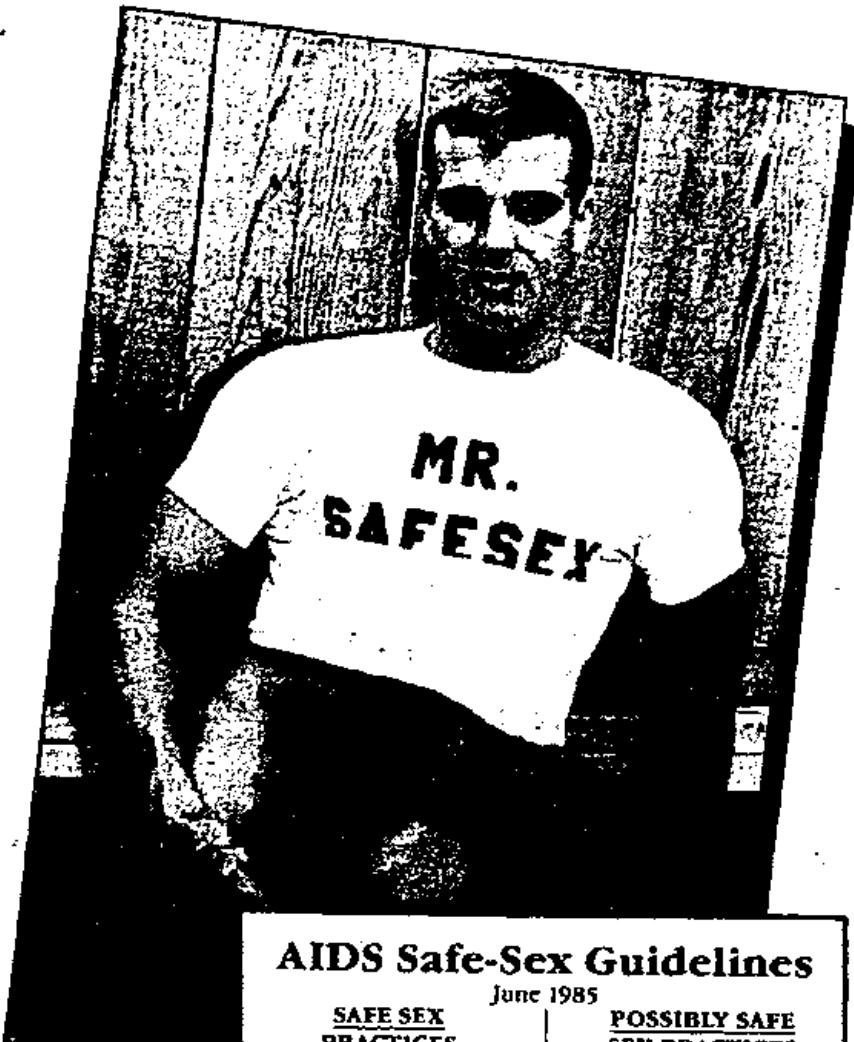


## 80% Of S.F. Gay Men Adopt 'Safe Sex'



### AIDS Safe-Sex Guidelines

June 1985

#### SAFE SEX PRACTICES

Massage, Hugging  
Mutual Masturbation  
Social Kissing (Dry)  
Body-to-Body Rubbing (Friction)  
Voyeurism, Exhibitionism, Fantasy

#### POSSIBLY SAFE SEX PRACTICES

French Kissing (Wet)  
Anal Intercourse With Condom  
Vaginal Intercourse With Condom  
Sucking - Stop Before Climax  
Cunnilingus  
Watersports - External Only  
(Risk Increases With Multiple Partners)

(Photo: Rink)

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR)** - Eight out of ten gay and bisexual men in San Francisco have effectively removed themselves from any risk of continuing the spread of AIDS, according to a recent study conducted for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The study was the second in a series of surveys in which 500 gay and bisexual San Francisco male residents were interviewed at length regarding their sexual behavior and knowledge about AIDS and AIDS transmission.

The study confirmed that a majority of gay and bisexual men here have responded to pleas for an end to unsafe sex and for a reduction in the number of sexual partners, both key factors in AIDS transmission.

Compared with data from the August 1984 study, the new survey indicates that the percentage of respondents having more than one sex partner has declined from 49 percent to 36 percent. Nearly half of the men surveyed were in primary relationships with another man. The mean number of different partners (other than primary partners) has declined from 2.1 per month to 1.2 per month.

The survey's results are confirmed by city VD records. At the City Clinic, the number of cases of rectal gonorrhea plummeted 88 percent between 1980 and 1985. In the three months ended in March of this year, there were 226 cases of rectal gonorrhea - compared to 1,472 cases for the same three-month period in 1980.

According to the new survey, there has been a decline in virtually all unsafe sex practices outside a primary relationship. The number of those having unsafe forms of anal

intercourse has dropped from 18 percent to 7 percent; the number having unsafe forms of oral sex has dropped from 17 percent to 9 percent; the number having oral-anal contact has dropped from 10 percent to 4 percent.

The study confirmed that safe sex has become the norm among the city's gay and bisexual men. The study also indicated, however, that the respondents were generally not aware of the extent of change that has already taken place in the community. Many operate on the assumption that only they have made such extensive changes, without realizing how widespread the move toward safer sexual expression has become.

The survey, like the one conducted last fall, was conducted by Research & Decisions Corporation, a major San Francisco public opinion polling and market research firm under contract with the foundation. Funding for the study was provided by the San Francisco Department of Health.

But the random-sample survey also produced some negative findings.

Although both promiscuity and unsafe sex are becoming increasingly rare, nearly one in five is still having some unsafe sex with multiple partners, thereby incurring the risk of continuing the spread of this disease.

Although IV drug use is rare among men in this population, with only 3 percent reporting use of IV drugs in the past six months, this 3 percent is responsible for 38 percent of the anal intercourse and 48 percent of the fistiging reported by the entire

sample. Because of the sheer quantity of the sexual activity among this small group, they are unusually likely to be infected with the AIDS virus and may be passing the virus onto their many partners.

Nearly one man in five reported that he was at least occasionally so intoxicated or high while having sex that he would not want to drive a car. This indicates that for a great many men, alcohol and drug abuse are still factors in unsafe sex and AIDS transmission due to overall immune suppression and impaired decision-making abilities.

Gay and bisexual men in San Francisco continue to be extremely well-informed about the risks involved in specific sex practices. However, 88 percent hold onto the hope for an effective medical cure or vaccine being found in the near future. AIDS researchers do not share in the belief that such medical responses will be found soon.

"We are delighted to see so many men in the gay and bisexual community responding intelligently and responsibly to the AIDS epidemic," said Jackson Peyton, education director for the foundation. "We hope that the education prevention efforts taking place on many fronts are helping in the overall response to the AIDS epidemic and we are pleased to see the changes taking place. However, we are greatly concerned about those who are still having unsafe sex with multiple partners," Peyton said.

Tim Wolfred, newly appointed executive director of the foundation, further stated that, "Now is the time that we are calling upon everyone in San Francisco to help us in getting this same message to all sexually active persons, homosexual or heterosexual, who might be at risk for AIDS. We must act responsibly to put an end to unsafe activity which can cause the transmission of AIDS."

### Anti-Sodomy Statute Upheld

**DALLAS, TX (AP)** - As many as 1 million homosexual Texans have been made criminals again by a federal appeals court decision upholding the state's controversial sodomy statute, a civil rights advocate said. The ruling made Monday, Aug. 26, by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, marked the first time since 1979 that a federal court has upheld the law, which bans certain sexual acts deemed to be deviant.

"A million Texans are now criminals again," said Tom Coleman, an attorney and president of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, which organized and financed the challenge to the sodomy law. He said the case would be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But an official of the group that kept the long-running lawsuit alive said that the 9-7 ruling was "the right decision based on Judeo-Christian law." "I think it's a real turning in our courts," said Keith Thornton, a dentist and official of Dallas Doctors Against AIDS.

