

## Blood Test For AIDS Clue Rejected In 1983

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The American Red Cross and other blood bank groups refused to adopt a screening test in 1983, publicly contending there was no hard evidence people could get AIDS from transfusions.

But internal documents show Red Cross officials acknowledged that the disease could be transmitted through blood.

The nation's three major blood collectors, the Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks, and the Council of Community Blood Centers, said publicly on January 13, 1983:

"The presently available medical and scientific evidence that AIDS can be spread by blood components remains incomplete. We do not advise routine implementation of any laboratory screening program for AIDS by blood banks at this time."

The groups refused to adopt the test for hepatitis B, a surrogate test that Center for Disease Control and Prevention officials said could have been in place by March 1983. The present AIDS or HIV test had not been developed.

The blood groups maintained that the test was too expensive and there was no hard evidence that people could get AIDS from transfusions, despite assertions by CDC officials that the disease posed a threat to the blood supply.

Privately, officials at the Red Cross believed that AIDS could be transmitted through blood, according to internal documents obtained by the Associated Press.

Paul Cumming, the Red Cross planning and marketing manager, wrote in an internal memo: "The available evidence strongly suggests that AIDS is transmissible" through blood.

"As time goes on we are liable to get more and more pressure to utilize" blood tests and donor screening. "CDC increasingly needs a major epidemic to justify its existence," Cumming wrote a colleague on February 5, 1983.

"To the extent the (blood) industry, sticks together against CDC, it will appear to some segments of the public at least, that we have a self-interest which is in conflict with the public interest, unless we can clearly demonstrate that CDC is wrong," Cumming wrote.

"In the short run, our position has all the earmarks of a lose-lose one. The question would seem to be, how do we minimize the short run loss and hopefully gain in the long run?"

In one document, Cumming did a

cost benefit analysis and assigned a \$500,000 value to each transfusion recipient who would be protected from AIDS by the blood test.

The memos are among thousands of pages of documents that, at the Red Cross' request, were placed under protective orders by judges in various transfusion cases. The orders prohibit public disclosure of the documents but the AP obtained them privately from sources familiar with the issue.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 6,567 Americans have developed AIDS from transfusions since 1981. Only 29 of those cases were caused by transfusions received after March 1983, when blood banks nationwide voluntarily began using a new HIV test. HIV was discovered as the cause of AIDS in 1984.

The CDC says it does not know how many of the 6,567 have died of AIDS or how many other people are HIV positive as a result of transfusions but have not developed AIDS yet.

"Given the same information, the same environment at that time, I don't see that we made any mistakes...There was no scientific evidence," said Cumming.

Nearly all AIDS patients, homosexual men, hemophiliacs and intravenous drug users, also had suffered from hepatitis B at some time and produced antibodies to fight it that stayed in their blood.

Cumming said the hepatitis B blood test, "was not a good test, by any criteria I know for a test" because it would have produced 1 million false positive results.

The Red Cross, which takes donations through its 45 blood services regions, is custodian of half the nation's blood supply and sells blood and its components to about 3,500 hospitals.

Questioned recently, the Red Cross said the effectiveness of the hepatitis B blood test was "an open question" in 1983. "Had there been evidence indicating the efficacy of any surrogate test, the Red Cross would have implemented it," the organization said.

## Tucson Artist Receives NEA Fellowship

TUCSON - Performing artist Victor Lodato has been awarded a two year fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in the category of Solo Theater Artist.

The NEA sent a site visitor to  
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## AGRA Presents \$500 Checks To Each Of Tucson's Four ASOs



TUCSON - During AGRA's regular monthly membership meeting last Sunday, Ron Trusley, President of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association presented checks in the amount of \$500 each to El Proyecto, PACT for Life, The Shanti Foundation and Tucson AIDS Project. The checks represented profits from the 1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo held in Tucson on March 18, 19 and 20.

Pictured above are the outgoing AGRA - Tucson Satellite - Board of Directors. Left to Right, Back Row: Craig Coder, Recording Secretary; Michael Allison, Public Relations/Fundraising; Bob Janssen, Mobility & Logistics; George Kaminski, Vice President; Front Row: Bill Darnell, President; Art Lewis, Treasurer; Henry Warner, Recording Secretary; Mark McCrory, Dance & Entertainment and Telvi Roybal, Rodeo Events.

Congratulations to these hard-working AGRA Board members as well as all AGRA volunteers whose efforts made the 1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo the success that it was and resulted in the \$2000 donation to Tucson AIDS Service Organizations.

## Austin Texas Voters Repeal Domestic Partners' Benefits

AUSTIN, TX (AP) - The Austin City Council's controversial program to provide insurance benefits for the unmarried "domestic partners" of city employees ends after an overwhelming vote to repeal the policy.

Final returns from the election showed 62 percent, or 45,638 votes, favoring repeal of the domestic partners program to 38 percent, or 28,129 votes, to preserve it.

"Most of Austin is fed up with irresponsible spending and morals," said the Rev. Charles Bullock, president of the pro-repeal Concerned Texans group.

"The city of Austin has no right to redefine marriage," he said. "The grass roots are bypassing their leaders and saying, 'We're going to vote and we're going to vote conservative.'"

The council approved the insurance program in September. Ninety eight employees had signed up, 69 registering as opposite sex partners and 29 enrolling a same sex partner. The benefits would have cost the city about \$130,000 this year.

Tim Welton, executive director of the Travis County Democratic Party and a member of the anti-repeal Mainstream Austin Coalition, said results of other

votes showed the city isn't dominated by the right. In the mayoral race, he said, progressive candidates Todd and Stusher collected about 75 percent of the vote.

"We are not in the throes of a conservative death grip," he said. "Our polling found that it was not an anti-Gay bias, it was a bias against people living together in unmarried situations."

The repeal proposal, Proposition 22, was placed on the ballot by citizen petition. It amends the city charter to limit insurance benefits to a city employee's immediate family, spouse and the spouse's family. "Spouse" is defined as the husband or wife of a city worker.

## Jamie Anderson Honored

TUCSON - Jamie Anderson was honored with the 1994 Tucson Area Music Award (TAMMIE) for Best Folk/Acoustic Solo Performer. She was presented with this exciting award at a ceremony held May 10. Selections for finalists were made by an awards committee; winners were then chosen by ballot from the Tucson community.

Out of 63 nominees, Jamie was the only performer who is an out Lesbian. In her acceptance speech, given before a

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# UPDATE

## PACT Elects New Board

TUCSON - The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life) held their annual meeting and election of the Board of Directors on May 16, at PACT's office in Tucson.

PACT's new Board will be: Kevin Carmichael M.D., Leonard Ditmanson M.D., Robin Hardy, John Haase, Henry Hufford, Stuart Meinke, Mark Miller, John Murphy, Lyn Patrick, Ron Porter, Tom Ragan, Alan Storm, and Tom Turner. The new board will hold its first meeting on June 15, at 6:00 p.m., to elect PACT's corporate officers for the 1994 fiscal year.

Also considered during the meeting were proposals to expand the size of PACT's Board and that the President and Vice President of PACT be HIV+ and that the entire Executive Committee be HIV+. It was voted that the Board remain at 13 members and that the President and Vice President shall be HIV+.

## Tempe Festival Seeks Tucson Entertainers

PHOENIX - Arizona Central Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride (ACP) is looking to add some Tucson performers to the schedule for this year's two day festival.

According to Entertainment Director, Garry Mangum, a variety of acts will assure that the festival offers something for everyone who attends. "We're looking for speakers, musicians, singers,

choral groups, dancers, female impersonators, magicians, comedians, just anything. We want diversity, and we want to get Tucson involved."

Most of the scheduling will be completed by May 25th, with slots being filled on a first come, first served basis after that time. Mangum explained, however, that with two stages over two full days, there should be plenty of time for everyone.

Garry Mangum can be reached at 265-1050. For general festival information call the ACP voice mail at 352-7165.

## Tucson Gay Softball Association Kicks Off Player Registration

TUCSON - Tucson's Gay Softball Association has kicked off their player registration drive. Registration forms are in all Tucson Gay & Lesbian bars. TGSA reports that registration has been extremely strong.

TGSA is tentatively planning on holding a player informational meeting for the first week in June. At the meeting, team rules and league by-laws will be discussed, along with budget needs for the 1994 summer season.

