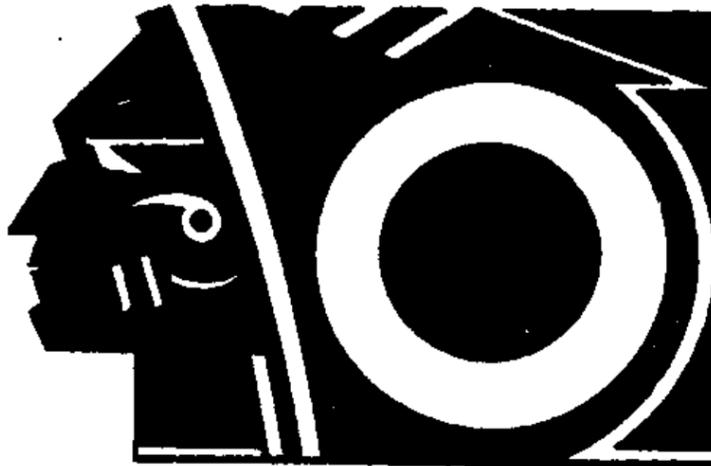


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

We are celebrating this issue of the Observer as our 9th Anniversary Issue. Actually we should have celebrated it with issue 468, a little over ten issues ago. Nine years isn't something really earth-shaking anyway. But then something happened.

We were finally forced to begin throwing some of the materials away from our older files and morgue. It has always been hard for me to throw anything away since you never know just when you might need those particular items again. Things began to pile up and it was taking longer and longer to put things away in order so that you could find them again.

Anyway, in this issue you may find some strange items that we were throwing away and we thought you might like to share this last look at them. On page eight, you will find a couple of pages of the first editions of the Tucson Gay News (TGN). It began operation on September 29, 1976 as a direct result of the murder of a visiting Gay man to Tucson who was brutally Gay-Bashed outside of a local Gay bar by four teenagers.

The Local Gay community banded together for the first time and expressed their outrage and our community was founded. It needed a voice and the TGN offered that. It was a partnership and operated on a weekly basis until February 4, 1977, when demand caused it to become a statewide newspaper, Arizona Gay News (AGN). These two papers were a George Rederus/Bob Ellis enterprise and the AGN continued until March 1983.

A new partnership was formed to include a stronger Phoenix representation and "The New Paper" was on the scene for nearly four months when the name was changed to the Attitude and carrying a much bolder graphic style, more entertainment but less and less news.

The Observer was born on June 26, 1984, pulling the paper back to Tucson and operating it as a news center primarily for the local Gay and Lesbian community. The communicator to the community has helped bond us together as few other communities are. There is no doubt about that.

Anyway, the reason behind this little treatise: the nostalgia took over and we will be celebrating 17 years of publishing a weekly newspaper here in Tucson come the end of this month. I just got a little older!

On another matter; in throwing out a lot of our old PMTs (photos that have been screened for printing purposes),

Gary remarked about the number of people in our community who have passed on and he began setting them aside. The photo layout on page eleven is the result. It is not by any means complete but will undoubtedly bring back some memories to many of our readers.

The short story on that page is the first news item that we published on the strange "Gay Cancer" that was discovered in New York and San Francisco in 1981. It should be noted that not all of those pictured here have died as a result of AIDS, but the large majority have.

We hope you enjoy this issue. It is a trip down memory lane for me. Thank you for your encouragement and love. Gary and I both appreciate it and need it badly from time to time. As you read this, we are vacation and will return in time for the next issue - #480 well on our way to the 10th anniversary edition coming up soon.

AIDS Ravages All Ranks Of U.S. Dance Community

NEW YORK (AP) - Many ballet fans who mourned the death of Rudolf Nureyev probably never heard of Clark Tippet.

Some say the 37 years old choreographer with the American Ballet Theater was approaching greatness when he met a familiar fate. He died of AIDS.

"It was a loss that's impossible to measure because you don't know what works he might have produced," said ABT executive director Gary Dunning. "That's part of the tragedy here."

While Nureyev's life was a soaring celebration of artistic innovation and bravado, his death this month at age 54 was a grim reminder that AIDS has been robbing the dance world of its talent, and morale.

"It has been very devastating," said Andre Tyson, 32, a principal dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater who has watched two peers die in recent years.

The specter of AIDS "is something that's with us constantly," he said. "We don't obsess about it, we accept it as an unfortunate reality."

Nureyev's story demonstrated another reality: the continued reluctance of AIDS victims to go public.

In Paris, where Nureyev was
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Anti-AIDS Law Faces Constitutional Challenge In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A Louisiana case has drawn what appears to be the first constitutional challenge to a law that forbids passing or intentionally exposing others to the AIDS virus.

Twenty five states have such laws (Arizona is not one of them), but prosecutors rarely applied them until recently.

Salvadore Gamberella is on trial this week for allegedly breaking Louisiana's 5 year old law against exposing anyone to AIDS.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a motion in the District Court in Houma seeking to get the charges thrown out on the grounds the law is too vague and violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

Gamberella, 28, of Houma is the first person charged under Louisiana's law, said attorney Denise LeBoeuf, who represents the ACLU in the case.

Gamberella is accused of exposing a former girlfriend and their child to AIDS by having sex with the woman without telling her he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS. He says he told her before they ever had sex.

The baby has tested negative for HIV; the woman's HIV status was expected to be brought out during the trial.

If convicted, Gamberella faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

State District Judge Baron Bourg agreed to hear the ACLU challenge after the trial, which is allowed by state law. The trial began Monday with jury selection and was expected to last about two days.

About 300 people around the country have faced charges that they purposely tried to infect someone with HIV, said Harvard Professor Lawrence Gostin. Most of those cases were prosecuted under laws that don't mention AIDS, said Gostin, who heads the U.S. Public Health Service AIDS Litigation Project, which tracks such cases. Most faced charges such as attempted murder or assault with a deadly weapon, he said.

Less commonly used are laws first passed in 1986 in which transmitting or exposing someone to AIDS infection without their knowledge was made a criminal offense.

"There have been very few cases where the laws have actually been used," Gostin said.

Fewer than a dozen people around the country face charges similar to those

against Gamberella, Gostin said, but all were filed in the past two years.

"Until now, prosecutors were either unaware of the laws, or wanting to go for the strongest possible convictions for something like murder," he said.

Gostin said he believes the Louisiana case is the first challenge to such anti-AIDS laws.

Rusty Labour, a spokesman for State Attorney General Richard Iyoub, said the agency would not comment on the law or the case while it's in the courts.

Gostin said AIDS specific laws such as Louisiana's can backfire. "They say to people with HIV infection: 'It's better for you not to know than to know. Because if you never get tested and never know, you're not liable under these laws.'"

"That's the very opposite of the message that we're trying to get across," he said.

The Louisiana law states:

"No person shall intentionally expose another to any acquired immunity deficiency syndrome virus through sexual contact without the knowing and lawful consent of the victim."

That doesn't make clear what the infected person must tell a potential sex partner and what behavior is illegal, said LeBoeuf, the attorney for the ACLU.

An HIV-infected person could be accused of a crime simply by "bringing a sex partner into contact with saliva, tears and urine, since they can expose a person to the virus, though this type of exposure cannot infect the person," LeBoeuf said.

Activists Fear Genetic 'Cure'

WASHINGTON (AP) - If science proves that homosexuality is inherited, like red hair or blue eyes, members of the Gay community say they're worried that the next step will be to search for a 'cure' for what they believe is a natural condition.

Science took another step toward that proof in a study that suggest the male homosexual tendency can be inherited through the X chromosome. The finding adds to a growing body of evidence that sexual orientation can be strongly influenced by DNA alone.

Such genetic studies edge closer to answer basic "nature vs. nature" questions, and raise provocations questions about civil rights, privacy, tolerance for homosexuals and, some say, the potential

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Southwestern Mr/Ms Leather

PHOENIX - Tuff Stuff Inc., an Arizona corporation and the Southwestern Mr/Ms Leather Committee has announced that the contest will take place in Phoenix Jan. 14-15-16, 1994.

The ground-breaking contest is the cornerstone of an all-new, major regional leather event called "Southwestern Mr. Leather 1994". The contest is open to both men and women of leather. In the course of this single contest, the selection of a "Southwestern Mr. Leather 1994" and a "Southwestern Ms. Leather 1994" will take place.

Contestants may earn up to 400 of the 1,500 points through their local community service effort manner of sponsorship and their efforts on behalf of the Southwestern Mr/Ms Travel Fund prior to the contest.

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For information on how to become a contestant, contestant sponsor, prize provider, advertiser in the official contest program, a merchant at the "Southwestern Lifestyle Fair" or how to receive spectator information, write: The Southwestern Mr/Ms Leather Committee, P.O. Box 45063, Phoenix, AZ 85064.

Vermont Supreme Court Upholds Hate Crimes Law

BURLINGTON, VL - In a long awaited ruling, the Vermont Supreme Court rejected a constitutional challenge to Vermont's hate crimes law brought by a man convicted of assaulting a Gay man near a Burlington, Vermont Gay bar in 1990.

The Court's ruling held that Vermont's law, which enhances penalties for people convicted of committing crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, Veteran status, handicap, or sexual orientation, does not violate a defendant's First Amendment right to free expression.

The Court followed the United

States Supreme Court's recent decision in *Wisconsin v. Mitchell* upholding Wisconsin's penalty enhancement statute against similar constitutional challenges. Like the U.S. Supreme Court in *Mitchell*, the Vermont held that the law, passed by Vermont's legislature to "protect the right of every person to enjoy the public peace", did not unconstitutionally chill a defendant's ability to express bigoted thoughts. Rather, the Vermont Court recognized that the penalty enhancement statute aimed to prohibit conduct not protected by the First Amendment.

In addition, the Court rejected the defendant's argument that the statute privileged some people over others by noting that the statute protects all victims targeted for hate motivate crimes regardless of whether they are minority or majority members of a protected class.

The Vermont law is one of forty-six similar penalty enhanced statutes that have been adopted by states around the country.

Defend Books For Gay Teens

LAKEVILLE, Conn., - High school librarians are in a unique position to help Lesbian and Gay teenagers. That was the message delivered by publisher Sasha Alyson in a keynote speech to the New England Association of Independent School Librarians.

"Many of us who are Gay can tell you that our first step in coming out involved a trip to the library's card catalog," he told them. "Reading a book is safer for a Gay teenager than talking to a person, because there's no risk of rejection. Today, there are dozens of good books for Gay teenagers, and if you aren't making them available, you are failing to serve many of your students."

Just five years ago, Alyson noted, it would have been impossible for most high school libraries to carry such books. "But simply that you have welcomed me as your keynote speaker shows that times are changing," he said. "It's now well recognized that there are Lesbian and Gay teenagers in every high school. The religious right has tried to keep our children's books out of public libraries, but they're losing that battle. They'll try just as hard to keep books for Gay and Lesbian teenagers out of high school libraries. It's our job, yours and mine, to ensure that they lose this battle, as well."