The decision upholding the 1974 sodomy law reversed the 1979 decision of a three-judge 5th Circuit panel and of a Dallas Federal Judge, who said the law was unconstitutional.

The nine judges in the majority said the law is constitutional "in view of the strong objection to homosexual conduct, which has

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### Raffle and Show to Benefit TAP

**TUCSON** - Kevin Osborne, Tucson ceramist, has donated a contemporary ceramic vessel to the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) to be used to raise money to help people with AIDS. The drawing for this valuable piece of art will be held in conjunction with a benefit show for TAP to be held at Rumor Hazzit on October 6. The show will feature a large cast of local and imported performers.

The gallery value of Osborne's ceramic vessel, which stands some four feet high, is \$1,100, and raffle tickets will be on sale soon for a chance to win this wonderful piece of art. Ticket donations are \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Tickets will be available from TAP members or at the advertised ticket outlets.

Another benefit for TAP is in the offing in the very near future. The Invisible Theatre will present the Edward Albee play "Seuscape" at a special performance which will be dedicated to Tucson actor Newton John Skinner, who recently succumbed to the dreaded disease. More information on this special benefit will appear in next week's issue of OBSERVER.

TAP is a non-profit, all-volunteer group that provides one-on-one assistance to persons with AIDS via counseling, financial, legal, moral and spiritual means. General meetings for TAP are the second Thursday of each month at the University Medical Center. The next such meeting will be Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Dining Room "C" on the second floor. If you are interested in learning more about the group or want to help, please plan on attending one of these meetings. For more information, call 792-3772.

### Arizona AIDS Patients Find Nursing Homes Off Limits

by Cindy Gilbert

**TUCSON** - AIDS patients are being refused admission to nursing homes throughout Arizona, putting public health officials in a quandary over where patients should spend their final weeks. Because no other facilities will take them, people suffering from AIDS often linger in hospitals for weeks before their deaths, officials said last week.

A hospital stay is generally three times as expensive as a similar stint in a nursing home, health experts pointed out. Moreover, hospitals are often inappropriate for terminally ill AIDS patients because most of them do not need long-term acute care.

"We are going to have to face this problem," said Dr. Eskild Peterson, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Arizona who has treated AIDS patients locally. "Along the way, there are going to be more and more AIDS patients in need of terminal care."

As the toll from the disease continues to rise in Arizona, health experts are developing guidelines for where AIDS patients should receive care in the final stages of their illness, and how it should be funded. "Everybody recognizes that this is a problem, but unfortunately no one has an answer right now," said Dr. Steven Englander, an infectious-disease epidemiologist with the Arizona Department of Health Services and a member of a Phoenix-based AIDS task force. "There are a whole slew of issues to deal with."

In Arizona, 38 cases of AIDS have been reported and 28 people have died.

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## B R I E F S

## RUMOR HAZZIT IMPORTS SHOW FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

TUCSON - The talented group from Phoenix known as The Backstage Players, will inaugurate the stage at Rumor Hazzit, Tucson's newest Gay bar. Direct from Shampoo's, The Backstage Players include Rose Trellis, Penelope Poupe' and Bobby Locke, and also starring is Tamara who was voted Miss Gay Arizona" in some tough competition at the pageant held in Phoenix recently. And to make matters even better, the first runner-up in the pageant, Tucson's own Aviva Diamond will also appear as a guest star.

This promises to be an evening of fun entertainment with performances by these highly regarded performers from Phoenix. But in addition, it is a golden opportunity to see both Miss Gay Arizona, Tamara, and the first runner-up, Aviva, on the same stage. Both performers will be in the Miss Gay America Pageant in Indianapolis in mid September. See you at Rumor Hazzit this Sunday, September 1 at 8:30 p.m.

## BENEFIT TO HELP SEND AVIVA DIAMOND TO MISS GAY AMERICA PAGEANT SEPT. 8

TUCSON - On Sunday, September 8, a benefit show will be held at the Graduate to help raise funds to send Aviva Diamond to Indianapolis, Indiana to compete in the Miss Gay America Pageant. As first runner-up in the Miss Gay Arizona contest held in Phoenix recently, Aviva Diamond is eligible to compete in the nationwide competition.

Aviva has always been ready and eager to help in the many benefit shows held in Tucson in recent years. He has been there when the different clubs needed his help with their fundraisers. He has been there for all of us to help raise money for AIDS research. He has helped out with MCC benefits, food bank drives, Christmas benefits and other benefits for various clubs and organizations.

Now, we in the community, have our chance to say thank you, and support him. By supporting Aviva, we are helping represent Tucson on a national level. Everyone is encouraged to show Aviva we appreciate him and are willing to support him. Watch the next issue of OBSERVER for additional details.

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## COMMUNITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE ENDS; TO JOIN WITH RENDEZVOUS LEAGUE

TUCSON - Five and one half years of the Community Mixed Bowling League came to an end this past week with the finish of the summer league. The league began in the fall of 1979 at the oldest bowling establishment in Tucson - Kegler Lanes. The league had to be moved from Kegler as there were not enough balls and rental shoes to accommodate all the bowlers. The league moved to Cactus Lanes and has been there ever since. At one point, the league had grown to fourteen teams.

During the last two seasons, the league was besieged with many problems including bowlers not showing up and leaving their teams owing large amounts of money. In fact, some teams just did not bother to show up at all on more than one occasion.

Over the years it has generally been the same small core group of people who have held office and organized the league. The last two remaining officers, Cathy Reigner and Jack Stocksager, at the end of the summer league, decided that they were burned out and would not organize the upcoming fall league. As these officers explained this to other bowlers, no one came forward willing to take on the task, which involves reserving the lanes at the bowling establishment, arranging for publicity, setting up and running the organizational meeting and performing the duties of an officer through the 36-week long season.

This league was one of the first attempts to establish alternative activities for Tucson Lesbians and Gay men outside of the bars. To say the least, the league was successful and did lead to a bowling team being sent from Tucson to compete in the Gay Games 1 in San Francisco in 1982. That team, by the way, finished 8th out of 24 international teams in those games.

The league also led the way for other organized Lesbian and Gay sports activities in Tucson including the volleyball league which plays for 12 weeks in the spring and fall; two Lesbian and Gay volleyball teams that play in a city league, a summer softball league that has completed its third season and another bowling league that this fall begins its second season.

The former officers of the Community Mixed Bowling League encourage the bowlers to join this new bowling league, sponsored by Rita's Rendezvous, which starts next Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 8:30 p.m. at Fiesta Lanes. Although this may mark the end of a tradition, it is hoped that it can be the beginning of a new era where more committed and responsible individuals can come forward in leadership roles.

Jack Stocksager

## AIDS FUNDRAISER

## AIMS FOR MILLION

LOS ANGELES, CA - Boosted by the success of last month's Walk for AIDS, which raised over \$600,000, and the publicity surrounding the announcement that Rock Hudson has AIDS, organizers of the Commitment To Life Fundraiser for AIDS on Sept. 19 are aiming to break the million-dollar mark.

Celebrities already scheduled to appear at the Century Plaza Hotel event include Elizabeth Taylor, Shirley MacLaine, Burt Lancaster, Burt Reynolds and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, as well as many others. Sam Harris will be among the performers providing entertainment, and former first lady Betty Ford will be presented the first Commitment To Life Award.

## DIANE SCHUUR LIVE IN CONCERT

TUCSON - After a five year hiatus, Diane Schuur is returning to Tucson to sing to an already devoted audience on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Temple of Music and Art. Schuur, a vocalist whose career is soaring, will mesmerize a lucky 900 people and remind them of a time when she sang throughout Tucson for almost two years. Miss Schuur was heard in several of the bistros on Grant Road [one of which is now Ruby's and another which is now Rita's Rendezvous]. She also sang at various activities on the UofA campus, radio, park concerts, etc.

Stan Getz will be performing with Schuur. Lately he has been working to further Miss Schuur's career by playing the proven master introducing the next great vocal giant to the world of mainstream jazz. With a series of appearances that has stretched from the East Room of the White House to the Hollywood Bowl; gigs with Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie and Stevie Wonder; assorted jazz festivals and a national tour and album promotion, Diane Schuur has finally arrived and is rightly assuming her place in the world of music. Recent collaboration with Dave Grusin, a prolific industry pro, has provided an excellent opportunity for Miss Schuur to hone her recording skills into a first-rate package.

