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\$3 Million settlement in Gay employment rights case

LOS ANGELES, CA - National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) has announced that an agreement has been reached providing the largest single financial settlement in the history of the Gay rights movement. A three million dollar fund will be established by Pacific Bell to benefit a class of plaintiffs in the nation's largest and longest running anti-Gay employment discrimination lawsuit, 'Gay Law Students Association v. Pacific Tel. & Tel. Company'.

The record setting settlement concludes an 11-year battle which also produced a landmark California Supreme Court decision, in May 1979, protecting Lesbian and Gay men against job discrimination in the state of California.

The suit was filed in June of 1975 when several individuals had been forced to leave their position or were rejected for employment or promotion, at Pacific Bell, because they are Gay. It was later learned that Pacific Bell had a specific policy, approved at the highest level of management, forbidding the employment of "manifest homosexuals" and that Gay applicants were systematically rejected by labeling their job application: "Code 48 - Homosexual".

In announcing the landmark settlement, NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary said, "This precedent setting three million dollar settlement should make it clear to all employers, large or small, that the days of 'Code 48' discrimination are gone. Employers should now know that the Gay and Lesbian communities of this country have the strength and the ability to win in the courts. We will hold employers accountable for any acts of discrimination against members of our community, and we will win."

"We are pleased that Pacific Bell has said it has eliminated the policies, procedures and management philosophies which created discrimination against Gay men and women."

O'Leary added, "In the light of the recent United States Supreme Court decision in *Hardwick*, which upheld a state sodomy law, this settlement takes on an even greater importance. Even in an environment of repression and hostility, NGRA is challenging those who seek to discriminate against us, and we are winning."

NGRA Legal Director, Leonard Graff, spoke of the significance of the settlement by saying, "There must be no more Code 48s on the job applications of Gay people. We have spent many years of long, hard legal work to set a Supreme Court precedent and to assure compensation to those who were the victims of discrimination. As a public interest law firm, we are winning, and we will continue to be successful."

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LA NOCHE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tis the night before Christmas

And all through the casa

Not a creature is stirring.

Caramba! Que pasa?

The stockings are hanging con mucho cuidado

In hope that St. Nicholas will feel obligado

To leave a few cosas aqui y alli

Por chico y chica (y something por me).

Los Ninos are snuggled all safe in their camas

Some in vestidos and some in pajamas

Their little cabezas all full of good things

They all esperando que Santa will bring.

Santa esta at the corner saloon

Mui borracho since midafternoon.

Mama is sitting beside la ventana

Shining her rolling pin para manana

When Santa returns to his home zigzagando

Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner cantando.

And Mama will send him to bed con a right

Merry Christmas a todos, y a todos good night!

Insurers persuaded to ban anti-Gay discrimination

LOS ANGELES, CA - In a major victory for Gay rights, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) played key roles in persuading the nation's body of state insurance regulators to adopt guidelines banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) guidelines specifically prohibit health insurers, life insurers and investigative agencies from using gender, marital status, living arrangements, occupation, medical history, beneficiary and zip code as proxies in determining sexual orientation.

This ban marks the first time any national body of state officials has prohibited discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians. In a related development, NGRA and NGLTF were instrumental in preventing the NAIC from taking an official stand in support of HTLVIII antibody testing.

"AIDS related discrimination, particularly when directed toward the Gay and Lesbian community, is immoral, illegal, and medically counterproductive," commented Ben Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project and a member of the NAIC AIDS Advisory Committee. "NAIC's action signals growing support of this position by health officials and political leaders."

"Even with insurance heavyweights leaning on them to approve mandatory testing, the commissioners refused," noted Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director. "We've got a green light to continue our battle on a state-by-state basis against improper and unethical testing. This is a critical issue for Gay men and Lesbians, and NGRA will fight it every step of the way."

"These guidelines send a strong message to the insurance industry that a person's sexual orientation is irrelevant in the decision to grant insurance."

added Jeff Levi, NGLTF Executive Director and a member of NAIC's AIDS Advisory Committee. "NAIC's ban provides all of us with protection that is long overdue."

Benjamin Schatz of NGRA and Jeff Levi of NGLTF were instrumental in developing NAIC's sexual orientation guidelines. The guidelines specifically prohibit discrimination in the underwriting process and when determining insurability. The guidelines have been endorsed by the American Council of Life Insurers, and the Health Insurance Association of America.

The NAIC adopts model laws, model "bulletin" and insurance guidelines that assist in establishing industry standards and policies. NAIC's sexual orientation guidelines are in the form of a "bulletin" to be sent out by state insurance commissioners to insurance companies doing business in their state.

UPDATE

HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULED AT CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

TUCSON - Three special worship services have been scheduled this month at Cornerstone Fellowship to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m., a Christmas Festival of Songs will be shared with the congregation. The story of Christmas will be told through songs, poetry and readings by various members and friends of the church.

At 10:30 p.m., on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, a candlelight service will be held to bring in Christmas Day. A formal service has been prepared, complete with candles, liturgy and plenty of music.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, an 11:00 p.m. watchnight service will bring in the New Year. The service will reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look toward a new year of renewed commitment to the work of the Lord. The service will be preceded by games and food at 8:00 p.m.

All services will be held at the church, located at 1724 N. Alvernon, in Tucson. For more information, call 881-3519.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO JAN. 16-18

PHOENIX - The next rodeo on the IGRA circuit is scheduled for January 16-18, 1987 - The Arizona Gay Rodeo. The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) has announced that the rodeo will take place at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds located on the southeast corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline Road.

Tickets for the rodeo will be \$10 per day, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 & 18. The admission to the Rodeo Grounds and Dance Hall on Friday is free. There will be a full-service bar at the arena grounds. Booth space will be available. Rates for booth space are \$15 per day or \$25 for all three days. Applications for booth space reservations or further information concerning the upcoming Arizona Gay Rodeo should be addressed to AGRA, P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, AZ 85011.

ANNUAL J/T CHRISTMAS RAYRIDE DEC. 18

TUCSON - The 9th annual traditional Christmas Hayride will take place on Thursday, Dec. 18 this year. The action starts at 7:00 p.m. when the hay-laden truck will depart the Joshua Tree parking lot. The annual trip includes a stop at all the bars for a warm-up drink, carolling, etc., and to pick up passengers. Then it is on to Winterhaven, one of Arizona's outstanding subdivisions noted for their fantastic Christmas decorations and outrageous lighting displays. Thousands of people visit this unique neighborhood each year. The Joshua Tree has been a part of the festivities for the past eight years, allowing the Gay community of Tucson this opportunity to view this most unusual Christmas spectacular.

The huge stake-truck will depart from the parking lot at J/T's at 7:00 p.m. and visit each bar for a short visit to pick up passengers. The schedule in order of stopping is: 7:30 Rumor Hazzit; 7:45 Fineline; 8:00 Graduate; 8:15 It's 'Bout Time; 8:30 Colette's West; 8:45 Rita's Rendezvous, then on to Winterhaven. All times are estimate. Some stops will be longer than others depending on the number of people, however the truck must get to Winterhaven prior to 9:30.

Passengers may board the truck at any of these stops and ride at no charge around to the other scheduled stops, however the truck will return directly to the Joshua Tree after viewing Winterhaven, so make arrangements for transportation back to your point of origin from the Joshua Tree. Be sure to dress warmly. Even the body heat from the large crowd on the Hayride cannot keep you warm if the night is as chilly as it has been lately.

