



Gay Briefs

by Jim Roche

Infighting Comes Out Of The Closet

The topic most frequently discussed at New York's Queer Nation meetings isn't homophobia, Gay and Lesbian visibility of anti-Gay and Lesbian violence. Instead it seems to be sexism, racism, ableism, ageism, sizeism or some other ism you probably haven't even thought of. As one member said to me, "I'm sick of this shit. I come here to talk about Gay and Lesbian visibility, to talk about being attacked on the streets by bat-wielding bigots, about being harassed by the police. Instead, I have to listen to how I'm a racist, sexist pig. It's all bullshit!"

This isn't the first time I've heard that complaint from Queer Nation members. Often it seems that people attending Queer Nation meetings, and many other Gay and Lesbian events elsewhere, are just listening for speakers to make a political mistake in what they say.

I first heard this complaint after a march against a bias attack that had occurred to a couple of Lesbians in Brooklyn. During the march the crowd of over 600 was verbally assaulted four times. First by a car with two young men in it, "Fucking Fags" they yelled, and sped off. Then by a lone middle-aged man who began making quiet remarks to his friends about the marchers, "Assholes", "cocksuckers", "Fucking Queers". Finally, his phobia-bubble burst and he gave the crowd the finger, grabbed his crotch and made obscene comments. Several other incidents occurred including one outside a movie theatre where employees came out and pretended to shoot the marchers with their fingers making the sound of machine guns, calling the marchers "fag-gots" and yelling "fucking die fags".

After speaking to members of Queer Nation, I asked why the local press had ignored these incidents. Instead, the Village Voice and New York's Lesbian and Gay news magazine "Outweek" as well as the local Brooklyn papers, featured the story of a leaflet distributed during the march decrying the "lack of inclusion" of people of color in the planning of the action.

Over and over again I read about how some community members refused to participate in the anti-violence march unless their views on other issues were given a full hearing. Outweek devoted six paragraphs of its article about the march to the charges of "white ethnocentricity" of the organizers. Four paragraphs were devoted to the march itself. The group of anti-protest protesters, who said they couldn't find the time to participate in the

action against anti-Lesbian violence because they felt it didn't concern itself with racial issues, were able to find the time and resources to produce a leaflet, press packet and then attended the march as anti-marchers to distribute their leaflets.

Again and again I asked people, "But what about the harassment and anti-Gay verbal assaults during the march?" "There seems to be a taboo about mentioning anything people of color do," one protest leader answered. Several others who I talked with were upset with the divisions caused by a small minority who couldn't "march against violence without lecturing us about politics and world agendas". I can't understand why we (Gays and Lesbians) can't simply march to say NO to violent physical attacks on Lesbians.

The women who wouldn't join the group, wouldn't take part unless, one organizer said, "we reached a shared analysis of social change, we'll never reach that". And why are we being lectured to anyway? "While they're beating us in the streets these people want to talk about fuckin' global socio-political strategy. They're fuckin' crazy, sometimes I think they're from the CIA," another marcher said in private. Why isn't a march of 600 people demanding an end to Gay and Lesbian bashing worthy of a news report - one that stands on its own? Why aren't we worthy of news coverage? Why, when the media does cover us, do they emphasize the divisions within our group, which regrettably some of us want to publicize? And why do we play into this?

Even within the Gay and Lesbian media we don't consider our cry for justice to be equal to that of other minorities. Few people do. It seems that public assaults on a crowd marching for equal treatment and justice under the law are less important than infighting between members of the group when it's an issue of race, sexism, or any other of the isms. As one church member yelled at Queer Nationalists during a recent zap, "How dare you compare yourself to the civil rights movement!"

As incredible as it seems, this crap doesn't only come from our enemies, even Lesbians of color threw this question at members of Queer Nation at a recent meeting. Often the anger comes out when Blacks object to considering our fight for justice equal to theirs, or when Jews object to the use of the term holocaust for the AIDS

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Record Turnout For Arizona Fellowship Run IV

by Ben Corbin

TUCSON - Arizona Fellowship Run IV is now history. But it is history that will be remembered for a long time; not only in Tucson, but for those out-of-towners who traveled many miles to be here. The host club for this year's run was Partners and they were assisted by members of all the other clubs and organizations in Tucson. The Arizona Fellowship Committee, who put the weekend together, are to be congratulated for the hard work in getting it so well organized. The hard work was evident.

There were several 'celebrities' in town for the weekend run: Gregry Foster, Mr. Leather Arizona 1990; Ms. Terri Trotter, MS Arizona Leather and First Runner-up of Ms. International Leather; Dino Rossi, Mr. Charlie's Leather; Jody Ryan, First Lady of Leather; and David Rhodes, owner and publisher of The Leather Journal. In addition to the celebrities, the out-of-town clubs that were represented included Wasatch Leathermen, Corn Hauters, The Universal Brotherhood of Leather Lords, Gory Debs International, Copperstate Leathermen and Satyricons.

From the cocktail hour and dinner presented on Thanksgiving Day to the Awards Ceremony and Lunch on Sunday afternoon, the weekend was full of events, games and fun-filled evenings. Some of the highlights of the run were the show at the Graduate for the participants, the Leather Night II at IBI's and the "Bar-Run" to all the bars in town on Friday and Saturday evening. The only complaint of the weekend was that there was not enough time allowed at each bar on the "Bar-Run". This oversight will be correct for next year's run.

The Awards ceremony held Sunday afternoon was full of surprises. The Satyricons of Las Vegas walked away

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Attending the Arizona Fellowship Run IV over the weekend were Ms. Leather Arizona 1990 Terri Trotter and Mr. Leather Arizona 1990, Gregry Foster, pictured above.



Chuck and Skip of Satyricons Leathermen of Las Vegas were the big prize winners with a total of seven awards. Congratulations.



Shown above are some representatives from the various local and out-of-town clubs and organizations, some holding

their club colors, who partook in the festivities of the Arizona Fellowship Run IV.

UPDATE

PACT 2nd Annual Festival of Trees

TUCSON - From Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, in the central foyer of La Paloma Resort, visitors will be able to enjoy a festive display of art and light.

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by Bart

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Arizona Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. at Candi's Home. All members of the Committee are requested to be present at this important meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

The next meeting of the Council of Central Arizona (CCA) will be at 7:00 p.m. at Preston's, 4102 E. Thomas Road in Phoenix. Please bring any flyers about upcoming events that you'd like people to come to and any other information you'd like to share. For more information call (602)351-5463.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Full C.A.T. Committee meeting will be held at the Joshua Tree starting at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Arizona Fellowship

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with the biggest collection of trophies - even though the Trash Award was not really appreciated.

Next year, Arizona Fellowship V will be hosted by Desert Leathermen with the support and help from the other social clubs in Tucson. Watch for it and make plans to be a part of it.

New Workshops for Local Dance Group

TUCSON - The Barbea Williams Performing Company is ending the season with a bang! The group is offering some new workshops in Brazilian Dance and the Dunham Technique. Workshops begin on Dec. 4 and continue through Dec. 20.

With Carnival season right around the corner, you are invited to come and learn the Samba, Frevo, Machulele and a little Lambada with Heliana Pinheiro. Heliana is a native Brazilian who studied movement and dance in Sao Paulo, Natal and other Brazilian cities. Heliana is now a member of "Lanbrasil" and also dances with the Barbea Williams Performing Co. The class is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. with live music. All levels of dancers are encouraged to join in.

Also on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. the Barbea Williams Performing Co. is teaching the Dunham Technique. The instructor, Glenn Standifer, was a dancer with the Katherine Dunham Dance Company. He was an artist in residence at the Southern Illinois University under the direction of Katherine Dunham. Glenn has trained children of the ghetto in St. Louis, MO, and in Buffalo, NY. He has taught classes to senior citizens as therapy. Glenn has also appeared in a number of motion pictures and commercials as well as on Broadway, in performances such as "Peg 'O My Hart" and "Finian's Rainbow".

