

## IBT's Awards \$800 Scholarship



TUCSON - Frank Schepis (l) and Dave Huff (r) flank Scholarship Award winner Jaime Ball. Unique annual scholarship assists UofA Gay and Lesbian students. See story.

TUCSON - Each year, the owners of It's 'Bout Time (IBT's) bar awards a scholarship to a deserving local Lesbian or Gay man. The "extra" money helps in paying the bills associated with going to the University of Arizona.

Frank Schepis and Dave Huff, owners of IBT's announced this year's winner Sunday, Feb. 12. Janet M. "Jaime" Ball won the \$800 scholarship that will enable her to complete her course in Library Science at the UofA. Jaime will graduate after the summer session of this year.

The scholarship is administered by the University of Arizona. It is judged by persons in the business and academic field, who assess the candidates in four categories: need; grades; involvement in university activities and organizations and involvement and contributions to the Gay/Lesbian community.

A native of Yellow Springs, Ohio, Jaime currently the UofA getting her Masters Degree in Library Science.

"I applied for this scholarship to cover tuition expenses for the summer of 1995 only. I was awarded a full scholarship by the University through May 1995.

## AIDS Quilt In Phoenix Feb. 17 - 19

PHOENIX - A display of over 2,000 individual panels of the Quilt, some with the names of Arizonans who lost their lives to the disease, will highlight the statewide education effort.

The Quilt panels, roughly the size of two football fields, will be displayed at the Phoenix Civic Plaza under the auspices of the Phoenix Host Committee, February 17-19.

There is no admission charge to the display, although donations will be accepted.

It doesn't cover the Summer semester.... My tuition in the summer will be approximately \$900," Jaime said. By receiving this scholarship, Jaime will be able to carry the necessary course load, and maintain her high GPA which is 4.0, and graduate on time.

In past years, Huff and Schepis in recognizing academic achievement, have made it possible for Gay or Lesbian students to carry on with studies necessary for them to graduate. This year is no exception, Jaime Ball is an extremely deserving student.

Both men should be congratulated for providing these Gay and Lesbian students the opportunity to move on with their studies and become productive citizens. It is an excellent example of how the Gay and Lesbian community takes care of its own.

Jaime said, "Because of IBT's community spirit and generosity, I am able to finish my graduate studies. The timing couldn't be better; the Scholarship will virtually cover my final semester's tuition and fees," She said. "I know for a fact that it was a tough choice amongst the candidates, and I'm just grateful that I fit into the selection criteria," she concluded.

Gov. Symington has proclaimed February 13-17 as AIDS Education Week '95, and the Phoenix Host Committee has designated February 17 as Students Day.

Opening ceremonies will begin with the symbolic unfolding of the Quilt, accompanied by a quiet and solemn reading of names by volunteers, celebrities and community leaders.

Other opening day activities include an evening ecumenical candlelight walk from Hance Park to Civic Plaza.

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## H.B. Passes Health & Rules Committee

### House Democratic Leadership Betrays HIV/AIDS Community; Blows Opportunity To Kill Legislation!

by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Political Reporter

phone calls.

PHOENIX - HIV testing in the State of Arizona could be wreck your life is a statement which took major steps to becoming reality this past week.

H.B. 2085 was heard by the House Health Committee this past week. The committee approved the bill, with two amendments by an 11 to 1 margin with two representatives absent.

The bill was amended to mandate caregivers to sign and return the form to the State Health Department, which contains the guidelines a caregiver would have to counsel a potential HIV test government, and that the anonymous test guidelines for obtaining consent would remain intact.

Originally the bill had mandated (as defined) oral consent be obtained if an anonymous test is performed, according to health professionals, this would end anonymous testing in the state.

[Of the southern Arizona legislators: Voting no was Rep. Herschella Horton (D-District 14). Voting yes was Rep. Lou Ann Preble (R-District 9), Rep. Jorge Luis Garcia (D-District 11), Rep. Dan Schottel (R-District 12) and Rep. Andy Nichols (D-District 13).]

When reached for comment, Rep. Andy Nichols said of his vote in favor of the legislation, despite the efforts of the Tucson AIDS Service Organizations and the Tucson Mayor & Council Memorial urging defeat of the measure, "If people review (H.B. 2085) the bill now they would support the measure. The legislation will encourage more people to be tested for HIV."

The legislation then went to the House Rules Committee for consideration. The Rules Committee reviews legislation to make sure bills under consideration are not unconstitutional and are in proper legislative language.

The Rules Committee met this past Monday to consider H.B. 2085, and the Democrats let a golden opportunity slip through their fingers, when only 3 Republicans were present for the Committee meeting compared to 4 Democrats, a majority. 4 Republicans were absent!

The Committee reviewed H.B. 2085 and approved the measure by a 7 to 0 margin, with 4 absent. The lone southern Arizona Representative, George Cunningham (D-District 13) voted in favor of the measure.

[Attempts to reach Rep. Art Hamilton, House Democratic leader were unsuccessful when Hamilton did not return

As well as trying to get comments from Steve Owens, Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party, for the fact of House Democrats going against the State Platform, which calls for support of the AIDS Omnibus Act. Owens did not return phone calls.]

When reached for comment about his vote going against the Tucson ASO's and the Mayor & Council; and not trying to find anything wrong with the measure, Rep. George Cunningham stated that, "the House Rules Committee only considers the constitutionality and language of legislation. They make sure language is correct. The committee doesn't deal with substance. It's perfunctory. It is beyond their jurisdiction to discuss."

