroth returned to do a wonderfully affecting version of "Swept Away," by composer Richard Burke. An hilarious send-up of Frankie Valle's 60's tune, "Sherry," called "Jerry," was delivered by soloists Dwayne Herron, Bryan Tuske, Steve Zack, and Rick Lipinski. The first half of the concert ended with "Where the Boys Are," "To My Valentine," (with new, utterly crazed lyrics), and "In the Mood."

Highlights from the second half include a powerful rendition of "Losing My Mind," from "Follies," by Chorus main-stay Dan O'Brien; and a very memorable performance by talented new Chorus singer Greg Stickroth of "I Don't Remember Christmas," which ran the gamut of emotions, from amusement to angry defiance, that all of us have gone through after a lover leaves us; and an amusing sketch of the Neil Simon tune, "You Must Meet my Wife," well-sung and acted by soloists Tom Turner and Lyle Marks.

All of the soloists were good, solid singers, with attractive voices and stage presence's, and possess fine senses both of humor and of the genuinely dramatic events of life. Standouts among this fine group, Riepenhoff and O'Brien are in their second year with the Chorus, and Stickroth is a new voice this year. Returning Chorus' members solo vocal abilities and stage personalities have grown with each concert, and we look forward to hearing more from all of them next season, and continue to miss the singers who have left the chorus.

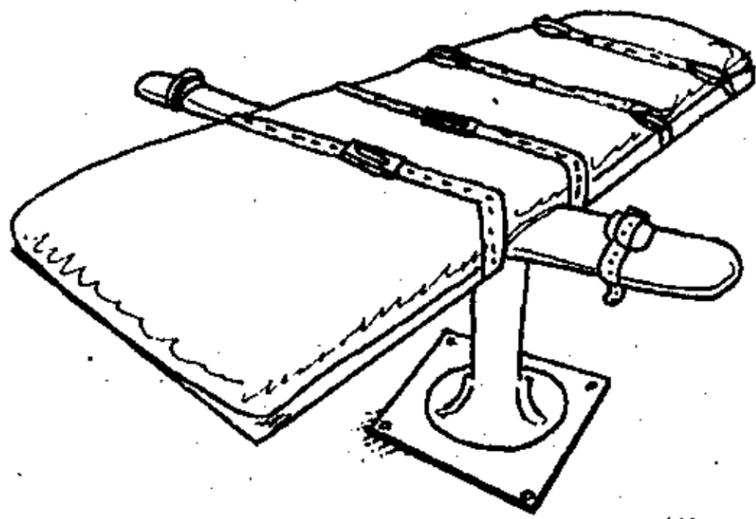
All told, another fine concert from the Reveille boys. Three great programs of cool concerts are planned for next season, don't miss them! Also watch this space next Fall for a preview article on the season's concert plans and for interviews with Artistic Director James H. Gall and several Chorus members.

Meanwhile, come out, join up, and sing with them! You can call Mr. Gall, 881-1369 to schedule an audition.

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what with side-by-side comparisons of existing costs compared to the projected reduced overhead after a merger. A savings of some \$110,000 in salaries could be expected in the first year alone!

As with any business merger, all assets and liabilities of each organization were expected to be put on the table for everyone to see, but it was only after all three Boards had agreed to the merger - and again raised the issue of the time limit for co-EDs - that Mr. Snow chose to reveal his three year contract. This \$50,000+ per year contract, apparently signed a year ago, contained a built-in merger clause, which guaranteed continued employment in the event of a merger, with a 90-day buy-out.

The PACT Executive Committee memo also addressed that issue saying, "We learned later that Craig Snow has a three year contract with two years more remaining, and (we) are concerned about the financial liability to SAAF. We feel that Craig's contract should have been disclosed along with all other liabilities".

Concluding their comments about this first concern, the memo continues, "We request that Craig's contract be renegotiated with SAAF to end at the recommended December 31st deadline without any buy-out clause. We also request that any contract negotiated with Anne (who had no contract with Shanti) end at this same time without any buy-out clause, and that there be no implied guarantee of continued employment after December 31st for either one. Before December 31st there will be an open application process resulting in one Executive Director by January 1, 1998."

Of course, considering that the new SAAF Board is either "hand-picked"

by Craig/Anne or largely comprised of inexperienced members (or both), one can hardly expect the open application process not to lean solidly in favor of Craig, should he choose to apply for the position, if the Board even decides to abide by the conditions of the merger in the first place.

Next week, we'll address the second concern the PACT Executive Committee voiced in their memo. It deals with the expectation that all three of the Boards would have equal representation on the SAAF Board, with HIV positive Board members to receive priority in the application process. And in future weeks we'll also delve into the "secrecy" surrounding SAAF's governing body and its committees, how qualified HIV+ PACT Board members were rejected from being nominated to the SAAF Board, and a curious incident at a recent SAAF Board meeting involving a former PACT Board member who'd resigned from PACT at its final meeting but was voted onto SAAF's Executive Committee. It'll make for interesting reading.

In closing this week, I encourage all interested parties, particularly those living with HIV/AIDS and who are receiving client services, to attend SAAF's special board meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 23rd, in the TEP conference room. The sole item on the agenda is the operating budget for the fiscal year 1997-98. Also up for discussion and voting will be the issue of the co-ED time limit, hiring of an assistant to the Co-EDs and a Development Director "clerk", salary increases for key management personnel (including Craig/Anne) and after that's all worked out - what will be left over for client services. Hope to see you there!

Your thoughts are welcome, and will be included in future issues.



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Each prescription drug must be taken into the jail in it's own prescription bottle with a pharmacy label. This label should show the name, address and telephone number of the pharmacy, the name of the doctor, name and strength of the medication, and complete dosage directions. (These are the things that will usually be on the label anyway.)

Be careful not to take an outdated bottle. Do not put several different medications in the same bottle even if they are taken at the same time. (If you come in with all your medications in one of those "daily dose" containers there may be considerable delay while each item is identified and a valid prescription is verified.)

Anyone on Work Release requiring medication while they are released for work should also bring two empty prescription bottles with proper labels for each medication they will need to take while away from jail. (The clinic holds your main bottle. Each day the dosage you need while at work will be given to you in one of the "empty" bottles. When you return one empty, you get the next dose in the other bottle.)

If you take an over the counter drug and take more than one tablet/capsule at a time, you will need a prescription from your doctor. Have your doctor write a prescription for the medication with the instructions for taking it (for example, "Motrin 200 mg. two at bedtime.") Then take your bottle with the prescription to the jail when you go.

To be on the safe side, call Health Services at 740-5875 and ask about any non-prescription medications you take a week before you are scheduled to report to jail. That will allow time to get the doctor's note or whatever else you need.

Pain medication will only be given three times a day unless you are residing in the infirmary. Anyone taking a narcotic medication will not be eligible for work release.

When you report to jail, an intake specialist will complete a classification interview with you. You will be asked about any illnesses you may have and what medications you take. This is your chance to speak one-on-one with staff about your medical needs. If you fail to report a previously existing condition and require treatment later, absent an obviously life-threatening situation you may find that there is quite a wait to speak with someone from the clinic and receive treatment.