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S. F. Gay Demonstrators Revile Christian Crusade

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - An evangelist with Oklahoma connections ordered the devil to get out of the San Francisco area without delay as a shrieking crowd of 1,000 pro-Gay activists cursed him and his 5,000 Halloween "prayer warriors".

The two-hour confrontation took place Halloween night at the Civic Center Auditorium, the site of a Christian Crusade organized by evangelists who say the city is plagued by immoral homosexuals, crime, witchcraft and general sin.

The protesters, who contended the meeting was an attack on homosexuality, shouted profanities, waved insulting signs, shrieked, chanted and blocked buses bringing the crusaders from some 250 Northern California churches. They put up a 12-foot paper penis in the form of a cross in front of barricades. "We're queer, we're here, get used to it!" they yelled.

The demonstrators were held back by dozens of police in riot gear. At one point, police had to reach in and pull crusade participants through the crowd and into the auditorium, where they and their belongings were searched. The shrieking got so loud that officers put their hands over their ears.

After the three-hour revival, motorcyclists tossed a teargas canister into the crowd leaving the hall, police said. Police donned gas masks and some 300 people, their eyes tearing, fled upwind, holding handkerchiefs over their faces. Officers said the canister hit a youth who was treated for a cut on his head. The motorcyclists

escaped. Inside the hall, Texas evangelist Larry Lea, who organized the crusade along with San Jose minister Dick Bernal, told a rapt audience that the San Francisco region was beset by "heavy... depressing" spirits. Lea was dean of theology and missions for Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 31 months before leaving in 1988.

As the audience prayed and shouted their love of Christ, some in a joyful frenzy, the 39-year-old Lea ordered, "Spirit of rejection, begone from this area."

Lea who distributes "prayer army dog tags" and has donned military fatigues in previous crusades, said Halloween was selected to launch his assault on sin because, according to legend, demons are strongest at that time.

"This is not just kids having fun," he said. "There is actual worship of the devil." The event is a function of a Pentecostal-Charismatic movement that sees satanic princes and "territorial spirits" ruling over particular cities, industries and subcultures.

The Gay demonstration ended two hours after it started when the demonstrators marched to the mainly Gay Castro District, where the city's typically outrageous Halloween festivities drew more than 150,000 people, many in drag. "This is just good clean fun for us, a celebration of our lifestyle," said Joe Van Es-Ballesteros, organizer of the drag extravaganza.

Group Pledges Suit Over New Denver Anti-Bias Law

DENVER, CO - A citizens group, claiming that a new city anti-bias ordinance aimed partly at prohibiting discrimination against Gay people exposes heterosexuals to AIDS has vowed to file an \$800 million civil suit against the city.

The Balance in Government Steering Committee recently sent a letter to Denver City Attorney Patricia Wells calling the new ordinance a deceptive "homosexual rights petition".

A spokesman for the group admitted that its underlying goal is to win a U.S. Supreme Court precedent establishing the right to "associational preference". "For a long time, there's been the feeling that people have the right to work around people they want to," said spokesman James M. McDonald. "That means if you want to work around all Blacks, you can. If you want to work around all Whites, you can."

"The climate of the Congress and the Supreme Court has not been such that this concept could survive a constitutional test. However, the novelty of this whole business of minority rights is beginning to wear off..."

The group claims it is wrong to allow Gay people to have the jobs they want because their sexual practices put heterosexuals at risk of contracting AIDS. "This whole issue of minority rights and the whole nine yards is not even the issue anymore," McDonald said. "It's those whose lifestyles involve deadly sexual practices."

The group's letter to Wells said the Denver City Council members "betrayed their fiduciary duty and exposed the city to high risk civil litigation" by passing the anti bias law last month. The ordinance, which takes effect Feb. 1, provides unprecedented legal protection to Denver's Gay community. Opponents of the ordinance criticized the council for portraying it as an all-encompassing civil rights measure, when the only new aspects of the ordinance are protections against discrimination based on sexual preference and military status.

"The lawsuit hopes to get techniques that have been used to hoodwink the Denver City Council brought out into the open," McDonald said.

Assistant City Attorney Dariene Ebert said the allegations made by the group are baseless. "In our opinion, this organizations does not raise any issues that are a valid attack on the ordinance," she said.

CAT Award Voter Registration This Weekend

TUCSON - Members of the CAT Committee will be in the community registering voters for the upcoming election of recipients of awards to be presented at the annual CAT Awards Banquet in January. You must be registered to vote in this election. Registrars will be at all local bars, businesses and other locations throughout the weekend.

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Roaming Around With Chuck

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bands was "like throwing meat to the dogs". All prisoners in Tarrant County Jail wear colored wristbands: red for felons, blue for misdemeanor offenders, orange for those awaiting transfer to federal prisons, yellow for prisoners with medical problems and gray for homosexuals. Homosexuals are given protective custody who admit to being homosexual or bisexual and wear gray bands but must mix with the other prisoners during meals and exercise breaks.

Same sex dancing was observed recently at Disneyland, in celebration of Sept. 13, 1980 when a couple of guys tried it and were ejected from the Tomorrowland Terrace. This has been going on in European cities for many years as I remember seeing it in France in the mid-fifties.

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Until next time... Love you... Chuck

Some items from around the country ... Gloria House in Las Vegas that just opened in July of this year for the care of persons with AIDS is closing down due to lack of support and funds. This seems to be happening more and more around the country as funds dry up. What is going to happen to those who come down with AIDS next year or in the years following. It might be you or I ... and we end up on the streets because there is no help available? A very horrible thought!

The latest thing in the Fort Worth Texas jail now is colored wristbands for homosexuals. Jail officials said the tagging helped ensure that prisoners were not harassed. But at least one Gay activist said the use of wrist-

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pandemic. As long as Lesbian and Gay rights, as long as Lesbian and Gay dignity remain hostage to other causes, as long as the bigotry and unjust treatment we receive is thought of as unworthy of consideration for its own sake, our cause won't be going very far.

Sadly, similar divisions and attitudes within the Gay and Lesbian community are springing up all across the country. The split of San Francisco's ACT-UP into two groups because of a disagreement on focus, and on the ever increasing hostility between men and women and whites and people of color, is another example. Many in San Francisco felt it was time to stop arguing about the group's racism and sexism, stop doing what some called "ceaseless encounter group work and sensitivity training," and get back to their main issue: fighting AIDS. Other issues were seriously draining the group's energy, and trying its patience. The divisions and tensions became so bad that it led to a total split of the two factions.

Divisions within New York's Queer Nation haven't improved with time either. After a Village Voice cover photo of a group representing Queer Nation appeared with a majority of Gay white males, some members of the group went into political convulsions. "We're tired of all these white boys!" one member said. "Where are the women and people of color?" Others angrily retorted, "What's wrong with being a Gay white boy, huh?" Again, when the mayor's liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community, Marjorie Hill, spoke at another Queer Nation meeting, she was accompanied by the largest crowd of women of color the group had ever had.

They claimed they were there to protect her from "racists" and laid into Queer Nation members with numerous attacks on their credibility. Marjorie Hill's first words to the gathered Gay and Lesbian members of Queer Nation were an attack on the group's insensitivity for not having arranged for an American Sign Language translator. Approving cheers and applause rose from her "protectors". Soon the lines dividing the group were drawn: "You're racists because your mother and her mother were racists" one woman of color told members of Queer Nation. As one disgruntled Queer said, "It's clear that Gay white men can't protest against New York's Mayor Dinkins, his homophobic Health Commissioner or Marjorie Hill (all three happen to be Black) without being called a racist. Did you hear her answer to the questions about her priorities? She said she's an African American first, then a Lesbian! And to question having someone like that as our representative is racist?"