If the editor is taking a week off - so am I. It is not often a chance like this comes along and you can bet, I'm going to enjoy it.

And, if something was or was not supposed to have appeared in this column, for this week, tuff! Besides, anything I write about, most people already know so why should I repeat it.

We have all read those TBBS's I've printed, off and on over these past 477 issues, so why fill space up today, just to guarantee yet another column of BS?

So with that - I exit this week with the following:

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Dallas To Host G&L Sport Festival

DALLAS - Team Dallas will host the 4 day Team Dallas Sports & Cultural Festival, scheduled for October 1993, and expected to bring thousands of athletes and spectators to "the Big D."

According to Team Dallas officials, the festival will be held Columbus Day weekend, October 8-11, 1993, and feature at least ten sports competitions. The festival will also include cultural events with performances ranging from a joint concert featuring Encore, an ensemble from the nationally renowned Turtle Creek Chorale; and the Standing Room Only jazz ensemble from the Women's Chorus of Dallas, to various theatre events.

"We are planning it as a warm up event for the Gay Games in 1994, bringing in people from all over the world," Team Dallas President Tom Faucetti said, "and we hope the festival will become as successful as the Seattle Sports Festival."

Current sports scheduled for the Team Dallas Sports and Cultural Festival are bowling, billiards, darts, golf softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and 5k and 10k runs (with a rollerblade division). Organizers are also planning several social events to round out an exciting weekend of athletic competition, cultural enlightenment, and just plain old Texas sized fun.

For a Sports & Cultural Festival brochure, please write: Team Dallas, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219 or call (214) 521-5342, ext. 800. Travel arrangements are being handled by Gay owned and operated Travel Source, and requests for reservation assistance is invited at (214) 520-8844 or (800) 374-7771.

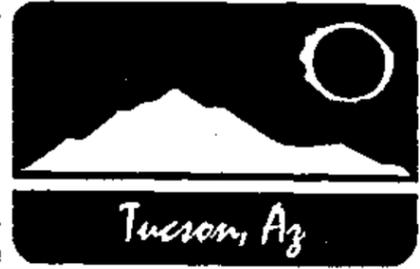
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Sex Now Leading Cause Of AIDS In Women

ATLANTA (AP) - For the first time in the AIDS epidemic, more U.S. women were infected through sex than through drug use last year, health officials reported.

And while the vast majority of patients still are men, the fatal disease is increasing almost four times as fast among women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"It's a continuing evolution of the epidemic," said Dr. John Ward, the CDC's chief of AIDS surveillance.

"They need to know their sex partners, and they need to know the drug and sex practices of that partner so they can make a more informed decision about whether to have sex with that person."

About 47,095 new AIDS cases were diagnosed in the United States last year, a 3.5 percent increase from the 45,499 cases reported in 1991.

New cases among females, 6,642,

increased 9.8 percent, compared with a 2.5 percent rise among males, who accounted for 40,453 cases.

Until now, tainted drug needles have caused most female AIDS cases. Last year marked the first time that sex surpassed drugs: 50 percent of the new female AIDS cases were due to heterosexual contact, compared with 44 percent from intravenous drug abuse, Ward said.

Still, about 57 percent of the women infected heterosexually reported having sex with a drug user, making drugs an indirect threat, the CDC said.

It was just a matter of time before sex became women's biggest AIDS risk, said David Kirby of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"Not only do they have sex with IV drug users, but with Bisexual men," he said, adding that Bisexuality is more prevalent in the United States than is commonly thought.

Study Suggests Alcohol May Spur HIV Reproduction

PHILADELPHIA - Drinking alcohol may depress the body's immune system and cause the AIDS virus to reproduce rapidly in people who are already infected, a study by researchers at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia suggests.

In people who are not infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, alcohol may increase the risk of infection after exposure to the virus, the scientists said.

"The take home message is, if you are going to drink alcohol, be careful and have safe sex," said Dr. Omar Bagasra, an associate professor of medicine at Jefferson.

"For people who are already HIV-positive, we would advise them not to drink at all."

The conclusions are drawn from laboratory research and have yet to be proved in humans.

In the study, published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases, researchers looked at what happened to white blood

cells taken from 60 healthy people before and after a weekend of drinking.

During the weekend, the volunteers, none of them infected with HIV, drank varying amounts of alcohol, including beer, wine, whiskey, vodka and cocktails.

Blood was drawn from the volunteers before and after the weekend. Their white cells were cultured in the laboratory, then exposed to the AIDS virus. The study found significantly higher levels of HIV in the cells taken from people after they consumed alcohol.

Alcohol's effect on retroviruses like HIV has been demonstrated in mice.

Ronald R. Watson, director of the alcohol research center at the University of Arizona, found that the mouse version of AIDS is exacerbated by the consumption of alcohol.

He said his duties also found that AIDS related infections and some cancers are worse in alcohol consuming mice suffering from mouse AIDS than in abstinent mice.

Gay Rights Groups Fear Genetic 'Cure'

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uses of abortion.

"Is this going to lead people to look for a cure for homosexuality or lead people to manipulate the gene so that homosexuality doesn't exist anymore?" asked George Neighbors of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The work, published in the weekly journal Science, compared the genetic pattern of the X chromosome of 40 pairs of Gay brothers and found that 33 of the sibling pairs shared a variant pattern. The study strengthens the long held belief of many Gays that their sexual orientation is

a biological destiny and not a choice or the result of failed parenting.

Neighbors and other Gay leaders visualize the possibility that a specific gene or group of genes will one day be isolated as the primary influence for homosexuality. And, further, that science will find a way to identify these genes before a child is born. What then would keep parents from aborting fetuses that were destined to be Gay?

Dr. Patrick Dixon, the British author of a book on the new genetic research, said there is a need to consider possible abuses of the rapidly advancing science.

"Every new gene discovery brings closer the horror of eugenics, designer families for tomorrow's parents with embryos selected for intelligence, hair color or sexual orientation," he said in a statement from London.

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Community Prescription Services Endorses Astra Protest

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Community Prescription Service, a Gay/Lesbian/HIV+ owned mail service pharmacy specializing in AIDS/HIV, became the first national pharmacy service, and one of the first businesses, to participate in the protest against Astra Pharmaceuticals' pricing of Foscavir.

their attention," said Gendin, the firm's President.

Strub commented, "Because we are both HIV+ and AIDS activists, we make it our business to be a part of what is happening at the frontlines of AIDS research, treatment and activism."

Foscavir, manufactured by Astra, can prevent blindness caused by CMV retinitis in people with AIDS. Astra has come under attack by AIDS, consumer and health care activists for pricing the recently approved Foscavir at more than \$24,000 per year, wholesale, making it the single most expensive AIDS drug to date.

"I attribute my continued survival, after years of HIV infection, to the fact that I have not stood by passively in the face of AIDS. Working as an activist, in the streets and behind closed doors, has helped me take greater control of my own healthcare," Strub noted.

To pressure Astra into lowering the price of Foscavir, pharmacists and doctors are urged to substitute generic products for Astra's popular Xylocane medication.

"We want to encourage AIDS activism, but we also want people to realize that self-empowerment has a tremendous impact on one's ability to control the course of HIV infection," said Gendin.

Community Prescription Service will routinely substitute generic product for Xylocane, unless the patient specifically request Xylocane. The company's move is expected to cost Astra more than \$10,000 per year in sales.

CPS has been written up in AIDS Project Los Angeles' Positive Living newsletter, in Treatment Issues, and Drug Topics Magazine. More than 200 doctors and scores of AIDS service organizations nationwide are referring patients to the cost saving service.

The protest action was initiated by the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, ACT UP-New York, and the Treatment Action Group and has now been endorsed by hundreds of prominent Gay/Lesbian Rights Organizations and more than 100 local AIDS service organizations.

The firm's main office and Member Services Center is in New York's Greenwich Village. Prescription fulfillment is handled by a dispensing pharmacy in Cleveland, Ohio.

Membership in CPS can be arranged easily by calling 1-800-842-0502. Membership is free and open to all insured persons, regardless of HIV status.

CPS serves HIV+ patients nationwide. By waiving co-payment requirements, CPS reduces its members' prescription costs to zero, after the deductible is met. In addition, CPS handles all of the insurance filing paperwork and waits to receive payment from the insurance, rather than requiring members to pay in advance.

Sean Strub and Stephen Gendin, the principal owners of CPS, are both longtime AIDS activists. Strub is widely regarded as one of the nation's leading fundraisers for Gay/Lesbian and AIDS causes and Gendin founded ACT UP-New York's Treatment & Data Digest.

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University of Iowa First Major University To Offer Health Benefits To Partners of Lesbian and Gay Employees

IOWA CITY, IA - The Board of Regents of the University of Iowa approved a proposal to extend health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its Lesbian and Gay employees. The plan, which goes into effect for a three year trial period beginning in January 1993, is the first such benefits package offered by a major university. The only institution of higher education to offer domestic partner benefits prior to the University of Iowa was Pfitzer College in California.

The plan to cover domestic partners was initially approved by the Funded retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) at the University one year ago. The plan was then reviewed by the University's administration and finally approved during the summer of 1992. In October, the Regents voted 6 to 2 (with one abstention) to put the plan into effect.