Registration for softball teams are filling up fast. So to insure a chance to play on the team of your choice, sign up at the bar you wish to play for, before it is too late.

TGSA is also seeking an umpire willing to officiate 3-4 games per week. For more information call Dan Senglaub at 622-4503.

## Actor To Perform At Gay Games IV

NEW YORK, NY - Sir Ian McKellen won't participate in any sporting events at Gay Games IV. Instead, England's most famous openly Gay actor will play Broadway in a one man show as part of the games' cultural festival.

"I have a lifelong aversion to athleticism," McKellen joked. "If God had intended us to be athletes, he would have given us jockstraps."

"A Knight Out at the Lyceum" will play June 21-25 as a benefit for the International Lesbian and Gay Association and for Stonewall, a Gay rights group founded by McKellen.

"It will be a mixture of stand-up and classical acting and a bit of op-ed," said McKellen, who will also talk about his life as a Gay man. "I think it's perfectly possible to mix politics and entertainment, and that's what I intend to do."

The Gay Games, an amateur sporting competition for homosexuals, are expected to draw 10,000 participants from 43 countries June 18-25. The first Gay Games took place in San Francisco in 1982 and have taken place every four years.

## Tucson Artist

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Tucson is September, 1993 in order to evaluate Mr. Lodato's latest work, "A Book Of Harsh Geometry".

The fellowship will support research and the development of new work. Mr. Lodato has written and performed numerous works in Arizona, including "The Cutting Garden", "Please Be Tender When You Cut Me Down" and "A Making Of Angels."

## Jamie Anderson

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packed crowd, said, "If you're not familiar with my music, it's probably because you're not a Lesbian, but you don't have to be a Lesbian to appreciate my work."

While she makes her home in Tucson, Jamie tours nationally. In town for just a few days to accept the award, Jamie is leaving soon to perform at some of the six music festivals she's been invited to play at this year. Other bookings include the New England area for the summer and a Southwest tour for the fall.

On the road almost six months of the year, she's performed in almost every U.S. state, in Canada and in the West Indies. In 1993, she played at the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights; which one million people were in attendance. Her performance was featured on CNN. Jamie has four recordings to her credit including her newest, "Bad Hair Day." Other honors include being voted Favorite Performer by the readers of Hot Wire, a national journal of women's music.

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# MEN

City of Tucson leaders are breathing a sigh of relief after the special bond election that was held on Tuesday. City voters considered nine bond questions that the City put before them for consideration. Here are the results (as of press time), with 51% of the votes counted:

Bond Question	Yes	No
1. Water	56%	44%
2. Library	63%	37%
3. TCC	35%	65%
4. DMAFB	19%	81%
5. Streets	70%	30%
6. Drain. Fac.	60%	40%
7. Sun Tran	56%	44%
8. Public Saf.	74%	26%
9. Env. Safety	61%	39%

## POLITICS '94 *by Mark Kerr*

At least residents of Legislative District 13 have at least one choice when it comes to the State House of Representatives race this year.

Because, State Rep. George Cunningham, this past Monday at the weekly meeting of the Democrats of Greater Tucson (DDT) announced his bid for re-election. Cunningham stated that if he is re-elected he will push for complete tax equity distribution for Pima County.

About the other seat, held by Rep. Dr. Andy "S.B. 1314" Nichols (Democrat?), he plans to run for another term, and he has hired Yuri Fleming of the U of A Democrats to manage his campaign.

Speaking of the District 13 Democrats, its 43 days and counting to filing deadline day for candidates and they still don't have a candidate to run against the incumbent Republican Senator, Patti Noland. We guess the L.D. 13 Democrats could use the infamous Sally Fields quote, "They like her, they really like her!"

### STAN FURMAN FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

In the race for the second highest office in the State of Arizona, the post of Secretary of State.

In the Democratic primary contest, the Gay and Lesbian community have a clear choice in this race. There is a person running for the post who supports the community with words and action. There is a person running who has a great voting record on issues of concern to the community, not afraid to put his money where his mouth is. We have a clear cut choice, that person is State Senator Stan Furman (District 16).

Stan Furman is a strong supporter of the community. As Senator, Stan has co-sponsored numerous bills, including: Hate Crimes; Hate Crimes Statistics; Archaic Law Repealers, sodomy repeal (90-94); Anonymous HIV Testing Guidelines for Arizona.

In this past legislative session, Stan was one of the leaders in the fight against S.B. 1314, that awful measure that would strip away cherished rights from persons being tested for HIV. He also led the fight to get S.B. 1066, archaic laws repealer passed.

Stan does not come from a "safe" Democratic district where its trendy to be sensitive. His District is District 16, a heavily Republican section of Phoenix. Furman was elected in 1990 and was re-

elected in 1992, with his seat being the targeted seat by the Arizona GOP. Stan is a tough campaigner and would be a strength to a statewide ticket.

That's Stan's track record of issues of concern to the community. What are his ideas for the post of Secretary of State. Here are some of Furman's proposals for the post: easier and more widespread voter registration; greater dissemination of information about candidates on sample ballots; joint campaigning and media events by candidates; creation of a Campaign Code of Ethics; voluntary spending limits by candidates at all levels, combining election days; and same day voter registration.

Plain and simple, Stan Furman is the clear choice for the Lesbian and Gay community and we need to get involved with his campaign. I am carrying petitions, how about you! The campaigns address is 10256 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85051. The telephone number is (602) 439-0434. Let's get involved.

Some end notes for your perusal:

John Kromko, the chair of Total Recall, send out an appeal for money this past week. In the appeal, he states Total Recall got 14,100 signatures on the recall petition for Supervisor Ed Moore. I have a question John. How do you know that you got 14,100 signatures on Moore recall petitions that were "reportedly destroyed" as you stated in interviews?

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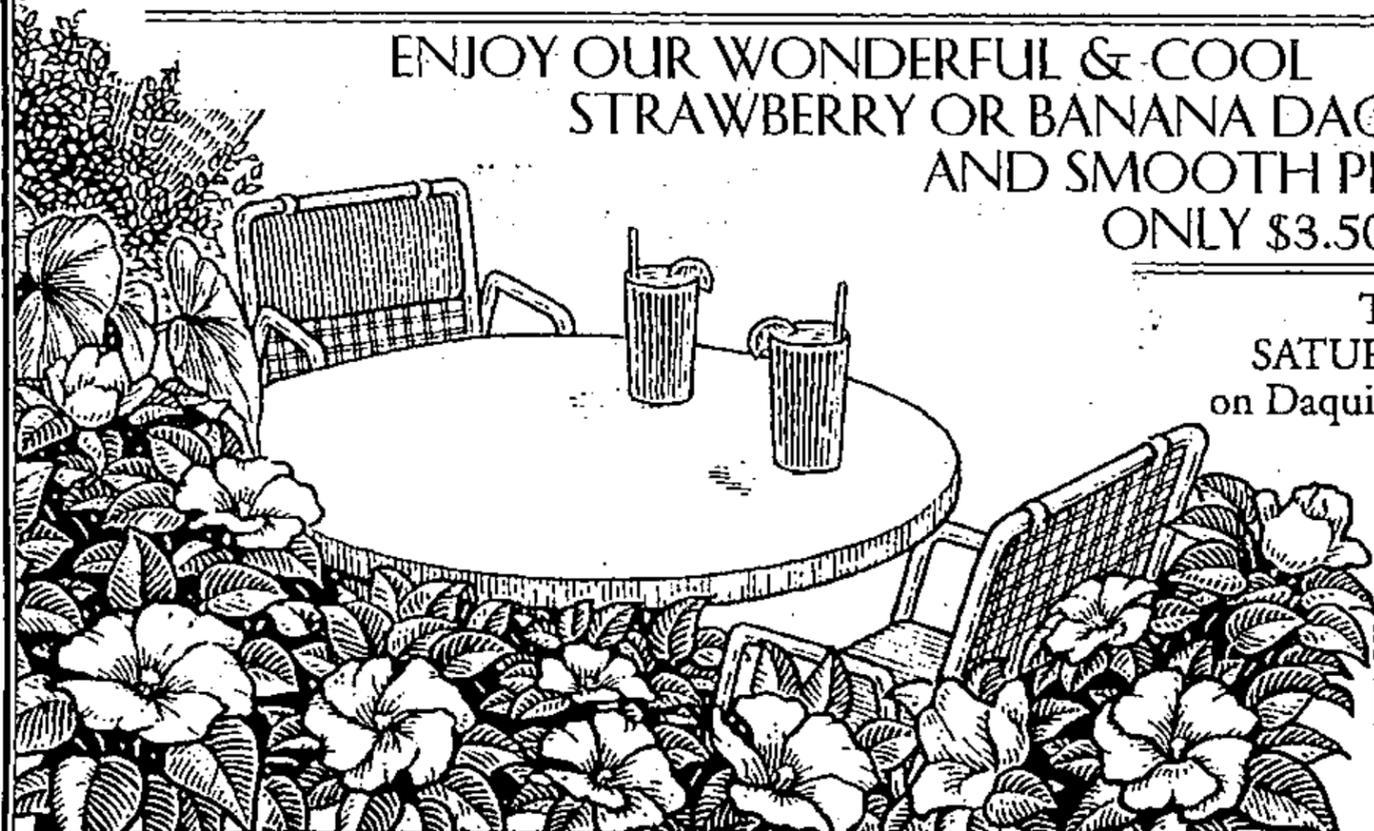
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# AIDS Doctor Warns HIV Positive Athletes Bound For Gay Games: 'Don't Drink The Water'