You are the only one of approximately 1,300 inmates at the jail. While staff is available for a real emergency, short of that life threatening situation, you will need to wait for the scheduled clinic call for your pod.

Being completely candid with the intake specialist at this point will allow proper housing assignment in the jail and prevent unnecessary delay should medical treatment become necessary. For instance, if you did not tell the intake specialist that you are diabetic (even non insulin dependent) and your sugar levels get out of control (remember that stress and the jail food?), proper treatment may be delayed while the staff confirms your diagnosis.

This is the time to discuss your medications if you did not preplan your admittance (you were picked up on a warrant, or were booked into the jail when you were arrested). You will be allowed one telephone call for someone to bring your medication to the jail. The same rules apply, so it is wise to keep your medications in the bottles in which they were dispensed and where someone you know can find them for you.

The medications you take and the number of times a day you need them (or if you need medication at a particular time each day) will be a factor in your housing assignment. Inmates at the Mission Road Facility cannot receive medication more than three times a day at regularly scheduled times. If you need medication more often, or on a specific schedule, you will most likely be housed in the main jail.

Note to those participating in a methadone program: If you are sentenced and serving your jail time, you must have an order from the judge sentencing you to allow you to be released to go to your clinic for your daily methadone. The jail clinic will not hold your methadone and dispense it. The methadone clinic staff are not allowed into areas of the jail where sentenced inmates reside. If you are being held jail pretrial, the clinic may deliver your daily methadone if you have previously paid for it. In either case, the methadone clinic will be encouraged to detox you as soon as possible.

The clinic at the Pima County Adult Detention Center has a \$3 charge for most services. For example, if you have a cold and report to the clinic for something to relieve your runny nose and fever, your account will be charged \$3 per prescription. Or if you request an AIDS test while in the jail you will be charged \$3. If there is no money in your account, the charge creates a negative balance. When money comes into your account, on this stay in jail or on any future confinement, the amount you owe is taken out.

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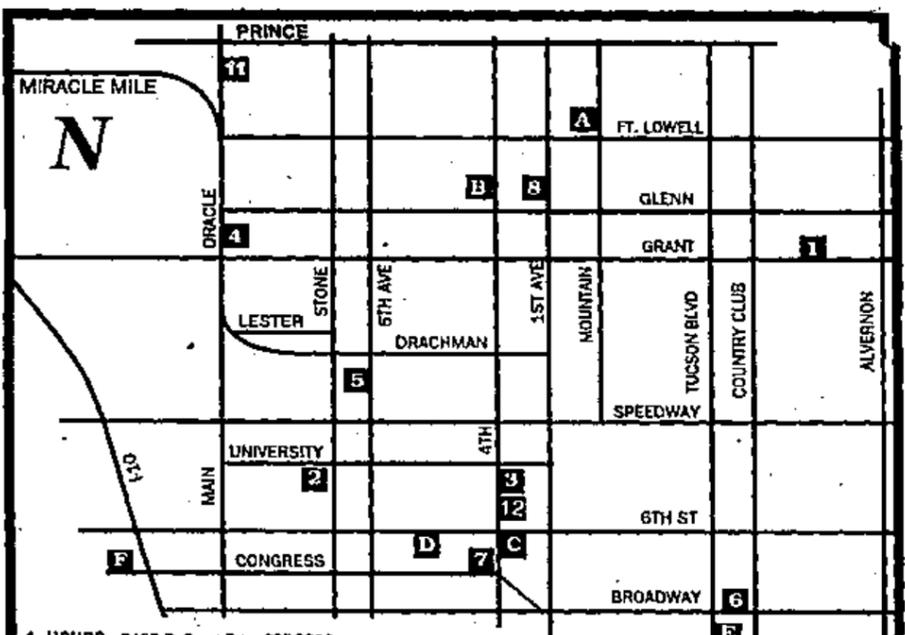
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ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN I wanna have fun with in shape guys, under 40. I'm a healthy, attractive, and enthusiastic, 23 year old male. Let's be friends and kick up our heels together. Long term relationship possible. (Flagstaff) #26815

LET'S HAVE A PARTY This 22 year old Gay, White male, is looking for another guy in his mid to late twenties. I'm 6'2, 170lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a smooth body. You should like the outdoors, drinking beer and partying. Let's hook up and pour out some cool ones. (Grand Canyon) #26466

OFF BEAT TREAT I'm into alternative, off beat, guys, 18 to 23. I'm a hip, young dude, 5'4, 130lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. (Mesa) #2255

ALL MAN IN MESA I'm interested in meeting guys into outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and exercise. I also enjoy movies, dinners, and quiet times at home. I'm an attractive, 36 year old, White male, 6ft, 180lbs, with Red hair and Blue eyes. (Mesa) #33210

THROW YOUR WEIGHT AROUND I wanna meet a guy who weighs over 200lbs for fun. I'm an attractive, White male, 24, 6ft, 150lbs. (Phoenix) #1236

IF MY FRIENDS COULD SEE ME NOW Marriage is great except that it doesn't give me the opportunity to be my complete, true, self. Sometimes, I like to get together with a tall, good looking, well built, well endowed, masculine man and be treated like a lady. I'm a good looking, Bi, Hispanic male, 29, 5'10, 175lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes. I love to wear, and show off, very lingerie. I have a special outfit waiting for you. (Phoenix) #2199

FOR A LIFETIME I need to be in love. This good looking, Hispanic male, 27, tall, 150lbs, with a hairy body, wants to meet someone very nice for a lifetime of pleasure. (Phoenix) #2190

SWEET AND HOT I'm seeking someone sweet, hot, nice, and under 35. I'm a nice looking, White male, 5'8, 145lbs, with Brown hair and a good build. (Phoenix) #2206

SEEKS FEM BOY FUN I am looking for a young, feminine boy, in the Phoenix area. If that's you, and you like to have fun, give me a call. (Phoenix) #24328

FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE I've never done it before. I'm looking for my first time experience. My name is Rich. I'm in Prescott. Give me a call please. (Prescott) #24569

SECRET IN SCOTTSDALE This hot, athletic, clean shaven, White male, with great looks, seeks other good looking, well built, guys for fun. Discretion assured. (Scottsdale) #2176

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LIFT YOUR SKIRT UP This very hot and horny, White male, seeks a guy around 30 who likes to crossdress. I really get into mutual J.O. (Tempe) #2218

TIGHT IN TUCSON I just moved here and want to meet someone to have fun with. I'm 6'1, with Blond hair, Brown eyes, and a tight, swimmer's build. (Tucson) #2215

DOWN TO BUSINESS I'm a young, hot, top seeking horny, masculine, bottoms. Your race and age don't matter. (Tucson) #1499

CLUBS ARE WILD I'd like to get together with friends and enjoy life. I'm a nice guy, and rather a homebody. I don't enjoy the club scene very much. I prefer quiet times. If you feel the same way, and are between 25 and 40, let's get to know each other. (Tucson) #1339