But according to sources in the State House of Representatives and in the capitol, the Rules Committee can kill legislation by not hold hearings on a measure or voting to reject it.

The sources cited as an example, last year's Success by Six measure dealing with school funding which was rejected by the Committee.

Cunningham also added that he has not made up his mind on the bill, and will consider the opinions of other southern Arizona legislators and review the testimony before he votes.

The bill now goes to the House Committee of the Whole for consideration, where State Rep. Elaine Richardson (D-District 11) will offer amendments to try to defeat the measure.

## Gay & Lesbian Awareness Week At UofA

TUCSON - February 13 through 17 on the University of Arizona campus, a series of events are taking place to highlight Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association Week.

The events, sponsored by Associated Students of U of A, will continue through Sunday, February 19.

The week is traditionally observed in the spring semester. Organizers say the goals are to inform the public on issues faced by the homosexual community, as well as to counter stereotypes.

Included in the festivities will be a three part performance on successive nights of The Texas Trinity and a presentation by solo performance artist Paul Bonin-Rodriguez about a homosexual

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# UPDATE

## 'Dracula - The Party' TAP Fundraiser April 8

TUCSON - On Saturday, April 8, 1995 the Tucson AIDS Project will host an evening with "Dracula". This fund raiser begins at the Tucson Center for Performing Arts, 408 S. Sixth Avenue, with a party to be held from 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Step into the world of Dracula as the Tucson Center for Performing Arts undergoes a mysterious transformation and becomes the castle of the Prince of Darkness himself. There will be food, music, no-host bars, and many surprises including creatures of the night.

The Party will be followed by a special 9:00 P.M. performance of Arizona Theatre Company's production of Dracula in the Temple of Music and Art, 330 South Scott Avenue. This new adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic horror tale is written by acclaimed playwright Steven Dietz and was specially commissioned by ATC for this World Premiere production.

Tickets for the party and the play are \$35.00 per person, tickets for the play only are \$25.00 per person. For information and reservations call Tucson AIDS Project, 322-6226. Proceeds go to support the work of the Tucson AIDS Project.

## HIV Prevention Planning Group Seeks New Members

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group is seeking additional members for 1995.

For more information, please call Liz da Cunha, Pima County Health Department at 622-1118.

## Lesbian Sharing Group At Wingspan Re-Groups

TUCSON - The Lesbian Sharing/Support Group that has not held recent meetings, met February 8.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 7-8:30 P.M. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue.

Those interested in discussing the format of the group, facilitation and future plans are strongly advised to attend this meeting on February 22.

The March meetings will take place on the 8th and the 22nd. For more information call Wingspan at 624-1779.

## Actors Sought for Independent Feature Film

PHOENIX - Third Shift Productions is currently casting its low budget production, *The Wait Between*. The film centers around sexual and cultural ambiguity and explores the nature of connection among three socially isolated individuals.

The open casting call will take place February 20 and 21, 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center, First Conference Room, 3136 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix.

Actors of all ethnicities are encouraged to audition. Especially needed are Latino men and Native American women. Please bring headshot and resume and come prepared with a two minute monologue.

For more information call (602) 230-5359.

## In Memoriam



JAMES HENRY CARLIN  
August 25, 1967 - February 12, 1995

James was born in Pima, AZ and graduated from La Cholla High School in Tucson, Arizona. He received his nurse's training at Pima Community Services and worked for St. Mary's Carondelet Hospital for 11 years.

He is survived by his spouse, David William Ruder; his mother, Jean Carlin; his step father, Charles Russell; his aunt Catherine; and his "children", Lady, Rusty, Surprise and Rhiannon; all of Tucson, Arizona; his Grandmother, Hazel Carlin of Pima, Arizona; his parents-in-law, Don and Shirley Ruder of Hastings, Montana.

He was active in HIV/AIDS advocacy and education. He was a member of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

James will remain alive in our memories as we pick up and continue the work he began.

James was a member of Metropolitan Community Church from 1984. He served on the Board of Directors for several years. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary of MCC-Tucson, Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to MCC-Tucson or to St. Mary's Hospice in his memory.

## Benneton to Appeal Fine for AIDS Ad

PARIS, France - The clothing maker Benneton says it will appeal a court order to compensate three people infected with the AIDS virus who say they were offended by an ad campaign showing bodies tattooed "HIV Positive."

A Paris court ordered the Italian company to pay almost \$10,000 to each of the three plaintiffs.

The court rejected Benneton's contention that the ads, which were widely displayed across France in 1993, sympathized with AIDS sufferers, ruling that the campaign was a "provocation" that risked causing hostility and exclusion.

Benneton said it was "astounded" that the court gave no consideration to the many messages of support and even enthusiasm coming from AIDS associations.

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# POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

## H.B. 2085 UPDATE YET AGAIN!

I have some news to report on this anti HIV/AIDS bill that has occurred since last week's edition of The Observer hit the stands:

The House Health Committee held hearings on H.B. 2085 and approved the bill, with amendments mandating caregivers sign and return the oral consent guidelines they must convey to the patient; and striking the language mandating oral consent be obtained for anonymous testing; by an 11-1 margin.

Of the southern Arizona Legislators on the committee; voting yes were Lou Ann Preble (R-Dist. 9), Jorge Luis Garcia (D-Dist. 11), Dan Schottel (R-Dist. 12), Dr. Andy Nichols (D-Dist. 13). Voting no was Herschella Horton (D-Dist. 14). (Bless Herschella!)

The bill went to the House Rules Committee, which met this past Monday, and despite Democrats outnumbering Republicans in attendance by 4 to 3, 4 Republicans absent, the bill was approved by a 7 to 0 margin.

