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# VA Study Shows AZT May Be Harmful To Blacks And Hispanics

by John Lauritsen

Preliminary results from a Veterans Administration (VA) study of AZT therapy were presented on Feb. 14 in Washington, DC at a special meeting of the Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The findings indicated that early AZT therapy conferred no benefits in terms of overall survival, and might well be harmful to Black and Hispanic patients.

Widespread panic and consternation ensued - in the "AIDS Establishment", among "AIDS Activists" and the stock market. The very next day, shares of Wellcome PLc (the parent company of Burroughs-Wellcone, the manufacturer of AZT) fell more than 10 percent, based "on market worries about FDA approval stemming from an article in the New York Times". (Reuters, Feb. 15). A well orchestrated campaign of flak began. Immediately the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, the National Association of Black and White Men Together and the National Minority AIDS Council issued press releases attacking the validity of the VA study.

The main focus of the meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14 was Veterans Administration Cooperative Study 298, whose preliminary findings were presented by John Hamilton, MD. This study involved 338 HIV-positive individuals whose T4 cells were in the range between 200 and 500 and who showed some "symptoms or signs of HIV infection," including thrush, oral hairy leukoplakia, zoster, unintentional weight loss of 10 percent or more, unexplained persistent diarrhea, fever (100.5) degrees Fahrenheit), night sweats, fatique, dermatitis, or lymphadenopathy.

According to "risk group" category, 65 percent were Gay men, 15 percent were intravenous drug users,s and 8 percent were both Gay men and intravenous drug users. Ethnically, 65 percent were white and 35 percent were Black or Hispanic. Patients were enrolled into the study as early as 1987 and as late as January 1990.

The patients were randomized into two treatment arms: the first (early treatment) received 1500 mg. of AZT per day; the second (later treatment) receive placebo followed by AZT at the point where their CD4 count fell below 200 on two successive occasions.

Hamilton stated his overall conclusions twice - at the beginning of his talk, and then again at the very end. His first statement of conclusions is as follows (verbatim):

"Early zidovudine delayed progression to AIDS, as compared to later treatment. But no benefit for either treatment arm was detected for survival or the combined clinical end-points of AIDS and death. Early zidovudine resulted in transitory benefits in whites and neutral or harmful effects in black and hispanic patients."

At the end of his talk, Hamilton expanded his conclusions somewhat, as follows (verbatim):

"We found that early zidovudine therapy delayed the progression of AIDS. We also found that survival was comparable in the two treatment groups. That is, no benefit - no detectable benefit. We found that early zidovudine resulted in transitory benefits in whites and neutral or harmful effects in Black and Hispanic patients. And we conclude that further studies are mandatory in minor populations."

Not only did AZT not confer any benefit in terms of survival, a slightly higher proportion of patients died in the early treatment group (14 percent) than in the later treatment group (11 percent). One astounding finding was that in the early AZT group, 10 patients (6 percent) died without ever progressing to CDC-defined "AIDS" whereas none of the patients in the later AZT group did so.

By far the most controversial finding was the possibility that AZT treatment might be more harmful to Black and Hispanic patients than to whites. Among the minority patients, the death rate was significantly much higher in the early treatment group (14 percent) than in the later treatment group (2 percent). One can only speculate as to why there should be ethnic differences in the response to AZT treatment. But, at least for the patients in this study, the differences appear to be real.

My overall impression of the VA study is that, while it is not definitive, it is good, honest, competent research, which deserves to be taken seriously. The tables that John Hamilton showed in his presentation were clear and meaningful, and were acceptable by the standards of professional research. Hamilton scrupulously indicated the confidence intervals for his data, and let the audience know when caution in interpretation was called for.

(Excerpted from the New York Native)

# Gay Couples Flock To City Hall in S. F. To Register As Domestic Partners

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - More than 275 couples, most of them Gay and Lesbian, walked into City Hall as single people on Valentine's Day and left as officially registered "Domestic Partners" under a new city law.

San Francisco voters approved a domestic partners proposal in last November's election. Other cities with similar laws include Santa Cruz and West Hollywood in California, Seattle and Madison, Wisconsin.

"It's a real milestone, not only in our relationships, but for the Gay community," Chris Minor said after he and Richard Mulholland became San Francisco's first official domestic partners. Minor was on the steps of City Hall at 5:30 a.m. The couple, in matching leather jackets and boots, paid their $35 fee and became legal domestic partners shortly after 8:00 a.m.

About a dozen same-sex couples were waiting when City Hall opened. They included Christmas Leubrie, a 41-year-old nurse, and her lover of six years, Alice Heinsoth, 39, a city health worker. They wore pastel silk outfits and flowers in their hair. "We worked hard on this," said Leubrie, who was active in the campaign to get the law approved by voters. "It's about love and recognition of relationships."

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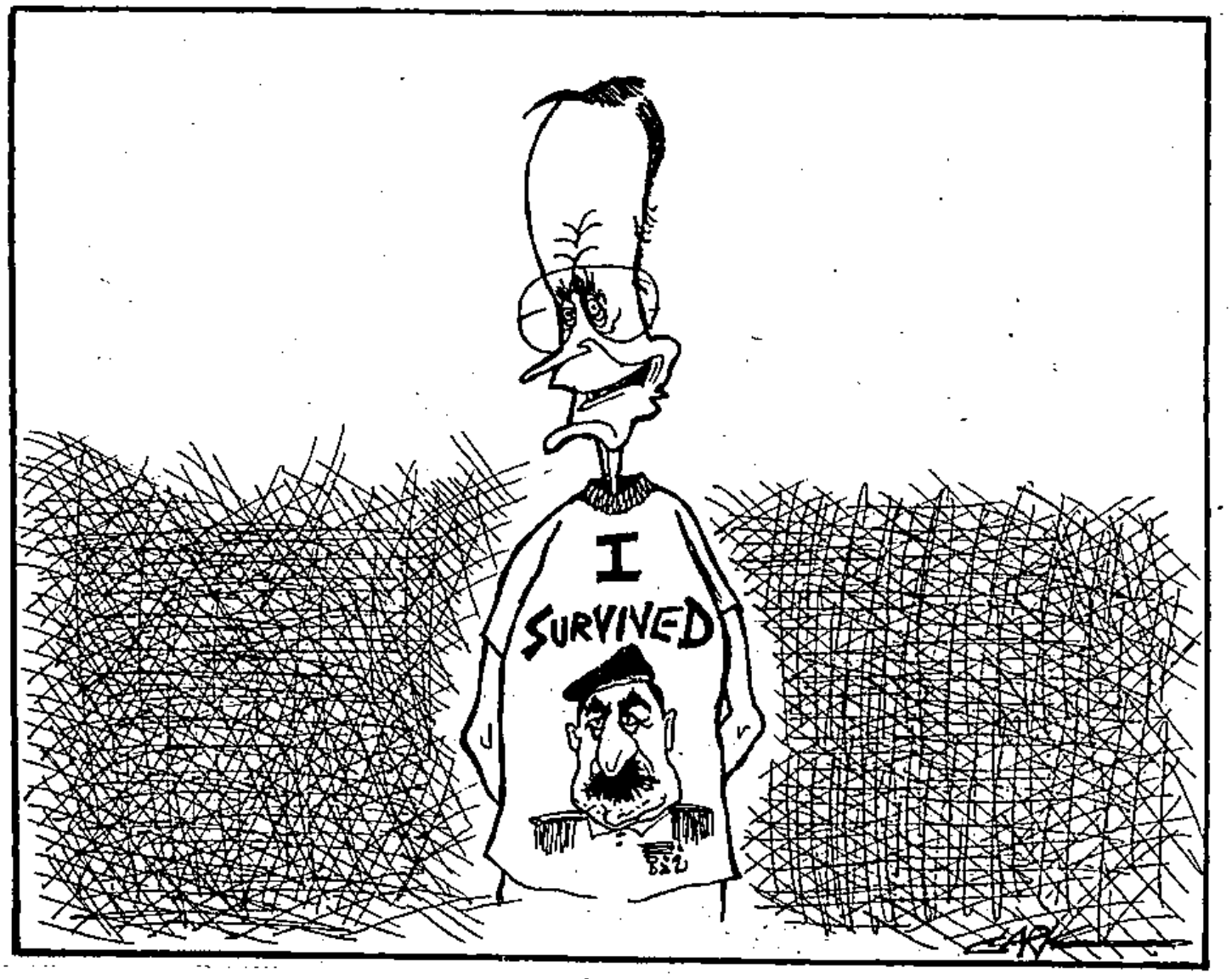
*As I See It . . . . .* *by Clark*



# UPDATE

## TLGA Meets Sunday to Discuss Pride Week 1991 And Fundraiser 'Fiesta de Mayo'

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) met last Sunday to begin plans for this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week as well as planning for their major fund raising event, Fiesta De Mayo.

