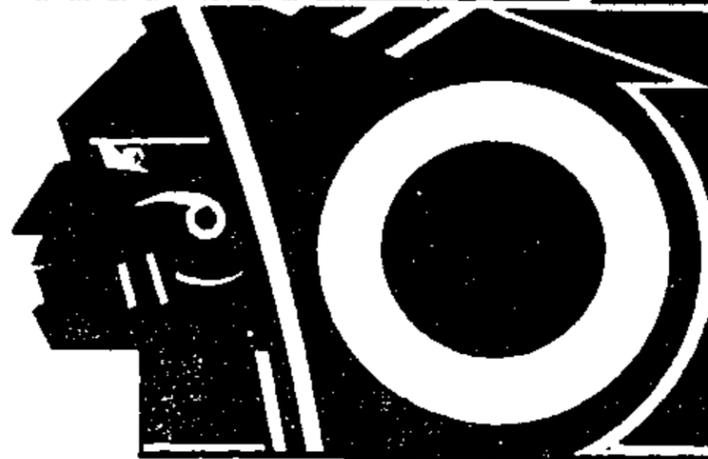


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## Gay Youths Thrive At NYC School

by Verena Dobnik

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Like most of his 29 classmates, M. Paul found refuge at a single-classroom high school on the Hudson. He says he was driven out of his previous school in Cincinnati because he was different.

"They screamed 'faggot!' at me, bashed my head into the toilet, and burned my arm with a cigarette lighter," he said, displaying scars from what he described as an attack by classmates two years ago.

For M. Paul, a 17-year-old with bleached blond hair, his new school is quite different from the last one. It's the Harvey Milk School in Greenwich Village, the only school in the world set up specifically for Gay and Lesbian students.

Squeezed between an auto mechanic's garage and a shop that sells Chinese crafts, the school's red metal front door opens to a narrow, scuffed staircase. The single classroom is on the third floor.

M. Paul and most of the other students were high school dropouts who risked ridicule, assault, homelessness, AIDS and suicide until they found this school.

They are young men and women "who simply couldn't survive a regular school," says Sherry Zekowski, principal of the Career Education Center, which oversees the school for the Board of Education. "They were too different," she says.

The school has 30 students, 25 boys and five girls, ages 15 to 21. Some are from faraway places such as Argentina, Brazil, Guyana, Peru and Puerto Rico. Most come from low-income families, and more than half get no money from home. They fend for themselves with odd jobs.

"If you can't make it here, you can't make it nowhere," says Tracey, a shy 20-year-old man, wearing a skirt, shoulder-length hair, lipstick and a diamond nose stud. Tracey, who prefers to be addressed as a woman, lives with a boyfriend in Brooklyn and hopes to study engineering.

On most days, only about two-thirds of the students show up for class.

On a recent morning, 18 students - one girl and 17 boys - were in the small classroom, warmed by an electric space

heater. They listened as an admissions official from the City University of New York told them how to apply to college.

Eddy, 18, his half-shaved head of blond-dyed curls graced by round, silver earrings and pink sunglasses, asked how he could fit in as a black college youth: "When you go to a city college, you see a white cloud and a few black dots. And if you're a Gay black dot....."

Later, when Eddy applied lipstick, teacher Monica Fishof admonished him, "Please leave," she said. "No makeup in class."

The school was started in 1985 as part of the Hetrick-Martin Institute in the West Village, named after founders Emory Hetrick, a psychiatrist, and his companion, Damien Martin, a professor of communication at New York University. Both have died of AIDS, Hetrick in 1987 and Martin last August.

With \$1.7 million a year in public and private funds including \$500,000 from the state, the institute provides social and counseling services, health care and housing to thousands of Gay youths driven out of their homes or school by parents and peers.

Here they call them "clients".

The salaries of the two teachers, Fishof and Fred Goldhaber, are paid from a \$130,000 yearly budget allocated by the Board of Education. It's enough to also pay for a teaching assistant, books and other supplies. But it isn't enough to fix the decaying walls and loose wiring in the schoolroom.

"I think I'm the luckiest teacher in the world. I have kids who really need care and concern and understanding and role models and education," says Goldhaber, 44, who taught English in public high school in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn for 17 years.

Mr. G, as the kids call him, was absent one morning because of "HIV-related symptoms," he says. Last year his companion died of AIDS. At least four students also are HIV positive.

"I'm not good at death," says Fishof, a 34-year-old doctoral candidate with three children of her own. But she's great at offering the nurturing and hugging some of the young people need.

They need to know a straight person can love them," she says. I push the kids hard. I want them to succeed. All six students graduating this year plan to attend college, she says.

## New Director of Gay Games IV



### Gay Games

Paula Pressley standing next to the '94 Gay Games logo. See related story.

NEW YORK, NY - Paula Pressley has been named executive director of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival which will be held in New York City in 1994. Scheduled from June 25 to July 4, 1994, Gay Games IV will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a watershed event in the history of New York's and the nation's Gay and Lesbian community.

Ms. Pressley had been deputy director of Planning and Development at the National Organization of Women's Legal Defense & Education Fund.

Gay Games IV, an Olympic-style competition involving teams from 40 countries, will feature 10,000 athletes competing in 30 individual and team sports including basketball, cycling, figure skating, gymnastics, powerlifting, tennis, track and field, volleyball, softball and wrestling. An additional 5,000 artists and performers will participate in a world-wide Cultural Festival that historically has been part of the Gay Games.

The Games and Festival, which will take place at various facilities throughout New York City and surrounding counties, is sponsored by "New York in '94", the organizing committee for the Games. Ann Northrop and Jay Hill are co-presidents.

200,000 spectators are expected to

attend the 1994 Games during the ten days of competition. New York's Office of Finance and Economic Development estimates that Gay Games IV will generate \$126 million in economic activity for the City.

At NOWLDEF, Ms. Pressley handled strategic corporate development planning. Ms. Pressley also directed major fund raising initiatives when she served as director of Artists in Residence of New York City and as development director of The Fund for Human Dignity, Inc., a national Gay and Lesbian organization.

Ms. Pressley is well-known in the Gay and Lesbian community. She was a board member of both the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/NY) and the Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation.

The Gay Games were founded by the late Tom Waddell, MD, a decathlete who competed for the United States and finished sixth at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Previously Gay Games were held in San Francisco (1982 and 1986) and Vancouver, British Columbia (1990). Some 1,300 athletes from 12 nations competed in Gay Games I; 3,500 from 16 nations in Gay Games II; and 7,250 from 30 nations in Gay Games III. The theme of Gay Games IV is "Unity '94", an expression of the

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# UPDATE

## Benefit for 'Share Bears' Feb. 26

TUCSON - Adrienne Sneed, owner of Lightning Lighting and Prism Productions and producer of "Les Follies Boy-Gere", in cooperation with the Share Bears, is holding a benefit and raffle to raise money for the Share Bears - the four Tucson AIDS service organizations.

The benefit will be a talent competition. It will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Feb. 26 at Club 2520, 2520 N. Oracle. The raffle will be for various prizes donated by local business owners.

The entire benefit will be videotaped for airing on Tucson Community Cable at a date to be announced later.

The talent competition will have five categories: a live vocal; a dance; and three different impersonation categories. Anyone interested in competing may sign up at Club 2520.

There will be a \$1.00 donation requested at the door. All proceeds from the evening will go to the Share Bears - representing all four of Tucson's AIDS organizations working together to raise funds for services and education for HIV-related activities in Tucson. The member organizations are: El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora; PACT for Life; Shanti Foundation and the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP).