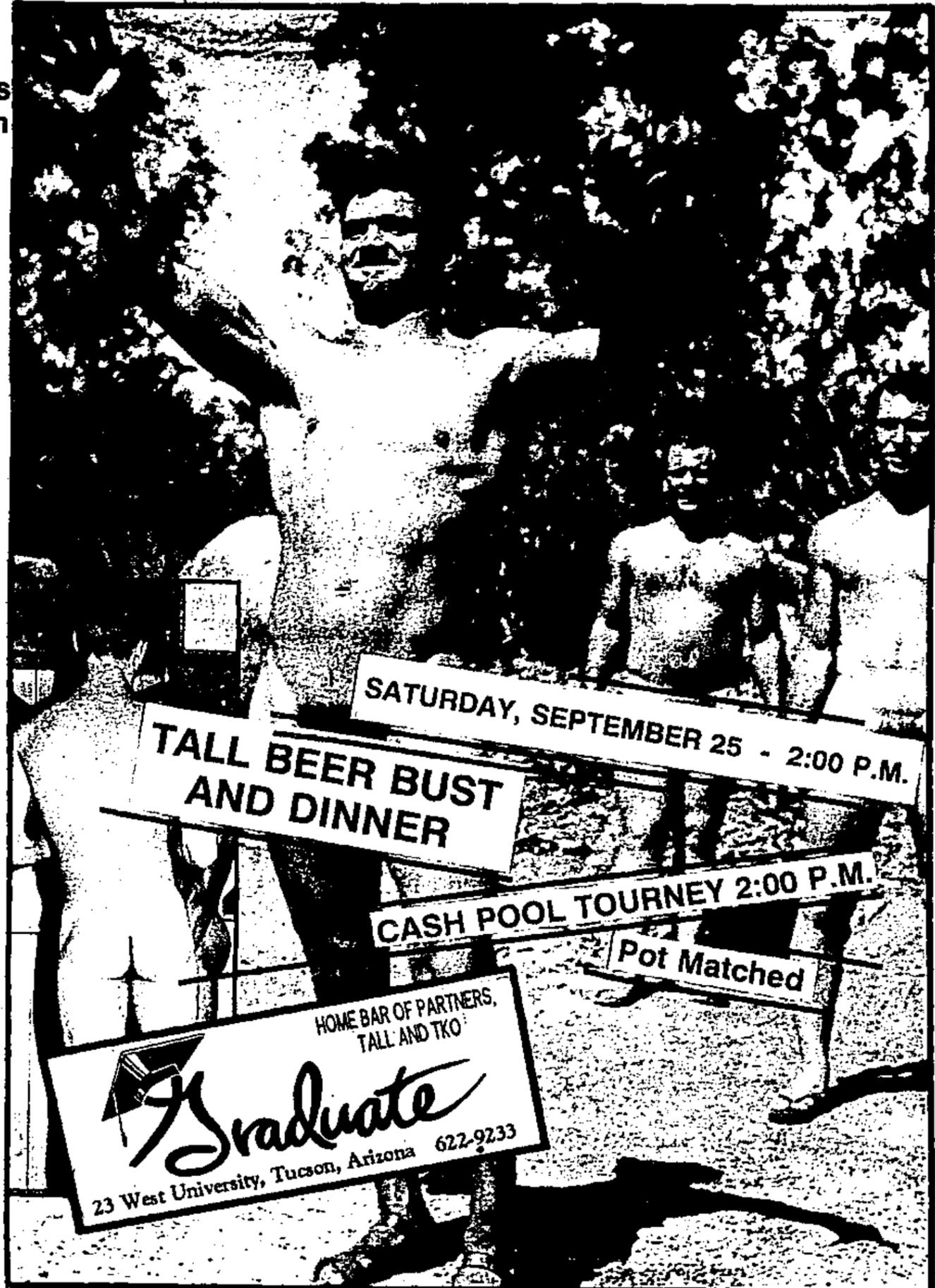
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the national advocacy organization for the legal and civil rights of Lesbians, Gay men, and people with HIV/AIDS, played an important role during the time the University was considering whether to adopt the plan.

When the plan was first being considered, the FRIC consulted with Lambda's Legal Director Paula Eitelbrick. Subsequently, Lambda Board member Pat Cain joined the University of Iowa law faculty while the plan was under consideration and met with the committee members and administrators to help shape the plan.

Applauding the University of Iowa for being the first in the United States to extend medical benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees, Pat Cain stated, "There are many people at the University who deserve credit for this victory. The members of FRIC, in particular Reta Noblett-Feld and Alan Widiss, were strong allies. President Hunter Rawlings, Vice-President Peter Nathan, and Associate Vice-President Mary Jo Small were supportive throughout the process."

Pat Cain and her partner, Jean Love, who previously made headlines when they became the first same sex couple to be hired jointly by a university, worked behind the scenes with Sue Buckley, a University employee and Board-member of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, to ensure a final victory.

To qualify for the plan, which will cover only domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees, the domestic partner must meet several requirements intended to establish that the relationship is a committed one. During the initial trial period the plan is in effect, only the high deductible option for health care coverage may be elected. The University of Iowa has approximately 8,000 employees; university officials estimate that around 50 employees may sign up for benefits. The plan is a self insured one, but is managed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa. Other colleges and universities around the country are considering similar proposals; for instance, the Stanford faculty senate is scheduled to vote on the Stanford committee's proposal within weeks.



Harassment Up After Anti-Gay Meeting

PANAMA CITY, FL. - Homosexuals say fear and threatening telephone calls have increased since the meeting last week of a group pushing for a state constitutional amendment that would bar Gay rights.

They say a radio station also has contributed to the fear with anti-Gay broadcasts while a restaurant has posted a copy of a newsletter intended for homosexuals that lists the names and phone numbers of people who are being "outed", having their homosexuality disclosed against their wishes.

The Rev. Tom Gashin, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church that includes homosexual members, said security is being beefed up because of reports about harassing and threatening telephone calls to Gays since a meeting last week of the American Family Association at nearby Panama City Beach.

At the meeting, State AFA Director David Caton urged people to "stop the homosexual agenda" and prevent Gays from forcing a deviant lifestyle on heterosexuals.

Tanya Hutchison, president of

Bay County Queer Nation, said she tries to present a strong front to members but inside she is afraid.

"I've had people call and say they're going to get me, that I'm disgusting," she said. "Whether these Christians realize it or not, they are advancing violence and I'm terribly afraid."

She has tried without success to persuade Randy Dula of Tom's Hot Dogs to take down the copy of Outspoken he has posted in his place of business, saying she fears violence from patrons who read it.

"We're very scared of what might happen if those (telephone) numbers are seen by some crazy person who thinks he's on a mission from God," she said.

Dula said he's just trying to save the souls of homosexuals and that he is doing nothing wrong by posting something someone else has published.

"People need to know that homosexuals are not staying in the closet and that they're trying to spread their immorality," he said.

The anti-homosexual message also is being carried on the B.C. and Bubba Show on WTBB, a Panama City radio station.

"We disagree with the homosexual lifestyle. In fact, we said we hate that lifestyle," said Bubba, who declined to give his real name.

Station manager Chris Murray apologized for a derogatory name the disc jockey called one woman who phoned their show, but he defended their anti-homosexual campaign on grounds that 85 percent of callers agree with them.

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Viewpoint

by KENNY JACOBS

Birth of a Nation, or They Shoot Children, Don't They?

I was a senior in high school attending the Illinois High School Theatre Association conference when it happened. I met someone. You know the kind of teenage meeting I'm talking about, your throat dries up, your head spins, and time loses significance. Sorta like a Dali painting, you know?

The meeting was at the University of Illinois and we got to stay in the dorms, not the first time for me, but it was way cool, you know. The guy I met that night was from near Chicago, one of the Glenbard high schools, he was so sophisticated, you know. 'Course anyone north of Springfield was a demi-god, if not in their own mind. So we did it. In the shower, in his room (after we convinced his geek roommate to go get us a pizza, for privacy, you know), and we mumbled and jumbled in any quiet, empty space. We both swore it was an accident and had never happened before. We basically replayed all the "programming" tapes we'd inherited from the adults in our lives. Then we medicated to forget. The prescription that night was grain alcohol, smuggled in pepsi bottles because some enterprising youth convinced a teacher that vending machine pop was too expensive. Way to go dude, you know?

I might have died if I hadn't been caught.

Thank you, God.

I couldn't confront myself, I couldn't say I was Gay. I couldn't get help or information. Many of us know this story. Straight America should know the absolute zero of loneliness. people who preach should know the singularity of this aloneness.

I swear to God, it should never happen again, NEVER AGAIN!

I actually was blessed with the opportunity to get older. Not necessarily wiser, but older. When I was doing summer stock a young kid asked me if it hurt when people talked about me being Gay.

"Well no, Matt, it doesn't. I am Gay."

Have you ever seen a child's face on Christmas morning when they open up the one gift they really wanted? That was Matt's expression. He looked like he took his first full breath of oxygen. I had the opportunity to re-live the past.

Thank you, God.

I told Matt everything I knew about Gay history, a meager amount. I wanted to prevent the pain without the medication. Over coffee and hot fudge sundaes at the 24 hour Hardees on Vandalia street we talked and grew till dawn. It was then that I realized that by denying us our past as we grow up, we are denied our future. America is moralizing its' children to death.

I knew a lot about Matt. He was eight years younger and we went to the same high school, has the same teachers. We both took the same honors English class that studied Walt Whitman extensively, without mentioning a single reference to his homosexuality. Our advanced history teacher loved talking about war.

He taught that preparedness and intelligence were, among others, the keys to victory. Alan Turing, the Englishman who broke the Nazi code, was as powerful a tool as the A-bomb, we were told. What wasn't decoded for the students was his sexual orientation. Not one of the at least fifteen Lesbian or Gay teachers or employees of Unit District #7, Edwardsville, Illinois were a role model. They probably couldn't. Matt decided to be a role model.

Matt came out, to his family, his friends and his school. if he asked me, I would've urged caution, he didn't ask.

Thank you, God.

"I thought my classmates would learn from my coming out process," he told me later.

They did, he did, it was his family that needed the education. Matt's father attacked him with a large kitchen knife. He was shunned by the rest of his biological acquaintances. Matt was legally emancipated from his family, finished high school, and went to college. Alone. An aloneness with dignity and hope. He wasn't lonely any more. I keep in touch with Matt now. The last time I was Matt was in Washington for the March (we do remember the MARCH, don't we?). He was one of the banner carriers at the front, next to Cybil Shepherd. He lives in Chicago, he's so sophisticated, you know, and was recently arrested. No DUI or DWI, here. Not my Matt. After "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" was announced the leaders of our various organizations engaged in an act of civil disobedience in D.C.. Along with Tim McFeeley and Tanya Domi among others was Matt Marco. He was arrested with the others, all much older, but they could learn from him. After all, he's been to hell and back. Alone. It feels like an episode of "Kung Fu" now, one that was never filmed. Grasshopper has surpassed teacher.

Thank you, God.

(Questions, replies, rebuttals, or musings are welcome. attn: Kenny Jacobs, c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703)

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FYI

by Big John

Well, hello again. I'm still cramped up from the lat two weeks. I'm going to keep this short and sweet and refrain from commentary on HOB's "And The Band (Played On" until a later day. You know, sort of "Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the . . ." well you get the idea! Does "double blind" mean anything?

CLINICAL TRIALS

Clinical trials are tests of drugs which have shown promise, but have not yet been proven effective. Each new drug must go through two stages of clinical trials: (1) Toxicity (testing to see if the drug is harmful, and (2) Efficacy (testing to see if the drug is effective).

Most trials have strict rules about who can join. They look for certain conditions (called eligibility criteria) which may include:

- * A T-cell count above or below a certain number.
- * Which symptoms and opportunistic infections the person has (or has had in the past).
- * Which treatments the person is currently taking (or has taken in the past).

Many clinical trials are "Double Blind". This means that neither the patients nor the researchers know which subjects are receiving which drugs. Some trials are also "placebo controlled" which means that some of the participants receive (sugar) pills instead of the medications being studied.