IT'S A UNIFORM THING I want to meet an attractive, masculine man for good friendship, and possibly more. I'm a good looking male, 27, 6ft, 190lbs, with short dark Brown hair, Brown eyes, a mustache, and a very nice, muscular build. I'm especially interested in military men, or other guys in uniform. (Tucson) #8223

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MY TIME IS YOUR TIME I'm a 31 year old, Hispanic man, looking for an older guy to spend time with. I'm 5'5, 145lbs, and attractive. You should be an honest, nice guy, older than me, and in good shape. All races are encouraged to call. (Tucson) #27137

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PROTECTIVE LAYER OF FUR Do you like a bottom guy who is pretty hairy? Call me. I'm a Gay, Hispanic male, looking for tops, to get down with. (Tucson) #26495

ALL TOPS: MOUNT HERE My body is aching for a sizzling good time. I'm a hot, 25 year old, Bi male. I want to meet an older, aggressive top, or couple, wanting to get together for some sweaty action. (Tucson) #25253

EXPERIENCED WITH REFERENCES I like young guys. I'm a Gay male, 62, looking for young friends in the area. Sometimes, experience can come in handy. (Tucson) #25067

IRON MIKE I'm 34 years old, 5'10, and weigh 155lbs. I love all kinds of outdoor activities, particularly swimming, and hiking. I desire to meet someone my age, or younger, looking forward to hearing from you. (Tucson) #24330

LOOKING GOOD Who's out there? I'm a good looking, White male, 5'9, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. Wanna meet? (Yuma) #1741

BIG BANG THEORY I love to meet other good looking, White males, who are versatile bottoms, who like to get wild. I'm an attractive, extremely well endowed, very horny, White male, 37, 5'10, 170lbs. Let's party. (Yuma) #24276

MAN OF THE HOUR Me and my girlfriend want to party with another guy. She wants to watch you and I go at it. I'm a good looking, muscular, White male, 33, 6'2, 240lbs, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. She's a knockout Brunette. We love to party but this will be our first time with another man. (Yuma) #34818

PARTY MIX I'm looking for possible Transsexuals and Transsexuals and very well hung males. What a nice mix we'll make. #2185

SEX IN THE SHRUBBERY This good looking, Italian male, with Black hair and Blue eyes, 6'1, 165lbs, loves the outdoors and sex. #1601

LA DOLCE VITA Ever fantasize about a muscular, Italian, bottom? Make it a reality. Call me right away. #1623

SLOW STARTER I'm looking for friends in northeastern Arizona. I'm a Native American male, interested in the outdoors and travel. Let's start slow and see where it goes. #1027

EVERYTHING'S BIG Maybe I like things big because I just moved here from Texas. I'd like to meet a guy, over 5'8, for friendship and good times. #34814

BLACK JACK This well endowed, Black male, is looking, only, for other well endowed, Black men. I'm 6'4, 185lbs, and in very good shape. #26662

HAIR ALL OVER I'm looking for well endowed, top men, with hair everywhere. I guess I want a teddy bear. #25737

IT'S BLACK JOCK O'CLOCK Seeking a Black, athletic supporter. I'm a 22 year old, Bi, White male, 5'11, 160lbs, with Brown hair, and Blue eyes. I'm not interested in the bars. I want to hang out with a Black male, into basketball, football, hockey, and working out. Let's have some fun. #24644



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AND THE BAND PLAYED ON During the day, I'm an X-ray technician but in the evenings, I'm a disc jockey at a local club. Obviously, I love music, as well as movies, sports, books, concerts, dinners, and any fun we can dream up. I'd love to meet some new people. (Glendale) #1906

A FRACTION FEMININE I'm a little shy and bashful so it might take me an extra minute to get to know someone. I'm a White female, 5'5, 135lbs, with long Brown hair and Hazel eyes. I enjoy music, camping, movies, and more. I'd like to meet another friendly female, a little on the feminine side. (Phoenix) #1571

BREAK THE ICE I want to talk to womyn in the area. I'm a 23 year old, White female, 5'5, 120lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. Let's talk on the phone or, maybe, get together for coffee. (Phoenix) #34799

HIT IT OFF I've been here for a year so I'm settled but now I'm ready to meet more friends. I like interesting, exciting people who like to do fun stuff. I'm a social drinker and occasional smoker. Shall we hook up and see if we hit it off? (Tucson) #1723

TUCSON TWOSOME I'd like to get to know another lesbian with the hope that a special bond will develop between us. I'm a 20 year old, White female, 5'2, 110lbs, with a fun loving personality. I'm outgoing, athletic, love to dance, and enjoy all music. (Tucson) #1496

LUXURIOUS PACE This mature, business oriented, 20 year old, female enjoys dancing, being wined and dined, and massage, both giving and receiving. I seek a friend I can call my very own. I'm willing to take it very slow. #33575

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Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

A few weeks back, I promised to discuss the popular herbal formula, Essiac. This blend is also sold under the name Sheep-Sorrel-Burdock Supreme, a liquid extract, and also, in dry tea form (at Reay's Ranch Market, for \$3.59 per ounce) as "Caisse's Herbal Tea." This promising herbal blend is an equal combination of four ingredients: Burdock, Sheep Sorrel, Slippery Elm, and Turkey Rhubarb Root. It has been much written-about as a natural medicine against Cancer, and other ailments. I will attempt to cover some of what it does.

I have discussed some of these herbs briefly in my A-Z herbal recently, but I am going to more in depth now. First up in this blend is the herb Burdock. This herb has been shown to help skin disorders (such as boils) and relieves the symptoms of gout. It is a good blood purifier, restores liver and gallbladder function, and stimulates the immune system. The only downside is that it interferes with iron absorption when taken internally, so those who are anemic (iron-poor blood) should consider this. I have also seen it to be of benefit to those suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, which may (or may not, this is still debated) be caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. (I suspect it is, it acts like other viral illnesses.)

Slippery Elm is a good botanical medicine, derived from the bark of the Elm tree. (Popular demand means a lot of harvesting of this tree, hopefully, enough are replanted to maintain the species.) It is helpful for inflamed mucous membranes of the stomach, bowels, and urinary tract. (These conditions can be quite painful). It is good for diarrhea also.

"Turkey" Rhubarb root (often listed as just Rhubarb root) is an herb which helps disorders of the colon, spleen, and liver. (I glean this knowledge, once more, from Prescription for Nutritional Healing.) It relieves headache, diarrhea, constipation (a nice double effect) and hemorrhoids. It is said to eliminate worms. It also promotes healing of duodenal ulcers (Which can be a real problem for some people), it enhances gall-bladder function, and has antibiotic properties.

All potent herbs so far! Sheep sorrel (some companies substitute another herb, make sure the label says sorrel) is a useful herb, it is a diuretic and laxative, it has been used to slow excessive menstruation, and the leaves are sometimes used like spinach, found in some of the folk "spring cures" or "spring tonics" we sometimes hear about. It is to be avoided in high quantities, as it can be irritating to the kidneys. Low does are fine.