Raffle tickets may be purchased at Club 2520 for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

## Softball Feb. 2 to Benefit Shanti/Tucson

TUCSON - Shanti Foundation/Tucson will host a softball game at Himmel Park on Sunday, Feb. 2 beginning at noon. Everyone is invited to bring your own team or join a team at the park, or just come and enjoy the activities in a day of fun. Refreshments will be served with proceeds going to Shanti.

## Computer BBS Offers Social Alternative for HIV+ Users

PHOENIX - Following a trend started on the West Coast, one of several Gay-oriented computer BBSs (Bulletin Board Services) located in Phoenix has set aside a special, restricted area for HIV+ users. This subboard, visible only to those users who are HIV+, provides a forum to discuss their mutual concerns and feelings, make friends, and possibly find someone for dating or a relationship.

Confidentiality is provided by the use of two "handles" or aliases, one used exclusively on the HIV+ subboard and the other on the rest of the board; real names are never used. This service is provided at no charge.

To access a computer BBS, a user only needs a personal computer of any kind, that is connected to a phone line by a modem, and communication software (available at computer stores, or as "free" shareware from computer clubs and many BBSs themselves).

Besides offering public message posting, a BBS usually offers private electronic mail, a "matchmaker" program, a file library, and often online games. Some BBSs offer access to national "echo" conferences, where you can exchange public or private messages with users on similar BBSs all over the U.S. and in several foreign countries.

The MeatBack BBS operates in Phoenix 24-hours a day, seven days a week, at (602)273-6956.

## Death: A Gay Experience

CLOUDCROFT, NM - Is death, like life, different for Gays and Lesbians compared to heterosexuals? This is just one of the many questions a new research project hopes to answer. Many people throughout the world have had "near death experiences" including many Gays and Lesbians.

Do these NDE's have anything to teach us about "real death," or possibly even about life itself? Any Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual or transgender persons who have had a near death experience are encouraged to take part in the study. Write: NDE Study, P.O. Box 708, Cloudcroft, New Mexico 88317-0708.

## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Thank you Tucson for coming out to support a very special lady. The roast for Natalie Perry was a huge success, and a good time was had by all.

Special thanks and lots of Shanti love to the owners and staff at Rumors for all your help and support in honoring this fantastic lady. Sincerely  
The Shanti Family of Tucson

## Gay Rights Activists Question Tactics of Harassed Gay Man

DES MOINES, IA - Al White says people should stop throwing eggs at his house and calling him names because he's homosexual and wears a dress. "The police have arrested very few people ... and just really have a bad attitude," said White, 37. "They're not using the Iowa hate crimes law. When someone jumps up and down on your lawn and yells 'faggot, faggot, faggot, you're going to die,' you know that's a hate crime."

Some say White's tactics have turned off those who could help him and that his wearing dresses around town has upset people in Boone, population 12,400.

I've known a lot of drag queens dressing up at night clubs or at home and that's fine among our own kind," said AIDS activist Robert Eikleberry, the victim of a Gay bashing in Des Moines. "But to go out on the street blatantly ... what's it's doing is reinforcing the old stigma of queer and faggot, and that's what we've been trying to get away from for years. We're just average, normal people that like our own sex."

Other homosexuals said White's behavior - wearing dresses and badgering police, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the Iowa Civil Liberties Union, and even such groups as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force - may have stirred up some of his troubles.

"There's a lot of skepticism from the people in the Gay community in Des Moines about his tactics," said Michael Current, a Gay rights lobbyist. He called White's activities "confrontational and threatening."

"It's not acceptable in my mind that anyone should have to be afraid to be who they are," Current said. "On the other hand, I think people feel that certain responses (to dress wearing) are pretty predictable."

Charles Bagbey, spokesman for the Des Moines chapter of the militant Queer Nation, said White has "a persecution complex."

"Certainly Al White is doing what he thinks he has to do to bring visibility to certain issues, but he is inflammatory not only to heterosexuals but to homosexuals," Bagbey said. "I think he considers himself persecuted by other homosexual people. Al White has a very different view of what's okay than anyone I've ever met."

At the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center in Des Moines, director Claire Hueholt defended White's dress.

"If what Al wants to do is go grocery shopping in a dress in Boone, Iowa, he ought to be able to do that and not get harassed," she said. "That's not the reality. He is going to get harassed."

White said that's what happened when he returned last August to Boone, a county seat about 35 miles northwest of Des Moines and tried to form a chapter of ACT UP and a Gay rights group.

## Gay Games

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founder's dream that inclusion be a cornerstone of the Games.

Ms. Pressley graduated from the University of Iowa in 1976 and received her master's degree in painting from Drake University in 1980.

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## NCOD Calls For Former Scouts To Come Out

SANTA FE, NM - National Coming Out Day (NCOD) has become a "Member Organization" in *Forgotten Scouts*, a visibility organization of Gay and Bisexual men, formed to challenge the biases of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

"We are proud to have the endorsement of National Coming Out Day and are making plans for NCOD Year Five, Oct. 11, 1992," said Ken McPherson, Co-founder of *Forgotten Scouts*.

According to *Forgotten Scouts* Co-Founder Allan Shore, also a Human Relations Commissioner for Contra Costa County, California, "I realized the linkage of 'Forgotten Scouts' with NCOD would be a vital one when a BSA official told me that 'the issue of Gay inclusion in scouting should be a non-issue because there are no Gay scouts and there never were.'"

National Coming Out Day founder and former Cub Scout in Los Angeles in the mid-1950s, Dr. Rob Eichberg stated, "My own experience as a Scout, and sharing with my father as Scout Master, was invaluable in my growth. Many young people do not yet know they are Gay when participating in Scouting. If honesty and integrity are being taught it is essential that boys be validated in telling the truth and that they are supported to develop self-esteem, whether they are heterosexual or homosexual."

To assist *Forgotten Scouts* in creat-

ing a chronicle of participation and to help BSA accomplish its mission without prejudice against particular classes of people, National Coming Out Day calls for all former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts or Explorers to write "Forgotten Scouts" or the National Coming Out Day office detailing: name and address; what city and Scout program; approximate dates of participation; what was gotten out of scouting that has contributed to their adult life.

This is an opportunity for former Scouts to acknowledge what they learned from Scouting and make a dent in anti-Gay bias practiced by Boy Scouts of America.

The aim of *Forgotten Scouts* is to prove that Gay people have always been an important part of the BSA's success and that many Gay people are excellent role models for both children and adults.

National Coming Out Day is a national educational organization dedicated to the support of the Gay and Lesbian community in participating fully, equally and openly in society.

For more information, or to send your documentation to *Forgotten Scouts*, call or write National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504-8349, (505)-982-2558 or *Forgotten Scouts*, 1072 Folsom St. #383, San Francisco, CA 94103, (415)-905-6120.

## San Diego Lesbian Sues Sheriff For Hostile Environment At Sheriff's Academy

SAN DIEGO, CA - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund along with the ACLU Foundation of San Diego and Imperial Counties in California have announced the filing of a lawsuit against the Sheriff's Academy of San Diego County -- a training school for law enforcement officers to enhance their skills -- because of sexual orientation discrimination and harassment.

Laura Shands, a Deputy Marshal employed by the County of San Diego, attended the Sheriff's Academy in the fall of 1990 and experienced daily exposure to disparaging and demeaning remarks about Lesbians and Gay men. Shands, a Lesbian, found the environment to be so hostile that she considered terminating her 15-year career in law enforcement.