[See accompanying story for more information.]

According to the Pima County Health Department, at their Anonymous Testing Sites, more people are being tested since the guidelines were established with AIDS Omnibus.

Plus PCHD reports that the per-

centage of people they see and test at their anonymous testing site has risen from 66% in 1991 to close to 96% in 1994.

Plain and simple, the proponents of HB 2085 are full of crap! This bill is bad and we must defeat this legislation.

Do what the Tucson AIDS Service Organizations are doing. Fight this bill! Call your Legislators and ask they vote no on this god awful piece of legislative cow crap!

The phone number to call is a toll free number, 1-800-352-8404, and leave a message urging a no vote on H.B. 2085. Here is the list of our legislators:

L.D. 9 - Senate Keith Bee, House Lou Ann Preble and Bill McGibbon.

L.D. 10 - Senate Victor Soltero, House Carmen Cajero and Phil Hubbard.

L.D. 11 - Senate Peter Goudinoff, House Elaine Richardson and Jorge Luis Garcia.

L.D. 12 - Senate Ann Day, House Dan Schottel and Freddy Hershberger.

L.D. 13 - Senate Patti Noland, House Andy Nichols and George Cunningham.

L.D. 14 - Senate Ruth Solomon, House Marion Pickens and Herschella Horton.

We need to act now, or we lose big with H.B. 2085!

This past Tuesday was Arizona's birthday, and if the founders of the Grand Canyon State saw the bunch of ignorant, incompetent yahoos who are running

things, they would be spinning in their graves!

So it goes!

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DEAR EDITOR:

We want to thank all the members of IGBO-Tucson for their very generous support again this year. Each agency greatly appreciates the \$156.66. And Shanti greatly appreciates the additional \$336.52 from Bill Ladd and the pumpkin carving contest. It means so much to the men and women we serve to have your ongoing support.

We are very fortunate to be located in a community which is so strong in its support for others. IGBO's commitment and dedication to the ASO's are touching. It really does make a difference.

Sincerely, Anne, Jerome & Craig

DEAR IBT'S SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Thank you for one of the most wonderful evenings of my life: I was fortunate enough to be selected as the IBT's University of Arizona Scholarship recipient for this year.

Because of IBT's community spirit and generosity, I'm able to finish my graduate studies. The timing couldn't be better; the Scholarship will virtually cover my final semester's tuition and fees. I know for a fact that it was a tough choice amongst the candidates, and I'm just grateful that I fit into the selection criteria.

IBT's was my home bar when I first came to Tucson; everyone was always friendly and welcoming. But besides mentioning their great social atmosphere, I want to remind the entire community that IBT's offers an annual scholarship that gives hard-up students a chance to further their careers. It recognizes academic achievement and the role of scholarly endeavors in the Gay community. I will always acknowledge IBT's part in whatever good the future may bring.

Sincerely, Janet (Jaime) Ball

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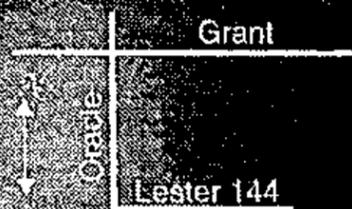
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## PERSPECTIVE

by Lorraine M. Madera

My Country tis of thee. Sweet Land of Liberty, of thee I sing...? And you might say what there's to sing about? To be honest, I don't know anymore. I used to stand, right hand over my heart filled with pride as our National Anthem played. America the Beautiful could bring a lump to my throat. The Battle Hymn of the Republic brought tears to my eyes.

Now my heart breaks with the knowledge that these songs and the words of Thomas Jefferson were not written for me. It isn't because I wasn't born here. It's because of what I am. What I am is a bit more different than being born Hispanic. Like many of you reading this, my birth was one of those "One In Ten" births we've heard so much about. One in ten out of four to five hundred million people in the U.S. alone. That comes to about forty to fifty million people out there like me. That's a lot of people.

We have proven how powerful our voting block. We as a group elected a President in 1992. If the numbers are correct, ninety percent of us that voted, voted for Bill Clinton. That number was greater than his margin of victory over Bush. When one thinks about it, that's a lot of people to hate without reason. Legalized bigotry done in the name of a loving God? Is that the way this homeland of ours is going to go?

With Helms at the helm of the Senate and Gingrich as House Speaker, we could be in a lot of trouble boys and girls. These facts are unsettling to me. These men hate everybody without knowing anybody. They remind me of some people I read about in *History of World War II*. I won't mention any names, there's just too many to chose from.

I once read a quote made by a certain pastor Martin Niemoller that both moved and got me to thinking. I'd like to share it with you now: "In Germany they first came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I didn't speak because I wasn't a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up." This tells me that silence isn't always golden."

I'm not trying to say what happened over there then is happening here now. But it is scary when you think about how smokers and people who own weapons legally are having their rights seriously questioned or in Jeopardy. I pay attention to matters that have to do with my rights as a citizen. My passion is the freedom my people came here for. That and the better life they hoped for their children. I will not sit back and watch their dream for me die without saying what I believe to be right.

The basic rights granted through Divine Intervention were explicitly in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Those words have been the topic of many a political debate both here and abroad. Those words have been the topic of many a political debate both here and abroad. Those same words inspired lovers of freedom like Simon Bolivar and San Martin of South America. And then there is also Jose Marti of Cuba. He both fought and died for the freedom of his country. In the beginning they were for White Anglo-Saxon Protestant males. As time wore on, they began to cover more and more people, women included. Still there, is an aspect of our society certain people would like to see swept under the carpet. And they can do it.

