

## Pride Week In Tucson Plans Firming Up

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) has been working diligently for the past two months preparing to present the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride '91 Week-long series of events. Kicking off the celebration will be the 14th Annual Pride Picnic in Himmel Park on Sunday, June 23 from noon until dusk. Here is a tentative schedule which will be updated in next weeks issue of OBSERVER.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Noon to Dusk - 14th Annual Picnic in Himmel Park. Dancing, volleyball, drag race, booths, food, beer and soft drinks, The Mayor will read our Pride Week Proclamation plus other speakers. Lots of surprises.

7:30 After the Picnic Party held at the French Quarter this year food and a show.

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 p.m. Gay Pride event at Graduate.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack - Art exhibit featuring some of our community's finest artists. Exhibit runs through Friday. Local artists wishing to exhibit their works should call Patti Bowers 327-1974.

8:30 p.m. Pride Event at Joshua Tree

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack

8:30 p.m. "Reunion Show" at Rumorz featuring many of your favorite performers from the past.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack.

7 to 9 p.m. Lesbian and Gay poetry/fiction reading at Antigone Books.

9 p.m. IBT's Fun Night with games, prizes and live entertainment.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack final night.

7 to 9 p.m. Political Night at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, includes Southern Arizona politicians as well as candidates for Mayor and City Council and Congressional District 2.

9 p.m. Video night and party at Colette's featuring past and present Pride Week videos.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

2 to 5 p.m. Gay Pride Activities by the ShareBears. "Family Feud", "Dating Game", "Win, Lose or Draw" plus a Benefit Show in the evening. All at the French Quarter.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 p.m. Casino Night and Dance Contest at Hours.

The schedule is tentative and will be updated prior to Pride Week.

The largest single-day Gay/Lesbian event held in Arizona, of course, is the Pride Picnic. Last year over 7,000 people attended the event and this year that figure is expected to reach nearly 10,000. 60 kegs of beer, 50 canisters of soft drink mix will be served at no charge. Local Tucson Gay Bartenders will as usual man the Beer Truck. Their schedule is as follows:

- Noon to 1 p.m. - Hours
- 1 to 2 p.m. - IBT's
- 2 to 3 p.m. - Rumorz
- 3 to 4 p.m. - Joshua Tree
- 4 to 5 p.m. - French Quarter
- 5 to 6 p.m. - Graduate
- 6 to 7 p.m. - Colette's

The picnic will be held in the northeast corner of Himmel Park as usual with most of the activity taking place in the band shell area where the stage is located. The volleyball court will be moved to a more flat area just east of the stage. There will be two water trucks this year shooting up their streams of water to the delight of those seeking some relief from the heat. It is expected that there will be over 30 booths on the east side of the park dispensing everything from information to food, games and products. Voter Registration will be an important booth this year with the council and Congressional District 2 races coming up in November. The Lambda Democratic Caucus will have a political booth where many of the politicians will gather to answer any questions you might have.

Check next weeks OBSERVER for updates and new information on this important week in Tucson. In the meantime, plan on attending as many of these events as you can. There is no charge for any of them, and prizes or other costs incurred are paid for by monies raised in the Gay community during the past few weeks.



## 16th National Conference On Men and Masculinity Opens This Week In Tucson



TUCSON - Pictured above are Jeff Parker, left, and John Barnes holding up one of the M&M 16 Conference T-Shirts. Jeff is

M&M 16 Conference Coordinator and John is Conference Culture and Arts Chairperson. See story below.

TUCSON - The 16th National Conference on Men & Masculinity, with the theme "Discovering New Paths: Men Together, Healing the Earth," will be held this Thursday June 6 through Sunday, June 9 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Tucson.

Over 100 workshops will offer participants an opportunity to explore various aspects of masculinity, including male friendship, male-female relationships and communication, the roots of misogyny and men's violence, pro-feminist political action and social change, fathers and sons, homophobia and Gay issues for men, being Gay, Gay-Straight communication and understanding, men's health and HIV/AIDS, Gay affirmation, addiction and recovery, and a wide variety of personal growth workshops.

"We're expecting over 600 men and women at our conference," states Jeff Parker, conference coordinator. "In addition to the workshops, we have planned cultural activities of music, dance, drama, and poetry reflecting the rich heritage of men and of our American Southwest.

The conference is being co-sponsored by NOMAS, the National Organization for Men Against Sexism and the Tucson Men's Cooperative. NOMAS is a male supportive, pro-feminist, Gay affirmative group which promotes positive changes in men's lives.

All is not seminars and workshops for the Conferees. On Friday, June 7, M&M 16 will present a concert by the popular Gay duo, Romanovsky & Phillips. Singing about their lives as Gay men with unprecedented honesty and an outrageous sense of humor, the duo has carved out a niche for themselves in the alternative music industry. R&F like to think of themselves as "Professional Homosexuals" and readily admit that if tomorrow the world suddenly stopped discriminating against Gay and Lesbian people, they might be out of a job.

Appearing on the same bill with Romanovsky and Phillips will be Michael Kearns who will present a one-man dramatic performance. One of America's most accomplished theater artists, today he deals almost exclusively with AIDS-related themes in his work as an actor, Kearns recently opened his latest show "intinacies". It is a moving one-man show written by Kearns in which he humanizes the disease through his portrayal of six very different characters afflicted with AIDS.

The Romanovsky/Phillips/Kearns performances will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Antigone Books, at the Tucson AIDS Project offices or at the door.

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**Lesbian and Gay PRIDE Week  
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# UPDATE

## LETTERS-LETTERS-LETTERS LETTERS-LETTERS-LETTERS

### EDITOR:

The C.A.I. Committee would like to thank the many talents presented in the fundraiser at the Graduate last Sunday night. The show, produced by Margo Leigh, was exceptional. The talents of Connie Lingus, Vanna, Touche', Lucinda Holliday, John Barnes, Margo Leigh, Kimberly Ryan and Ernie Hoop were outstanding.

These performers gave of their time, talent and personal expense in putting on this show for the benefit of the C.A.I. Committee. All proceeds from the tips given to the performers went directly to the C.A.I. Committee. Special thanks also goes to Big Mike on sound and Little Mike on lights.

It was announced at the end of the show that \$600 had been raised, this was in error. The Treasurer of the C.A.I. Committee, who was counting the money, mistakenly counted many one dollar bills as tens. The actual count, including the generous check from the Graduate, amounted to \$361.00.

Ben Corbin  
Secretary C.A.I. Committee



## Australia Immigration Law Recognizes Gays

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - The Australian government has introduced new regulations giving legal recognition to homosexual relationships in immigration for the first time. These regulations mean that Australia joins a small handful of countries which acknowledge the basic human rights of their Gay and Lesbian residents to remain in their own country, living with the partner of their choice, regardless of nationality.

Between 1985 and 1989 there was a cumbersome and lengthy system of granting residence to foreign homosexual partners, based on the Minister exercising his discretionary powers over compassionate and humanitarian applications. In late 1989 this mechanism was lost due to a major overhaul of immigration regulations. The restoration of recognition of homosexual partners and the inclusion for the first time in regulations represent a major and historic victory after seven years of campaigning and lobbying by the Australian National Gay and Lesbian Immigration Task Force (GLITF).

Although the regulations introduced on April 15 do not grant equality with heterosexuals, the new conditions are roughly similar to those for heterosexual de facto applicants. The new regulation creates a category of "relationship of emotional interdependency" outside of family links. The regulation is not intended for exclusive use by Gay couples; its scope is broader.

## Cronies Announce Activities

TUCSON - "Cronies", the group of socially active men 40 and over, has recently announced its list of social activities for the remainder of June through July 6.