The charge of racism isn't the only call that drains our community of its energy. And New York and San Francisco aren't the only places it's happening. In Memphis, four members of the board of the Memphis Gay Coalition resigned amid charges of mismanagement. The co-editors of "Gaze", the city's Gay and Lesbian paper, are gone. They said they were tired of "the nitpicking crap". One said simply, "I have more productive things to do with my time".

What were they tired of? Constant

charges that they were preventing "blacks and women from being involved" in the coalition. Some members of the community were upset because the board failed to react to charges of racism that were leveled at a local company. The result is that the paper, community switchboard and other Gay activities all came to a temporary halt.

Elsewhere across the country numerous AIDS groups are also being diluted by people demanding a piece of the action. In her column "What's the Point?" (a good question dear) LA's Ayofeni Polayan says with surprise, "Many Gay men working actively for improved health care for PWAs seem resentful of my insistence on the inclusion of women's health issues, such as breast cancer... in their agenda." She continues, "many white Gay men with AIDS have confronted their first instance of powerlessness imposed by a system that considers them disposable. Until the disease forced them to examine these issues, many of them were content to benefit from their cultural privilege as closeted, white, middle-class males." Sorry you missed Stonewall, honey.

There are many more instances to consider, AIDS benefit dances cancelled because they lacked access for the handicapped. AIDS service group boards filled with homophobic ministers elected to increase minority participation and the surprising lack of agencies with a mandate to exclusively serve the special needs of "Gay men" with AIDS. (There are agencies and social service programs and special outreach projects for every possible minority with AIDS in New York except Gay men!)

What does it all mean? Yes, the Gay and Lesbian community has its share of racism. Its share of sexism. Its share of classism and ableism and sizeism and every other ism you can think of. But the problem that's killing and tearing apart the fabric of our community isn't one of these. The problem that's obviously killing us is homophobia.

What's homophobia? Homophobia is being unable to have an organization that deals exclusively with the special social needs of only Gay men with AIDS. Period. Homophobia is not being able to have an anti-violence march when Gay men or Lesbians are brutally attacked without addressing other bias' and social ills in order to make the one against us fully legit. Homophobia is not being able to have a conference on AIDS without mentioning breast cancer. (When the Jerry Lewis Telethon starts to mention AIDS, call me).

Homophobia is not being able to speak up against bigoted government officials who are out of control and totally unresponsive to the unprecedented increase in violence against our community without being called racist. Homophobia is allowing this to happen to us, letting people put us on the bottom rung of the ladder of oppression. Homophobia is not having enough pride to say enough of this shit! Homophobia is afraid to say, "Yes, but honey this time you have to wait, I'm busy with something important here. I'm fighting for my life!"



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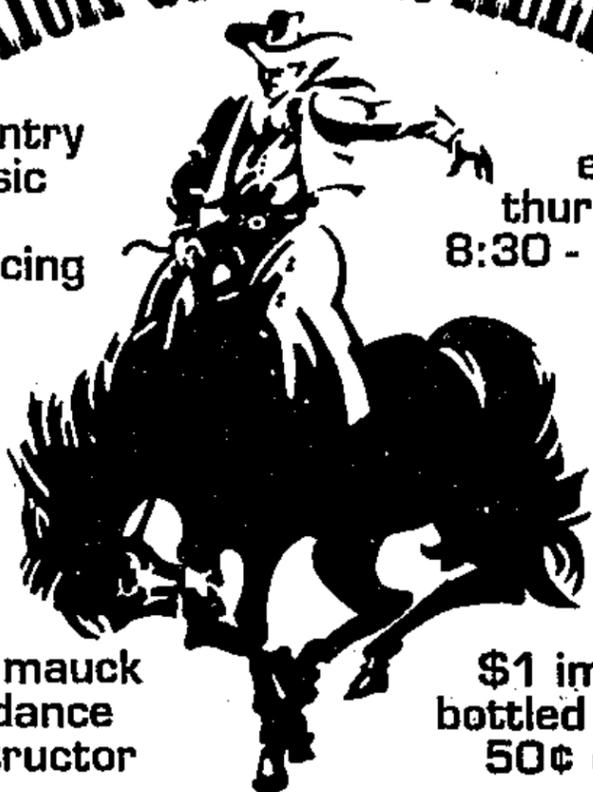
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For those of you out there that for one reason or another chose not to take part in this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship 4 Run, you really missed the boat this time. True, not everyone in Tucson understands or just plain does not like the club scene, but this past weekend would have been a golden opportunity for you to see the full benefit and fun of a major club scene run.

Arizona Fellowship 4 was the largest in-town run Tucson has ever seen. I lost track of all the different clubs that sent representatives to this year's version. There were representatives from as far away as Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. There were also representatives from some clubs in Phoenix. It was a true fellowship experience meeting all the new people and enjoying the weekend with them. Also on hand, was Dave Rhodes, owner and publisher of the Leather Journal.

When it came time for passing out the awards, Skip and Chuck, from the Satyricon in Las Vegas, combined for a total of 7 different awards, including the Trash Award which was won by Chuck. One of the games played during this run was called "Nuts and Bolts". It seems Chuck was out there selling his body for nuts and bolts. I wonder who ended up putting them together because Chuck could not have had the time to do so. (TBBS: Skip has always said he's top-well, he is! According to a new Satyricon member, Chuck, when Skip gets ????? - he's on top!).

Two new games this year were the "International Cruise", put on by the Arizona Fellowship Committee: 92 different flags from around the world that had to be identified, and the "Hair Burners" put on by SOS. The Hair Burners game was held at the Graduate during the intermission of the show held Friday evening. Some of the end results of those hairdo's goes beyond description.

As for one of the older-type games, the scavenger hunt was put on by TALL. Mother Nature sure helped with the warmer weather and Value Village made out real good. Judging for this contest was held at the Graduate on Sunday afternoon. Two of the items that had to be produced was a passport, and Skip and Chuck received points when they put in front of the judges a bottle of Passport scotch! Another item the scavengers had to come up with was a turkey wishbone intact. Well, you know me, I plopped a 15 lb. frozen turkey in front of the judges and they had no recourse but give me the points. All the contests in this contest were awarded extra points for presentation

style. The Library was also kept busy with the Trivia Game put on by Desert Leathermen.

All in all, each game played over the weekend was well received and enjoyed by everyone. The trophies won by the different clubs was spread out more evenly with the bulk leaving Tucson. My congratulations goes out to Partners for the excellent job as host club, and the complete Arizona Fellowship Committee for a fantastic and well organized run. I look forward to Arizona Fellowship 5, next year, hosted by the Desert Leathermen. (TBBS: Annie was also in the running for this year's Trash Award. It seems she did not even remember eating dinner Friday!).

Other nominees for this year's Trash Award were Lee., Tommy M., Gary L., and yes, Pam. Since the voting had already been taken, everyone sort of let loose and quit watching for the Trash, but I could have nominated 5 more people, even Candi T.

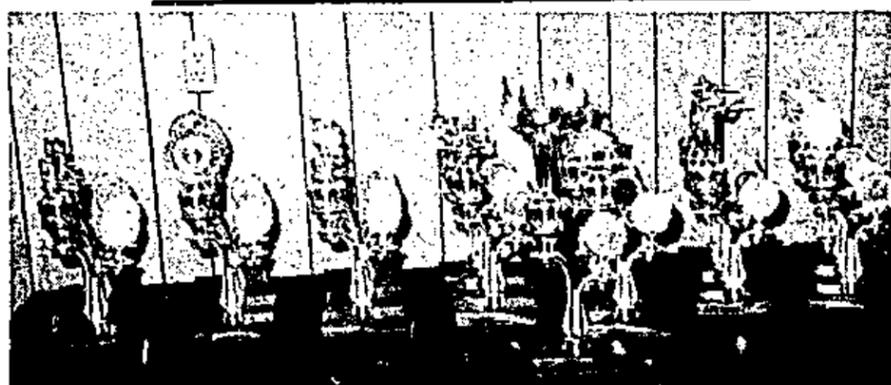
Send-off brunch was held at the Graduate and once everyone arrived, poor Terry was running his buns off trying to keep everyone in cocktails. He did luck out in the end because normally on some of these runs, rounds of shots are purchased by the different clubs - but not this time and I'm sure he was thankful.

