



National Task Force On AIDS Drug Development Formed



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala

WASHINGTON, D.C. - HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala announced the formation of a National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development to expedite the search for new therapies against AIDS and the underlying human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The announcement was made at a press conference called by Shalala.

The expert panel will be highly focused, seeking new and innovative approaches to the development of AIDS drugs.

"The task force has a clear and critical mission: to identify, and remove, any barriers or obstacles to developing effective treatments," Shalala said.

The 15 member panel will be drawn from government, the pharmaceutical industry, academia, medicine and the AIDS affected communities. "This represents unprecedented high-level collaboration among leaders in the field," Shalala said.

"It is time to refocus and re-energize our best minds for a concerted attack on this killer," Shalala said.

"None of us can guarantee success," Shalala added. "HIV is a vicious

and cunning adversary. But history will judge us harshly if we fail to give it our best shot."

Shalala was joined at the announcement by Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Phillip Lee, who will chair the panel; Dr. P. Roy Vagelos, chairman and chief executive officer of Merck & Co., Inc.; Kristine M. Gebbie, national AIDS policy coordinator; and Moises Agosto, research and treatment advocacy manager at the National Minority AIDS Council.

Also attending the National Institutes of Health press conference were Dr. David Kessler, commissioner of food and drugs; Dr. Harold Varmus, newly sworn in as director of the National Institutes of Health; and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"The FDA has made great strides in streamlining the approval process for drugs to treat life-threatening conditions, and the NIH has contributed mightily to our understanding of AIDS and HIV," Shalala said.

"In addition, the Clinton administration and Congress have raised the NIH

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Texans Re-Vote To Accept Apple Computer Plant

by Elizabeth Hudson

AUSTIN, Tx., - The Texas county that rejected Apple Computer Inc.'s plans for a new plant because of the company's sympathetic policy towards Gay workers reversed itself and voted to give Apple the tax concessions it sought.

In a courthouse jammed with television cameras and reporters from around the country, the Williams County commissioners voted 3 to 2 for the tax break. Commissioner David Hays, who last week unexpectedly voted against the proposal because Apple provides health insurance benefits to domestic partners of Gay employees, switched sides.

"Cooler heads have prevailed," said Apple spokesman Bill Keegan, adding that the company would accept the offer. "Our intention is to get back on track with our schedule and begin construction in the spring and be ready for occupancy in late '95 or early '96."

Last week's vote took Apple and state officials by surprise and focused a media spotlight on the central Texas county outside Austin. The three commissioners voting against the tax abatement said that the domestic partner benefits provided by Apple were contrary to family values.

The debate preceding the vote was punctuated with anti-Gay comments and suggestions that a favorable vote would bring homosexuals and AIDS to Williamson County.

The negative vote spawned hundreds of offers to Apple from dozens of Texas cities and other states.

"This is just a hunch," read an editorial in the Beaumont, Texas, Enterprise. "but someone who's been out of work for months, perhaps even years, cares little about such things."

Apple has temporary quarters in Austin with plans to build a customer service facility on 200 acres in neighboring Williamson County, which stretches from suburban Austin to cotton and wheat farms to the northeast. The company employs 700 people in the plant and will add another 1,000 employees when the new center is completed.

Efforts to salvage Apple's plans were intense, said Mike Heiligenstein, another county commissioner. "I focused on Hays to determine what I could do to get him behind us," he said. Hays originally had supported the tax abatement but changed his mind before the first vote.

Heiligenstein said members of the county's "very conservative business community" complained to him that "we're talking economics here...not anything else."

By Friday, Heiligenstein said, he arranged a lunch with Gov. Ann Richards and Hays to discuss the matter. Following lunch, Richards called Apple to see if the company was still interested in Williamson County. After that, Heiligenstein said, the issue was back on the commissioners' agenda.

"It was such a major hit on the community," he said, "not getting the abatement and then the intense publicity. We have to correct that now."

The original plan would have reduced taxes paid by Apple by \$750,000. Under the new plan, Apple will pay the taxes and then be reimbursed. Commissioner Hays, the swing vote, said his second vote did not reflect a change of position on Apple's domestic partner policies.

"Last week I was asked to vote to use taxpayer dollars to subsidize, and therefore, tacitly endorse a benefits policy with which I disagree. Today's vote does nothing of the kind," he said.

"Because they call it something else is irrelevant," said David M. Smith, public information officer for the Washington based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Smith, who was in Williamson County for the vote, called the decision a "triumph of jobs over prejudice."

After the first vote, officials in Ellis County, which recently lost the superconducting super collider, tried to lure the nation's second largest computer company to that area. Dallas and Fort Worth civic leaders made their sales pitches, and even the conservative Texas Baptist Foundation offered to sell land to Apple for its complex.

[Elizabeth Hudson is a reporter for the Washington Post News Service.]

Judge Overturns Anti-Gay Ballot Measure

CINCINNATI, Oh., (UPI) - A Cincinnati charter amendment denying discrimination protection for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual city residents has been ruled unconstitutional in what's believed to be the first such decision by a federal judge.

U.S. District Court Judge Arthur Spiegel cited two grounds for his ruling. He said the charter amendment, approved by voters, violates the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (the right to petition), and it also violates the 14th Amendment (equal protection).

Lawyers for the city and the out-of-state coalition that supported the amendment had argued Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual citizens should not be considered

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UPDATE

Local Gay Cable Programming Update

TUCSON - Empty Closet, a local Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual cable television program, will cablecast one hour episodes twice a week, the programs began on November 22.

Tucson Community Cable will cablecast Empty Closet exclusively on Channel 62 Mondays at 4 p.m., and Sundays at 6 p.m., starting December 20th.

Empty Closet Productions is dedicated to serving the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community. Production goals are to support, educate, and entertain. For special events coverage, contact Tony at (602) 882-8120.

"Oasis Days" At Picture Rocks

TUCSON - "Oasis Days", the series of days of recollection for Lesbians, Gays, their families, and friends, features "An Advent Program of Incarnational Spirituality" on Saturday, December 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road.

The program, led by Lynda Canfield and Fr. Dick Mevissen, begins with registration and coffee at 9:30. The suggested donation of \$15 includes lunch.

Call 744-3400 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays for further information.

"Rainbow Roll" For Gay Games IV

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federation of Gay Games has endorsed The Rainbow Roll for the End of AIDS, a cross country, in-line skating relay from San Francisco, the "Athens" of the Gay Games, to New York City for the opening of Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival.

In May and June of 1994, a multi-racial, co-gendered team of skaters will carry a rainbow flag as an AIDS memorial and symbolic "torch" to the Gay Games opening ceremony, June 18, 1994, representing all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and transgendered people around the world.

The Rainbow Roll is being initiated by A.R.E.A., Inc., the not-for-profit organization which sponsored The American Run for the End of AIDS, a 9000 mile, 20 month run around the perimeter of the United States by a single runner from 1986-1987. The Rainbow Roll relay team is being headed up by A.R.E.A. founder and runner, and a director of The Federation of Gay Games, Brent Nicholson Earle.

Fund raising events in the cities along the route of The Rainbow Roll will benefit The Federation of Gay Games and the other national and local sponsoring organizations.

The Rainbow Roll is dedicated to Gay Games founder, Dr. Tom Waddell, and artist, Keith Haring. Both men were Gay sports and cultural leaders lost to AIDS.