It is all in how the laws are worded. The word Sex doesn't cover Sexual Orientation. Isn't that odd to you? Especially since the Supreme Court made a ruling on the term Man. Depending on the context, it pertains to Humanity. Wouldn't it be funny if our esteemed persons of science discovered that our respective sexualities are sub-sexes of the two genders? I know; wishful thinking. I don't hear anyone tell me I can't dream.



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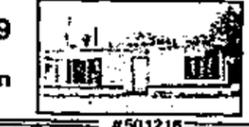
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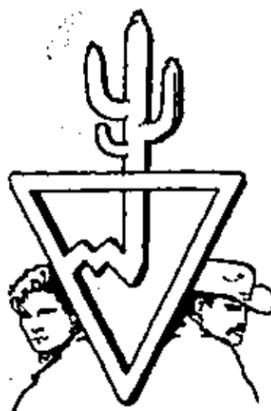
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The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and Hours are proud to present Hoe Down '95. Hoe Down '95 will take place on Sunday, February 26, starting at 4 P.M. and continuing until 1 A.M. This is the last big scale fund raiser that will be held before the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

February 26, aside and plan on attending Hoe-Down '95 at Hours. You'll be glad you did!

The February AGRA Tucson Chapter Meetings will also be held on Sunday, February 26, at Hours in conjunction with Hoe-Down '95. The Tucson Chapter Board Meeting will start at 3 P.M. The General Membership Meeting will start at 5 P.M. We encourage all members and interested individuals to attend these meetings. Find out what is happening with the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. New members are always welcome.

The 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo is just around the corner. This years rodeo will be held at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds on March 17-19. Many long hours of hard work and planning have gone into this year's rodeo. This promises to be the best "Gay rodeo" Tucson has ever seen. Mark your calendars now!

Volunteers are still needed for the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. There is a wide range of duties you can volunteer your services for. It is a great way to make new friends and see what goes on behind scenes at the rodeo. You can volunteer by calling the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

Entertainers wishing to perform at the rodeo can call the Hotline for more information or an Entertainment Packet. The entertainment line-up is now being put together for the rodeo. You must act promptly.

Vendor booth spaces are now available for both Rodeo Grounds and Hotel Activities. Booth spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Reserve your space now! There are only a few booth spaces left available.

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Congratulations to Dan Iversen, the newly elected AGRA President. Dan won a runoff election this past weekend during the General Membership Meeting in Phoenix. We wish you luck with your new position Dan!

A big "Thank You" to everyone that attended "Rodeo Romance", AGRA's Valentine's Theme Dance, this past Saturday evening. Your support is greatly appreciated. We had people in everything from Tuxedo's and Sequined Gowns to jeans and sneakers attending the dance.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Miss AGRA-Adrienne Alexander (ask Adrienne about those "little noises") and Mr. Kenneth Blake as Dolly. Thank you both so much.

A special thanks to Terri, Barney, and Richard. These individuals were responsible for the production of "Rodeo Romance" You did a fab job guys!



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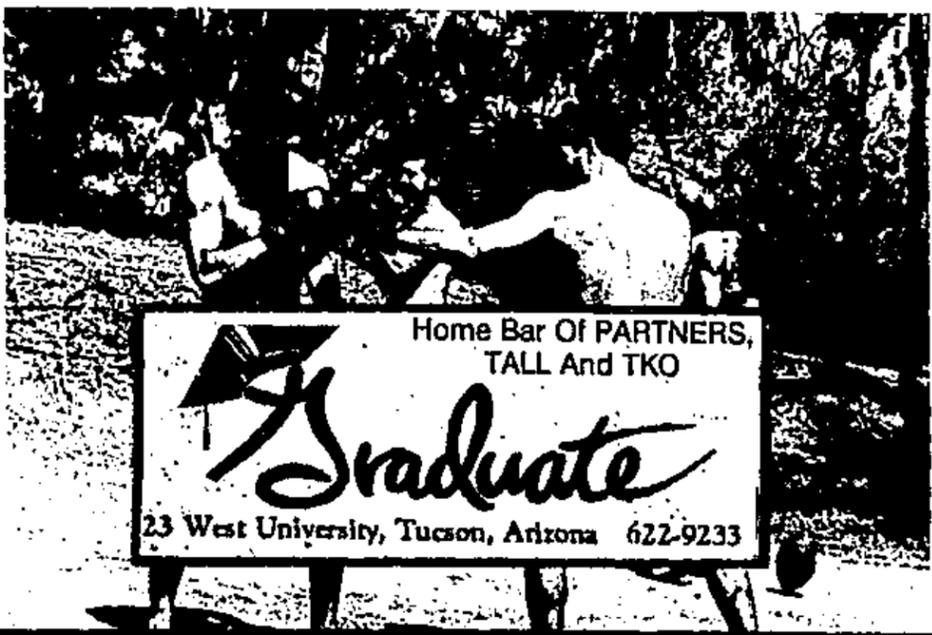
Among the events planned for Hoe-Down '95 are 50/50 cash drawings, door prizes, and raffles. There will be Casino Gambling throughout the evening as well as plenty of dancing and entertainment line-up is the AGRA Royalty and Charlie's Renegades from Phoenix. Word is that there will also be a "special guest" performing. Make sure you are there to see all of these fantastic entertainers.