Pride Week this year will begin on Sunday, June 23, with the annual Picnic in Himmel Park, and wind up the following Sunday, June 30.

Fiesta De Mayo will be held once again at the Joshua Tree Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 3, 4, 5.

TLGA will be meeting nearly every Sunday at the Joshua Tree to make plans for what promises to be the biggest and best Pride Week Tucson has seen. Last year it is estimated that 8,000 persons attended some or all of the weeklong series of events.

TLGA has begun looking for people interested in running for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. These candidates in the past five years have raised over $19,000 dollars which has been used to produce Pride Week activities as well as other events of major concern to the entire Gay community of Tucson.

One couple has already signed up and three more couples are being sought. If you are interested in running or know of someone who is, please call Keith at 327-1258 for more information or come to the Joshua Tree on Sunday.

All persons who are interested in helping produce these two important Tucson Gay events are encouraged to attend these meetings. The next meeting will be this coming Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. Your input is important.

## ITA Tournabout Bus Trip From Tucson To Phoenix This Saturday, March 9

TUCSON - The Independent Tavern-owners Association, the Arizona organization of Gay Bar Owners, is holding their yearly "Tournabout". One weekend ITA arranges to take bus load of Tucsonans to go to visit the Phoenix ITA bars and the next weekend Phoenicians ride a bus to Tucson to visit our ITA businesses.

The Tucson to Phoenix bus will leave this Saturday at promptly at 2:00 p.m. from the Graduate, 23 W. University, and will visit all the ITA bars in Phoenix and will return to Tucson in the wee hours of Sunday morning. It is advised that you get to the Graduate early to get the best seats on the bus. The party will begin on the bus ride to Phoenix but you must BYOB. You are leaving the driving to the bus driver who will drop you at ITA member bars and return to take you to other member bars. You will be given a complete schedule of places and times on Saturday.

The best thing about this round trip party to Phoenix is the cost - only $10.00 per person for the entire trip and all the fun you could imagine in going, visiting and returning to Tucson. It is expected that the bus will be sold out and if interested in going, you may have to try all ITA-member bars in Tucson to get your tickets which are limited to the seating capacity of the bus. In Tucson, tickets are being distributed at the Graduate, French Quarter, Rumors, Colette's, and Hours. If one bar is out of tickets you may try the others.

The following weekend, March 16, there will be a full bus load of folks from Phoenix arriving in Tucson about the middle of the afternoon to visit our ITA member bars for the remainder of the day.

Uncle Phil wishes to thank everyone in the Tucson Gay Community who has shared his grief and especially to his fellow club members who have been of such great support.

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## In Memoriam

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Memorial services will be held Sunday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 545 S. 5th Avenue. Rev. Fr. Charles O. Ingram officiating.

## Country Dancers Needed

TUCSON - The 16th National Conference on Men and Masculinity to be held in Tucson June 6 through 9 is looking for country dancers to perform at their closing banquet. The conference is expected to draw over 500 persons from all over the country during the four day event.

Gil Leon, IBT's Country/Western DJ, is planning a meeting in the very near future with those people interested in taking part in one, two or three production numbers. The meeting is to establish a time, day and place of rehearsals that will be compatible to those involved.

If you can dedicate your time and commitment to this production, see Gil at IBT's on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday nights. Gil can also be reached for more details at 577-3565.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

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# Supervisors Join Gay Activists In Charges of Police Brutality

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Gay activists and four city supervisors charged Sacramento's sheriff's deputies with brutalizing protesters arrested during Gov. Pete Wilson's inaugural and with shouting anti-homosexual slogans at them.

Four supervisors flanked activists who said they were slammed against jail house walls, subjected to obscenities and called "faggots" by sheriff's officers while being booked at the Sacramento County Jail.

"We don't expect high-class etiquette when we are arrested, but we don't expect to be slammed against the wall repeatedly ... or to be called a 'homo' or a 'fag', said Jonathan Katz, a protest organizer at Wilson's inaugural in the Sacramento Convention Center.

The San Francisco-based organization said it will file a police brutality compliant against the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, but is awaiting the forms in the mail. The group has also asked for assistance from Assemblyman John Burton, whose office was contacted by Gay leaders in San Francisco.

"The particular statement Queer Nation was making to a new governor, who is very suspect in his willingness to include Gay men and Women in the family of this state, was an essential statement," said Supervisor Harry Britt, during a news conference in a City Hall meeting room. Britt said he had lodged his own complaint with Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin.

"This is outside our city, but it is our responsibility to see our citizens who were mistreated receive justice," said Britt. He was Joined by two other supervisors.

Five of Queer Nation's approximately 100 protesters were arrested in the convention hall as they disrupted Wilson's speech for about five minutes. They were arrested for investigation of disrupting a public event and obstruction of justice.

"These people were offered citations in the field by police and refused to accept them. They came into the jail with a confrontational attitude and attempted to elicit confrontations with our officers," said Deputy Ed Close, spokesman for the Sheriff's Department. The office's internal affairs department is examining the allegations but learned of them through the news media because it has not yet received a complaint, Close said.

Protester Dean Tuckerman, who has cerebral palsy, said he was placed in an isolation cell for eight hours and found the words "homo" and "muscular dystrophy" scrawled on the door in letters larger than his name when he was released.

"When I asked why I was being put in a separate cell, they said, 'for your own protection because you have a mental problem.' I have a muscular and coordination problem," said Tuckerman, whose T-shirt read "Silence=Death," slogan of the militant AIDS activist group, ACT-UP. During his stay, trustees yelled "faggot" and obscenities at him, he said.

Derek Boyle said he was shoved against a wall by a knot of officers during a five-minute incident early in his nine-hour stay at the jail.

Outside, two protesters who awaited the release of others, asked to use a lobby men's bathroom and were told they would have to go one at a time or be arrested for lewd and lascivious behavior, according to Boyle. "We can't expect the police to stop hate crimes when they are busy perpetrating them," said Boyle, who said his chin was bruised.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

by David LaFontaine and Patrick Ward

# Why Our Future's In the GOP

Why do Gay Civil rights bills face legislative battles as arduous as the seventeen-year struggle that ended successfully only in 1989 in Massachusetts? Why has the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill failed to move onto the floor for even a roll call? And why are only a fraction of Lesbian and Gay people actively involved in the struggle for our rights.

We believe that the fault lies in the rigidly Democratic identification of Gay activists, who both refuse to recognize that Gay men and Lesbians are not necessarily of one mind on issues such as taxation, choice and foreign policy, and persistently fail to muster the bi-partisan support necessary to pass legislation. By enforcing left-wing litmus tests of political acceptability, Gay leadership has cut itself off from many of the people it presumes to represent, and though the absence of Gay presence in the GOP, allowed the political careers of homophobes like Jesse Helms to flourish.

This past year, the governor's race in Massachusetts caught the attention of the nation. The dead-heat contest between Democrat John Silber and Republican William Weld vividly illustrated the danger of adhering to stereotypes of each party. This time it was the Democrat who publicly compared homosexuality to bestiality and vowed to reinstate an anti-Gay-foster-care policy (authored, incidentally, by former Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis), Silber contrasted starkly with pro-Gay, pro-choice Bill Weld, who promised to veto foster-care restrictions and appoint Lesbian and Gays to key positions throughout his administration.

On October 10, the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights became the first Gay rights group in Massachusetts history to endorse the Republican ticket for governor. Other Gay endorsements followed, including that of Bay Windows, New England's largest Gay weekly. A blaze of publicity in the mainstream media covering the general Gay crossover to Weld culminated in a dramatic finish; Weld edged Silber by a mere 70,000 votes out of the two and a half million cast.