Mary Newcombe, a Lambda staff attorney and co-counsel for Shands, praised Shands' courage in coming forward to challenge the anti-Gay behavior and attitudes of the Sheriff's Academy. "We know that these kinds of attitudes are common in law enforcement throughout the country. Homophobic attitudes are going to change only when Gay men and Lesbians are free to identify themselves without fear or retribution."

Betty Wheeler, legal director for the ACLU's San Diego office, commented, "The Sheriff's Academy should be mandating the future deputies treat all citizens with dignity; instead the Academy teaches verbal Gay-bashing. Our community sees the homophobia taught in the Academy expressed in the conduct of deputies on the streets."

The lawsuit -- brought under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the California Constitution and a local San Diego ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientations -- will seek to assure that the institutional attitudes revealed by the prevalent anti-Gay and Lesbian statements will end.

Shands stated, "I have worked in the law enforcement profession for 15 years, and have never witnessed such widespread hostility towards Gay men and Lesbians. As a Lesbian, I was hurt and offended. As a law enforcement officer, I was appalled. My hopes are that knowledge of my experiences will assist the San Diego Sheriff's Department in adopting the same policy for Lesbians and Gay men as they have for all other minority groups -- which is, basically, that everyone is treated fairly and impartially."

Newcombe added, "There is no doubt that leadership within the Sheriff's Department can end the current atmosphere that tolerates, and actively promotes, verbal bashing and hostility towards Lesbian and Gay men. Law enforcement attitudes inevitably influence broader community attitudes; homophobia in law enforcement directly translates into an acceptance of Gay-bashing on the streets."

Wheeler noted that, in addition to seeking an end to this kind of hostile environment, "We will push for Gay sensitivity training of law enforcement officers throughout the Sheriff's Department to lessen the homophobic attitudes that have been allowed to flourish."

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watering hole for the complete prize package. The winner for this does not need to be present to win.

I can mention that word has reached me that there were over 4,300 paid admissions to this year's version of the Arizona Gay Rodeo hosted by AGRA and UGRA this past weekend. Way to go guys. Now when Tucson has theirs this spring, bring some of those people here. The Tucson Satellite Rodeo will be held at Old Tucson, May 8-9-10. I'll keep you informed. Check out their great posters advertising it and read about it in the OBSERVER.

With the Super Bowl this coming weekend, I'm going to get me some ear plugs to wear during the game. I'm sure every bar around Tucson will be having some kind of Super Bowl specials, so pick your favorite and arrive early for good seating.

DL still has their Valentine Basket raffle going on. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Check the flyers at your local

I guess that will be it for this week. I told you, it is just too early for me to try to write. I'm sure there are items I've missed for this time, one about a Gay bar up north, around the Laughlin area, but I cannot find my note, so until I do, that one will have to wait for another time. Have a safe and loving week and drive safely after the big game Sunday.

**Bit Of The Old South**

*by Sean Thomas*

1992 is another prime election year for individuals, political parties, candidates and a sundry of others to converge on the Gay community for support (promising hollow promises for the most part). As a citizen of America it is a privilege to vote, thus having a say in the process of our government.

American, Gay and ethnic heritages. They make up a good part of who I am. Stand up and be counted. We all do make a big difference to the disway of the Jesse Helmses of this world. Till next week, Sean.

There are people out there that take from us but produce nothing for us in return. Please investigate the issues and candidates before giving them your vote. If your expectations are low, then your return will be about the same. We pay these people their salaries, let's make sure that they produce by putting a little fire under them from time to time.

[After having written this column this week, I was informed that another friend had passed away. For God's sake, people, please protect yourselves. Let there be an end. I can't write anymore this week. Just: "You made a difference, Scottie. Now rest, my friend. I love you."

We should always be on guard when people come to us with their hands outstretched and a smile on their face. What is even sadder is that some of these carpet baggers are even Gay or Lesbian themselves. Dig deep into the facts before casting your ballots.

Just because an individual is of a particular sexual orientation, ethnic background, etc., does not always mean they will reflect your beliefs, wishes or concerns. Know the facts before you vote and try not to be swayed by emotional appeals, these are the cheapest and oldest tricks in the book. Unfortunately, they will work.

This is our opportunity to stop being the fags of the political arena and realize the power we possess and become a force to be reckoned with. There is shame in being a Gay American when you believe there to be. I am proud of my



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# Three Artists Collaborate On Theater Dance Work At ASU



PHOENIX - "Shard Psalm Triptych," a theater-dance work to be presented at Arizona State University Feb. 13 and 14 is executed in three parts and deals with a child's head-on collision with a reality which is simultaneously amazing and convulsive.

In section I, 'Suffering', the child-narrator is confronted by a manifestation

of God's cruelty. In Section II, 'Guilt,' a fight between brother altar boys leads to blasphemy. In the final section, 'Humiliation,' a psychopathic nun meets her match.

Pictured above are dancers Antony Balcena and Devorah Hanson. See story below. PHOTO: Lyle Beitman

PHOENIX- Antony Balcena, choreographer, has come together with two Los Angeles-based artists, Michael Griffin and Bill Rangel in a collaborative performance work, "Shard Psalm Triptych". Both artists are members of Powers of Desire, the Los Angeles-based artist's collective which focuses on the government's negligence on AIDS education and Safe(r) sex awareness.

"Shard Psalm Triptych" will be presented both Thursday and Friday, Feb. 13 and 14 at the Arizona State University Dance Laboratory, Nelson Fine Arts Center. Tickets are available at Gannage, Dillard's and the Fine Arts Box Office (602)965-6447.

During the summers of 1989 and 1990, Antony participated in the Los Angeles Dance Kaleidoscope. His controversial works "Dudes" and "Shell of Flesh/Silence To Say Good-bye", both suites about AIDS, have compelled him to blur the line between life and art. At the same time, he choreographed the parody productions of "West Hollywood Story" and "Fiddler on the West Hollywood Roof," two benefits for the AIDS Hospice Foundation. Last summer, Mr. Balcena choreographed "West

Hollywood Gypsy," the Charity Parody Foundation event benefitting PWAs and choreographed "AIDS-The Musical".

Balcena received his BFA from Juilliard in 1977 and his MA from UCLA in 1984. He has recently relocated to complete a terminal degree requirement at Arizona State University and will complete the 1991-92 academic year. Antony's departure from Southern California came even before his latest award at the first Neuvo L A Chicano Danceworks Festival last August.

Michael Griffin, currently completing the novel from which the spoken tests for the dance is extracted, has been hailed by Allen Ginsberg as a writer whose "concise, particularly pictorial, vernacular prose pumps iron".

Bill Rangel is a working painter who recently was commissioned by LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibition) to create an outdoor mural. This controversial piece, "Spiritual Sexual Surgery," created notable uproar within both the immediate community and the L.A.art community.

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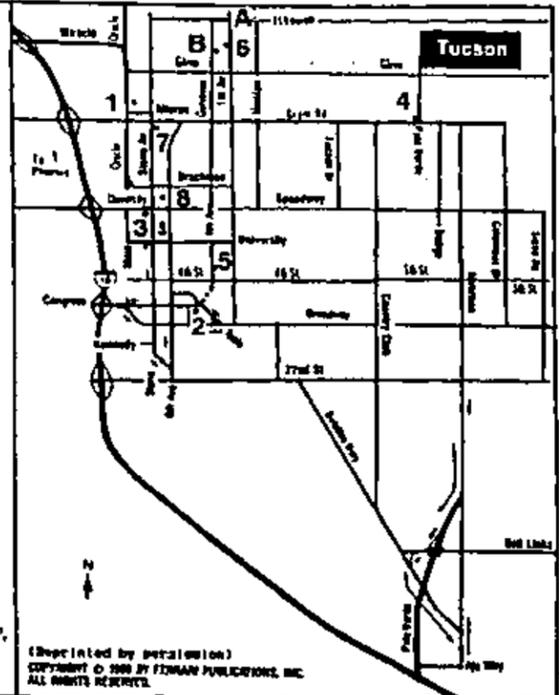


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# Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

## Sex Among the Bonobos

"Unnatural" is one of the words used to insult homosexuals and homosexuality. The dictionary definitions range from "violating natural law" to "deviating from a social norm" to "artificial" to "inhuman". Homophobes use the word to mean that Lesbians and Gay men are "outside of nature".