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - If you're an HIV positive athlete headed for Gay Games IV in New York, don't drink the water. That's the alarming message from Dr. Jon Kaiser, a San Francisco immunologist and author whose practice treats AIDS patients.

Kaiser's warning comes in a health advisory to be distributed to 10,000 Gay Games participants next week. The advisory was commissioned by American Preferred Plan, a national prescription service for people with AIDS, in April after attorney general Janet Reno authorized the admission of HIV positive people to the U.S. for up to 10 days to attend the Games, June 18-25.

"Individuals interested in optimal health cannot count on tap water," warns Kaiser, author of Immune Power (St. Martin's). A microorganism in Milwaukee's public water supply was linked to the deaths of 64 AIDS patients there last year, he explained.

"I strongly recommend that all immuno-suppressed individuals keep a supply of bottled water around and use it all the time if economically feasible," he

said.

Kaiser's book, geared to people with AIDS, advocates a holistic approach to health incorporating traditional medicine, nutritional therapy, and spiritual well being.

Among his tips to help people living with AIDS and HIV stay healthy while traveling to and competing in the Games, slated for June 18-25:

Take extra doses of vitamins and adaptogenic herbs, especially "during periods of increased physical activity, stress, and late night partying."

Kaiser recommends patients increase their regular dosages of vitamins C, B-complex, Coenzyme Q, and ginseng, as well as Resist, an herbal compound available from APP. "Herbs such as mint, chamomile, and ginger can be used gently to cool your system down," Kaiser advises.

Take regular breaks. Even while competing, "15 or 20 minutes of quiet time each day, meditation, stretching, yoga, can help re-establish your balance, your focus, and peaceful inner environment requisite for optimal performance.

Always carry condoms and practice safe sex. "The thrill of the moment" at an event like the Games often spurs "unhealthy choices," Kaiser says.

Have fun. "If you forget to have a good time and take things too seriously, your experience may not be pleasurable and thoroughly satisfying."

# Workshop To Improve Relationship Skills

TUCSON - A full day workshop, How to Deal with Personality Difference in Gay and Lesbian Relationships is being presented by The Reconciling Congregation Program of St. Francis Church. This workshop on Saturday, June 4, from 9 to 4:30, is based on the well known personality profile, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Each person will take the Indicator in the workshop. It brings into focus the personality differences that create distance and disharmony when we don't understand them very well.

As Dr. Bill Harrison, who is conducting the workshop, has noted, "no matter how well you know and love your partner, your ways of being and living are sometimes irritating, painful and confusing. Personality differences add texture to our relationships, but these same differences can also limit intimacy until we understand them better."

This workshop will help you turn the hassles you experience due to these patterns of differences into more harmonious ways of understanding, appreciating, and communicating with each other.

Couples will greatly benefit from attending together. However, one partner attending alone, as well as individuals not presently in a relationship, will also benefit and are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will provide skills to improve communications, increase trust, understand moods, play together better, and to enhance intimacy.

The couples who took this workshop with Bill Harrison last fall and winter have been very enthusiastic about its value to their relationships. As a result, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Reconciling

Program at St. Francis Church is pleased to be offering this experience again to the Tucson Community on June 4.

This is not a confrontational experience; rather it is engaging, safe, and enjoyable. "You'll be surprised," Bill notes, "at how quickly you can increase your interpersonal relationship skills when you learn about your personality types through the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator."

The fee for the workshop is \$50 per person, or \$95 per couple. Advanced registration is recommended and requested to assure a place. It will be held at St. Francis in the Foothills Methodist Church, River and Swan Roads. Some partial scholarships are available.

For more information and to register, call 577-3481. Call soon; space is limited.

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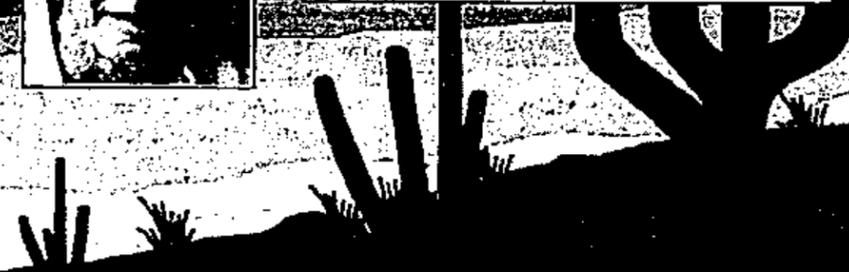
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I know this is not earth shaking but after all the years of TKO passing out those lottery tickets during their beer bust, I was notified that one of the winners from this past Saturday's won \$100. Were is my cut?

Now this coming Saturday at the Graduate, it will be time for Partners beer bust. This is that one day each month that Ben and Stan are wearing matching ear rings. What will they be like this month, glitter, plain or what? I guess we will all just have to be on hand to get the answer.

In a few Observers back, I'd mentioned an add I'd seen on TV, stating that I hoped someone else had seen it also. Well, the add concerning Russian steel, I had someone tell me they had also seen the add. See, I wasn't just blowing smoke rings at you.

Just for general information and warning, Sadie will be arriving in Tucson on May 27. All the bars had better stock up on the Southern Comfort. If you have not met Sadie, you're lucky. But, you can bet, if your out running around during TKO's Spring Fling, you will notice her, especially if she moons everyone again.

You know, Tucson is such a funny town. We are close nit, low keyed, and one big family. Yet, it surprises me how all the bars here carry on for customers. Sometimes I get the impression, in my traveling around, each feels they are the only bar in Tucson.

Each has a certain cliental they are catering to, and each has their own pluses and minuses. And before anyone thinks I'm complaining, your wrong. There are enough people who cater to the different bars that each will pay to have their doors open. Then you have someone such as me, that likes to travel around, checking them all out.

Competition is the name of the game, but togetherness goes a long way also. I'll leave it at that, you can make you own minds up, because to me, they are all great.

Here is some early information for those of you that may be interested. TKO and the Stonewall/Eagle are getting together for a campout in June, up at Rose Canyon. There will be no run fees, just a good time. Each of you who may be joining in on this, you need to bring your own food, drinks, and housing. More information on this one can be had by talking to Hank, if you can catch him.

**TBBS:** Talking about the different bars here in Tucson, yesterday I received some info concerning one of Tucson's older bartenders that is funny. It seems our Miss Brooks - Bucky, the other day, was cut off at her own bar. Now, just who would have nerve like that, especially in the same bar Bucky works at. I'll bet Bucky will get even. Then, traveling over to the Venture-N, in from the patio strolled a couple, Brenda and Alex. What's strange about that is, I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen Brenda at the Venture-N. Was she over there looking for a new leather outfit? As for Alex, bless his heart, he doesn't need leather, he is just a all around great guy.

Well, I've got to go do my civic responsibility and exercise my privilege and vote, as if my one vote is really going to matter. So with that again I'll close for yet another week with a big BYE!