Unfortunately, many Gay activists in Massachusetts were not so forward-think-

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COMING EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31
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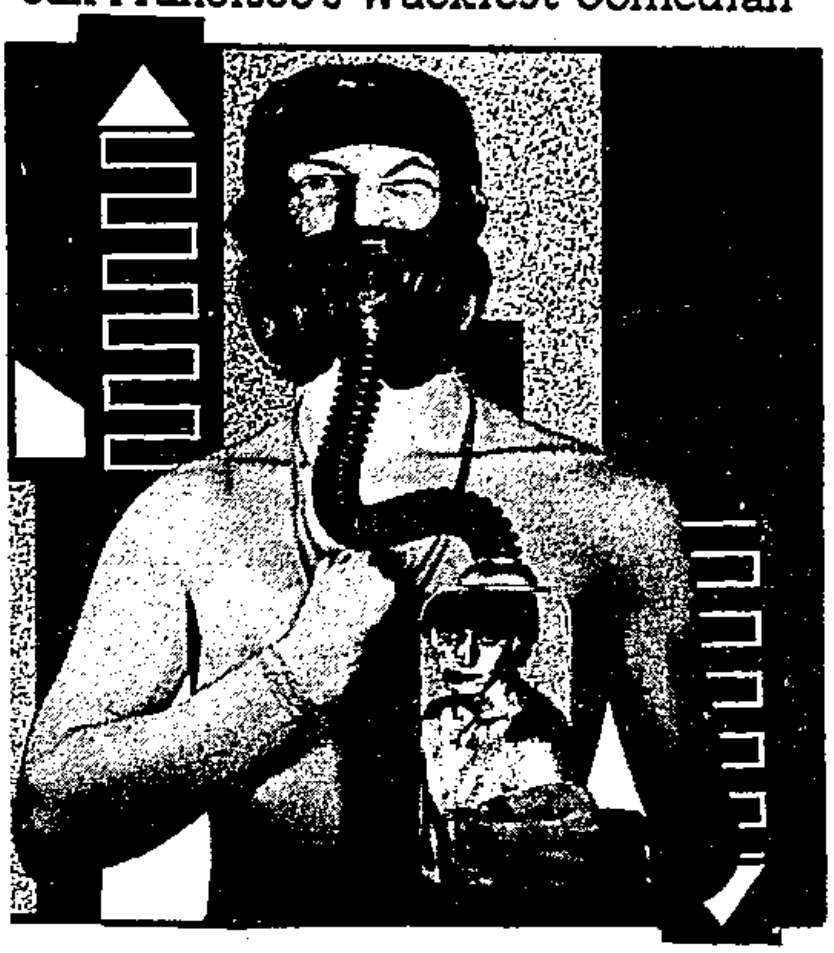

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# Q. Advice From Your Counselor A.

STEVEN DIETZ..

**Q.** I was recently diagnosed as having full blown AIDS. My friend died last year and up until now, I've been able to pretty much keep thoughts normal and not think about being sick, but having watched what he went through, which was pretty bad, I can't help but constantly think that I'm going to have the same things happen to me. Being alone with it really is scaring me.

**A.** Despondency or despair will make it difficult at times to be honest with yourself about hope that is realistic. Above all, remember that you are an individual. There is a common tendency to get caught up in what we have "seen" or in statistics and generalizations (If John was so sick, I will be too"), but no two HIV infections ever develop in exactly the same way. Each individual has a different genetic makeup, immune system response, will to live, and urge to fight. These cannot be measured on charts and graphs. No one can offer any of us "forever", but there are good prognoses; with an ever increasing number of treatment programs and AIDS research facilities, the outlook is hopeful for better and longer lives.

Negative memories may seem pressing, but you can also find encouragement in your own promising test results and in treatment programs that have helped others. You can make subtle but effective changes in diet, exercise, and rest time to build and strengthen your immune system. Above all, you are not alone! Get involved with one of the many support groups available locally, and do it today! You can make new friends, spend time with others who need your help, and begin projects that divert your mind and fulfill your need to express creative energy.

Some time of depression is normal, but the sooner you develop friends with whom you can talk about your fears freely and openly, the sooner you can begin to think about renewing and enriching life as an equal option. People who honestly share these feelings find they can hold them to the light, better accept that the future may be questionable, and turn more readily to fulfilling the present. I'm sure this has a been a very painful period for you, but if you can share your time and feelings with others, you will find there are good days to enjoy, and you are less likely to be devastated by truly difficult ones.

Even if the future is guarded, there will be good days, comfortable nights and wonderful shared experiences that are real beyond any numbers or incidents from the past. Enjoying new experiences today is what life is about, not counting the number of your days.

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# What's Up Doc ???

At TKO's meeting last Saturday, the date for this year's Closet Ball was finalized. This year's version will be held on April 28, over at IBT's. Entertainment for this year will be IBT's Scream Girls. Applications will be arriving in the bars in a couple of weeks, but it is not too early to either find your contestant or sponsor. Entry fee will be $15 per contestant.

Also discussed was this weekend's Beer Bust. Yes, another game will be on hand for your enjoyment, this time - JAX. Another entertaining event for the day will be the annual "Mini Tacky Ball". First prize for this year's "Mini Tacky Ball Queen" will be a bottle of Schnapps (of your choice). Second place, or "Miss Runner-up for '91" will be half of the entry fee. The entry fee for this contest is a whopping 50 cents. All rules and instructions will be given to you prior to the contest.

Tonight, over at Joshua Tree, the CAT Committee is meeting again. It seems, for one reason or another, there were not enough people with free time for the last meeting, so we will try again.

Overheard or seen by Pappy Smerf this past weekend. It's all newsworthy, so I've a responsibility to pass it on to all readers. While sitting in Hours, I overheard the following: "On a scale of 1 to 10, the trick I wined and dined the other night was a 0."...The French Quarter whore, showing up in neon colors and wearing sunglasses (to keep from bleeding to death, I guess), was disappointed and deeply hurt when checking her answering machine and finding no messages, even after she had been gone for over 24 hours.... From the Graduate, I spotted one of Team Arizona's swim team member, in training with Miller Lites. The poor fellow was even buying beer for another customer, hoping for ?????, but ended up just playing pool, not pocket.

Since I'm running late again, and what's new, that will be it for this week. I hope everyone has a loving and beautiful week. It is almost time for everyone to pull out those sexy summer clothes and wear them!

# Bit Of The Old South

*by Sean Thomas*

The responses to last week's column were great. It's nice to see the Gay men of Tucson always looking for ways to zing up their sex lives. And yes, one of the top sex variations was omitted. Oral!!! We have decided to produce a column dedicated to the exploration of sensual and erotic safer sex about every five weeks. Let's see what tasty little tidbits of spice our local sexperts will devise for the next time.

For those who see this topic as sleazy and without merit, let me say that what I am about is the celebration of our sexuality. Gay men who want to live their lives in an anti-Gay, puritanical atmosphere (mentality) by choice, may do so. Not this kid. I look upon Gayness as a wonderful thing, not the shame of the straight culture. We do not have sex as a mating ritual, but as a form of pure sensual pleasure or in the case of lovers, an expression of deep love.

Gay men are definitely, for the most part, much more creative in the sack than our straight counterparts. Not to say that a hot straight man in the sack from time to time is bad. Enough said for now on that subject.

There are raffle tickets for sale at all the bars for a 50/50 raffle for PACT For Life. Tickets are a dollar and the drawing will be on Easter Sunday, March 31 at the French Quarter.

On Saturday, March 31, the Observer/ Community Benefit will be held at the Plaza Hotel on Speedway for the benefit of PACT for Life and the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Tickets will be available at the bars as well as the PACT and Shanti offices. Table reservations are available for groups of 8 through Sean at PACT, 322-9808. Tickets are $15.00 per person, which includes a very nice dinner, entertainment and dancing.

Don't forget the CAT Meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. They are your awards, so please be there. Till next week: Sean 323-3780

# A View From The Rock

*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

Last week I had the opportunity to speak with a brother who has HIV. I've known this man for a year, and the change in his life during this time has been amazing.

When I first met him, he had just lost his lover of many years to AIDS, and he was bitter and confused. Having been raised a Christian, he knew he needed Jesus back in his life, but he had been rejected by his church. He didn't know where to turn.

This past year has been a very painful one for him, but as I sat in his living room last week, he said, "You know, I'm finally at peace." I know that was the truth because I could see it in his eyes, and feel it in his hugs. Here was a man whose whole life had changed. He had gone from "making good money" to living on S.S.I. He had moved from his own home to assisted housing. Most people would be screaming, "God, why did You do this to me?" Yet this brother had "the peace of God which transcends all understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

Do you also have problems in your life? Do you want the same peace that this brother found? Are you tired of hating and being bitter, and the toll those emotions take on your life?

You too can have the peace that this brother has, but it only comes with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He loves you, He died for you, and He wants you to know His peace.

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## *Double Mischief*

*by Wendy Caster*

# Disinformation

WENDY CASTER

ED NOTE: We welcome to our contributing writing staff, Wendy Caster, staff writer for San Diego's GLN (Gay and Lesbian Nation). She has received several awards for her writing and we think she will give OBSERVER a West Coast slant on Gay/Lesbian Lifestyle. It is hoped that she will compliment our East Coast writer, Jim Roche, the OBSERVER's New York correspondent, along with our own wonderful staff of Arizona reporters. Welcome aboard Wendy.