I guess that will be it for now on this year's ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP IV Run. As time goes on, listen to different people around your favorite watering hole and you will probably hear stories that no way could I run them in this column. I do on occasion try to use ??? or something else to convey a non-printable word, but even some of those are edited out.

Now Tucson can start getting into the Christmas spirit. Let's have this year's Christmas a time for sharing, both in love and items for the needy. These items can be dropped off at one of the ITA bars around town or at the Shanti office itself. They are the local distributor for these donated items.

Due to the different events going on these past two weeks, I've fallen behind in getting the posters up and raffle jars out for this year's TKO annual "Make-A-Wish", \$100 Christmas Tree Raffle. I'll stay home this week and try to have everything out this weekend. This year's drawing will be held on Dec. 22 at the Graduate during their annual Christmas Show.

Now it is time to put this week's column to print so that Bob can get it before the deadline. Have a warm and loving week and I'll be talking to you next week.



Here are the trophies lined up ready to be given out at the Graduate Sunday to the winners of the various games held during Arizona Fellowship

Run IV over Thanksgiving Day Weekend. The largest one is the coveted "Trash Award" which this year was won by Wasatch Leathermen of Las Vegas.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

One of the things that makes our culture fun and exciting is the diversity of styles. A beautiful example was this last Saturday at IBT's. It was "Leather Pride II". I had a great time. Talk about drool city! It brought to mind some very fond memories back from the days in the days in San Francisco, (a few years ago) at a place called the Boot Camp. But that was another lifetime.

At Leather Pride II there were a number of hot men from out of town too. There were uniforms, chaps, vests, harnesses and more. Overall, a very friendly group of people. I talked to a great number of people and apparently more leather is to come. At the moment I'm working on a column on sex and the leather life. Some very nice Tucson and Phoenix leathermen are and will be helping me. Please don't discount or pre-judge this part of our culture. It's worth exploring. More to come.

The Festival of Trees will be this weekend at La Paloma Resort. On Sunday, Dec. 2, will be the reception at 6:00 pm. and auction at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see many of the beautiful people from Tucson's Gay community there. I especially would like to see our five clubs, the churches and various organizations there. The money is for PACT for Life, and the good Lord knows that we need all we can get. Let's start this Christmas off together at La Paloma, 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

Monday night I had the privilege of interviewing Christopher Crawford Brown (fondly known as Chris to many). He an original Washington, D.C. kid, transplanted to the Old Pueblo in 1971. He says he's 34-years-old, and for the past five years, he has been happily married to Mr. Bobby Solis. He's the AIDS Program Coordinator for Pima County and has been involved in the county efforts since 1983. He has been nicknamed the Father of the County AIDS Program. To him, it is not a job, but a passion. And to any of you who get the chance to spend time with him, you will see that -- and a wonderful light side too.

We spent over three hours dis-

cussing everything from his sex life to HIV issues. Here are a few things we discussed. On the subject of testing, he feels that counseling of the utmost importance. After talking to a counselor, then the individual can make a clear choice either way. (Theresa Lee Clinic is not a counseling center-just testing).

Chris says that in his own life he believes in discussion before sex and safe sex practices during sex.

As far as HIV+ people and sex he believes that if people follow safe sex and common sense "go for it". He believes, when it comes to present programs and agencies, that we are in a time of evaluation, what we have done, what we can do and what is still needed. He would like to see a more overall acceptance of HIV+ people in the community - not that there are not a lot of very wonderful and caring people out there, but there needs to be more if HIV+ people are to feel comfortable enough to come out of their closet, so to speak.

On the topic of monogamy, or set guidelines in Gay relationships, in these days he says it is the decision of those involved. Remember which head to think with, though!

When we talked about how one is viewed by our peers, we jokingly agree on "just a tramp trying to make a living".

"HIV is not my entire life, but a huge part of it," says Chris. There are a lot of things he says he still wants to accomplish in conjunction with his work with the county. He loves to be involved. And loves to be on top of things (no pun intended).

Finally he says, he prefers a manly, Levi-type bar for entertainment. But always has our community near his heart. Chris, thanks and I'm looking forward to a long friendship.

And next week, I'll be interviewing a man who believes in the American dream of life, liberty and the pursuit of good, clean, safe sex. Till next week: Sean 323-3780

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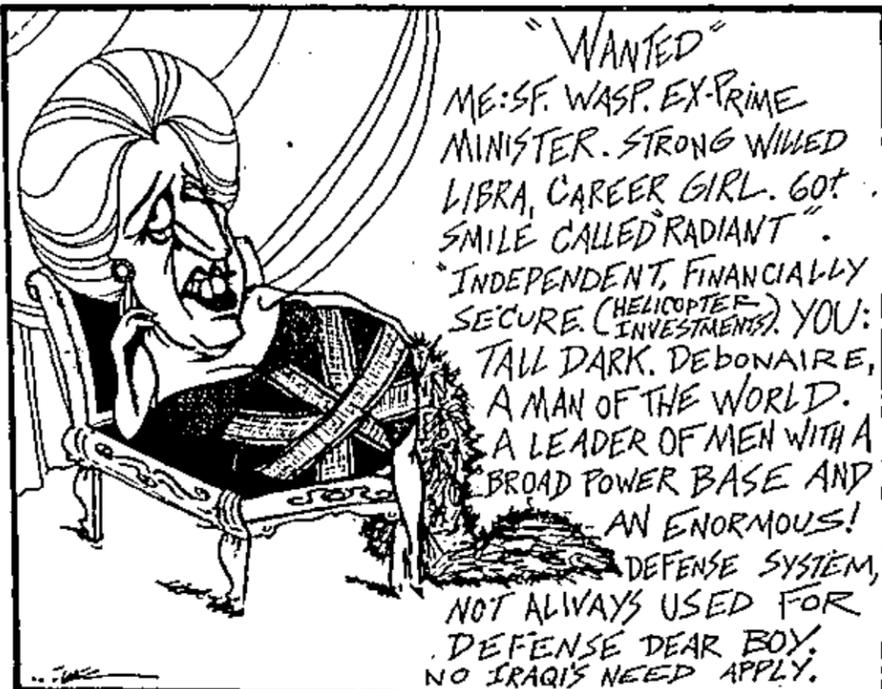
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cobble

This past weekend was a full and eventful time for MCC/Tucson. From the Dinner open to the community on Thanksgiving, through the Arizona Fellowship Run and our Bingo night on Saturday, to our Worship Services on Sunday, there was something going on at all times-day and evening. Our thanks goes to the Arizona Fellowship Committee for taking the facilities and leaving them in such good order.

Rev. Terlisner-Willy, who is recovering from her recent operation was present and participated in our worship service 1st Sunday. Even though Rev. Nita is unable to do as much as she wishes, her presence was a joy and inspiration to the entire congregation. Our prayers are with her for a speedy and full recovery.

During our Morning Worship Service last Sunday, our Deacon Danny Swift was re-consecrated and re-in-

stalled. Our new Deacon, Ernie Hoop, was consecrated and installed during the ceremony. Our congratulations, prayers and support goes to our Deacons as they continue their ministry to the congregation and community.

Rev. Don Pedersen, our District Coordinator of the Southwest District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, (if you think that title is long you should see some of the others), will be in Tucson on the weekend of Dec. 8 and 9. During Rev. Pedersen's visit, MCC/Tucson will celebrate their 20th anniversary in Tucson. Yes it has been 20 years since that small group met at the Ramada Inn and formed this congregation in Tucson. Watch for more details for this celebration as plans are finalized.

Thought for the Week: Hating someone is like burning down your own house to get rid of a cockroach.

"You Are Not Alone"

by Chris Brown - Pima County Health Dept.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIV AND AIDS?