This is always one of the most fun-filled events of the year. If you have been on the Hayride before you know it, but to those newcomers who have not 'experienced' the trip, we urge you to come aboard and enjoy a great time that, for many years, has kicked off the Christmas season in the Gay community of Tucson.

Report from Nicaragua

The Lesbian/Gay Movement

by Tede Matthews

I am writing this letter from Managua, Nicaragua. I am spending seven weeks here, compiling material for a book on sexual politics in the New Nicaragua. As I talked to psychologists, artists, abortion rights advocates, Gays and Lesbians, sex educators, and mothers of the martyrs, I have been uniformly impressed by the progress and hope in such a beleaguered society. This hope can be so easily squashed unless we, as U.S. citizens, speak out.

People here are friendly and open to U.S. citizens. I am constantly surprised by this, considering that it is our government which is intent on overthrowing their democratic society. The Nicaraguans didn't overthrow a U.S.-backed dynasty in order to be recaptured by the contras. They are prepared to fight to the death to retain national sovereignty.

In spite of this war, changes are happening rapidly in the fields of women's rights and sexual liberation. While we are fighting to retain the rights we have already won, feminism in Nicaragua is flourishing. Everyday the newspapers have articles about women's rights and dialogue freely occurs.

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OREGON PRISONS CHANGE VISITATION POLICIES TOWARD GAYS

SALEM, OR (AP) - Homosexual couples may kiss, embrace and hold hands during visits inside Oregon prisons, the Oregon Corrections Division has decided. Richard Peterson, superintendent of the Oregon Correctional Institution, said the division issued a clarification of its rules concerning physical contact permitted during visits to the prisons.

The decision came in response to a complaint filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of an Oregon State Correctional Institution inmate Wesley M. Johnson. Johnson, 23, who is serving a 10-year sentence for sodomy, had been disciplined for disobeying a guard's order and kissing the hand of a man who visited him Nov. 20.

Johnson's lawyer, Ed Reeves, said the prisoner had complained after he was punished for the incident by being required for 15 days to meet with any visitors in a room equipped with a transparent plastic divider.

Peterson said the rule clarification would permit holding of hands, kissing and embracing by inmates and visitors of any sex in the future in all state prisons.

State prison rules permit one kiss and hug when visitors arrive and leave and permit hand holding.

Assistant Attorney General Scott McAlister, who is the division's legal adviser, said prison officials would continue to encourage homosexuals not to kiss, embrace or hold hands during visits, but no longer would issue orders or punish for such behavior.

McAlister and Reeves said that Johnson and his visitor, William Stone, had a homosexual relationship.

McAlister said he and the division had considered several options, including a ban on physical contact during visits, but elected instead to issue a simple clarification of rules.

Peterson said other inmates objected to the visiting room incident and that there was a possibility of fights related to homosexuality.



This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BUTT - (60 min.)

A brand new meaning to the term "A day late and a dollar short" was born at the boat last weekend, but all turned out great anyway. Meanwhile, the Head Mermaid is turning to the public for assistance in her quest for a local title. Head Mermaid: Christi Lavshitz.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS - (60 min.)

Dorothy seemed to have gone off the deep end one evening last weekend. She needs to be careful. People care about her more than she seems to think. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore.

(69) FRONTLINE - (60 min.)

Hostess Carol Plasti hosts her last show and thanks her public. Don Hinkle Orchestra. Next week see "Down on Movies". A movie review show starring film critics Sissy and Eggbert.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.)

Story around seems to be that Al had a last minute guest at his place of business. Al: Rodger Curtain.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.)

Stubbs seems like his life is filling up with more mysterious ladies than his poor heart can handle. Stubbs: Bob Jealous.

(69) MOVIE - Drama (120 min.)

"We Knew We Could Do It!" Made for TV movie of several local divas, who, despite the odds against them, put on one of the greatest shows ever seen.

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.)

Alexi comes through once again. When things are falling down around everyone, she comes through with shining colors. Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.)

Alex almost had another show come in to his business, but after the four that had just been done, he wasn't sure if he was quite ready for it. Alex: Markie Ibt.

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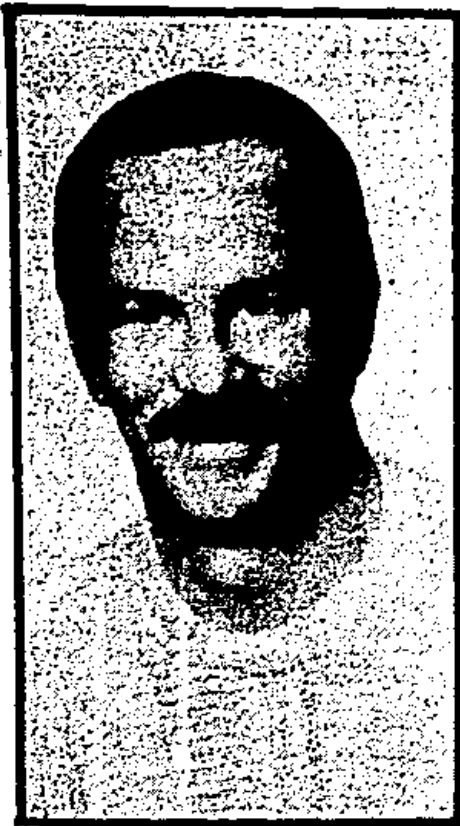
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In Memoriam



WILLIAM MCTARNAHAN

1950 - 1986

ACLU wins Florida AIDS discrimination case

MIAMI, FL - The American Civil Liberties Union announced last week the successful settlement of 'Shuttleworth v. Broward County' in Florida, the leading case nationally on the issue of employment discrimination on the basis of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Under the settlement in this federal district court case, Todd Shuttleworth, who was fired by Broward County in September 1984, will receive approximately \$190,000 and be reinstated as a county employee. The county also pledges to follow federal civil rights laws in dealing with other employees with AIDS-related problems.

"Todd Shuttleworth is receiving everything he could have attained if the case had gone to trial and been totally successful," said Larry Corman, cooperating attorney for the Broward County Chapter of the ACLU of Florida. Corman represented Shuttleworth before the Florida Commission on Human Relations and in federal court.

"The settlement will allow Todd to get on with his life," Corman said. "With the insurance benefits of a county employee, he will be able to seek more extensive medical care, including possibilities offered by experimental medical research, that otherwise might not have been available to him."

Shuttleworth himself said he was encouraged that the settlement reached in his court case will pave the way for others with AIDS-related conditions to fight employment discrimination.

Allan H. Terl, vice president of the Florida ACLU and a member of the national ACLU's AIDS Task Force, observed that the Shuttleworth case "brought to its knees the government agency that saw fit to terminate the employment rights of an AIDS victim, instead of showing compassion. Through this case, we in the ACLU hope we have made the public aware that AIDS discrimination will not and need not be tolerated." Terl praised Shuttleworth as a particularly courageous man who stood up for principle at a most difficult time of his life, instead of simply fading quietly into the background as the county had hoped.

NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

Last Sunday was the celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent. We were pleased to have several visitors and have one familiar face return to Tucson to be with us again. We had one visitor from M.C.C. in Pittsburgh, Pa., and four visitors from M.C.C. in Mesa, Arizona. Of course we can't really call Joannie and Tommie from Mesa visitors, when they are here in Tucson, it is like having part of our own congregation back with us. And we are happy to report that Dolly is back with us for the winter.