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Of all the great gobs of information we have at our disposal every day, there is little we can trust. Too many newspapers and TV stations have their own axes to grind, their own agendas to push, and, most importantly, their own products to sell. And, over time, many lies come to be accepted as truth.

How do lies become truths? A major component of the transition is habituation. On Star Trek: The Next Generation, the android Data once explained that, despite his lack of emotions, he could grow to "like" someone: his information pathways could become accustomed to their data, with a pleasant electronic familiarity resulting. Similarly, as we hear ideas over and over, they gain the familiarity we feel toward the neighbor we bump into at the mailbox occasionally. If that neighbor murdered someone, we'd say, oh, what a surprise, he was such a nice man. But we didn't know he was nice; we only knew he was familiar. Familiarity is why Walter Cronkite is still considered the "most trusted man in America," although few people know anything about him.

There's a sub-group of this familiar misinformation called "conventional wisdom". Conventional wisdom says that if you teach kids about abstinence they will be more likely to be abstinent but if you teach them about sex they will be more likely to have sex. This sentence sounds logical, and millions of people believe it -- despite all evidence to the contrary. When evidence and conventional wisdom get into the ring together, conventional wisdom throws the knockout punch.

Lies also become truth because the U.S. information machine is superb. TV, newspapers, magazines, and radio are slick and well-produced. Producers and writers expertly make information, true or not, sound like the gospel. They've perfected partial lies, half-truths, distraction, and other confusing techniques. Like the magician who persuades you to watch her left hand while her right hand is doing all the important stuff, TV cameras focus on flag-burners at anti-war rallies or sleazoids at Gay Pride marches and ignore the thousands of people trying to make a legitimate point. Soon, in the eyes of millions of viewers, magicians do inexplicable magic, anti-war people are anti-American, and all Lesbians and Gay men are disgusting. Lies = truth, and advertisers continue to advertise.

Even our language tells lies. Look at the paragraph above, and see the word gospel. Gospel means "unquestionably true" — but it also means "specific books of the bible"; therefore, by using a friendly old word, I said that the bible is "unquestionably true" -- something I do not believe! Also, combinations of certain words become familiar and friendly just as neighbors and ideas do. Take the list we've all seen a million times: "rapists, child molesters, homosexuals, murders, and torturers". For us, a siren goes off: this is a lie, this is a lie, homosexuals are not like rapists and child molesters. For many people, though, wading through their daily news, it's just another sentence.

And who can blame those people for not noticing the lie? There are pieces of misinformation everywhere — no one could catch them all. Who can notice that articles that mention high drug use in whites still use pictures of African-Americans? And that there are more articles on "what sort of woman gets battered" than on "what sort of man beats his wife"? And that this year's education budget cutter was last year's "education president"? And that newspapers often refer to rape victims as "attractive" -- and are more likely to cover the rape of a young woman than of an old one? And that the media use establishment white men as "experts," ignoring the truths of millions of other people?

There isn't some big plot to squish the truth. There doesn't have to be. There's the media pressure to keep viewers and advertisers. There's the conventional wisdom that writers and reporters internalized in their childhoods — and the majority are straight white males. Also, there's incompetence.

Years ago in New York City, my father was the chair of an ad hoc committee to keep an army movie studio open. My father, a writer, is extremely articulate and clear, and his statement to the press was careful and simple. The next day, we brought the three major New York papers -- one of which is considered the paper of record for the entire U.S. -- and discovered that they all had major mistakes in their articles. There was only one thing that all three papers got right: my father's age.

Scary, ain't it?

# POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

On Wednesday, the Senate Ethics Committee released their initial report on the "Keating 5". In the report, the Ethics Committee found that no further action should be taken against four of the five Senators. In the report, the Ethics Committee found that Senators John Glenn (D-OH) and John McCain (R-AZ) had exercised "poor judgement". The report also stated that Senators Donald Riegle Jr. (D-MI) and Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), "conduct gave the appearance of being improper". With regards to the other Senator Alan Cranston (D-A), the Committee found "substantial credible evidence of misconduct". Cranston faces possible censure by the full Senate.

In Chicago last Tuesday, incumbent Mayor Richard M. Daley, son of the late Mayor, easily won the Democratic nomination for Mayor in the primary election held. This is tantamount to election since no Republican has won since 1927. Here are the results:

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|---|---|---|
| Richard M. Daley | 330,192 | 65% |
| Danny K. Davis | 144,689 | 29% |
| Jane M. Byrne | 29,241 | 5% |
| Sheila JOnes | 1,548 | 1% |

In other elections held last Tuesday, voters in Greensboro, North Carolina, rejected a proposal to weaken an anti-smoking ordinance. In Wichita, Kansas, voters approved measures to limit elected local officials to two terms. In economically depressed East St. Louis, Illinois, longtime Mayor Carl Officer was ousted in the Democratic Primary by Gordon Bush, the head of the Property Tax Review Board.

ARIZONA NEWS

As you know last Tuesday, Arizona had its first ever runoff election for Governor, and J. Fife Symington III was elected by 41,000 votes. Here are the county results:

| COUNTY | GODDARD | SYMINGTON |
|---|---|---|
| APACHE | 8,294 | 2,982 |
| COCHISE | 10,651 | 9,862 |
| COCONINO | 10,612 | 7,787 |
| GILA | 6,632 | 5,668 |
| GRAHAM | 2,752 | 3,512 |
| GREENLEE | 1,432 | 1,003 |
| LA PAZ | 1,202 | 1,558 |
| MARICOPA | 247,158 | 310,996 |
| MOHAVE | 10,712 | 13,064 |
| NAVAJO | 8,721 | 7,081 |
| PIMA | 97,458 | 82,012 |
| PINAL | 12,946 | 9,976 |
| SANTA CRUZ | 2,146 | 1,741 |
| YAVAPAI | 15,119 | 21,419 |
| YUMA | 7,462 | 6,128 |
| TOTALS | 443,297 | 484,789 |

Turnout statewide was at about 40%. In Pima County, the turnout was higher than expected for a special election, 48%. Larry Bahill, the Pima County Elections Director, stated that he expected turnout to be at 35%, due to this being a special election and with the Gulf conflict going on. In Tuba City, a bomb scare closed the polls, with voting continuing on Wednesday. This did not affect the election by that much, since there are only 500 registered voters in Tuba City.

AZ-SCAM NEWS

Last week, Rep. Don Kinney, (R-Dist. 18) became the second lawmaker to resign in lieu of the scandal. Kinney is accused of accepting $55,000 from an undercover informant to lead the effort to get legislative approval for legalized gambling. One of the other indicted lawmakers, Rep. Bobby Raymond (D-Dist. 20), had resigned earlier. Last week, the Maricopa Board of Supervisors had named Phoenix hospital administrator, LInda Beerley to replace Raymond.

Also last week, Judge Michael Ryan of the Maricopa County Superior Court was named to preside over all the cases stemming from the AZScam political corruption investigation. Ryan has handled two very famous high profile cases in the past - the Phoenix Suns drug case and former Gov. Evan Mecham's criminal trial.

The Senate Ethics Committee special counsel, Ed Hendricks, stated on Sunday that the Committee should issue formal complaints against Senators Jesus "Chuy" Higuera, (D-Dist. 10) and Carolyn Walker, (D-Dist. 23)

In his report, the evidence shows that Senators Higuera and Walker violated both Senate rules and Arizona law by allegedly accepting money for their support of legislation to legalize casino gambling. The House report is expected later this week.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

On Monday, I had the opportunity to talk with Supervisor Raul Grijalva regarding an anti-discrimination ordinance, covering employment and housing, for the County. He stated that one will be drawn up, and the vote on that will be taken by the full Board in April. More on this in next week's column.

TUCSON NEWS

Ward 3 City Councilmember, George Miller, is delaying his announcement on his potential candidacy for Mayor until late March or early April. "I want to hold off just a little longer," he stated to this reporter at the pre-election rally for Terry Goddard.

On the Republican side, in an interview with this reporter, Pima County Republican Chair Linda Barber, stated that the GOP has two potential candidates, retired businessman Temple Robinson and former television personality, George Borazon. She also stated that former Councilmember Roy Laos is considering running.

On Monday, at the Democrats of Greater Tucson, Ward 2 Councilmember, Janet Marcus announced her candidacy for re-election. Janet will not have an easy time of it. Stockbroker Carl Bedford is seriously contemplating challenging her for the Democratic nod, and if she gets by him, she will face the Republican nominee, Darlene Tepp.