A barbecue will be set up on patio where AGRA will be selling Hot Dog and Hamburger Plates with all the fixings. Anyone wishing to donate food items for the barbecue can contact the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805. Set Sunday,




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Why do people practice something for one day, and 24 hours later forget everything? Only cupid can give the answer to that one and I'm sure it is not going to change anything.

Seeing as how the Graduate is about the only bar I stop in lately, the news coming out of there that I would normally place in print, well, lets just say that if you picked up copies of the Observer for the past year, you could read what the happenings are today. I am not saying it's boring, it is just that things move a little slower there and do not change that much. Maybe that is why I fit in so well.

But, once in a while you can some interesting changes occur. Take this coming Saturday for example. Yes it will be time again for Partners' Beer Bust, and time again for the matching ear rings, but with Ben behind the bar, you never know what to expect. And as an old scratched 78 rpm record, I'll bet we all will again hear the line, "Your handsome bartender is here, how can I be of service to you?"

Also, of course, going on at the same time, are the same players in the weekly pool tournament. I love the way they have it going, pay \$3 to enter, and every couple weeks you win your money back. No, there is not one person who

wins weekly, it does change.

We need to knock out a wall at the Graduate because once again, I would like to see a Dart machine in there and weekly tournaments. With 3 different clubs during their beer bust serving food, I'm not sure just where the machine could be placed. Maybe it could be on stage, but then seating would be lost and Dart and Pool tournament players would be getting in each others way.

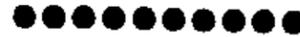
Well, if I want to play in a Dart tournament that bad, why don't I get off my dead butt and either go over to the Venture-N or the Stonewall/Eagle, who both hold weekly tournaments?

And speaking of the Venture-N, it seems there were some customers entering and staying that the 'hurricane' was not able to 86. Thank goodness it was only closed for 1 day or Jim would of been having a major fit. Something else I heard about concerning two of the players there, they now have a dug and a pot belly pig, named "Bert & Ernie."

Also, over at the Venture-N, do not forget the big weekend coming in March, 17-19, their Hides of March (they are calling it something else). This is always a great fun filled weekend, with opportunities to meet some very interesting out of towners. Stop by for more information on this one, and it is one that does not cost you a run fee to enjoy.

I guess that will be it for yet another week. I hope everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day, and the love has carried

over to today. Keep a smile on your face wondering just what you have been into or at all times, because you will have others up too. Keep them guessing!



Here are a couple of pictures taken last week on my rounds around town.

At the right is Mack showing off the trophy he won at the Graduate's Winner Take All pool tournament last Saturday.

Below is the Venture-N "under wraps" as the exterminators tried to rid the place of some pests - customers not included!



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# Double Mischief

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## In Praise Of Pronounced Sapphists

I read recently in a Gay paper that it is not known whether Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville-West were actually lovers, but they were lovers, and the evidence is in their writing. How sad that the myths of "platonic love" hang on while we hunger for stories of people who were emotionally and physically homosexual and when a young Lesbian on public radio need still say, "I thought I was the only one", and she grew up in the 1980s!

For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia and Vita, some background: Virginia wrote *Mrs. Dalloway* and *A Room of One's Own* and helped bring English literature from the Victorian age into the present; years later, her point of view is still cutting edge. Virginia's life was not easy; she was molested as a child and suffered her first nervous breakdown in her early teens after her mother died. She was acerbic, brilliant, and tightly wound, and she often stayed in bed for weeks with debilitating headaches. She married Leonard Woolf; together they ran Hogarth Press and published such authors as James Joyce and Vita Sackville-West. Exhausted by the bombings and violence of World War II, her nephew's death in the Spanish Civil War, and too many headaches and nervous breakdowns, Virginia one day walked into the River Ouse with stones in her pockets and drowned herself.

Vita was in many ways the opposite of Virginia. She was audacious and elegantly butch. While Virginia's work was a critical success, Vita's books, such as *All Passion Spent* and *The Edwardians*, were more popularly acclaimed. Virginia stayed at home, while Vita roamed the world. Virginia loved deeply and faithfully, and Vita loved extravagantly and frequently.

I recently read a collection of Vita's letters to Virginia, with many of Virginia's replies, and found it to be a delightful but heartbreaking experience. Although Vita and Virginia were famous and "important," and Virginia was arguably a genius as well, they were fragile, messy humans. Their letters breathe romance and jealousy and manipulation and deceit and love and desire, just like those of regular people.

When they met in 1922, Vita was 30, Virginia 40. Virginia wrote about Vita in her diary, "She is a pronounced Sapphist. & May...have an eye on me, old though I am." Vita wrote to her husband, diplomat Harold Nicolson, "I've rarely taken such a fancy to anyone, and I think she likes me...Darling, I have quite lost my heart."

(Virginia's diary entry solves a problem I have had for years. Should I call myself "Lesbian" or "dyke." "Gay woman" or "girl homo"? The answer is clear; I am a pronounced Sapphist!)

Vita was worried about loving Virginia; she wrote to Harold, "I am scared to death of arousing physical feelings in her, because of the madness." However, she continued, "I have gone to bed with her (twice), but that's all. Now you know all about it, and I hope I haven't shocked you."

Vita's tone of voice to Virginia was quite different. "I am reduced to a thing that wants Virginia," she wrote in

1926, from Milan. "I just miss you, in a quite simple desperate human way." But then, Vita adds, "You...would never write so elementary a phrase as that...You'd clothes it in so exquisite a phrase that it would lose a little of its reality." Even in the midst of love, Vita was competitive.