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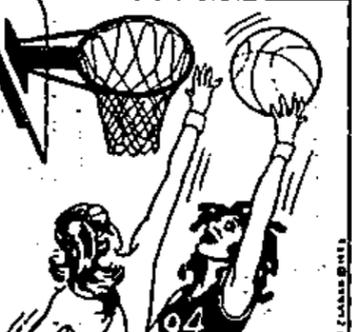
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# Polls Indicate Support For Protecting Gays & Lesbians In Health Care Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. - 67 percent of the American public supports the inclusion of non-discrimination language protecting Lesbians and Gay men in health care reform legislation. That's the result of a national poll on health care reform released by the Human Rights Campaign Fund in conjunction with a major study by the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights which documents widespread anti-Gay discrimination in medicine.

The poll, conducted by the firm of Mellman, Lazarus, Lake, Inc., found that by a 67 to 24 percent margin, a substantial majority of Americans favor including specific language in health care reform legislation "that would prohibit discrimination in the delivery and quality of health care on the basis of sexual orientation."

The poll also found that, by a margin of 54 to 20 percent points, Americans are more likely to vote for members of Congress who support a health care reform plan that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the delivery and quality of health care.

Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbyists are working with Members of Congress to include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination provisions of the health care reform plan that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the delivery and quality of health care.

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lobbyists are working with Members of Congress to include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination provisions of the health care reform bill. Currently, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal in 42 states. The poll has a 3.1 percent margin of error.

Campaign Fund Public Policy Director Daniel Zingale notes that "support for including sexual orientation cut across all regions of the country as well as party affiliation." Zingale added that "documented experiences of Lesbian and Gay Americans in the current health care delivery system underscore the need to include sexual orientation in the anti-discrimination provisions of the law you enact."

Zingale indicated that the Campaign Fund will work with Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA), Congresswoman Lynn Schenk (D-CA) and others to include anti-discrimination language in the health care reform legislation moving through various Congressional committees. "Congress has an opportunity to reform our nation's health care delivery system to the benefit of all Americans," Zingale said. "Guaranteeing non-discrimination in health care reform is essential for doing so."

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund, was encouraged by the poll's results. "Most Americans are united in the belief that all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, should be free from unfair discrimination. No one should be denied quality health care because of their sexual orientation."

## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

DEAR COMMUNITY:

I wish to thank everyone connected with the Carousel Closet Ball Show, no one person can do it alone! Many thanks to Hank and all the staff of the Stonewall/Eagle for all their help. Special thanks go to Mark Brunelle, our Light Man; and Jeff Strickler, our DJ, and Owner of Mighty Micro Services for their mastery of the technical aspects of the production.

Best of luck to Miss Electra Blue, winner and Miss Carousel 1994 as you reign this year. Congratulations to all the contestants; you're all beautiful. Continue your quest to be the best! I'll see you all next year at the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant.

Love to all!  
Misty Malone

TO AGRA:

On behalf of our clients, Shanti, PACT, TAP and El Proyecto collectively wish to express our warmest appreciation to the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association - Tucson chapter for its generous donation of \$500 to each of the organizations on Sunday, May 15, 1994.

We recognize that working together is the most effective way to help people living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of our efforts, and best wishes for a successful 1994 AGRA Tucson Rodeo!

Sincerely, Anne Maley, Jerome Beillard, Craig Snow, Enrique Gomez

## REVIEW..

### 1994 Carousel Closet Ball

TUCSON - Reigning Miss Closet Ball Misti Malone gave up her crown Sunday evening, May 15 at the 1994 Carousel Ball held at the Stonewall/Eagle. The gala event brought four contestants out to vie for the title: Scott Sayer (a.k.a. Electra Blue) sponsored by Miss Aviva Diamond; Ken Keoun (a.k.a. Whoremomal Imbalance) sponsored by Miss Alotta Whoremomones; Don Wilson (a.k.a. Dashae) sponsored by Miss Felice Rhynard; Jeremy Davis (a.k.a. Share Mon U) sponsored by Miss Adrienne Alexander.

The contestants were judged on male presentation, male to female transformation, on stage interview and talent. Judging the event were Miss Paris St. Clair (Miss Gay Latina and Queen of Fiesta De Mayo), Miss Raven (former Miss Gay Tucson and pageant promoter for the Norma Christie Foundation), Miss Cristina De Alexis (former Miss Gay Tucson), and Jackie Dietrich, female vocalist from Tucson, and Lucinda Holiday (secret judge).

During the Hour contestants were given to complete their male to female transformation, local talent presented a fabulous show. Performing were Misti Malone (reigning Miss Closet Ball), Jackie Dietrich, Raven, Paris St. Clair, Selina, Cristina De Alexis, Crystal Ahrhams (former Miss Gay Boston), Felice Rhynard and Alotta Whoremomones. The program hostesses were Miss Tiffany St. Thomas (former Miss Gay Tucson), and Miss Crystal Ahrhams.

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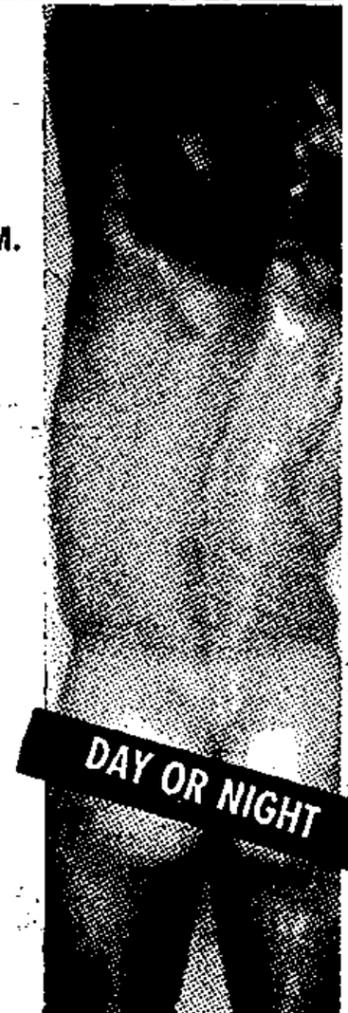
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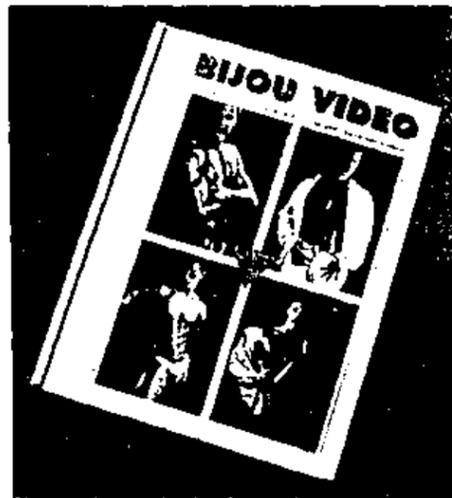
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### FYI

by Big John

240 cities join Tucson in the 11th Annual International AIDS Candle Light Memorial and Mobilization on Sunday, May 22. At El Presidio Park next to City Hall at 8 pm.

We're talking 45 countries here folks. Tucson's place in the sun has been poorly represented in the past and this must change. Let me remind you that many people perceive that we are not a community. There is probably not a one of you reading this right now who hasn't suffered a loss. You know it and I know it. Come on down town and remember in collective consciences our friends. This damn closet is getting very empty or full depending upon how you see it. Please, let's get out, bring a candle (and cup to shield the wind). The folks from Wingspan tell me candles will be provided if you don't have one. If you have the time, volunteer. I know a lot more people should. Call 624-1779 ask for Michael. But most of all be their kids - please.

To the newsletter committee at People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT). I'd like to say your May/June newsletter THE COALITION news was the most informed piece of useful information I've read in very long time. It was compelling reading and should be very useful to a large segment of our society. THANKS.

I hosted a show last Sunday afternoon at IBT's to honor two friends who have served our community well for over twenty years, Rick Norman and Scott Hawkins. It was, if you missed it, a trip down memory lane, complete with Dani Reid doing necro-Judy, Michael Sewell, everyone's favorite public speaker (twice in one month), and truly one from the vault, Phil Clark, who brought the house down, tipped the audience and got down on his knees in a "Wayne's World" we are not worthy fashion.