Clinical trials offer some benefits and some disadvantages. Here are a few things you might want to consider before deciding whether or not to join a clinical trial"

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- * Has a chance of receiving a drug which might help you which you would not get otherwise.
- * Receives free medical care and blood tests related to the trial.
- * Has the satisfaction of knowing that you may be helping researchers find drugs which will help other people in the future.

CONS:

- * In some trials, the participant risks getting a placebo instead of a promising new drug.
- * Joining one trial could prevent someone from being part of another trial later on.
- * Trials sometimes involve many time-consuming or painful tests and frequent medical visits.
- * The medication being studied may not help, and may cause harmful side effects

So before joining a clinical trial you should understand and feel comfortable with the trials rules, and with the doctors who are carrying it out. You also need to know you have the right to leave the trial at any time and for any reasons.

Til next time, my lumpy friend will get to the "C's" of it. "Bye".

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TGN

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Once Upon A Time . . .

As we celebrate the 9th Anniversary of the OBSERVER, we can't help but remember back to the real beginning of the Gay press in Tucson.

As you can see on this and the next page the various names that eventually evolved from the meager Tucson Gay News which first 'hit the stands' on September 29, 1976 as an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper.

In less than six months it was upgraded to the Arizona Gay News (AGN), was printed in tabloid newspaper style and lasted six years. Then came a period of two different tabloids, "The New Paper" and "Attitude" which served the state for a little over a year and finally came the "Observer", a total of some seventeen years of publishing Gay news for Arizonans. The one other thing that all of these papers have in common is that they were edited by the same person.

Our files are bulging with news and views from all over the world. A wealth of information that is referred to often. Also the photo files are crammed with photos of the Tucson Gay community from the beginning. It is truly amazing how young some of you were when posing just a few years ago!

Just a few of the headlines accompany each masthead of events that were reported in those years. Of
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NATIONAL REACTION TO TGN

Our recent editorial on the tragic death of Richard Heakin and the subsequent verdict has caused a stir among several of the national Gay organizations. We have received wide, favorable comment from both East and West coasts regarding it. These unfortunate happenings have, and should continue to be, a rallying point to the Tucson Gay Community. Just as the Stonewall riots in New York began a nationwide movement, we believe that even in tragedy, there is some good.

In the December 3-16 issue of Pacific Coast Times, an article written by Martin Smith, unfortunately, misses this point. In quoting Mr. Smith....."For too long the silent (gay) majority has put up with society judging us on the visible gays, the bar queen and activists, (who are) the minority of us. For too long the silent (gay) majority has had to put up with self elected spokespersons telling the world 'we homosexuals this' and 'we homosexuals that' when 'we homosexuals' have no common view on any matter least of all what we want from society and life. Will the noisy minority please sit down and rejoin the majority so we can all get on with the job of living and liberating....first ourselves and then society."

There is no question that the majority of Gay persons are invisible, and they are perfectly welcome to sit down and remain silent. However, when laws threatening all Gays, silent and vocal; Gays being harrassed, beaten, murdered; Gays who only want equal time and space, then we feel it is up to us, even if we are to be labeled the vocal minority, to exercise our right to speak up when it is necessary, and let the Martin Smiths reap the harvest of our efforts for equality and decency and a fair share of our place in society. We all should share at least this 'common view'.

We don't want to make waves, but we won't sit down. Sorry Martin, but we couldn't disagree with you more.

DEAR T.G.N.

I am a Drag Queen aspiring for a sex change operation. I have wanted to be a woman ever since I can remember, from age 2 or 3. I am also a Christian and believe strongly in God. Presently, I am rather confused because of something I ran across in the Bible recently.

Deuteronomy 22:5 "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."

Deuteronomy 23:1 "He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord."

Now every time I go out in drag, I'm afraid I'll be hit by lightning. Can you give me any advice on this?

Need Help

Dear Miss Help:

Plastic hobby pins don't attract as much lightening as the steel ones do.

T.G.N.

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P.O. Box 5002 Tucson, Arizona 85703

JAN. 5 1977

STONEWALL CLOSESBACK POCKET TO REMAIN OPEN

LUCKY PIERRE'S SOLD???

Rumors, Rumors, Rumors. This latest concerns the change of ownership of Lucky Pierre's at 2222 N. Stone. Our rumor chasing department has contacted all parties concerned and found that negotiations are indeed underway and finalization of the change-over will be announced in the next few days. During the sale of property there are many arrangements that must be made, both legal and personally, so we are going to have to be non-committal for now and hope to have the big news ready for publication in next weeks issue.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ...that Locker Room is only \$4.00 'till the end of January at the Back Pocket? Hurry!!
- ...that Rudy #1 won the Grand Prize at Hair-Tiz' Grand Opening? Other winners were Robin, Mother John, Don N., and Jim B.
- ...that Deacon Ben C. preaches a wild sermon in the M.C.C. pulpit?
- ...that Hank from Grand Rapids didn't know what was coming off at the Graduate Sunday? He's still blushing.
- ...that the head of the Imperial Council of Courts, Empress IV Nicole, is bringing 14 people to Tucson Imperial Investiture Monday?
- ...that Doc's cap was hand knitted by virgins?

It was announced this week that the venerable Stonewall, after four years, is closing it's doors. Contrary to many rumors, Tom Seward has told us that the Stonewall will remain closed and future plans for its reopening are unknown. Ever since the unfortunate Richard Heakin incident, business has fallen, insurance rates have soared and because of the lack of energy in this once popular disco, it has been a losing proposition for the past few months. The Back Pocket will remain open daily as before.

It is true that any establishment is in business to serve its customers and make a profit. It is also unfortunately true that when business falls, and there is no profit, then you close up. Tom Seward and John Morgan have done their level best to support the Tucson Gay Community. They have instigated many, many popular ideas and their mark is indelibly left on most of our lives. They deserved more support than was given them during these troubled times. This should be an indication to the entire Community that we must support our Gay establishments if we are to continue to progress as the Southwest's Gay Community Center.



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Sociologists Defend Gays

Outbreak of Pneumonia Among Gay Males Studied

Coors Squelches Rumors

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St. Paul's mayor begs gays not to leave city

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Once Upon A Time

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been lost to this dread disease.

current interest is the early reporting of a "strange pneumonia" and "Gay Cancer" appearing in early 1981 in New York and San Francisco.

In looking over some of these headlines it would seem that not much has changed in the Gay community. The religious community, the political community, the military and the medical community still seem to be doing the same thing they were doing 17 years ago.

We have taken the liberty of reproducing one of the first of these stories in our center spread with photos culled from our files of many of our community that have

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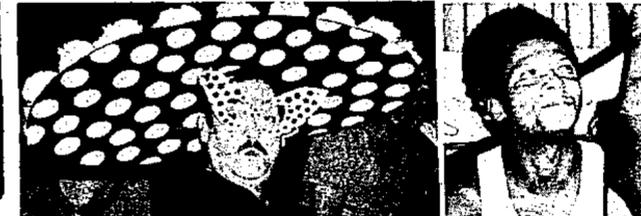
NEW YORK, NY - AUG. 14, 1981 (AGN) - Doctors in New York and San Francisco report an unusually large number of cases of a rare form of cancer among sexually active Gay men in those two cities.

According to the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times, over 40 cases of Kaposi's sarcoma among Gay men have been reported to the federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. The disease affects only two persons out of every three million in the general population and rarely affects persons under the age of 50. The recent Gay male victims however, eight of whom have died of the disease, range in age from 26 to 51.

Most of the recent Gay victims have either lived in New York or visited there shortly before contracting the disease. Most of them have been sexually active with a number of different partners and many have been treated for viral infections like cytomegalovirus, herpes and hepatitis B or for parasitic infections like amebiasis and giardiasis. Many have used any nitrate or LSD while having sex.

The cancer usually appears first as one or more violet colored spots, often on the legs. The spots usually do no itch or cause other symptoms and may be mistaken for bruises. They may later turn brown. The disease often causes swollen lymph glands and may be fatal as it spreads to other parts of the body.

Several of the victims were found to have severe defects in their immunological systems with malfunctions of two types of lymphocytes that play important roles in fighting infections and cancer.



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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

IBT'S - Those fabulous Glamazona will be performing at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X and featuring Gilda Falala and special guests.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CLUB 2520 - Those "Men of Muscle" are in town for another of their hot, hot, strip shows. Come early for a good view. It officially gets underway at 10:30 p.m.

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch every Sunday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hot entrees, seasonal fruit, fresh baked pastries and made to order omelettes - \$7.95. Then from 2:30 until 6:30 and old friend and favorite disk jockey of many Mr. Ronnie Rios will be playing hot dance music for those regular Sunday afternoon T-dances. Drink specials also. Then from 7:30 until 11:30, the live dance band "Friendly Fire" will be performing. \$2.00 cover for that which goes to the band. The club is located at 424 N. 4th Avenue.

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Boat and Dinner here beginning at 2:00 p.m. Don't forget the Cash Pool Tournery at the same time and station.

IBT'S - Rock 'n Roll with Uncle Fester from 4 to 8 p.m. This Sunday's Bar-B-Que will benefit Delta Lambda Phi fraternity on the Unfa campus. It goes from 3-6 p.m. A great cause, a great bar-b-que and a great time!

RUMORZ - A very special show hosted by a very special guest. It all sounds very mysterious. Come on by and see what it's all about. 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

HOURS - Starting off their 3rd anniversary with a promo night. Come in and try something new. Complimentary gifts and raffles.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

HOURS - Third anniversary party continues with music, dancing, door prizes, drink specials. More later.


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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The Lambda Car Club will be touring the Franklin Car Museum in Tucson at 1:00 p.m. Call Bill James for more information about the tour or with questions about the Lambda Car Club.

The award winning Gay feature film "I'll Love You Forever... Tonight", will be shown in two performances, one night only, at the University of Arizona/Modern Languages Auditorium at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00. Latino writer/director Edgar Michael Bravo will attend for questions and answers. "A gritty portrait of Gay life in Los Angeles," says Stephen Holden of the New York Times.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Club 2520 with two important items on the agenda. (1) appoint Liaisons to the Tucson Police Department and (2) nomination of TLGA officers for the coming year.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

A workshop for Gay men and lesbians to strengthen your relationship skills based on the Myers-Briggs Type indicator. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis church, River and Swan. Fee is \$55 per person and is presented by William T. Harrison, Ph.D.. To register call 577-3481.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

The Third Annual TORCH Awards (Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help). Ramada Inn, 475 N. Grande beginning at 6:00 p.m. Awards, Hors d'Oeuvres. Cash bar available. Recognizing those dedicated individuals who make a difference in our world in Tucson and the world at large. Your presence is requested to join in honoring these heroic individuals. For ticket or other information call FACT for Life 770-1710.