This coming Sunday, we will be celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will light our fourth candle representing the miracle of divine guidance. We will again light our first three candles representing the miracles of belief, visionary faith and courage. The Fourth Sunday of Advent represents the miracle of divine guidance, God always leads. Sometimes it's with a sign so splendid none can doubt its origin - like the wise men's star. Sometimes it's through our own subconscious - like Joseph's dream. It can be through an answered prayer - like Gideon's fleece. Or God may choose to lead with that still small voice - like

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"This is the third AIDS case in a row in which our client has won and the defendant has thrown in the towel," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "In Massachusetts, the New England Telephone Company reinstated Paul Cronan after we won a court victory under the state handicap discrimination law. In California, a school district decided not to appeal after we won a federal court decision under federal law reinstating a school child."

Shuttleworth was fired in Sept. 1984, from his position as a budget analyst with the Broward County Office of the Budget and Management because he was diagnosed as having AIDS. His lawsuit alleged that he had been discriminated against on the basis of handicap, which is prohibited by Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and had been denied equal protection of the laws and due process of law in the county's summary dismissal of him.

After the federal court suit was filed, the Florida Commission on Human Relations, in a landmark ruling, stated that AIDS is a handicap within the meaning of the Florida Human Rights Act and that employment discrimination against persons with AIDS is thus illegal. That ruling stands as precedent in Florida and applies to both public and private employers statewide.

The federal court suit was settled on Dec. 5, 1986. Under the terms of the settlement, Shuttleworth will get up to \$190,000 in compensation for medical expenses, personal injuries sustained, and attorney's fees. He returned to county employment on Dec. 8 and was reinstated to the county's health insurance plan.

Shuttleworth's new position with the county will be in the office of Dr. Ronald Wright, the Medical Examiner for Broward County and an ally of the ACLU against discrimination on the basis of AIDS-related conditions. Shuttleworth's specific position involves research regarding AIDS.

Shuttleworth has spent the last two years in San Francisco, living on Social Security, Medicaid and other government benefits.

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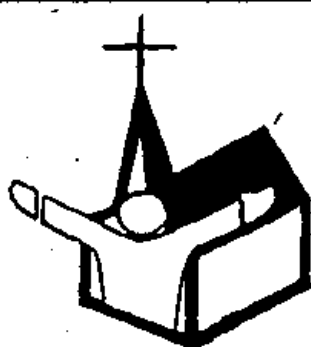
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WHAT'S UP DOC?



This past weekend was one I will not forget for a long time. Saturday A.M., I walked through the 4th Ave. Street Fair headed towards IBT's. Upon arriving at the bar, the first person I saw was Tornado Tilly. We both walked thru the street fair and missed all the booths that had items for sale. What do you expect, with the warm weather and all the scenery, you didn't think me, of all people, would be looking for merchandise to buy from a vendor, do you? I know before I went through Sunday, I made sure I bought some new batteries for the old tick tock, and I don't mean my watch.

I only saw the shows at IBT's on Sunday, but as always, they were great. You, who were in attendance, saw some really professional entertainment, with loads of laughs from both Candy Plastique and Cissy Goldbrick (Goldberg). Those two got on a roll and some people lose bladder control. Of course, no show is complete without Aviva Diamond. Then you add Tamara and that sweet little Stephanie Priceless, you can be sure of one hell of a good show. Something needed for a good show and both were there were tapes on time and excellent lighting.

Now with Christmas upon us, more shows will be popping up around town. With the excellent talented people we have here in Tucson plus those from Phoenix, all should be well worth your attendance.

From news that I received this afternoon, IBT's wasn't the only bar with a good show on Sunday. Yes, there was a show out at Rita's and I'm sure another good one by Christi Lunden, Aviva Diamond and Jacquelyn de' Savoi. An impromptu, last minute, spur of the moment show happened at the Graduate, starring Tamara and Cissy Goldberg. I guess the bar customers promoted, pleaded, and bribed these two to the point of showtime or else. From what Roger was telling me, the bar was set up for a show, just as fast as Santa, in the blink of an eye. These two raised an astounding amount of money - over \$300 - for the Shanti Foundation. Way to go gang, and let's do it again real soon, this time so I can see it.

TKO's Christmas Tree Raffle is in full swing and tickets at a couple of the bars are going very well. Now I'm not sure, but I'd really think Ernie could sell 100 tickets in 4 days after he reads in this column that I forgot IBT's when listing the bars selling them. Well, I'm not sure just who made this mistake, but I apologize to all the staff at IBT's for not listing you in last week's paper. Now that that's official, how many raffle tickets can you each sell.

Remember, on Sunday, Dec. 21, there will be a drawing at each bar who is selling tickets, for your choice of a bottle of Schnapps or a well bottle. Then all the sold raffle tickets will be taken to the Graduate, mixed together after the Graduate drawing, and finally, the drawing for the tree. It all happens on Sunday evening, Dec. 21. The winner of the Christmas tree need not be present, so be sure to write your phone number clearly so I'll be able to ready it and give you a call. Remember, this is a live Christmas tree that has been decorated with money totaling \$100!

One final reminder, fifty cents of each Christmas tree raffle ticket sold goes to the Casas de los Ninos children's crisis center. Let's help make TKO's contribution and the Gay community's a sizeable one.

From the SOS's meeting on Dec. 14th, I get news that their recent Casino Night raised \$152. They also are looking forward to the first "Brotherhood in Tucson" run on Dec. 21st. They also asked me to send a very special Merry Christmas from the Sisters of Sonora to everyone.

TBBS: The only thing for this week is a WARNING to everyone - Dolly and Fern are both in town at the present time. Both, along with Annie will be going to a show at Cowboys. I'll not venture a guess why. Of course, with another chicken hawk (Fern) in town, pickings for some of us may get slim. Then, to top this off, both Dolly and Fern will be at the Brotherhood Run on Dec. 21st.

That's it for this week, so until Santa fills your stockings with all those goodies you have always wanted, have a good week.

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REPORT FROM NICARAGUA:

National Sandinista Television has a sex-education series under the auspices of the Sandinista Youth with the assistance of Auxiliadora Marengo, Nicaragua's top sexologist. They are covering family planning, Lesbian and Gay lifestyles, and abortion among the twelve programs, all with a progressive feminist perspective. Because of war shortages and the U.S. economic blockade, they can only afford six video cassettes. They must tape over old programs, thereby losing the first sex-education TV series in the history of Latin America.

I interviewed Milu Vargas who sits on the National board of AMNLAE (the women's union). She is also head of the legal team for the National Assembly. She told me, "I am amazed that President Reagan continues to refer to us as a totalitarian dictatorship. I read of your Supreme Courts sodomy decision. Is this a democracy when the most basic of individual right of Gay citizens, the right of privacy, can be treated in such a way?" On the other hand, Nicaragua has no laws or official repressions of its Gay citizens.

In the park where Gay men hang out, I met a guy who had been stripped and tortured in front of his high school by Somoza's National Guard. Where one might expect small talk, instead he showed me his scars. The citizens of Nicaragua bear many such scars.