In males, the situation is a little different. Rubbing and mounting often followed hostile acts, such as threats, chases, or outright attacks, and seemed to help prevent further aggression. Thus, homosexual behavior in bonobo society serves as a greeting and to appease, reconcile, and reassure... Heterosexual copulation shares these social functions.

Even with this simplified definition, "unnatural" is an odd word to use about Gay people. Being Gay is inside our nature; it is our nature. But perhaps homophobes mean outside of what occurs in the woods, with animals and trees. That definition may be the oddest of all; clothing doesn't occur in the woods, nor does money, hospitals, or marriages. Also, don't many homophobes believe in creation theory? And isn't it an important facet of creation theory that humans are different from other animals, that we are somehow outside of nature in the first place?

In one ten-minute observation, Kano saw two males rubbing rumps; a third male threatening these males, then rubbing rumps with one of them twice; many females entering the clearing, screaming noisily; a new male joining the scene, with more rump rubbing; another new male entering the scene and having face-to-face het intercourse with one female, then doggie-style sex with another female; two females rubbing swollen genitals together, then rubbing genitals with other female partners; one pair of females alternately eating sugar cane and having sex together; etc. Kano commented that, "to all appearances, these behaviors evoke shared sexual excitement and great erotic pleasure". After the orgy, the bonobos settle down to serious eating, then rest or groom one another.

At this point, I can hear an angry fundamentalist saying, "Cut out the word games. Male animals don't have sex with male animals, and female animals don't have sex with female animals"

Wouldn't it be fun to be a bonobo?

But they do! Sometimes with great enthusiasm!

Maybe some people would consider the bonobos "outside of nature". After all, not only do bonobos have sex with whomever they want, but some female bonobos outrank some male bonobos, and males rarely attack females or children, sexually or otherwise. And homosexuality seems to be one of the reasons a female or young bonobo is safer than a female or young human.

We've heard about Lesbian lizards and sea gulls, and in some species, male animals seem willing to hump anything they can latch on to. But I've got a more exciting story -- one of animal open sexuality, with a definite orgy leaning.

If that's "outside of nature," then outside is the place to be.

My friend Dany-the-biologist recently sent me an article about bonobos from Natural History magazine. Across the top, she scrawled a very understated "Thought you might enjoy this". Enjoy! I was ready to trade in my humanity to become a bonobo.

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The bonobos, also known as pygmy chimps, are not actually pygmy forms of common chimpanzees. They are smaller and more slender, with longer legs. They are largely peaceful animals and mainly eat fruit, though they also eat sugar cane.

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The writer of the article, Takayoshi Kano, has been studying bonobos for years. Kano and co-workers leave sugar cane in a clearing to entice the bonobos out into the open where they can be easily seen and studied. The humans' main goal was to identify the bonobos' social interactions and relationships, so they sat in a small hut away from the animals, watching them eating and playing.

And, boy, did they get an eyeful!

When the bonobos come across a pile of food, they become excited and tense, resulting in a high potential for aggression. But they don't fight; they have sex! Lots and lots and lots of sex. Male and female, male and male, female and female -- and not in monogamous pairs, either. To quote from the article:

I would frequently see a female on arrival at a food place, rub genitals with every other female already there before beginning to feed. Such rubbing seems to be a greeting that allows her to amicably join the feeding group. It defuses tensions and enables females to feed peacefully at the same spot.

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# Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

Frank Gallego, AGRA

History was made this last weekend, Jan. 17, 18, 19. What a party! What a rodeo! The Roadrunner Regional Rodeo, sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and co-hosted by the Utah Gay Rodeo Association, had over 7,000 in attendance, making it not only the most successful, but one of the biggest.

This gives us, the Tucson Satellite Chapter, all the incentive to make our first rodeo, the Saguaro Regional Rodeo, May 8-9-10, to be held at the Old Tucson Rodeo Arena, just as successful. It takes well over 200 volunteers, composed of directors, judges, committee heads, security, bartenders, etc., to execute such an event.

Special thanks to all Tucson Chapter members who showed up to be a part of this gala. Especially to the following who helped with the Tucson information booth, the camera checking booth, the beer bar, security, arena, Polaroid picture-taking, script sales, cooler cup sales: Jim Baran, Randy Bilbro, Michael Butrykovicz, Bill Darnell, Frank Gallego, Mario Garcia, Ralph Geror, David Hensley, Bob Janseen, George Kaminski, John Klein, Gil Leon, Mike Mahynske, Lyle Marcks, Randy McLean, Clyde Kitter, Jeff Parker, Daniel Richards, Mark Rodriguez, Ron Shaw, Tom Turner. Thanks, guys.

Competitors representing Tucson among the rodeo events were: Kenny Davis, Ron Shaw, John Klein, Jeffrey Schoreder. The Tucson Chapter bought and sponsored the Men's Steer Riding event and Buckle. The Graduate bought and sponsored the Women's Steer Riding event and Buckle in memory of Ron Templeton. The entire 1992 Roadrunner Regional Rodeo was dedicated to Ron Templeton.

Membership continues to grow and now stands at 66 members. Among them are four champion members - Venture-N (Jim Dondson); The Graduate (Art Lewis); Rumor Club 2222 (Jerry Geller and Ken Sullivan); Hours (Betty Campbell and Lee Nordmark). Newest members are David Galfaro, Burke Jensen, David Lawhorn, Lyle Marcks, Bob Rue, Tom R. Welcome all.

Organizing, directing and running a rodeo takes time, energy, talent and lots of money. Right along, we have been

conducting fund raisers and we need all the help we can get. Presently, we are selling can holders made of teal blue foam rubber with the AGRA logo stamped on one side and the saguaro rodeo dates on the opposite side. We also have the "Coat Corral" coat check-in closet at Club 2520 Thursday through Sunday nights. The foam cooler cups may be purchased there.

The Annual AGRA elections banquet will take place this Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Holiday Inn Park Central in Phoenix, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tucson's next general membership meeting and elections will take place Sunday, Feb. 16 at Club 2520 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Anyone can attend and everyone is invited to join us.

To join, an application may be filled out. There is a one-time fee of \$20 that covers a name tag, membership card and an AGRA Logo pin and a monthly newsletter. A \$20 annual membership dues is also required. Thereafter, renewal of membership is only \$20 annually. For additional information call 798-3528; 327-3738; or write to: AGRA-Tucson, 7272 E. Broadway, Suite 412, Tucson, AZ 85710.

The Saguaro Regional Rodeo's official poster is out! Congratulations to Perry Woods, artist, who also won a \$100 cash prize for his winning entry. The poster was circulated at the Phoenix rodeo and made a hit with everyone.