END NOTES

Now you are wondering what happened in Tuesday's runoff election. It is plain and simple: 1). A bad Get Out The Vote strategy by the Democrats. 2). The Goddard campaign went solely after precincts that have good Democratic registration, but poor turnout! 3). Tactics: the Goddard campaign kept using a negative approach, even after Fife dropped his negative ads and went to a positive approach, a few days before the election.

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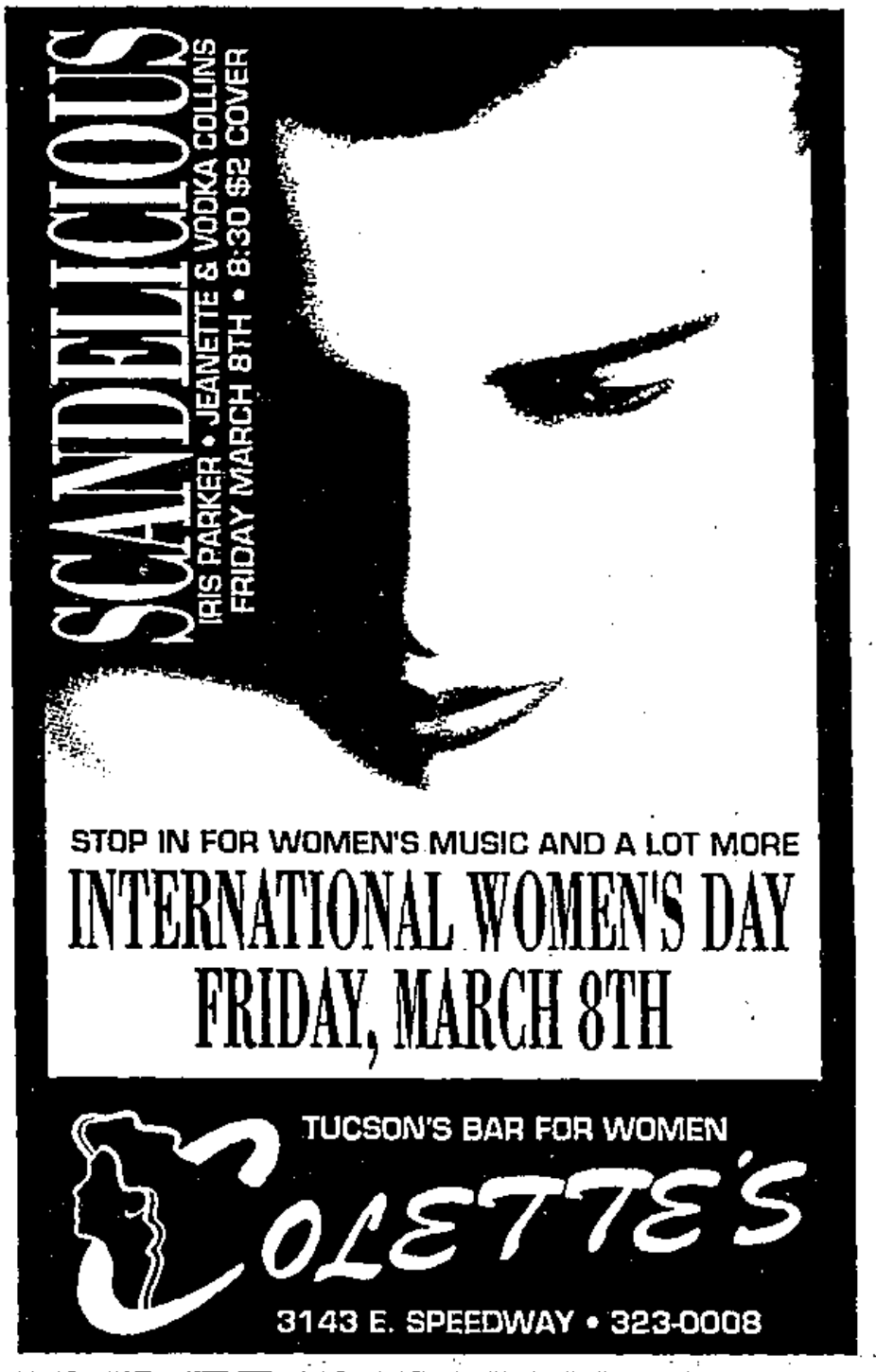

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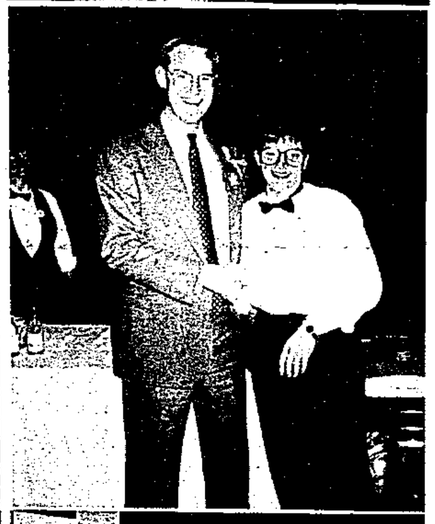

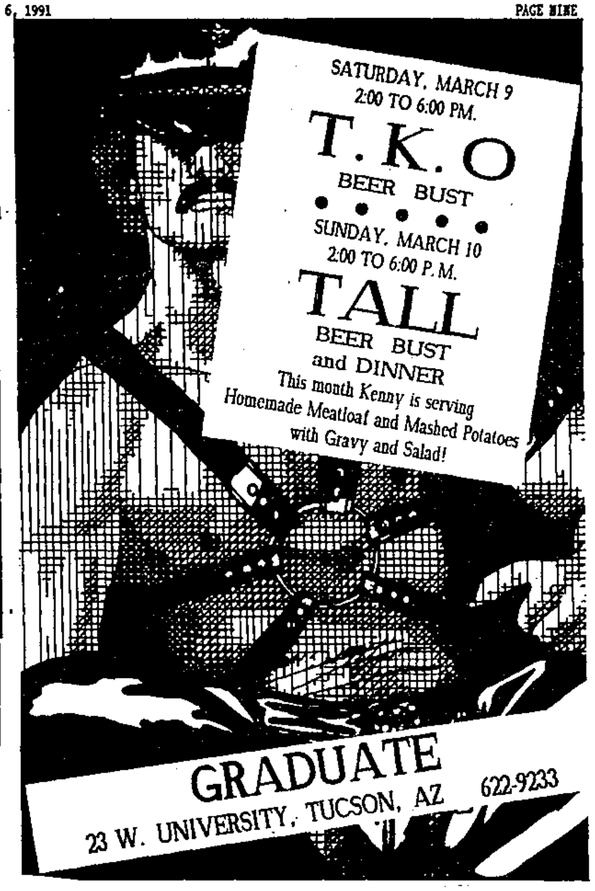


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## *"You Are Not Alone"*

by Chuck Mayer

# Treatment of HIV Disease Part III

Anti-viral therapy is probably the cornerstone of mainstream HIV treatment. The release of AZT, as an FDA approved medication, in November 1986 marked the beginning of HIV/AIDS as a treatable disease.

There is yet to be a cure found for viruses such as HIV. However, drugs like AZT have been found to slow down the virus by interrupting it's life cycle. Recent studies have shown that the earlier AZT is begun, and at lower doses than were originally given, the fewer the side effects. More and more studies, one published in the January issue of Lancet (a British medical journal), show an almost doubled life span for those on treatment with AZT compared with those on no treatment.

AZT is a member of a family of drugs known as "Nucaliside Analogs". Included in this family of drugs are AZT, DDI, DDC and D4T. DDI is the next most likely of these drugs to be approved by the FDA and released, at least for limited use, i.e. after a person has shown AZT resistance (doesn't work for them) or intolerance (too many side effects). The release of DDI is expected this spring, in the meantime it is available through research studies and the "Parallel Track" (compassionate use). DDC and D4T are also available through research studies.

More new studies have shown promise for combined therapies of these drugs. Combinations such as AZT and DDC may be more effective than one drug alone.

I emphasize the above mentioned drugs, such as AZT, as they to date are the most studied and proven anti-viral treatments. This is not to say other approaches are not used in the HIV community. Herbal approaches such as Echinacea and garlic have been shown to have anti-viral properties in some 'soft science' studies.

Many people with HIV try different approaches to treatment. The most effective use of herbal or more "natural" type therapies may be in the earliest stages of HIV, before the virus becomes strong in the body. I know of no studies to back this up, but from personal experience it may seems it's like a balancing act. And perhaps common sense, that if you keep the virus at bay, or slow down it's activity, while at the same time building up the body's natural defenses, the body will then have a better chance against the virus.