I talked to Gay men who are soldiers, shopkeepers, artists, dancers and waiters. I have talked to Lesbians who are video artists, psychologists, chauffeurs and secretaries. The vast majority are one hundred percent behind the Sandinistas. Some are in high levels of political responsibility. All of them want this message sent to North American Gays and feminists, "if you want to support your sisters and brothers in Nicaragua, then do everything you can to stop our murder at the hands of Reagan".

Gays and Lesbians are starting to organize. They are joining the worldwide struggle against social and religious prejudice and social invisibility. As in all poor countries, economics exacerbates their problems. Due to poverty and housing shortages, most must live with their families. They lack our mobility. What they don't lack is consciousness. Their revolution here has opened the closet door. We must insure that the contras, the congress and the C.I.A. don't turn this closet door into a coffin lid.

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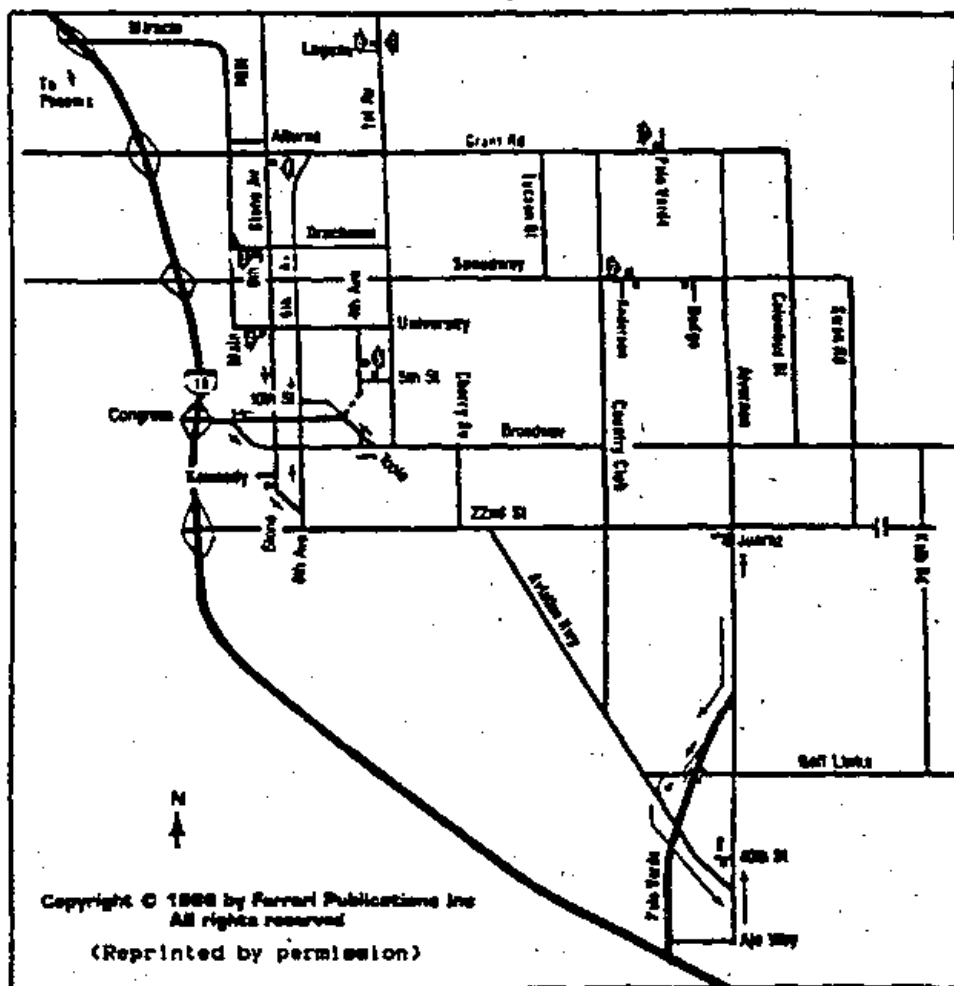
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Legislators have gloomy forecast for 1987 session

Rep. Cindy Resnick was wearing black. "When I heard what we were going to be talking about today, the first thing I did was start thinking about what to wear," she kidded. "I went right to my closet and picked out this black dress."

The topic was Arizona's new governor and the 1987 legislative session. House Democrat Resnick and Peter Goudinoff and Senate Republicans Greg Lunn and John Mawhinney, all representing Tucson, made their predictions last week for a meeting of the Southern Arizona Society of Professional Journalists.

Resnick painted the darkest picture, but those who followed her seemed cheerier only by comparison. Even the most positive, Mawhinney, took an "it won't be as bad as it looks" approach.

The reason for all the gloom and doom can be summed up by two M-words. Money and Mechem.

Lunn predicted budget shortfalls as high as \$300 million by the time new federally required ACCESS costs are added to current shortages of about \$140 million. He said the problems facing the Legislature are as bad as "witches brew" of toil and trouble as short money and new programs can cook up.

Goudinoff's forecast was even more ominous. He warned of layoffs at the universities, stalemate battles over a state budget, drastic cuts in state services.

Not enough money, they agreed. And too much Mechem.

"People aren't listening to what this man is saying," Resnick warned. Those who say Mechem will grow "in the job" and change after he takes office are wrong, she said. Mechem will stick by his plans to cut taxes, rescind the Martin Luther King Holiday and cut programs when they need money the most, she fears.

"It's embarrassing nationally that the darling of the right, Jack Kemp, is trying to convince him to keep the (King) holiday," she said.

Goudinoff said Arizona now has "our own Ronald Reagan, with one big difference. Reagan doesn't have to balance the budget, Mechem does. And that means big trouble when Mechem carves up state spending, he predicted.

Scary, maybe, but not surprising coming from Democrats who lost the governor's office this year for the first time since 1975. Surely Republicans are more enthusiastic about their new governor? Nope.

Lunn, who had just returned from a trip with Mechem to discuss the future of ACCESS with federal officials in Washington, was, well, lukewarm. He sounded like one of those people Resnick says aren't listening: Mechem will grow with the job, he'll change, Lunn said. But he didn't sound very sure of it.

That left Mawhinney's philosophical approach: Mechem can only do so much damage because the executive branch of state government is only one of three. That's reassuring.

Mawhinney said it's disappointing that voters bought Mechem's campaign claims about waste and mismanagement in state government. But now that he's governor, maybe Mechem will stop being so negative and "accentuate the positive" when he finds out there's a lot that's good in state government, Mawhinney hopes.

Altogether, it was a bleak picture. But then, legislators know it pays to be a little pessimistic. Like coaches before a big game, they don't want to raise our hopes too high. Wins are bigger and losses easier to swallow when the team's chances look bleak from the start.

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But this bleak? If things really are as bad as they sound, there's one promise Mechem might not be able to keep: The one about "cooperation, not confrontation." (Reprinted from Tucson Citizen)

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT REJECTS 287 RECRUITS FOR AIDS EXPOSURE
WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The Defense Department said last Friday, Dec. 12 that another 287 recruits were being denied entry into the armed services in the department's continuing surveillance for exposure to AIDS.