Thanks to Jim Toevs, member, who has helped Tucson's chapter with support and hosting of AGRA Executive Board and Membership meetings at his Tucson Old Pueblo Bed And Breakfast Resort. To SOS (Sisters of Sonora) for giving us their decorations and for handing us their fund raising event, "The Roedown". Details on this event will follow shortly.

To Bob Ellis and Gary Clark for publishing our articles, announcements and for their terrific support for a group of the community's men and women who are using rodeo to raise money in the fight against AIDS and related areas.

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## News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cochran

The earliest Christians were Jewish, so it is not at all surprising that they drew very much on their Jewish background for their forms of worship. In Acts 2:46 we find, "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart". KJV In this scripture, we find the early Christians continued to worship in the Jewish temple, but added a special Christian meal.

But then the early Christians found that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, that temple sacrifices were no longer necessary. So the Christians tended to break away from temple worship, especially when the conflict began between the Jews and Christians. But for several decades the Jewish Christians continued to attend the synagogues.

Paul usually began his preaching in any town with a synagogue and then continued worshipping there until he was forced out. Two aspects of Jewish worship especially influenced Christian worship. The Passover ritual is reflected in the Lord's Supper (Communion or Eucharist). The worship service with its Bible reading, prayer and sermon formed a model for early Christian services. See Hebrews 7:23-27 and Acts

17:1-8 for further study.

This Saturday, Jan. 25, MCC/Tucson will have the annual Congregational Meeting. There will be a Pot-Luck luncheon starting at 12:00 noon. Immediately following the luncheon, the Business Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Reports from the various departments will be given to the congregation, the election of the three seats open on the Administrative Council will be held as well as the Lay Delegate seat, which is also open. The yearly budget will be approved by the congregation as well as other matters affecting membership of the church. All friends of MCC/Tucson are invited to attend this meeting. Everyone in attendance will have a voice, but only members of MCC/Tucson will have a vote.

The Administrative Council has announced that they have accepted, with reluctance and deep regret, the resignation of Rev. Henry Warner as our Extension Minister. The reasons for Rev. Warner's resignation, were not made public, but the congregation wishes Rev. Warner their best wishes in his new endeavors and will miss him with his previous commitments.

Thought for the Week: But by the grace of God, I am what I am. KJV I Corinthians 13:13

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Relationships!! BAH-HUMBUG!! Your "life" partner just left. After six years (or six months). Just when your life looked comfortable and stable and you thought you could relax. Now you are filled with questions, with doubts. "What did I do?" "What's wrong with me?" "How do I pay the rent, not to mention the car payment?" "What will I tell my friends?" "Will they dump me too?" "How could he/she betray me like this?" The mirror tells me that I'm still attractive. Maybe if I dyed my hair, or lost weight, or .....

Now you feel that you can never trust anyone ever again. This is the second (or fifth, or seventh) partner to break with you. Your friends all have the same problems. It seems no relationship can last very long. It's small wonder when even the hetero divorce rate is soaring over fifty percent! And they don't have to deal with the additional pressures often found in a Gay relationship. Is there any answer? Where do I look for it? How will I know it is the answer? How will I know I can really trust someone again?

Well, people stay together for many reasons; and break up for just as many reasons. For a relationship to last, "love" is often not enough. Feelings are not enough. One very important ingredient is "commitment". You see, love is a choice. You have to wilfully make a decision that you are going to love this person, no matter what; unconditionally. No strings. No "if you's". You have to be able to stick it out ... even when your feelings tell you "no". You see, our feelings are always temporary. If seen on a computer screen, they would look like a six-month daily stock market graph. But it is the "commitment" underneath that makes it work. And both parties have to know this, and be committed to each other and to the relationship in the same manner. Wilfully, deliberately choosing to be with the

other; to know the other will also be there. Even when you disappoint them - let them down -- you are secure in the knowledge that your love will be there to forgive you; pick you up when you fall.

People being what they are, these ideal circumstances don't always happen. We expect too much, or maybe not enough. But even with the pain we often live with, we keep searching, searching. What is the answer? It's so simple that we stumble over it without recognizing it.

Any relationship that includes Jesus Christ as the Principal Partner -- the One Who ALWAYS forgives; who guides infallibly and encourages, will stand the best chance of lasting through all the hills and troughs of life's struggles. Through Him, and both partners "looking to the hills from whence comes our help", will you find that additional strength; encouragement; the will to overcome. The Presence of God in a relationship intensifies and deepens the ardor, the passion, the love of each for the other.

If you start with taking Jesus into your life, learning how He loves you with that totally committed, unconditional love that never fails, that only comes perfectly from Him, then let Him show you the one person to whom you can commit likewise. You will have found the answer.

Yes, you can love again; trust again. If you will realize that love begins with Jesus, you can find it not only "til death do us part", but you will have found the love that never dies, that gives life, and gives it more abundantly. You ask, how do I know? How can I be so positive? One day, someone told me about Him. I tried it, and it works! Why don't you try it -- I promise it will work for you, too. Jesus is the ONE who will love you perfectly and NEVER dump you or leave you.

# Jamie Anderson Concert Preview



JAMIE ANDERSON

by Anne C. Schmitt

TUCSON - I sat down to write this preview of the upcoming Jamie Anderson concert with her friends Sue Fink, Laura Berkson, Mimi Baczewska and Leah Zicari. I was listening to KICI as I am working, I hear not only Jamie's music being played this evening but also the music of Leah Zicari whose sharp witted songs and amazing musicianship are really enjoyable. (Looking at her resume, I see that she received a Master's Degree in classical guitar).

On Saturday, Feb. 1, Jamie Anderson will once again be in concert here in Tucson. Jamie's career as a songwriter, singer and musician continues to escalate. Hot Wire magazine named Jamie as the Best New Performer of 1991 and her album "Closer To Home" received acclaim as one of the top current albums in Women's Music. We should all show up to let her know how proud we are of her!

The concert will be extra special for several reasons. Jamie is currently producing a new album, "Center of Bal-

ance", which these talented musicians are here to help with. All of these performers are top-flight musicians and the chance to hear them in this setting is really exciting.

Sue Fink wrote one of my all time favorite songs, "Leaping Lesbians", and has worked with Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Eddie Rabbit and many others. Leah Zicari has toured with Romanovsky and Phillips, Mimi Baczewska is an Ozark-based songwriter, Laura Berkson's beautiful folk songs are recorded by the likes of Charlie King and Cathy Winter. What more can we ask for! Oh yeah, and our own Jamie Anderson doing her wonderful tunes! (Maybe even some from her new album).

Sue Fink, Laura Berkson, Mimi Baczewska and Leah Zicari will feature their own music along with Jamie in both the Tucson concert and one the evening before in Phoenix. Both concerts will be interpreted for the hearing impaired by Dian Parks.

The Tucson concert on Saturday, Feb. 1, will be held at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street and begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00 the day of the concert and at the door; \$7.00 in advance and \$6.00 for KICI members. Tickets for the Tucson concert are available at Antigone's, Bentley's on Speedway and Bear's Music.

The Phoenix concert, Friday, Jan. 31, will be held at the Unitarian Church, 4027 E. Lincoln. Tickets are available at Humanspace Books, Changing Hands and Alternatives.

For more information on these concerts call 622-5292 (Tucson) or 438-1157 (Phoenix). The concerts are presented by CB Productions, Heartsong Productions and Tsunami Records.

## Reported AIDS Cases Rose To 447,681 Worldwide By End Of Year

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - A total of 132,071 new cases of AIDS were reported by the world's governments last year, bringing the official total to 446,681 since the disease was first reported, the World Health Organization says.