Unfortunately, this remedy should have a note of caution. At least one the ingredients is high in oxalates, Turkey Rhubarb, and when heated (herbs are often heated as a tea) converts into oxalic acid. Anyone who tends to form calcium oxalate kidney stones should consider this, as these ingredients can contribute to kidney stones. (Vegetables like Spinach are very high in oxalates, cooked spinach, broccoli, and asparagus should be avoided by those with this problem.)

There is an entire book devoted to this herbal blend, The Essiac Report, by Richard Thomas, published by the Alternative Treatment Information Network. I have seen various articles mentioning it to use against cancer, AIDS, and to cleanse the body. It is true that sluggish digestion, poor elimination, and build up of

waste in the colon and intestines will lead to poor health. This formula helps to cleanse the colon. Keep that in mind if you take it, you will need time to spend at home while you cleanse your body.

Did you know the average American has up to ten pounds of undigested red meat in their colons? I have used herbs to purge this from my body, and was shocked to see how quickly I felt better afterwards!

I suspect, as for many other health-conscious people, that steroids are the culprit. Steroid-free meat, available at health food stores is an option for those who do prefer a vegetarian diet. Steroids in our meat contribute to immune weakness, and unwanted weight gain. Also, commercial meat is pumped with antibiotics, since the animals injected with steroids have weaker immune systems, and we are getting traces of that in our own bodies when we eat it! This is not a good thing! Antibiotics, while they do work in many cases, temporarily suppress immune function. This is something to think about.

Anyone curious about Essiac, should go to a health food store and ask more about it. As I said earlier, it is found under different names, I have only seen one liquid form with the name "Essiac" on the label. It can be pricey, but the dry tea form. I found it at Reay's is the cheapest I have discovered thus far. Besides, don't we waste that much money on junk food and entertainment anyway? I would think our bodies are worth the few extra dollars we throw in to enhance our health. Till next time, Go in Good Health!

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You Have The Right

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Being in jail is no fun under the best of circumstances. Plan ahead and remove concerns about not receiving your medicine.

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A Review: Desert Voices Brings Curtain Down With San Diego's Men's Chorus

by Marylee Pangman,
General Manager

Desert Voices and San Diego Men's Chorus presented a full evening to the Tucson community Saturday night at the Temple of Music and Art.

The evening began the annual Pride Concert with the two choruses singing to the largest pride concert audience in Desert Voices' history. In the first set, Desert Voices presented the Southwest Premiere of "Fairy Tales." This cabaret style musical takes a look at the trials and tribulations of Gay life. It is currently showing off-Broadway and will open in London in August.

Selections chosen by Artistic Director, Keith Koster included Stonewall Serenade, The Ballad of Tammy Brown, and Finale, Keepers of the Light, Stonewall Serenade, Rich Muczynski, soloist, preachers the Vanna White version of Homophobia 101 (as stated by Production Director, Sherilyn Forrester). With lines such as, "but last night when the police, came to establish some peace, the charming, adorable customers started a riot," the song tells the story of the Stonewall riots and makes suggestions not to throw rocks but to smile and say "Hello."

The Ballad of Tammy Brown sung by Sally Roger with backup by Women with Voices tells the story of a young girl and her crush on her friend, Tammy Brown. Forced into a choice of being friends with Tammy or being an

outcast, it is not surprising that she chooses the safe route. She loses her friend forever and regrets that choice as her other friends are married and move on. This selection was special on the Temple stage as Lillian Merriwether shadowed Sally's vocal presentation with a sign language interpretation of the song.

The finale of Fairy Tales, Keepers of the Light declares to the audience that with love, we will blaze the flame without blame until hatred and fear flee from sight. A magnificent song celebrating our right to be Gay and making the statement that we will not be beaten for it. Adding significantly to the music was the terrific lighting design of T. Greg Squires.

Desert Voices' encore was the World Premiere of "And If?" with clarinetist, Laura Schoenfeld, Arizona Symphonic Winds, with principal accompanist, Emmy Stringham for the instrumental duet. Written by Ruth Huber, this beautiful neo-romantic piece tells the story of a personal journey in our own Oracle.

The highlight of San Diego's Men's Chorus was, "Tap Your Troubles Away." Seven "tappers" led the fast paced song to everyone's enjoyment. Sign Language interpreter, Heather Beide, kept right up with the tappers adding to everyone's enjoyment.

The culmination of the evening were the two selections by the joint choruses. Chris Allen, Artistic Director, SDMC directed Wanting Memories by Sweet Honey and the Rock. Keith Koster appropriately closed the evening with "How Can I Keep From Singing," winning a standing ovation from the crowd.

Following the concert was the first Annual Freedom Ring Dance, a benefit for Desert Voices. Decorated all in white, the Temple Courtyard was a beautiful setting for the dance. With a crowd of over 175 people, the music pulsed into the streets by DJ, Jonathan Brown. A wonderful ending to send off our San Diego visitors.

Thanks need to go out to so many people who helped make this concert and dance possible:

The staff of the Temple were fabulous, Jeff and staff and the B&B Cafe provided great food and drinks, and the Tucson police assisted with the beat! Also, The Plantsman, Ron McBain, donated all of the decorations to create the white welcome to summer in the courtyard. The decor design was inspired and capably carried off by Darrin Land. Without them, much of this dance would never have happened.

TLGA volunteers, led by Tim Redman, provided security and gate coverage throughout the evening (after volunteering to help decorate!). Michael O'Toole, IBT's, also assisted with security.

Also, thanks to David Z. for providing the sound system, Leonard Cisneros for managing the concession table alone with Desert Voices Board President, Linda Cooley, Kathy Allen, ticket sales, Jonathan Danielson, Greg Swanson, Phil Holding, Vonnie Schütz, Gail Fitzhugh, Jim Blair, Justine Preston, Terri Poynter, Jo Henerson, Susan Solomon and our San Diego Host Committee; Craig Prescott Oakes, Phil Ruggiero and Marc Paley.

We hope we did not miss anyone. So thank you Tucson!



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Virginia Sacrifice Named Miss Gay Arizona America 1997

by Elise Fox

TUCSON - Most of you already know who won. She was so cute. Miss Gay Arizona America - Virginia Sacrifice. At IBT's after the show I made it a point to tell her: don't be a stranger to Arizona's second largest city.

She promised. You and I both will hold her to it.

The awards: Crown - Virginia Sacrifice; First Alternate, Barbra Seville; Second Alternate, Celebrity Star; Talent, Virginia Sacrifice; Miss Congeniality, Barbra Seville and Shaundriana; Humanitarian Award, Jay Foster.