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GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.
4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11 am - 2 pm; Ten Dance with Ken Rios 2:30 - 6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. (usually a cover for the band)
HOURS - Steady Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookout for community organizations 3-6.
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Steady Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Boat 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Movie Madam "Buckles". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all short well drinks \$1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. McIlroy Jazz Mondays with Pat from 9 to 1
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1. Female Dancers 9:30 pm.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster Beer Nite" 25oz can of Festers \$2.75 8 to 1. T-Square Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.
GRADUATE - Beer Boat all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schappert 7:50 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Red and Red Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3 to 9 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 9 to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

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CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. "Upstairs" head thru dancing at 9 pm with resident and guest DJs from LA, SF and beyond. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lesson with Edgar 7:30-9:30.
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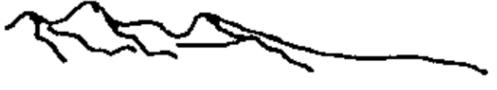
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GRADUATE - Beer Boat all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well \$1.00
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IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3 pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Dance 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 5-7. Dance Party Workout 9 pm to 1 am with DJ David Z.
RUMORZ - Open 1:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Stricklin 9:00 to 1:00.
VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.
IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z, and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Fizzle VJ/DJ JD-1.
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the first comments which many people make upon arriving in Arizona is something like "I wish it were a little more green. Back home in (wherever) we have lots of green trees and green grass. Whenever I hear someone say this I usually try to convince them that we really do have lots of green growing things. "Look at all the palo verde trees", I say. "We have many other kinds of trees and green bushes. Everywhere you look there are oleanders. Many houses and businesses have grass. And all cactus is green! How can you say there are no green growing things?" In spite of all the examples I give to try to convince the person that Arizona really does have lots of green growing things, the person's response is usually "But it's just not the same. The trees aren't the same and neither are the flowers."

Most people who live in Arizona really appreciate the varied plants that grow here. Since many of us are originally from somewhere else, usually 'back east', we do enjoy seeing green growing things. Why is it, then, that on any given weekend many of us are in our yards pulling up or digging or cutting back green growing things? That's different, you say. If I don't pull up the weeds, they will take control of my whole yard! If I don't keep my bushes cut back, before long I will have a jungle in my back yard! I find it very interesting that while we do like green growing plants, we want the plants to be the kind we enjoy, growing the way we want them to, and if they don't then we pull them up or cut them down! (Just in case you are wondering, I

spent this morning pulling up and cutting back!)

As I thought about this strange phenomenon, in which people who claim to enjoy green growing things spend a great deal of time and energy destroying green growing things, I came to this conclusion: No matter what we humans have, it's not what we want! And because this is true, not just about our foliage, but about life in general, we are a very discontented and therefore very unhappy people! Is this the way life was meant to be? Absolutely not! We are told in Hebrews 13:5 "...be content with what you have..." Are you doing this? I confess that I am not always content! As a Christian, however, I should be, because I have this promise: "...because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'", which is the rest of verse 5. Jesus says I should be content because He will always be with me. What a thought! That should be enough for me to always be contented!

What about you? The book of Hebrews was written to Christians, so Jesus' promise to always be with you applies to you only if you are a Christian. If you aren't, you can become one today, just by acknowledging that you aren't perfect (that's what a sinner is, someone who isn't perfect), and that Jesus is God's only Son Who died to take the punishment you deserve. When you ask Him to be your Savior He will come to you and live with you forever. Then, no matter what your environment, you can always be contented!

National Campaign Fund & Program to Stop Gay Bashing Launched in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Ca., - A national campaign Fund To Stop Gay Bashing has been launched by Streetcats Foundation, a California based non-profit public benefit corporation, that sponsors community anti-bashing Streetcats Street Patrols in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Hate-crimes, alarmingly increasing against Gays and Lesbians throughout the country, 50% faster than against other minorities, are expected to increase even more with the backlash to the debate over lifting the military ban and the controversy over Gay civil rights in such states as Oregon and Colorado.

The Fund To Stop Gay Bashing will use donations and proceeds from the sale of special "Stop Gay Bashing" buttons and "Stop the Hate With Love & Understanding" T-shirts to begin a national action campaign. According to the Fund's Director, Don Fass.

The Fund will:

Make a major commitment to fund existing anti Gay bashing community patrols in Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle and other cities, to enhance recruitment and training and purchase equipment to expand and be more effective.

Provide start up grants and training for new community patrols in wider areas and additional cities, to deter and to combat hate crimes. Educate members of the national Gay and Lesbian community

on how best to individually deter and survive hate crimes and provide counseling for victims of Gay bashing through a toll free national 800 hotline.

Educate high school, college and other young people, through schools and youth programs, about the psychological, emotional and legal consequences of Gay bashing and other hate crimes.

Produce an affordable video cassette on self awareness and street self defense for Gays and Lesbians, to be available through community and women's centers throughout the U.S.

Train big and small city and county Police, Sheriff's Paramedics and District Attorney and County Prosecutor's Departments on how to sensitively deal with Gay bashing incidents, counsel and assist victims and foster a climate of trust to facilitate reporting of hate crimes.

Tax deductible contributions to the Fund To Stop Gay Bashing, and purchases of its \$1.50 button and \$11 black and white T-shirts will directly help countless individuals and communities throughout the US and Canada to enhance their safety, feeling of well being and quality of life where they live, work and play, free of the epidemic of hate that is sweeping Gay and other minority communities.

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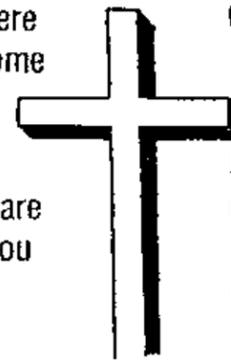
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A BED AND BREAKFAST RESORT

Don't Stop The Boycott On Colorado

by Duncan Osborne

On July 19, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld a preliminary injunction that prevents Amendment 2, a Colorado law that bans equal rights protections for Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals, from becoming law in that state.

The majority, voting 6-1, issued an opinion that was heartening for those of us who have been battling Amendment 2 since it was passed last November 3. Its language seems to say that Amendment 2 would inevitably be found unconstitutional and dispatched to the history books as one more sad footnote on anti-Gay prejudice. There can be only one response to such a welcome development. Boycott Colorado!

Since January 15 when Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless issued the preliminary injunction, a piece of paper has stood between Colorado's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community and the prejudice that this unjust law will sanction.

Now that Colorado's Supreme Court has upheld that injunction that piece of paper remains the only line of defense against Amendment 2. Those who championed this measure will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on this recent decision. The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual

community has never won justice in that court.

Many Americans who were offended by the explicit prejudice contained in the language of Amendment 2 were pleased to read its repudiation in the text of the majority opinion. It was a heady moment after months of living with Amendment 2 hanging over our heads. Read the opinion of Colorado Supreme Court Justice William Erickson who voted in the minority.

Judge Bayless enjoined Amendment 2 because it infringed on a fundamental right "not to have the state endorse and give effect to private biases" respecting "any identifiable class." In fact, Justice Erickson says, the U.S. Supreme Court specifically refused to recognize homosexuals as a class in that most offensive 1986 case, *Bowers v. Hardwick*.

The majority concluded that Amendment 2 infringed on another fundamental right, "the right to participate equally in the political process." Justice Erickson says that no court in America has recognized this right. According to Justice Erickson, the majority has created "new fundamental rights based on selective language from prior Supreme Court decisions."

I do not know how Justice Erickson feels about Amendment 2, but he raises some compelling technical issues. I do know that before July 19 many of us who opposed Amendment 2 felt that the Colorado Supreme Court left the injunction in place and Justice Erickson says they did it by writing new law. I fear we will prove to be entirely right.

We must boycott Colorado! We must not place our faith in a federal court system that has never delivered justice to Gay men, Bisexuals and Lesbians. That is where our opponents will take this case and they have certainly learned from their defeat. Try this vile law at the ballot box! Force voters in Colorado to put this initiative on the ballot and defeat it. Boycott Colorado!

Duncan Osborne is a member of New York! Boycott Colorado, a direct action group that is working for the repeal of Amendment 2.

Gay Men Who Want To Adopt Question Florida State Ban

BRADENTON, FL - A homosexual couple seeking to adopt a child has criticized Florida's reasoning for banning Gay adoptions, saying it intrudes on privacy and implies homosexuality is bad.

James W. Cox and Rodney M. Jackman filed a legal brief that was the latest salvo in a lawsuit the two men filed in June 1991, after the State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services denied their application to adopt.

HRS officials have maintained adoption by homosexual parents would deprive a child of a role model and risk unknown effects on the child's sexual development.

"There are unknown consequences involved in any person adopting children," wrote Doris Bunnell, the couple's attorney. "HRS has not given any reason why it would have a compelling interest in children not becoming homosexuals."

The brief said the state adoption policies seem to imply homosexuality is bad and intrude on people's privacy.

"All persons have a fundamental right to lead a private life according to their own beliefs, free from unreasonable government intrusions," the brief said.

HRS attorney Anthony Deluccia said the department doesn't oppose homosexuality. But, he said, children should get the exposure to both sexes that comes with heterosexual parents.

The privacy issue Bunnell raises is irrelevant in this case because Cox and Jackman acknowledged their homosexuality, thereby waiving their legal right to privacy, Deluccia said.

A 1977 state law bans homosexuals from adopting children. There is no prohibition against Gay individuals serving as foster parents, who are licensed by the state to care on a temporary basis for abused, neglected or abandoned children.

Last year, the Florida law was declared unconstitutional in Monroe County.

Dance Community

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buried, the disease was not mentioned in the official announcement of his death. Nureyev's physician, Michael Canesi, would say only that he died of "a cardiac complication, following a cruel illness."

But many of the dancer's friends said that illness was AIDS. And in New York, home to the nation's prestigious dance companies, some observers did not hesitate to add his name to the AIDS death toll.

Nureyev's apparent decision to conceal his condition angered others.

"I consider him a coward," award winning novelist Paul Monette w, who has AIDS, told Newsweek. "I don't care how great a dancer he was."

A close friend of Nureyev's Wallace Potts, said the dancer wouldn't publicly admit to having the disease because "you whole life becomes dealing with the disease. He didn't want it to consume his art."

The silence that often accompanies AIDS inhibits measurement of its impact.

An informal survey last year of 28 dance companies across the country by the non-profit group Dance USA found 45 dancers or staff members who acknowledged they had AIDS or the AIDS virus, about 3.5% percent. Only 1.5 million Americans, 0.6 percent are thought to be HIV positive. But the dance figures are considered deflated.

The disease has quietly killed rank and file members of the New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theater, the Joffrey Ballet and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Others, afflicted dancers "will kind of remove themselves from the situation and disappear off the face of the Earth," said Tyson.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Brent Hartinger

For A Witch, Even Scrubbing Floors Can Be Magic

Halloween is right around the corner, and people are performing witchcraft all over the place. A lithe, long-haired woman smears many-colored paints on her body and runs naked through the woods at midnight. A brawny, bare-chested man with a circlet of leaves in his hair stands, arms outstretched, before a bubbling cauldron in a darkened, smoke-filled chamber. And an older woman gets out of bed one morning and quietly makes her bed.

