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## Pima County Attorney to try HIV+ Man for attempted murder after soliciting undercover policeman

By M. Scot Skinner  
Arizona Daily Star

TUCSON - A Tucson man infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has been charged with attempted second-degree murder after he solicited sex from an undercover police officer.

It is the first time in Pima County that an attempted murder charge has been brought against an HIV-infected person for an incident in which there was no physical contact.

George Ivan Crocker was arrested in April and charged with attempted second-degree murder.

Officer Dennis Kubik of the Tucson Police Department says he was working undercover at DeAnza Park on April 18 when he was approached by Crocker. According to Kubik, Crocker said, "I'm low on money. I could give you a good time for \$20, \$25 or \$30."

Kubik asked what his money would get him, and Crocker offered oral sex, anal sex and masturbation, according to Kubik's report. Crocker was arrested on charges of prostitution, and taken to the Pima County Jail, where he told jail personnel that he has AIDS.

The misdemeanor prostitution charges

were dismissed by the city prosecutor on May 21 to pursue felony charges. A warrant was issued and, near midnight June 11, Crocker was arrested at the Graduate, a Gay bar on West University Boulevard, and charged with attempted second-degree murder. If convicted, he could be sentenced to a minimum of 5 1/4 in prison and a maximum of 14.

Crocker, 31, is being held at the Pima County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond. Until his arrest on the prostitution charges, Crocker worked as a dishwasher at Furr's Cafeteria. Crocker's attorney, Don Klein, declined to comment on his client's health.

Klein, who is a public defender, filed a motion this week to send the case back for a new preliminary hearing. Klein argues that there is no credible evidence to support the charge.

Crocker told Tucson police Detective Robert Soltero that he planned to use a condom, Soltero said.

The prosecutor, Deputy County Attorney Jesse Figueroa, is out of town and could not be reached for comment. Fellow prosecutor Ken Peasley confirmed that the charge against Crocker was the first of its kind in Pima County.

When asked if the charge implies that any HIV-infected person who asks for sex could be charged with attempted murder, Peasley said: "You are going to have to look at the terms in which the solicitation takes place.

He said he knows of no AIDS-related case in the United States in which an attempted murder charge has been filed before physical contact.

"I am not aware of any, but that of course does not mean that they don't exist," he said.

Craig Snow, executive director of the Tucson AIDS Project, who closely monitors national AIDS news, also said he knows of no similar cases.

Early last year, an HIV-infected Tucson man was charged with attempted murder after he bit a police officer in the thigh. In January, after hearing evidence that the human immunodeficiency virus cannot be transmitted in saliva, a Pima County Superior Court judge reduced the charge to aggravated assault.

In addition, several national and local criminal cases have resulted after

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## EDITORIAL

For years now, the most informed, the most educated, the most enlightened and the most knowledgeable about the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) are members of the Gay and Lesbian communities across this country.

But, there are millions of people in this country who are ignorant of the facts concerning this dread disease. This includes not only an unusually large number in the medical profession, but most of the folks in government and in law enforcement.

Since the first report of the disease in 1981, the Gay community, which was at high risk because of years of sexual promiscuity, has been bombarded with information concerning the disease and how to protect oneself from infection. Because of the saturation, it is obvious that the message has been received. Statistics now confirm that these communities have shown restraint and that statistics disclose the infection rate beginning to level off.

Throughout these years, because of government inactivity and homophobia, the Gay community has supported its own AIDS clinics, and counseling and service organizations giving free information and assistance to those in need. In all of this extraordinary activity in our communities we have been told to play safe. Safe sex, condoms, no body fluids, etc., etc., until it finally clogs our brains. Any person in the Gay community of this country, who does not know how to protect him/herself from contracting the virus, has not been in this country more than a day.

Now, we discover, that according to the Pima county attorney's office, there can be no sexual activity if one is positive or full-blown. No matter if there was any physical contact or not!

It plainly means that our officials or leaders or oppressors are the ones who need to get their brains unclogged with misinformation and get educated about HIV and AIDS, like we did. Yes, Virginia, there are several ways of having sex between consenting adults without ever contracting HIV or AIDS - positively! There are other, more riskier, acts that if played properly will not infect either partner. No matter if you are a police officer or Sen. Jesse Helms, or anyone in between!

Perhaps the government should set aside some of that money and send it to the Senate and House chambers in Washington as well as the capitols of the 50 states, and every law enforcement agency in the country to educate them about HIV and AIDS. It is laughable to see how uninformed they really are. It is also very sad. . .

As I See It . . . . .

by Clark

BOY THAT WAS A TOUGH CASE  
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"HE WAS THE WITNESS"

# UPDATE

## Kyra Star New Miss Gay Phoenix

A packed house attended the 91-92 Miss Gay Phoenix Pageant on Sunday, July 14th at the Day's Inn Caselback.

The evening opened with a production number with golden boy Jim Stevens and the five contestants. Next came the white parade of contestants, sportswear competition and evening gown competition. After a brief intermission, the talent and on-stage interview competition was present.

Interspersed throughout the evening was entertainment by past and current crown holders, and Felicia Fahr of the Golden Girl Review. There was a very welcome return of Stephanie Price, Miss Gay Tucson 1985-86, and Penelope Poupe received two standing ovations during the evening.

Competition by the contestants was excellent and very close. Gowns were breathtaking, sportswear chic, and talent superb by all. When the awards were presented, 2nd runner-up was Brittany O'Brien, Miss Congeniality and 1st runner-up Gloria Westport, with the Lady Christin award for talent and the crown went to Kyra Star.

After the crowning with Melissa Lorence stepping down, Kyra Star repeated her award-winning talent. It was an evening very well presented by Penelope Poupe Productions. Good luck to the new Miss Gay Phoenix, Kyra Star.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

MORE HEAT THIS WEEK, ALONG WITH A RATHER SICKLY MONSOON. ALWAYS A CHANCE OF A STORM EACH EVENING.

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TRAVELLING? WEST COAST HEAT WAVE THIS WEEK - ALL OF CALIFORNIA WILL BE HOT.

## Newspaper Barraged with Comments for Running Article on Gay Man

SIoux FALLS, SD - A recent article about a Gay Sioux Falls man that appeared in the Sioux Falls "Argus Leader" brought a wave of angry letters and phone calls, newspaper editors said.

In a column in Sunday's edition, Executive Editor Rich Somerville defended the paper's decision to run the article and said the paper would not ignore a story simply because it might offend readers.

The June 29 article was about a Gay man who works as a female impersonator and won the Miss Gay South Dakota pageant, an event sponsored as part of Gay Pride Week. The article appeared on page one and was accompanied by a large picture of the man, who uses the stage name Todd Allen, posing in a red dress, wig and high heels.

Somerville said the story and picture prompted more than 100 phone calls and letters from angry readers. One reader said she hoped the editor would die of AIDS for running the story, Somerville said. "Homosexuality is an abomination and a sin against God," another reader said. "It has no place in your paper."

But Somerville said Argus editors disagree. "Taking a stand on whether being Gay is a 'sin' or 'normal' may be a matter for the editorial page, but certainly not the news pages," he wrote. "Homosexuality is a fact of life, and a major issue in our society. To withhold a story because many are offended by Gays would be akin to banishing stories about abortion because many see that as sinful."

Somerville said editors didn't receive a single letter commending the article, even though Todd Allen said he has received positive comments from the Gay community.

## Study Finds Heterosexual Sex Replacing Needle Sharing as AIDS Source

PROVIDENCE, RI - A Brown University study has found that more Rhode Island women are contracting AIDS through heterosexual sex than through intravenous drug use. And the study also found that, like other metropolitan areas along the East Coast, a higher percentage of women in Rhode Island are HIV antibody positive than is the national norm.

The new finding on transmission through sexual contact "is very dramatic," said Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter, a medicine professor at Brown and chief author of the study.

Carpenter's ongoing study found that for every three men in Rhode Island who have HIV antibodies, one woman is infected. Nationally, the ratio is seven to one, he said.

Other trends are emerging in the study of 200 infected women, which Carpenter believes represents about 90% of the females in Rhode Island who have the disease.

Of the 66 women infected before 1989, 23% contracted the virus through sex with an infected man. That rose to 37% in 1989 and 48% last year, when 63 newly infected women in each year were added to the study.

Another 42 women contracted HIV in the last nine months of 1990 and nearly 60% said they were exposed to the virus through heterosexual contact.

Conversely, infections through intravenous drug use fell to 40% in the most recent months from 77% before 1989.

"These are educated women, women who are homemakers, who have had the misfortune of having a husband or a boyfriend who is a drug user," Carpenter said. They have an average of three sexual partners since 1978, the study found. "In today's society, that's a pretty small number," Carpenter said. "These are not promiscuous women, or women with bad societal habits."

## Log Cabin Convention in Chicago

CHICAGO, IL - Gay and Lesbian Republicans will meet in Chicago on Aug. 2-3 for their national convention. "We're expecting a big turnout from all over the country and we have lots of work to do," says Rich Tafel, President of the National Log Cabin Federation.

The last convention in Tampa, Florida, saw the creation of the National Log Cabin Federation, the new national umbrella organization for Gay and Lesbian Republican groups across the country.