Once again, Frank and Dave of IBTs went the distance, an engraved plaque was presented via Bob Ellis to Natalie and Beth Perry who successfully got Rick and Scott to the event with no expectation of what was to occur. SURPRISE! And boy were they.

What's a column without mentioning my favorite A.S.O. Tucson AIDS Project who invited myself (T.L.G.A.), P.A.C.T., Shanti, and Wingspan to discuss this years AIDS walk.

TAP's Walk is on for Saturday, October 22, 1994. They have put together a steering committee of representatives from the groups listed above who will then be recruiting people from the community. T.L.G.A. as appointed Pete Lara as our representative (Manager of IBTs). He certainly knows my position on many issues, he has a far more moderate delivery style, but don't think being moderate won't drive home real issues about where money should be used.

My suggestions to TAP where (1) to run advertisements to solicitate a co-ordinator willing to do the work as a volunteer (supplemental) not mentioned at meeting, is my perception that corporate America could donate and pay an "in-kind" person to co-ordinate the walk. Attorney Pamela Liberty has voiced interest again to friends of mine, as co-chair although probably not as a co-ordinator. An association with someone as conscious as Pam would be great, (2) Distribution of Funds - in order to receive, you must participate and be a full player - incorporated (501(s))

I would anticipate teams be informed soon after the steering committee meets - you can probably call your favorite A.S.O. now and at least get your name listed as a participant.

This year TAP will take 50,000 off the top (it is their walk) then pay expenses and divide equally the balance. All I can say is services, services, services.

#### UPDATE - UPDATE - UPDATE

P.A.C.T.'s Board of Directors on Monday, May 16, 1994 voted unanimously with one abstention not to participate in TAPS AIDS walk '94.

So - the deck has been shuffled again. More next week after I evaluate what the impact will be on Shanti, Wingspan and of course T.L.G.A.

[The views expressed in the column are those of the author, and not necessarily reflect the views of the management and staff of The Observer.]



### As I See It . . .

by Clark

FROM THE DESK OF:  
Gilda Fatafé





# Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

AGRA-Tucson Chapter Board Elections were held May 15, during the General Membership Meeting at Club 2520. The new board for 1994/95 is as follows: President - Bob Janssen, Vice President - George Kaminski, Corresponding Secretary - Craig Coder, Dance & Entertainment - Rodney Shanks (a.k.a. Gilda Fatale), Fund Raising - Edgar Culma, Public Relations - Ray Young, Mobility & Logistics - Randy McClean, Rodeo Events - Telvi Roybal. Eddie Edwards and Henry Warner were both voted as write in candidates for the office of Recording Secretary. A run-off election will be held during the next General membership Meeting on June 19, at IBT's for this position. Congratulations and best of luck to each and everyone of you for a successful 1994/95.

A well deserved thank you to the 1993/94 Board for all of their hard work and commitment. You lead the way in showing that Tucson can host an enjoyable and successful rodeo, all your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Peter for hosting the 1994/95 AGRA-Tucson Chapter Elections.

El Proyecto, PACT, Shanti & TAP were each presented with a \$500

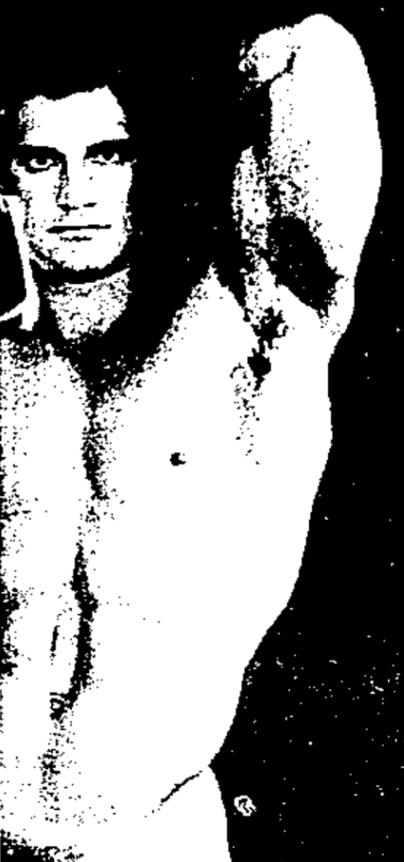
check from AGRA-Tucson Chapter this past meeting. This money was raised throughout the year at fund raisers such as Chili Verde Days, Hoedown, Rodeo Kick Off Party, Beer Busts and the 1994 Saguro Regional Rodeo. Thanks to all who have supported these fund raisers, AGRA and the rodeo, without your support and contributions these donations to our local AIDS Service Organizations would not exist. Lets all make this the best and biggest year yet.

Don't forget the next AGRA-Tucson Chapter Meeting on June 19, at IBT's. Board Meeting at 3 pm with General Membership Meeting at 5 pm. Anyone interested in joining AGRA or just curious as to what AGRA is all about please feel free to attend or call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

Charlie's in Phoenix will host the AGRA State Membership Meeting on May 22, with a Casino Night fund-raiser immediately following on the patio. Oklahoma City will play host to the GPRR May 27-29. Please call 405-943-0843 for additional information. San Francisco will also host their rodeo the same weekend May 27-29. Good luck to all planning to participate in the upcoming rodeo's.



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## The SHANTI Corner

by Brad Palmer

There is nothing so beautiful as the interior of the soul. Goethe

These words passed through my mind as greetings were exchanged and I walked through the doors, into the reception hall of the Ramada Inn Downtown. A gathering of folks for the first combined Annual Volunteer Recognition event hosted by the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson and Shanti Foundation.

We met to honor and acknowledge the Volunteers from both PACT and Shanti. A special thanks to Amy Wheeler-Ellis, the Coordinator of the Volunteer Service Programs for PACT and Shanti, who orchestrated this celebration.

During 1993, the volunteers of Shanti Foundation logged over 14,000 hours of service. The volunteers of these organizations are invaluable. Without them, the service provided to people living with HIV and AIDS would not be possible. Special recognition was given to individuals at each agency. The Shanti Foundation 1994 recipients for the Chuck Clapp Award went to Dean Taylor, Bob Bighouse, and Lee Chaffee; The Lee Thompson (direct service) Award went to

Michael Donohue and John McLaughlin; the Joe Sanchez Education Award went to Kelly Griffith, Rene Perez, Jr., and Pat Dolan; the Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Helga Wocherl.

The PACT for life 1994 recipient for the "TEKO" award went to Willy Cobb; the Sean Thomas Empowerment Award went to Anthony Rocco, Susan La Fond, and Jessica Rocco; the Tom Lewis Housing Award went to Cliff B. Lewis, the Food for Life Award went to John Hinojos and Pat Andrews; the Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Su Egen.

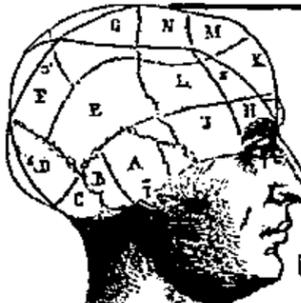
Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

As I remember this evening of celebration, and reflect with thoughts of those who have gone on, I want to acknowledge one other person. Sometime before this event was to take place, the President of the Shanti Board, Bruce Fowler, asked Anne and Amy to come up with a new award to recognize volunteers who had served with Shanti for several years but had never been recognized for their efforts. In recognition of his time, dedication and service to Shanti we felt it benefiting that the Long Time Service Award be given posthumously to Bruce Fowler.

The evening's presentations were concluded by Mark Miller, PACT Board President. Mark urged the members of the Tucson Community to put aside their differences and find acceptance and hope for a new vision, to move forward in this next year and beyond.

Again, congratulations to this year's award recipients and a special heartfelt thank you to all the beautiful souls who have given so much in the fight against AIDS, and other life-threatening illnesses.

[Brad Palmer is a Board Member of the Shanti Foundation-Tucson.]



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## SATURDAY, MAY 21

**GRADUATE** - 2:00 p.m. Partners' monthly Beer Bust and Bake Sale. Food, fluids, fun, fantasy! Who could ask for anything more. Well, how about a Pool Tourney thrown in at 2:00 p.m. also. Not enough? Then how about a show for Portia Darkfire in the evening? Check the Grad for details.