It's like a scale, Anti-Viral treatment on one side of the scale and building up the body's natural defenses (immune modulating or boosting) on the other side of the scale.

Next week, we'll discuss immune modulating, and in the meantime, information on the above mentioned studies and treatment referral are available at the PACT office. Give us a call at 322-9808.

(ED NOTE: Chuck Mayer is an AIDS activist who in 1987 formed the People with AIDS coalition of Tucson (PACT) and served as it's first Director. As a member of the Governor's Task Force on AIDS, and the National Institute of Health's AIDS Research Advisory Committee ARAC, Mayer has worked to make treatments for HIV a reality. Mayer also works as a consultant on Early Intervention and treatment issues, and is himself, a person living with AIDS.

## *POLITICS '91*

*by Mark Kerr*

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4). TV ads, Symington saturated the Tucson market, (the key area for a Democratic victory), to lessen Goddard's totals in his strong area. 5). The Republicans did one hell of a job in the area of absentee ballots compared to the Goddard campaign. The GOP sent out 600,000 requests. So we have J. Fife as our next Governor. I hope we can have a peaceful six months, at least, in the State Capitol.

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PERSPECTIVE by Chuck Forester

# Celebrating Your Friendships

About a year ago, as I left a memorial service, I realized that the epidemic gives us the unique opportunity to honor our friends. It also occurred to me that doing it at a memorial service isn't good enough. I asked myself, "Why can't we tell our friends how much they mean to us while they are alive."

I would rather hear from friends while I am alive, rather than speculating on what they might say in a posthumous tribute. I know I am not alone in this. I take things said at a funeral with a grain of salt.

Our days are filled with hard work and sorrow, with joy and fulfillment. Yet too often we forget to take pride in who we are and what we have accomplished. Too often we forget to tell our friends that their contribution means a lot to us. Too often we take them for granted.

I decided to let my friends know how I felt about them. I wasn't going to wait until they died.

The first opportunity was a birthday card. Normally I send Randy a card with a humorous comment. The cards are light and frivolous and reinforce the notion that birthdays and aging aren't really all that important. This time, I took a few extra minutes and wrote a short note to thank Randy for his many hours of fundraising for AIDS research. I said I appreciated his work and told him how important that was to our entire community.

The second opportunity came when Bill called to say that his lover Jim was very ill; he encouraged me to contact Jim. We had been close eighteen years ago and had maintained contact in the intervening years, but saw each other seldom.

As I thought about what I would say to Jim, I remembered that he had been there when I came out. Eighteen years ago I had no idea that a Gay man could be so handsome and so comfortable with himself and able to deal with the straight world on an equal basis. For me, Jim and Bill were a major revelation. Like most of us, I had never told him about those early impressions; it wasn't something you said to your friends. Now, I wanted him to know that his life was a bright light at a time when I was in the dark about putting my life together as a Gay man.

Still, I was uncomfortable about dropping by his house because those situations are awkward for me; I knew I would stumble for words. He would probably be a little uncomfortable if I said the things I wanted to say to him in person. I decided to write a letter.

I composed the letter. The first one sounded like a eulogy. Not good enough. I was writing to Jim not his memorial service. I knew I had to revise the letter or it would be maudlin and uncomfortable. This was a final good-bye and my last chance to speak with him, so the letter had to be my best writing. This was a time for clarity and precision. That realization enabled me to speak to Jim with an honesty and openness that is usually missing even in the most personal conversations.

It took a long time finally to compose the letter because it had to be completely rewritten, but I worked into the evening because I did not want it to arrive too late. I hand-delivered the letter to Jim's house the next day.

He called a few days later to say that he was feeling better and thanked me for my letter.

As I held the phone, my first thought was relief at hearing his voice. The next thought was worry that my letter might be a little premature.

There was no need to worry. Jim knew what he faced and was prepared for what lay ahead. He said that my letter meant more to him than any letter he'd ever received. We had a nice talk on the phone.

I had done the right thing and vowed to write more such letters to people who have made my life richer. Those letters would go to people who were alive and kicking as well as to those who were not doing so well. It was time for me to celebrate my friendships.

It's something that all of us can do. It doesn't have to be letters. It can be words on the phone or personal visits. What's important is that we let the people in our lives know that they are important to us.

Jim died two months ago. As I read his obituary, there were tears because he was gone and comfort in knowing that we had been able to be complete with each other. As I continued reading the paper I was stuck by the pettiness and viciousness of the letters to the editor. Why do we say such mean things to each other? This is all the more reason we should celebrate our friendships. Our recognition of each other has got to do better than letters to the editor.

If you have a friend who's working his butt off at the AIDS hospice, or if your friend has done a great job raising her children, or if you fondly remember a dazzling romance back in the summer of 1985, this is the time to tell those people what they mean to you.

If your friend is ill, take the opportunity to complete your relationship by saying good-bye and remembering the times you spent together, working, playing and sharing quiet times.

We are a community that is working very hard these days. We are working for acceptance by the larger community; we are working at building strong, lasting relationships; and we are working to overcome the worst epidemic of the century. We need a pat on the back. We need all the help we can get.

The time to celebrate our friends and our friendships is today. No one gets to read his or her obituary. Each of us is making a contribution; we need to know that others value it.

Why wait until it's too late?

[ED NOTE: Chuck Forester is the former national Co-Chair of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Executive Director of San Francisco 2000, a goal setting program for the City of San Francisco.]


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# CALENDAR
## of upcoming events

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

JOSHUA TREE - "Ides of March Show Series I". Margo Leigh with Tiffany, Lucinda and Kristin. 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

COLETTE'S - International Woman's Day will be celebrated here all day and evening. Women's music will be played all afternoon and after the show starring Scandalicious which begins at 8:30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Independent Tavernowners Association bus trip to Phoenix and tour all Phoenix IPA-member bars. What could be more fun that a busload of Gays and Lesbians carousing around the Phoenix bars? Well, it's a return busload of Phoenicians touring the Tucson IPA bars. That comes up next Saturday, March 16. Bus tickets are only $10 for the round trip and are available at Colette's, Graduate, Rumors, French Quarter and Hours. Bus leaves from the Graduate this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Get there early for a good seat and BYOB for the trip.

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) holds their monthly Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m. Games, raffles, prizes, fun, beer, fun, people, fun, Doc, fun.

JOSHUA TREE - Yard Sale joins St. Paddy's Bar Bizarre festivities.. It's a flea market style weekend with the entire community welcome to come set up booths and sell anything. Renters space is free. 3 p.m. til ???

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GRADUATE - It's time again for Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) to have their monthly Beer Bust and Dinner 2 to 6 p.m. This Sunday, Kenny will be serving homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Salad. MMMMmmmm good!

JOSHUA TREE - Yard Sale continues. See Saturday for info. Then its Ides Of March II" Show starring Margo Leigh with Christi Lunden, Shanise and Lucinda Holliday. Semi-Finals for "King and Queen of Green" at St. Paddy's Bar Bizarre March 17. Call 881-8529 or 622-6233 for entrance details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

JOSHUA TREE - Amateur Strip Nite! Lucinda hosts. Interested contestants sign up by 9:30 p.m. Show at 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

JOSHUA TREE - "St. Paddy's Bar Bizarre Weekend! 3 p.m. yard sale booths with games and prizes, dunking booth, Irish & American food. Saturday night, Vannity is back with 4-Clover Play Show at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

COLETTE'S - St. Patrick's Day Party with complimentary Corned Beef and Cabbage all day. DJ from 4 to ???

JOSHUA TREE - "St. Paddy's Bar Bizarre Weekend! 3 p.m. yard sale booths with games and prizes, dunking booth, Irish & American food. 10 p.m., "Ides Of March III, Margo Leigh & Lucinda Holliday crown King and Queen of the Green. Drink specials.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

COLETTE'S - Country and Western Night again and again Loren Johnson will entertain all yog CW fans. It's always a fun night. Don't miss it.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

COLETTE'S - It's "Soul Night" here and you regulars all know what that means. Music to delight your soul. You non-regulars better get your 'souls' on and be here!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

PLAZA HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER - The annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a full evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment, etc, etc. etc. 3 bars, TOGA Humanitarian Awards, and much, much more.

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| 4. THE 69ers | 36 | 28 | .563 | 16 | 939 |
| 5. "FOUR SNAPS UP" | 32 | 32 | .500 | 20 | 899 |
| 6. BUSY B'S | 32 | 32 | .500 | 20 | 900 |
| 7. SMOKSHOP BOYS | 28 | 36 | .437 | 24 | 911 |
| 8. SIX BALLS & A SPLIT | 26 | 38 | .406 | 26 | 872 |

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HIGH GAME HANDICAP: THE 69ers 939 / JEFF T. 302 / JUDY C. 269

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4536).