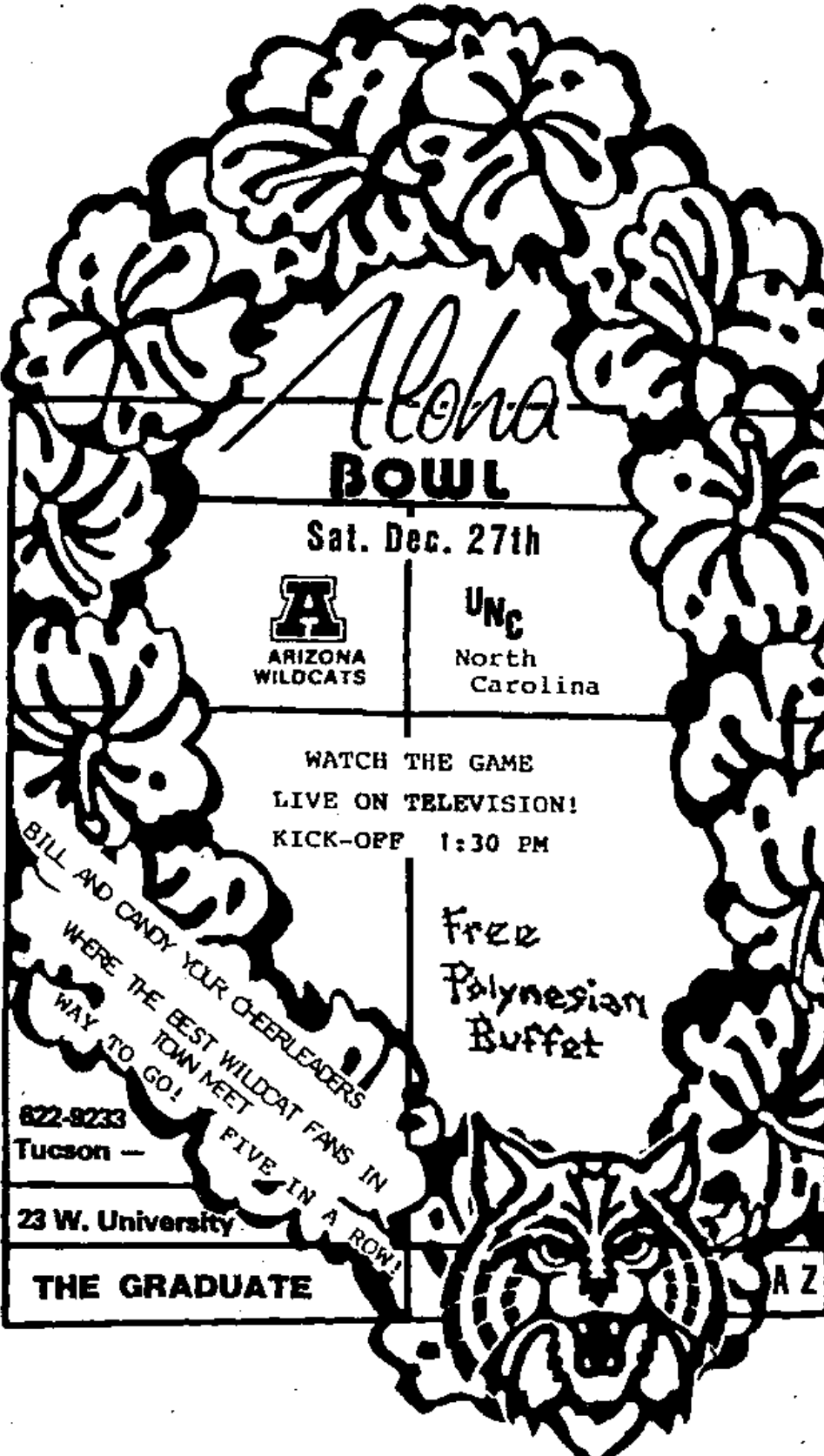
Releasing its latest report on AIDS blood screening for the three months ended Sept. 30, the Pentagon said it was continuing to chart a positive rate of about 1.5 cases per 1,000 cases.

Since the testing program began in October 1985, 978 recruits - 917 men and 59 women - have tested positive for exposure to an antibody associated with AIDS.

The Pentagon said it had tested 174,591 recruits during the latest three-month period, raising the total tested since the surveillance program began to 641,220.


The Defense Department's testing program is by far the largest of any organization or government agency in the world. The Pentagon now requires recruits to be tested before entering the service and is in the process of testing all 2.1 million men and women on active duty as well.

Under Defense Department regulations, any recruit who tests positive for AIDS exposure is automatically denied entry into the military. People already on active duty who test positive may remain in the service if there are no signs of the disease itself, but face restrictions on job assignments and overseas deployments.




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Then I meandered into this watering hole to have my normal long neck and guess what - they had a show going on. When I saw some of those outfits, I got very tight because I saw them all pictured in my Sears catalog. Then, what I thought was my dear long lost cousin, come out in an enlarged, child-bearing condition. Wow, the last time my poor eyes had seen this girl, she was bent over milking a goat. Now here she was parading around in her state. Maybe she got hold of the wrong goat and found only one hard spigot, not four.

Later on, out came this tall thin Mexican gal in red. Now my poor little pee pickin' heart must say she was just plum beautiful. Later she was passing out Tequila and I tried to get closer to get some, but those big bruisers just wouldn't let me through. Maybe I can find out if she will soon be

doing another show so I can be there.

Later came what appeared to be the jolly green giant, little chubby greed sister. Who opened the barn door to let that one out.

Then we had, I don't reckon I can truthfully say, just what that was with the gold tassled hairdo, but boy could that gal dance.

The final one to stagger up on stage was wearing a dress that looked like they forgot the bottom half. Then she had nerve to get up there and do nothing but talk. First, I looked forward to a possibly funny line, but that things bottomed out. Then I heard she has been in the show biz for forty years. Maybe that's why the talk, or whatever it's called. Boring.

After this I went back out on the streets to check those studs out again.

Just who is this Dern and Folley coming to town? Is this going to be a side show or what? I sure hope they bring some humor to some of these watering holes, especially around my birthday, coming up.

I just completed my Christmas gift list to all you drinking buddies of mine, like you Doc, Tommy M., Bert, Roxanne, Pitts Tom, Eddie E., and many more. Next week I'll pass them on to you and may Santa be as good to you as he always has been to me.

Guest Editorial

SALES TAX DEFEAT CAN'T STOP ROADS

(ED NOTE: The following editorial appeared in the Dec. 10 issue of the Tucson Citizen.)

It's back to the drawing board:

Defeat of Pima County's half-cent sales tax to finance better roads means county officials must come up with another plan to pay for transportation improvement Tucson so desperately needs.

The turnout, though larger than expected, was disappointing. That's usually the case in special elections, when a minority of minority - a small group of registered voters - determines the outcome of an election that will affect everyone for years to come.

But no matter how small the group that defeated the roads plan, Pima County can't allow this setback to slow transportation improvements for long. Every delay now means driving that much longer on overcrowded, unsafe, pollution-aggravating streets.

County and city officials put a lot of work into the Long Range Transportation Plan, but the plan was not on the ballot. Funding for it was: A half cent sales tax increase, to 7 1/2 cents in the city and 5 1/2 cents in the rest of the county, to raise \$1.6 billion over the next 20 years for new streets, wider streets and grade-separated interchanges.

Many of these improvements can still be made using other sources - state funds, gas taxes and vehicle fee revenues. The sales tax would have raised only a portion of the total \$5.6 billion, so even without it, county officials should be able to get started on road projects and continue those already begun.

Defeat of the tax could mean the end of the "Outer Loop," however, which would have circled the West Side of the city where growth is expected to be most intense.