For more information on attending contact Mr. Foster Marshall, Chicago Area Republican Gay Organization, P.O. Box 148692, Chicago, IL 60614 or call (312)281-6133.

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## 'Outweek' Ceases Publication

by Heenyah Ostron

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- On June 27, almost exactly the second anniversary of the publication of its first issue, Outweek magazine's staffers discovered that management had decided to cease publication by way of a typewritten note taped to the front door of the office. Signed by president and co-founder Kendall Morrison, the note began, "Late last night I made a very hard decision. Outweek will not go to press tonight."

Citing a "variety of business reasons" for folding the publication, Morrison added that he felt a responsibility "to make every possible effort to breathe life into Outweek again someday, hopefully soon."

That remark did not seem to placate the apparently outraged staff, who had scribbled mostly unprintable graffiti on the posted notice.

One source of their anger may have been alluded to in Morrison's notice, which stated that his "first priority" was to "pay each and everyone of you all monies owed," and referred to "back pay."

"I can give you nothing more than my word that this will happen with all possible speed," Morrison added.

Reaction from the city's dailies was mixed. In the New York Times, Dierdre Carnody wrote that the magazine had ceased publication "as a result of infighting among its principals and because it could not pay its bills, officials of the magazine said yesterday." ("Outweek, Gay and Lesbian Magazine, Ceases Publication," June 28.)

None of the city's newspapers was

able to elicit a comment from Steven Polakoff, a Florida realtor who was the magazine's publisher. Carnody spoke with Morrison by telephone, and he said that Polakoff was no longer publisher.

"One of my partners, Steven Polakoff, resigned as publisher and then went and started illegally seizing my assets and withholding them from me," Morrison told the Times.

Outweek's "controversial practice of 'outing,' Carnody writes, "...and its support of ACT UP And Queer Nation, two activist gay organizations, brought it national notoriety."

Gabriel Rotello, Outweek's editor-in-chief who was abruptly dismissed in early June, told Carnody that "the magazine had been losing thousands of dollars a week and was 'enormously in debt.' "

Joe Di Sabato, president of Rivendell Marketing Company (which represents 175 gay publications) told the Times that Outweek's financial problems "should not be seen as typical of the financial health of the gay press in general," adding that the magazine's "controversial" policies made it difficult to bring in advertising revenues.

In contrast to the Times's sober account of the imbroglio that appears to have engulfed Outweek, the New York Post ran an item on Page Six titled, "Outweek: Outta Gas, Outta Here" (June 28).

"Outweek has dragged its last homosexual out of the closet," the Page six account begins.

The Post asked Rotello if the "denial" of the magazine had anything to do

with his recent dismissal.

"I think it has everything to do with my leaving," Rotello told the Post. "I had intended to institute an austerity plan that would involve cutting our expenses and a significant number of layoffs - 25 percent of the staff - to show our investors we were at least serious. I announced it on a Friday, and the staff voted to ax me. They said they would all walk out unless I was fired. So I was fired."

An "inside source," however, claimed that Rotello had not been "supportive enough" of the staff.

In New York Newsday, "Inside New York" reported that Outweek appeared to be "out in the cold, out of business, out of luck."

Don Tuthill, publisher of Genre, told Newsday that the situation was "very sad."

"Well - maybe not for all the people who weren't especially thrilled for being 'outed' or for those who lived in fear of that particular sensation," Newsday commented ("Is Outweek Out of Business?" by Anthony Scaduto, Doug Vaughan, and Linda Stasi, June 28).

The Daily News's Apple Sauce announced, "No More Outings for this Publication" (June 28).

"Outweek, the gay and lesbian magazine noted for its controversial practice of identifying closeted homosexuals (called outing), folded after two years of publication," Apple Sauce states, pointing out that the failure of the magazine raised "questions about the effect of strong sexual politics on advertisers."

## TMCC Seeks Name Change And Music Director

TUCSON - The Board of Directors of the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus is beginning a campaign which will allow the Gay community of Tucson to participate in choosing a new name for the chorus, and at the same time is looking for a new Director of Music. It is hoped that both agenda items will be completed prior to their fall 1991 season opening.

The chorus invites the community to submit new names to them. They are looking for a name that will better represent the Gay community of Tucson. Deadline for submissions will be August 1, 1991. The winner will receive two season tickets to the Fall and Spring concert season of the chorus. Send submissions, include your name, phone number and/or address, and mail to TMCC, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson, AZ 85717-0036.

The Music Director is a salaried position whose qualifications include a college degree in music, preferably choral, or equivalent years of choral singing and conducting experience. Applications should include a resume and at least three references. Closing date for applications is July 31 and the review of applications will commence August 1, with the starting date, September 1. Mail application to: Chair, Search Committee, The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson, AZ 85717-0036.

The primary purpose of the chorus is to provide excellence through musical performances, and to provide the opportunity for Gays and Lesbians to sing together. The non-profit TMCC is a member of the national Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

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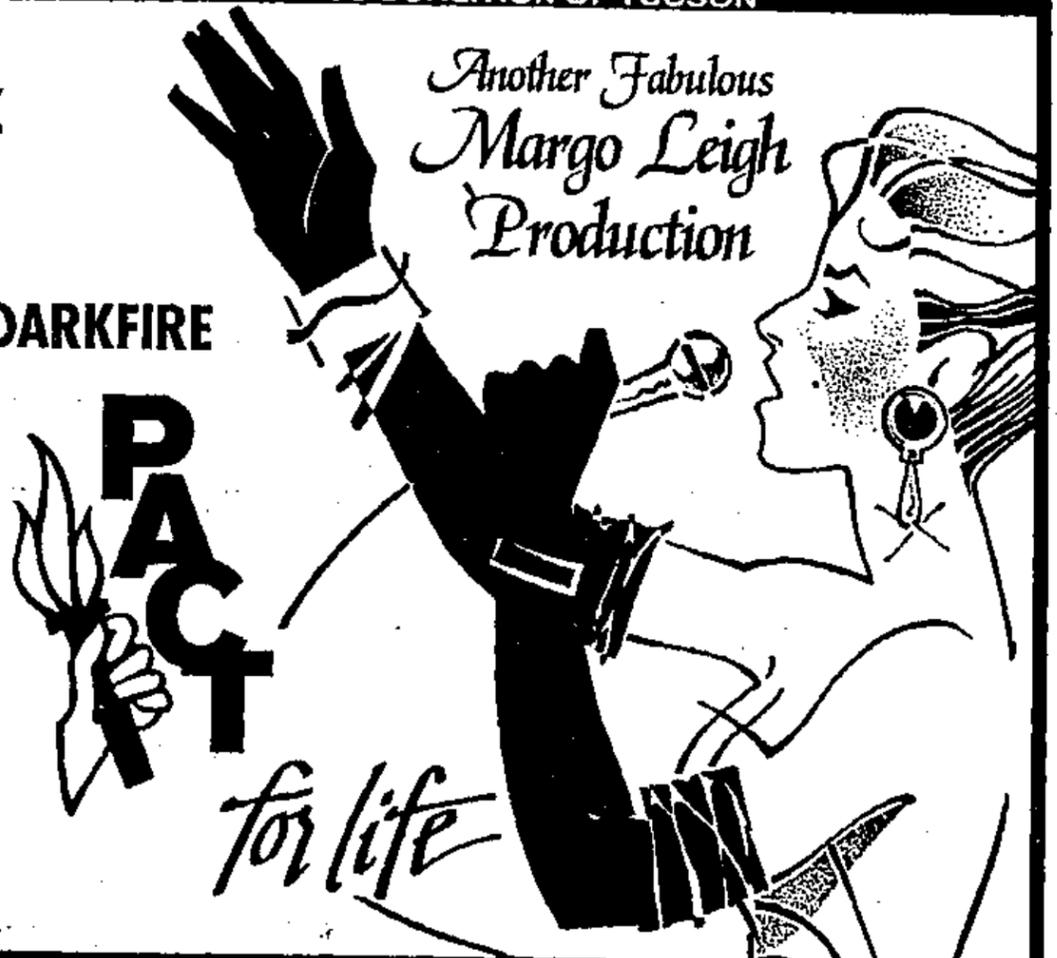
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# Attempted Murder Charge

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physical contact by an HIV-positive person.

Local AIDS educators expressed bewilderment and outrage at the decision to prosecute an HIV-infected person for attempting to engage in sex.

"This (prosecution) comes from the need for public officials to demonstrate to the public that they are doing something about AIDS," said Snow. "But the thing that we need from our government officials is the right kind of leadership. What we need are effective prevention programs, those that give people the information they need to avoid infection.

"Moreover, to arrest infected people for attempting to engage in sex contributes to a false sense of security. If the public thinks that officials are rounding up and locking up people who are infected, it makes it easier for them to deny responsibility for protecting themselves.

"What we all need to get straight is that the burden of responsibility does not fall solely on the HIV-infected individual," Snow said. "I oppose spending taxpayer money to monitor the sexual activity of consensual adults," he added.

Christopher Brown, AIDS Program Coordinator with the Pima County Health Department, said the public is not protected by the prosecution of Crocker.

"I get concerned when I hear of a situation like this when nothing happened, and we don't know what sexual acts or what protection would be used," Brown said.