**VENTURE-N** - The Think Positive Project will present another of their "Sexual Pursuits" game. Test your knowledge of safer sex and win fabulous prizes! It starts at 8:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

**GRADUATE** - Free anonymous HIV testing from 4:30 until 7:30 conducted by Pima County Health Department and P.A.C.T.

## MONDAY, MAY 30 - MEMORIAL DAY

**GRADUATE** - Memorial Day Madness begins at 10:00 a.m. More later.

**IBT's** - This Sunday's Bar-B-Que proceeds will go to benefit IBT's UofA Scholarship Fund. 2 to 6 p.m.



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# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

**Cronics**. (Gay men over 40 and friends) mid-month dinner social. 6:30 p.m. Call 690 9565 for information and reservations.

## SATURDAY, MAY 21

The Prejudice Reduction Discussion Group will focus on "Racism: Unfortunately... It Comes In All Colors" at 10:30 a.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Come discuss with others in the Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual Community, how our own prejudices keep us from progressing to our full potential. Learn how we can unlearn some of the stereotypes we hold about persons of other colors. Call 742-1535 for more info.

Cornerstone Fellowship will have a free barbeque and movie beginning at 5:00 p.m. The movie presentation will be "Sister Act". Everyone is welcome. Cornerstone is located at 2902 N. Geronimo (corner of Geronimo and Laguna). For more information call 622-4626.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet other folks with families like yours beginning at 4:00 p.m. today at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, (River and Swan), Room 30. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call 318-9348 for more information.

## SUNDAY, MAY 22

The Gay & Lesbian Hiking Club will hike Mt. Wrightson today. The group will meet promptly at 7:00 a.m. to carpool 50 miles to the starting point. The total hike will be 12 miles with a 4,000 ft. elevation gain. Hikers also will have the option to return after reaching Josephine Saddle for a 7 mile hike with a 1,900 ft. elevation gain. If you choose not to drive, please be prepared to pay \$3 to the carpool driver. Bring plenty of water, enough food to last for a day of rigorous hiking, and clothes appropriate for all possible weather conditions. To obtain directions to the carpool meeting location, call pager number 446-3711 and leave your number followed by the # sign or write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

11th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization at El Presidio Park at 8:00 p.m. Bring a candle, and a cup to shield the candle from the wind. Candles will be available for those who cannot provide their own. El Presidio Park is next to City Hall at 255 W. Alameda St. downtown. The event has been organized locally by members of Wingspan. Join others that have shared your loss and show our strength in the face of AIDS.

The Invisible Theatre will present a benefit performance for P.A.C.T. of "The Search For Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe". Tickets are \$15 and will benefit People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson. Wine and cheese reception at 1:00 p.m. and the performance will begin at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Mary Higgins 770-1710.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

"How To Deal With Personality Differences in Gay & Lesbian Relationships" will be the topic of a workshop presented by Bill Harrison. The workshop for Lesbians and Gay men is based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, River and Swan. The fee is \$50 per person or \$95 per couple. All materials and refreshment breaks are included. Advance registration is strongly recommended to assure your place. The workshop is sponsored by the Reconciling Congregation Program, St. Francis United Methodist Church. To register call 577-3481.

## THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 16-18

In celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994, the annual Art Attack will take place these three days. It is a judged artshow featuring fine art, photography, sculpture, painting, etc. Deadline for submissions is June 5th. The location of the art show will be announced. Sponsored by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) and there will be cash prizes awarded to winners.

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# CALENDAR

## sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$3. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

**EAGLE** - Opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$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. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 1-6. Ten Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.

**STONEWALL** - Opens at 4pm with pool tournament. T-Dance begins at 4; Disco dancing 8 to close.

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

## monday

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

**EAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Uniform Nite, drink specials to those in uniforms.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 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. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1.

**STONEWALL** - Opens at 8pm for dancing. Enjoy midnight specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

## tuesday

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

**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Leather Nite, drink specials to everyone wearing leather.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to 11 pm, 2 for 1 on well and domestic beer.

**STONEWALL** - The Falco Revue Show at 9:30 plus Midnight specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

## 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 Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.

**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 7pm. Bowler's Nite, drink specials to bowlers all night.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows).

**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Salsa Nite, Corona and Margarita specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bar Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly mobile" men.

## 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 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm. Country Nite, drink specials to those in western attire.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

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

**STONEWALL** - Open 8pm. Male Erotic Dancers 10pm, Midnight specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

## 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.

**EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hot 4' Occurs 6pm

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hours 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Lottery 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**STONEWALL** - Opens 8pm. Karaoke hosted by Crush at 9pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

## saturday

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

**EAGLE** - Open at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers and canned beer until 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Dulquiris, Fide Coladas \$3. Dancing 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Lottery 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

**STONEWALL** - Open at 8pm. Salsa and Dance Music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm.

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**News From MCC/Tucson**

by Rev. Sharon West

Special Congregational Meeting, this Saturday, 1:00 p.m., at MCC. Every member is urged to attend this vital meeting. Your church needs your input. Your voice and vote will surely make a difference this weekend.

Have you been to one of our exciting evangelical worship services yet? The time is 1:30 p.m. Sunday afternoons, and we have quite a time praising the Lord! If music is a big part of your worship pleasure, that this is a must to check out. Pastor Nita is teaching us short, easy to learn, stimulating praise and worship songs. This is contemporary Christian music at its finest. This music will appeal to everyone, regardless of age or maturity in Christianity. What a terrific way to check in with the Master and enjoy yourself completely. We'll see you in church this Sunday afternoon, friends.

Get ready for some great Bingo fun Saturday night, May 28th. The time is 6:00 p.m. and the place is MCC. Fun, fellowship, and delectable foods of the munchie variety await you as you lay out your cards. If you have a favorite snack food, why not bring some along with you to share with your brothers and sisters? Count on a fabulous evening the 28th in the MCC Fellowship Hall.

Do you enjoy creative expression opportunities? If you do, plan on joining

us Saturday, June 4th, at 1:00 o'clock to create lots of eye catching Christian banners that we'll proudly display in the March For Jesus on June 25th, here in Tucson. We'll really have an enjoyable and productive time together tapping into "Creative Genius," and socializing while the banners take shape. Don't miss this golden opportunity to express your creative talents for the Lord. See you in a couple of weeks!

Have you ever wondered about the purpose of miracles? Yes, we all know the miracles of the Bible from Genesis to the Book of Revelation keep being repeated in ever-changing, ever stunning ways throughout the centuries. For some people, graduation was no small miracle! Miracles actually serve many purposes. Some of those purposes include accrediting God's messengers; bringing glory to God; confirming God's messages; confirming the life and ministry of Jesus; demonstrating the presence of God; promoting our obedience and faith; proving the sovereignty to God; strengthening God's people; and most certainly, revelation through miracles. "I searched with all my heart to know, if God was really there; he graciously revealed himself, his mercy, love and care." (Bierema)

Thought for the week: Christ paid a debt he didn't owe to satisfy a debt we couldn't pay.

**A View From The Rock**

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Each week since the lottery began I have purchased a ticket. The same numbers over the years haven't proven to be my lucky numbers. Several times I've won \$40, but that's all. Of course, mentally I've spent it many times. Who hasn't thought of what they'd do with the lottery money if they won? How happy they'd be buying things, travelling, donating it to favorite causes. The joy it could bring!

A man back east who had won a lottery prize of millions of dollars was recently on TV. He told how initially he was overjoyed. Now he has no joy. People took advantage of him and tried to kill him for his money. He said that winning the money took away his joy in life and traveled extensively, bought new vehicles, and gave away money to many people. Yet, he was very unhappy!

So, if having millions of dollars doesn't bring happiness, what does? I have a friend who is always looking for happiness. She'll live her life for a while, then become unhappy about something and change either her job or her hairdo, get a new pet or a new lover. All of her friends recognize this characteristic of hers, and we even joke with her about it!

Does this characteristic fit anyone you know? They're always looking for joy, for happiness. I used to fit the description of my friend. My job and hairdo were the same, but my pets and lovers were in a state of flux. One day I found that real joy and happiness in life doesn't come from other people or material things. Joy comes from something intangible, not from anything.