Shanti Christmas Food Drive

TUCSON - Shanti Foundation of Tucson has launched their annual Christmas Food Drive, and are asking the community to "make a difference to someone living with HIV/AIDS or other life threatening illnesses."

You can help by donating non-perishable food or toiletry items at the Shanti office, located at 602 North 4th Avenue, or at the Shanti boxes located at all of the Tucson bars.

For more information call 622-7107.

AIDS Patient Settles Claim For \$85,000

LOS ANGELES, Ca., - A man who has AIDS accepted \$85,000 to settle a lawsuit against a doctor who refused to treat his severely cut left hand after he said he was HIV positive.

Dr. Thelma Reich, who now has a private practice in Oxnard, was the physician in charge at the Ventura Urgent Care Center when Salvador Fuentes sought treatment in February 1992.

Fuentes, was diagnosed with AIDS in 1989. He said he called the center before going there to say he was HIV positive and was assured he would get treatment.

Fuentes said Reich refused to see him and sent him to the county hospital's emergency room.

Gay Rights Bill For Students Approved

BOSTON, Ma., (AP) - The Massachusetts House and Senate passed without debate a law imposing a statewide ban on discrimination against Gay students in public schools.

The bill, which proponents says would combat the harassment that leads some Gay teen-agers to drop out or commit suicide, must still be signed into law by Gov. William Weld, who said he supports the measure.

The bill says no one shall be discriminated against in a public school or have his or her studies interfered with on account of sexual orientation.

"No statute's going to change attitudes, but it's a first step in telling people that discrimination and intolerance are not good," said St. Sen. Robert Havern, D-Arlington.

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This coming Saturday, December 11, the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life) would like to receive feedback from the community regarding its involvement in the HIV crisis as it relates to its mission statement. PACT would like to more fully empower PWAs and other HIV+ people in our community as we fight for adequate and responsive services and a cure. PACT would like to hear concerns and suggestions from the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are people with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The people with AIDS Coalition of Tucson is a grassroots organization comprised primarily, but not exclusively, of people living with HIV/AIDS.

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sisters, your husbands and your wives,
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THRC Raising Money To Fight Arizona's Amendment 2



Shown above is Ricky Staats, Co-Chair of the Tucson Human Rights Commission in the center receiving cash from one of the benefits given for the group. Gilda Fatale, who is running for Miss Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (I) has spearheaded the drive for THRC and has raised over \$1,000 for them. Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X is at the right. THRC is organizing to fight the proposed Colorado-style amendment that is being proposed for Arizona. Anyone who is interested in volunteering their time to join in this upcoming fight is urged to contact THRC at the address listed below.

See the related THRC update following this caption.

THRC UPDATE

by Ricky Staats

TUCSON - The slave auction last Sunday night which caused all the media hub-bub

was a huge success - over a thousand dollars was raised. For those of you who don't know, Ms. Gilda Fatale, who organized the auction, has helped raise well over that amount in the past few weeks.

To everyone who bought, sold, and contributed to this event many thanks. Special thanks to Frank and Dave of IBT's.

Rodney (Gilda Fatale) whose appearance on TV Sunday night was a high point for my week. Rodney you done us all proud!

A General Meeting of all members and interested others will be held soon. Keep checking the OBSERVER for details. Any questions or problems please call 792-8640 or write THRC at P.O. Box 41182, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Task Force On AIDS

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AIDS research budget 21 percent this year, to \$1.3 billion," she added.

virus, we must explore all possible options."

"But the sad fact remains that not a single New Drug Application for an antiretroviral drug is currently before the FDA. No matter how much we shorten the pipeline, we cannot achieve our goal unless we start filling that pipeline with promising compounds," Shalala said.

Shalala said she expects to begin receiving nominations for task force membership immediately.

At least one million U.S. citizens are infected with HIV. Some 340,000 have been reported to the CDC with full blown AIDS, and over 200,000 have died.

Said Gebbie: "The mere creation of a new task force does not halt an epidemic, and if this new group were allowed to become a mere bureaucratic space filler, it could even become counterproductive. I am confident, however, that neither of these things will occur."

"Unfortunately, none of the drugs we have today are curative," Dr. Lee said.

Added Shalala: "This is not just another government panel appointed to study an issue and write a report that gathers dust.

"The task force, which will be appointed by and report to the secretary, will bring together many of the top people in the field. It will raise the level and intensity of collaboration," Dr. Lee continued.

"I expect the task force to report to me personally, rapidly and regularly, and I pledge to work with all its members to eliminate any obstacles to finding effective treatments," she said.

"The group we envision will be constantly evaluating the process, identifying obstacles, charting strategy, and asking: 'What are our options? Is anything falling through the cracks? Are we doing everything we possibly can?'" Lee said.

"We're not just talking about antivirals," Dr. Lee added. "We need an across-the-board strategy to develop drugs to treat all aspects of HIV disease. We need immune modulators, anticancer compounds, and agents to treat and prevent opportunistic infections."

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention inform me that AIDS and HIV, on average, kill 92 people in this country every day," Shalala said. "With so many people being held hostage by this

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LANG HITS THE BIG TIME!

Guess what?! Arizona, specifically Pima County, made national t.v. again. How? An elected official! Who? Your Pima County Assessor, Alan Lang! (Yes yours, not mine, I did not vote for him!)

Alan Lang, was the subject of a story on the t.v. tabloid news program, American Journal. To say the least, the story was not flattering. The story focused on Lang's turbulent term as Assessor; class actions suits by employees; sexual harassment suits; his two arrests; and carrying a gun were mentioned.

The reporter mentioned that he had twice scheduled an interview with him to give an opportunity to state his side of the story. Lang, canceled twice, (So what else is new!), and the reporter finally tracked him down in, and get this, in a time-share condo in Las Vegas!

When finally confronted at his condo, Lang, who was holding a Lite Beer can, (Gee, I thought the conditions of his bail for the arrest was that he could not drink alcohol!), "slurred out" that he was innocent of all charges, he would be re-

POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

elected, and that he would leave a "legacy" as Assessor, and that all Assessor's offices would be modeled after his. Lang, later stated that he was "armed to the teeth." (Another violation perhaps?!)

The reaction was swift, Pima County Supervisor Mike Boyd, called the story an "embarrassment to Pima County," and that he should do the citizens a favor and resign. Another Supervisor, Ed Moore, who is one of Lang's last defenders, blasted the show by stating "they picked on someone with a severe alcohol problem."

PIMA COUNTY DEMS FINALLY TAKE ACTION AGAINST LANG!

That is not a misprint, the Pima County Democratic party, a group not known for taking stands, finally took one on the embattled Assessor. (Third time is the charm!)

The county executive committee meet for their monthly meeting, voted, by

a unanimous margin, to call for Lang's resignation. Officials stated because Lang did not respond to their requests to "consult with them" about his problems, and to talk with the media to state his position.

Insiders tell me that the television story was the final nail in the coffin. Also, the party leaders finally saw that this mess had developed into a big, negative snowball that would strike the party chances down in the drain in the 1994 elections.

RECALL NOTICE

Had enough?! So have I! There will be a meeting of Total Recall, tonight, at 6:30 p.m., at the recall headquarters, which is located at 1003 East Broadway, near Park & Broadway, across the street from the Fuller Organ Company. We must act, and act now!