There is often a misunderstanding of the differences between a diagnosis of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Many people believe that HIV and AIDS are the same thing. But actually there are differences between the two.

HIV is the name of the virus that causes and can lead to AIDS. There are approximately one million people in the United States that are infected with HIV. These people have no apparent signs or symptoms. In fact, many people with HIV do not even know they are infected. The easiest way to find out if a person is infected with HIV is to get a blood test for antibodies to HIV.

AIDS is the name of the syndrome or illness caused by HIV. AIDS occurs

when a person has been infected long enough with HIV for it to attack and damage the immune system. A damaged or weakened immune system can make a person vulnerable to a variety of illnesses called "opportunistic infections". Only when a person has been diagnosed with both HIV and an opportunistic infection are they considered to have AIDS. As of October 1990, there have been 152,126 cases of AIDS reported in the United States.

Probably the easiest way to look at this is to picture HIV disease as a continuous spectrum or process that starts with exposure and initial infection with HIV and can eventually lead to the appearance of signs/symptoms and a diagnosis of AIDS. Currently, we do not know if everyone infected with HIV will progress to AIDS. Only time will answer this question.

Out On The Town

by Jim Jim LaMore

So just what was that Russian River Queen going down so far on 4th Avenue. Is Granny really as hungry as some people say she is? Some people at the Ponderosa Annex Annex or the Bean Plantation on the Bean Avenue Hostile Night make mention of it.

Macho Man made it to the Old Pueblo and what a party it was. But Miss Mae missed Macho Man Monday. Maybe her memory is gone. Rotten Rhonda is now running rampant around town, but remember, she's not just another new kid in town.

So, has Sister Mary Virgetta broken any more casts lately? Probably not since Sean Elliott passed on. The turtle Flat Queen and Miss Mae managed

to find a dead end road along with those good ole boys this past weekend. Turkey day at the Ponderosa certainly was festive. From the homeboys to royalty, it certainly was festive.

Chopce's suite at the Pima County Hilton high rise is still reserved and she is still using it. Did Lady Di do the dude doing the dirty dancing and did he dutifully descend for Lady Di to do? And who was that queen doing her weightlifting in her sleep? Maybe Miss Mae can tell how she was picked up and gradually let down. And who is the paper pumpkin pie queen. And will Will?

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POLITICS '90

by MARK P. KERR

THE RUNOFF ELECTION

The special session of the Arizona legislature ended last week with the adoption of the rules for the gubernatorial runoff election. The terms mentioned in last week's column, were agreed upon and signed by Gov. Rose Mofford. The proposed rules now go to the U.S. Dept. of Justice for their final approval, which could take up to four weeks for them to review. A formal challenge to the runoff proposals will be made by state Rep. Benjamin Hanley (D-Window Rock). Rep. Hanley stated that the roads in the outlying counties will be muddy and impassible for constituents, primarily the Indians, to be able to participate in the electoral process. Privately, officials fear that Rep. Hanley's protest will affect the runoff election proposals, and subsequently push the election date into May.

THE 50% PLUS 1 QUESTION

After the Legislature enacted the rules for the gubernatorial runoff, lawmakers have stated that an attempt will be made to put the 50% plus 1 question on the 1992 ballot for repeal. The legislation will be introduced by Rep. Lela Steffey (R-Mesa). Most legislators feel that the constitutional amendment was an overreaction to the election of impeached former Governor, Evan Mecham, who was in a three-way race and won with 40% of the vote. The aspect of a runoff that upsets the legislators the most is the cost, which will be \$2.65 million, and which the state can barely afford. So expect some action to be taken on the 50% plus 1 in the next legislative session.

THE MECHAM CHALLENGE

Next Tuesday, Dec. 4, arguments will be heard in a suit filed by Tucson lawyer David Eisenstein (Evan Mecham's candidate for attorney general). He is challenging the constitutionality of 50% plus 1 on the grounds that the legislature did not act on setting the guidelines for a runoff election, before the 1990 November general election. Former Mecham attorney Don MacPherson will be joining Eisenstein in the fight to have 50% plus 1 ruled unconstitutional.

SO WHY BOTHER?

Last week, I met an individual by the name of Jamie, who informed me of her tribulations with her former job: fire fighter for the Flowing Wells Fire Department. It wasn't the fact that she could not do the job; she had received numerous recommendations, she was at the top of her class, she knew the job inside and out. The problem she was having was the fact that her Fire Commander knew that she was a Lesbian. At first, she was being denied promotions, then the harassment started, after a long period of putting up with the crap dished out by her fellow fire-fighters, she took a leave of absence.

When she came back, her job had been filled, and the Commander could only give her a part-time position, which had no benefits (medical, dental, etc.). After another period of undue harassment from her colleagues, she asked for more time off. The Commander stated that she could have as much time as needed. He subsequently fired her for not signing a form to get the leave of absence (which she tried on numerous occasions to sign).

Her Lieutenant, and several colleagues who have spoken up for her, have been demoted or transferred. Presently Jamie is fighting this unjustified firing in the courts. Why should you bother? This occurred in the County, not in the City of Tucson, so the subsequent organizations state, "If it happened within the city limits, then she would have the ordinance to protect her". You see, Pima County does not have an ordinance to protect US from such discrimination in employment. The time for action is now! An effort is beginning to get an ordinance on the Pima county books to protect us from discrimination in housing, employment, etc., so we do not have any more such tragic cases again.

END NOTES

It would be nice if the Republicans would play by the rules in the game of elections. When it was determined that there would be a runoff election for governor, who was it that brought the challenge to 50% plus 1, which was approved by the voters? The Republicans. Who is it that is saying for the sake of the state, that Terry Goddard should withdraw as a gubernatorial candidate? The Republicans. Who, in the special legislative session dragged their feet, when it came to the runoff, as they did in the last session when Secretary of State Jin Shunway came up with good proposals for a runoff election, as stated by 50% plus 1? The Republicans.

If they want to get rid of 50% plus 1, get it on the November 1992 ballot, that is the proper time to tackle the question of 50% plus 1. Now is not the time. So hopefully, the Republicans will simply accept the fact that there will be a runoff election, and stop acting like crybabies about it.

Until next time, take care.

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Patricia Nolan Replies To Queries About Changes In AHCCCS Benefits

ED NOTE: The following are two letters, one from a concerned PWA and the other from a representative of ACT-UP Phoenix concerning a possible change in AHCCCS benefits to AIDS patients. The extra-long reply from AHCCCS Medical Director Patricia Nolan is presented here in its entirety for your information and guidance.

Dr. Pat Nolan
P.O. Box 25520
Phoenix, AZ 85002

Dear Dr. Nolan:

My name is John Bahr, I am a person LIVING with AIDS. Recently a proposal that you are recommending to AHCCCS was brought to my attention.

I feel that I must let you know that I disagree with the limitations that you are recommending. I also find the wording very unacceptable and there is a greater need of definition from you on what exactly you want to change.

As you should know, this virus does not affect each individual in the same way. Each case is different, how could AHCCCS feel that they could second guess my physician. Are they going to have my medical records for a history of me? To make the decision if I should be in the hospital or if I need a certain test. Are they going to let the hospital pick up the bill if something was done over the weekend before they could get the approval. Are you saying that if a PWA was on a medication that was working for them, should be taken off because they hadn't tried

these other medications first. Are you going to be responsible for any side effect they may suffer or even die from?

Arizona is on the bottom of the Health Care Services for this country already, with these limitations that you are suggesting, I am sure will lower us even further if that is possible.

I can't understand how AHCCCS could make any changes in policy without trying to get some kind of input from PWAs or the caregivers. This "behind-the-door" practice activity must stop now!!! The only thing PWAs are asking for is to have our concerns heard. We want some kind of input on what services are needed, and how the system can help us live our lives to the fullest.