"I am not aware of any AIDS prevention program in the country that says that HIV-positive people should not have sex. They encourage protected sex. I'm not aware of any programs that say you must abstain from sex for the rest of your life, and we certainly don't," Brown said.

Both Brown and Snow said that not every sexual act between two men is dangerous, even if one is infected.

Guadalupe Olivas, director of the county Health Department, was out of town and unavailable for comment.

In April 1988, Crocker became the first person ordered by Pima County Superior Court to undergo an HIV test. Crocker was sentenced to three years' probation for possession of marijuana. As a condition of probation, he was ordered to be tested by the Health Department.

The AIDS test was ordered because a probation report indicated that Crocker had previously used intravenous drugs, and that he had a previous arrest in Phoenix for prostitution.

The case prompted a legal battle between Superior Court and Pat Nolan, former director of the Health Department, who refused to test Crocker and reveal the result. Nolan argued that the test, like all others done by the county, should be confidential. The state Supreme Court eventually ruled in Nolan's favor.

By then, however, the matter was moot because Judge Lina Rodriguez of

Superior Court found out Crocker's condition through another source. Crocker's probation officer told the court that Crocker had voluntarily submitted to an AIDS test in October 1988 while at Amity House, a drug rehabilitation center, and that he had tested positive.

[Reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star]

## News From MCC/TUCSON

by Ben Corbin

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches General Conferences ended last Sunday in Phoenix. It was attended by the largest number of delegates in the history of U.F.M.C.C. There were 1190 registered delegates, both voting and non-voting, representing local churches from around the world. The Human Rights Banquet held on Saturday evening had over 1200 in attendance. This was the first General Conference covered by all of the media. The Arizona Republic, known as a conservative newspaper in Phoenix, covered the entire Conference and that newspaper carried articles daily with a most positive coverage.

Former Governor Rose Mofford gave a rousing speech to open the Conference on Monday, July 15th. Ms. Mofford dispelled any hostilities held by some of the delegates toward Arizona and the Martin Luther King holiday. She left the podium to a standing ovation.

The Episcopal Church which was having its own Conference sent several of their delegates to the U.F.M.C.C. Conference and Rev. Elder Troy Perry was invited to make an appearance at their Conference.

In addition to the Business Session held daily during the week, there were many workshops and forums open to all registered delegates. The subjects and topics covered in these informal meetings were varied with many notable speakers. Ms. Alison Arngren, actress and a principal star in the television show "Little House on the Prairie" gave a most enlightening workshop entitled "Make Sex Safe - Making Safety Sexy."

During the Conference, three Elders were elected to the General Council of U.F.M.C.C. Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and Rev. Elder Don Eastman were re-elected and Rev. Willem Bein of Australia was newly elected. Also, during the business session, the By-laws were changed to make Rev. Elder Troy Perry a permanent Moderator and Elder for life.

Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey was ordained to the ministry at the Ordination Service last Saturday morning. She was escorted by her spouse, her mother and her sister during this ceremony. We are very proud of Rev. Nita and it makes MCC/Tucson unique in that we now have two ordained pastors on our staff.

Because of the many worship services, forums and workshops held during this Conference, the delegates from MCC/Tucson have the training to present new programs to the congregation of this church and to the community of Tucson. The enthusiasm given to the delegates will soon be spreading all over town.

Thought for the week: We judge ourselves by what we think we are capable of doing; others judge us by what we do.

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**POLITICS '91** by Mark Kerr

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Last week, the United States Senate passed legislation, sponsored by North Carolina Republican, Jesse Helms. This resolution mandates jail terms for health care workers who do not inform patients that they are HIV+. The vote on this legislation was 81-18. This bill now goes on to the House of Representatives where House Leaders stated that they will kill the bill. This is how the Arizona Senators voted on the bill:

Senator Dennis DeConcini (Democrat) No  
 Senator John McCain (Republican) Yes

(John McCain is up for re-election next year, we as a minority group should not forget this vote and other anti-gay and lesbian actions he has taken.)

**ARIZONA NEWS**

The Arizona Women's Political Caucus held a candidate's forum for the C.D. 2 race. This event took place at the Viscount Hotel in Tucson. The debate took on a bi-partisan nature when the candidates answered questions concerning women's issues. For example, on the right to choose, the Democratic candidates (with the exception of the perennial also-ran, Joe Sweeney), favor a woman's right to choose. The Republicans were anti-choice. The lowlight was when Pat Conner, former Yuma County Supervisor, running for the G.O.P. nomination, stated that since he does not have "female hormones," he cannot understand issues concerning women.

The Arizona Committee for Progress will be hosting a major fundraiser for Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, candidate for the C.D. 2 Democratic nomination. The fundraiser is being held at Regency House, 2323 North Central Penthouse B. This will take place on Thursday, July 25th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. More about this in next week's column.

**TUCSON NEWS**

It was revealed last week that Democratic Mayoral candidate Chuck Ford may have violated the City Charter rules concerning residency requirements and broke the law by being registered to vote in two states. It was revealed that Chuck Ford voted in the presidential election in 1988 in Massachusetts. Chuck was

working for Harvard University and residing in a Boston, Massachusetts suburb. In a news conference, Ford admitted to being registered and voting in Massachusetts. But he also said that he had consulted with his attorney and that there would be no violation of the charter if he ran. Ford, also in the press conference, threw down the gauntlet and stated he will fight anyone who challenges him. Insiders tell me that a challenge will be filed in Court within the next couple of weeks.

**WHERE DO THEY STAND**

This is the first of a series of profiles of the candidates running for office, and where do they stand on the primary issues concerning the lesbian and gay community. First is George Miller, candidate for the Democratic Mayoral nomination. George came to Tucson in 1940. In the mid-1950's he opened a painting business. In 1977, George was elected to the Tucson City Council, representing Ward 3. George served three successful terms on the City Council (leading the fight for the anti-discrimination ordinance), and resigned earlier this year to run for Mayor. George has stated that he will strongly oppose any attempts to alter the ordinance. As Mayor, George will "get a "hate crimes" bill onto the city books, with criminal penalties. George supports "domestic partners" legislation similar to what has been passed in San Francisco. He has stated that he will bring this up to the Council as quickly as possible.

**END NOTES**

Something for you to consider. Ed Pastor, the former Maricopa County Supervisor running for the C.D. 2 "Democratic" nomination has caught the favor of John Munger, a former chair of the Arizona Republican party and Jim Click, the auto dealer and noted right-wing Republican. They were not pleased with his southern Arizona campaign Chair, Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom. It is rumored that Ed has assured these Republicans that if he wins, Dan will not have a say in policy or who is hired for the Congressional Offices. Does it look like Ed will sell out to anybody? Does it look like Ed's political affiliation is one of convenience?

Until next time, take care.

**Bit Of The Old South**

by Sean Thomas

This last Sunday, July 21st, at Hours, was the first meeting of what seems to be AGPA Tucson. For those of you who don't know what AGPA is, it is the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. It's

an organization that promotes the Gay Country/Western lifestyle.

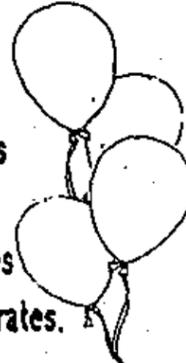
38 people attended and twenty signed up as members including me. We eventually are working towards Tucson's own Gay rodeo.

The next AGPA rodeo until then will be in August on the 16th, 17th and 18th in Phoenix at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 per day, and it is well worth it, at least for the 'scenery'.

Everyone is always welcome at these meetings. The next one will be Sunday, Aug. 4 at Hours on the patio. See ya thar! Help write another bold chapter in Tucson Gay history and have a hell of a good time doing it.