WILL HE OR WON'T HE?

That was on the mind of those who attended the Phoenix Nucleus club December meeting, to hear Congressman, and possible Senatorial candidate, Sam

Coppersmith who was the guest speaker. Coppersmith stated he would make his decision about running for the Democratic Senatorial nod in late January.

VYAS DUMPED!

The Pima County Administrator, Manoj Vyas, (Manny Vega to Sup. Paul Marsh!), was removed from his post this past week. By a vote of 3 to 2 (Republicans 3, Demos 2) Vyas will be assigned to another county post. (Sounds like a remake of the film "The Man Who Knew Too Much.")

PONDER A WHILE, BUT DON'T FILE

A former legislator may get a "new chance" in a "new district." Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf, a member of the "Board" is. That "scaredy cat" member of the "Board" plays a new game, "Let's don't make a deal." A group has spent all its money on a nice Christmas gift, which they will definitely need next year, and then they promptly broke it putting it together. (Just all thumbs!) Gee, an elected official doesn't know what the definition of the word "friend" is. Tell that to the media-megalomaniac.

END NOTES

In the "filler" department, David "The Shadow" Bradley was elected president of the Democrat's of Greater Tucson, lovingly referred as DDT. This past Monday, Tom Saggau was sworn in as the Ward 3 Council member for the City of Tucson. It was great to see, (probably not for olde George and Roger). Mike Boyd is the Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, then why did Supervisor Ed Moore, the former Chair, overstepped his bounds, and said "All in favor of ...", and "Is there a second to..." on five different occasions. Does this mean something? We'll see. And so it goes.

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I am surprised, I've gone one week and not one person that was on the Fellowship Run here in Tucson, and read my column, pointed out to me that when mentioning the different clubs that were in attendance, I'd forgot the club out of Palm Springs. Well, now that the record has been corrected, watch someone this week let me know of others I've possibly missed.

And also speaking of that run, everyone is still safe because that extra reporter I mentioned last week, has not mailed me the information he collected. Now, I know that the Observer goes to Phoenix and this particular spy reporter reads this column, my message to you is - get off your ass and send me those notes.

With one Christmas benefit show behind us, we still have more to come. One benefit that I just found out about Saturday, I'd like to pass on to everyone because it is also a very important benefit, benefiting everyone here in Tucson.

The Desert Leathermen are selling Christmas tree decoration type rings, those we as children use to make in school. Each ring sold for a \$1 donation, will have a message on it, from you to someone of your choice. All monies collected from this venture, along with other benefits, staged by DL, coming soon, will go towards the purchase of condoms for the bars here in Tucson.

This is a very special benefit and everyone here in Tucson will benefit from it. After the holidays, this string of rings will be placed in the fire pit at the Venture-N, with the smoke rising to those who we have sent our love and messages to.

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On one of my days at the Graduate, I was asked what the Make-A-Wish Foundation is. This organization grants wishes to terminally ill children, up to 16 years old. And yes, some of them have passed away because of AIDS, but any wish these children have asked for, is granted if at all possible, and not to just those with AIDS.

Some very special items have been donated this year in support of both the raffle and auction. During the show, after 3 or 4 numbers, a drawing will be held for the benefit items, a drawing for the extra gifts under the tree, and one of the items up for auction, auctioned off. After each drawing, the winning ticket will be placed back into the jar for future drawings.

The main benefit prizes will be drawn for in the following order:

1. Dinner for two at the Doubletree
2. A \$50 leather gift certificate from the Venture-N
3. Two (2) tickets to the Copper Bowl
4. The \$100 bill

For these prizes, the winner does not have to be present to win but, for all others, yes you will have to be there to win. TKO does hope a large crowd will be on hand in support of both the overall benefit, plus the stars who will be in the show. So, as you travel around this and next week to your favorite cocktail lounge, locate the RED jar, and purchase your raffle chances.

Once again I'll mention that during this time of the year, there are numerous benefits going on, and each is worthy of your support. But, rather than supporting just one of them with maybe a \$10 donation, why not take that \$10 and donate \$1 to 10 different benefits? By doing so, each and everyone of them will profit.

I guess that will be it for this week. Have a loving week and be careful, Santa is watching you. At the risk of dating myself, some of those I witnessed at the Fellowship Run will be getting a chunk of coal in their chimney stockings, hung carefully in hopes of Santa Claus arriving.

Just for something special for this column next week, I'll print your Santa Gift Wish list, if you get it to me prior to next Tuesday morning. Of course, Santa "Bob" will only print certain types, so be careful what you wish for. And, as one of Santa's helpers, I will be screening them for possible unwarranted digs at little innocent me, but print anyhow. Remember I don't get mad, I get even. You can give them to me or drop them off at the Graduate. I'll stop in there, if you twist my arm, on Monday afternoon and gather them.

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Straight From The Hip
 by Kenny Jacobs

To offend or not to offend, that is the question. Alvin Xex had a problem, he thought the Tucson Human Rights Coalition was a city agency (perhaps the Tucson Human Rights COMMISSION), and was sponsoring a "slave auction". Not so, he was told by the Affirmative Action officer, the Human Rights COMMISSION, the NAACP, and everyone he spoke with in the media. The "slave auction" was being hosted by a "drag queen" (or should we say "gender-appropriate fashion challenged performance artist"?) for the benefit of a "homosexual rights" group. WHOA!

And thus begins my essay entitled, "How I Spent My Weekend".

Gilda Fatale is a saint. Too much blue eye shadow if you ask me, but a saint none the less. Gilda Fatale is the 347th female impersonator to appear on TV this year, no truth to the rumor she's looking for a recording contract. Why would KOLD 13 send a reporter to interview the Divine Miss F? Could the reporter squeeze beauty secrets from Gilda? Would station management be dazzled by Gilda's presence and sign her to be the weekend weather girl? Would Madame X sit by quietly while her protege grabs the TV spotlight (a la "A Star is Born")? Is this really the premier episode of "As the Mirror Ball Turns"? It felt like it.

The "slave auction" story was so close to being no story it's almost silly. It ran on the least watched broadcast of the least watched station in town. (Sorry 13, you know I love ya). If Gilda had refused to say anything on camera, there probably would have been no broadcast of the story. A man in a skin tight dress with news anchor hair can make a ho-hum story more "tele-genic". It seems TV cameras have an automatic attraction to drag, witness Pride Day news coverage. The reason the story got the play it did was because of POLITICAL CORRECTNESS.

I am not saying that people shouldn't be offended by the term "slave auction". I am a white male and will not pretend to understand everything that goes on in other race, ethnic, and religious communities. I am saying that offense that is unintentionally committed should be viewed as an opportunity to inform, not an invitation to war. The Lesbian/Gay/Bi community should take that adage to heart as well.

The Lesbian/Gay/Bi community as represented on the national level is one of the worst examples of PC. When the term "slave auction" is used and offends, it points out a major weakness in our local non partisan political organizing. Where's the color? Where are the people of color? We make a decent effort to be gender balanced, but that's not the complete task. If we had more Lesbian/Gay/Bi people of color in our various political organizations and consequently better rapport with mainstream civil rights groups, we wouldn't commit the "slave auction" fumble. Besides, it's the right thing to do.