This pageant was not a slam dunk. There were nine contestants. Skills were superb. So were costumes. I'm glad I wasn't a judge; I couldn't choose. In the end, it was a points game. It was like ex-U of A player Steve Kerr making the winning shot in the Chicago-Utah NBA game last Friday. I didn't interview the juried panel; after six hours of prejudging and pageant, I was wearing a bit thin: sort of like covering a hotly contested City Council or Board of Supervisors rezoning hearing. But I'm hazarding a guess: Virginia won it on talent. Her version of a Renaissance are English pub with supporting cast, costumed to the nines, was good enough to be on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Well, you already know I'm nosy. I talked with one of the cast after the show at IBT's and learned Virginia has done theatre for 15 years.

All pageants, in case you didn't know, require an entry fee of contestants. I know how much each paid but won't relate it because it's proprietary information outside the boundaries of public print. Let me say this. It was not an insubstantial personal cost for all of these folks to entertain you.

Maybe you've already caught this concept: drag is drama.

Oh, I loved the pageant, performers who paraded before us in sparkling, shimmery gowns, so colorful, a checkerboard of elegant fabric. Raven/Parker Productions should be complimented. A pageant is much like a Sunday drive: you never quite know what sort of enchantment is around the bend.

As an emcee and hostess, Gilda Fatale is an incomparable talent. So here's something you didn't know. Did you catch that spectacular opening act? "One Night in Bangkok?" I'm sure you remember the MTV from the late 1980's. These girls, dancing on stage, were all in synch. Should you see here, thank Ajja Simone as choreographer. What a talent! Just two rehearsals. I'm impressed.

So let me tell you something: why I appreciate them. I'd never quite formulated this until my friend Charlene, basically, like me, a non-stage drag girl, put it into words. She has a sharp as scissors mind. Drag queens are the glue that hold the Gay community together. I wish I'd thought of it but it's true. How many shows with guys wearing only male duds do you see commanding the premier nighttime slots at our favorite nightspots? Why do we go? Because we want to be amazed and entertained.

I think there's a bit of leprechaun in each of us. The mischief of theater, footlights, costumes, they give us temporary respite from life's everyday cares:

perhaps something we all need most, inspiration.

There was a down side to the pageant. Shall I tell you?

My quarrel isn't with the performers or the producers: it's about the venue: perhaps Reid Park bandshell would have been better.

Tucson Convention Center is a concrete monolith: no sense of grandeur; no sense of fun. It's steel and aggregate configuration represents the sort of urban renewal architecture that only the late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin could love.

Somewhat, it's oppressive, like scudding of dark storm clouds on a humid and humorless monsoon afternoon: not the place I'd choose to showcase glitter and glamour.

Even so, I am pleased to tell you: the talent survived this tax-created monstrosity: I'm not sure the audience did. My reporter's notebook is full of grumbling. The complaints are too legion to list.

Entertainment is an ephemeral concept, a bit like a will o' the wisp, and you need to nurture it in an appropriate setting. Personally, as an audience member, I want a sense of splendor. For that reason, I'd love an upscale hotel: when you make an entrance, you know you've arrived at someplace important.

Maybe organizers of our various pageants need to take a class in people-friendly architecture.

Let's get one thing straight. Female illusion is theatre, whether on stage or dancing at a nightclub. So here's a profound thought: entertainment should be a pleasure not only for the performers but the audience too. I don't like hard-backed, flip-down seats.

An entertainment venue needs to inscribe on our collective memories a sense of metamorphosis: that just being there somehow making us better people.

Let's find the best possible settings to showcase talent. Is that too much to ask?

You can't decide any issue if you don't know. I hate being the bearer of bad tidings. But that's my role, the one I do best, the one I owe you, to explain the facts as best we perceive them, the parameters and options. And let you make the choice. My friends, you don't know how lucky you are: America is life's greatest experiment, don't take it for granted. We've pioneered a crucible for human rights, the one for which we wintered at Valley Forge and wore Union blue at Gettysburg. Now it's our turn. Let's make a society that believes in a civil rights rainbow.

You think you're a minority? You're clueless. You hate us; you desperately need us. Gay or straight, we're America's journalists; I know you'll think our fears are stupid: that our pens will run out of ink on assignment or that our cell phones will go dead.

Some in the Gay community have shunned me; much like the Amish of Lancaster County, Pa., who sanction any member who goes astray.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

My bicycle had been stolen about a year and a half before I got the urge to once again take up bicycling to try and get in shape. So, with the help of Santa Claus and a Price Club credit card, I soon was outfitted with wheels and had no plausible excuse not to exercise.

One early spring day, a Saturday, the brilliant lit blue sky and coolness in the air beckoned me to the road. I plotted my route carefully, unsure of my under-exercised body's ability to perform.

The first leg of my journey was easy. I rode fast and hard, gaining strength for the several large rises in the road as I sped down each preceding one.

"... piece of cake!" I thought.

Then I ventured out onto a busy street's bike path. I continued enjoying the ride as I coasted several blocks to my turn off. The next leg of my journey was a paved designated for joggers, walkers, and bicyclists only. No cars to worry about. Just me and the long rather straight ahead. As my legs set the cadence I become aware of the constant, dull pain, a burning sensation actually, in my thighs. And almost as quickly, I noticed the heaviness in my chest, and frequency and shallowness of breaths my body required.

"What have I gotten myself into?" I pondered.

Had my expectations of my physical capabilities been measured by my ego rather than my common sense? Why hadn't I just been content to ride around in my own neighborhood? I didn't want to stop, to give-up, not so much because I would feel like quitter, but rather because

I didn't want to add all the time that would be needed to walk home, retracing my ride on foot with hands clenched to bike handles as I pushed it towards home. No. I would keep going. I would think about the beautiful day. I would pray. I would do anything to try and keep my mind off the burn!

It didn't work. All I could think about was the distance still left to cover before I would see my house again and get my body off that insidious exercise machine. Then it came to me, like it was the best idea since the development of the light bulb. I would take a shortcut! Instead of going around the new subdivision, I would go through it! Feeling rather glib, I took the very next right and was even more pleased to find myself once again coasting. My thighs responded with appreciation by relaxing and releasing the burning sensation. I rounded the bend to complete my cheating, know that the road there would reconnect me to my original path far ahead of where I had left it. But to my dismay, what did my eyes fall upon but what seemed to be a mountain of asphalt! It loomed like a paved path up Mt. Everest! I stood up on the bike and struggled to use my body weight to help propel it forward, sucking air into my lungs and pushing it out with each thrust of the peddles.

Then it hit me. A rather profound theological inspiration, I later surmised, considering the extreme agony my body was enduring at that time. The thought? God has a path for me, and when I stray from the path I will encounter problems, hardships, and pain that I otherwise would not have to deal with. Whew! What a revelation as my legs pumped me and the bicycle over the last crest of the "mountain."

"If only I had stayed on the route I had originally plotted," I chided myself.

As I made my way through the final stage of the ride, still winded and regretting my so-called great idea, I reminisced, remembering the many times in my life I had veered from the path God had set me on, only to create problems for myself and others. The path God had set me on led me first to Jesus with an understanding that I needed to call on him as my personal savior and Lord, believing what the Bible has to say about him. The continuation of my journey is my walk with the Lord. I thought with disappointment and some lingering regrets and shame about the many choices, shortcuts, I had taken, only to end up crying out to God to "please pick up the pieces and put me back on the right path." - His path.