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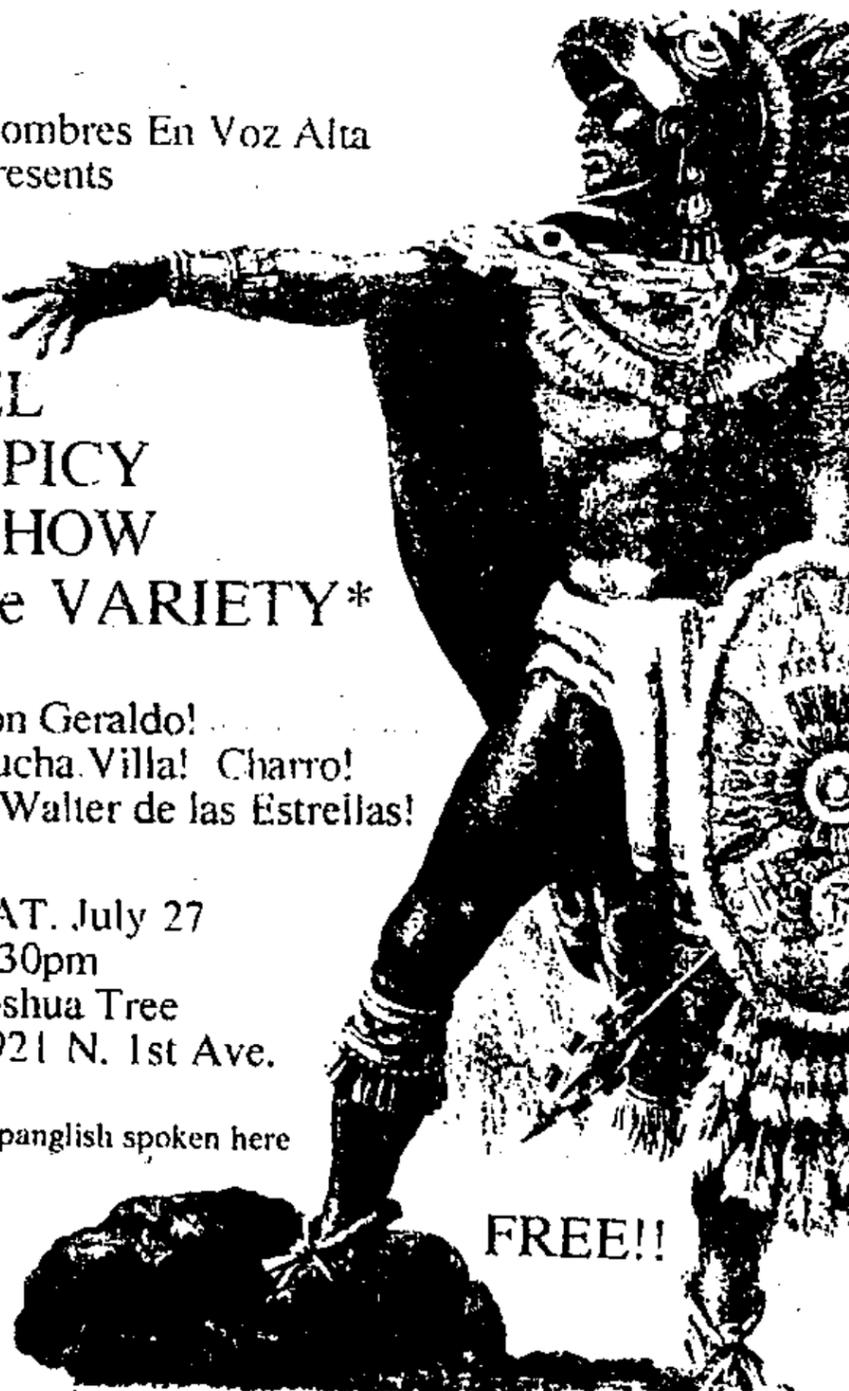
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**Double Mischief**

by Wendy Caster

**Santa Claus, The Easter Bunny,  
and Feminist Gay Men**

AS Liz and I approached the bank teller, a friendly gay man, he greeted us with a cheerful, "So how are you girls doing?" I am 36. Liz is 43. We have not been girls since Richard Nixon was president.

I am not totally against the word "girl." Used by the right person in the right way, it can be loving, joking or silly. But the bank teller used "girl" in that thoughtless way that feels dismissive—although I'm certain he didn't know he was being offensive. He seems to be a nice guy.

But why didn't he know "girl" is not an appropriate thing to call a woman? Why do so few gay men treat women with respect? Why are so few gay men feminists?

Gay men would seem to be natural feminists. After all, their oppression is rooted in sexism. Look at how gay men are insulted: they are called sissies, fairies, limp-wristed, and effeminate. That is, they are seen as being too much like women.

But their response to this devaluation is an odd version of the same devaluation. Some men go hyper-macho, with bulging muscles, so that people will know they are "real men"—that is, not like women. Others go hyper-normal, cherishing their ability to pass as straight—that is, not like women. Then there are the drag queens, who seem to embrace femininity but instead buy into its most repressive definitions with their overdone makeup and clothing. And their use of the name "Mary" is revealing. I've never heard a gay man say to another gay man, "Oh, Mary, congratulations on winning the Pulitzer Prize." It's usually more like, "Oh, Mary, will you stop staring at the ass on

that little blond."

Even men who are not overtly sexist often devalue women and their opinions and needs. The endless phone sex ad debate shows this devaluation again and again as gay men say, "Oh, you lesbians just don't like sex," or "There's no reason for you to find those pictures offensive." Hey, fellas, lesbians like sex—but men are not our sexual preferences. We're lesbians, remember? And if we say we find the ads offensive, we find them offensive. That's our reality. Period.

With some men, even movies can't be important if they're about women. In one gay paper, the review of Thelma and Louise was less than a column long—and 20% of it was devoted to a discussion of the pecks of a man in a small part. Yet the publisher of this paper wonders why women don't feel that it meets their needs!

Then there are the men who say that abortion isn't a gay issue. Or that breast cancer isn't as important as AIDS. In these men's eyes, what happens to women is secondary—even if it's death.

Some guys mean well but just don't get it. Like when I was the only woman in a meeting and the guys tried to make me feel comfortable by making pussy jokes. Or the guy who interrupted a conversation among four women at a party with "I can hang out with you because I'm an honorary woman" and then started a monologue—and clearly thought he was reaching out to women.

My favorite species is the boastful gay male feminist. You can pick him out in a crowd. He's telling a woman how feminist he is and interrupting her every time she tries to speak.

Actually, I do know some genuine gay male feminists. They're also easily recognizable; they listen to women, have women friends, and actually believe that they might learn something from a woman. They're the exceptions that prove the rule, and Goddess Bless Them!

I also know a number of gay men who do not call themselves feminists but who treat women as individuals, with brains and personalities and rights and opinions. I like these men a lot.

In a logical world, gay men would all be feminists. They would have learned from their oppression that all humans have rights and needs. They would also fight against racism and the general oppressive behavior of most governments.

But this isn't a world, and I'm not asking for the moon. I understand that many men are focused elsewhere, often in very important political and AIDS work. I understand that many gay men's lives simply don't include women and they just want to live and be well and have good jobs and a decent life. There's no way they're going to devote their entire lives to feminism. Okay. But here's a tiny, simple first step:

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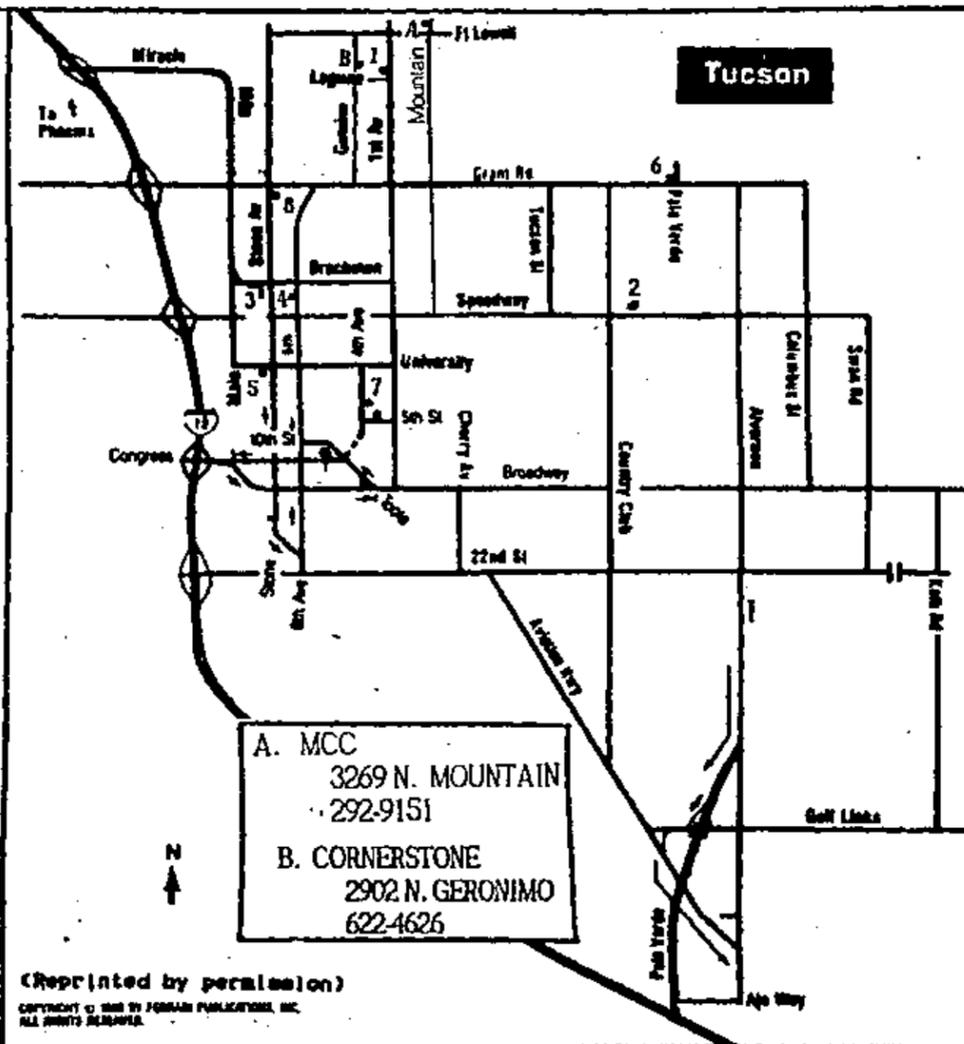
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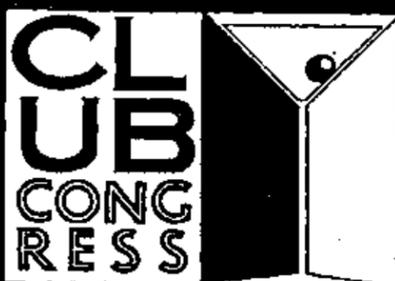
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**Denying existence of Gays and Lesbians in the Military,  
 Army Times censors ad urging end of anti-Gay Discrimination**

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Claiming that lesbians or gay men are not active members of the armed services, Army Times magazine earlier this month refused to print an ad recognizing the service of gay soldiers in the Persian Gulf War unless the ad's sponsors removed the headline "Gay Lesbian Bisexual Personnel" and changed several lines of the ad copy.

The Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project, a coalition of several civil liberties and gay and lesbian advocacy groups, had intended to run the ad in the July 4th edition of Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Times, four privately owned publications whose primary readership is men and women in the Armed Services. The ad told readers that the Project is "fighting to make sure the country knows about the commendable service of lesbian, gay and bisexual personnel." In addition, the ad sought to inform Times readers about the Project's work to end the military's anti-gay discrimination "so that lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals can serve openly."

Current Defense Department policy forbids lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from serving in the military. Yet in a June 27, 1991 interview with USA Today,

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney acknowledged the presence of gay people in the armed services. Cheney told USA Today editors that there was "no question in my mind, we've got a large number of gays in military service."

William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which coordinated the ad campaign, called the Army Times action "censorship, pure and simple."

"This is just another pitiful attempt to make lesbian and gay soldiers invisible," Rubenstein said. "Even the Secretary of Defense recognizes that there are gay people in the military, but Army Times is still afraid to admit it." Rubenstein said the coalition would not make the changes Army Times had mandated, but is instead exploring the possibility of placing the ad in other publications.

In addition to expunging the headline, Army Times also told the coalition to remove several lines of text, including one that says "under current military regulations, if you disclose your sexual orientation, you will be investigated, discharged or even court-martialed."

A copy of the ad appears below.

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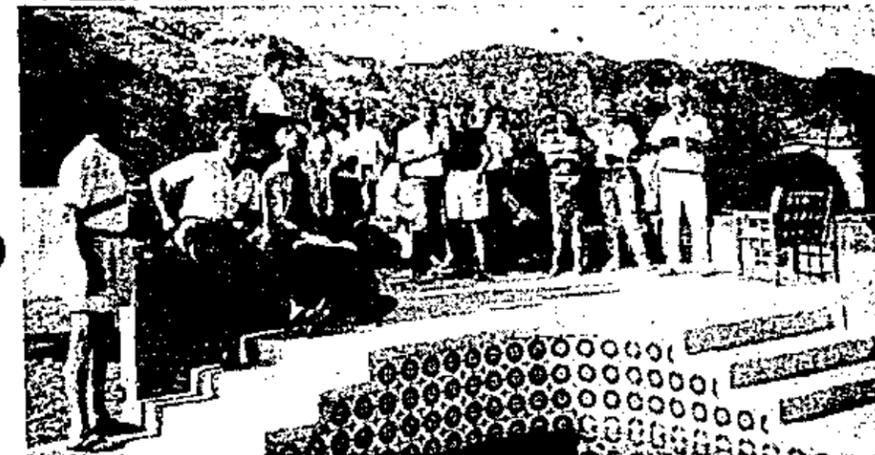
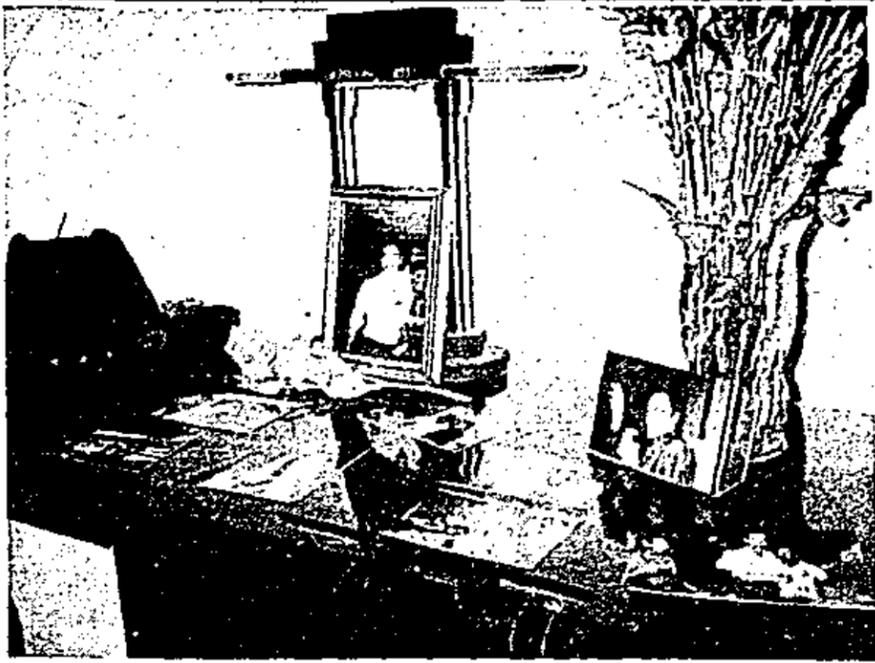
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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## FRIDAY, JULY 26

**COLETTE'S** - Tonight from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. come dance to the live sounds of the "Shirlette Baker Revue Band" from Phoenix. Direct from Phoenix. You can be sure of a lot of dancing, fun and entertainment with this great live band. \$3.50 cover, but well worth the small cost.

## SATURDAY, JULY 27

**BOOTS** - A special Country Saturday here for all your two-steppers. This place is getting quite a C/W reputation. Join the crowds.

**JOSHUA TREE** - Bombas En Vos Alta presents "El Spicy Show de Variedad" with Gerardo, Lucha Villa, Charro and Walter of the Estrellas. It all begins at 9:30 and there is no cover. \*Spanish spoken here!

## SUNDAY, JULY 28

**187'S** - Kargo Leigh Productions will present an All-Star Benefit Show for P.A.C.Y. beginning at 8:30ish. Plan now for a fun-filled evening that will have lasting results.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**BOOTS** - Candy Plastique Birthday Show with an all-star group including Aviva Diamond and Raven. Mark this down - Candy is one year older! Come on over and cheer her up! It starts at 9 p.m.

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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 Mr. Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday's paper for inclusion in that week's issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until that event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 292-9151 in Tucson.

## FRIDAY, JULY 26

A new exercise program begins for PWAs. Easy and mild body movements with uplifting background music. At the Shanti office, 602 N. 4th Avenue at 11:00 a.m. Program Director is Lee Thompson and encourages PWAs to keep fit and take advantage of this new program. It's easy, mild, and fun at the same time.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Black Triangle/Pink Triangle Productions presents a benefit poetry and prose reading for Virginia Yum, Democratic candidate for Congressional District 2 at 7 p.m. at the Stillwell-Twigg House, 134 S. 5th Ave. (between Broadway and 12th St.) Readers will be Alison Dealing, Maria Jose Gades y Goyos, Robert Kaplan, Nancy Cairns and Richard Shelton. Suggested donation \$5.00 (more if you can, less if you can't). Wheelchair accessible. Please refrain from wearing scents or perfumes in deference to people with severe allergies or environmental illness. For more info call 624-9494.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold their annual "After Pride Week Thank You Party" for those who helped in making Pride Week '91 one of the most successful ever. 1 to 7 p.m. at Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, 4210 N. Saranac. BYOB and swim suit. TLGA will supply the food, set-up and beer. By Invitation.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

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.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association Pool Party and Pot Luck at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, 4210 North Saranac Drive from 1 to 5. Everyone is welcome - it's free. Meet new people, renew old friendships. Bring your swimwear, your friends and favorite entree or side dish to share with others. OP will provide plates, napkins, eating utensils and soft drinks. Alcohol's o.k., but bring your own bottle and a designated driver.

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# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. Steak Dinners 6-1 pm with Bobbey. Fleas for Fantasy Strippers show at 11 pm.

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

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Boom. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials. 5 p.m. Pool Tournament. Double elimination, \$2 entry, 60/40 split 1st & 2nd.

**GLADIATE** - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.

**BOOTS** - Moody Kays and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Music 7-1 and with your DJ Mark. House Ladies Specials 7-1.

**187'S** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 1 to 4 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 9 to 1 Fresh Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KENNEL** - Open at noon. Drink specials.

## monday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. \$1.50 Domestic Beer till 6 pm. \$1.50 Draft with Schnapps 6 to close. Bobby J's.

**CLUB COMPLEX** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. 11. 9 pm to 1 am.

**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.

**GLADIATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.

**BOOTS** - Open Boom. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm. Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.

**187'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer. Easy listening music. Bring your own caps for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

## tuesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. \$1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Drow .50 draft 8 pm till close. Bobby Jr. DJ's.

**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 4 to midnight.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. Burgers, sandwiches or Chicken-In-A-Basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. Movie Nite with cocktail hour prices all night long.

**GLADIATE** - .50 Draft open to close.

**BOOTS** - Happy Hours 1 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.

**187'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite 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.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KENNEL** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

## wednesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. Drink specials 3-8 pm. Fleas for Fantasy Strippers Show at 11 pm.