In it's quarterly update, Who said it was notified of 28,278 new patients between October and December, including 11,242 cases recorded by the United States in a report dated the end of November.

The United States has recorded 202,843 cases since records were started in 1981, nearly half the world total.

Because of under-diagnosis and delays in reporting, the true worldwide total of people afflicted by Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is estimated at close to 1.5 million. This includes 500,000 children.

WHO estimates that some 10 million people have been infected with Human immunodeficiency Virus HIV, from which AIDS develops, and that this will rise to as much as 40 million by century's end.

The Geneva-based health agency estimates that 5,000 people are newly infected with HIV every day. The statistics in WHO's quarterly reports do not include HIV infections.

The number of registered patients in Tanzania jumped from 21,208 to 27,396. The impoverished southern African nation now has the highest levels of the disease in the world.

WHO said Brazil registered 21,023 cases, 1,662 up from its previous report. In Europe, France has the highest toll with 16,552 reported cases. Italy follows with 10,584.

There are no registered AIDS patients in 21 of the 163 nations reporting to the U.N. Health agency. These include Afghanistan, Iraq, Albania, Mongolia, Burma and Cambodia.

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**GRADUATE** - The crowd here will watch the Super Bowl on their two TVs while enjoying complimentary Chili Dogs and Nachos. There will be a Beer Bust beginning at 2:00 p.m. and lasting until one hour after the game ends. Go team!

**BOOKS** - Super Bowl on the Giant Screen TV with specials during the game.

**IBT's** - Not to be outdone, Super Bowl here will be accompanied by drink specials and surprises too!

**JOSHUA TREE** - Super Bowl Sunday here on their TV sets plus lots of drink specials and munchies and much, much more.

**VENTURE-N** - Cuervo Gold for a buck and a half here during the Super Bowl game on their big screen TV. Ole!

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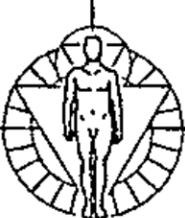
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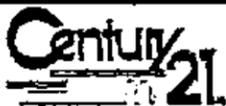
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WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
JANUARY 22-23-24-25

One In Ten Repertory Theatre Company performs "Remember My Name", a play based on the NAME Project AIDS Memorial Quilt by David Leases at the Temple Of Music and Art in downtown Tucson. Tickets are available at Antigone Bookstore, 600 N. 4th Ave., or call for reservations 291-7111. Show is at 8:00 p.m. all four nights..

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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Cronies (men 40+) Video Party. Call Merle at 841-7264.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Dofa Committee for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Faculty and Staff will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 283. Professor Bruce Fowler facilitates this brown bag luncheon meeting, and it is open to Dofa staff and faculty who are concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Cronies' Monthly Meeting, MCC Church, 7:00 p.m. Call Merle for more details at 841-7264.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Shanti Tucson will host a softball game at Hinsel Park beginning at noon. Please come and bring your own team or join a team at the park for a day of fun.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Club 2520 to begin discussing Pride Week 1992 and other matters of concern to the community.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

A new Grief Group will be starting at 7:00 p.m. Call the Shanti office for more information, 622-7107.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's monthly general meeting. The meeting this month will be held at Club 2520, 2520 N. Oracle at 4:00 p.m. 1992 officers will be elected at this meeting. Anyone interested in joining AGRA is urged to attend. For more information write: AGRA/Tucson, 7272 East Broadway #112, Tucson, AZ 85710.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will hold it's regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road. Tucson Police Chief, Peter Romstadt will be guest speaker talking on issues that affect you! Find out what's being done to curb gay bashing. Who's monitoring public park patrols? Are homosexual officers being recruited? How can TPB build bridges with Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community? Don't miss this meeting! Free to OP members and newcomers.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

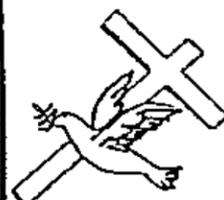
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## Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Book. Beer Pitches \$2.50 noon to 7 p.m. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Sunday Pitches Specials. David cooks Steak Dinners 4-7 pm \$4.00.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. Brunch served noon to 3 p.m. The Dance 1 to 4. Western Steak Fry 5 to 7. Video/Dance Bar and Country/Westerns Dance bar open 8 pm to 1 a.m.

**GRADUATE** - All Wall \$1.50 till 11 pm and \$2.00 8 pm to close.

**BOOKS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Westerns Dance Instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Basic 8 to 1 with Luke as your DJ.

**IBT's** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Trunk Disco Night. Not music from the 70s & 80s.

**KEMELI** - Open at noon. \$1.50 well and Domestic Beer until 4:02 p.m. W/DJ Jeff 7 p.m.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Monday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Blackboard Specials noon to 7 p.m. Jerry D's.

**CLUB 2520** - 70's Disco with Super Star Fever. \$1. 9 pm to 1 a.m.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie Night. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

**BOOKS** - Open Book. Happy Hour 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 a.m.

**KEMELI** - Open noon. From 3:22 pm until 4:02 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 4:02 to closing, \$1.50 Well. W/DJ Ray 9 pm. Dry 9 p.m.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Tuesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Daily Special noon to 7 pm. Irish Draft and Dross .50 draft 8 pm till close. Jerry D's.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Westerns dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.

**GRADUATE** - Draft Beer Bust. Small Pitches \$1.50, Large Pitches \$3.00 till close.

**BOOKS** - Happy Hour 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps .75 7 to close.

**IBT's** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Elite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.

**KEMELI** - Open noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 p.m. to closing. W/DJ Mark 9 pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Wednesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Book. Drink specials till 7 pm. "Trash" - Male and female strippers at 10:30 pm.

**CLUB 2520** - Rock 'n' Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50 cents off on everything from 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

**GRADUATE** - Domestic Longshots \$1.25 to 8 pm - \$1.50 till closing.

**BOOKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.

**IBT's** - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 4-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

**KEMELI** - Open noon. From 3:22 pm until 4:02 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 4:02 to closing, .75 Schnapps. W/DJ Mark at 9 pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Thursday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Book. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Pitches Draft Beer \$2.00 and Schnapps .75 from 8 p.m. to closing.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. "Men's Night" (Men Only) .50 draft beer 8 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Western dancing & video dancing begins at 8 pm.

**GRADUATE** - Call \$2.00, Top Shelf \$2.50 all day and night.

**BOOKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Meltdown or Curves \$1.25 8 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Westerns dancing 9 to 1 with Luke as your DJ.

**IBT's** - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Loos. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Red and Red Lite \$1.50 from 1-1.

**KEMELI** - Open Book. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 pm to 4:02 pm. 50 cent Draft from 4:02 pm to close. Dancing with W/DJ Mark 9-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Friday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Book. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Progressive Friday - \$1.25 Domestic Beer aight at 9 p.m. then increases .25 each hour until \$2 at midnight. Bobby Jr. DJ.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. Pyramed 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Country/Westerns dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 p.m.

**GRADUATE** - All Well \$1.50 and Domestic Beer \$1.25 until 8 p.m. All Well \$2 and Domestic Beer \$1.50 from 8 p.m. to close.

**BOOKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 a.m. with Luke as your DJ.

**IBT's** - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Ray.

**KEMELI** - Open Book. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:22 until 4:02. Nora D'Courtney. W/DJ Mark 9-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Book. \$5.00 pitchers of Margaritas or Low Island Iced Tea. Bobby Jr. and Dave play hot dance music. JT's opens at 9 p.m.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 50 cent Schnapps 8 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Westerns dancing and Video dancing begins at 8 pm.