Bike riding hasn't been the same since that day. Now as I embark on my planned route (which by the way has become much easier and more enjoyable) I remember how my exercise routine is a reflection of my life. In both I try to stay on the path, the route planned out for me. Oh, it still has its ominous hills, its places of coasting ease as well as the long straight way with a gradual and continual incline. But I take each in stride and appreciate each for the benefits it alone has to offer.

Now I wonder, "How about you? Do you know which path to take?" It's not hard to find, but you do need to look for it. The Lord is telling you, "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" (Isaiah 30:21)



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Kolbe

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high. The number of discharges from the military for the last five years were:

1992	708
1993	682
1994	597
1995	722
1996	850

Congressman Kolbe stated in an interview it is unfair to discharge a person from the military because he or she acknowledges homosexuality. He added that there is no clear evidence to indicate homosexuals cannot serve efficiently in the military.

Rather than banning Gays and Lesbians, Kolbe said in an interview, that the military should adopt a uniform code of sexual conduct.

According to Kolbe, the military's problem is sexual harassment, not Gays in the military. The military needs to focus on the problem of sexual harassment.

San Francisco Sex Club Regulations Upheld

at sex clubs and thought they might even tend to diminish risk with their promotion of safe sex. Other opponents felt strongly that the rules allowed the city to examine and interfere in the intimate activities of individuals (which have long been legal in California), many of whom had no other outlet for sexual expression.

A petition calling for privacy in sex clubs was presented to the Commission with 400 signatures. Mayor Willie Brown's liaison to L/G/B/T communities, Dean Goodwin, admitted that he personally had used the clubs in the past and was disturbed by the prospect of government monitoring of sexual behavior, but agreed with the Mayor's own position that the city has the same kind of obligation that it does in other venues to protect patrons' health and safety.

Mayor Brown had opposed a formal city licensing system for sex clubs that was considered by the Board of Supervisors in October.

Gay & Lesbian Pride

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Desert Voices and Reveille Chorus. Tickets are on sale now through any of the participation organizations, Dillard's box office or by calling (520) 883-0100. Adult ticket prices are \$10, advance, \$12 at gate. Child ticket prices are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate.

On June 29, MCC Water of Life, 3269 North Mountain, will be holding a Pride Celebration Service at 10:45 A.M.

For more information about any of the events, contact the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, 322-3200.

Virginia Sacrifice

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But consider this. Perhaps I and my ilk are your best critics because we know you best.

I need you people; even if you don't need me. We are poised for a tremendous 21st century America. Put your heads together. Let's make this happen. With the sort of enthusiasm I witnessed at the Miss Gay Arizona America 1997 Pageant, can I be far from wrong?

My friends, if you've never done this publications business, you won't know that every column inch is a multi-karat diamond to the people who gamble their livelihood on us. So just let me leave you with a thought from one of the contestants: Felice Renard. I am so stupid. I could not have imagined this quote myself. But I know words when I hear them. What she said was Arizona is a beautiful state with a close-knit Gay community which has "too long gone unrecognized."

We owe Felice; let's make it right.



Gay Rights Bill Into Law

CONCORD, NH (WS) - New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen signed into law a measure giving Gay men and Lesbians protection against discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

The state Senate passed the Gay rights bill 13-9 on May 6. The Senate vote followed an overwhelming 205-125 endorsement given the bill in the New Hampshire House earlier that month. With the governor's signature, New Hampshire became the 11th state in the country to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"If we are to be true to our belief that all people are created equal, we must ensure that all of our people enjoy the same basic rights under the law," Gov. Shaheen is quoted as saying at the signing ceremony.

Sen. Deborah Pignatelli, D-Nashua, had told reporters in May, "This is not a radical bill. It is supported by mainstream people because it is a mainstream bill for fair treatment. It is a bill about treating others as we would want people to treat us and our children."

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are not usually the most eloquent of folks but who really cares as long as others sit up and listen? Your words pack a global wallop thanks to Pluto opposite Mercury. Get your opinions Out and catapult our political cause to greater heights. A tree that falls in the forest will be heard if Aries says it's so.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

They say that all that glitters is not gold, but don't say that to a Gay Taurean when Mercury opposes Pluto. Personal values are in for a grand reassessment but, if you are a tried and true Bull, the balance between good hard cash and higher moral character may tip to one side. Fact is, cousin, even louses look good in green.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Queer Twins face the classic dilemma when Pluto opposes Mercury. Is it possible to retain your own sense of identity within a one-to-one relationship? You'll test the limits of your powers and the flowering of the partnership during this transit. Laugh and the world laughs with you; kvetch and you sleep alone.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Your day to day job may suddenly chaff at the collar. Pluto opposite Mercury makes you realize that schlepping along at some old dreary job no longer feeds the inner soul. (as if it ever did . . .) Can pink Crabs achieve self actualization and still be able to pay the rent? Sure, as long as you prioritize your time. Keep working, but volunteer a bit for our community as well.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

You'll be amazed at how even simple suggestions from friends lead you to exuberant creative expressions. Proud Lions always know how to make good use of an appreciative audience and now you seem to be treading into Tony territory. Go for the gold darling and demonstrate the dramatic tour de force of Pluto opposite Mercury.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Hey, who wouldn't like to retire? I know I would but I've gotten used to eating. Queer Virgins ache to able to cash in their corporate chips when Pluto opposes Mercury, but refrain from any spur of the moment extravagant actions. This transit shall soon pass and it would be a shame to leave the game just as it was getting interesting.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Pluto opposite Mercury gives you a rare opportunity to be diplomat to the world. Gay Libras not only can expand and reshape their global view but can also share their personal opinions with masses of others and win a few converts in the process. Ever thought of politics? It's about time the White House was painted pink.

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SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Sex doesn't come cheaply when Pluto opposes lascivious Mercury. Queer Scorpios become lost in the passion of the moment as Pluto upends and shatters all your long held beliefs and values. Will you be reduced to spineless quivering protoplasm who can be molded by lovers? If so, request a sculptured physique.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers can always use a fashion tip or five as well as a general reappraisal of their appearance. Now, with Pluto opposite Mercury, rely on partners to give you the best overall advice; After all, they have your best interests at heart. It's time to trade those tired old togs for something a bit more topical. Remember, the 90's are not the 60's upside down.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Don't be surprised if you can adapt portions of your job to more personally fulfilling pursuits when Mercury opposes Pluto. Leave it to a queer Goat to construct the perfect balance of work and community service. This is a transforming time for you; Pluto doesn't tolerate anything hidden or repressed and will blow the bolts of your closet. Welcome the liberation.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Is it the Age of Aqueerius yet? Maybe not, but with Pluto opposite Mercury we can begin the celebration now. Creative ideas must be shared with as many folks as possible. Aqueerians will be the party planners of the century during this transit and can mingle with just about any crowd. Avoid any crowd of young Republicans.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Pluto opposite Mercury can impact your career. Pink Fish may be tempted to test new corporate waters but a little fish can become lost in the big shark tank if you do not plan your move carefully. Use the considerable mental energy generated by Mercury to reevaluate what is and what is not important to your sense of security. Then take a calculated risk.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

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FRIDAY, JUNE 20

BOOM BOOMS - Grand Opening Party! Join Brian and the gang as they kick-off Gay Pride week with a live band, gave-aways, prizes and drink specials all weekend long. One Blood Ragga Band in the "Other" room - Cover

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

BOOM BOOMS - Desert La Cage returns with Paris St. Claire, Crystal Abrams and Electra Bleu. A very special Saturday Night Cabaret Show in the "Other" Room - Cover.