**CLUB COMPLEX** - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.

**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 lessons at 6:30. 2-Step Country/Western follows. Schnapps \$1 from 8-12 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.

**GLADIATE** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 sites.

**BOOTS** - 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.

**187'S** - 4-8 Two for One. 1 to Close. 50 cents off Call Liquor. Linda dj's 9-1.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KENNEL** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

## thursday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Drow .50 draft 8 pm to close. Bobby Jr. DJ's.

**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 8-12. DJ from 9 to 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.

**GLADIATE** - All Draft Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 sites.

**BOOTS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beisles or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Mark.

**187'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 8-1.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KENNEL** - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

## friday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75, Schnapps .75 8-11 pm. Bobby Jr. DJ's.

**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. Burgers, sandwiches, chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.

**GLADIATE** - Drink Specials until closing.

**BOOTS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 am

**187'S** - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Ray.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KENNEL** - Daily drink specials. Three Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

## saturday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open 3 pm. \$1.50 Domestic Beer and Black Board Specials 3-4 pm with Bobbey. Hot dance music 9 to 1 with Bobby Jr.

**COLETTE'S WEST** - Hourly Specials 4-midnight; DJ from 9 to 1.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Boom. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.

**GLADIATE** - Drink specials until closing.

**BOOTS** - Open Boom. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.

**187'S** - 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Birdale.

**OUTRAGEOUS** - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**KENNEL** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Dance with VJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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# What's Up Doc ???



Once again while driving home from work today a song on the radio caught my imagination and got me thinking. This time (and the singer and title are correct) it was Gene Watson's "You Can't Take it With You When You Go." Well, I don't want much, but it sure would be nice to have something to pass on when it comes my time.

Due to a change of my plans, thanks to others, I will not be able to go on the tubing trip scheduled for this weekend. Also, I have not seen Stan all weekend so I was unable to get any information as to if he still plans on going or not. If you are interested, I'd suggest getting in touch with him to get further details.

It seems other mistakes also occurred in last week's column. First off, one of my TBBS's was misquoted. See what happens when someone gives me tidbits of information when I've sipped a Bud or two! I'll not at this time correct because it would not be as humorous as it would have been last week.

The other mistake, again on my part, the City of Rocks run applications that were to be placed on the bulletin board at the Graduate last Saturday had to go back to the computer for correction. It was another one of those times I got in too big of a hurry and did not proofread. Everything was correct, except instead of saying Tucson Knight Owls, I copied the

First Ladies wavier and did not change it.

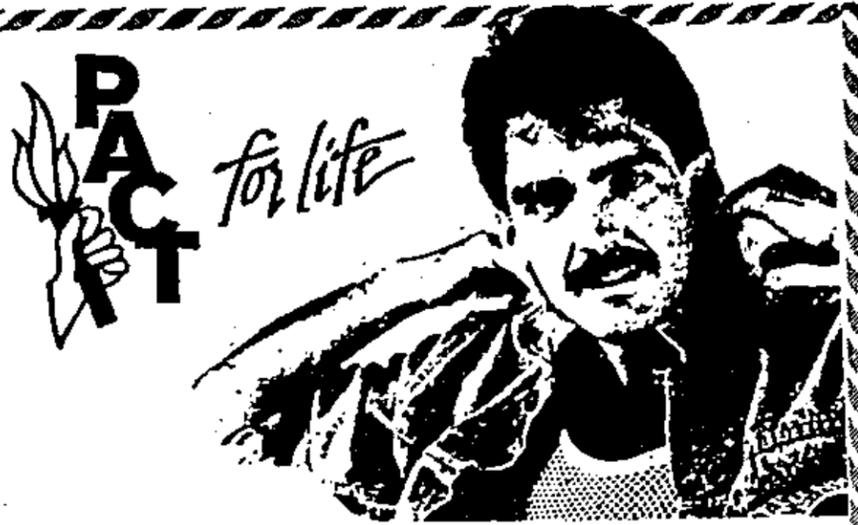
Boy, I can hear it now when this paper hits the bars, "You sure !#WBS(\* last week's column, didn't you!"

Lately it seems everyone or everything is starting to use only initials. You have TALL, IBT's, and H.I.T.-T. (the IGBO Bowling tournament for Tucson). Well, another one came across the bar to me the other day that I'll pass on to you. With RT, his little Munchkin, and (as he wishes to be known from now on as) John - member of the Team Arizona - "Aqua Posse -- SHAMETT". Anyhow, they were all sitting at the bar discussing Roger, and have named him P.I.T. - Princess in Training.

And speaking of RT, you are going to have to be a little more sneakier or tip the bartender better if you plan on taking a draw without Roger finding out. SHAME SHAME.

I have not seen any of the MCC people, BEN included, since they returned from Phoenix but by next week I may find out some of the gossip or happenings that went on. If there is anything worth TBBS, I'll pass them on to you next week.

For now, have a safe and loving week and I'll catch you on the flip side of this page.



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## WHORE-A-SCOPES

by BARTMAN

### ARIES

Good things begin to happen. Your lover wants separate vacations - and you meet a new love slave at the lunch counter in a Target store. Act confident and old worries will evaporate.

### TAURUS

That battered wife that crawled into your bed at 2:00 a.m. doesn't remember a thing - isn't your motto "We do it right"? That little stud you've been eyeing sparked your interest - but he's just a flash in the pan - forget him.

### GEMINI

Someone special will come into your life very soon. A self-improvement program is in order - try pumping iron instead of cocktails. A Libran will inspire you. Be more assertive this week.

### CANCER

Another exciting romance - maybe this one will last more than a week - you could start using a better mouthwash. A Leo seems to be giving you grief, but you prevail.

### LEO

If you haven't already heard - Frank is 25 today - going on 16. (No, not sweet 16.) Your wild, wet and wooly escapades are the talk of the town - not including Mt. Lemmon. Expand your artistic talents to other fields or topics.

### VIRGO

Venting and voicing your frustrations in the bar will not get you anywhere fast. Try Pleasure World - people listen there! You'll meet a sideshow freak in the parking lot of K-Mart that will make all your dreams come true.

### LIBRA

Romance intensifies - you get another chance at happiness - but are you really ever happy, Lib? Attend a festive gathering this week. How about the movie room at I-10? That should put a smile on your face.

### SCORPIO

Close friends continue to play a dominant role in your life - (I thought all Scorpios were tops). Accept a last-minute invitation. Do not turn your back to someone who has always been loyal.

### SAGITTARIUS

A romantic and dynamic duo is wrapped up in their own concerns right now. Be patient - your turn will come soon. Get out and socialize more. Tired of the local scene? Try Yuma.

### CAPRICORN

Postpone a romantic encounter. You have your heart set on the leader of that motorcycle gang in South Tucson - but be still your pounding heart. Stay home and play strip poker with yourself.

### AQUARIUS

Don't have a cow, man - a familiar face will soon be knocking at your door. This week it's work as usual - but a hot weekend! You waste no time in recouping from a recent divorce - as usual.

### PISCES

It seems as though all hope for a lasting relationship is "lost in space" - until this weekend. A Leo presents you with an offer you can't refuse. Play the lotto this week. Luck day is Saturday.

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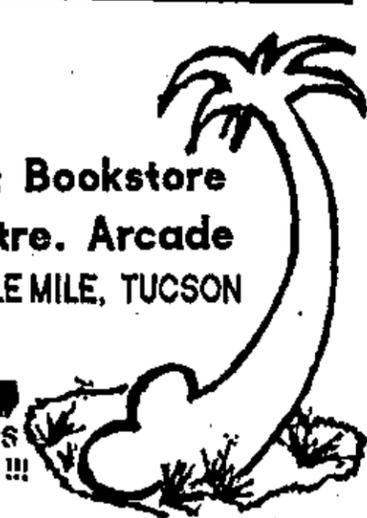
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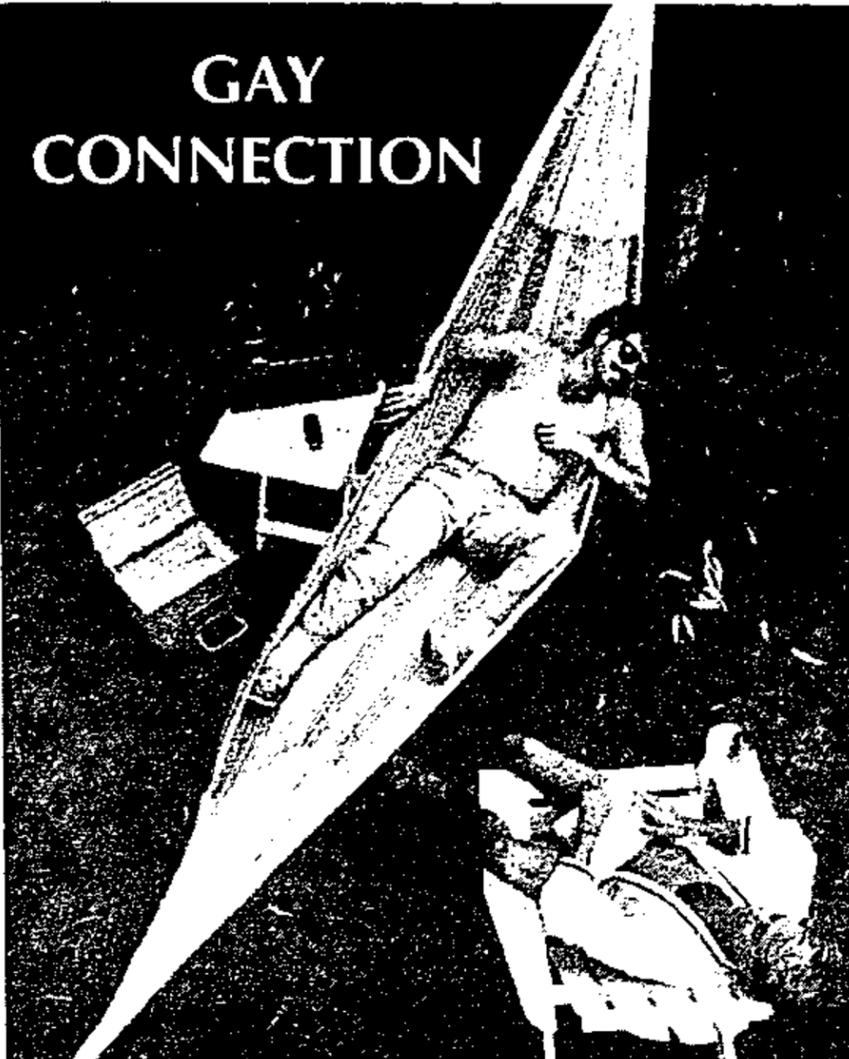
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## A Commentary By