June 12 - Mid-Month Dinner  
June 16 - S.W. Arizona Road Trip including Texas Canyon, Amerind Foundation, Triangle T Guest Ranch and truck farms of Wilcox.  
June 23 - Pride Picnic in Himmel Park  
June 29 - Movie Night  
July 4 - Bar-B-Que  
July 6 - Monthly Meeting, Shanti Office, 602 N. 4th Ave. at 7:00 p.m.

Interest groups are being formed for cards, biking, hiking, etc. All of these activities are open to members and non-members. If you are interested in any of these, call Merle, 888-7264 for more details.

## New Bowling League Forming

TUCSON - Persons interested in bowling are invited to join Monday evenings of fun and relaxation during the winter months. Starting in September there will be a new league forming called RER's Roadrunners. The teams will begin bowling at 9:00 p.m. every Monday evening at the Cactus Bowl.

There will be a meeting of interested bowlers at the Cactus Bowl on August 26th at 7:30 p.m. Free bowling to league members on this evening follows the meeting. "Please try to attend so that we will be better able to make this a fun and interesting night on your winter agenda," said Rick Hancock, one of the league organizers. If you are unable to attend, please contact by phone either Rick Hancock, 881-7234 or Richard Swiatly 529-0256.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

THOSE COOLING SEA BREEZES ARE A THING OF THE PAST. NICE WHILE IT LASTED. SUNNY AND MUCH WARMER.

HIGHS: 95-105 LOWS: 60-70

DID YOU KNOW - AVERAGE NUMBER OF 100 DEGREE DAYS IN JUNE IS 17. IN 1989 THERE WERE 30!

## HELP! Security Volunteers Needed for Pride Picnic

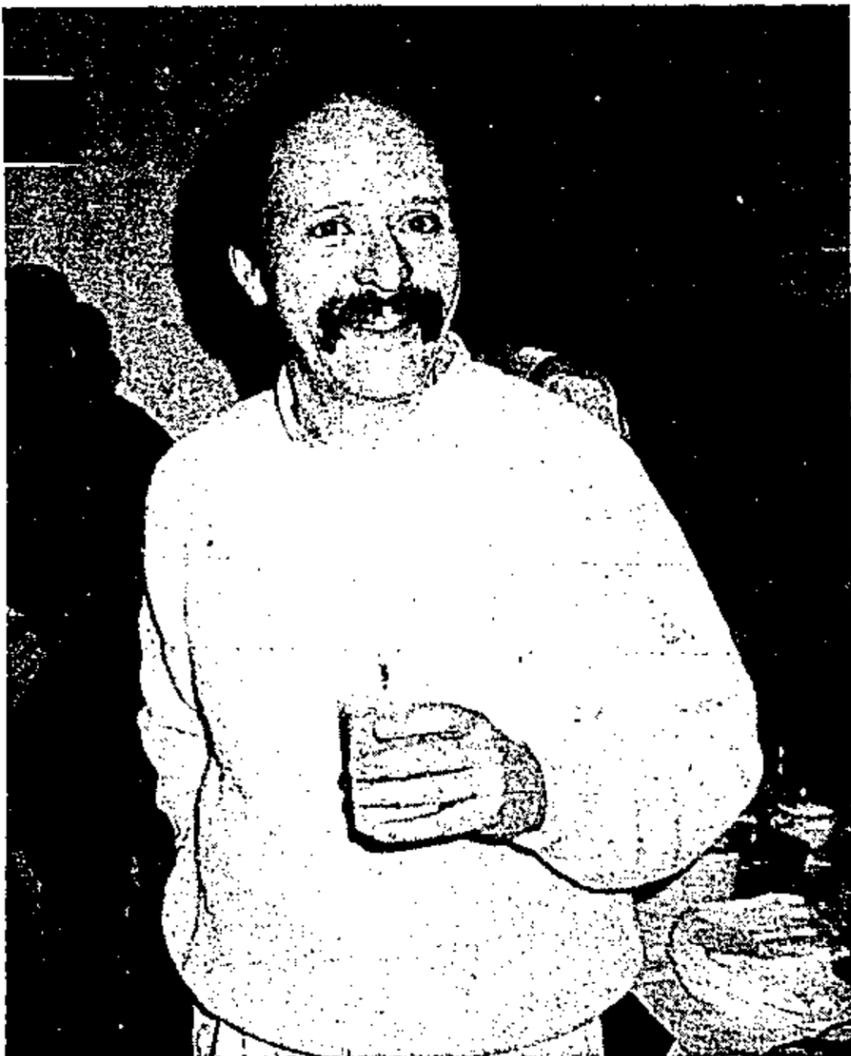
TUCSON - Volunteer help is needed for security at the Gay/Lesbian Pride Picnic to be held on Sunday, June 23, from 12:00 noon until dusk. As in previous years, security monitors, identified by arm bands, will patrol the picnic area keeping an eye out for problems.

Estimates of this year's attendance ranges all the way up to a 10,000 total. Only a fraction of that number will be there at any one time, but supervision is needed to cope with emergencies arising from such things as too much sun or too much beer.

In the past years the members of the local clubs and organizations have volunteered for security duty. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Lee Ridinger by phone (741-0917) Monday through Friday during the evening hours after six p.m. Ideally about thirty people are needed so that one person would be on duty for an hour or so and then be able to enjoy the picnic too.

The picnic is now only three weeks away so it is imperative that volunteers contact Mr. Ridinger for this important duty during our Pride Picnic.

## IN LOVING MEMORY



EDDIE FLOREZ

A Memorial Celebration will be held on  
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## MGM 16 Conference (Continued from page one)

On Saturday, June 8, there will be a concert from 8 to 10 p.m. featuring Anne Feeney and Geof Morgan. Anne Feeney, a longtime folk singer on the protest scene will present songs from her latest record releases. In her hometown of Pittsburgh, Feeney has won folk performer of the year in both 1987 and 1988 and in 1989 won the 18th annual "New Folk" songwriters' competition.

Geof Morgan is one of the best known songsters of the movement for changing men. Geof's involvement with feminism and personal changes in his life led him to become more involved with the growing men's movement. He has recorded several albums and has written songs recorded by some of the biggest names in the country music scene.

The Saturday Feeney/Morgan concert will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Empire Ballroom at the Holiday Inn, 181 W. Broadway. General Admission tickets are \$8.00 each.

In addition from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. there will be an "Eclectic Roedown" in the Starlight Ballroom at the Holiday Inn with Disc Jockey Jeannie Kelley from Colette's playing music from the 50s to the 90s, and a special appearance of the Tucson Linemen Dancers with Director Gil Leon. There is a \$2.00 cover charge at

the door.

Ticket and conference registration information is available by calling 881-0991. Registration fees are based on personal income. For people earning less than \$10,000 a year pay the daily rate of \$30 per day; \$10,000-\$20,000, \$50/day; \$20,001-\$29,999, \$60/day; \$30,000 and over, \$70/day.

Tucson Men's Cooperative, hosts for MGM 16, have been working very hard to ensure the success of this conference, the first Men and Masculinity conference to be held in the Southwest since 1979. The purpose of the cooperative is to offer support and encouragement to men who want to examine male roles in society, support feminists in their quest to clarify their roles and to stand beside Gay men in their pursuit of social acceptance. For more information concerning registering for the conference or the Tucson Men's Cooperative, call 881-0991.

Tucson Men's Cooperative Conference Committee Chairpersons include Jeff Parker, Conference Coordinator; John Barnes, Culture and Arts Chairperson; Dave Hensley, Public Affairs Chairperson; Tom Wentzel, Registration Chairperson; Claude Price, Adolescents Program Chairperson and Tom Mc Allister, Program Chairperson.

## Behind The Split-Ups

by Michael C. Botkin

It now over half a year since ACT UP/San Francisco split. Since that time, at least one other chapter has also split (Portland Oregon's) and a couple of others have come close to it and may yet.