Urvashi Vaid is the former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. She is less PC every time I read something she writes, and I think she is one of our true heroes. In the December 14 issue of The Advocate she talks about the myth of the of "magic potion". Everyone knows what's wrong with the world today and the cure is in someone else's pocket. Not true, she says. She's right.

"A movement requires the exact opposite of the quick fix or one answer. It requires instead a flow of new energies working on some pretty basic strategies: education, analysis, protest, lobbying, policy development, and community empowerment, among others."

Was use of the term "slave auction" insensitive? Yes. Will we do better next time? Absolutely. Do we need more help? Of course!

The aforementioned event was held at IBT's and raised \$1,000 for the Tucson Human Rights Coalition. Thanks go out to all nine of our volunteer "bachelorettes". They put it on the line and it paid off. A special thanks to Speedway Books and the Cactus Gallery for the generous donation of merchandise. All the employees of IBT's, you were super, again. My special appreciation to Dave and Frank, who found out how close our total was to \$1,000 and wrote a check to round it out. And of course, Gilda Fatale. There are girls who can't say no and girls who won't take the word no for an answer. You are the best of both. P.S. Madame X wants \$20 for using her line. "I'm a man in a dress, who's going to take me seriously?"

[Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome: Kenny Jacobs, c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, Arizona 85703.]



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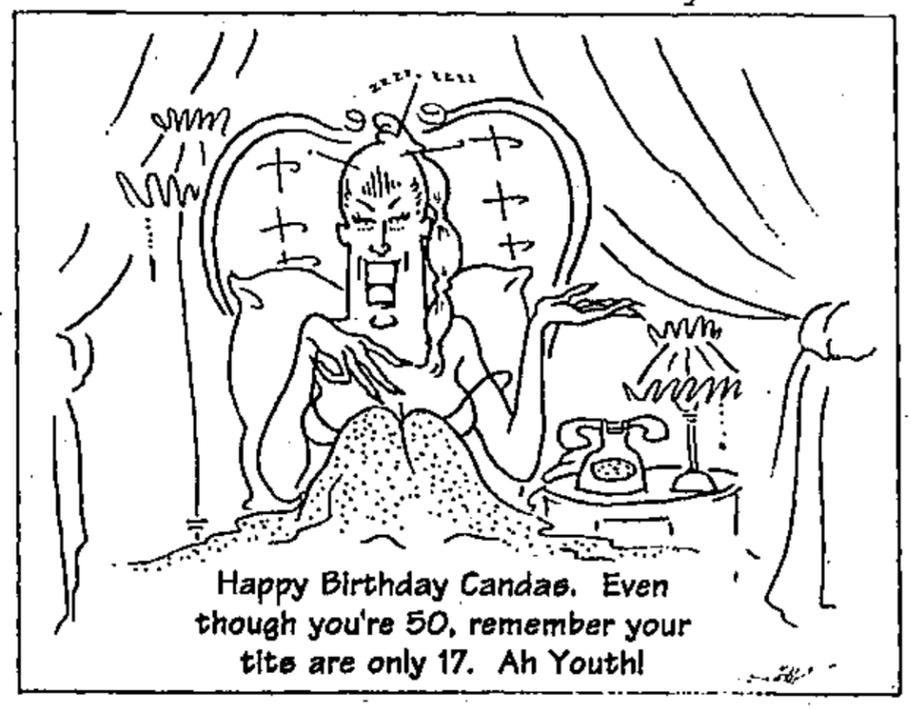
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FYI

by Big John

Well, as you read this there will have been another Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday (12/7/93). Am I optimistic? Yes! Do I expect change? Sooner or later! Will the people requested to contact Pam Shack's task force make a touch down? I hope so. Will they get the "town hall" meeting organized that everyone endorsed and TAP told us we would have? Good question!

I've been encouraged to write more "heavy duty" articles in recent weeks and accused of not writing "heavy" enough. I've been asked to - and asked not to - write about the gay agenda in Tucson. People have warned others to not get me worked up for fear I would take them apart in my column.

I don't view what I do as a gossip column but what's Doc's last name any way? Hypocrisy and double standards are deep rooted in our society, from the obvious "do as I say not as I do" to the not so obvious wearing of t-shirts and placing of bumper stickers that say "LOVE one another" and "brotherly love" proudly labeling the cars, trucks and chests of misogynist gay men who not only don't - but never had a clue!

What's the concept of a "just say no" mentality, proudly and falsely advertised to the public and then the smoking of ten pounds of pot a year by the same person doing the advertising? People who live in a small world should not venture out into the real one where so many can see the contradictions and transparencies of their illusion of importance.

On another note...

The PACT meeting that was announced for December 11th at the TCC will instead be held at the PACT offices at 801 W. Congress Street on Saturday, 3:00 pm. Hope you make it, especially if you have suggestions to make, or questions of PACT.

Now... for Lymphomas, courtesy of Project Inform:

Description:

Lymphoma is a cancer of the lymph system, and is caused by uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the lymph system. When the lymph system is functioning normally, its job is to identify, attack and destroy infectious agents and cancer cells. However, because HIV interferes with the immune system's usual functions, lymphoma is becoming increasingly common among people with AIDS - particularly those who survive for at least three years after an AIDS diagnosis. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which can also occur in the brain and/or central nervous system, is the most common lymphoma in people with HIV.

Although Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma is about 60 times more common in people with AIDS than in the general U.S. population, it has also been strongly associated with exposure to Agent Orange, a chemical defoliant used in Vietnam. For that reason, any U.S. veteran who spent time in Vietnam and develops Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma may be entitled to substantial government benefits - even if he also has AIDS.

Lymphomas are life-threatening; they can progress rapidly, and treatments are uncertain. However, as with other cancers, remissions sometimes occur.

Symptoms:

Painless enlargement of lymph nodes, which are the glands in the neck, under the arms, and between the legs; rapidly growing lymph nodes; lymph nodes that are different sizes on each side; fever, night sweats and weight loss along with swollen glands. If the lymphoma is in the central nervous system or brain, symptoms may include headaches, confusion, lethargy, memory loss, localized weakness or paralysis, aphasia (difficulty speaking or understanding speech) and seizures.

Diagnosed by:

Lymphoma itself is diagnosed via a biopsy, where a tissue sample is removed and microscopically examined. Other tests which may be done to determine the extent of the lymphoma include: blood tests, x-rays, CT scans or MRIs; lumbar puncture; bone marrow biopsy.

Prophylaxis/Prevention:

None known.

Standard Treatments:

All treatments for HIV-related lymphomas are considered experimental. However, the chemotherapy regimens used most commonly include m-BACOD, COMP, and PRO-MACE/MOPP. When the lymphoma is in the brain or central nervous system, whole-brain irradiation may be done, along with a short-term course of steroids to reduce swelling and decrease tumor size.

Experimental Treatments:

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma: GM-CFS with chemotherapy; 2-cdA; ARA-C (cytosine arabinoside), Mitoxantrone and Etoposide; Suramin. Studies are also looking at the possibility of bone marrow transplants from identical twins, and of the effects of AZT and ddC on lymphomas.

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A Slave To Love

Sunday night, I stopped what I was doing when I saw the facade of IBT's on the Channel 13 news. KOLD had picked up a story about the slave auction organized by Gilda Fatale to benefit the Tucson Human Rights Coalition.