An older woman gets out of bed one morning and quietly makes her bed? Surely that isn't witchcraft.

It can be, says Steve Wells, a self-identified queer pagan. "People use magic all the time without ever realizing they do. Every time you make a conscious decision to do something and fuel it with your emotional desire, you're doing magic."

Nancy Redwine, a teacher and writer on the subject of witchcraft and a witch herself, agrees. "Any act can unconsciously be magic. We're so distracted most of the time we don't even feel what we touch or hear what we hear. When you bring your attention to somebody or something, then that's magic. Making a bed can be magic."

While some Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals will be dressing up as witches or other pagans for Halloween, others in our community won't need to dress up. They don't wear the pointed hat or fly around on broomsticks, but these are people—both men and women—who are witches three hundred and sixty five days a year.

Just like it's dangerous to make generalizations about the Lesbian and Gay community, it is, of course, virtually impossible to categorize all witches or pagans as one particular way or another. Just like in the Gay community, it's even difficult to come up with a single term to describe them all. Words like witchcraft, Wicca, paganism, magician, and occultism are all used to describe the group of people who have (mostly) rejected conventional religion and who (mostly) favor more Earth-centered spiritualities, or person-centered ways of looking at the world. Indeed, the word "pagan" comes from the Latin word "paganos," meaning Earth or country dweller.

"Most often pagans tend to put deities or divinities within themselves or within the natural world, rather than saying it's something way beyond," Wells says.

According to Jeffrey Gould, owner of Tenzing Momo & Company, a herb store in Seattle's Pike Place Market and a practitioner of magic, one important distinction is that "witchcraft" is a religion, while "magic" is a philosophy. "People often talk to me about witchcraft," Gould says, "but I'm Jewish. I can't talk about witchcraft, but I can talk about ritual magic."

Indeed, Wells points out, witchcraft isn't necessarily at odds with other religions. "I know Christians who are very pagan," he says. "I don't say Christianity and paganism are necessarily different things." He then pauses before adding with a laugh, "Of course, you'll find many who would disagree with me, both Chris-

tians and pagans."

For many, the path of witchcraft or paganism leads them to astrology, crystals, numerology, Tarot, and other forms of mysticism associated with the New Age. For Nancy Redwine, it has led her to experiences of "transforming, transformative, exhilarating forms of energy."

Redwine discovered witchcraft after she nearly died in an auto accident and become subsequently obsessed with finding out more about death and people's responses to it. She began by doing "very self-conscious little [magic] rituals with myself." Then she found a friend who was equally fascinated, "and we did little self-conscious rituals together." She continued learning the ways of witchcraft from others and through books and, four years ago, formed a community of women with whom she now practices more elaborate rituals.

But, Redwine says, witchcraft can have many different forms. "It's a very, very wide path," she says, pointing out perhaps the key difference between witchcraft and most other institutional religions, which often provide specific guidelines for the faithful to follow. Paganism tends to be "initiatory," Wells says, while most religions tend to be "group-follower." Still, according to Wells, even witchcraft has a share of people who would give it the dogma and hierarchy found in more conventional religions.

As for the actual practice of magic, most witches say it's a matter of "will." Magic is simply a focusing of one's attention and energy on something and crating the intended result through whatever means. "These are rational people with college degrees," Gould says. "They write long pieces of rambling poetry, for example, and they read the poetry to friends and they post it where people will see it in the hopes that the poetry influences people. That's modern magic."

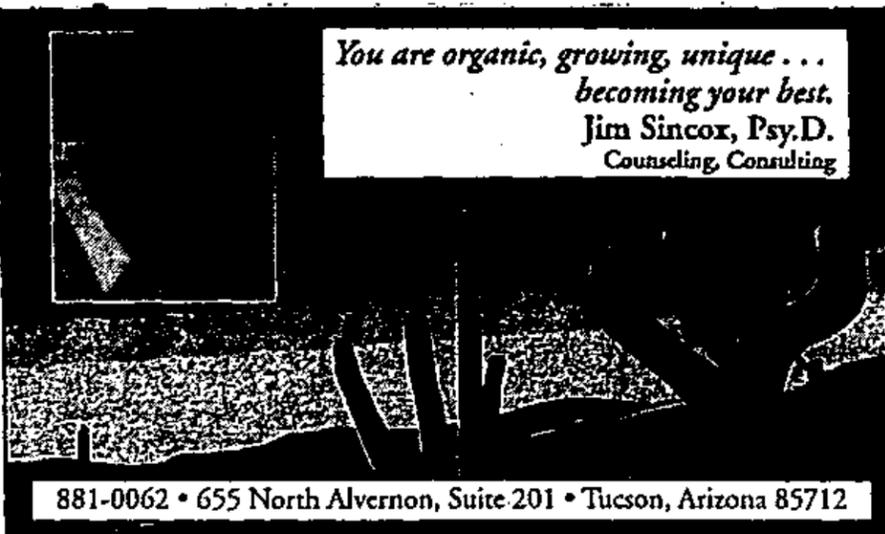
"It's not a big exciting thing," Gould goes on. "Anyone can do it. There are many groups that claim that they're the only ones who can teach you magic, but we all use magic every day." What training in witchcraft or ritual magic can do, he says, is help a person discover his or her "true" will. "Once you know that, it's much easier to get the result you want."

As *Time* and *Newsweek* cover stories point out, we are a nation hungering for some sense of the spiritual, and Lesbians and Gays are no different. Whatever witchcraft involves and whatever you call it, it seems to have struck a cord with some members of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual communities. Wells even suggests that Lesbians and Gays may have a heightened, or at least different, sense of spirituality that makes them sensitive to less physical realms—thereby being perfect for paganism. "Being queer is a spiritual identification," he says. "We kind of walk between the worlds." That explains the high proportion of Lesbians and Gays doing creative, "right-brain-type" things, he says.

For Nancy Redwine, witchcraft appealed to her because it was, in some way, already familiar to her as a Lesbian. "Part of the experience of being a Lesbian

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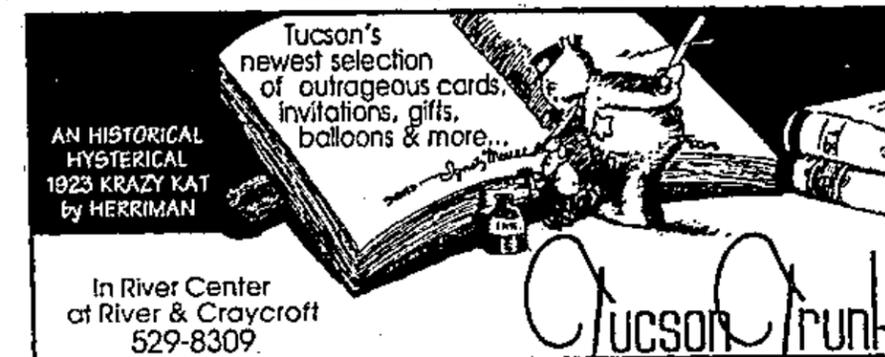


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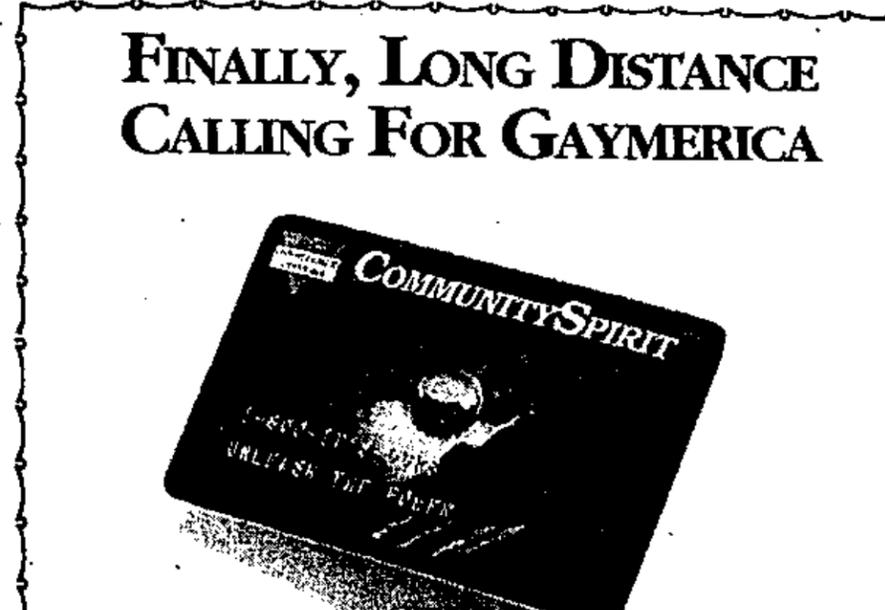
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Arizona TALK ABOUT WHATEVER: want to talk to young smooth bodied guys, let me know you're out there. #5794

Arizona OPEN TO ALL: Interested in getting together for rel.? leave msg in my box. #6338

Tucson PERSONAL TRAINER SOUGHT: HISPANIC, 5'10, 180lbs, brw hair, love racquet sports, looking for guy who likes to work out & have fun. #6367

Arizona V. STRONG GBM, 31, DESIRES similar or hispanic for rel., if serious call. [you'll be surprised by the results.] #1817

Tucson NEWCOMERS WELCOME: 6'2, 210lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, look for inexperienced guys and anyone curious enuf to call. #3263

Phoenix WE TALK WE MEET... the chemistry's great! Yng Smooth good shaped, 5'11, 160lbs, new for Chicago, desiring the above mentioned. Call my box. #2844

Arizona ATHLETIC 31, hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, musdr, goodlkg, educated, masc, seeks fit WM. #4231

Phoenix SHY BOY: longing for others into the comforts of swimwear, & lingerie, call for my address, espec. if you match my interests. #4071

Tucson RIGHT STUFF: 33, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, looking for men 25-35, who keep themselves in good shape, like to stay on top of a good time. #4318

Tucson YNG ATTRAC. HISPANIC: 19 YR OLD: 5'8, 130lbs, blk hair, enjoy shopping, cruising, going out, cuddling up, seeks guy 19-24 for my area. #4580

Beauhead City ANYONE with a PULSE: 6'4, dark hair, turquoise eyes, looking for anyone alive, call for hm # [prefer WM]. #3171

Phoenix B AND DEVOTE: dynamic 44, 5'10, hairy, w/black hair, seeks, exceptional yng man for sub. times. #3688

Tucson SELF-EMPLOYED: CUTE hairy, 38, 5'10, blond, 170lbs, enjoy C & W, camping, just wanna have fun, (no co-da's pls.) #3827

Phoenix ALL EXPENSES PAID: for right travel partner: 38, prof. GWM, seeks 18-25 yr old, to travel with at no expense. Call for details. #3861