When I was searching for happiness I met someone who gave me that and so much more. He was someone who didn't care who I was or what kind of wild life I'd been living. This someone

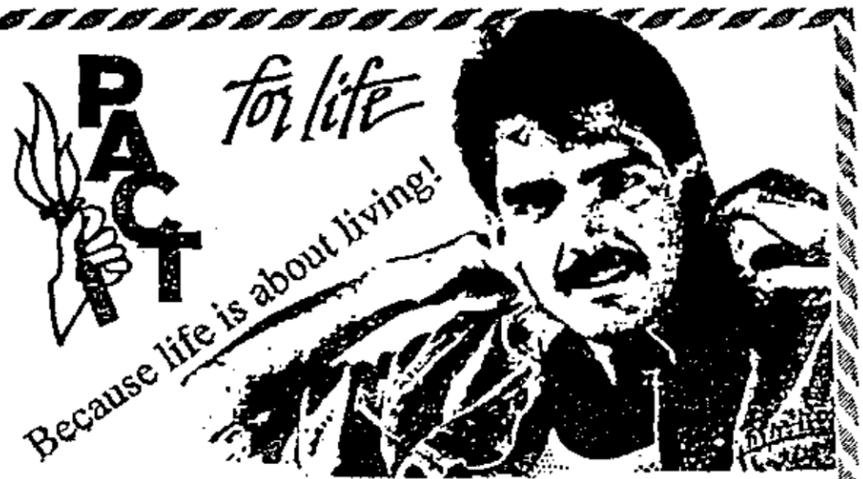
was Jesus Christ.

You see, I found out that Jesus loved me so much he'd died for me. And because of Jesus, God forgave me of all the sins I'd ever done. That alone is pure joy! Have you ever done something to someone and had to ask them to forgive you? Why they did you felt such a relief afterwards and such a joy. Well, that's how a Christian feels regularly. We can ask Jesus to forgive us for things we've felt guilty about for years, and he does. That brings real joy and happiness, not the fleeting kind that winning the lottery brings.

There is also a new joy because when I accepted Jesus as my savior, I got someone to help me through my life. Now I face nothing alone. When there is a problem he gives me direction. When there is heartache, he gives me peace. When there is rejection, he gives acceptance.

Would you like to have that joy and happiness that nobody can take away? It comes from God and is a free gift. In the Bible in John 3:16 it says, "For God so loved the world (us) that he gave his one and only son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him shall not perish (go to hell) but have eternal life (heaven)." It's for you too. Talk with a Christian about this verse. It's not a mystery but a promise from God. God loves you and wants to change your life and give meaning to it. If you're confused and want to learn more, visit us at Cornerstone Fellowship. We'd love to share our joy and happiness with you!

We would also love to have you as our guests on Saturday night, May 21, at 5:00. We are planning to have a barbecue with lots of good food, to be followed by a movie. See you there!



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**What's In A Name?**

Steven Pinker, author of the fascinating book, *The Language Instinct*, wrote in the *New York Times* about the linguistic forces behind what he calls "the euphemism treadmill." As examples, he discusses the various terms that have denoted "the room in which one poops" (my terminology), from "water closet" to "toilet" to "bathroom" to "restroom" to "lavatory." The euphemisms evolve because, Pinker explains, "the name becomes colored by the concept; the concept does not become freshened by the name."

hand, I was very moved by the argument of a 45 year old Gay man, out of the closet since the mid-60's, who said that he would never, never embrace a term that had been used to hate him, deride him, attack him, and make his life miserable. I can only tip my hat in awe to anyone who had the bravery and self knowledge to be openly homosexual pre-Stonewall, and I must take any points he makes very seriously.

Unfortunately, since we sexual preference minorities are hated and harshly judged by many people, we are stuck on that euphemism treadmill. That is, people can hate us just as much calling us "Lesbian and Gay gentlepeople" or "dykes and fags."

Can a word used in hatred really be made more positive? Using "queer" has been analogized to blacks using "n---r," but many African-Americans despise that term. Rap musicians use "niggaz," which feels like a whole different word.

Although words can become tainted with hatred, they also educate. Using "Lesbians and Gay men" rather than "Gays" reminds the listener that Gay women exist, at least until the phrase becomes so familiar that its component parts are lost (is a windshield "the piece of glass that shields us from the wind" or just that big window at the front of the car?).

Yet "Lesbians and Gay men," while a useful phrase, is cumbersome. More importantly, it leaves out bisexuals, transvestites, transsexuals, straight people whose hearts and souls are outside of the mainstream, undecided people, and anyone else in the sexual civil rights movement. "Queer," for all its faults, potentially includes everyone who wants to be included, and in a neat, one syllable package too. But how can I support a word that is so repulsive to many people?

Still, I find Pinker's point to be liberating. If we can't totally change thinking just by our vocabulary choices, sometimes we can be playful or wicked or odd rather than always politically vigilant. For instance, one of my favorite expressions comes from *Soap*, in which a deeply silly woman, on meeting a Lesbian, says, "Girl homo?! There ain't not such thing as a girl homo!" But there is. I'm a grown up feminist Lesbian who loves calling herself a "girl homo." Or "invert." Or "lezzo." I guess the opposite of what Pinker posits is also true: if negative connotations can accrue to positive words, then positive connotations can accrue to negative words.

On the other hand, can I really refer to "Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals, Transgendered people, and undecideds" every time I want to write about all of us? It's impractical at best.

But what about "queer"? For a long time, I've straddled the fence between radical queers and conservative Lesbians and Gay men. (The terms "radical" and "conservative" are relative, of course. On a scale of 1, very conservative, to 100, very liberal, the majority of the U.S. population probably runs from 25 to 74, while the majority of we otherwise sexually preferred folk probably runs from 50 to 101.) I like the simplicity and, yes; obnoxiousness of queer. On the other

We need a word. Of course, there are Lesbians and Gay men who don't want that new word because they don't want to be categorized with Bisexuals, Transgendered people, etc. That's okay: people who want to gain civil rights just for themselves and not for others are quite welcome to stay out of our new word (and new world). They can all go screw themselves in their exclusive little treehouses.

I wonder what word(s) the future will bring. Will we adapt an old term? Would "Gayz" work? "Queerz"? Will we create a brand new term? How long will our inclusive noun take to catch on? Most importantly, will it stick?

Pinker writes that only oppressed groups need to shift vocabulary: "We will know we achieved equality and mutual respect," he explains, "when names for minorities stay put."

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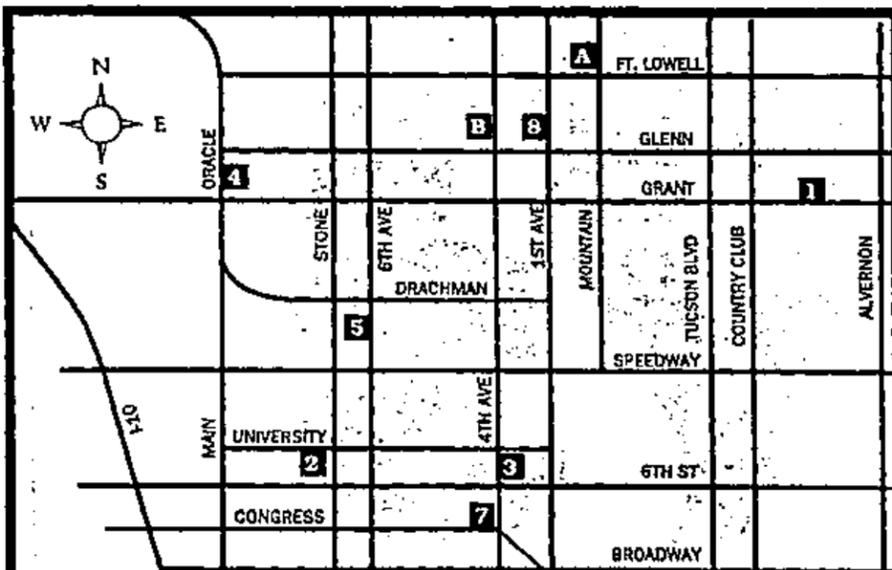
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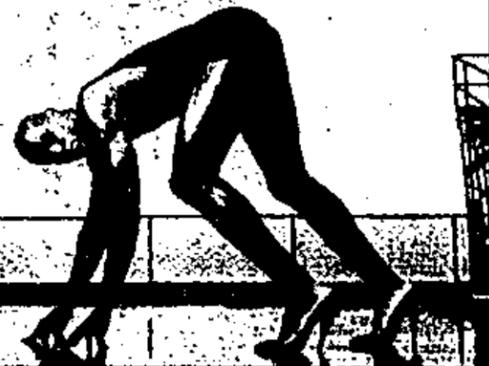


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My mother recently reminded me of a conversation we had while I was in college. I told her I was thinking of dating a fellow cast member of a show. It was a tacky production we were suffering through (the show and my futile display of heterosexuality). I also told my Mom the young lady was of a different race.