It seems that Mr. Alvin Xex was offended by the use of a slave auction as a fundraiser, and got the TV station interested in the story. Holding a copy of last week's *Observer*, Xex, a black man, read a statement in which he said that "an advocacy group for homosexuals/feminists wouldn't be sensitive to the plight or the concerns of blacks."

Of course not. What do queers and women know about oppression?

Let's see. Black slaves were not allowed to marry. Queers are not allowed to marry. Black slaves could be beaten, even killed, with no fear of legal sanction or familial reprisal. Fag-bashers get probation or are let go. Blacks were not allowed to serve with white folks in the military. Queers in the armed forces have the choice of lying about who they are or losing their careers.

It is illegal to deny employment, housing, access to credit, public accommodations, voter registration, or other rights to anyone because of their color.

It is not illegal to fire, evict, redline, or otherwise harass queers.

In the first place, the word "slave" does not imply "black." It seems Alvin Xex thinks that only blacks were ever held as slaves, and only by whites.

What about the non-black slaves in America? What about the Jews in Egypt? What about the slave laborers in China right now? What about the Greeks and the Romans and medieval Europeans? What about the Gulag? What about the Nazi concentration camps? What about the centuries-old practice among African tribes of taking slaves in war?

There are also willing slaves. This is hard for a lot of people to understand, but there are kinky men and women whose dream is to serve a Master or Mistress as a slave. Shrinks and preachers get awfully worked up over this, but some people want to be owned. Bondage is not necessarily a bad thing.

Most of us are wage slaves, which is not just a figure of speech. Then there are the people whose master is alcohol or the Home Shopping Club or crack or Religion. "His yoke is easy and his burden light," so line up and surrender yourself utterly to your Lord and Master!

Do you think this terminology is a coincidence? The whole heavenly patriarchy (like the earthly one) is based on somebody higher up with his foot on your neck. The old white guy in the clouds with the long white beard is just at the top of the food chain.

I suspect Alvin Xex would categorize us as slaves to our baser instincts, unwilling to resist the Satanic temptation to submit to some mythical queer recruiting program. The irony is in remembering the racist justifications for holding blacks in bondage. After thirty years of Jesse Jackson's chant, "I AM SOMEBODY," Xex would have me believe that I am nobody.

Gilda and her compatriots are raising funds to fight for equal rights in Arizona. Anyone who doesn't like it is free to stay out of the bar while it's going on.

I think Alvin Xex has a bigger problem with the "homosexuals/feminists" than with the fundraiser. When questioned over the phone, Xex made reference to "the Gay agenda," which happens to be the title of a virulent anti-queer-rights propaganda tape produced by the religious right. When asked about his affiliations, Xex hung up.

In the same TV news story, the stunning Gilda Fatale likened the legal status of queers to that of slaves. She said that "every day (Gays and Lesbians) are being discriminated against. They're losing their jobs, they're losing their housing, they're losing their medical benefits...In a sense, we already are enslaved. This is...a way of us taking this word and turning it around into something positive."

Like the way we use queer. Like the way African-Americans took "black" (a pejorative at the time) and turned it into a symbol of pride and struggle.

Gilda also apologized for offending anyone, saying, "I'm a twenty-six-year-old man in a dress. How can you take anything I say seriously?"

But we do, Rodney. You honor the drag tradition of being out in front, drawing the enemy's fire so we can all get work done to secure our rights. Thank you.

In response to Alvin Xex's offense at the use of the term "slave auction", I assert that inasmuch as the participants were queer, they are slaves. A slave auction is exactly what took place Sunday; what else should we call it?

The dictionary defines slave as a person "divested of all freedom and personal rights" or "one who has lost the power of resistance" (Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary, second edition).

The first definition seems to fit our situation pretty well. While nominally we are full and equal citizens of this republic, the truth is that our personal rights are denied us. We are forbidden to marry those we love, forbidden to live openly as we are without fear, forbidden to serve our country honestly, forbidden to make love. Those rights are denied us by law. Does this make us slaves to unjust law? I say yes.

The second definition does not yet apply. We still have the power to resist. Whether we retain that power is up to each of us.

We can give up, hide in the bars, figure that someone else will fight for our rights, and become slaves to the closet. Or we can speak up, raise funds, organize, and fight like hell to gain the full bundle of rights implied in our citizenship in this nation.

The first step in the struggle for those rights is to open that closet door and peek out at the real world. It's ugly, it's scary, and there are many people (some in

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DEC. 11 & 12
IBT's - The annual 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair takes place this weekend. Make IBT's your Gay headquarters, right in the middle of it all. Showtime Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday 3 p.m. and a special "Gay" version at 9 p.m. featuring the amazing Glamazons and special guests. Don't miss this fun weekend on the Avenue! Always great cruising the fair goes on the avenue and at IBT's.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. with lots of good times with the boys of Tucson Knight Owls. Pool Tourney too!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
RUMORZ - Mr. Kenneth Blake is off to Las Vegas and there is going to be a farewell show to send him off starting at 9:00p.m. The show will feature Mr. Dani Reid, Paris St. Clair, Raven, Kristen, Tatiana Lanandova, De Shae Blake, Toni Lynn and Mama Reyna. Good luck Kenneth.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
RUMORZ - A special Benefit Show for People With AIDS at 9:30 here starring Raven, Paris St. Clair, Adrian Alexander, Mama Reyna, Portia Darkfire, Tatiana Lanandova and a special surprise guest. Mr. Dani Reid will be your host.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
GRADUATE - Ms Teresa Housley will be in the spotlight here singing live and good as only she can. 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) hold their annual Make-A-Wish benefit-show-auction-raffle here beginning at 9:00 p.m. This benefit will go to the foundation that grants the wishes of children who are terminally ill. What better benefit at this time of year. TKO will also raffle their \$100 Xmas tree as well as several other prizes. See Docks column for full info. It's gonna be a great time.

HOURS - Christmas Show beginning at 8:00 p.m. starring the live vocal talents of Mis. Teresa Housley.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
GRADUATE Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will hold their Christmas Jamboree here. Plenty of food and Beer Bust too. Benefit for the rodeo folks. Come on by. Watch for more details.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
CLUB 2520 - Big Dance Contest Night here with contests for cash prizes going on in the Country Western barroom and on the Disco side too.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 (XMAS DAY)
HOURS - Come join the gang at Hours Christmas Party starting at 6:00 p.m. Deck the Halls!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)
HOURS - New Years Eve Party starting at 8:00 p.m. Complimentary Party Favors, Buffet and Champagne at Midnight. No Cover!

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

UBGLAD, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual group at Pima College is biding a skating party at Skate Country on Stone Avenue from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. tonight. \$3.00 admission. Come on down!

Susan Claassen of the Invisible Theatre is offering 10 complimentary tickets to her current production "Shirley Valentine" to PWAs. Interested persons should contact PACT at 770-1710

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

2nd Annual LRP Winter Concert at 7:30 at First Unitarian Church, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley. Tickets \$10 & \$7. This year's artists include TLC, Kaweah, Fatima Halim, Slique Callahan, Isaac Hawk Oakes, Nancy Goodson and Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn who will also MC. There will be food and beverages available for sale before the concert and during intermission. Call (602)266-5542 for information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Lesbian Art Group for beginners and experienced artists. First meeting at 1 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Call 624-1779 for more information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are invited to attend at St. Francis in the Foothills, River & Swan, Room 31. A play area is provided for children adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Lesbian and Gay Catholics and friends will celebrate their lives at Picture Rocks Retreat with a mass and Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m. For directions call Picture Rocks Retreat 744-3400.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

One-In-Ten Theatre Company will present "Hannah Frcc", a benefit performance for P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) beginning at 8 p.m. at the troupes Historic "Y" Theatre. Get your tickets early and make this a sell-out performance with proceeds to our mom's and dad's. For ticket information or reservations call Priscilla Walker, 883-7383.