**Christopher Geoffrey McPherson**

### The Question of Women and Homosexuals

The Persian Gulf War taught us many things, not the least of which that women and homosexuals were just as reliable for and important to the war effort as men and heterosexuals.

But, the Persian Gulf fiasco -- which, let's be honest, achieved nothing -- taught us something else: that old men have old ways, and that NOTHING changes quickly in the military.

There has been talk, rumor mostly, about the proposed change to the Pentagon/military policy which currently forbids openly homosexual men and women from being in the branches of the military.

The rumor started with the release of a military document outlining this possible policy change. Of course, the brass said the memo was not official and that no such change was being proposed. Yeah, and Nixon insisted he knew nothing about any "break-in."

Whether or not there is change in the wind is not the point. It is important to remember that even after all of their valuable contributions in the Persian Gulf, women are STILL denied the opportunity to fight in combat.

This is rather silly, especially when one considers women have actually FIGHTED in combat (in Panama, for example). By all accounts, they did well. But --and this is a big but-- these women who risked their lives shoulder to shoulder with the men were not OFFICIALLY there, ergo, they have never been in combat --and apparently never will be.

When asked about the chances of women being allowed to fight on the front lines, or fly bomber jets, or do any of the other combat duties now open to men only, military officials --all men, remember-- were quoted saying things like:

"If I had to choose between an equally qualified man and woman to fly a jet in war, I would pick a man every time."

"The presence of women on the front lines would create chaos."

"No woman could ever be as good in combat as a man."

And we think Gays and Lesbians will be welcomed with open arms into all branches of the military? Oh, sure.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

### The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

**TOURNAMENT.** noun; 1. a knightly sport of the middle ages between mounted combatants armed with blunted lances or swords; 2. a championship series of games or athletic contests.

**GAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT.** noun; 1. collection of gay men and women having a good time while attempting to look graceful, fearsome, butch (or all three). 2. a quasi-athletic event where one can make many new friends, renew old acquaintances, or meet a fantasy man/woman for a weekend, usually culminating with a banquet at which funny little trophies are dispensed; see also: canaraderie, party, good times.

Those of you who participated in last year's Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament undoubtedly remember the fun and good times the participants seemed to be having. Even if you didn't bowl, the atmosphere created by 100 gay women and men taking over an entire bowling alley was contagious.

This year's tournament officers are already hard at work to make the Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson (our new name) bigger and better. The tournament will be held Oct. 25, 26, and 27 at Golden Pin Lanes. In addition to the actual bowling, there will be several non-bowling events including a Halloween party/costume contest on Saturday and a special awards banquet to be held at Old Tucson Studios. If you're interested in participating, tournament applications are available in all of the bars or you can contact any of the H.I.T.T. Committee persons.

The H.I.T.T. Committee would like to thank each of the local bars for supplying sponsorship fees to help put this tournament together. Thanks to Lee & Betty (hours), Danny (IBTs), Roger (Graduate), Bobby Jr. (Joshua Tree), Colette (Colette's), and Peter (Rumort, French Quarter). By the way, the H.I.T.T. is a COMMUNITY event, not just a bar event. We are actively recruiting other sponsors within the community. Please get in touch with me for more information on sponsorship or tournament program advertising.

On the subject of fund-raising, starting this week H.I.T.T. Committee persons will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets in various bars around town. Here's how it works: tickets will be 2 for \$1 or 12 for \$5. Tickets will be sold all evening and then one ticket will be drawn a little after midnight. The winning ticket will receive half of the monies collected that evening, with the remaining half going to the tournament. In addition, all tickets sold between now and the end of August will be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing to be held at the IBTs/Desert Coyotes league Free Bowling Get-Together to be held at the end of August (watch this space for exact date). Prizes thus far include a new bowling ball and a round-trip ticket to any America West city in the continental U.S. Incidentally, you need not be present to win either the nightly or Grand Prize drawings. Look for us this Thursday at hours and this Saturday at IBTs.

Upcoming tournaments: San Diego (Aug. 2 - 4), Las Vegas (Aug. 30 - Sept. 2), Dallas (Oct. 11 - 14), Tucson (Oct. 25 - 27).

## Gay Banker Murdered in Houston by Two Carloads of Young Men

HOUSTON, TX - News of the fatal beating and stabbing death of a young Houston banker has outraged the city's Gay population, which called for strict discipline for "Gay bashing" incidents.

The 27-year-old banker was beaten and stabbed to death in the Montrose area of Houston when he and two friends were jumped by two carloads of young men wielding two-by-fours and at least one knife.

"The report did not include loss of property so I guess it's safe to say it's a case of Gay-bashing," said homicide Sgt. Ken Vachris, who is investigating the slaying. Charlie Armstrong, owner of Heaven, a nightclub the men had just left before the attack, urged community support to thwart such attacks. "Unless our political friends go out and publicly state they will not accept this behavior from adults or teenagers... I find it frightening that this kind of behavior could repeat itself," Armstrong said.

Police said the man and two friends had left Heaven and were walking down a street about 3:00 a.m. when a car full of young men drove up and its occupants asked directions to the local Gay nightclub. After the trio said the bar was closed, a second car drove up and the nearly 10 men from both vehicles got out and began beating the pedestrians.

"It's scary enough in Houston when you have acts of random violence. To feel that you're a target, that there may be people out there stalking you, is worse, much worse," said Annise Parker,

a Gay activist and City Council candidate. "It makes you vulnerable."

One of the man's companions escaped, but both the banker and a second man were assaulted. The banker later died at St. Joseph's Hospital of a stab wound to the abdomen, Vachris said. He said the assailants were in their late teens or early 20s, and appeared to be from a middle-class background.

"As far as I know, they didn't say anything. They just got out and started to whip him," Vachris said.

Patrolman Amerigo Hernandez, who has worked the Montrose-area station since 1986, said the station receives reports of assaults against Gays two or three times a week. "Mainly during the summer when a lot of kids are out of school," Hernandez said. "It would always be, whenever we did catch them they would be from somewhere else. They just come down here for kicks."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said anti-Gay violence and harassment jumped by 42% between 1989 and 1990 in six major cities. Texas was second in the nation in the number of incidents with six homicides, 38 assaults and 795 cases of verbal harassment.

Statistics for 1990 were not available. "These people could strike again. I'm terrified for members of the community and their safety," said Robert Bridges, vice president of the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

## ACLU Joins Case of Man Entrapped Into Buying Child Pornography

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- The ACLU has joined the defense of a man entrapped into buying child pornography by a government sting operation. The case, Jacobson v. USA, will be argued before the United States Supreme Court next fall.

Keith Jacobson of Newman Grove, Nebraska, was targeted for the sting operation when government officials discovered that he had purchased two nudist magazines and a brochure of stores that sell sexually explicit material. Although both activities were and are legal - and although the government had no information that Jacobson had ever produced, distributed, purchased, read or even requested child pornography - it began an undercover investigation against him.

"This case is a flagrant violation of constitutional rights and a ridiculous waste of government's time and money," said William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. Rubenstein helped prepare the amicus brief filed by the ACLU, the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"The facts of the case are outrageous," Rubenstein said. "We hope the Supreme Court will take this opportunity to restrict undercover sting operations to those instances when government has some reasonable suspicion that someone is breaking the law."

Over a period of two and a half

years, the government set up five different entities and on 12 separate occasions solicited Mr. Jacobson to purchase child pornography. The 12th time, he purchased a copy of Boys Loving Boys, a magazine depicting child pornography, for which he was prosecuted and convicted.

A panel of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed his conviction in October of 1990. It ruled that in order to launch an undercover sting against a specific person, the government must have a reasonable suspicion that he had committed a similar crime in the past or was likely to commit such a crime in the future. "Otherwise," the court said, "government agents [could] target entire groups of people without specific justification, hoping to uncover some individual who is predisposed to commit crime if given enough opportunities to do so."