The Temple of Music and Art is an upbeat white elephant noted for its acoustic design as well as its structural prettiness. This should allow the full range of Diane's technique to touch every inch of the house and still retain its signature intimacy.

Call it a sentimental journey, or a touch base with an old friend, but the city of Tucson is graced by a career moving full circle. A career and style whose roots may be planted in Seattle, has a few branches that grew in our desert sun. The opportunity to hear Diane Schuur and Stan Getz in this unique setting is probably this year's best offer in musical terms. A jazz feast of superior taste. Anyone who is interested in being transfixed by the sound of the human voice and a 'well tempered' instrument will be there.

by D.J.

## ANTI-GAY WHITE SUPREMACIST

## CONVICTED

FORT SMITH, AR (OKH) - The leader of a neo-Nazi group was convicted in Federal District Court here on charges stemming from arson attacks against a Jewish center and a Lesbian/Gay church, according to the New York Times.

James D. Ellison, founder and leader of the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, was found guilty in the 1983 burning of the Jewish Community Center in Bloomington, Indiana, and the burning of the Metropolitan Community Church in Springfield, Missouri, also in 1983.

## EXPANDED RIGHTS BILL INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-MA) has introduced a more comprehensive Gay/ Lesbian rights bill which would prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, access to public facilities, and federal funding, according to the Washington Blade. Previous bills introduced by Kerry's predecessor in the Senate, Paul Tsongas, only covered employment. The new bill has four co-sponsors: Edward Kennedy (D-MA); Alan Cranston (D-CA); Daniel Inouye (D-HI) and Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

The House version, which was introduced in January, has 65 co-sponsors and includes all the categories of the Senate bill except the ban on discrimination in public accommodations.

## MALE SECRETARY HELD IN SHIPBOARD DEATH



The Associated Press

## Robert Frisbee

by Larry Ryckman  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - An ocean cruise ended in death for a wealthy widow and in a jail cell for her long-time male companion, who claims to have been the lover of her late husband.

Robert Frisbee, 58, was held at the Hall of Justice in connection with the death of Muriel Barnett, 79, who died aboard the Norwegian cruise ship Royal Viking Star on Monday, Aug. 19. Frisbee was booked for investigation of homicide.

Mrs. Barnett was found dead in her \$17,500 penthouse suite on the ship after it left Victoria, British Columbia, on the last leg of an 11-day cruise. Frisbee, her personal secretary for nearly 20 years, shared the room aboard the 674-foot ship.

"He states he was in the adjacent bed and when he awoke she was on her knees with her head on her bed and there was blood," San Francisco Police homicide Inspector Carl Klotz said. U.S. Attorney Joseph Russonello said that federal authorities are investigating the case because the woman died on the high seas.

"I have no idea what happened," a tearful Frisbee said in a jailhouse interview. "I have no idea why they arrested me unless it was because I was the only one in the room." Frisbee said he and Mrs. Barnett, widow of prominent San Francisco lawyer Philip Barnett, had "a mother-and-son relationship." He claimed that he and Barnett had been homosexual lovers for years, but Mrs. Barnett never discussed the affair because "she was a lady," the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Mrs. Barnett was discovered by a ship's steward when he knocked on the suite's door about 6:45 p.m., police said. The steward told police that Frisbee answered the door and told him, "She's dead, she's dead," Klotz said.

Frisbee was arrested when the ship docked in San Francisco. The ship had left San Francisco Aug. 19 for a round-trip cruise to British Columbia and Alaska.

San Francisco Coroner Boyd Stephens said Mrs. Barnett died from "multiple blunt trauma to the head." An autopsy was to be performed, but results won't be known for more than a week, coroner's investigator Ed Love said.

Barnett, who developed and built in 1953 the fashionable Russian Hill apartment house he and his wife lived in, died last year, Frisbee said. The Barnett's had no children. "She was worth \$6.5 million," according to Frisbee. "I ought to know, I kept her books."

Frisbee said he and Mrs. Barnett traveled frequently aboard Royal Viking ships and they had dined at the captain's table every night on their recent cruise. "I did everything for her," he said. "She was all by herself except for me."

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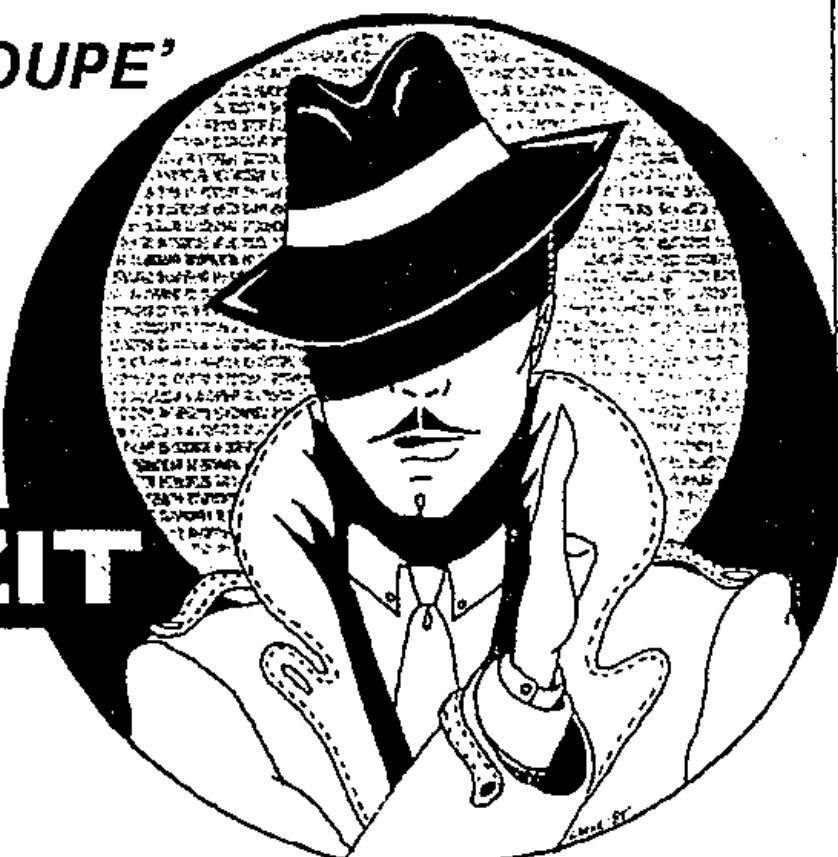
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## OUT ON THE TOWN

### STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Well, Jza Jza is at it again, or not, shall we say. If it can wait til the last minute it will. Even if there's no midnight oil to burn, she'll find some type of fuel to burn.

Seems Stunt Malibu Christi is taking a little rest. She hasn't been out since the last Tupperware affair at that fashionless Pink Shadows Estate on the northwest part of town a few weeks ago. Speaking of scarce appearances, oh where, oh where is Blanche O'hara? She hasn't been seen or heard from since she rescued Totie from that leaning pole of Phoenix. Blanche, speak to us! Toasted Totie found all those unwanted pounds that had been lost. Maybe they'll just run away again soon. Do you think that might work for Miss Randa Jons? Time should tell. Any more trips to Benson lately Miss Jons? Speaking of Benson, seems Bisbee might be a popular place to be soon. Let us know what you learn Miss June. Miss Mae was asked if she wanted to go to Bisbee this week. Somehow the Salt River was unexpectedly introduced to the Wonder Bar. A momento must be retrieved from Bisbee. We'll see how that comes off, or goes on - it already came off.

Sad to say, Macho Man has sold out. That fashionable Westside foothills manor has regrettably been sold. Whatever will Miss Mae do on her days off? What will become of Magic Fingers Madge? Miss Mae should stay home for a change. Her children hardly recognize her anymore. They only see her late at night when she finally comes crawling home and early morning taking J.W. home. J.W. never knew early mornings existed except for sleeping. Wake up J.W. Where's home?