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CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Saled Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00. 47B AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11am - 2pm; Tea Dance with Ron Rice 2:30-6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30pm (usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 til 7pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Beatrix B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 am. 301 Dart Tournament 4pm, \$1 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7pm, B-B-Q 5-7pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moon: Madras "Beckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm 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 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7, then, 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. McIlwain Jazz Monday with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1pm until 8pm \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8 to closing. Domestic Beer \$1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8pm to close. \$2.50 Pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8 to 10. Y-Square Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25c extra for juice. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well \$1 hamburgers 4-7. McIlwain Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Fables show at 9:30pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Parson's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8pm to 1am, featuring caged dancers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Marx. 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa Nite 9 to close. \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fiza" salsa.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well \$1.00

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hissicks or Corona \$1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. - via a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with V/DJ Linda.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 8pm - 1am

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Horn D'oeuvre. V/DJ Jeff Stricklen 9 to 1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks \$1.00. Pool Tournament 3pm, \$1 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8pm to 1am.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

On December 11th, starting at 6:30 p.m., MCC-Tucson will have another of their Bingo parties. To play Bingo for the evening, bring a prize for one of the games, the prize is not to exceed \$6.00 in value and it is requested that it be gift wrapped for the season. It is not necessary to bring a prize to play Bingo, if you are unable to bring a prize, come and play anyway.

It is now just a short time until Christmas will be here to celebrate and observe. On Friday, December 24th, we will have our Christmas Eve Vigil starting at 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in a service of worship, praise and adoration as we start the day of celebrating

the birth of Jesus Christ.

On Christmas Day, December 25th, there will be a Pot luck Dinner for the entire community. This will be a time for fun, fellowship and celebrating. There will be no worship service of any kind during this event, everyone is invited to join with us on this day. This event is being especially planned for those who would be spending the day by themselves, for those who are physically unable to share with other. Transportation will be furnished to those who are handicapped and unable to get to the church.

Thought for the week: Balanced diet, what you eat at buffet suppers.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

In high school I was a history buff. I firmly believed the old saying that you can't know where you are unless you know where you've been, and you can't know where you are going unless you know where you are.

For most of my life I've heard people ask questions such as, "Who am I?", "Why am I here?", and "What is my purpose in life?". Since the sixties and the popularity of the rebellious young people, a popular and sometimes joking statement people often say about someone who is not himself is that the person is "trying to find himself."

Some of the places people "look for themselves" are really radical. People search the stars, they look to fortune tellers and spiritism, and to certain mind-altering drugs. They may try rationalizing their existence on a false materialism.

One of the last places many people look is the Bible. Why? For many reasons, I suppose. One reason may be that we humans like to think of ourselves as being at the top of the heap, of being the ultimate creation, number one. To a degree, that is all true, except that we have to finally admit one thing if we are honest. There is always that nagging little voice that keeps telling us that there is more, that we've looked in all the wrong places for our answers. The Bible tells it "like it is."

God created us, and as our Creator, he has a claim on us. We are the best of his creation on this earth, but we really aren't smart enough to keep ourselves out of trouble. Just look at what we've done to each other in wars, slavery, and other abuses of ourselves, and what

we've done to the air, water, and soil of our home, earth. But our God who has made us and who has made us and who loves us, has shown us the way out of all our messes. His son, Jesus, is coming back to earth one day soon.

One of the most important things Jesus is going to do is to separate those who have loved him and served him from all those who have rejected him. That day will be a day of reckoning, a day of judgment. For those who have chosen to serve God it will be a glorious day, but for all who chose to ignore him, it will be a day of great sorrow.

What I'm trying to say to you friend is this: If you are trying to "find yourself", the place where you can finally know the truth and at the same time find true place is in the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. All you have to do is recognize him as creator, Lord, savior, and ask him to come into your heart. If you don't know how, or have questions, give us a call at 622-4626, and someone will be happy to talk with you. Don't wait too long. None of us know when he will come again or when we may be called to our fate individually.

God loves you and so do we. We welcome your inquiries.

We hope to see you in your favorite bar on Saturday night, December 18, as the Cornerstone Carolers bring the music of the Season there. And Sunday, December 19, the Second Annual Christmas Repast will be held at 4:30 in the Social Hall of Cornerstone Fellowship, followed at 6:00 by the Christmas Pageant, which will be held in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us!

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BOOK REVIEW

Observer does not often review books. This week one came across the desk that should be displayed prominently on the coffee table of every Gay man and Lesbian in the country.

Alyson Publication have just released "Members of the Tribe" by Michael Willhoite. Best known as the author of the controversial children's book "Daddy's Roommate", Willhoite has combined his illustrative and literary talents to give us an assortment of characters from the ancient and modern times, complete with anecdotes about their personal histories.

Willhoite's caricatures are campy

and fun and each done in a style unique to the character being drawn.

What makes this book so delicious are the short entertaining background on each one's personal and professional careers. In "Members of the Tribe" all the caricatures are of Gay men and Lesbians. They are biting, funny and right on the mark.

Over 100 caricatures in this handsome hardback volume. \$24.95 and well worth it. A great gift item for anyone. Be sure to check your local book dealer for one of these gems.



In contrast to, say, Millard Fillmore, who's almost famous for being obscure, James Buchanan was one of our more invisible presidents. But let's allow that Lincoln, who followed him in office, would upstage anybody.) Buchanan started as a Federalist, but when that party disintegrated, he became a Democrat. The man had a fine legal mind, but not a scintilla of the moral courage required to stop slavery or even effect a decent compromise. Was it only contempt for his failures or his bachelorhood that led people to accuse him of being homosexual? Or maybe those tales about him and one-time vice-president William Rufus Devane King were true...



Billie Jean King's star has fallen slightly, as an athlete's eventually must, but in the seventies she was a dazzler. She scored a big one for women everywhere when she skunked the porker Bobby Riggs on the tennis court, but couldn't quite pull her dignity together later when she was sued for palimony by a lover. Martina Navratilova, on the other hand...! Czechoslovakia's loss is our gain. She's still the greatest tennis player alive, and has more class than any ten male players (who tend to be a childish, blustery lot anyway.) She's open, out, and as tireless a worker for Gay and Lesbian causes as she is brilliant on the court.



All together now, a rousing chorus of "I Enjoy Being Girl." Poor J., Edgar Hoover! All those years of pretending so hard to be a big tough G-man, when all the time - gulp! - he was starring in his own clandestine production of *La Cage aux Folles*. And for an audience of one: his dough-faced main squeeze, Clyde Tolson (another ersatz toughie). Not only do we now know the FBI director to have been in the mob's pocket, but it seems that he was the ultimate closet queen and a hypocrite's hypocrite besides. (His intense homophobia was obviously the rage of Caliban at seeing his own face in the mirror.) Poor man ... when you look like a bulldog's butt, the loveliest gown only do so much.