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Tucsons Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold their second meeting of the year to begin planning fund raising events for the upcoming Gay Pride Week in Tucson. All interested parties are urged to attend and join the Alliance. 3:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree patio.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

The Copper City Squares holds beginning square dance classes open to anayone interested in learning square dancing. Classes are held at IBT's from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 795-0452 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association March meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant at 7:30 p.m. After the meeting, a Forum will be held. "Gays and God" is the topic. Distinguished clergy from various denominations (Catholic, Episcopalian, MCC, Presbyterian, Unitarian, Jewish and Methodist) have been invited to be on the panel, additionally, members of ten religion-based organizations serving Gays and Lesbians in Southern Arizona are encouraged to join the evening's presentation. Free to OP members and newcomers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit. This year's event is hosted by the beneficiaries of the benefit - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life. Big, Big plans are in the works on this Benefit of the year. Tickets are $15 which includes dinner and a full evening of dancing and entertainment. General admission tikrts will also be available. This year's gala will be held at the Plaza Hotel Convention Center at Speedway and Campbell. Watch the OBSERVER for more details.

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Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. Call P.A.C.T. at 322-9808 if interested.

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# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 pm $4.00. Rock DJs 9-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. $3.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials:....

PINELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.25 daytime and $1.50 nighttime.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 til 7 pm. House Madness Specials 7-1.

IBT'S - Great sandwiches from DB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 777 C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Gil Leon.

RUMORS - Open at noon. Drink specials.

## monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. $1.75 Domesti Beer and $2 Well for owners. Rare DJs country favorites from 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All White Well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic Bottle Beer $1.25, draft .75

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. PINELINE - Open at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs all day. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bloody Cloggers.

IBT'S - 4 to 6 Two for One. Bowler's Special $1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Todd dj's at 9.

## tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. DJs 9 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75. Longneck Bottle Beer $1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.

PINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.

HOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25.

IBT'S - 4 to 6 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. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.

RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

## wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. DJs 9pm

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75. T-Squares dance and give free lessons at 6:30. Country/Western Nite. Schnapps $1 from 8-12 am. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.

PINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer $1.25/days - $1.50 altas.

HOURS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Nell Nite .75 (w/juice $1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Firdale 9 to 1.

RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

## thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Rock DJs 9-1. Pool Tournament 10 pm - $3.00

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75 / "Submarine!" .50 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Mike Padilla at the piano.

PINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 pm $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - All Dark Well $1.25 days / $1.50 altas.

HOURS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30, C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Enock.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Bud and Bud Lite $1.25 8-1.

RUMORS - Daily drink specials. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

## friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. DJs beginning at 9pm. Exotic Coffee Drinks on the patio 10 - 1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75 / Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8-12. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Tazy Michael Padilla at the piano.

PINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well and $3.00 pitchers. New Pineline opens 8:30 "Share Nite" 17 & older with dancing/neon light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

HOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.

RUMORS - Daily drink specials. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. DJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

## saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1. Exotic Coffee Drinks on the patio 10-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8-Midnight: DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Michael Padilla at the piano.

PINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 hot dogs, drink specials all day

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

HOURS - Open Noon.

IBT'S - 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.

RUMORS - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Dance with DJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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# Roaming Around With Chuck

Let's hope everyone got out and voted today (Feb. 26th). It is one of our greatest freedoms and RIGHTS, to be able to vote and have our say in our government. Even if we are not always on the winning side ... then we also have the right to complain and get out and work for our ideas the next time around.

The National Gay Republicans are organizing "Log Cabin Clubs" all around the country ... a sign that both parties are slowly listening to OUR community as these are Gay Republicans. This is the way America works, we must motivate both parties to become more humane and get the laws changed to make the Gay community a cog in the political arena of change!

News around the world: Several Danish newspaper, radio and TV journalists outed themselves in issue 12 of "Journalisten", a professional publication. One even announced plans to marry her lover at a town hall in rural Jutland. Denmark is the only country that allows same-sex marriage.

Sweden ... Two neo-Nazis who knifed a Gay man to death were sentenced to 6 and 3 1/2 years in prison - severe sentences in Sweden. Kent Antonsson was murdered in the parking lot of the Gay center in Goteborg, where the neo-Nazis also attacked patrons inside the club.

Ireland ... With the election of pro-Gay president Mary Robinson, Irish Premier Charles Haughey on Dec. 7, announced plans to decriminalize Gay Male sex.

Italy ... A new Italian survey of Gay men found that 60 percent use condoms in sexual relationships "considered risky". 70 percent during casual sex and 50 percent with their regular partners.

Panama ... Since Manuel Noriega's ouster, there seems to have been a crackdown on Gays. Some bars have been forced to close and there is a strong anti-Gay campaign taking place under the guise of a crackdown on "immorality and obscenity". Noriega was famous for his lavish orgies in which a lot of prominent Gay people participated.

Czechoslovakia ... Lambda reports the anti-Gay hooligans have begun attacking Gay persons. In Brno, a group were jumped outside a restaurant by local toughs shouting Nazi slogans. But the Gays were in the majority and only suffered some bruises.

Brazil ... The Gorupo Gay Da Bahia in Bahia, Brazil's largest city, reports the city government has banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. They say this is the first town in Latin America where this is now forbidden.

Zimbabwe ... Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe have come into existence in the capital of Harare. The group focuses on sports and social activities hoping simply to bring Gays and Lesbians together for the first time. It is inspired by the Gay and Lesbian organization of Witwatersrand, the ground-breaking black group in South Africa.

England ... In November, a London judge ruled that all sadomasochistic sex acts - with others or oneself - constitute criminal assault. Gay sex is not illegal in England, but Judge Rant ruled that individual liberty is not to be confused with license to commit acts society regards as "cruel". It seems the video tapes seized shows penis torture, rubbing testicles with sandpaper, and genital flagellation. The judge was to view all tapes before sentencing the 15 men whose homes the tapes were seized from by Scotland Yard's Obscene Publication Squad.

The "Pennies for Shanti Videos" campaign is underway and two trophies will be awarded to the club, business or organization that collects the most pennies during the month of March. And, also for the individual who donates the most pennies during March. A friend of Shanti is donating the trophies.

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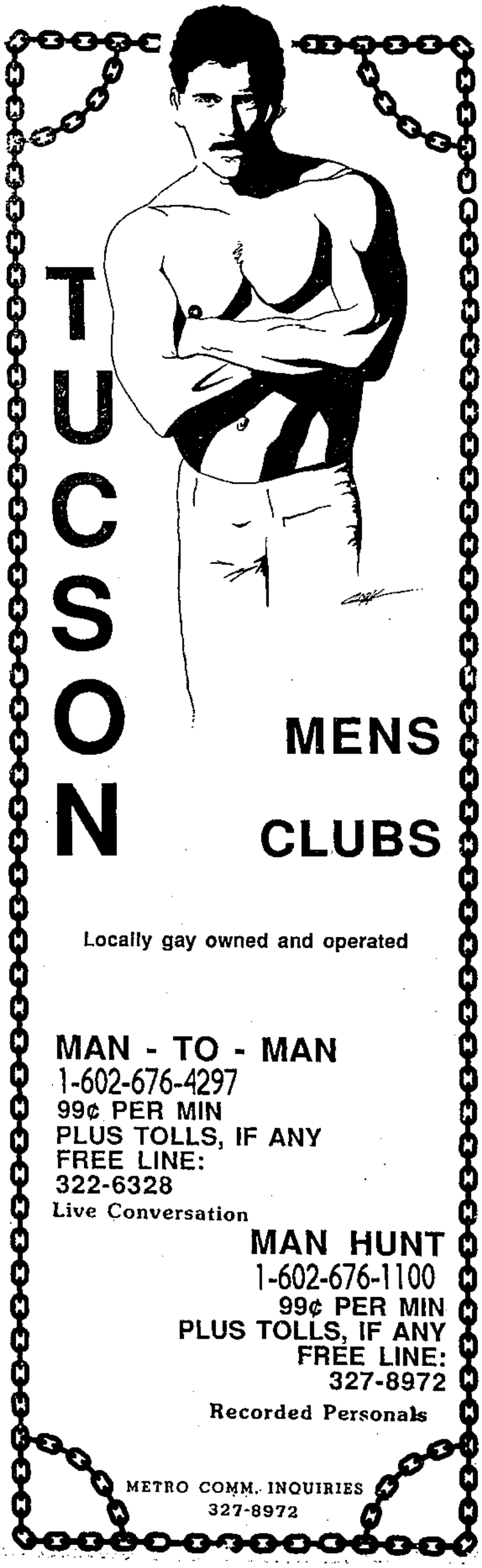


# Gay Couples Flock

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The Rev. Charles McIlhenny, pastor of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church said earlier, "City Hall is playing fast and loose with God's creation ordinance." He was among religious leaders who led a referendum campaign in 1989 to overturn a similar ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors. The issue was put on the ballot after a petition campaign and narrowly failed.