I will make this promise to you. If there are any kind of cut backs for services, or any unreasonable policy changes, I will personally call on every HIV-infected person and their caregivers to march on your office and the office of AHCCCS to demonstrate the inhumanity of this system we are facing here in Arizona. This is not a threat but a promise. We will no longer be silent!

If you have the right to sign my death certificate, I should have the right to fight for my life.

Person LIVING With AIDS
John J. Bahr - Phoenix

ACT UP PHOENIX

AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power

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Pat Nolan, MD
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Dear Dr. Nolan,

Today I spoke with Christine Goldberg, whom I found extremely irritable, emotional, defensive, and unprofessional. I also left a message for Rob Roberts to return my call, which he has not done at the time of this writing. So far, communication with your organization has left a great deal to be desired.

ACT UP PHOENIX has obtained a draft copy of your "Catastrophic Reinsurance for AIDS Patients." We have questions about many of the items in it. Ms. Goldberg would not talk with us about our questions. You may be able to explain our concerns, but you have to open a dialogue first. We find your staff's unresponsiveness most disturbing for a state agency.

We are concerned that according to the draft we obtained, eligibility is limited to people with "documented AIDS," excluding HIV+ people and people with ARC. Members of these latter groups are sometimes so disabled as to no longer be able to work, and may require AHCCCS. They should not be excluded in your guidelines.

We find your recommendation of a limit of 12 physician visits per year for preventive care to be ludicrous. We believe that the role you propose to play in determining whether or not covered patients are admitted to the hospital to be unacceptable.

ACT UP should be consulted as you formulate your policies. ACT UP is the largest and most active AIDS issues political action group in the United States (see the enclosed article from the Arizona Republic). We represent the people who should be served by your agency, but who would be grievously maltreated by your draft policy. Please respond to our letter by November 19. After that I will call to make an appointment with you. Let's work together to make adequate services available to all PWAs and people with ARC and HIV seropositivity.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Kurtz
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Bruce Kurtz
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Dear Mr. Kurtz:

In response to your November 8 letter and your inquiries to the AHCCCS public information office, it is my hope this letter clarifies the areas of concern to the membership of ACT-UP and other concerned parties.

First of all, please be reassured that no policy changes affecting AHCCCS member benefits or services are being considered at this time. The AHCCCS benefit package is defined in rule and is subject to public hearing, review and input when changed.

Secondly, AHCCCS members with AIDS, AIDS-Related Complex (ARC) and members who are HIV seropositive have access to the same coverage benefits, services and treatments under AHCCCS. There is no specific package of covered services for AIDS patients because AHCCCS does not define benefits by diagnosis.

To understand Catastrophic Reinsurance for AIDS Patients, one has to understand the nature of a managed care program like AHCCCS. Health plans receive a monthly payment (capitation) to provide medically necessary care to each enrolled member, in much the same way an HMO receives a monthly premium.

The purpose of catastrophic reinsurance is to protect health plans from unpredictable losses from the care of patients whose costs of care greatly exceed the average. Simply, it limits plans' liability. Again, these provisions do not define member health care benefits. Instead, catastrophic reinsurance is a payment mechanism to reimburse health plans and providers for services rendered in high cost cases like AIDS and organ transplants.

An example would be an AIDS patient with pneumonia who entered the hospital and stayed for a couple of weeks. The plan would incur more than \$1,000 in AIDS-related costs in that period and could bill AHCCCS for costs over the first \$1,000 under catastrophic reinsurance.

The document you obtained was a first draft of guidelines to be used in reviewing catastrophic reinsurance claims submitted by health plans for services rendered to AIDS patients. It was distributed for review and comment. The comments of interested parties are used in arriving at final guidelines for reimbursement. This is a preliminary step and is common procedure for establishing guidelines.

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COLETTE'S - To enable the staff to enjoy their annual Christmas Party, Colette's will open at 2:00 p.m. today only.

FINELINE - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will hold their monthly meeting here beginning at 2:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - SOS Casino Nite and Beer Bust from 4 to 9. This will be an evening to benefit the Arizona Children's Home. Bring a toy or canned food and receive free Casino Tickets. Remember the kids at this time of year.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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Non-Bar

CALENDAR

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INCOME:	
Entry Fees Received.....	\$5064.00
Donations and Paid Advertisements.....	1385.55
Non-Bowler Banquet Tickets Sold.....	312.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$6561.55
EXPENSES:	
Cash Prize Fund.....	\$2790.00
Lineage Paid to Fiesta Lanes.....	1358.35
Banquet Cost.....	1048.22
Printing Costs.....	763.63
Decorations and Supplies.....	150.31
Certificates and Frames.....	122.35
IGBO Donation.....	96.00
Free Entry Winner's Hotel Room.....	80.84
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CALENDAR

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COLETTE'S WEST - Open 10 am. NFL Football on our big screens. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$1.00 entry. Brunch til 3. "Vise Down Nite" \$1.00 wine 4 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Harley Hess entertaining at the piano. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Alcosas \$1.50, Dalquiris \$2. .50 Draft Beer 7 p.m. to closing.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.
BOOTS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.00 till 7 pm. House Band's Specials 7-1.
IT'S - Great sandwiches from DB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 777 C/M music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Gil Lane.
KURRI - Noon to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screws and Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs + Dewey DJs 9-1

Monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials plus Bowlers Special Bobby Jr. 9-1
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. 2 for 1 drinks 5-8. All White Well \$1.00. Monday Night Football!!! .50 Draft and .75 Beer Dogs during the game.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 All Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. "Live Wheel of Fortune" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.
FINELINE - Open at 1 with Big Mike. .50 hot dogs all day. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
BOOTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bowly Croppers.
IT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Freshen Beer.
KURRI - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 plus All White Well \$1.25 9 to close. Dewey DJs at 9.

Tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. DJs 9 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. 2 for 1 from 5-8. Longneck Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 7 pm to close All Well Drinks \$1.25.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials at night.
GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.
BOOTS - Happy Hours 1 to 7pm Well or Domestic beer \$1.25.
IT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .50 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.
Gilbert DJs.
KURRI - \$1.25 Domestic beer or well drinks Noon-7 pm. All White Well \$1.25 9 to close. W/DJ 9-1 w/ht Dewey.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. DJs 9pm
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Two for One 5-8. T-Squares dance and give free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 7 to close All Domestic Beer \$1.25, All Schnapps .75 Mexican Omelet served 6 to 9.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials all night.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 altes.
BOOTS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps .50 7pm to close. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
IT'S - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to close. White Well Nite .75 (w/ juice \$1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Fildale 9 to 1.
KURRI - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. W/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ 9-1
COLETTE'S WEST - Two for One 5-8. "Dobersite!" .75 draft from 8 to midnight. DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Italian Dinner served 6 to 9. Dofa Appreciation Nite - Corona Beer \$1.25 7 pm to closing.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 pm \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials at night.
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.
BOOTS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beluxen or Corona \$1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/M Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Beck.
IT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Lane. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25 8-1.
KURRI - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well drinks 12-7pm. Kegger 1pm to midnight .50/draft. .75 Schnapps, waffles. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. DJs beginning at 9pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Two for One 5-8. Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight. DJ 9-1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Harley Hess at the piano. Patio bar open 9-1 with .50 draft.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well and \$2.50 pitchers. \$1 drink specials at night. New FineLine opens 8:30 "Share Nite" 17 & older with dancing/noon light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
BOOTS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25
IT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Fildale.
KURRI - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Box d'Orreos 5:30. Progressive Friday: Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour until 1 am. W/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8-midnight: DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Harley Hess at the piano. Patio Bar open 8 to 1.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 Free hot dogs, drink specials all day long. The New FineLine opens at 9 pm for 21 and over with neon light show and hot dancing.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
BOOTS - Open Noon.
IT'S - 2 for 1 drinks from 8 to 4. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fildale.
KURRI - Open Noon. 8 to 1 Corona Beer \$1.25 Dance with W/DJ Clint 9-1

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Patricia Nolan Replies To Queries About Changes In AHCCCS Benefits

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claim reviewers assess plan claims in a consistent manner, and to assure health plans receive full benefit of the financial arrangement AHCCCS has established for catastrophic reinsurance claims. These guidelines are being developed to distinguish how we pay health plans for providing necessary medical care, not to distinguish benefits offered to AIDS patients.