In the Book of Truth it is written: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; thou shalt do unto others as ye would have them do unto you; and according to Francis Cardinal Spellman, thou shalt bomb the fucking hell out of the North Vietnamese. The hawkish cardinal was every bit the equal of some of today's churchmen (Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, say) in putting dubious political concerns before the Word of God. Those religious hypocrites are all alike, with one signal difference: Spellman is said to have been a regular at the boy brothels of New York. If that's not true, it must have been another cardinal who looked just like him.



Central Casting could not have provided a more convincing tart spinster than Edna Ferber. Combative, opinionated, with a keen wit that could all but disembowel an opponent, she was also cherished for her generosity and warmth. That wit made her a charter member of the Algonquin Round Table, in the days when she collaborated with George S. Kaufman on exquisitely funny plays like *Dinner At Eight*. She became even more famous for her big, outdoorsy novels like *So Big* and *Cimarron*. Obsessive about her privacy, she wrote two guarded books of memoirs, but after her death it fell to her great-niece to write of Edna's Lesbianism.

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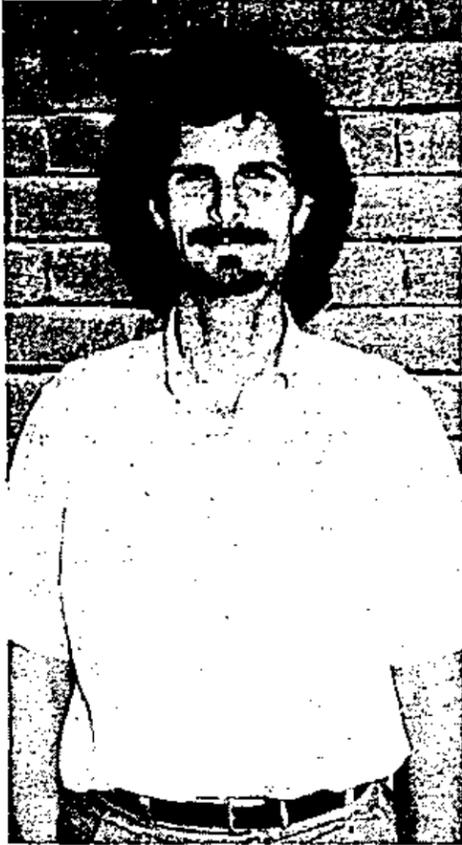
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COMMUNITY OPINION LEADER INTERVIEW with Dale Kuehnert



Dale Kuehnert relocated to Tucson from Orange County, California in July of 1992. He works with PACT for Life as their Development Coordinator.

Q: Dale, what is your attitude toward safer sex?

A: To me, safer sex is both a personal and moral responsibility. It has more to do with the respect and love I feel for another individual than with the actual sexual act. To put it another way, safer sex is a mechanical.

Q: It sounds as though you've given this a lot of thought. How would you approach a spontaneous sexual situation?

A: I do not compromise safety at any time. When I'm going out for the evening, I consider the possibilities for the night and try not to set myself up for a situation in which I might make risky choices. There have been times, many times, in fact, that I have decided to put off an encounter until a later date.

Q: Okay, you're on that "later date", and you've decided to have sex. How do you negotiate safer sex into the experience?

A: The phrase "negotiate safer sex" is interesting. To me, that means integrating safer sex practices into a stimulating experience for both or, in some case, all partners.

Q: Would you please elaborate on that for us?

A: I try to integrate the subject at various times during the process of getting to know the other person. I guess that it starts with a feeling, as well as a dialogue between the two or more partners who are considering a sexual encounter. Depending on the sexual activity, I implement the appropriate behavior and practices into the situation.

Q: What have you found to be the most difficult aspect of safer sex?

A: I would have to say that it is the uncertainty and discomfort about discussing it, because it tends to create specific expectations about what sexual acts may happen later. I have found the dialogue about safer sex, HIV, AIDS, etc., to be far more uncomfortable than actually putting on a rubber or altering my behaviors into safer sex practices.

Q: So then, how do you deal with this?

A: By holding firm in my belief that discussing safer sex practices sets the stage for more comfortable and trusting sexual experience in my life. Look, being sexual is complicated enough as it is. Condoms and behavioral modification can serve as a catalyst for freer sexual expression.

Q: Having recently relocated here from a larger community, what differences do you see in our community's approach to dealing with HIV and AIDS?

A: Truthfully, I wasn't all that involved in the ASO arena when I lived in California. Since moving here, I've gained a heightened level of awareness and understanding of the HIV/AIDS situation. I've learned to appreciate the reality that people live with HIV, rather than die from it.

Q: In closing, what would you like to tell our community about safer sex?

A: For me, it is a direct reflection of my commitment to always love and respect myself, as well as others. I also feel that safer sex has now generally been included in the normal progression of sexual situations in peoples lives. You know, like kissing, to massaging each other, to undressing and putting on a condom as a prelude to whatever sexual choices would come next. I can't stress enough my belief that safer sex is vital in establishing the element of trust. Hopefully, the dialogue will open doors of intimacy that might not otherwise be expressed.

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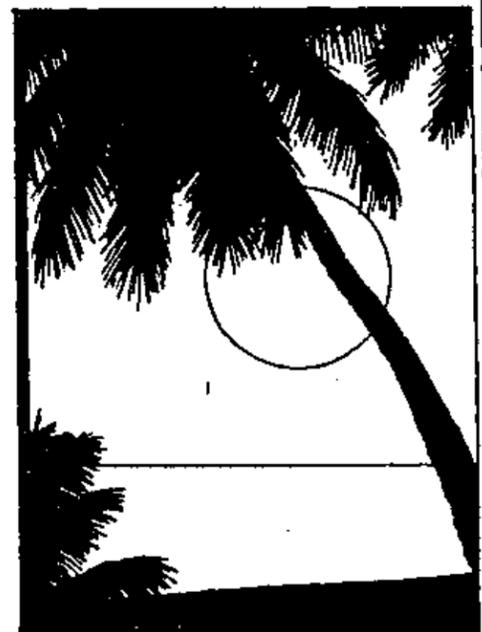
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by Marvin Liebman

Gays, Lesbians and the Constitution

Well-financed campaigns against Gay and Lesbian Americans, led by the religious right, are sweeping through cities, counties and states from Alaska to New Hampshire. By whipping up fear and loathing of homosexuals, and building on the abysmal ignorance of their constituents, these extremists groups are enlisting supporters, garnering money, and growing in strength each day. This national tragedy is recorded in a report by the liberal non-Gay People For The American Way (PAW), entitled "Hostile Climate." The report is frightening and must reading for Lesbians and Gays.

On a state by state basis, the report outlines the religious right's increasing use of democratic processes, such as "ballot initiatives," to accomplish aims that are the antithesis of our constitutional democracy, the removal of civil rights from citizens different from themselves. We are a nation committed not only to majority rule, but also to minority rights, and our Constitution embodies the insight that there are some things that the majority just can't do.

The abuse of ballot initiatives to deny and restrict the civil rights of any group of citizens, because they are somehow offensive to the majority, may be "democratic," but it is not constitutional. That is the only issue, our constitutional rights as citizens of the United States of America.