Upon rehearing of the case several months later, however, the entire appeals court reaffirmed Jacobson's conviction.

"The government clearly exceeded its authority by entrapping a man it had no reason to believe would do anything illegal," Rubenstein said. "If the court allows this conviction to stand, it will only encourage the government to target other innocent people."



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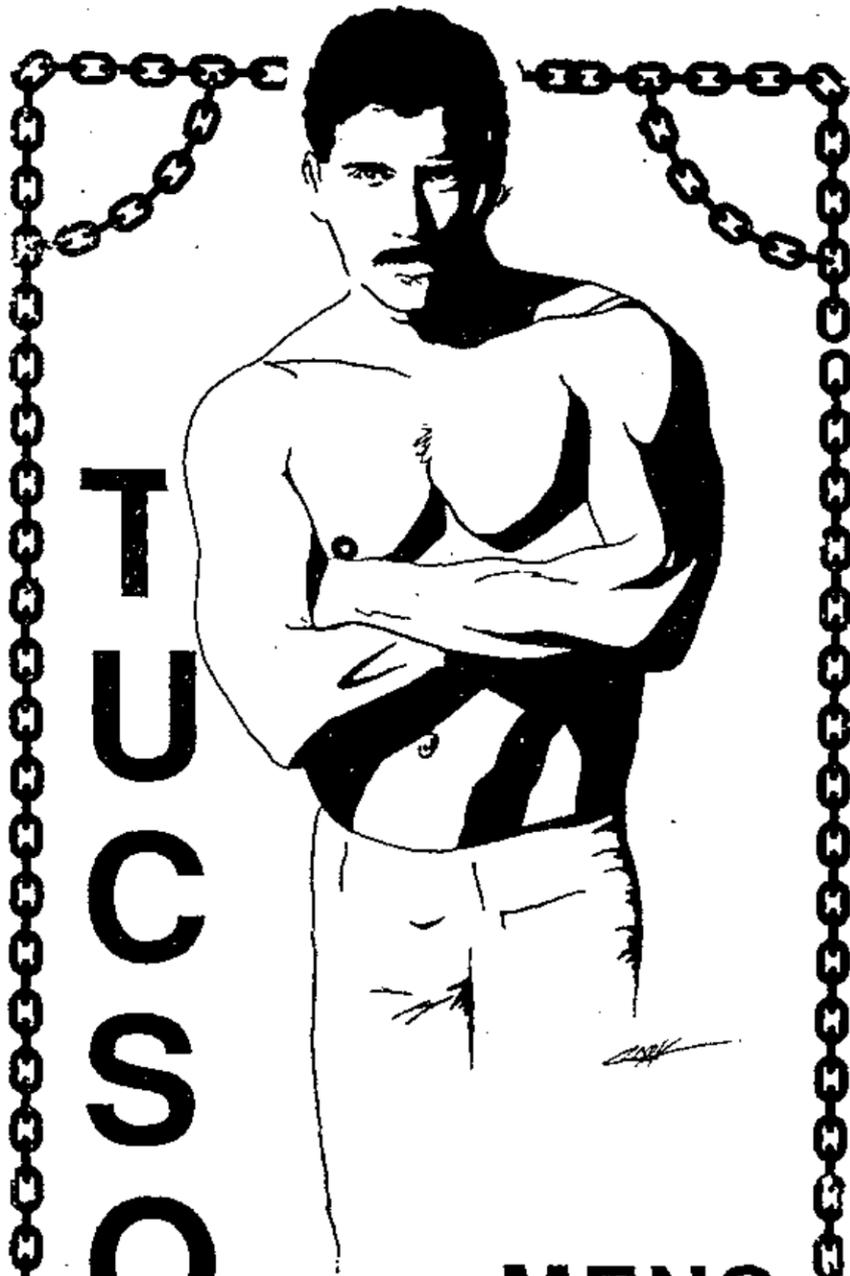
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**Three Out of Ten Gay Male  
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**MINNEAPOLIS, MN (AP)** - Nearly one third of homosexual or bisexual teenage boys have tried to kill themselves, driven to despair by isolation and fear, a new study says.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota and the University of Washington said 41 of 137 Gay or bisexual males interviewed, about 30 percent, said they had attempted suicide. About 20 reported multiple attempts.

Those who attempted suicide were more likely to have been sexually abused, have abused drugs or been arrested for misconduct than Gay teenage boys who had not tried to kill themselves, according to the study, published in the June issue of 'Pediatrics' magazine.

"Young people have a great deal of difficulty coping with the stigma of homosexuality," said Dr. Gary Kenafedi, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Minnesota and director of its Youth and AIDS Project.

A. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study in 1989 found Gay and Lesbian teenagers were three times as likely as heterosexual teenagers to try to kill themselves and they accounted for 30 percent of all teenage suicides.

**OUT ON  
 THE TOWN**

It is summer. It is dry. The original trio never made it to the falls. Next time a hike is on the agenda, exclude the Bean Plantation. That will be as far as it goes. At least the other terrible trio made it to the Valley sans water (some unlikely trio). Who promised who a waterfall. Someone owes someone some horseshoe time. Grey Poupon remembered. Where is that 18-wheeler now anyway? Probably still looking for silver.

How's the shift work at the plantation? Don't ask the quicksilver girls.

It is summer and such a dry spell. Will the monsoons ever arrive? So, when does school start - till next time - forever yours.

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**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. 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 other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 292-6440.

**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 323-6455.

**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.

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**UofA FACULTY AND STAFF** for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 245. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

**ARIZONA/SONORA PROTECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 862-3933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. 628-9494

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**Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA)** is forming a Tucson chapter. First meeting will be on the patio at Hours, Sunday, July 21 at 4:00 p.m. Interested? Be there or call 794-3528 for more info. 365

**BISexual MEN IN RECOVERY** Support Group forming to explore ways to embrace and celebrate our sexuality. For information call 742-6650.

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**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 841-5651 for information.

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**Q.** I recently read a Baptist magazine condemning homosexuality (but not the homosexual) and it declared that studies show most homosexuals were abused sexually at an early age, citing that as a major cause. Please address this issue.

**A.** Countless studies and research projects have been conducted to find the "cause of homosexuality." A few have even gone so far as to try to find the "cause of heterosexuality." The results are as varied as the number of studies conducted. To date, there are no conclusive results available from any of the investigations (including biological differences, genetic coding, or psychological issues), that have been accepted as statistically significant.

Traditionally, the religious community has been pretty good at making the research data (and the scriptures) say whatever they need to say to prove a point. But there are, thankfully, a number of exceptions - people of faith who don't distinguish a person's value, or moral acceptability, by sexual preference, but by whether or not they are whole, functioning, happy, productive individuals.

Tragically, sexual abuse is on the rise, and it certainly affects the psychological development of children; but a Boston researcher has written that there is no significant evidence of homosexuality as an effect of that abuse, and furthermore that the article probably reversed the cause and effect relationship. It may well be that more homosexual young people are sexually abused than heterosexuals. Essentially, there is no

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*A View From The Rock*  
*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

There is a pivotal scene in Harrison Ford's new movie, *Regarding Henry*, in which two Yuppy couples are engaged in a very damaging gossip session about Henry and his wife Sara, who, because of an unfortunate tragedy, no longer fit into these Yuppies' materialistic, superficial world of greed and ambition. Only when it is too late do the gossipers realize that Henry and Sara have overheard the entire conversation, and are justifiably mortified. Having permanently damaged the relationship these couples once had, they express regret over their insensitive remarks. A bit too late, however.

men. To paraphrase another of his comparisons, it is like drinking from the same cup which is used to bail out a clogged sink.

Have you experienced a situation like this? Perhaps you spoke unfavorably of a friend to someone else, only later to find out they heard the remark, or heard about it? The desperate but futile attempt to recapture a glib or hurtful statement can be a very frustrating exercise.

We must all keep a close watch on our tongues. Some people may be surprised to learn that the tongue does not have a mind of its own. It is controlled by the mind and fed by the heart. If a person's heart is full of love and joy, their tongue will automatically reflect it. Likewise, if a person's heart is filled with hatred and malice, their tongue will bear that out, also.

Or maybe you've been on the receiving end of a thoughtless conversation, where a friend is overheard speaking unkindly about you to a third party. You know, of course, that they would never be so callous as to say such things if they knew you would hear them.

Has your tongue made more enemies than friends? If it seems that your tongue has free reign to strike terror everywhere you go, just remember who let go of the bridle! May the Lord grant you the strength to reign in your tongue and use it for the betterment of those around you.

The tongue can be such a lethal weapon. Throughout the centuries it has destroyed friendships, marriages, families, communities, and entire nations. The Biblical book of James has much to say about the tongue. The Apostle James writes that the tongue is a "fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body." (James 3:6) He goes on to describe this powerful little organ as a "restless evil, full of deadly poison." (3:8)

Granted, the tongue can also be used for many noble and beautiful purposes, as well. It can offer encouraging words, songs of love, or even praise to God. The problem lies in the tongue's versatility. James notices that we use the same tongue to praise the Lord as we use to curse

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