There's no way of telling how

much that part of the plan - or other parts unpopular with certain neighborhood groups - contributed to defeat of the tax. Specific projects were subject to public hearings to give neighborhoods their say, but some voters either chose to ignore that or don't believe their opinion counts with planners.

What counts no, though, is that voters rejected the half-cent tax as a funding method. That means they don't want to pay for road improvements the way the Legislature permitted and their elected officials believed best. So planners must come up with other ways - perhaps a mix of alternatives such as bonds, developer fees and gas taxes - and ask votes again.


The sooner the better.

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\$3 MILLION SETTLEMENT IN GAY EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CASE

The San Francisco law firm of Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe have been co-counsel in this case and have provided their firm's full resources to assist NORA. Charles Freiberg, a partner in Heller, Ehrman, has led the team of attorneys from that firm and responded to the settlement by saying, "We hope that the dollar amount of today's settlement, combined with earlier court rulings, will serve as a strong reminder to California employers that job discrimination against Gay men and women can cause serious financial repercussions. We hope and believe that Pacific Bell will comply with the court order not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation which will be part of the settlement."

After the settlement is approved by the court, all claims for a portion of the settlement will be considered by a neutral arbitrator, retired Superior Court Judge Robert L. Bostick. Any funds which are not distributed to successful claimants will be given to California-based Gay organizations through the Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA) Foundation.



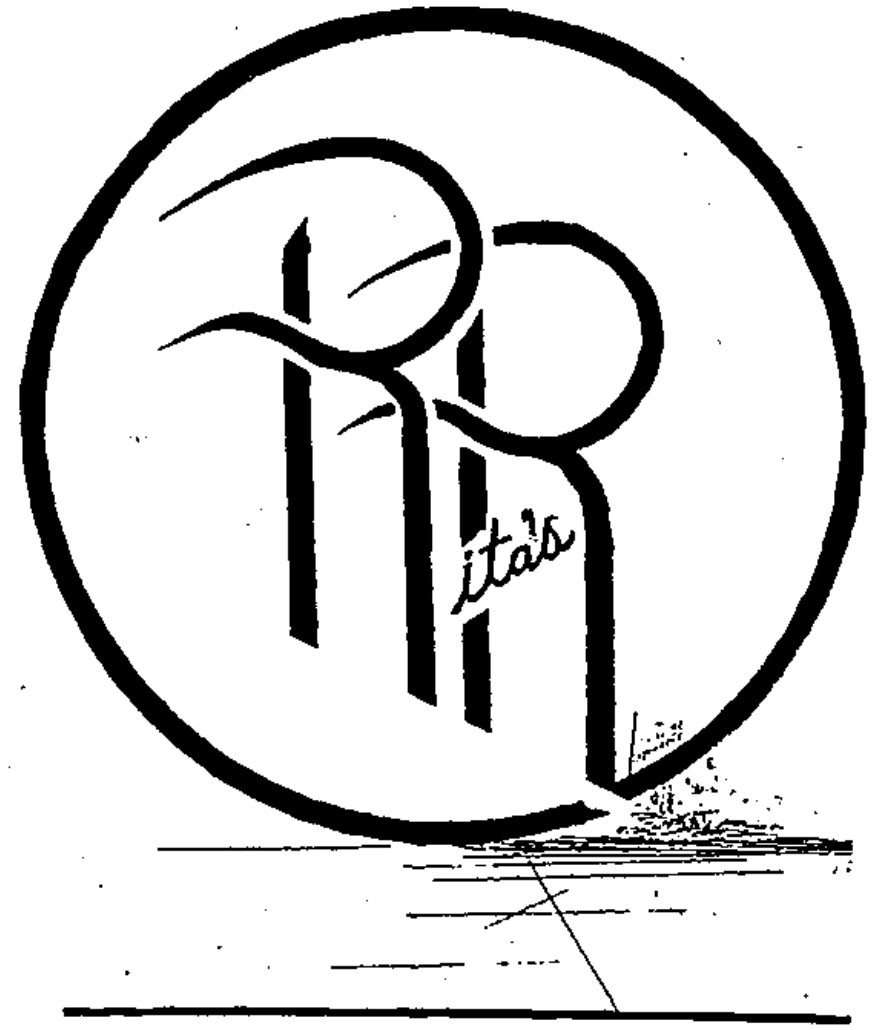
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GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Draft Beer Bust: .25 per glass from open to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00. 5:30 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Schnapps .75 - 11 am to 1 am.
DINNER BUFFET 6 to 9 pm \$4.25.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.
"DYNASTY" on life-size screen 8 pm.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsercize!" .40 draft 8 pm to Midnight.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Long Neck Bud Nite: .75
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum \$1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer (non-premium). Dance 8 to 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.
Square Dancing by T-Squares 7-9 pm. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

FRIDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight. Michelle DJ's.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Fineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 am in the Skyline.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Fineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 a.m. in the Skyline.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. \$1.25 Well noon to 6 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 to 7 pm \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm. Michelle DJ's from 9 to 1.
FINELINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 6:30 6:30 to 1 am "Danny's Choice" every hour (?). Dance 8-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. - \$3.25 Noon to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. T-Squares Beginner's Class every Sunday afternoon. \$1.25 Well drinks noon to 6 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Monday Night Football" on big screen. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.
FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Movie Nite begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti Dinner \$2.00 plus Well Drinks \$1.00.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am: Well \$1.50
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. "Monday Night Football" on giant screen at 6 pm. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Miller's or Miller's Lite \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Long Neck Domestic (non-premium) Beer .85 plus check our weekly Tuesday specials 8 pm to Midnight.
FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Tequila \$1.00. 18 oz. Margaritas \$1.50.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Scotch \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close: Well \$1.50
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 hot dogs 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SPORTS

JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL
FALL LEAGUE
SECOND HALF
Standings as of 12/14/86

| TEAM | WINS | LOSES | GAMES | PCT. |
|----------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| INVISIBLES | 21 | 8 | 29 | .724 |
| MEN AT PLAY | 19 | 8 | 27 | .704 |
| U-GUYS | 20 | 11 | 31 | .645 |
| MADOLFOS | 13 | 17 | 30 | .433 |
| COLETTES | 8 | 12 | 20 | .400 |
| DOUBLE TROUBLE | 10 | 15 | 25 | .400 |
| TNT | 3 | 24 | 27 | .111 |

Rain has plagued this second half of the volleyball league forcing two postponements during the second half. It had been two weeks since the last scheduled league play and the time off seemed to take its toll. The team, Invisibles remains in first place by almost easily defeating the first half winners, Men at Play in two quick games. Madolfos must have thought the league was all over as only one member of their team showed up leading to forfeits. Had more of that team showed up they may also have beat Men at Play. U-Guys did have a full team and managed to defeat the first place team, Invisibles two games to one. Moving slowly closer to first, U-Guys, in third, are now three games behind the leaders and only one and one half from second place. Double Trouble, for the their first time this season seemed to benefit from the time off as they won both of their matches easily defeating T.N.T. and Colettes. Double Trouble moves up one place tied for fifth place with Colettes.
Next week is the last week for league play in the second half. If Invisibles hold on to first place they will play Men at Play for the league championship. Should Men at Play gain first place they will become league champs and then second place becomes involved in a play off. The play off and tournament will take place on Sunday January 4, at 1:00 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony.