"People won't like it," she said flatly.

"People, or you?"

"You know what I mean."

I did. I was learning the First Lesson of Privilege. That's when what's in your heart doesn't match what's in others' eyes. It's the surest way to take a step backward in the human race. The expression of affection, belonging, attachment, intimacy, identity; any assortment of reasons is a product of our cultural identity. To be able to be what's in your heart is a luxury. Not only are these expected expressions handed to us like a baton in a relay race, but we are judged by how well we run with them after we get them, and how successfully we hand off at the end of our race.

Straight people don't know how lucky they are to possess the luxury of expression. It's about being counted. They are counted as they are, off the rack. No need for alterations to become significant. Show up, be yourself, and be counted. Whole numbers, mind you. I'm not writing about the freedom of expression as unequally guaranteed by our Constitution. Even straight folk don't always get to any the who, when, where, why, and what of their life of love whenever it damn well pleases them. But they get to do the small things that say so much and

## Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

### The Privilege Of Being Counted

anchor people to sanity and the one they love. Examples:

An employee placing a photograph of someone of the opposite sex on their work station is projecting "family values" while the employee displaying a photo of a same gender partner is "flaunting it." Simple and simply eloquent; you don't count.

I've written about my "biological acquaintances", family by relation but not connection. (Not my immediate family) Growing up with the words "kike" or "nigger" taught me that what a family values is not necessarily a "family value."

I think we are handed a pair of prescription glasses by our family when we are growing up. We may not need them, or the prescription may be wrong, but it's what we get to view the world through. To toss the lenses aside or find our own clearer vision is to become an adult, and ultimately, a better human being. It is also a brave act of treason toward those who would mold you in their own image at any cost. People who see only light bent by another's ignorance and fear see only the limits of human potential. I think that is a sin. I say that, of course, as a sinner. An update:

I wrote about my younger sister almost a year ago. Many people were touched and moved by that column. Lesbians and Gays and Bisexual folk told

me they clipped it and sent it to a "lapsed" family member. I wrote of my pain and what I assumed was my sister's confusion. I was wrong. My issue with my sister is not her confusion and my inability to help her through a "crisis", my issue has turned out to be her answer. My sister is a born-again Christian who believes the Bible is the inerrant word of God. I think she is obsessed with a simple answer. She thinks that unless I find the same answer she has found, I will go to hell for eternity. I feel that unless she disposes of her view of scripture for a more moderate one, I will lose my baby sister forever. We are both sincere.

I describe myself as a Christian. Not everyone (including my sister) agrees that I can be Christian and Gay. I feel like that's the same as saying you can't be a sinner and a Christian. I think fundamentalists are attempting to assert trademark privileges on the word "christian", and I think that is clearly taught about in the Bible. When Jesus broke the Sabbath (several times), when Jesus openly defied popular contemporary teachings of the institutional church, and when Jesus acted up in the temple by tossing out the money changers, he was preaching to my heart about my family is facing now. If you snip out of the Bible the passages used by those who would misuse scripture to justify their own prejudice you could form a neat little pile. Now take the scissors to the scripture referring to Heterosexual lust and you would create a much larger pile.

A larger pile still would be made by clipping what the Bible says about self-righteousness. I told my sister I would place my pile next to hers. But I can't even participate in the debate, I'm Gay and therefore am not saved. I don't count.

I fear my sister and others who believe as she are becoming idolaters. They have elevated the physical book known as the Bible and blanched out the message of what should be a living, viable, practical guide for living. Instead it has become a 'Hints from Heloise' for the hellacious insecure. They now worship a creation of man.

My sister thinks that if my parents would love me enough to not support the notion "once Gay, always Gay" I could find Christ, repent, be saved, be straight. What fundamentalists don't understand is that I'm not fighting God, I'm fighting the notion that an adult human being can choose the moral path for another adult. I'm fighting for the integrity of a faith that doesn't need the coercion of the state to sustain itself or its principles. And in the end, I'm still fighting for my baby-sister.

This past Sunday by Mother hosted her first annual (I hope) Mother's Day Potluck Picnic. The picnic went well and a special "thank you" to all who participated. What occurred has given me food for thought. Next week: What's in a name? Coalition or Community The model of success.

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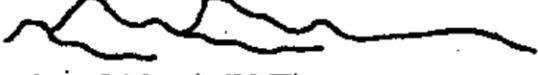


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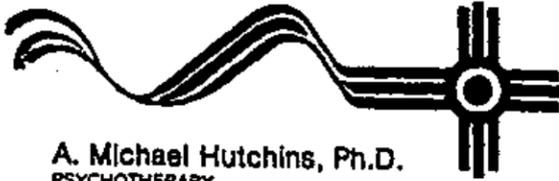


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# From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Hey gang! It's Spring time! Love is in the air! This always reminds me of what Grandma Jones said: "a stiff dick has no conscience." Of course, I grew up on a farm and I think what she meant was: the male of the species is truly an animal. Thank goodness Grandma wasn't talking about the male of our species, right? 'Cause you know what happens to a young man's fancies in the Spring time.

What? You say you think she was talking about men...homosapien man? Man? Like even Gay man!? That would mean we're "animals", and, if we get a little "stiff", we will stoop to adultery, infidelity, maybe incest and even cheating on our mates! This is normal? You think Spring time thoughts in man are all sex, sex, sex?

Well, speak for yourself Mary, but I honestly hate to think of myself as that kind of "animal". Of course, I do realize I'm an "animal" just like every other human, and there definitely has been a tiger in my tank all throughout life it seems, but! A human being with no conscience?! Oh, OK, so I admit my basic instinct is that of basic animal, but, Aha! The basic nature of a structure, for instance my animal sexual instinct, can be controlled through a smelting process we call maturation. And isn't this what we came to Earth to achieve? Maturation? Is self mastery. If we did this we accomplish or learn that which we do not rule, rules us. Children and slaves are ruled. We are neither!

So how do we rationalize childish animal instinct behavior after evolving into an adult body? Oh sure, we could blame circumstances. "He/she was so hot looking! It was impossible not to smile back, and one thing just, well, you know." This is a logical excuse, isn't it? It's one which many husbands and wives make in their mind when they've been bad little animal children.

**Question:** What do our straight friends hate to see and our enemies love to see from our community members?

**Answer:** Acting publicly like the animals we are by basic nature instead of our chosen higher animal nature.

**Channel Change:** Have you ever allowed something stupid to happen because you simply weren't through? Afterwards you kick yourself from here to kingdom come. And then, we have to go about trying to straighten up the mess created by your own oversight. Well, no wonder I'm tired at times. Wouldn't it be nice if all Gays were also perfect! It's odd through how we also try to conceal our stupidity from our friends and enemies, isn't it? We probably try to conceal it because we don't want to hear words like "you really did that? Dumb! Dumb!" or "I can't believe you'd be that stupid!"

I really did a dumb, dumb thing though. I really screwed up. When my Publishing House showed me the ad copy for my approval, I looked it over, checked for misspelled words and thought it looked OK. Never thought to look over the

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Can it possibly be true? Of course we're aware there are plenty of straights out there who are illiterate, but, there is a vicious rumor that Gays and Lesbians are also in this group. Rumors like this must be squelched when reputations are at stake. Maybe we should take a poll; doesn't everybody take them nowadays? It's fess up time. We'll find out just how many illiterates we have and I want all of you to write and explain how you arrived in this deprived condition. While you're at it why don't you get a subscription to this publication? You could learn a lot after you learned to read of course, and, you'd be helping yourself protect your rights by supporting something mightier than the sword.

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