**GRADUATE** - Dark Well \$1.50 till 8 pm, \$2.00 to closing.

**BOOKS** - Open Book. 7 pm to 1 a.m. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Westerns dance music with Luke as your DJ.

**IBT's** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. Not music 8 to close with Luke Firkie.

**KEMELI** - Open Book. \$1.50 Corona 4:02 pm to close. Dance with Jeff W/DJ 9-1.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday



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## PERSPECTIVE

by Carl R. Owens, Atlanta, GA

Early last year Cracker Barrel restaurant chain issued a memo stating the company would not employ people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values". It is reported the company has fired at least 17 people on the basis of their sexual orientation since that memo.

To Queer Nation's credit, they have been in the vanguard of trying to right this injustice and insult to our community. They have organized and led "actions" at Cracker Barrel restaurants, formed picket lines, experienced arrest, taunts and threats of physical violence. Through Queer Nation's efforts, other organizations, including religious bodies and trade unions have expressed support.

It is time for individual Lesbians and Gays across the United States to help in this action to stop employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. It is time for each of us to purchase a (one) share of Cracker Barrel Inc. stock. It is the goal of this writer to have thousands, hundreds of thousands of single share owners of Cracker Barrel stock. This will create some serious problems for the company. It is required to have certain mailings and at present they have a three-cent-a-year dividend, paid quarterly.

This action, on a nationwide basis, will have an impact on the business and political leadership of our country. It is a strong message that Gays and Lesbians are not going to tolerate continued discrimination based on sexual/affectual orientation.

The "Buy One" campaign can be a

## Cincinnati Activists Want County Commissioners to Supervise Jail

CINCINNATI, OH - Gay activists hoping to find an ally on the Hamilton County Commission have been told they must tell the sheriff of their allegations that homosexual inmates are being mistreated.

"That's his jail to run," Commissioner John Dowlin said. He said the FBI investigated an alleged beating incident involving an AIDS patient, although its report has not been released.

But Carol Lippmann, project director for ACT UP/Cincinnati, a chapter of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, said Sheriff Simon Leis Jr. has not responded to the group's complaints. It doesn't seem right that one person should have complete control over the Justice Center," she said. "Historically speaking, he hasn't had such a good record."

Ms. Lippmann urged commissioners to take over supervision of the jail. "We are monitoring what happens at the Hamilton County Justice Center and are working with attorneys in monitoring what is happening," she said.

The National Organization for Women, the American Civil Liberties Union, Justice Watch and the Gay/Lesbian March Activists have joined ACT UP in alleging that homosexuals and women are verbally and sometimes physically abused by county corrections officers, Ms. Lippmann said.

She told commissioners that HIV positive prisoners are sometimes denied adequate medical care, even though they are susceptible to diseases such as

remarkable empowerment of our community. It can be a vivid example of our presence and power. (It should be noted the "Buy One" campaign can have the effect of raising the cost of a share of stock, but this will be offset by the popular perception of the company being bought up by Lesbians and Gays).

Every Gay and Lesbian person needs to contact their stockbroker at the earliest moment and buy one share of Cracker Barrel Restaurants, Inc. and ask to have the stock certificate sent to them. With some brokerage firms, there may be some resistance on the part of stockbrokers because of the paperwork. Also, the charge for processing the paperwork may vary. For instance, this writer's broker, with a nationwide firm, tells me of a flat charge of 10% of the cost of the share on the day of transaction is made. Other companies may charge more.

If a person has an account it is as easy as a phone call, or if one has a friend who has an account, they can purchase a share for you and have it ordered out in your name. To have a share ordered out, the broker needs a name, address and Social Security number. To open an account requires a few additional questions such as occupation and bank, etc.

When our campaign succeeds, we can donate our individual shares to the endowment of a watchdog organization such as Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

I hope you, who are reading this, will join in this extension of the Cracker Barrel action. The potential for effecting change in this way is enormous.

tuberculosis.

"I personally agree, and I'm sure the Commission agrees, that every person regardless of race, sexual orientation or gender has the right to fair and equal treatment in the Justice Center," Commission President Steven Chabot said.

"The sheriff is in charge of the jail, statutorily. Although we fund the jail, we have very little control over it. We can forward your concerns to the sheriff.

The Rev. Maurice McCracken, a human rights activist, said the Commission could not wash its hands of the matter. "If the rights of prisoners are violated, the county commissioners are responsible," he said.

Fear over transmission of the AIDS virus became an issue when AIDS patient Steven O'Banion accused city police and county corrections officers of beating him after arresting him in September.

O'Banion, 40, of Cincinnati, was charged with attempted murder for allegedly spitting blood and saliva at officers. The attempted murder charge was dropped, but O'Banion was convicted of assault. He is to be sentenced Feb. 12.

"We stand on the conviction of the court of Mr. O'Banion and will have no other comment to make until the FBI report is released," Leis said. "Our officers acted properly and within the guidelines of self-defense."

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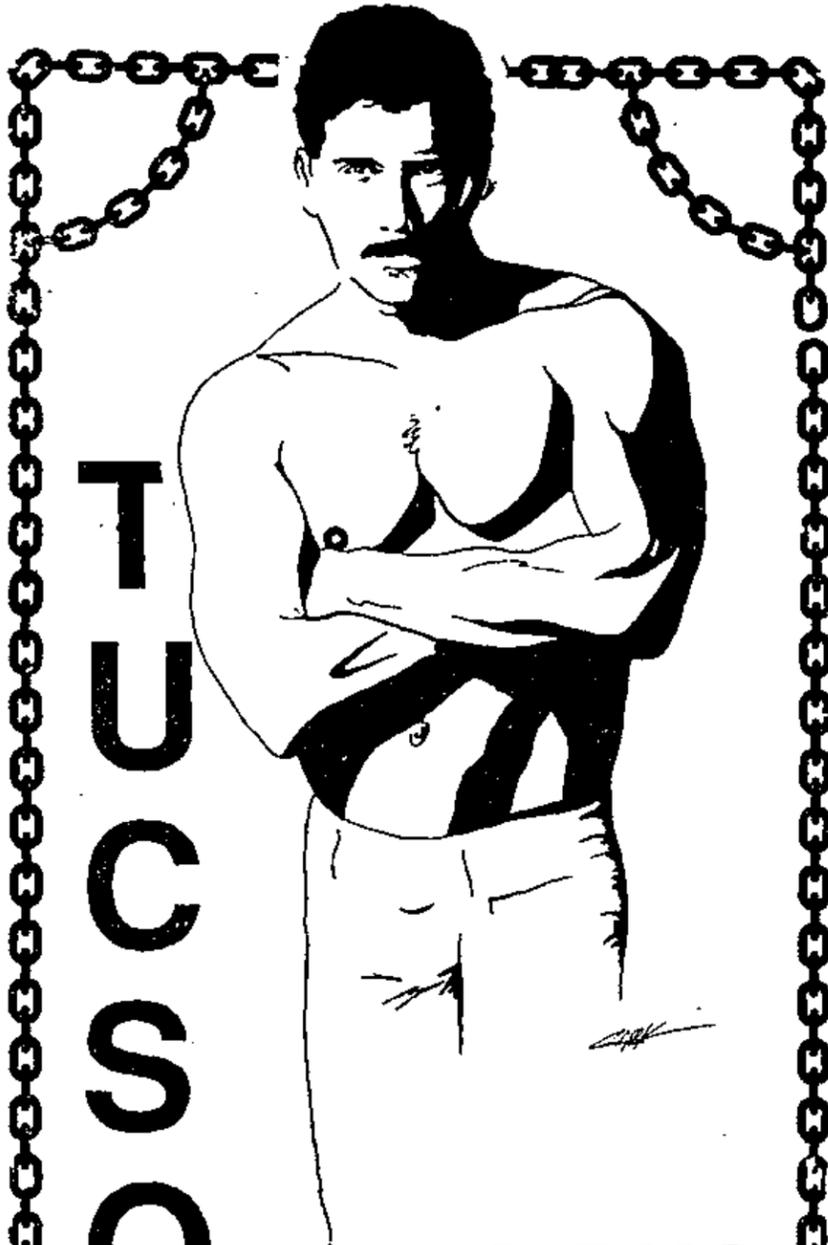
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**ARIES**  
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**TAURUS**  
 This little piggy went to market, or was that Las Vegas? "I want three orders of hot cakes, a dozen eggs, and some meat!" (And that was the in-between meal!) I won't mention names, but! Go on a diet Mr. Monkey Wards! Try to be more understanding of a loved one's needs.