Schedule of Play
For the Week of 12/21/86

T.N.T. VS. MADOLFOS
U-GUYS VS. MEN AT PLAY
INVISIBLES VS. COLETTES
DOUBLE TROUBLE VS. MADOLFOS
T.N.T. VS U-GUYS
COLETTES VS. MEN AT PLAY
DOUBLE TROUBLE VS. INVISIBLES

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 8, 1986

| TEAM | WON | LOST | PINS |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-------|
| 1. SHOTS PLEZ | 39 | 17 | 24044 |
| 2. RITA'S GIRLS | 34 | 22 | 24158 |
| 3. JOSHUA TREE | 31 | 25 | 21148 |
| 4. FLYNTSTONES | 31 | 25 | 23783 |
| 5. THE MISFITS | 30 | 26 | 23474 |
| 6. HEAD GAMES | 29 | 27 | 23662 |
| 7. THE THUMPERS | 29 | 27 | 23441 |
| 8. KASSIE'S KLAN | 28 | 28 | 23827 |
| 9. THREE MINUS ONE | 28 | 28 | 23827 |
| 10. PENETRATING FORCE | 26 | 30 | 24030 |
| 11. BACK POCKET | 29 | 32 | 23302 |
| 12. THAT'S THE TICKET | 25 | 33 | 23737 |
| 13. MEN AT WORK | 23 | 33 | 23563 |
| 14. J J's | 17 | 39 | 21186 |

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WOMEN: LISA L. 498

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

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JOSHUA TREE - 9TH Annual Christmas Hayride leaves the J/T parking lot approximately at 7:00 p.m. and will tour all the local Gay bars picking up additional passengers and thence to Winterhaven, Tucson's renowned subdivision that has the most fantastic Christmas lights and decorations in the southwest. Check the weather to decide how cold it is going to be and dress accordingly. The truck, loaded with hay and lots of festive people, returns to the Joshua Tree parking lot at approximately 10:30 p.m. If you are picked up at any of the other bars, be sure to arrange transportation back to bar of origin.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Bar-B-Que Ribs are being served from 5 p.m. until they run out for only \$1.75 and it's all you can eat. Come on over and Pig-Out, but get here early before it runs out!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION First Annual Holiday Celebration at Ventana Canyon Resort. No Host Cocktails 6 to 7 p.m. Live Entertainment, Door Prizes plus a surprise visit from Santa. Topped off by a full course meal at this fabulous resort. \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. Reservation deadline has been extended to December 16. Everyone is welcome to share in this exciting evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

GRADUATE - Christmas Extravaganza begins at 8:30 p.m. with show starring Bobbi Jo, Jaqueline De' Savol, Candy Plastique and hosted by Miss Gay Tucson herself, Aviva Diamond. A really big show that kicks off the Xmas season at the Grad. Also the drawing for TRO's live Christmas Tree decorated with \$100 in greenbacks. Buy your raffle tickets now!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

GRADUATE - The Aloha Bowl Festivities will take place here to cheer on the University of Arizona. Cheerleaders and special 'luau' buffet and special drinks to get you in Hawaiian mood. Get festive. Party!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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GAY HEALTH

ED NOTE: The following article was received from COMMONR (The Committee on New Research). The author John James, is the AIDS treatment correspondent for the San Francisco Sentinel; his column is also being carried by the New York Native. His "no-nonsense" (yet open-minded and documented) approach to the AIDS/ARC treatments is geared toward the more practical things that an individual --and the individual's personal physician-- might do to protect and help restore health. Mr. James' analysis of potential new treatments included early reporting on AZT (long before it was super-hyped by the Straight media), AL-721, BHT, naltrexone, lentinan, and glycyrrhizin -- names our readers should become familiar with.

One of Mr. James most recent articles on DNCB was (in the opinion of COMMONR) instrumental in having this important AIDS/ARC treatment planned for clinical trials at the world-renown University of California San Francisco Medical Center. This article is presented herewith for our readers information.

DNCB AIDS/ARC Treatment

By John S. James

There's more to DNCB than meets the eye. This writer had ignored the story, because it appeared confusing and not very important. But patients using DNCB persuaded me to take a closer look--and a very different picture emerged.

Researchers have not completed rigorous clinical studies of DNCB, so we don't have definitive scientific proof of its effectiveness. But the evidence we do have clearly places DNCB among the most hopeful treatment possibilities currently available. And the ongoing work with DNCB is providing new insights into AIDS, and into the differing treatment needs of different classes of patients.

DNCB is other stories, too. The lack of institutional DNCB research has led to a network of "guerrilla clinics", now in 14 U.S. cities and growing almost daily. These groups are supplying each other with batches of DNCB lotion and instructions for use, on the condition that the lotion never be sold but always given away free.

The dangers may be small, but doctors are concerned at the lack of scientific testing and of medical supervision. And yet, for most people, the guerrilla clinics will remain the only alternative--until institutional science and medicine gives this treatment the attention it deserves. (At this time we know of physicians using DNCB in only five cities: San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego, and New York.)

A Brief History

DNCB (dinitrochlorobenzene) is a chemical that affects the body much like poison oak. It penetrates the skin and binds onto protein there, rendering these proteins much more likely to stimulate an immune reaction. In a person who has normal immunity, DNCB causes a rash like poison oak. The pure chemical is so strong that it must be diluted almost a thousand times before use.

Immunologists have used DNCB extensively in their research. Several years ago, Dr. Bruce Mills--then a Stanford research dermatologist studying the biochemistry of certain enzymes--observed that DNCB successfully treated a kind of severe warts, in children, that could not be effectively treated conventionally. Not only did the treated warts disappear, but all the other warts on the body, too. It turned out that the DNCB stimulated the development of T cells, correcting the immune defect which had allowed the warts to develop. The DNCB treatment--for certain kinds of warts--has become generally recognized as effective.

Next, Dr. Mills, now a physician in private practice in San Francisco, tried DNCB for treatment of KS lesions in persons with AIDS. Not surprisingly, it turned out that KS was more difficult to

treat than the warts. But there were dramatic improvements in many cases, and not only for KS. Recently, Dr. Mills has distinguished four groups of AIDS/ARC patients. Different treatments are appropriate to the different groups.

The Autoimmune Theory of AIDS/ARC

Before describing the four groups of patients, it is important to outline a new theory of AIDS now being developed by a number of researchers, including Dr. Mills.

In the conventional theory, the AIDS virus (formerly called HTLV-III, or LAV, now named Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV) infects the T cells, especially the T4, or helper T cells, that control the immune system. The helper T cells normally recognize foreign proteins, and instruct the B cells (a different part of the immune system) to produce specific antibodies which attack the invading organisms.

In AIDS, the virus kills most of the helper T cells, so the immune system cannot identify the disease-causing organism. The B cells do generate lots of antibodies, but they are the wrong ones. Therefore, the body cannot resist certain opportunistic infections and cancers which, normally, it could easily control.

New T cells are being produced all the time, at least until the person is gravely ill. But, according to the conventional theory of AIDS, the virus keeps killing them.

The autoimmune theory accepts all of the conventional view outlined above. But it also says that a different mechanism can keep killing the T cells, even if the virus is no longer a problem in some patients.