Guess Madge is going back to the roost for a couple of weeks for a little R & R. Then she plans to make it out to the Ponderosa. Rumor has it she's been asked to become a member of Le Farwest. In the meantime, Macho Man has decided Central is best. (The bars are all much closer).

Well, Miss Pittman has finally done it, or is that again? Never-the-

less, it's off to Rio for a quick wedding and then to Mexico for a short honeymoon. Nice catch Miss Jane. Oh, by the way, whatever happened to Jimmie and that midstream exchange student?

Squeaky Sue, we never knew! A hash slinging, champagne swigging star has been born. You should have told us you nerd!

Well, Harpidious, what happened? Did you rent a wheelbarrow for that last move or what? Miss Mae offered something substantially larger but be careful. Next time you may not want what she has to offer. Keep in touch Polly.

Remember who Mae, who tries, who might and who will.

Fan Mail TO: Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club; Le Far West Region, P.O. Box 2704, Tucson, AZ 85702

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prevailed in western culture for the past seven centuries."

But Judge Irving Goldberg, a member of the three-judge panel that ruled last year, said in the main dissent Monday, "If ever there was a constitutional right to privacy, Texas has violated it by blatantly intruding into the private sex lives of fully consenting adults."

The legal fight over the constitutionality of the law started in 1979 when Donald F. Baker of Dallas, a homosexual, said it threatened his job. U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer struck down the sodomy law.

That decision was appealed by Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill, later supported by the Doctors Against AIDS.

#### Ask The Doctor.....

by Peter Beebe, Ph. D.

When I say I am a homosexual, I make a statement about my sexual orientation and lifestyle. To be Gay or Lesbian in this culture implies I am different and, inevitably, I make choices about how I will handle being different.

These choices depend in great part on how I think and feel about my difference. My choices may be conscious; i.e., I may say I am comfortable with being Gay but all my friends are heterosexual. My choices influence my life; they determine, if I will be sufficiently satisfied. It is often my unconscious choices and, in particular, the way I make them as opposed to the content of the choice, which most affect the quality of my living..

Research tells us that same-sexual orientation is established early in life, well before the second year if not intrauterine. This suggests that those of us who are Gay and Lesbian start our lives being different. This same research indicates we are aware that "something is different about me" much before adolescence - perhaps as young as four or five.

This is not a verbalized awareness; the five-year-old does not say, in his/her mind or to others, "I am different". Most persons reporting early awareness of difference state that they had no language for their difference, they just "felt" different.

Current Gay and Lesbian psychological thinking proposes that it is this early awareness of difference which influences behavior, and not behavior which influences the choice of sexual orientation; i.e., a young boy becomes sexually involved with an older male because of the felt awareness of difference. It is not the sexual involvement which "makes" the boy turn out Gay. From early in our lives, then, we have made our choices about who we are and how we will live, out of "feeling" different.

Making choices for my life out of feeling different is not the same as making choices for my life out of feeling essentially like everyone else. For example, a child who "feels different" may work hard to be "the same". A boy may choose to "enjoy" baseball in order to be like the other boys. He may choose to ignore the physical and emotional signals which say "I don't like this sport," and go ahead with the game.

Sooner or later, this choice is learned well and becomes a habit: I can ignore what my body tells me I don't like and go ahead and perform anyway. This habit may be so thoroughly practiced that it becomes unavailable to the everyday awareness of the young boy, now grown into a man.

If a child learns early and thoroughly to handle being different by denying it and being like others, the use of denial may generalize; the child grows into an adult who is active and involved, but isn't satisfied with his activity and involvement. He does not know how to learn from himself what makes him feel good. He has become a constricted adult as a result of learning a particular way (here, denial of handling being different).

Adult enjoyment of life is inextricably linked to the choices made regarding being different. Coming out is the process of consciously recognizing and wrestling with my homosexuality. I must make conscious choices regarding how I will be Gay or Lesbian, recognizing there may be more yet out of my awareness which affects my living. Coming out is a life-long process; its alternatives are the varieties of depression and despair.

Gay Peoples Chronicle

## COUNSELING CONCEPTS

### RETREAT!

Webster says, "An act or process of withdrawing especially from what is difficult, dangerous or disagreeable." Do we practice such tactics? Do we ignore or run away from situations? The answer is: "Yes, of course we do!" The real question is for how long and for what purpose?

Some person's retreated long ago and have never come back. It occurs in people's minds and also by physically removing themselves from society. The rich can afford to be the recluse while the poor cannot, but do very often. The retreats people take happen in all kinds of areas. People can and do retreat from anything that threatens who they are. It can be love, other relationships, stress of dealing with fears and so the list goes on. The constant could may be a person who's retreated from someone or something and this is the means they've chosen. Lifelong retreats can be the most damaging to those that surround the person. The individual themselves doesn't grow. Is a life being fulfilled? Permanent retreats are not viewed as rewarding or healthy.

What about temporary retreats? The stress and strain of the job is getting to you, a lot of decisions have to be made and you go and take a day off. "Now what do you think you're doing?" When the pressure builds up why not get away for the afternoon, day or weekend? Go into another world for awhile; the space will oftentimes give you the breathing space you need to go back and make some right decisions. My spouse and I did that recently. The pressures were building and he and I needed to be together so we retreated. We left Arizona for awhile to some strange land where no one had ever been before. We were alone together and we could be whomever we wanted to be - ourselves. We climbed rocks, and played in the cool stream water. We divorced ourselves from that world out there for awhile.

The purpose is to take a breather, relax, and recharge. The purpose is not to drop anything and should not be used for such purposes. A support group is a good place to retreat and take care of such kinds of things. We in the Gay and Lesbian community need to retreat from the non-Gay world at times. As you may have noticed it's not always pro us. Sometimes that retreat is our homes. There we can be ourselves with no restrictions. We can have friends in, enjoy the company of others on a like basis. That is refreshing and should be an encouragement as to what we can work for in the future in society at large.

Retreat? Sure it's okay, but don't make it permanent.

Paul W. Religie  
for Counseling Concepts - Tucson

### NORTH CAROLINA SHELVES BAN ON GAY STUDENT CLUBS

DURHAM, NC (CCN) - The Higher Education Committee of the North Carolina Legislature, despite dire warnings that the state might suffer an AIDS plague, voted overwhelmingly to shelve a proposed ban on Gay and Lesbian student clubs at public universities.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Michael Decker, was sent to a sub-committee where it is not likely to be heard from again.

The bill would have stopped the University of North Carolina system from officially recognizing Lesbian and Gay clubs. Official recognition would give clubs the right to use university buildings and apply for student activity funds. According to education officials, the ban would be unconstitutional.

Speaking of "future dangers" (presumably an AIDS epidemic and possible repeal of North Carolina's sodomy laws), Decker claimed that official recognition of Gay clubs would be "aiding and abetting a felony" because homosexual acts are presently illegal in North Carolina.

Rep. Micheaux compared that reasoning to trying to stop the civil rights movement at a time when it was illegal for Blacks to have the same social status as whites.

by Marie Godwin - CCN



## AIDS STRAIN HITS PATIENTS AND DOCTORS TOO

ED NOTE: The following article by Carla McClain appeared in the Thursday, August 15th issue of the Tucson Daily Citizen. It's descriptions of people who have contracted AIDS are particularly graphic. We understand that many people are getting tired of hearing and reading about AIDS and wish to put their 'head in the sand' hoping the whole mess would go away.

It is our hope that by presenting this article here at this time, we make the message loud and clear that AIDS is a horrible disease that is not going away for a long, long time, and if preventative measures are not taken immediately by every member of the Gay community, the results could and probably will be catastrophic.

There is good and safe sex. Practice it now. Call your Tucson AIDS Project Hotline 792-3772 for more information on how to protect yourself against Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Don't become a statistic. We're not kidding. It's a killer!

"Many of them cry. But they almost always have suspected it, even though they tried to deny it. It is a completely heartbreaking thing to have to tell a young person. I cry too."