While it's oversimplifying things to say that the same issues were at the root of all these diverse conflicts, there are some striking similarities. In general, two tendencies have emerged in the various ACT UP chapters across the United States; I call them the Lifeboaters and the Radicals.

Most ACT UP chapters outside New York City were started by what would eventually become the Radical factions. These were Lesbian and Gay militants who had spent a decade sitting on the sidelines of a movement more interested in lobbying for privacy rights than demonstrating in the streets for liberation. When ACT UP burst on the scene in New York, re-legitimizing militant attitudes and activist tactics, the Radicals hastened to form local chapters.

For a couple of years these movement veterans enjoyed undisputed leadership of the local ACT UP chapters. Then the Lifeboaters came along.

These were Gay men, mostly Anglos, who were radicalized when they were diagnosed with HIV. Many of them had little or no previous activist experience but they were used to getting what they wanted and/or needed, and suddenly found themselves fighting for their lives. The ship of American health care was sinking, and they wanted to find a lifeboat before it was too late. As the numbers of HIVers grew, so did the conflict between the Lifeboaters and the established - but largely unofficial - Radical leadership.

### SPOILED GUPPIES?

The Lifeboaters, as far as the Radicals were concerned, were a bunch of spoiled guppies (Gay Urban Profes-

sionals). They drove Volvos and lived in elegantly appointed apartments acquired in their pre-diagnosis days when they worked for 'Fortune 500' companies. They were often sexist and, even worse from the Radicals' perspective, didn't know enough to be ashamed of this. Instead of shriveling up in wounded guilt when accused of being politically incorrect, they were likely to call their accuser a "bitch".

The largely young and HIV-negative rank and file of the early chapters were willing followers of the Radical leadership.

A naive, radical-chic young friend of mine from Chicago explained to me a couple of years ago how the local ACT UP chapters worked: "Oh, these political Lesbians come and tell us all what to do and how to be politically correct."

The Lifeboaters, on the other hand, expected to be leaders themselves. They had a strong presence for dealing with treatment issues as opposed to working to restructure the health care system of the United States.

"Drugs into bodies!" was the early rallying cry of ACT UP/New York after all and it makes a lot of sense to a Lifeboater with plummeting T-cells. But, what drugs and into whose bodies.

The Radicals considered the "parallel track" system of limited free samples of experimental drugs to be an elitist solution. From their perspective these were deals cut between a few well-insured guppies and the pharmaceutical corporations. Without a private doctor to fill out the endless forms, these exotic new drugs might as well be on the moon. It was, in short, a strategy that could save a few lives but could never make treatments available to the majority of HIVers, especially those outside the Gay urban meccas, which also just happened to

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IT'S CLUB WEEKEND TIME AGAIN. . . . .

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## What's Up Doc ???



News from SOS is, they have a new "First Lady", Frank Herrera. They also tell me everyone should look out for their up and coming 1992 calendar. And for the present time, they are finalizing plans for this year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Picnic.

Congratulations goes out to the newly elected officers for the Tucson Knight Owls. Taking over the reins as President for the 1991-92 club year is Gary Teague. Elected as Vice-President is Patrick Condran; Secretary, Ed Nohlechek; Treasurer, Tommy Marlin, who also will be this year's First Lady, and finally, yes again, myself as Activities Captain. All officers will be taking their oath of office at TKO's monthly Beer Bust July 13 with an anniversary party.

As for this month's Beer Bust, the game will be a hula dancing contest. This will be one Beer Bust I'd like to see recorded on tape for future showings.

Last Sunday evening at the Graduate, there was a CAT Committee Benefit Show. It was a great show and the audience tipped extremely well. The evening raised over \$300. A great big thank you goes out to Margo Leigh, show director and producer. Also, a bigger thank you goes out to all those in attendance for your support.

A little information on this year's CAT Awards is now needed. First off, registration for this year's voting will start at the Pride Picnic, Sunday, June 23. Be sure to locate the table and register. As for the voting process this year, there will (in a way) be two different votes taken. The first, date to be announced later, will be to pick the 5 nominees for each category. Then, approximately a month later, or sometime in December, you, the community, will be voting for your favorite nominee. Then,

as before, the annual CAT awards will be held in January 1992.

And also speaking of the CAT Committee, their monthly meeting is the second Wednesday of each month at the new MCC Church. The address is 3269 N. Mountain, corner, just north of Fort Lowell on Mountain. If you would be interested in getting involved with this committee, stop over at the meeting and I'm sure the committee will put you to work in one of the many areas needed to produce the CAT Awards.

I received some news from DL that at this time I'll pass on to everyone. Their monthly Beer Bust has been moved to the 4th Saturday of each month, so let's all get over to IBT's and support them on these new days.

From the First Ladies, news comes to me that they will be having a 1-day, in-town run on August 24th. As this draws closer, you will be receiving more information. Also, each club will be having a game on that day for everyone's enjoyment, plus those always mean and sneaky Activities/Road Captains will be having their game. When I get some more information on this run, I'll be passing it on to you.

TBBS: Which DL member had an embarrassing situation at TKO's Swin Party, when Fern was sitting in his lap? Which TALL member goes by the name of "Ann T", who just happens to tend bar at the Graduate on Saturday afternoons? Which TKO member won himself a TRASH AWARD at TKO's Spring Fling XI? Which Partners member turns the big 60 this month, always claiming 39? Sorry, I didn't catch anything on any of the SOS members, but I will be watching them.

I guess that will be it for this week. Share some love and friendship with a stranger this week and before long, another friend.

## Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Last Sunday night at the Graduate, there was a show. I hope y'all didn't miss it; it was another terrific Margo Leigh production. The show was a benefit for the CAT Committee (Community Awards of Tucson). \$300 was raised as the result of the fine performances by that night's entertainers: Margo Leigh, Vanna, Touche', Kimberly, Lucinda Holliday, Tiffany St. Thomas (reigning Miss Gay Tucson) and the incredible powerhouse of talent "Ks. Connie Lingus". Great job girls! the co-mc's were Ernie Hoop and Kimberly Ryan (Piesta de Mayo Queen 1990-91). I for one am looking forward to more fine performances by these talented ladies as well as any production with the Margo Leigh stamp upon it. Thank you for a totally enjoyable evening, Lee.

The time is coming for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week which starts on Sunday, June 23rd with Tucson's Pride Picnic. It's a time to meet friends, party and stand up with pride for our sexuality. To be Gay is nothing to be ashamed of. It is important for us as a people, to stand up for our rights and against discrimination.

There are many of our brothers and sisters who are denied basic rights and privileges based upon our sexual orienta-

tion. Housing, employment, our rights as spouses and a lot more are being denied to many people. Pride Week gives us a chance to stand in numbers and learn about ourselves. Always remember that our worst enemy can be ourselves. We must be together, not divided by stupid pettiness. One people, united in our Gayness, but diversified in our richness in cultures. I love being Gay.

And finally, this last week, we at PACT received a most unusual and welcomed donation. The manager of the Continental Bookstore at 2655 N. Campbell and Caesar's Bookstore at 2540 N. Oracle gave us presents like you wouldn't believe. They donated hundreds of dollars worth of sexual aids from toys, to lubes, to flavorings and more. These things are for the purpose of safer sex workshops and risk reduction outreach.

It makes me feel so good to know that another business sees safer sex and the problem of AIDS as their concern too. Thanks for your help in the war on AIDS. You are appreciated.

Till next week: Sean 628-7816.



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# News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

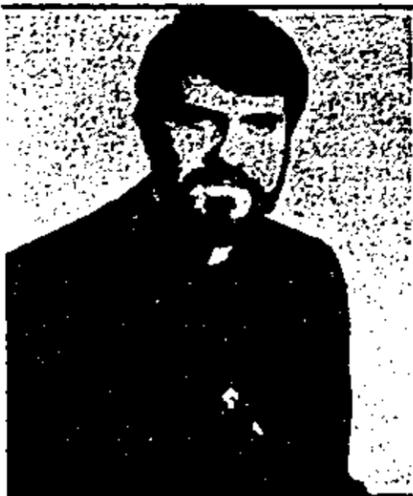
Bob Heibert was the winner of the Quart of Maine Maple Syrup with the winning ticket 381016 which was drawn on May 24th. The next Maple Syrup Raffle will be drawn on June 9th and tickets are now on sale. You must purchase new tickets for each Raffle, tickets are good for one time only.