Voters passed the law in November after narrowly rejecting a similar ballot initiative in 1989. The city's Board of Supervisors adopted a domestic partners ordinance in 1982, but former Mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed it as too costly.

Under the new law, couples file their declaration with the county clerk. There is no ceremony.

But late in the afternoon, about 100 couples took part in a special multi-denominational ceremony recognizing their new status, with their names announced as they descended City Hall's rotunda stairway.

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt's staff had handed out thousands of flyers about the law in the city's predominantly Gay Castro District, and his aide, Jean Harris, said the supervisor's office was flooded with calls from people planning to register. Britt was the prime backer of the legislation.

The new law is narrower in scope than the earlier proposals. It does not provide any benefits for domestic partners, only letting them declare that they have an intimate relationship, that they have lived together at least six months and that they will be jointly responsible for living expenses.

Denmark is the only country to permit same-sex marriages by law; Sweden is considering a similar law that would give Gay couples the same rights as married people in areas such as taxation, inheritance and divorce.

The San Francisco ordinance applies to Gay as well as heterosexual couples.

# EDITORIAL

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ing when it came to supporting one of their own, openly Gay Republican Mike Duffy, who challenged entrenched Democratic State Representative Byron Rushing in a district including a huge percentage of Boston's Gay population. Most of Boston's South End neighborhood, an area plagued by anti-Gay violence and home to the highest concentration of PWAs in the commonwealth falls within that district. Duffy's platform included raising police presence in the neighborhood and increasing the availability of housing for PWAs.

Whereas Gay support for Weld demonstrated our greatest show of strength, Gay opposition to Duffy cost us our chance to elect one of the painfully few openly Gay legislators in the nation. The band of Gay and Lesbian supporters who rushed to support Rushing engaged in that stale, shrill brand of knee-jerk Republican bashing that has been the norm in Gay politics for twenty years. A concerted smear campaign playing on stereotypical notions about Republicans ("You belong to the party of Ronald Reagan. You're KILLING us!) succeeded in dividing what should have been Duffy's natural base. The result: Duffy lost by a mere 400 votes.

The general unwillingness to support Republicans, and even openly Gay Republicans, keeps us perennially in thrall to a Democratic establishment that takes our votes for granted. When Gay Republicans are silenced or ridiculed, and endorsements reserved for Democrats only, is it any wonder that the Republicans in Congress have failed to co-sponsor the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill? The colossal stupidity of the one-party strategy has had three disastrous effects: the nuturance of right-wing homophobes, the weakening and silencing of pro-Gay, progressive Republicans, and the allowance of lackluster, liberal Democrats to exploit us at their will and ignore us at their convenience.

The emergence of Log Cabin Clubs, Gay Republican groups in California, Texas, Illinois and Florida, committed to supporting pro-Gay Republican and working for change within the party, may signal the end of the stagnant, politically correct tone of Gay politics. In December, Gay Republicans in Massachusetts formed a state chapter of the National Log Cabin Federation at a Florida convention of the participating Clubs. It is our hope that Log Cabin Clubs will strengthen political support for the rights of Gay people and challenge stereotypes of our community as uniformly left-leaning, anti-establishment, and out of the mainstream.

We believe that the allegiance between Gay people and the Republican Party is a very natural expression of a shared desire to prevent government intrusion into the private lives of American citizens. This Republican tenet, often disregarded during the Reagan administration at the behest of the religious right, seems to be re-emerging under George Bush's leadership. Bush, in inviting members of the California Log Cabin Federation to the White House fort the signing of the National Hate Crimes Bill, became the first president in our history to invite openly Gay people into the White House because of, and not in spite of, their sexual orientation.

The Republican party at its best has always been a champion of individual rights and liberties. Its roots are in the writings of Lincoln and in the spirit of abolition. If we, as Gay people, can only cast aside foolish preconceptions of what it means to be a Republican, and give suitable Republican candidates our full support, we stand to gain an unprecedented degree of political power and influence.

[ED NOTE: David LaFontaine is Lobbying Director for the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. Patrick Ward is the Founding President of the Log Cabin Club/Massachusetts.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 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 885-7118 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 Joe and E.B. at 747-5019.

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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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). 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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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. 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.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

## Notices

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.

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LESBIANS WITHOUT PARTNERS (LWP) - a new group forming. Do you want to meet other LWPs call me 322-5655.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan. Call 884-7195 for more info.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely. Mark it on your calendar

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*A Commentary By*
*Christopher Geoffrey McPherson*

# It Has Begun

I sit to write this column about 18 hours after the beginning of the ground war phase of the Persian Gulf war. Again, I was covering a social event for one of Phoenix's daily newspapers when word began circulating amongst the guests that the battle had started.

Arizona's Congressman Jon Kyl (R), attending the event, was confident, when we spoke, that this was the "beginning of the end" of the fighting. He also expressed praise both for President Bush's actions, and the ability of our fighting men and women.

One thing struck me odd as I worked the remainder of the evening, how it takes something so irrational and wasteful as war to engender patriotic feelings in people who otherwise could not care less about their country or their people.

In a country where less than half the able population votes, it is inconceivable these feelings they call patriotism. Is it more patriotic to support a war than to vote for those men and women who create the laws that allow for war? It is not.

Is it more patriotic to support a President and the policies of his political party instead of taking the time to research, to learn, to fully understand the whys behind the war in which we are engaged? It is not.

Is it more patriotic for the print and broadcast media to focus on the family of the dead, to pull in for that all-important close-up when the wife's eyes fill with tears, when she chokes back words, than to fully explain how the country of Iraq is only as powerful as it is because the United States GAVE it the military might it now uses to kill our soldiers? It is not.

At the social function I was working last night, the host asked the 800 or so guests to join in an impromptu rendition of "God Bless America". And it was then that I fully understood.

We, as a people, are more willing to stand, comfortably situated amongst our peers, insulated from the outside world, and bravely protest our patriotism in song only to people with whom we feel safe, than to EVER stand politically naked to the world and question the very acts that engender this shallow feeling we *now* call patriotism.

It is not something in which we should find any pride.

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CAPSULE COLUMN: The new film starring Keanu Reeves and River Phoenix, "My Own Private Idaho", has completed principle photography, as reported in the Feb. 22 issue of Entertainment Weekly. About a pair of male hustlers, the film is being directed by Gus Van Sant, who also made "Drugstore Cowboy".

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

*News From MCC/Tucson*
*by Ben Cockle*

This past weekend was another celebration at MCC/Tucson. All birthdays for the month are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month during the Fellowship Social Hour immediately following the worship service. Rev. Eduard Perry has been with MCC for four years and has now entered his fifth year with the church. Rev. Perry stated that during his four years, there have been a lot of ups and a lot of downs and that he is looking forward to staying here if for no other reason that to find out what will happen next. Rev. Perry with his spouse, Lee Cain, came from Seattle to Tucson and preached his first sermon here in Tucson the first Sunday of March in 1987.

Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey went through surgery this past Monday and from the report given at our worship service this past Sunday, she is recovering quite well. Even though Rev. Nita wasn't in church this past Sunday, physically her presence was felt by all in attendance. Rev. Nita, who is now our Assistant Pastor, will become a full-time minister beginning April 1st. In addition to her duties as Assistant Pastor, Rev. Nita will be our Minister of Christian Education.

The Administrative Council had their monthly meeting this past Sunday and two new positions were created. Harald Huckins will be our Facility Youth Coordinator. Harald is already filling the positions of Music Coordinator and organist for the church. Deacon Ernie Hoop will be our new church Sexton, the contract was approved and will become effective April 10th. Congratulations, Harald and Deacon Ernie, may your new duties be as rewarding and fulfilling as our present positions with the church.

Next Sunday, March 10th, will be our Lay Sunday. It is the practice of MCC/-Tucson to have the fifth Sunday of any month with members of the congregation conducting our Morning Worship Service. Since Easter is the fifth Sunday this month, the Lay Sunday has been changed. Everyone is invited to attend this special worship service.

Thought for the Week: If there's a job to be done, always ask the busiest person to do it - and it will get done.

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