A Tucson physician who treats AIDS patients

by Carla McClain  
TUCSON - The deaths are horrible.

At the end, their bodies and minds are utterly wasted. They are emaciated, lethargic. They won't eat and they sleep a lot. They can't care for themselves. They don't care anymore.

They just give up, and they die. They have AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Four years after this killer first was discovered, AIDS remains largely a mysterious disease. AIDS is caused by a virus that wrecks the human immune system. Many people carry the virus and never will get AIDS.

AIDS is spread through blood, semen and maybe saliva. It started mostly among promiscuous Gay men, at least in this country, but now is spreading to heterosexual men and women. People are terrified of AIDS because it is always fatal. There is no known cure.

"We can't deal with this disease," said Dr. Leonard Fleber, an infectious disease specialist at Thomas-Davis Clinic. "The immune system is gone. We've never been able to bring it back. We just try to put out the fires, keep the patient on his feet and out of the hospital as long as possible, until the end."

The young Tucson doctor has been treating AIDS patients since 1981, when the disease was first diagnosed. At that time, he was in San Francisco, one of the cities where AIDS became epidemic. There, he saw about 35 of its victims. All of them now are dead. Since he moved to Tucson, Fleber has treated five patients with AIDS (only 19 have been diagnosed in Pima County), most of them Gay men, but also one woman who he thinks got the disease through a transfusion of contaminated blood. Only two of those five patients are still alive.

In the wake of recent studies raising the possibility of AIDS spreading through the general population, and after tremendous publicity generated by movie star Rock Hudson's case, Fleber agreed to talk about the frustration and grief of dealing with the disease.

"If we've learned one thing, it is to be aggressive in treating these patients. It is worth it," he said. "We can get them back out in the world, working, living, at least most of the time. We don't take even a little cough for granted. We diagnose it, treat it, give it the best drugs, try to control the infections, all the pathogens preying on AIDS patients. That way they can have a better quality of life, while they have life."

Fleber is medically aggressive  
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## Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

A political forum is being planned for this fall on a Sunday in late September or early October. We are attempting to reserve the film, "The Times Of Harvey Milk" to be shown as an impetus for discussion and dialogue between Lesbians, Gays and political and government officials to hopefully include candidates for the upcoming city council elections. An interesting question for discussion could be what rights does a person with AIDS have if they find themselves discriminated against in Tucson. That issue has been debated by other city councils across the country.

The Committee is also looking into purchasing prophylactics and determining where and how to distribute them. It is our hope that other organizations and businesses will assist us so that an ongoing supply can be established. Along the same line, we are also considering new ways to provide funding for the Arizona Aids Fund Trust. Currently, the one dollar a month donation from customers at bars is not happening in Tucson. It has been suggested that possibly each bar could collect twenty-five cents as a donation per person, at the door on every Saturday night. We will be proposing that to the bar owners.

An ice cream social is also being planned as a fundraiser to possibly happen in conjunction with the opening day of the fall volleyball league at the Joshua Tree. The proceeds from that would go to offset the expenses of the upcoming fall activities such as the political forum and purchasing of prophylactics.

Other projects that are being worked on by the Committee include a quarterly newsletter, developing a speakers bureau, publication of our resource guide this fall and planning for a Halloween Ball.

We are again proud to announce that we have received another check from the Arizona Daily Star employees as a charitable donation for TLGPC. This is the first and only corporation

in Tucson whose employees donate to us on a quarterly basis.

As I am out and about in Tucson, I hear fellow Lesbians and Gays complain about a lack of things to do outside of going to the bars. When I hear those comments I always suggest in a friendly way that these people should get involved with TLGPC and help us plan more constructive activities and then tell them when the next meeting is. For some reason, these people never show up. It seems to me that many of us enjoy complaining and then expect others to plan and organize activities for us. Well, those of us who do the planning and organizing are getting worn out. If some new energy does not come forward soon, some very important activities may just cease to exist and then I will be complaining to all of those who have complained to me in the past.

I hope to see some new faces at our next meeting on September 3rd at 6:30 pm. at Ruby's.

### NEW SUPPORTS GAY PARENTS

NEW ORLEANS, LA - Reacting to new policies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire designed to prevent Gay men and Lesbians from being foster parents, the national convention of the National Organization for Women (NOW) passed a resolution supporting Gay men and Lesbians as parents. Two other proposals calling for a media campaign to combat right-wing anti-Gay attacks and another calling for strong efforts to combat AIDS will be voted on by the NOW Board of Directors at later meetings according to the Washington Blade.

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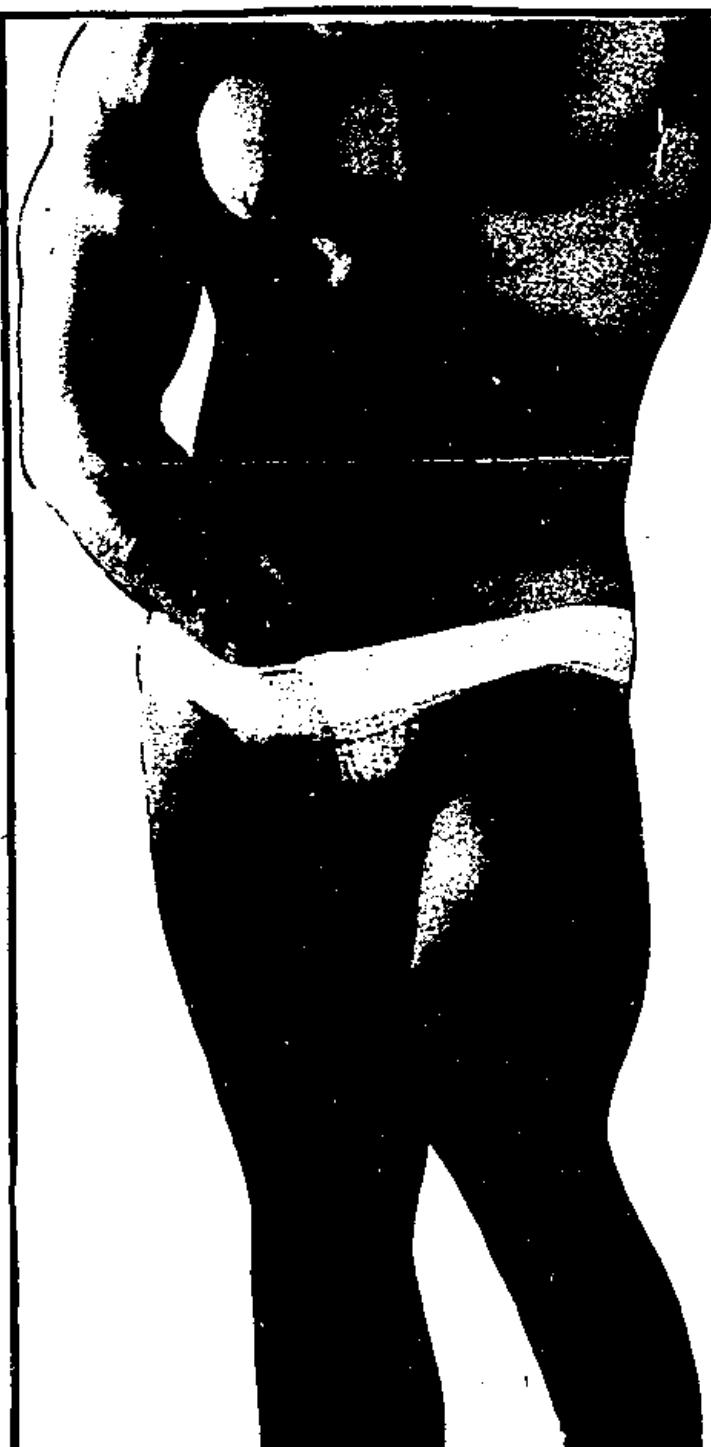
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**Lunden - Chanell - Goldberg  
Show A Smash**

On Sunday, August 25, Rita's Rendezvous presented their monthly "extravaganza" which this time featured the varied talents of Producer and Show Director Christi Lunden; the very beautiful and vivacious Coco Chanell and the ever popular comedic talents of Cissy Goldberg from Phoenix.