MCC/Tucson will be having a Congregational Meeting on June 30th. This special meeting will be for the purpose of the congregation instructing the Lay and Alternate Lay Delegates to the General Conference on the voting of many Binding Resolutions and By-Law changes. MCC/Tucson, as well as all the churches within the U.P.M.C.C., is a congregational church. This means that the congregation is the controlling body in approving all church policies and doctrines, at the U.P.M.C.C. level as well as the local level. All members of MCC/Tucson are urged to attend this meeting which will be held at 1:00 p.m., right after the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, June 30, 1991. Letters will be sent to each member advising them of this meeting.

General Conference will be held in Phoenix from July 14 through July 21st at The Pointe at Tapatio Cliff's. Tucson will be represented in the Clergy House with Rev. Eduard Perry and Rev. Nita Terlisner-Wiley. MCC/Tucson will have one vote in the Lay house with Ben Corbin as Lay Delegate and Bert Hoop as Alternate Lay Delegate. Funds are needed to send these delegates to the General Conference and the Fund Raisers are being held to secure the funds for these delegates.

Our next Fund Raiser will be at the Graduate this Saturday, June 8th with a Bake Sale during the TKO Beer Bust. The sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until 6:00 p.m. If there are any home-baked items that you would like to request, contact Annie Corbin and she will make sure that the items will be reserved for you.

As previously announced, Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry will be in Tucson for the formal church dedication on July 7th. We are now happy to announce that Rev. Troy Perry will be in Tucson for three days, July 5-6-7. If you have never met this dynamic person, now is your chance. The following is the itinerary for the July weekend:



Rev. Troy Perry

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 7:00 p.m. - MEET THE MODERATOR (fellowship with informal discussion with Rev. Troy Perry. Refreshments will be served).

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 10:00 a.m. PANCAKE BRUNCH (menu will include pancakes, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee or other beverage). Donations of \$2.00 will be requested. This will be another chance to meet Rev. Troy Perry.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 6:00 p.m. - 21st ANNIVERSARY BUFFET DINNER. MCC/Tucson is also celebrating our 21st year in Tucson during this weekend with this special dinner). Donations are being requested for \$5.00 per person in advance and \$7.50 at the door. This is still another chance to meet Rev. Troy Perry. There will be a worship service following dinner.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service and Church Dedication. Rev. Elder Dr. Troy D. Perry officiating and delivering the morning message.

On June 15th, MCC/Tucson will have a picnic with all of the Arizona MCC Churches. We will be arranging a car pool at the church which will leave at approximately 8:00 a.m. If you would like to attend this picnic, be at the church, 3269 North Mountain, with something to share at the picnic. Maps will be available to those driving to the picnic area.

Thought for the Week: It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously.

# Out On The Town

by Jan Jan LaMore

Was it a Phoenix road trip or a Phoenix road kill? Anyway it certainly wasn't a boring one. Does anyone really know who Gina Who is? The gendarmes in Mesa do know now. And, the accomplice. After all is said and done, who owes who? At least somebody's glad to be in Tucson.

And from Tucson to Breakfast at Tiffany's, to the Ponderosa Annex flood. The clothes eventually did dry.

The Hawaiian fruit stand is now open and open for business. With its proximity to the Ponderosa Annex and the Bean Plantation, business should be pretty good. Speaking of the Bean Plantation, shift work is about as normal as can be expected.

The Colorado River Belle has shifted

a little to the West with the balance in question.

Will Sister Mary Virgetta be heading out West to the Ponderosa again any time soon? It will probably depend on the corn crop this year. However, at this point in time it seems to be coming along just fine. The South Forty is now locked up once again, this time sans uno. Murphy Brown may learn something from this. Hopefully Josefetta Johnston has any interesting Romans out there.

Grandpa hop along did a whirlwind tour of the Southwest last week placing a few sniles on some faces around town. Will the Russian River Queen do the same?

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## POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

### C.D. 2 RACE

S.B. 1183

Goddard for Congress. Yes, that was the talk at a party hosted by Terry Goddard in Tucson last weekend. Goddard gave the party to say thank you to his Southern Arizona supporters. This possible draft idea was being spread by several key Democratic leaders from Southern Arizona who appear less than thrilled with the current prospective candidates for the C.D. 2 race and think that just by placing Goddard's name on the ballot he would win, since he did very well in C.D. 2 when he ran for Governor. When told of this possible movement, Goddard stated that he was not interested in running, but he said it in a way that did not close the door on a possible candidacy.

Saturday, I had a chance to talk with Rep. John Kromko regarding the Hate Crimes Bill. John told me that the bill is not dead yet, and may be brought up at the end of this session of the Legislature for consideration. He stated that at the end the House will consider numerous bills, and the bill will most likely be brought up then to get it through, or a data collection bill similar to the federal statute, which passed last year.

### END NOTES

The Party Whip in a legislative body is supposed to deliver votes on bills supported by the party, and to keep possible members who may stray in line with the party, when it comes to votes on other issues. That is what I learned in the numerous political science courses I took at the University of Arizona. What I am leading up to is: Representative Debbie McCune-Davis, (D-Phoenix), is the Minority (Democratic) Party Whip in the State House of Representatives and her actions on Senate Bill 1183, "The Hate Crimes Bill". She managed to let four (4) Democrats on the House Rules Committee (a committee which she sits on!), to go astray and vote against this bill, which is covered in several platform planks of the Arizona Democratic Party. Take a look at the above mentioned definition of a whip and you be the judge. Did she do her job? The answer is simple. No!!! Maybe a change in the leadership is in order? The answer is simple. Yes!!!

### THE VOLGY CAMPAIGN

Carol Zimmerman, Tom Volgy's campaign manager, in a telephone interview, announced that the Volgy for Congress campaign has opened their headquarters for Southern Arizona. The telephone number for the new headquarters which is located at 2615 East Broadway, is 795-1833. Volgy will be hosting his first fundraiser at the Run Runner, which is near the intersection of Speedway & Country Club. This will take place on June 16th. On June 10th, Tom will be speaking to the Legislative District 13 Democratic Club, which meets at Pima Country Democratic Headquarters.

### THE PASTORE CAMPAIGN

Ramon Valdez, Pastore's Southern Arizona coordinator, announced that Ed Pastore will be holding the grand opening of his headquarters on Monday, June 17. The headquarters is located at 1000 East 22nd Street. For more information call 884-0684.

In July, there will be a debate between Tom Volgy and Ed Pastore, which is being sponsored by the Pima County Democratic Party. The location will be the El Rio Neighborhood Center. Date and time TBA.

Until next time, take care.

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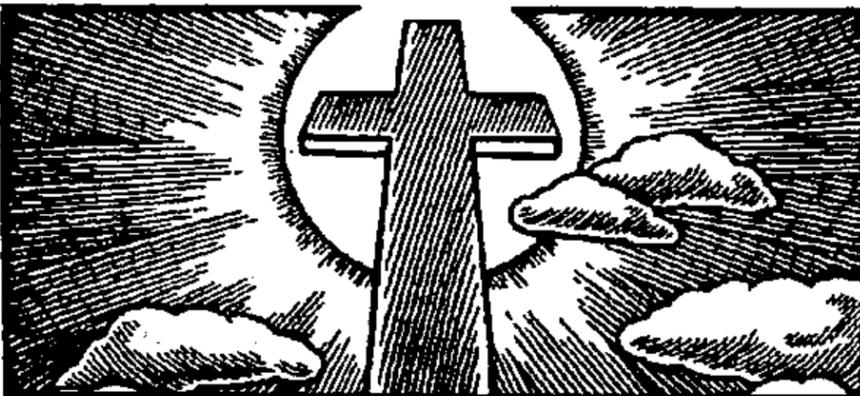
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# Organ Recital In Green Valley



GREEN VALLEY, AZ - Mr. Raymond L. Tess is shown at the new Rogers Oxford organ in the recently completed sanctuary of Our

Lady of the Valley Church in Green Valley. Mr. Tess will present the second of a series of recitals this Sunday, June 9.