I will now address each of the concerns ACT-UP has raised. In addition, I'm sure you are aware of the article on this subject that appeared in the Nov. 7 issue of the Community Echo. I would like to take the opportunity to respond to some of the concerns raised in that article as well.

As pertaining to Section I, Eligibility, subsection A, Documented AIDS. You are concerned that the wording "documented AIDS" excludes members with ARC and who are HIV seropositive.

AHCCCS members with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV seropositive have access to the same benefits, services and treatments. No distinction in coverage is made based on diagnosis, only on medical necessity for the individual member.

A distinction is made with AIDS patients when a plan submits a reinsurance claim. Plans are covered under catastrophic reinsurance only for AIDS patients, not other HIV seropositive persons. This is where much of the misunderstanding about this issue surfaces. All groups receive the same medical coverage; just the method of AHCCCS reimbursement to health plans is different.

It is not yet necessary for health plans to apply for special reinsurance for ARC and HIV seropositive patients. Costs for these patients are more predictable. Health plans can spread these costs across their total membership and the capitation (monthly premiums) they receive is adequate. Reinsurance is available after applicable costs exceed \$10,000 to \$30,000 for other patients.

"Documented Aids" in this instance means the health plan must demonstrate that services and treatments patients received were AIDS-related. This is necessary to have claims paid under reinsurance. This requirement prevents the health plan from billing AHCCCS for non-AIDS-related expenses that plans are responsible for under capitation payments for that member. As an example, injuries are not usually considered AIDS-related.

As pertaining to section III, AIDS-related services, subsection A, Preventive Care, number 1, Physician visits (maximum 12/year). You are concerned about the recommendation of a limit of 12 physician visits per year for preventive care.

This guideline in no way limits an AHCCCS member's admission to hospitals, nor does it limit member visits to a physician. To reiterate, these guidelines apply to how AHCCCS pays the health plan for costs incurred in treating these patients; it does not limit benefits or visits.

For purposes of reinsurance reimbursement, preventive care is defined as those visits for checkups to assess patient status, provide health education, or for routine testing. In the health care industry, these visits are termed "well visits" and usually the member is not ill or in need of any treatment.

Preventive or "well visits" should not be confused with those services covered under section B of AIDS-related services, Medical Care. Medical care visits are when a member requires attention because they are receiving ongoing treatment, care and therapies, or require diagnostic tests. There is no limit on how many medical care visits any AHCCCS member can make.

The point needs to be made that AHCCCS in the past has not granted catastrophic reinsurance to health plans for preventive or "well" visits. This guideline should actually expand services for AIDS patients. It gives health plans an incentive to see patients on a regular basis -- even if they are asymptomatic -- and AHCCCS underwrites payment for those additional preventive or "well" visits. Again, AHCCCS members can see doctors any time they are ill.

As pertaining to section III, AIDS-related services, subsection A, Preventive Care, number 4, Preventive drug therapies, subsection d. You and the Arizona Community Echo raised concerns that Aerosolized Pentamidine will not be available to patients unless they cannot tolerate Dapsone and/or Trimethoprim/sulfa.

Since all three drugs are FDA approved, AHCCCS provides reimbursement as long as the drugs are administered under FDA guidelines according to catastrophic reinsurance policy 6.3.1.1. (copy enclosed). Several other comments were received on this issue, and an alternative is under consideration.

Individual physicians make the decisions about what treatment the patient requires and may prescribe any of the listed drug therapies, AZT, Dapsone, Trimethoprim/sulfa and Aerosolized Pentamidine, when necessary.

You indicated in your Nov. 8 letter that you desire to set up a meeting with me to establish rapport and develop a line of communication. Please call my office at 234-3655, extension 5007 to set up an appointment. We may use that time to discuss any questions you may have about this clarification letter, AHCCCS guidelines and policies or any other relevant concerns.

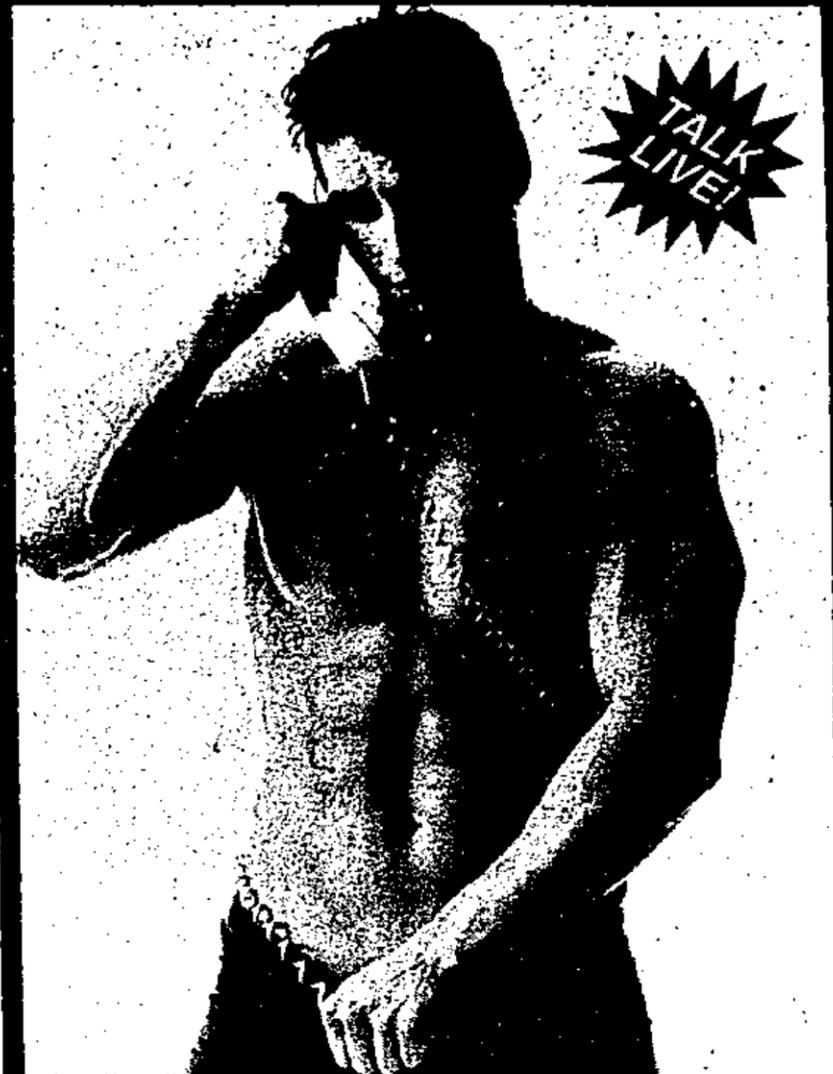
AHCCCS welcomes input from ACT-UP and any other interested parties when establishing guidelines and policies that affect AHCCCS members. In the future, for your convenience, you may direct questions and concerns to the AHCCCS public information office. This is the quickest way to get answers.

Finally, I hope this clarification letter dispels any misunderstandings that may have occurred. AHCCCS does not attempt to conduct it's business "behind closed doors," and we are concerned if that perception exists.

In an attempt to end any misunderstanding in the gay community, for those people living with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV seropositive, or with other interested parties about AHCCCS catastrophic

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

How many of you are as interested as I am in entering each sweepstakes that appears in your mailbox? Whether it is an opportunity from Reader's Digest to be the grand prize winner in their new \$5,000,000 Sweepstakes, or an offer from the Publisher's Clearing House to win a new car (my choice of colors - red black, or silver), it seems that a new opportunity for winning is delivered to my door almost every day.