A packed house again, witnessed a very diversified show of mixed, but blended talents of the three star performers, as well as the dancing of Gary who did an admirable job of stripping for the delighted audience.

Lunden, who heads Penguin Productions has obviously done it again as the evening's performance ran to perfection. A fine mix of tempos, songs and costuming by this popular and multi-talented performer.

flowers, gifts and large financial contributions as well - all of which she richly deserved.

The highlight of the evening was the appearance of comic Cissy Goldberg. Long a favorite of Phoenix audiences, Goldberg made her last appearance in Tucson about a year ago. Coming on stage in what could be described as a potato sack with sequins, Goldberg began her routine talking to her audience with a barbed wit that Tucson has not seen in a long time. Goldberg's fast-paced comedic style kept the audience in stitches throughout the entire 40-minute routine which covered nearly everything from Penny's degree in "Homosexuality" to Candas' operation or MCC's Annie being questioned about douching, to Mother's Against Drunk Drivers.

A truly hilarious routine with a little something for everyone kept the packed house in gales of laughter. All we can hope that it won't be another year before Cissy Goldberg comes back to Tucson. [ED NOTE: Is that OK Keith?]

Penguin Productions announced that its September show will feature the ever-large talents of Tish Tanner. Watch for date and time for this 'big' event.

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## NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

This past week has been a busy one for all of the Board Members and the different Committees. Now that MCC/Tucson has taken the big step in deciding to purchase their own building, the planning, the scheduling and the decisions are being formulated to bring this dream to a reality. It is going to take the work and cooperation of each member of the church to bring this to a finalization when the first service will be held in a facility that we can call our own. There are many far-reaching possibilities being considered as well as the immediate process of securing the building and moving in. If you are interested in these happenings, why not join us to learn how a dedicated group can do the seemingly impossible.

A correction must be made to last week's interview with Marcy. It was reported that Marcy is mother of a son - well, it just happens that Marcy is the mother of three children and two grandchildren. And a very proud mother and grandmother she is, too. Marcy very graciously accepted the error, but this writer still feels the sticky egg on his face.

Sunday, Sept. 8, will be Rally Sunday for MCC/Tucson. This is the day for all members, former members and future members to rally to the Church to proclaim their faith in God. Regular morning services will begin at 10:45 a.m. with a Pot-Luck Lunch following. Pot-Luck Lunch should start around 1:00 p.m. [depending]. At the 6:30 p.m. service there will be a musical program to brighten your spirits and to lighten your burdens. Plan now to attend these services, to greet old friends and to meet new friends.

Thought for the week: What is the most universal word in all languages? Okay, what is it? Okay.

Dear Blabby

DEAR BLABBY:

Is it possible that a person can turn into trash, right before your eyes? The other night, I was at the Back Pocket with a few friends and we sat and watched a boy turn to garbage. There was this girl that worked as a dancer at some bar and from the looks of her she wasn't into tap or ballet [if you know what I mean]. Anyway, the boy, [bluey, or something like that] decided that he was going to fly straight for awhile and ended up asking this girl home. They made it as far as the parking lot, where things got a little "ahead" of themselves [ya know].

My friends and I left the bar and discovered that this steamy little couple had decided to go with us to my friends house for a swim. That was no problem for us at first, but once we got to the house, trash boy strikes again. The two of them hadn't been in the pool more than five minutes when he decides he wants to hop into bed with the guy that rents my friends guest house. So, off they go, leaving me with the "boochie coochie girl" who, at this point, is not too pleased. She had come there for sex and by God she was going to get some, from anyone, and guess who has handy at the time. Right - me.

To make a long story short, we finally got her out of the place at some late hour [with my honor still intact] and the trashy boy went off on his way. My question is why would this girl go to a Gay bar to look for straight sex and why would a Gay boy try going for it only to jump on the first man that comes along instead? signed Disillusioned Della

Dear Della -

Lots of girls go to Gay bars to look at the boys (face it, we're lots neater and much better looking). In some circles they are called "fug hogs" (not very complimentary, but sometimes very fitting). As for why a Gay boy would go for it, well, perhaps too many cocktails. Did you say his name was bluey? Are you sure it wasn't Louie? That would answer all the questions, it is no problem for that tramp to turn to trash.

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## ARIZONA AIDS VICTIMS FIND NURSING HOMES OFF LIMITS TO THEM

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In Pima County, eight of the 19 AIDS cases reported have ended in death. AIDS has claimed the lives of about half of the 12,000 people diagnosed as having it nationwide. In view of the disease's long incubation period - up to five years - the numbers are expected to continue climbing.

Because no nursing home in Pima County was willing to accept them, at least two AIDS patients in Tucson have died in hospitals after being diagnosed as terminally ill, said Michael Heimbuch of the Tucson AIDS Project. vain attempts have been made to admit AIDS patients to long-term care facilities in Phoenix as well, he said.

"People freak out when you even mention admitting an AIDS patient," said Susan McCombie of the Pima County Health Department's communicable disease division. Some nursing home and hospice administrators say they have neither facilities nor staff to accommodate AIDS patients. Heimbuch said others fear that the stigma of AIDS would upset other patients and cause the homes to lose business.

Gayle Lagman, executive director of Friendship Village nursing home in Tempe and president of the Arizona Nursing Home Association, said long-term-care facilities in the state cannot accept patients with infectious diseases. "We are caring for a very vulnerable age group where immunity is down, and we have to protect them from the infectious diseases that they have," Lagman said. "My feeling is that nursing homes should take stabilized patients, and those with acute infectious processes going on are not stable patients. There is a big scare going on about AIDS. I don't like to discriminate against anyone, but I also don't want to jeopardize the people who are already here."

A policy recently released by the state health department, however, says AIDS patients should be admitted to long-term-care under the appropriate circumstances.

"As I see it, there is no good reason for a nursing home to refuse to accept an AIDS patient when a doctor recommends it, as long as they are able to comply with proper infection-control procedures," Engleider said. "Long-term-care facilities are not really designed to care for people with contagious diseases," said Jim Murphy, director of the Pima County Health Department's division of aging and health services. "Not many of them have a special isolation area, and they are not staffed or educated to deal with someone who has a communicable disease."

The environment would also be less than ideal for "a 20 to 40 year old man," Engleider said. "A terminal AIDS patient is not your typical nursing-home resident. But if they have nowhere to go, I'd rather see them in a nursing home. It's certainly not appropriate for a patient to have to stay in an acute-care hospital serving as a nursing home."

Susan Rusek, director of hospice and home care at St. Mary's Hospital, said some combination of acute care, home care and hospice is probably most appropriate for people suffering from AIDS. "We are still going round and round" on whether AIDS patients should be admitted to the hospice, she said. St. Mary's does provide training classes to people who will be caring for people with AIDS in the home, she said.

AIDS patients also face financial problems, officials pointed out. Most insurance companies - including the state's health plan for the indigent, which some AIDS patients have qualified for - fail to cover long-term care. In Arizona, counties are responsible for funding such care for poor people, but only if patients need it for 90 days or more, which most AIDS patients do not. The Arizona AIDS Fund Trust in Phoenix and the Tucson AIDS Project, private trusts, have helped foot the bills of several AIDS patients who were cared for at home after leaving the hospital.

Across the country, health officials are struggling with some of the same questions as Arizona authorities, Engleider said. Hospitals in some cities where the disease has reached epidemic

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proportions have set up special wards for treatment of AIDS patients. Engleider said members of the Phoenix-based AIDS task force are considering a variety of moves, including more group homes dedicated to the care of people suffering from AIDS. Some nursing homes may be asked to set aside several beds in a separate part of their facilities, he said.

Murphy said he has asked his long-term-care staff to develop a plan for AIDS patients. Currently, even the county nursing home would probably not accept someone with AIDS, he said. Fear and confusion about AIDS is rampant, even among health professionals, he noted. Several months ago, he said, county officials had problems rounding up staff members to assess an AIDS patient for possible admission to the nursing home, Murphy said.