GREEN VALLEY, AZ - On Sunday, June 9, at 3:00 p.m., Raymond L. Tess, organist at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Green Valley, will present the second of a series of recitals featuring the new Rodgers Oxford 945, 3-manual organ in the recently completed sanctuary of Our Lady of the Valley Church, 505 La Canada, in Green Valley.

Church, St. Ambrose Church and Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Tucson.

Mr. Tess moved east to complete his organ studies under Dr. Wilber Held at Ohio State University. He then moved to Detroit where he was organist at St. Christopher's Church. He traveled with the parish choir and performed in many of the famous Basilicas and churches throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Tess will present a varied program, including works by Bach, Handel, Boellman, Purvis, Grandjany, Mahler and several early Spanish composers. He will be assisted in this program by Kirk Kupensky, harpist and a graduate student at the University of Arizona, Scott Driesbach, trumpet, Stephanie Driesbach and Rebecca Jones, soprano soloists and Our Lady of the Valley choir.

After the death of his parents (only 5 days apart) in October 1989, he made a decision to return to Tucson to live in his parent's home in April 1990. "I was reluctant to leave Michigan as the opportunities for obtaining a position as a church organist in Tucson are minimal," Tess said. However when he returned to Tucson in January 1990 to close out his parents estates, he decided that rather than lease his family's home to strangers he was going to return to Tucson. He has been organist at Our Lady of the Valley since November 1, 1990.

Mr. Tess' family moved to Tucson in 1943, and he began his organ study with Canil Van Hulse in Tucson in 1945. Mr. Tess states that his first position as an organist was at St. Ambrose Church thanks to Mr. Van Hulse. After a 6-year stint in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Tucson and studied organ with Andrew Buchhauser at the University. Between 1956 and 1968 he served as organist at All Saints

Church. Mr. Tess comments that he has really "come home". Not only is he living in the home where he was raised in Tucson, but the stained glass windows in the new sanctuary and the stations of the cross are from the now-closed All Saints Church on South Sixth Avenue, where he became a Catholic and was baptized and began his study of the organ.

Kirk Kupensky, a native Ohioan, began his studies in harp in 1981 at Kent State University. After several years of study, he was accepted as a student of Grammy-award winning harpist Alice Chalfoux at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Since that time, Mr. Kupensky's career as an internationally known harpist has been steadily escalating. He has concertized extensively in the U.S. and abroad, having logged performances in New York's prestigious Merkin Hall to the 1988 CIPAN Festival in Montevarchi, Italy.

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TAURUS

A clandestine meeting or romance may occur Friday. Whom are we hiding from now? Your energy and other anatomical parts rises over the weekend. Rest up Sunday for a busy week ahead.

GEMINI

Having weight problems? Maybe you should have shared all that shrimp from Rocky Point. Possible career changes or a move is on the horizon. Your mate needs more attention this week.

CANCER

This weekend looks good for socializing. Tired of the local scene? Try that off road little French cafe in Gila Bend. Your career area is lucky on the 7th.

LEO

As usual, your charisma is high over the weekend. You'll be in the limelight, but are we having fun yet? Maybe someone more permanent or musical beds again!

VIRGO

Handle close relationships with kid gloves - not latex gloves. Plans for a weekend get-a-way to that love nest work out great. Financial gains are likely this week.

LIBRA

Wear something provocative this weekend.

You're pretty in pink. An old flame shows up in a most unlikely place. What's that fantasy about rope and a ski mask?

SCORPIO

Use tact and diplomacy to get your ideas across. You'll meet a tall, dark stranger. (Notice I did not say handsome). Lucky with money Saturday night - but careful on Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS

Your prospects for marriage look increasingly good. Another June wedding (Foley's has a nice wedding package). Rent a movie this weekend - how about "Father Of The Bride" with Liz?

CAPRICORN

Spruce up the house this week for some unexpected company. A loved one proves to be very expensive this weekend. Don't let your lover rack up the charge cards - you'll need the extra cash by Tuesday.

AQUARIUS

Your imagination gets stimulated on Friday night. The Ken doll at Pleasure World has two holes, but the Barbie doll has three! Get back out to Reddington - you're losing that tan on the bottom of your feet.

PISCES

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The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

GAY BOWLING - almost sounds like a contradiction in terms, doesn't it? Believe it or not, bowling has become the fastest growing and most widely participated-in organized Gay sport in the U.S. There are over one hundred Gay leagues all across the country. In fact, in Phoenix alone there are 4 separate Gay leagues. Tucson currently has 2 Gay leagues and a third scheduled to begin in the fall. In addition, through the growth of IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization), there are over 40 tournaments nationwide and in Canada, the newest of which is right here in the Old Pueblo.

The intent of this column is three-fold: to provide OBSERVER readers with information (and dispel the myths) about Gay bowling, both here in Tucson and throughout the area, to encourage participation in the local Gay leagues and tournaments, and to report news and achievements of the leagues and individual members of the Tucson Gay bowling community. This column will appear semi-regularly, or in other words, whenever there's something to report. And now, on to the news.

Each of the Fall 90/91 leagues (Joshua Tree, IBT's) have finished for the year. The Joshua Tree league wrapped up in early May, finishing with an awards banquet at JTs. The IBT's league had their awards ceremony at IBT's on May 13th. Outgoing President Rick Hancock presented the trophies and cash awards. First place team honors went to REVA'S BOYS: Jeff Barbier, Randy Hale and Ken Davis (incoming President for 91-91). In addition to team awards, several special awards were given including 225

or above scratch games to Chuck Ingran (247), Jim Marr (244), Rick Lupinski (232) Tom Speck (227) and Gil Leon (225).

Summer bowling began this past Monday night at Fiesta Lanes (501 River Road) as the Joshua Tree Summer League got under way. Bowling commences each Monday night at 6:30 p.m. This is a mixed league (men and women) consisting of three person teams and will run for 12 weeks. Summer league bowling is a great way to get back into bowling if you're a little rusty or to sharpen your game for the busy fall tournament season. There are still slots available so come and join us next Monday and Fiesta Lanes.

The Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson (H.I.T.T.) will be sponsoring a dunking booth at this year's Pride Day Picnic on Sunday, June 23. We've already lined up some special "dunkees" so be sure to come by and toss some balls. There will also be food available for purchase and an information booth with details about the Fall leagues and upcoming tournaments.

If you would like information about any of the events mentioned here or have information to be included in future columns, please contact me at 743-3303. Next time... Gay Bowling: What It is and What It Isn't.



# Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

## The Word Wars

I recently called the papers that carry my column to see if they had any complaints or suggestions. They did, and the main topic was words.

Publisher A said that he and his drag queen columnist had debated whether it was necessary to use "lesbian" when talking about "the gay community". He was annoyed that no lesbians had responded, and he felt that maybe "lesbians don't give a shit". I agreed that maybe they don't, but while he meant they didn't care about vocabulary, I meant that they didn't care about a debate in a thick-with-male-sex-ads publication.

Editor B asked me to use "lesbian" more, instead of "gay." I do use "lesbians and gay men" regularly, but that phrase is too long and nonrhythmic to use repeatedly in a limited space.

Editor C told me that he would not print anything that used the word queer. Suddenly I was dying to use the word queer.