**GEMINI**  
 Live up to your high ideas, instead of looking for Mr. Goodbar. Spend an evening with Bruce and Richard - cocktails, a gourmet dinner and a fling in a sling. Speaking of high ideals, the Club Congress is looking for "Boy Toys" again. The "Buffet" didn't hire you - too much competition? That's because Paul's working there now.

**CANCER**  
 A stranger with a secret could enter your life. He's very strange and it's a big secret. I'm not one to gossip, but, maybe I'll tell all next week. A Jeffrey Dahmer look-a-like wants to take you out to dinner! Yeah, it's going to be one of those weeks.

**LEO**  
 Trust your instincts when it comes to your personal appearance - (give us a minute to stop laughing). Ain't love grand? Some famous "long-term" loves in town have the secret for wedded bliss - just ask Bert and Ernie, or Myron and Jerry, or Mr. B. and Alan, or Tom and his toys. . . .

**VIRGO**  
 Quit licking your lips, it causes chapping. I told you to grease your lips before locking them onto the glory hole. A long-awaited promotion is just around the corner. You won't need to worry about "eggs on top, cans on the bottom" at 7-11. You'll be top dog at Circle-K.

**LIBRA**  
 Out of food stamps - already? Too many trips to the convenience store for bubble gum again - that change adds up. Don't worry, the check is in the mail. A developing relationship continues to intensify. Give your mate some breathing room though.

**SCORPIO**  
 Creative juices stir - it's been awhile, but you can do it. Just remember, it's better than a hand job. A "secret deal" takes shape with you as the prominent figure. All becomes crystal clear by week's end. An Aries and a Libra are involved. Play your birthday numbers on the Lotto Saturday night.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 You're a veritable cesspool of talent this week. Your lonely days and bleak nights of sitting at home listening to Patsy Cline are over. The stud from Long Beach comes for a visit and brings a friend. Maybe two arms are better than one.

**CAPRICORN**  
 "Highway 101" or is that "69"? You'll add to wardrobe this week - a cowboy hat and boots, especially the boots - yeah! People that work at 7-11 don't usually need a fake name and a security clearance - only in Las Vegas - just ask Rick. Gamble on Sunday!

**AQUARIUS**  
 Check credentials, especially your ex-minister buddy. Are you sure he's not just trying to convert you? Convert to what is more like it. What had been an obstacle is transformed into stepping stone. A Scorpio is involved. Invitation to "Dine Out" proves to be valuable contact.

**PISCES**  
 Member of opposite sex says, "you make me feel alive!" Relax, it's only your parole officer. A close relative plans a surprise visit. Better hide the magazines and flicks. You give a helping hand to a homeless person - you'll be saying, "I'm sure I got my money's worth".

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**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 441-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 126-AIDS.** Hours 9-5, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**MICROFILM** - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1773 Tucson.

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## Turning the Tables

I was out at my (current) favorite dance club the other night, standing by one of the bars, talking with a friend who works there. One of the waiters came up to the bar, whispered something about "a straight couple" to my friend. My friend craned his neck, said loudly "A straight couple?" All the other bartenders came toward my friend, looking in the same direction as was he.

I was taken aback as this was all happening so fast, so I turned to look as well (a good journalist is always looking for a story...). When the excitement died down, I asked my friend what all the commotion was about (thinking I had obviously missed something). Casually, he said, "We don't get many of them here."

As one would expect, the "straight couple" didn't stay very long; they may have left the club or just relocated to a less conspicuous spot. And who could blame them? I might be uncomfortable were I made the object of public scorn and ridicule.

Then I understood what I had missed: the waiter and my friend were doing to others as others had done to them: making a big deal out of the sexuality of the "straight" couple.

While it's easy to see the pleasure that can come from making one suffer as you have suffered, I cannot now -- nor have I ever been able to -- understand the point of reducing one's self to the level of another -- especially when that other person is obviously so ill-informed. Just because someone taunts a person for being Black, or disabled, is

it then okay to return the taunt? Perhaps so; but, what is the point?

I have even found myself, when with Gay or Lesbian friends, making some comment about a pair of "straights" kissing in public or holding hands. Nothing aimed AT them, but something like "I'm as open minded as the next person, but do they have to kiss in public?" mimicking similar comments from supposedly open-minded people about Gays and Lesbians.

Is this example -- giving them a taste of their own medicine -- just as bad as staring openly, mocking them? As usual, I can come up with a great question but no hope for a satisfactory answer. Perhaps my friend and his co-workers have the right idea: make non-homosexuals suffer embarrassment and ridicule as Gays and Lesbians have for so many years.

I still believe that we lower ourselves when we resort to their tactics. Instead, we should rise to a higher level, demonstrate our care, our compassion to those for whom such values have been in such short supply. If we had welcomed the non-homosexual couple instead of mocking them, made them feel at home instead of feeling embarrassed, we would have scored more points as human beings.

Isn't that more important than revenge?

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

## POLITICS '92

*by Mark Kerr*

### NATIONAL NEWS

C.B.S. released their latest poll in the 1992 Presidential contest and it showed a gain for Bill Clinton, Governor of Arkansas, and a loss for President Bush. Here are the results of the C.B.S. poll:

DEMOCRAT	
GOV. BILL CLINTON	29%
SEN. PAUL TSONGAS	17%
SEN. BOB KERREY	16%
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UNDECIDED	28%

The poll asked the following question: "If the election were held today, would you vote for a Democrat or President George Bush?"

UNNAMED DEMOCRAT	43%
PRES. GEORGE BUSH	38%

### ARIZONA NEWS

The Arizona Democratic Party held their State Convention in Phoenix this past weekend and the focus of the meeting was the State Platform. Led by members of the Lambda Democratic Caucus, the platform still contains the Gay and Lesbian planks which were adopted in 1990. There were attempts by rural county members of the State Committee to get rid of the planks, they were soundly defeated. Only 1/3rd of the platform was completed and the rest will be finished at the State Convention meeting in May.

State Representative Mike Palmer, (D-Bisbee), has announced that he will be running for the Cochise County Board of Supervisors, the Democratic nomination

for Dist. 2. He stated the pay of a legislator, the inability to get things done in the State House and the Alscan scandal as the reasons why he is not running for the state legislature.

### PIMA COUNTY NEWS

Betty Liggins made her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the State House of Representatives official this last Monday at a speech given to the Democrats of Greater Tucson. Her campaign will stress three issues, health-care, education and spending.

It looks like our own Colette Barajas will be jumping into the political arena this year with a run for office. Details soon.

Until next time, politics as usual.

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