Virginia's feeling were hurt, and she replied, "Why do you think I don't feel, or that I make phrases?" And "I have missed you. I do miss you. I shall miss you. And if you don't believe it, you're a long eared owl and ass. Lovely phrases?"

Their relationship, complex and competitive, loving and frustrating, lasted until Virginia's death, although it underwent many changes. Vita was the love of Virginia's life, and Virginia celebrated Vita in her novel *Orlando*, the story of a person who lives for 500 years and switches sexes along the way. But Vita loved many people, plus she was often out of England with her husband at his various diplomatic posts. Always, however, she wrote to Virginia. Always, in her own way, she loved Virginia.

It is impossible really to describe the beauty and human frailty of their love in a short column. I recommend *The Letters of Vita Sackville-West to Virginia Woolf* (edited by Louise DeSalvo and Mitchell A. Leaska). Meanwhile, remember that, in 1926, one woman wrote to another, "I am reduced to a thing that wants Virginia." We are everywhere, and we always have been.

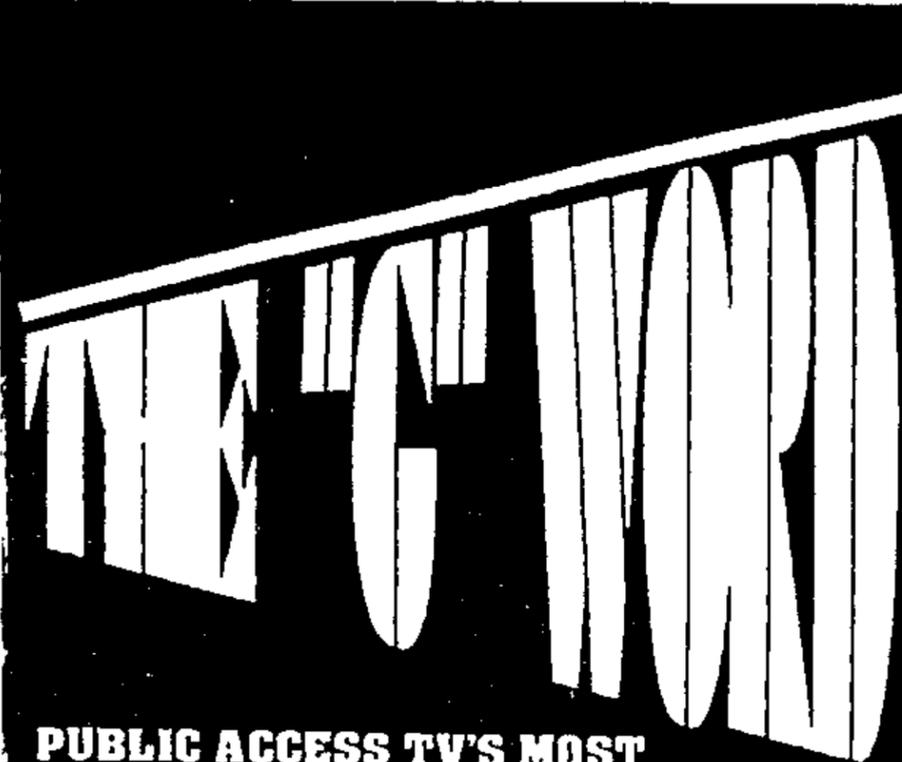


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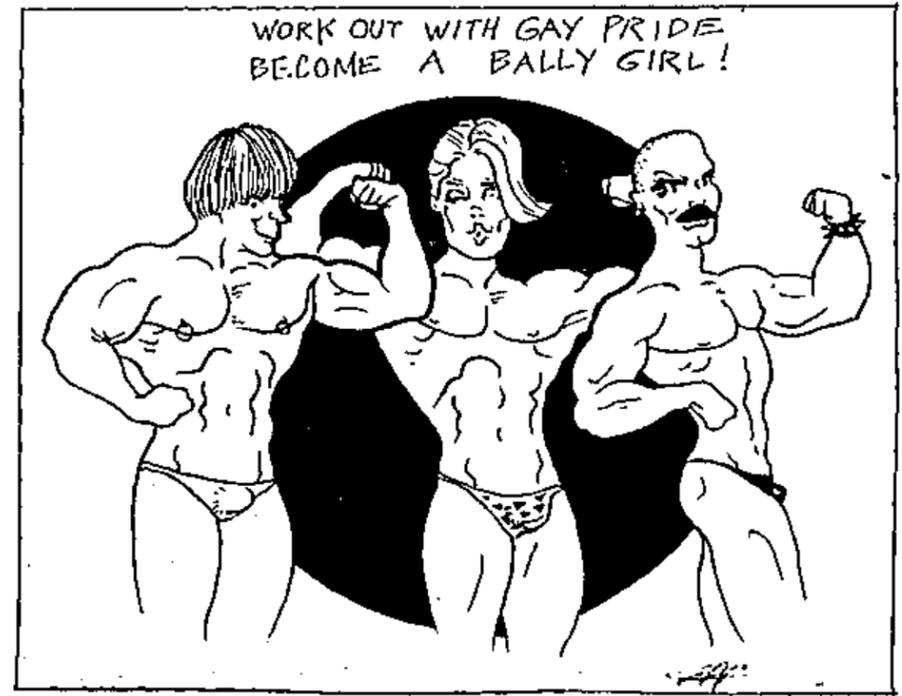
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### As I See It by Clark



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# From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Ms. Joycelyn said the "M" word! Oh, my lord, how could she have done this in public! Didn't she know that this is the 90s!? There are Republicans like myself running around the country. Doesn't she know Republicans don't "M"? Well, that's not exactly true, some of us have "M'ed for years. For health reasons. You see. It is a proven medical fact that it does relieve tensions. Oh, granted it probably also takes the edge off for those of us who are prone to promiscuity and even rape, I've heard. And I suppose it does have a positive effect on easing the #1 problem in the world; overpopulation!