I didn't speak to Editor D, but I saw a telling exchange in the letter section of his paper. A woman requested that the word lesbian be added to the title of the paper since she felt that gay did not include her. The publisher responded that gay--and his paper--did include her and that he was open to input from lesbians. Yet he didn't notice that he was ignoring her input right then and there and denying her the right to name herself.

A look at a lesbian publication I don't write for revealed a whole new world of terminology. Ads were aimed at "women who prefer women." Prefer women to what? Polar bears? Shag rugs? Doesn't the unspoken "to men" define these women negatively as "not straight" rather than positively as gay women or lesbians or dykes? But the personal ads occasionally specified "no dykey women," adding a whole new level of meaning--and meanness.

On it goes. In New York, handbills were posted with pictures of Jody Foster and the label, "Actress, Director. Yale Graduate. Dyke." Although the work of a pro-gay group, these handbills were probably seen by passers-by as being anti-gay. Some people may have reclaimed the word "dyke," but other people don't know that--including many women who prefer women.

And Queer Nation is reclaiming "queer", with great pride, while men who have been beaten up under that word are pissed.

My research left me cheered and depressed. I love the diversity in our "community" (discussion of the meaning/truth of that word could fill a whole other column). If we have room for the words "lesbian" and "gay man" and "dyke" and "gay woman" and "queer" and "women who prefer women," then we have room for the people lesbians and gay men and dykes and gay women and queers and women who prefer women. But the lack of agreement about vocabulary reflects many other lacks of agreement among these diverse people. And, while there's room for this variety among ourselves, I'm not so sure about the rest of the world.

The primary use of words is to communicate. But what do we communicate when we use words like "queer" and "faggot". And what do we say to ourselves when, trying to fight for our rights, we get waylaid fighting about our names? The goal may be to reclaim our pride, but the actual result is often to confuse and offend people, both lesbian and gay and straight.

It's been instructive to watch the changes in vocabulary in the African-American community. I remember the poo-pooing in the white press when Jesse Jackson mentioned the change to "African-American" in a press conference. They didn't see that "African-American" had important strengths. It took away the label-by-color. It added a sense of ethnicity and unity. It introduced a parallel to Italian-American and Irish-American and other labels. And it included the necessary reminder that African-Americans are indeed Americans. I miss the shortness of "black," and I still use it when its one syllable scans better in a sentence than the seven of African-American. But I respect and honor the change, as well as the unity that has made its adoption close to universal in the African-American community.

It would be incredibly powerful if the lesbian and gay community could also agree on one word or phrase to represent us to the outer world. If we had the mechanism to vote, we could abide by a majority choice. We could then stick to that word as a symbol of unity while fighting for our rights. This could be a purely pragmatic choice for public use. Once we won our rights, we could go along our many merry ways. With married same-sex couples sharing health care, with freedom from discrimination, and with safety on the streets, words might not matter so much.

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## ATTENCION: HOMBRES HISPANOPARLANTES

Los invitamos a una reunion para discutir y compartir ideas acerca de temas que son de interes a hombres que tienen relaciones sexuales con otros hombres. En tiempos como estos, cuando somos bombardeados con muchos temas en casa, en el trabajo, en la comunidad, y en el mundo, tenemos la tendencia de ignorar nuestro bienestar y de descuidar de nuestra salud. Nosotros, como Hombres Hispanoparlantes necesitamos tomar la responsabilidad y guardar nuestro bienestar. Todos Hombres Hispanoparlante son invitados a participar en un grupo de discusion para platicar sobre varios temas que incluyen el sexo mas seguro, el racismo, miedos y ansiedades, mejorando la comunicacion con su pareja, accesibilidad a servicios, y muchos mas. Siguiendo las discusion, representantes de agencias locales presentaran un sumario de servicios ofrecidos a Hombres Hispanoparlantes en la comunidad. Un programa igual sera ofrecido en Phoenix en el otono.

El grupo de discusion es patrocinado por el CClub Hispano de Tucson y la Oficina de Servicios de VIH/SIDA del Departamento de Salubridad del Estado de Arizona (ADHS). El grupo quiere enfocar en tres temas. Primero, hablar con franqueza y honestidad, temas que nos conciernen a nosotros y a nuestra salud. Segundo, enumerar las necesidades en nuestra comunidad. Y tercero, atacar a estos temas y pensar en como se puedan hayar soluciones. La placita sera facilitado por Ramon M. Garcia, educador de salud con varias experiencias en esta profesion. El programa de esa noche sera de la siguiente manera:

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Club Hispano de Tucson, Junta  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Discusion de Salubridad y Bienestar  
8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Presentaciones de agencias locales

Por favor venga a un ambiente relajado, preparado a compartir sus preocupaciones, sus ideas, su sabiduria, sus necesidades y tambien sus fantasias. En Tucson, la reunion se llevara acabo el Jueves, 6 de Junio de 1991 de las 7-9 p.m. en La Fonda de los Garcias, 2226 N. Stone Ave. (enseguida de Rumorz). Su participacion en este grupo de discusion sera totalmente confidencial y anonimo. Hasta entonces, buena salud y juegen con cuidado! Por mas informaciones, comuniquese con Ramon M. Garcia al 620-1623.

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**  
**COLETTE'S** - It's Country And Western Friday here with all the cowgirls and cowboys two-steppin' all over the place. Yee Haw!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**  
**COLETTE'S** - It's Father's Day and Colette is planning something special for her dad, Sam. Join in the fun. Bring your dad out!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**  
**COLETTE'S** - Country/Western night here with Mr. Loren Johnson holding forth with his great musical abilities.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**  
**COLETTE'S** - "Soul Night" with your favorite soul music to listen and dance to. A popular night here.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**  
**COLETTE'S** - Prom Night!! You remember it from past years events and this one's going to be even bigger. Check it out!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**  
**TUCSON'S LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK KICKS OFF TODAY WITH THE PICNIC IN HIKKEL PARK.** WATCH FOR DETAILS. PLAN TO BE HERE, EVERYONE ELSE WILL.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**  
**COLETTE'S** - Country and Western fans will be here tonight enjoying the two-steppin' - line dancing craze that is in the air. Come and join in the fun.

# 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 622-4556).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**  
 Men of Color are urged to attend a program that is being co-sponsored by Club Hispano de Tucson and the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of HIV/AIDS Service. The program is being held at La Fonda de los Garcia's, 2226 N. Stone from 7 to 9 p.m. Your participation in this discussion group will be totally confidential and anonymous. For more information call Ramon Garcia at 620-1623.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**  
 3:00 p.m. Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets to continue planning for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1991 on the patio at the Joshua Tree. Everyone is welcome to attend and volunteers are needed to help run the various events being planned for Pride Week '91 which runs from Sunday, June 23 with the Picnic in Hikkel Park through the following Sunday, June 30.

At 3:00 p.m., Raymond Fess, organist at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Green Valley will present the second of a series of recitals featuring the new Rodgers Oxford organ in the recently completed sanctuary of the church at 505 La Canada, in Green Valley. The new sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 880, and family center were just completed at a cost of \$1.7 million. Everyone is invited.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**  
 C.A.T. Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. All members are urged to attend this meeting as those members who have missed three meetings since January will be deleted as voting members of this year's Committee.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**  
 Old Pueblo Business and Professional meeting at Hotel Park Tucson. 7:30 p.m. "Gays, Lesbians & Our Families" will be the topic of a thoughtful and stimulating panel discussion celebrating Gay Family Pride! Speakers from Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) share insight in coming out to family members and being raised by homosexual parents. Free to OP members and newcomers.

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**  
 Gofa Committee for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Faculty/Staff Concerns monthly meeting and brown bag lunch. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Student Union room 265.