This theory states that the high level of wrong antibodies produced by the B cells can begin attacking normal body cells, especially the T cells themselves. The result is a vicious circle--with the T cells unable to control the B cells, and the B cells producing antibodies which in turn kill T cells. Many separate observations support the autoimmune theory: for example, the recent discovery of a new kind of anti-platelet antibody that is specific to AIDS/ARC patients.

The Four Groups of Patients

Dr. Mills' patients not only receive DNCB; they also receive extensive monthly laboratory blood tests, whenever financially possible. The resulting data has led Dr. Mills to the following classification of patients:

The first question asked when he groups AIDS/ARC patients is whether the level of gamma globulin (immune globulins) is extremely high, close to 3000 or worse. If so, there is a problem from too much antibodies. Dr. Mills calls these patients Group III (discussed below).

Group I patients get the most dramatic benefit from DNCB. Their immune globulin level is not too high, and these patients respond well to DNCB in three to six months--in laboratory tests and by clinical improvement. These patients may not need any other treatment than DNCB.

Note that it does take time to get results, however. That is because DNCB works by stimulating the growth of new T cells, and it takes time for these cells to be produced and to mature.

Group II patients also have a reasonable immune globulin level, but they do not respond well to DNCB in three to six months. Dr. Mills believes these patients may also need an antiviral.

Group III, mentioned above, has the problem of too much antibodies. For these patients, many of the other lab results are unreliable. Dr. Mills hopes that about a year of treatment with DNCB can reduce the immune globulin level.

Group IV is end-stage AIDS. DNCB may raise the T cell counts a little, but it is too late to save the person's life. Note that Mills' classification is different from the normal distinction of ARC vs. AIDS, and that many patients with pneumocystis or KS (for whom most doctors have all but given up) would not be in group IV, but in one of the other three groups.

How is DNCB Used?

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of one percent) is dissolved in Vaseline Intensive-Care lotion. Sometimes other solutions are used. Once a week, the doctor paints a small patch on the arm, covers it with gauze, and tells the patient to remove the gauze and wash off the DNCB lotion in a certain number of hours. The DNCB should cause a rash to appear on the skin. Patients with a suppressed immune system will not react at first, but everyone tested so far has eventually achieved a reaction.

Sometimes the DNCB is painted directly on KS lesions, but usually only after a skin reaction has already been achieved elsewhere.

Dr. Mills also has patients take about a dozen blood tests. These include T cell subsets, immune globulins, lymphocytes, and platelets. Also included are blood lipids, liver function, and other tests to warn of any dangerous side effects of the DNCB; so far, none has been found. In addition, he runs standard tests for rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and syphilis, even though the patients do not have these conditions, because positive results may indicate a malfunctioning immune system.

A Case History

We spoke with one patient—not referred to us by Dr. Mills—who is considered a star patient, because there are no complicating factors in his case. He started treatment early, while severely immune suppressed but not otherwise ill. He took no other treatments and had no opportunistic infections or other illnesses during the treatment. He received extensive lab work on several occasions, so there is much data available to study. And he continued the DNCB treatments without interruption in the ten months he has been Dr. Mills' patient.

When he began treatment, his helper/suppressor ratio was .22, and absolute helpers 118. At that time, he read an article that claimed that it was impossible to reconstitute the immune system if the helper number was less than about 245.

For the first five months, the number went up, but just a little: 118, 265, 295, 365. At that time he was discouraged and had no further tests done for four months, but he continued the DNCB. When

retested, in June 1986, the helpers were 529, (within the normal range of 447-1284). This month (September) they rose to 707. Total T cells went from 686 at the beginning, to 2259. The helper/suppressor ratio had climbed from .22 to .63—not yet normal, but a major improvement.

Meanwhile, all the other lab tests moved in the right direction (or stayed normal). Immune globulins decreased from 2600 to 1830 (normal range is 540-1480). Lymphocytes increased from 1400 to 2700 (normal is 800-3200). Hemoglobin improved from 12.7 to 15.3 (normal is 13.9-18). The lupus and rheumatoid arthritis tests went from positive to normal; the "syphilis" antibodies dropped.

The patient told us that Dr. Mills believes that it may eventually be possible to stop using the DNCB, but he isn't sure yet.

Despite these results, the patient is unsure how many others will have the persistence to follow the treatment consistently, even though the results are slight for the first several months. When he started DNCB, he was feeling well; he had only a positive antibody test. Fortunately, he then took the T-cell subset lab test, which showed that though he was feeling well, he was living on borrowed time; it is surprising that he had not already developed pneumocystis or other problems. He began the DNCB treatment immediately and stayed with it.

Since this patient was well throughout, there was no opportunity to observe clinical improvement. Many others have shown major clinical improvement, including a resolution of nailbed fungal infections, KS lesions (even severe ones) that have almost disappeared, and generally feeling better and having more energy.

What's Needed Now?

The above case history, and the 26 others summarized by Dr. Mills in his letter published in the June 1986 *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, are not scientifically conclusive. The reason is that patients in a private practice are self-selecting. Those who don't think the treatment is working usually leave, so that only the good results tend to be reported.

We need well-designed, controlled clinical studies to prove the effectiveness of DNCB, and to provide further information on exactly how to use it most effectively.

We have heard reports that such studies are now beginning in New York and Los Angeles, but have not been able to investigate these reports by press time.

In San Francisco, Dr. William L. Epstein, Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Dermatology at U.C. Medical Center, wants to perform a study of DNCB (and also urushiol, the active ingredient of poison oak) for AIDS as well as other immune diseases. Dr. Epstein is President of the American Academy of Dermatology and the world's foremost expert on contact skin sensitization (such as caused by poison oak or DNCB). But, so far, the study has not been approved. The rumor we have heard—not from Dr. Mills, nor from Dr. Epstein, who was not contacted for this story—is that the study was first denied funding, and then also denied permission to use patients; and that the reason the study was prohibited was rooted in the politics of personal and professional rivalries, including the fact that cancer specialists—not immunologists—have held political control of AIDS research.

Any physicians interested in studying or using DNCB for AIDS or ARC should note that, as far as we know, there have never been harmful effects from such use, except that with occasional patients the expected skin reaction can be severe. Dr. Mills does not know of any kind of AIDS/ARC patients who should NOT get DNCB, although clearly it will help some groups of patients more than others. DNCB is already used in medical practice, and a pharmacy can mix it for use. The cost is negligible. Application requires only a Q-tip, once a week, plus ordering standard laboratory tests. In short, there are no technical obstacles to wider use of DNCB, nor to conducting the kinds of studies needed to get definitive answers on its value for AIDS or ARC.

For More Information

Published information can be found in the June 1986 *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, pages 1089-1090. Also, see Michael Helquist's articles

in *Coming Up* (October 1985), and in *The Advocate* (November 12, 1985 and April 4, 1986), and Pat Christen's article in the *Bay Area Reporter* (June 19, 1986). Ann Guidici Fether has a short article in the *New York Native* (June 23, 1986). Also see "Autoimmune Drug Discovery Published", in *Update*, June 11, 1986.

Most physicians are not set up to handle large numbers of calls, and they can seldom return calls except from their patients or from other physicians.

The best person to call for information about DNCB and the guerrilla clinics is Jim Henry, at (415) 647-8561. He can tell you whom to contact near your area about using DNCB.

Another information source is the Project Inform hotline (800-334-7422 within California; 800-822-7422 from other states). Project Inform is primarily interested in ribavirin, but is also aware of DNCB, as the two treatments might complement each other.

For Other Articles

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