But for the few of us Republicans who do participate in the positive aspects of "M'ing, it probably is minimal to the heroic efforts of Ms. Joycelyn's Party. So therefore, from the few of us who do see these positive efforts, to the many of the mass of them: We wish you god-speed in your pursuits, not only for your own happiness but also the well being of our planetary citizens. As Republicans, we few shall remain in our "M'ing closets, lest we also be fired from our Party.

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Although a lot of knowledge re: AIDS has been acquired since December '88, some things remain the same:

It was a small town in north central California-Truckee. We found out later that there were six others who had

been diagnosed with the AIDS virus, but it was our doctor's first diagnosis. I was at the hospital when Doc arrived with the news for my Patrick. He asked me to leave the room. It was okay if I heard the report, I said, and my lifemate said "Ditto", but Doc was so visibly nervous that I agreed to leave and went to the small waiting room when he told Patrick that he had been diagnosed with AIDS.

Pat's first concern was to calmly tell the Doc, "Now go immediately and tell Ace, and test him right away." A nervous Doc arrived to agonizingly explain the diagnosis. Of course, he had no idea Pat and I had been involved in helping care for friends and acquaintances with AIDS since as early as '81, so when my response was outwardly calm, Doc thought I might be in shock. When I asked him to test me ASAP, I tried to calm him down, as he was more in shock than I.

Although there are fewer doctors today, even in small town America, who haven't experienced their first AIDS patient, what remains the same is that victims of the virus and their mates seldom hear the diagnosis together. What remains the same is that many of us are capable of not being shocked, yet still being devastated inside our hearts and minds by the news.

Patrick requested to be released immediately from the hospital, and together we went from home that day. We didn't talk much, but we experienced a unity and love incomparable as we held each other silently throughout the remainder of the day and night. Where were my tears, you say? Where so many of our tears are: inside our hearts, which sometimes do get crushed, torn apart, broken. What remains the same today is that "hero" in Mariah Carey's song arises; that "hero" we may have never known existed, and we go forward one day at a time, facing one crisis after another because of this unseen enemy.

Was I shocked? Is the Pope Polish? What an understatement? But, this is something else which hasn't changed over the years for mates when they hear the Doc's words "Your friend has AIDS." What has changed is that we now have no many more support groups we can take advantage of in our need and learning how to cope.

My test results returned "negative". Unfortunately, this isn't always the way for lifemates or lovers. All Patrick could say over and over was "thank God!", and he slept soundly for the first in many a night.

Did I wonder during those days about how he got the virus? No, not really. During our 12 years together, we were monogamous, it was 10 months later that it occurred to me to ask "How do you think you got the virus?" and he responded, "I thought you'd never ask! Remember that 3 week time when we were separated after our argument? Well, I thought we'd never get back together, and 3 days before we did, I got drunk and went on a date and had sex. That was the only time I could have gotten the virus."

That's something that never changes, isn't it? The consequences of unprotected sex...even from a one night fling.

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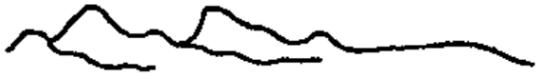


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# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

ALIENS-PART II

This is the continuing saga of aliens in our lives. Last time we talked about bad aliens, which include Satan, or the devil, and his angels, called demons. Now we want to take a close look at the good aliens, the ones we rightfully call angels, called demons. Now we want to take a close look at the good aliens, the ones we rightfully call angels. Who are they, how do they affect our lives, do we have real encounters with them?

After the rebellion in Heaven by Satan and his dupes which ended with them being thrown out of Heaven (see Aliens-Part I), the remaining angels were smart enough to stay on God's side, the winning side.

These angels are not dead people trying to earn their way into Heaven. We do not have deceased loved ones hovering over us to guide, protect, or defend us!

Before creating the heavens and the earth God created a special class of beings called angels. Those angels which did not follow Satan in his rebellion have become God's messengers, ambassadors.

It is sort of like God being the queen bee and the angels being the drones and soldiers. I can imagine them doing the decorating when God was setting up our world: "Move that rock here and that mountain there. Put a sunset over there and an ocean right here. Put these animals here and those fish there. No, over there! Now isn't that better?"

Of course, we know from the book of Genesis that God spoke the world into being; he didn't need any help, but it's still fun to imagine such a scene as I

have described!

God, though he is all powerful, has given men and women the right to choose, a will of our own. We can make good choices or bad choices. God has decided not to interfere with us.

But Satan doesn't play fair. He goes about using every dirty trick in his bag to destroy and kill. All too often he gets his way. People listen to him instead of the God who made them and really loves them. We have been given angels to help us overcome our enemy, but they are limited in what they can do. They play by God's rules and only come to our aid when God gives them permission. (Psalm 91:11)

How can we have angels come to our aid? First, we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. That puts us under his protection. Then when we exercise our faith, when we follow God's will in our lives, we have a right to call upon him.

"As we have need, he may send angels to strengthen us, protect us. The Bible is full of examples of times when the angels came to help and protect believers, and Christians today can tell you thousands of stories of close encounters with these aliens (angels).

You, too, can be a part of this exciting team if you simply accept Jesus as your own personal Savior and decide to live for him. You see, you are not God's enemy. You are the victim of God's enemy. But salvation is yours for the asking. Then you, too, will become an alien! For the explanation of this statement, you will have to wait until Alien III in this column, coming soon!