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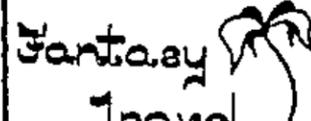
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# Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Drink Specials. \$4.00 steaks, Dave cooks 4-8. Variety Show 10:30 p.m. Food served 9-12. Dave DJs.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$1.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Wine Down with" \$1.00 wine & pop to midnight. Movies on the Big Screen begins at 7 pm.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials. 9 p.m. Pool Tournament. Double elimination, \$2 entry, 60/40 split 1st & 2nd.  
**GRADY'S** - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.  
**BOYS** - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Hall 7 - 1 and Room Ladies Specials 7-1.  
**LET'S** - Open Room to 1 a.m. Country music all day long. Dance lessons with DJ/Instructor Gil Leon.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Open at noon. Drink specials.

## monday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer 12-7. \$1.50 draft and schnapps 7 to close. Dave DJ 9-1, classic rock & Ball. Food served 9-12.  
**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. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
**GRADY'S** - Happy Hour prices open to close.  
**BOYS** - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**LET'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Freshies Beer.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Open noon. Daily drinks specials. Todd d's at 9.

## tuesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 well 12-7. \$1.50 Corona/.75 Rainier beer shots all day. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9-1. Food served 9-12.  
**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. Lounge bottle beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. It's Movie Site and the Big Screen too!  
**GRADY'S** - .50 Draft open to close.  
**BOYS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**LET'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Site with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.  
 Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. W/DJ 9-1 with Gilat.

## wednesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 white well 12-7. Male and Female Strippers 10:30p.m. - Dave DJs 9pm. Food served 9-12.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. 7-Squares dance and give free lesson at 6:30. 2-Step Country/Western follows. Schnapps \$1 from 6-12 am. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
**GRADY'S** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 alites.  
**BOYS** - Draft Beer .50 Room 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.  
**LET'S** - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to Close, 50 cents off Call Liquor.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. W/DJ Clint at 9pm.

## thursday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 white well 12-7. \$2.75 pitchers Bud/Red lite all day and night. Dave DJs 9-1. Food served 9-12.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / "Subversive" .50 draft from 4-12. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9. 7 p.m. Dart Tournament \$2 entry 60/40 split.  
**GRADY'S** - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 alites.  
**BOYS** - Draft beer .50 Room to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beethoven or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 DJ Jason.  
**LET'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 4 p.m. End and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 4-1.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Daily drink specials. Video/Disc dancing with Clint 4-7.

## friday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. \$1.50 domestic beer 12-7. Bobby Jr. DJs at 9pm. Food served 9-12.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / Party Site Hourly Drink Specials 4-12. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.  
**GRADY'S** - Drink Specials until closing.  
**BOYS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Jason DJs 9 pm - 1 am  
**LET'S** - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Jay.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Daily drink specials. Free Mors d'Ouvertes 5:30. W/DJ Clint 9-1.

## saturday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. \$4.00 steaks Jay cooks 4-8. Drink specials. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1. Food served 9-12.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Hourly Specials 4-midnight; DJ from 9 to 1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.  
**GRADY'S** - Drink specials until closing.  
**BOYS** - Open Room. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ Jason plays for your dancing & listening. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.  
**LET'S** - 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.  
**OUTRAGES** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**KNOX'S** - Open Room. Daily drink specials. Dance with W/DJ Clint 9-1

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## Roaming Around With Chuck

The Tuesday Luncheon on May 28th drew a good crowd, including several new people which seems to be the thing as more people find out about it and find it is an enjoyable afternoon. The French Quarter furnished fried chicken and chili and Cornerstone/GLIA furnished potato salad, soft drinks, vegetables and dip and a nice cheese cake with strawberries for dessert.

Some played UNO and others just sat around and talked after meeting each other. A couple of the new folks had moved here recently from other states. So, persons with HIV, wanting to get out of the house and have a bit of daytime social life, remember this luncheon is free and every Tuesday at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 North Geronimo. If you need a ride call 622-4226 the day before or call Chuck at the Shanti Office, 622-7107.

How about vacationing in Western Canada this summer for some beautiful country and beautiful people too. In Calgary, Alberta one can get the western flavor and see some Canadian rodeos too. Try "Three Eighteen", a cruise bar at 318 17th Ave. SW, or try "TRAX", a country/western dance bar, nude male strippers Tuesday & Friday, free dance lessons on Wednesday and Thursdays. "Del Rocko's" is a private club, dance bar and travelers are welcome (403)265-2028. "Delilah's", 1213 1st St. SW is a bar and restaurant, women welcome, Sunday brunch at noon. You might enjoy Goliath's, 308 17th Ave. SW, near 2nd St. (rear) open 24-hours, health club and gym.

In Edmonton, try the Boots 'n Saddle private club, cruise bar, rooftop deck in summer and Sunday buffet (403)423-5014. Or, the Roost offers both male and female strippers, a dance bar, Wednesday Women's Night. (403)426-3150. Or try the trendy Flashback, dance bar, 50 percent Gay. In Port Alberni the Gay Men's Hospitality Exchange, 4914 Elizabeth St., Port Alberni, BC, (604)724-4914 for accommodations

available in private homes for men.

Of course Vancouver has much to offer... so check with the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard upon arrival (604)684-6869 7 to 10 p.m. week nites and also on Saturday and Sundays 4 to 10 p.m. You might like the Heritage House Hotel, 455 Abbot St., 685-7777. It has a Gay bar, disco, Lesbian bar, restaurant and 110 guest rooms.

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, there is the Office Sauna, 1060 Main St. near Burrows for men. (204)589-6133. Or Club 200, 190 Gary Street, dance and show bar with restaurant. Some straight clientele. Try Happenings Social Club, 274 Sherbrooke St. nightly disco and lounge, private club, closed Sundays. Male Strippers on Thursdays.

In Ravenscrag, Saskatchewan for accommodations try Spring Valley Guest Ranch, Box 10, Ravenscrag, Sask. (306)-295-4124, bed & breakfast, restaurant and camp grounds. In Regina try Scarth Street Station, 1422 Scarth St. a dance bar, or if interested in pen pals Saskatoon, write Gay Mates, Box 3043, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3S9.

So Uncuts fascinate you? Correspondence and contact club for those into uncuts that like to write, meet or call. SASE, UK, Box 7255-AC, Corpus Christi, TX 71720.

Another Gay Symbol through the ages was Myrtle. In 1894, poet and criminologist George Cecil Ives formed the Order of Charonea, one of the earliest known Gay organizations. He designed rings for members which incorporated the number 338 (the original "army of lovers" -- the sacred Band of Thebes -- was defeated in 330 B.C. at the Battle of Charonea), the letters Z, L and D (for zeal, learning and discipline), and wreathes of myrtle and calamus.

Until Next Time... Love Ya... Chuck

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## Advice From Your Counselor A.

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Steven Dietz will be taking a short vacation and will not be writing this week. He has asked that readers send him their questions or problems for him to answer.

Steven is a noted public speaker and author who has over fifteen years of experience in personal counseling, family therapy and crisis intervention. Mr. Dietz encourages reader participation.

All letters should be written directly to him at P.O. Box 35145, Tucson, AZ 85740. All correspondence is confidential, and letters used in the OBSERVER will not carry the name of the correspondent. To receive a reply directly from Mr. Dietz, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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## GAYS, LESBIANS & OUR FAMILIES

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Friday, June 21st, 7:30 p.m.

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*A Commentary By*

*Christopher Geoffrey McPherson*

**Free Trade With Mexico**

The United States was founded in the belief that each person should be allowed the freedom to rise to his or her potential. I firmly support the theory of Free Enterprise -- although I rapidly admit its downside.

With the opening of so many markets previously denied American products -- beef and rice in Japan; McDonald's and Coca-Cola in the Soviet Union; new opportunities in the re-united Germany, for example-- our country should be rejoicing: the trade imbalance which so plagued our country in the 1980s should end.