Arizona OVER 35? 28, brw hair, hairy, 6'1, 180lbs, looking for guys over 35, for fun no matter when. #3887

Arizona WE SHOULD MEET: 28 yr old, 5'6, 150lbs, blond blue eyed, hairy chest, seeks friendship/rel./male bonding. #5049

Tucson EXOTIC 21 YR OLD ASIAN MALE: 5'5, 130lbs, seeking someone 18-25 for friendship maybe more. #5131

Phoenix I PREFER HISPANIC MEN, & long haired guys too. I'm fun, attentive and a connoisseur in all rooms of the house. #5183

Bowlhead STILL LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT: 6'4, 185lbs, where are you WM? dying for your call! give a call. A Call is worth a thousand words. #3171

Tucson CURRENT AFFAIR: 6', 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, hairy chest, looking for indoor excitement & discreet times during the daytime. #4547

Arizona OPEN ENDED REL: 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg. built, want to get together on monthly basis w/ guys for regular get togethers. #3413

Phoenix RU NICE & HUNKY? Versatile, nice looking 34, 6', blue eyed sandy blond, seeks local or visiting hunky guys who would like to have a good time. #2782

TUCSON, JUST DESSERTS. GBM 23, masc. athletic, interested in meeting guys mid-30's who are masc. attrac. into good times. Give a call. #2766

PHOENIX, STOP GUYS! LET'S GET SERIOUS! GM 30, 6', 230#, masc. husky, attrac, tired of being alone sks White or Latin close to my age or younger, serious, trusting, stable, attrac, w/h prop. If your tired of bars and searching ads, call me. #2908

TUCSON, ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS. Airforce veteran GBM 35, thin, 160#, 6'3", prof. clean-cut, HIV- like cars, music, radio scanners, sks GWM 25-40, mil. vet, for friendship/relationship. No drugs or fnl impersonators. #2902

PHOENIX, FRIENDS ARE A RARE FIND. GWM 20, Bln/Blu, 5'11", 31w, looking for friends. Please call and get my hm number. #3167

PHOENIX, FOR GOODTIME FUN. Very gdllg GM 33, 5'11", 155#, Brn/Blu, moust. & masc., looking for masc. man early 20's. Give me a call! You won't be sorry. #4274

PHOENIX, UNBREAKABLE BODY. GM 28, 6'2", 185#, Blu/U. Brn, smooth body, workout 5 days wk, looking for other guys in the area for fun. Into sports, the outdoors. Thanks. #4597

CONSTANTLY WORKING OUT! GM Ital/Span. 29yrs., 5'9", 160#, Gm/Dk Brn, very attrac., 43c, 29w, sensitive. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's get some good hardbody fun going. #4688

FLAGSTAFF, PREFER HAIRY, FOREIGN A PLUS! Grad student at NAU, 6', 175#, Br/Blu, interested in safe fun with disc. educated male. Looking for friendship, like travel, outdoors, computers, good conversation and good fun. #5097

TUCSON, COUNTRY LIVING AND LOVING. Good-looking cowboy looking for muscular guys in the area. Give me a call. #5251

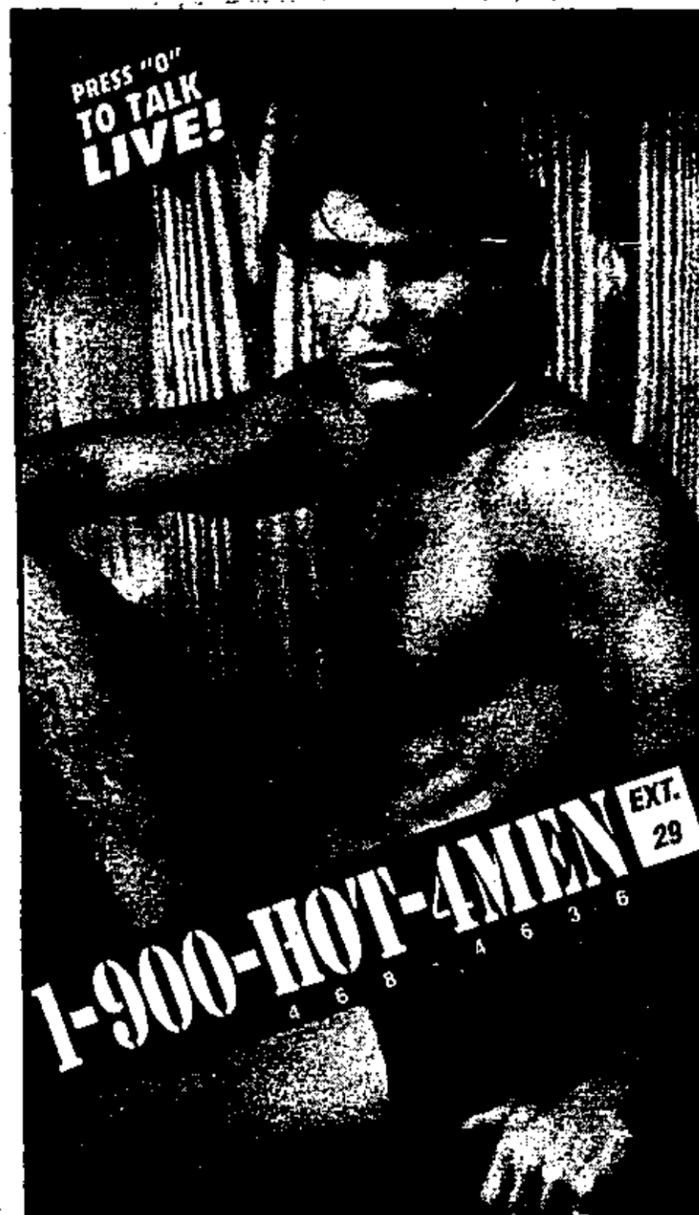
BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES A PLUS! GM recently moved to area 21yrs., 6'5", college student interested in seeking soulmate relationship with someone my age. #2025

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YOUR MUSCLE! Looking for studs under 30, smooth, long hair, to come over and turn and burn! I'm 28, Br/Br, ready to rock & roll! #2072

TUCSON, JUST OUT FOR FRIENDS. Give me a call, looking for

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ALBUQUERQUE, BLAZING FUN UNDER THE SUN. Gay Hisp. male btm. looking for other dom. men in the area. Heat up my days! #2236



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TUCSON, BIG ARMS! THE BETTER TO HOLD YOU. Irish-American 36, young-looking, 5'8", 180#, Brn/Blu, clean-cut, clean-shaven, stocky, muscular, lot of weight-training. Looking to meet guys in area, especially dom. #4824

PHOENIX, ALL YOU JOCKS WITH SWEATY SOCKS! I'm a good-looking well-built GWM. If you're 18-35, also in very good shape, muscular, good-looking, & a jock, give me a call! I'm what you've been waiting for! #1563

ARIZONA, SHOW ME YOUR WHEELS PARTY GUY! Slender party buddy to 35 wanted by graying 34 year old husky. Friendship first, then pos. relationship. Must be employed & have a car. #2259

TUCSON, FRIENDLY GLANCES FROM A BLUE-EYED STRANGER. GM 20, Dk brown hair, blue eyes, 130#, looking to meet people 18-28 who live in the area for a friendship and maybe more. Cast your eyes upon me! #2817

Arizona A SMOOTH BODY TO MAKE AN HONEST MAN NERVOUS! GM 5'10", 180#, blk hair, Brn eyes, smooth body, clean-shaven, sks individual to get to know to start a

ALBUQUERQUE, MOUNTAINTOP ROMANCE INCLUDED. GBM 22, 6'5", 210#, Br/Br. I like hiking and anything out in the mountains. If you're interested in good times and someone who is "no nonsense", give me a call. #2688

ALBUQUERQUE, LAUGHTER IS A GOOD SIGN. Looking for guys in the area. I'm GWM 49, 145#, disc. prof. seeking friendship with other Gay men, masc., caring, loving, good sense of humor. #5007

LOOK NO FURTHER: 27 yr old, 5'6, 170lbs, brw hair, hazel green eyes, into everything. All cultures welcome. (similar wavelength a plus) #1677

HISPANIC, brw hair/brw eyes, 6', 185lbs, looking for guy into fun, movies. #1895

TUCSON, PLAY WITH ME: 6'1, 220lbs, large & hairy, call me if you enjoy just being who you are. #1556

ENERGETIC 5'8, 140lbs, blond, blue eyed, 40, #1159

PHOENIX LOOKS UNIMPORTANT: 20, 6'1, hairy, desiring Good times w/ 20-45 preferred. #4073

Phoenix LOOKS UNIMPORTANT: 28 yr old, 6'1, 195lbs, gm eyes, hairy body, seeking traveller or local guys for fun & frolic. #4282

PHOENIX GREAT LOOKS OR PERSONALITY? take a chance on us & call #4295

MASTERFUL MAN WANTED: 34 yr old GWM, sub. 155lbs, let's play. #4297

PHOENIX LOOKS UNIMPORTANT: 28 yr old, 6', hairy, brw hair, should have 2 ears and one heart. #4337

PHOENIX I LOVE TO PHOTOGRAPH: 28, 5'11, very toned, very visual. #4475

CHUBBY CHASER? 5'8, 210lbs, brw hair, stached, hairy chest, call for hm number, what the hell, it could be fun. #4854

PHOENIX AGGRESSIVE HISPANIC, 34, 5'10, 160lbs, attractive, clean shaven, seeking masc. top man. #1333

VERY SINCERE: Half Mexican/white: 5'10, 150lbs, professional, dark hair/eyes, trim beard, good build. #4879

Tucson VESTED INTERESTS: seeking TV or TS that would like to be treated as a woman in a one-on one affair. #4907

ARIZONA READY FOR EXCITEMENT: 34 yr old, brw hair/green eyes, take a chance! #1199

ARIZONA PROFESSIONAL BM 6'2, into singing, song writing & dancing, seeking honest drug free guy any race. #1544

LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP: wanted by 26 yr old, 5'11, blond, 150lbs, btm, prefer hairy body, enjoy long walks/fun #2415

Phoenix CAN I BE OF SERVICE? young 6', 180lbs, moustached btm seeks fun time guys #2045

Phoenix VERY HANDSOME: CLEAN SHAVEN & smooth: 5'8, 155lbs, blk hair seeking endowed top man/ any race, #2813

Albuquerque AVAILABLE ATTRACTIVE, hispanic, 25 seeking all types, call soon #3133

White couple, 40s, clean discreet, want clean discreet black men to party with, all pleasurable activities anticipated #2254

Phoenix, Desert south west male looking for top quality friends. I'm 42, 6'1", 180, muscular masculine, well built, military hair cut, enjoy hiking, swimming, photography. #5525

SPANISH 19 yr old, seeks friendship and romance with white male 21-28 leading to rel. w/top man #2023

Tall, trim, tight, smooth, 32 yr old, #2207

A GOOD HOT TIME is what I want. I'm a 28 yr old, 5'9, reddish blond hair, hazel eyed stud #1774

James, 5'8, 140lbs, friendship first, I like outings in the country, HIV positive, let's have fun #1356

Mike, 25, 6'2, blond, 180lbs, handsome #9281

Mark, 35, 5'8, 170lbs, masculine, travel alot #9135

Arizona, Mixed up and New to the scene, Larry. #5903

Santa Rosa Area, Jm, 5'9, 160lb, 52, athletic, into bicycls #5521

Take a Risk on me, I'm Tim, 24, blond, hairy. #5443

Santa Rosa, love outdoors, bike riding, I'm a discreet GWM for you if you are looking for new experiences. #5420

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Tsunami Records Releases 'Family Of Friends' Album

TUCSON - Tsunami Records, in association with Sue Fink, is proud to announce the release of A Family Of Friends, an exciting and historic women's music sampler containing some of the finest music available anywhere.