"It seems that every day some medical expert comes out with a different view or theory about AIDS," he said. "Until the medical community agrees on the causes and transmission of AIDS, the public at large is going to be standoffish to AIDS patients. I can't see the day in the near future when every long-term-care facility in town admits AIDS patients, but we have an obligation to look at this."

GAY VETS OPPOSE  
HTLV-III TESTING

WASHINGTON, DC - Spokespersons for the Gay Veterans Association, the National Gay Task Force and Lambda Legal Defense Fund have told the Department of Defense (DOD) that they oppose the use of the HTLV-III antibody test for general screening of military personnel.

The DOD has asked the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, a civilian advisory board composed of medical experts, to study the possibility of instituting such a program.

In similar letters to the DOD quoted in the Washington Blade, Jeff Levi of the National Gay Task Force and Tim Sweeny of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund said, "It is inappropriate to use this test as a screen for members of groups at increased risk for AIDS in the general population."

"The antibody test was developed to screen blood," they continued. "To apply it in other areas without scientific basis will give some a false sense of security and violate the privacy rights of others."

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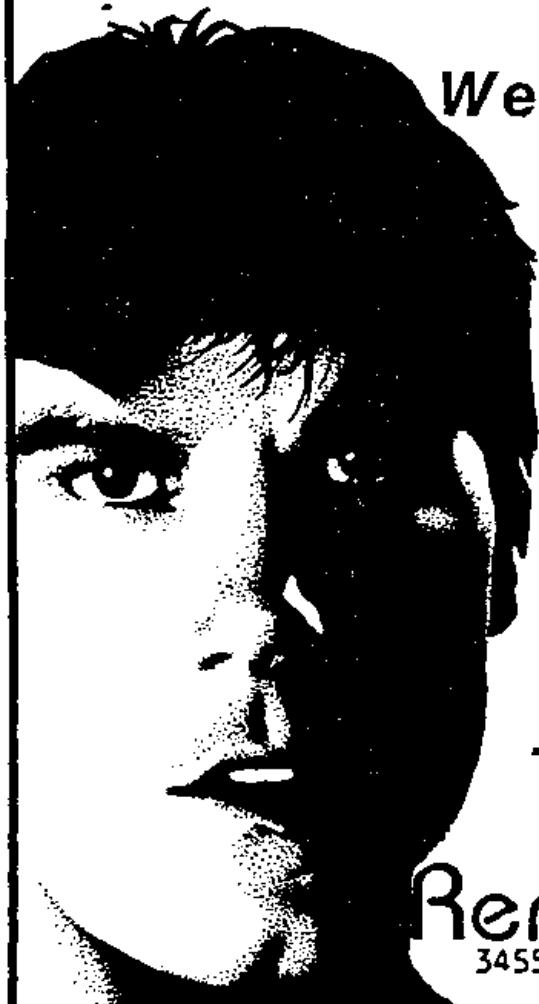
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even with apparently healthy Gay patients; with any unmarried male patient, for that matter. "Now I ask them outright if they are Gay, if they belong to any group at high risk for AIDS," he said. "You risk offending some people that way, but if you explain why, people are very tolerant."

Fieber figures it takes about two years after a person first starts feeling "lousy" for AIDS to kill its victims. "Usually a person comes into the office because he hasn't been feeling well for awhile," said Fieber. "He may be having fevers, may have lost about 20 pounds in the past six months, he feels lousy, fatigued, tired all the time, and maybe he's short of breath. Almost always they suspect they have AIDS, though they often try to deny it."

Once AIDS is diagnosed - by the finding of the virus in the blood and the presence of one or more opportunistic infections in the body that the immune system normally would have conquered - the patient is told. The reaction to such devastating news ranges from "deep depression to marked anger," said Dr. Eskild A. Petersen, an infectious disease specialist at University Medical Center who has been involved in the treatment of some 15 AIDS patients here, about half of whom are still alive.

"Incredible things go through their minds" added Fieber. "It is bizarre and very sad, completely heartbreaking. Here they are dying, because they simply have expressed their sexual freedom, and preference - their human freedom, really. I feel guilt as their doctor. How could I diagnose this fatal disease in a young person? It's a terrible thing to lay on someone."

From then on, it's marathon of infection after infection, problem after problem, as the depleted immune system loses battle after battle with the pathogens found in the everyday environment. AIDS patients suffer from pneumocystis pneumonia, cytomegalovirus, raging valley fever, Kaposi's sarcoma, Burkitt's lymphoma, toxoplasmosis, histoplasmosis and a myriad of other "bugs" they can't fight off. Sometimes they have several diseases at the same time.

"In general, we just attack one problem at a time," said Petersen. "Sometimes we can prevent these things from recurring. But basically, we deal with the infection as fast as we can, and get ready for the next one. Finally the patient responds less and less to the onslaught of medications. They waste away, their bodies in total defeat."

One Tucson AIDS victim, who recently died, was unable to tolerate the drugs to treat toxoplasmosis, while he also was fighting valley fever that had spread throughout his body, attacking his brain and resulting in meningitis. Plagued with severe headaches, he refused to eat. "In the end, there was nothing to be done for him," said Fieber.

While there have been reports elsewhere of rebellions among nurses and other medical staff against dealing with AIDS patients, no such thing has occurred here, both doctors said. "People just want to do the best for the patient, they don't want the patient to be self-conscious, or to add to his emotional problems," said Fieber. "But they are afraid. They want to be reassured, to know what preventive precautions they can take in handling the patient. For the most part, the nurses and others have been sympathetic, professional, open-minded, willing to work."

Actually, AIDS patients require no special treatment precautions except in the handling of their blood or other secretions, or when using respirators. Then, gloves, gowns and masks are used, the doctors explained. Both doctors realize that their own constant and close contact with this disease may put them at somewhat higher risk for it, although there is no hard evidence anywhere that has happened yet, Petersen stressed.

"You have to take care of your fellow man, that is my job," he said. "Infectious diseases are my speciality, there is always risk. You can't be nervous about that, or you wouldn't do it. Although Fieber's wife worries a little about his exposure, he does not. "It doesn't

even enter my head," he said. "I wish I had more of these patients. I feel very sympathetic toward them. I understand this disease, and I want to maintain the quality of their lives as much as possible."

"Medically, these doctors aim to help their patients, if not heal them. Personally, they aim to fight society's growing paranoia about AIDS and the people it strikes."

"The major point is that AIDS is not casually transmitted," said Petersen. "You can touch these people, live with them, be friends, be close. Not understanding this is what causes such a strong reaction against these very unfortunate people."

**Club**



**Events**

by Doc

Tonight is the last scheduled Club Appreciation Night at the Graduate. It proved to be interesting because the only two clubs showing up regularly were the T-Squares and TALL. In my column last week, I stated that I hoped to print a retraction this week because of better club support. Well, as luck would have it I praised the T-Squares for being the only club to show up in force weekly, but not last week. Would you believe they were the only club not represented last week. There was even one member of the Great Outdoors on hand. Ben and Annie waved the colors for SOS. It was good to see them getting back into the swing of things again.

I hear the SOS and MCC are teaming up for a bake sale on Sept. 27 at the Graduate. I hope the goodies are as good as the last time and you can bet if they have banana bread again, I'll be the first in line! I also hear TALL is having another of their famous dinners at the Graduate on Sept. 29. See, at least two of Tucson's clubs do have fun and use the hospitality of the Graduate. When will we see a club function at Rumor Hazzit?

One correction from last week's column. The Rita's Rendezvous Bowling League will be starting September 4. You do not have to contact Penny about your shirt sizes. She will be getting that during the first night's bowling party.

Also, The Graduate is having a special benefit show to raise travelling expenses for Avivia Diamond so she can get to Indianapolis and compete in the Miss Gay America Pageant. The benefit will be on Sunday, Sept. 8. I surely hope that all the clubs will get behind this benefit for a person who has continually given her talent to raise funds for numerous other organizations - Good luck in Indianapolis Aviva.