Now, with President Bush's push to remove all or most trade barriers between America and Mexico, there are cries of "No!" and "American jobs will be lost!" and "The environment will suffer!" Of course, they laughed when the Wright Brothers first experimented with flight.

Who can predict what will happen? Well, I may not be able to predict the outcome, but I can tell you what will probably happen: the doom-sayers will be proven correct.

Jobs will leave the Eastern United States for lower-paid Mexican workers; American cities will lose more of their already-dwindling tax base meaning city services will be cut back even more, salaries for teachers and police will be cut, the debt of cities will rise; Mexico's relaxed environmental laws will allow poisons illegal in America to be speved into the water and air of Mexico. And that's just for starters.

Every time our government leaders

have asked the public to support new laws or policies they insist will "create jobs and bring prosperity to America," we, the people, have gotten the shaft.

America no longer has a viable automobile industry; our once-great steel industry is now almost non-existent; cheap foreign labor processes American credit card transactions, airline reservations, and even basic secretarial work IN ANOTHER COUNTRY thanks to telecommunications technology.

Our unemployment rate, while decreasing in recent months, is decreasing because it does not include the millions who no longer look for work, are now homeless, or dead from the frustration of trying to find a job to cover expenses -- all from the policies to "create jobs" and "bolster prosperity" that were foisted on a naive public by, mostly, the Republican party in the 1980s.

Will a free trade agreement with Mexico be the White Knight that will save America? Will it bring renewed vigor and prosperity to a country stuck in the morass of inefficient production methods and poor quality work? Will it erase an every-growing national debt, bring basic health insurance to 30 million American poor and middle class who cannot afford it? Will it bring basic housing to more than 10 million homeless who sleep on the sidewalks of America every night?

Maybe --but history demonstrates otherwise.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

*A View From The Rock*

*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

Sunnertime is the usual time for Americans to take a vacation, rest and rejuvenate. It's the time of year we take a hiatus from our hectic jobs, slow down, and recreate wherever we can, for as long as we can. Sometimes I think we actually work harder trying to relax than we do going to our jobs, but isn't that just the American way?

Why is sunnertime, and more specifically, vacationing, so important to us? First of all, we do work hard and then naturally need a break. Secondly, we somehow seem to think we deserve vacations, and won't settle for anything less than the best. The fact is, however, that we Americans currently have more time for leisure activities than ever before in our history ... funny how it just doesn't seem enough, does it?

As a Christian, I tend to have a slightly different perspective on vacation-time. Yes, I am planning a vacation this summer as well, but I can have a "vacation" or period of rest and rejuvenation more than one week a year. Actually, I can have that rest every day! I am speaking of the rest promised by God in the biblical book of Hebrews. "There remains then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God." 94:9)

In other words, every Sunday is a day of rest set aside for going to church, worshipping and fellowshiping. The Sabbath-rest is not the only "rest" offered by God either. His Word tells us that anytime the troubles of this world

get too burdensome, we merely need to seek solace in God. Through prayer, I am able to give over my worries and problems to the Lord, and thus receive a time of peace and "rest".

If you are feeling overworked, tired, and beaten-up by this world, and if even the thought of a fun get-away doesn't bring relief, May I suggest Jesus? He is the true burden-lifter. He can hear any and all of your worries and cares and will help you to rejuvenate.

Yes, vacations are great... but Jesus is so much greater! And, by the way, with Jesus your reservation can never be cancelled.

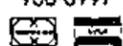
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**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP),** 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

**ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON**  
Men and women both welcome. NO FEES. Call Bill James 622-3408 in Tucson.

**GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON**  
Call Information and Referral 861-1794  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

**GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?**  
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

**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 861-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS.** Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center** offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

**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 299-9061 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

**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.

**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 881-7195 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

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Bimmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555.

**P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson.**  
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 7:00 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. Call 375-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. 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. for info 323-8355.

**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)**  
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 883-8423 or write: OP, P.O. Box 4033, Tucson, AZ 85733

**TRANSEXUAL AND CROSS GENDER SUPPORT GROUP.** Conversation and Fellowship. Call 792-4714.

**YOUNG AND GAY?**  
Lesbian and Gay youths under 23 meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Renee 884-7413 (days) or Wayne 882-4009 (eves).

**LAMBDA INTRODUCTION SERVICE**  
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**Notices**

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## Behind The Split-Ups (Continued from page three)

be most of the people of color and women with HIV.

The Radicals found the Lifeboaters morally backward, politically incorrect, self-interested and naive. Why should they share power with such as these. Why give up their leadership of the chapters that they had formed years ago, when these guppies were too busy earning six-figure incomes to spare even a single evening for The Movement?

### DOWNWARDLY MOBILE STALINIST LESBIANS?

The Lifeboaters soon developed an equally grim view of the Radicals. ACT UP had a reputation for free-wheeling democracy and also for "representing" the HIVer community. But they soon discovered that the vast majority of ACT UP participants were in fact HIV negative and that an unofficial leadership dominated with all the power - but none of the accountability - of their old corporate bosses.

If the Radicals considered the Lifeboaters to be a bunch of privileged guppies, well the Lifeboaters considered the Radicals to be Downwardly Mobile Stalinist Lesbians (or DMSLs, pronounced "damsels"), quilt-tripping, lady-leftists carpetbaggers, typically members of some shadowy cult out to turn ACT UP into their latest front group. If these radical crusaders wanted to transform Amerika (as they spelled it), fine - but why should they be allowed to reduce ACT UP to an impotent leftist soapbox in the process?

They could see the value of addressing "access" issues, but it was also clear to them that lives could often be saved by cutting careful deals with the drug companies. After all, they figured, these corporations weren't going to shrivel up and die when declared politically incorrect; you had to come to terms with them somehow.

They didn't share the Radical view that Corporate Amerikkka was the devil incarnate, with whom you dealt only at grave risk to your soul. As far as they were concerned, the shadowy leftist cults which the Radicals belonged to - or which they assumed that the Radicals belonged to - were a better approximation of the devil than the corporations. As the numbers of HIVers in the local chapters grew (mirroring a growth in the general population), so did the Lifeboater constituency, and soon they began to challenge the established Radical leadership.

### BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

The ensuing power struggles were ugly. The Radical leadership, largely women, denounced their challengers for being sexist, racist pigs - privileged men unable to share power with women and unconcerned about anyone outside their cliques.

The Lifeboaters, mostly HIVers, declared their HIV-negative opponents AIDSphobic. Both sides had plenty of evidence to back up their charges.

In Chicago a Radical DMSL told the mainstream media that her Lifeboater rival was suffering from AIDS dementia and, therefore, shouldn't be taken seriously. In Portland the Radical leadership brushed aside urgent HIVer requests to investigate the local pentamidine clinic (later found to be seriously deficient).

In several cities, Lifeboaters tried to simply shout down their DMSL opponents. When informed that such behavior was grossly sexist, they often embraced the label. "OK then, I'm a sexist! So what?"

Eventually the only thing the opposing factions had in common was hatred for the Fed. This, ultimately, turned out to be an insufficient basis for unity. The splits, when they occurred, were probably a relief for everyone.

All of the above is, obviously, greatly simplified. Not all Radicals were HIV-negative women, and not all Lifeboaters were HIVer Anglos.

My own loyalties have been divided. Politically I have a lot in common with the Radical analysis. But I am also something of an HIVer nationalist. Although I don't have the financial resources of the stereotypical Lifeboater, I am a citizen in the ultimate Gay urban hecca and, therefore, am clearly a passenger (albeit steerage class) in the Lifeboat.

Breaking up is hard to do, it's true. But afterwards you often find it was a good idea and should have been done sooner.

We need both perspectives, Lifeboater and Radical, and it should be no great surprise if they sometimes can't exist in the same organization. Genuine diversity is far preferable to phony unity any day.

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