VENTURE-N - Leather Pride Night during Price Week Tucson. Hot! Watch for more information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz is proud to present "Frenzy"!!! The ultimate drag show! No cover! \$1.25 pitchers. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Hot Latin music follows.

IBT'S - MPS Benefit Show 8:30 p.m. Hosted by Felice Renard and featuring Alotta Whoremoneys, Shaundriana, Victoria DuBois and Ajia Simone. The Regular Sunday afternoon Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust will also benefit MPS from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with special guest: Mr. Personality Woody!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Staring Ceke Putty, (Miss Gay Enchantment America 1997), Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Gay Tucson America 1997) Ajia Simone and Karina Montenegro.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

BOOM BOOMS - Nancy Nunez and Friends live concert in the "Other" room - Cover.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

BOOM BOOMS - "Fiesta Del Verano" hosted by the Latino Men's Health Project in the "Other" Room. Latino music, food and dancing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed returns! This much demanded band is back. Music starts at 9:00 pm. And doesn't stop until closing. \$1.25 pitchers until 10:00 p.m. Cover.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. ish. The Movie Out was not selected at press time. For movie title, location and time to meet, please call Larry at 795-9125 after June 13.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. MSN goes on a fun Dinner Out tonight at Nico's Tacos and Penguins. Bill, our host says it's good food at a good price. For reservations, details and directions, please call Bill at 615-0979 by 6/17/97.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Have an evening meal and a night of lively conversation as Bill & Stephen host Dinner & Conversation Night. The evening will be limited to 10 participants, so call early if you would like to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Bill or Stephen at 647-3436.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. The men of MSN will troop off to Mt. Lemmon for a hike in the wilderness. The location was not confirmed at press time, so please call Larry at 795-9125 for details, directions and reservations.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 11:30 a.m. Whether you joined the guys on the hike or not, you're still welcome to come to a mountain-top Summer Solstice Brunch at Will's cabin. For reservations and directions, please call Will at 298-9454. If you call after June 17, please call Will at his cabin: 578-1435.

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, is having a polluck Picnic and Swim Party beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring a dish to share and something to grill (for yourself). Don't forget the towel and swimsuit. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for directions and more.

Tucson Arts District Partnership Downtown Saturday Night. The Ronstadt Transit Center will be transformed into a fun and delightful international setting full of wandering minstrels and musicians, easels and tables where artists are drawing, exhibiting and showcasing all types of visual art from oils and watercolors, to photography, tin smithing and plaster mask making.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our Topic of Discussion this month is "Sexuality & Spirituality," a continuation of last month's very popular topic. For details, directions and reservations, please call Bob at 623-1732.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

2nd Annual Murder Mystery and Dinner Theater entitled "Speak No Evil, or Shut My Mouthpiece" will benefit SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation). The evening of dining and who-dunnit drama begins with cocktails in the courtyard of the Temple of Music & Art at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and performance at 8:00 p.m. Audience members who correctly guess the mystery murderer will have the opportunity to win a trip package for two to New York City. Call Jenny at 622-7107 for tickets (\$35 each).

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-8 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.

Men's Massage Group has its next meeting of touching and feeling men. Sensual and non-sexual, fun and safe and healthy atmosphere to meet other men. 6:00 p.m. Call 681-4562 for more info.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. We're at a new location for this month only. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Have lunch with the guys, as John hosts a Lunch Out at (most likely) Dakota. Reservations were not confirmed at press time, so please call John at 615-1366 so he can confirm our location and tell the restaurant how many to expect for lunch.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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 C. W. at 326-5439 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 p.m. at Antigone Books poetry readings and short fiction by Melanie Cooley, Barbara Cuffy, Karen Falkenstrom, Charles Gillespie, Nancy Mendoza, Jacqueline Raphael and Boyer Ricket. Tucson composer and pianist Jonathan Brown will perform original compositions before and after the readings. As an extra bonus, 10% off all Lesbian and Gay books and magazines from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Goodies will be served.

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.

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 - Open at Noon. Happy Hour Noon - 8pm \$1.25 small pitchers of draft. Karaoke with Nancy 7-11pm. Shoes and Jazz music 11-Close GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 12-7 pm. Pool Tournament 5pm. 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 8-9-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Steak Fry! Beer Bust 2-6pm \$4.75. Stonewall opens at 4pm with Latin music until 9pm followed by High Energy Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11 pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Trash Disco with Hillary 9pm to close. \$1.75 white well 8pm to close.
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. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
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. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Boys Night Out 5pm to closing. \$1.00 longneck 11el dance music.
BOOM BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. Dart Tourny 8:30. Special prices for all tourney players. \$1.50 domestic bottle beer & \$1 Cocktuckers 8-close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
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. 9 pm to close 2for1 well Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.
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. \$1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm to close.
BOOM BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Karaoke with Christopher 8pm-1am \$1.50 Well & \$2.25 Call 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourny. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
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 Begins 8pm
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. 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. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. College Logo Nite w/Darius 9pm. Karaoke 9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Corona & Cuervo 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 - \$1.50 well & \$2.25 call 8pm to close. Alternative Dance Music 10 with Raymond. Pool Tourny at 7pm with Doc. Pot matched.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
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. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.
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 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.
BOOM BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Live bands in the "Other Room" at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 8.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
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. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to midnight.
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 - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Colodas \$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 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool all day. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Dance Music. Hot Go-Go Boys 10pm to Midnight.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagets w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Page 228-6843.

LAMBDA CARI CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-8454.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Etna 581-8830 or Rom 988-2384.

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)721-1102

GRANDS SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7254.

T-SQUARE'S Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2302 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jill or Art (520)782-8135.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 888-7254.

MAINE MEN: Long-haired Gay male personal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P5C4

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, 422 N. 4th Ave.

LESBIAN/GAY MYSTERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4727.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9652.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

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

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact: Mary 770-9078 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including weekly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and hospice care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9053.

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 322-8225.

"ECLYPTIC" a transnational Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & L.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 281-9802.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 320-1319.

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HARTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or Jane Part at 328-8577.

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

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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 684-7053.

TUHAM, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer care teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6547.

THIRTSomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6875 or 870-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decima in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Ann Marie at the Parish office 685-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS "The Fruits of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)328-2211

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odile's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Rm. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 287-9802 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mike at 325-3666

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) For Life, 801 W. Congress. Office hours MWF 9am to 5pm, Tu 9am-7pm, Th. Noon-8pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1719 for more information.

SMART 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., 306 E. 9th Street, 622-7107, VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 576-9600 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-0264. All replies confidential.

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

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 6 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIDE TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Pride Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7483 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 N. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadroom Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 9-5. 322-4228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and referral 881-1794 - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9083 for information.

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1778.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 896-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5656. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ad. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL MUGGERS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. For "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Ontario, AZ 85057.

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Cunanan On FBI's '10 Most Wanted List'

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - Openly Gay suspected multiple murderer Andrew Cunanan (also known as Andrew Phillip DeSilva) was added to the FBI's famous "Ten Most Wanted" list of fugitives, with a \$10,000 reward posted for information leading to his arrest.

In his official description, he is a white male born August 31, 1969, 5'10" tall, 180 pounds, with dark brown hair and brown eyes - but it's already been discovered that altering his appearance was something of a pastime for him. He is also "armed and dangerous" and individuals are advised to call authorities rather than make any attempt to apprehend him themselves.

Cunanan was a popular figure in the San Diego club scene as well as a frequent visitor to a number of other Gay communities across the U.S., and those who knew him were shocked when in late April he became a suspect in a series of murders from Minnesota to Illinois to New Jersey.

Before the killings, Cunanan always flashed a lot of cash, which he's believed to have been given by a series of older lovers. There have been many reported sightings of Cunanan, particularly in the wake of his being featured on several broadcasts of the TV show "America's Most Wanted," but authorities believe he could be anywhere in the country. Gay and lesbian communities around the U.S. have done their utmost to cooperate in the search.

After a farewell party he threw for himself in San Diego, ostensibly before relocating to San Francisco, Cunanan is believed to have flown to Minnesota to visit two friends, one a former lover. Jeff

Trail was found dead in the apartment of David Madson, whose own body was found later in a lake some miles away.

Cunanan is believed to have driven Madson's car to Chicago, where it was found near the home of real estate magnate Lee Miglin, who was murdered in his home and his car stolen. Signals from Miglin's cell phone were detected in the Philadelphia area. Cunanan is believed to have driven Miglin's car to New Jersey, where a cemetery caretaker was found dead and his truck stolen. Questions have been raised as to whether Cunanan may also have been responsible for other killings both before and since.

In the cases of Trail and Miglin, Cunanan is believed to have spent a number of hours in the presence of the corpses, including preparing and eating meals. Miglin and the caretaker are now both believed to have been targets of opportunity chosen to obtain cars and cash, without any prior connection with Cunanan.

Investigation has been hampered by the lack of a full set of fingerprints on file anywhere for Cunanan, who had never been arrested. A thumbprint was found from a California driver's license application, but at last report it had not been possible to match it to prints found in the cars or at the crime scenes.

It has also been a challenge to the numerous jurisdictions involved to work out some form of cooperation. Even though the Minnesota murders occurred first and the first charge laid against Cunanan there, Minnesota authorities have agreed to give Chicago the first chance to try him should he be caught - Illinois has a death penalty and Minnesota does not.

Australian Cops Pay 4 Million For Club Raid

by Graham Underhill

MELBOURNE, Australia (NP) - After almost three years, the victims of Melbourne's notorious "Tasty" raid are collecting big-time for the abuse they suffered at the hands of Australia's Victoria State Police.

A \$4-million (about \$3-million U.S.) is a high price to pay for a strip show, especially coming out of a police department's budget, but that could turn out to be the cost resulting from an infamous G/L bar raid in Melbourne.

Victoria state police raided the popular Gay and Lesbian Commerce Club (a.k.a. the "Tasty") and subjected 333 men and 130 women to strip searches over the course of three hours on August 7, 1994 in a search for drugs - a search that yielded but a single tab of ecstasy.

Settlement negotiations have been under a gag order since last November, but it was revealed that police have now paid the record-setting amount out in settlements to more than 250 of those searched, and there will be more to come:

70 more have filed lawsuits, 20 of which have already been scheduled for judicial hearings in 1998, and the police expect that ultimately nearly 400 will have made claims.

Only one patron, Sally Ann Gordon, has actually completed a trial to date, winning \$10,000 in damages in a County Court a year ago after suing the 43 officers involved in the raid for false imprisonment and false arrest. If the further lawsuits now filed win similar amounts, the department could end up paying out another A\$2-million.

The police department has had to pay all legal costs and settlements out of its budget, and Victoria Premier Jeff Kennett has again contended that they will not be receiving any bail-out funds from the state. Rumor has it that funds for uniforms and mobile phone bills have already run out.

Aside from the financial penalty, the Victoria Police have indeed learned a lesson. They completely overhauled their protocol for searches in consultation with civil liberties experts. The inspector who ordered the raid was reprimanded after a hearing last month on charges of conduct likely to bring the force into disrepute and failure to comply with the chief commissioner's instructions.

One sergeant working with him was counselled. When ombudsman Barry Perry investigated the incident, he found the police officers' behavior discriminatory, the strip searches in violation of police procedures, and the raid itself unjustified by evidence. On the down side, the "Tasty" saw its business ruined by the search and had to close three months later.



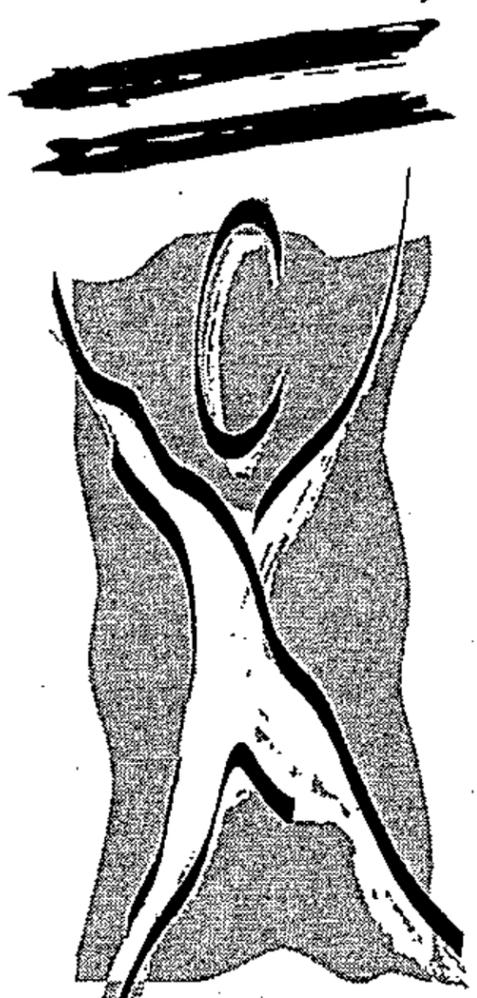
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