I always read each piece of paper that comes with the entry blank very carefully to make sure that I am doing everything exactly the correct way when I fill out the "winning" entry. I have a sneaking suspicion that, since I never purchase the book, magazine or whatever, my entry won't make it past the front door. Nevertheless, I enter every one. When I am satisfied that I have completed my entry "just so", into the mail it goes. And then I wait... and wait...and wait! In case you haven't figured it out yet, I'll tell you - I have never won anything! But that doesn't mean that I'm going to quit trying, because the next time just might be the time I hit it big!

It's exciting to dream about what I would do if I ever won - buy a new house, go on a round-the-world trip, go

back to school. But, I'm realistic enough to know that my chances aren't too great. With the population of the United States at almost 250 million people, I figure my chances of winning one of the sweepstakes I enter are just about the same as my chances of getting hit by a meteor! (If I have my choice, however, I'll choose winning!)

Apparently many Americans enjoy trying to get something for nothing whether it is by entering sweepstakes buying lottery tickets or betting on the dog races. But there is one offer that is guaranteed to everyone who accepts it. You don't have to worry about filling out the entry blank correctly or trusting your luck in the lottery or hoping you picked the fastest dog! And this offer is not for something that will wear out break down or go out of style.

Scripture tells us that "...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) This gift is not limited to certain people for "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:21) Have you received your free gift? This offer is limited - it ends the day you die - so don't wait! Accept God's gift of eternal life today.

Patricia Nolan Replies To Queries from Page Thirteen

Reinsurance, I will see copies of this letter are shared with the Arizona Community Echo, the Western Express, the Phoenix Resource and the Observer in Tucson.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON

Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 W. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 865-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting others for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Judith and Joanne 624-5247 or Don and Harlan 888-9236 in Tucson.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)

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ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. seeks volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish speakers in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Call Enrique 741-1965 Tucson.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. \$1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't).

GAY MEN 40 PLUS. For active men who are interested in meeting others in the same age group for dinners, theater, movies, travel, sports and companionship. Call CRONIES, 293-9692 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadroom). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+: Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counselling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 & 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Womyn's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Ray at 575-0087 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

Notices

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SISTERS OF SONORA (SOS) monthly meeting at Fineline Dec. 2nd at 2 p.m. 101 W. Drachman.

Personals

DEAR LEE: Gorgeous new phone. Love you Babe. NR.

THANKS TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY for making Leather Pride II such a successful event. Special thanks to Mark and Dennis. Danny/IBTs

Ethel, Welcome back. Tricks haven't been the same. Love Lucy

THANK YOU DANNY for the time off. I had a great time. Pat

CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY CASANDRA: Celebrating her 17th birthday and 21 years in drag. Keep it goin' girl! 332

APT MAUCK: Things happen for a reason, it'll all work out. You're doing really great! Much love and thanks. Lee and Betty 332

STUDENT, 27 seeks individuals interested in card games, movies, massages,, B&D experiences. Contact P.O. Box 8070, Tucson, AZ 85725 or 291-9472. 333

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Uofa Lesbian/Gay Alliance meets at the Student Union, Room 285. For info call 888-3249.

Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. Call P.A.C.T. at 322-9103 if interested.

EVERY TUESDAY

HIV Long Termers Self Empowerment Group, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. PACT office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 322-9808.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Drop-in Support Group for family, friends and significant others 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shanti office, 602 W. 4th Ave. Open to anyone wanting emotional support in dealing with a person who is HIV+, AIDS or facing any life-threatening disease.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Positive Approach to Living with HIV. P.A.C.T. office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 7 p.m.

EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Partners of Tucson wants to send one of those long and endless thank you letters to Tucson for the successful Arizona Fellowship Run IV of 1990 held this past weekend. Partners was host club this year, but without the enthusiastic support of all the clubs, the success of this run would be a different story. So here goes:

To the clubs, Tucson Knight Owls, Sisters of Sonora, Tucson Arizona Levi Leather, Desert Leathermen, S.H.I.T. Bowdy Cloggers, and those lovely First Ladies, the meals were delicious and the cocktail hours were delightful. To the bars (the owners, managers, bartenders (too many to list) from Colette's West, hOurs, Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, Rumorz, Fineline, IBT's, the Graduate, and French Quarter. To MCC/Tucson for their facilities where all the meals and cocktail hours were served. To those beautiful girls (and boys) in the show Friday night, Kimberly Ryan, Kenny Anne, Margo Leigh, Candi, Fifi and Jerry. To Roger Barger, Danny Duncan, Rev. Ed Perry and the Presidents and Run Captains of each club, Thank You-Thank You - Thank You!

Never have so many worked together to make an event such an event. Yes, we had differences at times, we had harsh words and we used a lot of those unprintable words thrown at each other but when it got down to the "nitty gritty" it was a "one for all and all for one" situation. Partners was host, but in name only, thank you all for making Arizona Fellowship Run IV something that will be remembered for a long time.

Ben Corbin, President
Partners of Tucson

DEAR SIR:

I was employed as a Special Agent for the FBI for over twenty years. My career ended when the FBI learned that I was Gay through an anonymous source. I cooperated fully with the Bureau's investigation of me. Even though there was no evidence of wrongdoing on my part at any time in my career, the FBI fired me.

In June 1990, I filed a lawsuit against the FBI in Federal Court asking to be reinstated. A decision in my case that may be final is scheduled for mid-March 1991.

I am attempting to amend my lawsuit to a class action suit to challenge the FBI's longstanding policy of discrimination in the hiring and continued employment of Gay people in the FBI. In furtherance of this goal, I am seeking to contact other FBI employees who have been fired from their jobs, people who were discriminated against while employed in the bureau, or applicants who were ended employment by the FBI because of their sexual orientation. We hope these individuals will come forward and enable us to make this a class action suit, and forever change the Bureau's policy of discrimination.

In order to reach the above individuals, I am contacting Gay and Lesbian publications such as yours throughout the country. If anyone who has had any problems with the FBI as described above would like to join this class action suit please contact my attorney, Richard Gayer (415)861-3454. If desired, all communication will be held confidential. Thank you for your help

Frank Buttino

A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

GRAB BAG

As the holidays draw nigh, there is shopping to be done, cards to be addressed, and little time for words of wisdom. But, true to form, here are some items of interest for your consideration.

CAPSULE COLUMN ONE: Just when it appears all hope for sanity is lost, the Catholic Church throws me a curve. Earlier this month, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a 185-page report which outlines its stands on various sexuality-related issues.

Although this report still maintained the church's harsh stand on contraception (a sin), it did strongly encourage sex education in schools (gasp!) and, hold on to your chairs, stepped down from its position that homosexuality was a sin, going so far as to say "because [homosexuality] is not freely chosen, [it] is not sinful." Pinch me, I'm dreamin'.

Just as Galileo was eventually freed from his church-imposed prison sentence when church officials finally agreed with his scientific findings, the Roman Catholic Church is using logic when dealing with one-tenth of the world's population.

CAPSULE COLUMN TWO: Television series "L.A. Law" has once again broken new ground with a Gay-related issue. This time, homosexual marriage. In their episode of Nov. 15, two men who had been "married" by a church were embat-

tled in a custody suit. One was paralyzed from the effects of ALS, a nerve-disease commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, the other was his lover.

The ill man's parents took him away, and refused permission for his lover to see him. The lover sued for custody --and lost. Following the law, this resolution was credible because homosexual marriages still have no legal foundation. Even with the negative outcome, this sensitively-handled episode brought further light to the disease, the love two men can have for each other, and the issue of same-sex partnerships.

CAPSULE COLUMN THREE: More news on the film "My Private Idaho" (A Commentary, Sept. 5, 1990). Keanu Reeves plays a fallen aristocrat turned bi-sexual prostitute, and River Phoenix plays a hustler suffering from narcolepsy, a disorder which causes sudden unconsciousness. The film by Gus Van Sant is currently in production.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!



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