I've got a couple of THIS's but I'll let Tom S., Ray D., Hopi, Bill N., Roger B., Rob at the Congress and a few more off the hook this week. I'm saving them so watch out. See everyone next week and I hope everyone has a great Labor Day Weekend.

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TLCPC - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee - 3111 E. Limerlost. 8143, Tucson, AZ 85719. 293-3515. Meets 2nd Monday of the month. Call for location.  
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BLACK MALE, 25, 6'1", 158 lbs. Brown eyes, black hair. Computer Programmer, Fashion Model. Would like to correspond with white males 20-35 in the Tucson area for friendship. I will be visiting Tucson frequently during the coming months. Write: Lorenzo Smith, 701 Montana Ave., #427, El Paso, Texas 79902. 58

## NOTICES

WITNESSES SOUGHT  
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GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL has over 90 resources for Gay men and Lesbians in Tucson. Call 792-3772

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THE ARIZONA LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE, your organization aimed at furthering human rights, education and networking with other national and local organizations, invites you to participate. Come and attend our meetings and input your ideas. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings: Every Monday. Membership: \$10 per year. Contact: Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard (7 p.m. - 11 p.m.) 234-2752 or write P.O. Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281.

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLCPC) meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call 293-3515 for location. Everyone welcome.

## NOTICES

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (Second Floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

SENIOR GAYS (Over 40). If interested in joining a new group, call Russ at 795-7180 Tucson.

TUCSON GAY MEN'S CHORUS now meeting every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. If you like to sing, please join us. We practice at MCC, 560 S. Stone. We are not church affiliated, but appreciate using the church for practice.

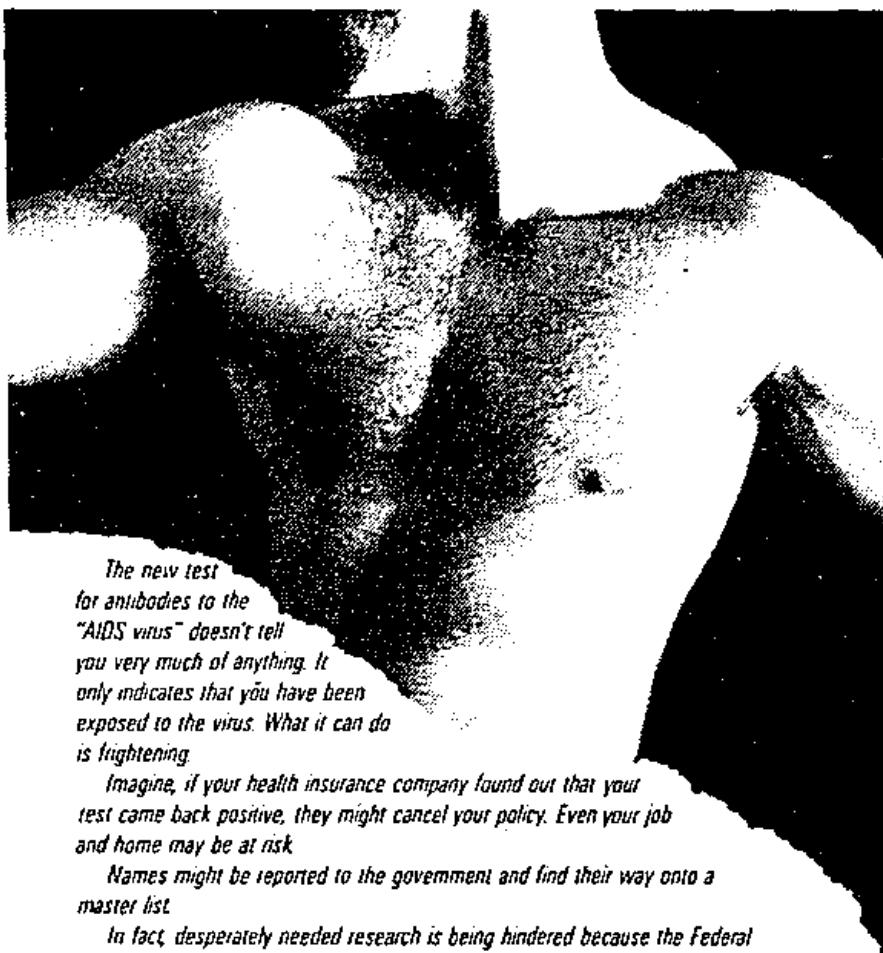
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GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. AT MCC, 560 S. Stone. For more information call 792-3772

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## A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

### MEN, WOMEN, EARRINGS, AND THE PENGUIN ON THE TV SET

There is one subject which seems to come up at the most unusual times: this is, of course, earrings. Who wears them, and why.

I always thought that men who wore a single, discreet earring were just so handsome. They were cool. A simple diamond stud, or a thin wire loop just turned me on to no end.

For the longest time I had wanted to get my ear pierced, but I didn't want to until I found the **PENGUIN** earring to wear. Those four, unsightly, dangling earrings were right out, and a stud just didn't look right. One night, when I was at Studio West in San Francisco, I saw this gorgeous man walk in. He was so cool, I thought I was going to die. I was too shy to walk up to him and meet him, but I was not [no way!] too shy to go over and stand a few feet away from him. The closer I got the better he looked, [which is not always the case] and I saw that he was wearing a single, thin-wire gold earring in his left ear. Well, I just died. I also found the earring style I knew would look best on me.

So, the next day, [note the smooth transition...] I went to my next door neighbor and told her I was going to get my ear pierced, but I didn't know anywhere near that did it. She offered to take me to Hilltop where she had hers pierced.

I was so excited! I knew I would have to wait several weeks before I could wear the earring of my choice, so I figured I had time to find a gold loop.

I got to the shop, and was immediately faced with a problem: which ear was I to have pierced? I asked someone a few weeks back, and was told that Gay men pierced their left ears. Another someone told me that Gay men pierced their right ears. Which was right?

Finally, I was told this: Originally, back in the sea-faring days, sailors pierced their right ears and later, Gay men began to pierce their left ears to show that they were Gay, without being confused for sailors. [The whole thing is still confusing to me now....]

I think after years of us having

a single ear pierced, non-Gay men thought "How cool!" and began to have a single ear pierced. They -- I guess -- had no idea which ear was which, and just chose the left or the right. I think this is how the whole system got messed up.

So now, years later, [two years ago last March 13th, to be exact] I still only have one ear pierced, but I see all kinds of men with a single pierced ear. And then of course there are those men and women with a couple dozen earrings in either or both ears which really messes things up.

I was told that women -- who usually have both ears pierced once -- had a second earring in the left ear if they are lesbian. Is this true? I have tried to count them on some Lesbian women, or notice a difference, and have had no luck whatever.

Then, in mixed clubs -- Straight and Gay mixed -- I see so many men -- who I would guess to be Straight -- with a single earring in the left ear. This also tends to mess things up a bit.

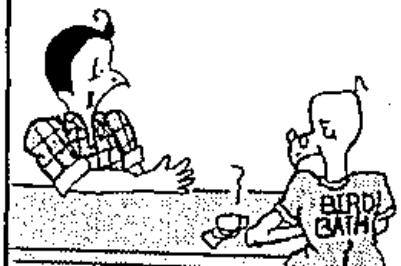
Well, for now, I will stay with my single pierced left ear, and hope for the best.

A couple of people have inquired recently about my penguin facts, and whether or not there was any meaning to them. Actually, yes... Being a gentleman, I cannot explain, here, just what the meaning is, but the person who needs to know the meaning, already does, which brings me to:

**Penguin Fact Number Four:** Penguins are marsupials who live exclusively on the continent of Australia. They have large hind feet, strong hind limbs and tail. Normally quadrupedal, they rise to a bipedal stance when moving quickly, progressing in huge leaps. The tail in true penguins is heavily built, and can serve for balance, and may also be used as a prop during fighting, when a penguin can kick with both hind feet together. Female penguins have a pouch in which the young are raised. Penguins are herbivorous. A diverse group, penguins include the true penguins, wallabies, tree penguins and rat penguins.

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