Our major allies in the struggle to maintain these constitutional rights are the courts. By fulfilling their constitutional role, they must protect us by blunting the religious right's all-too effective efforts to date. The recent court injunction in Colorado against Amendment 2, for instance, was a very visible defeat for the organized religious right. It was also a victory for our democracy.

The court's ruling on the unconstitutionality of Amendment 2 was saluted by the Gay and Lesbian community. It was simultaneously damned by the "Christian" homophobes who had sponsored the statewide referendum. They argued that, in barring enforcement of the voter-approved initiative, the court somehow "silenced the people's voice" and thus skirted democracy.

Far from violating constitutional first principles, the court ruling against Amendment 2 is a parable in their protec-

tion. The inalienable of all citizens to equal protection under the law was flouted by Amendment 2 which would have explicitly banned any civil rights laws which included Gays and Lesbians. Unconstitutional! So the courts must intervene, not to grant the Gay community anything special, but simply to do their constitutional duty in ensuring equal protection.

Gays and Lesbians ask no "special rights." We want only the same rights as our fellow Americans, nothing more or less. We are guaranteed these rights by our Constitution. Just because the self-styled "Christians" use democratic processes such as referenda, initiatives, and amendments doesn't make such use necessarily "Christian."

The professional homophobes have declared open war against us and, by the same token, against the Constitution itself. Because the Courts of the Nation are our final recourse, it is of the highest priority that we marshal and expand all available legal resources, both from within our community and from outside through such groups as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Existing Gay and Lesbian groups such as the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, and newly-organized groups like the Service Members Legal Defense Network, should be supported with money and volunteer attorneys. A network of Gay-friendly and prestigious law firms should be enlisted for pro bono help with briefs, litigation, and the many other legal tasks involved. We must reach out to the heterosexual majority, the ACLU, the American Bar Association, local Bar organizations, whoever we can enlist, for their help in a common battle against the forces that threaten the liberty of all Americans. This makes it incumbent on the leadership of our community to begin concentrating on the courts where the final battle will be won or lost for us and for our country.

"Hostile Climate" (which you can get by telephoning PAW at [202] 467-4999) provides extensive information, but provides few answers. The success or failure of ballot initiatives, aimed at Gay men and Lesbians, is of vital and immediate concern to each and every one of us. And, there is a pressing question for us to be putting to straight America. It is this:

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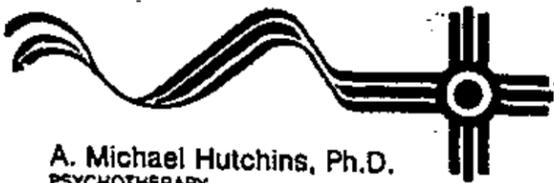
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AGRA CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Saturday, December 11, AGRA Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., HOURS.

Sunday, December 12, Phoenix Board meeting, 3 p.m., Charlie's, with the General Membership following at 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 19, AGRA Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m., The Graduate. General Meeting following at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Jamboree following at 6:00 p.m.

Holiday greetings to the Tucson Gay community from AGRA-Tucson! Come help celebrate the holidays "western style" at our Christmas Jamboree at The Graduate on Sunday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. There'll be food, raffles, auctions, and a great holiday entertainment show! The Morris Air raffle tickets will also be raffled at that time. Hope to see all the AGRA members and everyone from our community there!

AGRA members, please mark

your calendars for the meeting just prior to the Jamboree at 5:00 p.m. Rodeo is just around the corner and your help is needed. Please join us for this important meeting so that our march rodeo will be a success not only for AGRA but for the entire Tucson Gay community.

As always, we invite interested members from our community to attend and check us out! AGRA is a great organization accomplishing a lot of positives in our community and it's a wonderful way to get involved. We invite you to call the AGRA hotline at 323-0805 for more information. Your membership, support, and help will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to start making plans to head up to Phoenix for the entire weekend of January 14-16 for the best Gay partying ever to be found in Phoenix as the 1994 Road Runner Regional Rodeo comes to town. Get a room or stay with friends but be there! Call AGRA, 323-0805, for details of events and times.

Tucson's social life is turned upside down on March 18-20 as the best weekend of all finally arrives with the

1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. And this is one weekend not to get out of town! In fact, if you have friends in other parts of the country who have been wanting to visit Tucson, this is the time. All of you will see Tucson's Gay life in a real southwestern light. Cowboys and cowgirls will be coming from all over for a weekend of nonstop action, fun, and partying. There's no more fitting symbol of the west than the rodeo, related events, and the fabulous parties! Definitely a time to show off Tucson to out of towners!

Hopefully more members of our own community will take advantage of the weekend activities. It's a pity that some people seem to think that animal abuse occurs at one of the rodeos. Not true! The participants get it a lot more! Come and see for yourself, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Bears of the Old Pueblo

This last week was the elections for new officers. Everyone arrived at the Venture-N patio for the General Meeting last Thursday. We went over the upcoming club business and then proceeded to go over the nominations for each position. The voting was done by the crowd that was there that evening. Some positions (ChairBear, ViceBear and Treasurer)

changed; I retained the position of Secretary. Afterwards we stuck around the patio's fireplace and talked.

In January, we will hold an End-Of-Year banquet dinner. This event will be RSVP to Brad S. he is setting up the site and would appreciate all the help he can get for preparations. John, our current ChairBear, was heard to say that this is when the new ChairBear "will be inserted into the club". (grin) He was embarrassed at that statement but we knew what he was trying to say. Anyway, details will soon be printed here and can be gotten through me or Brad S.

This weekend we are going to have a Christmas party for the club. It is another RSVP event. Call me (579-9175) as soon as you read this if you're interested in attending. I'll have some details.

What else? This weekend a few of us went hiking and found some wonderfully quiet trails on the east side of Tucson. The hiking was enjoyable because it was not too steep nor too hot that day. Just plenty of clear sky. At the end of this trail is a campsite. Perhaps some more of us will wander up there for an overnigher.

Everyone knows the winter time in the Old Pueblo is when the snowbirds arrive. Well, I have heard of a few traveling Bears who want to wander through our area. Don't be surprised if you see some new Bears in town over the next few weeks. They would like to meet with our club and trade growls and hugs. We'll start at the Venture-N's patio, as usual. Take care and don't hesitate to call me for any info. Hugz, Rich.

Closest Door

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positions of considerable power) who was to lock us back in that closet.

If they succeed, the closet will become a cage. Now we have the luxury of opening or closing that closet door as we wish. If we lose (or worse, abdicate) our power to fling open that door and resist our oppression, we will be slaves by any definition.

Judge Overturns

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a legally identifiable class entitled to "special" protection under the law.

Lawyer, Alophonse Gehardstein, who opposed the enactment of the charter amendment, said he was pleased the court agreed with both arguments presented by opponents.

"A lot of people are upset that we are setting aside a 60 percent vote of the people," said Gehardstein. "But I think people have to understand that when citizens step in [by passing an election initiative], and pass laws are going to be tested by the same legal rules we test legislation enacted by city councils.

"All laws have to comply with the constitution," Gehardstein added. "We don't have majority rule, subject to the Constitution."

Gehardstein said the same group that supported the Cincinnati amendment also supported a similar Colorado law, Amendment 2. The Colorado law was also later declared unconstitutional, but the ruling came from the state court, he said.

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