From reggae to country, from classical to West African world beat, A Family Of Friends provides a look at contemporary American women's music. The artists contributing a song to the album are (in alphabetical order): Jamie Anderson, Mimi Baczewska, Laura Berkson, Alix Dobkin, Sue Fink, Pam Hall, Diane Lindsay, June and Jean Millington, OneSpirit (Kay Gardner/Nurudafina Pili Abena), Venus Envy, Yer Girlfriend, and Leah Zicari.

The title cut, "A Family of Friends," blends the rich vocal harmonies of singers like Margie Adam, Jamie Anderson, Deidre McCalla, Cris Williamson, Sharon Washington, and many others with heart stirring instrumentation by Mary Watkins, Sue Fink, June and Jean Millington, and Barbara Borden. It's about redefining family values, with strength, dignity and love.

The proceeds from the title cut are being donated to organizations that help the Lesbian and Gay community. Tsunami expressed hope that this project helps to bring us together, as friends, as community, as family.

Some of the artists on the project are already quite familiar to you, others may be new. Here's a bit of information on a few of the artists, just to get you started.

Jamie Anderson's songs "Wedding Song" and "No Closet" are fast becoming women's classics. Now Jamie shares another facet of her talent with her contribution to this album. "At Karen's

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is that when I'm with a women, there is such an exchange of energy," she says. "Making the leap that that sort of thing could be available at other times was not so far to go."

One more reason why Lesbians and Gays may feel so close a bond with witches and pagans is because they share a common history of oppression. Witch-burnings and other forms of pagan-persecution had their heyday in sixteenth and seventeenth century Europe and America, but the oppression didn't end there. Hitler slaughtered the Gypsies, many of who practiced paganism, and many countries, including Great Britain, had laws outlawing witchcraft well into the twentieth century. Witches say that prejudice, all of it unfounded, persists today, ironically even in the United States, a country founded on principles of free religious expression and philosophic inquiry. And even though the days of actual witch-burnings may be gone in this country, their terrible memory and legacy persist.

Lesbians and Gays have an equally long tradition of oppression, often by the same oppressors as witches and pagans. Use of the word "faggot" as a derogatory word for Gays even comes from the times of witch-burnings. A "fagot" is a bundle of sticks used for fuel and, says Steve Wells, "during the burning times when they were burning witches, they would take queer boys and throw them on the fire just like the bundles of sticks."

Like any form of oppression,

House" is about shifting perspectives and opening minds.

Laura Berkson's "Heartland" is true country waltz, dobro and all. The song reminds us of our common bonds and our yearnings to share our experiences. You'll find yourself singing along with Laura's beautiful soprano vocals and rich three part harmonies.

Sue Fink, with a long and prestigious career in both mainstream and women's music, performs and R&B tune entitled "The Kind of Woman I Am." It's about never making assumptions. The full, contemporary arrangement is as good as it gets. Move over Tina Turner.

Pam Hall, although not familiar to all of you yet, is an up and coming new performer in women's music. Her style is all her own, though she may remind you of what Joan Armatrading could have done if she turned left instead of right.

OneSpirit is a duo formed by Kay Gardner and Nurudafina Pili Abena. Kay plays flute and Nuru plays various African rhythmic instruments on this foot tapping, body swaying traditional West African chant entitled "Happy Life."

Venus Envy will delight you with "Myth in Genesis." In a jazzy, swing style, their song calls upon us to re-think a few cultural/religious myths.

This historic collaboration of over thirty women's music artists is unprecedented joining of multi-cultural talent and cooperation. A Family Of Friends shares the music, the vision, and the strength as we celebrate what we can bring together as friends, as community, as family.

A Family Of Friends is available wherever women's music is sold.

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anti-pagan prejudice is mostly the result of ignorance coupled with a lot of negative publicity. "The biggest misconception is that people have it confused with Satan-worship," Redwine says. While Satan worshipers do exist, they practice a fundamentally different art. "Satanic groups tend to use energy to destroy people," she says. "Witchcraft uses energy to empower, encourage, and heal people."

"Any time a new religion comes into a country, they make devils out of the old ones," Wells says, explaining the animosity Judeo-Christian religions have traditionally had for pagan ones.

For now, all most witches and pagans want is the respect that should be accorded all humans and the freedom to practice their art—which may really be a lot more mundane than most people think.

"I consider myself a practical pagan," Wells says. "I do all the rituals and the energy work, and I also scrub the floor and change the toilet paper. These things are a part of magic too. You've got to ground your visions in the physical world."

Witches making beds, scrubbing the floor, and changing toilet paper? What will we learn next, that Marilyn Quayle, traditional homemaker extraordinaire, has a law degree, a well-staffed office, and doesn't even cook meals for the family values-laden Second Family?

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FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help or help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact on Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

San De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out lowest couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6835.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcohol 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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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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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. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. Information 624-1779.

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"QUEER BISSER", Bishop's Lesbian and Gay Alliance, has a general meeting every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA in Bisbee.

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GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on interpersonal blocks and self-esteem issues. Membership will be limited to 8-10 people. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3390

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"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region" for information about membership or activities call Bill James 622-3808 Tucson.

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AT BASE AGAIN, A men's discussion group, meets at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. at 7 pm every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome.

JOHN USI FLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993: FLGC de Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

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Army Sergeant Faces Charges In Slayings Of 4 in North Carolina

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) - Some people screamed and ducked under the tables. Others tried to run out of the restaurant when a man armed with three guns and shouting about the president and homosexuals in the military, started shooting.

Four people were killed and seven were wounded before police shot down the gunman.

Warrants issued charge Army Sgt. Kenneth Junior French, 22 with four counts of first degree murder and six counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Police said another charge is pending. French, who was wounded in the leg and jaw, was listed in stable condition at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

He has refused to talk to police and has asked for a lawyer, said Lt. David Pulliam of the Fayetteville Police Department.

French, a native of Zephyrhills, Fla., is stationed at Fort Bragg, which borders Fayetteville. He has been in the Army since June 1, 1989, serving as a mechanic, according to Sgt. Ron Gardiner, a military spokesperson.

French had no special weapons training, and no negative reports are in his service record, Gardiner said. He previously was stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., and in South Korea.

Pulliam said French apparently had never been to the restaurant before. Police have not found any connection

between French and any of the people who work at Luigi's Italian restaurant, which is about a mile from Fort Bragg.

"It appears Luigi's was just randomly chosen," Pulliam said.

French drove a black Chevrolet truck to the restaurant and wore a hunting vest, police said. "He got out of the truck loaded for bear," Pulliam said.

Police Sgt. Mike Ballard said French entered the restaurant, and spoke loudly about "Clinton letting faggots in the military" and opened fire.

Of the injured, four were treated at a hospital and released, and three were instable condition.

President Clinton has ordered that homosexuals be allowed to serve in the military as long as they do not reveal their sexual orientation.

Slayings Of Four Gay Men May Be Work Of Serial Killer In NYC

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - The dismemberment slayings of four Gay men might have been committed by a serial killer who stalks homosexuals in Manhattan bars, authorities said.

"There are striking similarities between the cases," Rockland County District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz said. "That does not mean there is a serial killer. At the same time, somebody is committing these grisly murders."

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the killings, which came over a 13 month period in two states, "look like they are somewhat related." The killer, he said, "appears to

frequent" Gay bars.

The most recent victim, Michael Sakara, Jr., 54, was discovered Saturday by a hot dog vendor in suburban Rockland County. His head and arms, packed in a plastic bag, were found stuffed in a trash can.

In two slayings last year, the victims were found in New Jersey, their body parts packed into plastic bags and dumped into garbage cans. Those victims were also last seen in New York City, authorities said.

Officials were also investigating a similar slaying in upstate New York.

All four men were Gay, said a law enforcement source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Michigan Man Convicted In Murder Of Lesbians

BY KAREN PEPPER
HURON TOWNSHIP, Mich. - Seven months after the brutal execution style killings of Susan Pittman and Christine Puckett, justice was served. The four day trial of a Michigan man ended when the jurors returned a verdict of first degree murder. James Brooks, 67, was the next door neighbor of Pittman and Puckett. He was accused of shooting the two women at close range with a shotgun on the afternoon of May 5, 1992 allegedly over a property line dispute involving a privacy fence the women were placing around their home.

In his audio taped confession played at the trial, Brooks repeatedly stated, "I had to do it. I just had to." He blamed the lack of local police response to his grievances as rationale for his behav-

ior. Among Brooks' numerous complaints was a dislike of the women's Lesbian lifestyle and the openness of their relationship. Indeed, the women celebrated their love in a commitment ceremony the previous year and were active members of the Detroit Lesbian and Gay community.

In response to the killings, members of the Detroit community worked diligently with the Prosecuting Attorney's office to see that justice was carried forth and the truth told. The attorney assigned to the case, Robert Agacinski, displayed a consistent sensitivity to these concerns as expressed by the women's immediate family as well as members of the Gay community. Though the trial itself focused primarily on outlining the physical evidence relevant to the defendant's "premeditated, deliberate and reflective" actions, the prosecutor did raise the issue of the women's Lesbianism in his closing statement to the jury. Agacinski made it clear that it was the family's belief that Chris and Sue's Lesbian lifestyle had much to do with the fact of their deaths and the especially brutal way in which they were killed.

Though no one will ever know the real circumstances of the women's final moments, it seems as though Sue, 55, was trying to protect her 36 year old partner who lay bleeding from the first round of shotgun blasts fired by Brooks from his backdoor. Then Brooks reloaded his gun, traveled over 80 feet to where Chris lay face down, shot Sue at close range and then placed the barrel of the gun to Chris' back and pulled the trigger. The extreme malice in his actions led the jury to agree with the prosecutor's charge that Brooks' actions were indeed premeditated and, thereby, warranted a verdict of first degree murder on both charges of "open murder."

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