## LIGHT from the LIGHTHOUSE

by Rev. Nita T. Willey, Pastor

News From MCC Tucson

I regret that these articles have been so few and far between lately. We are working on a list of writers, so that different ideas may be expressed. Hopefully, that will enable us to keep a regular column going, every week.

This community has recently been experiencing numerous losses. Grief is a difficult emotion to work through. But, we need to remember that no matter what happens, God is with us and will lead us through anything and everything that happens to us in this life. We do not have to know the reasons why things happen, God knows and is surrounding us with divine love.

Beginning Tuesdays, February 14 at 7:00 P.M. and Sundays after fellow-

ship, we will be conducting one hour classes in conversational Sign Language. This will allow the congregation to converse with the deaf/hard of hearing who attend worship and/or social events without the need of an interpreter. This is an important outreach for our congregation. You do not need to be a member of this congregation to attend these classes. They are open to anyone and everyone who wants to learn this second language.

Know that all are welcome to worship with us at our Sunday, 10:45 A.M. or Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Bible Study/ Hymn Sing services.

The Deacons have no set budget, but work from the generosity of congregants and community members. If you should have food (canned, frozen or dry goods), clothing, furniture, etc...and need a place to donate it, give us a call and will accept it here or come pick it up, as you request. Donation receipts for tax purposes are available upon request.

If you have any questions about us or need to have someone visit you at home or in the hospital, we are here to serve this community in as many ways as possible. Accepting a helping hand is nothing to be ashamed of, asking takes great courage in this day and age. We are here for you.

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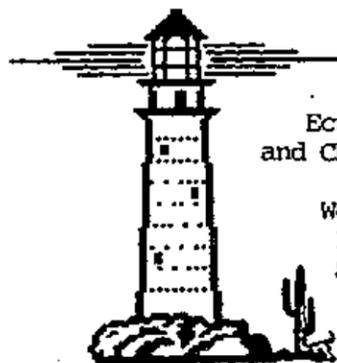
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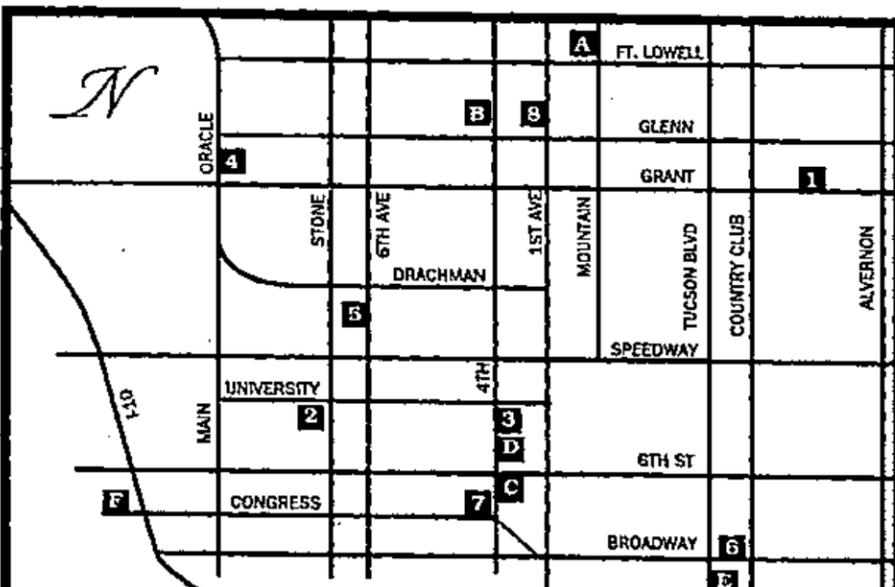
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# BEARS of the Old Pueblo

Well, the Bears just held their elections last week, actually, I should say they held their "re-elections." Troy N. was re-elected as Chair Bear; Brad S. was re-elected as Money Bear, and Ralph G. was re-elected as Secretary.

As for the office of Vice-Chair Bear, ...well, somebody's name was bandied around a bit, but it's still unconfirmed as to whether or not he's accepted the position, so until that time we're keeping our mouths shut on who that person is.

O.K., you hear it here first; everything is kopacetic with us on the political front. Now let's talk about membership dues. A one year membership fee for Bears of the Old Pueblo is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. We need you renewals by the end of March, and, of course, we're always looking for new members.

With your membership, you'll get a one year subscription to the "Bear-er of News" newsletter, a Bears of the Old Pueblo t-shirt and discounts at any Bear event, locally of worldwide.

There is also Associate Membership (at \$10 per household) for you out of towners who want to keep tabs on our little group; that entitles you to the newsletter, and discounts on Bear events in Tucson. However, for those of you who just want the newsletter, a one-year subscription is available for \$6 in the U.S. and \$10 internationally.

In other news, the Bears of the Old Pueblo mourn the loss of Tom Brennan, founder of the Desert Bears in Phoenix. Tom passed away on January 21 of this year and is survived by his partner, Ren Pearson. Tom was a warm, caring man and a talented artist. He will be deeply missed by all those who've come to know him. Memorial services will be held in both Phoenix and Tucson. For those interested in attending or sending condolences, contact the Bears of the Old Pueblo.

And now, here are our local Bear events:

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25-** Movie Night/Pot Luck Dinner at Frank and Dave's lovely home. Last month's Movie Night featured Keanu Reeves playing a manly man in "Speed; and "Charles Pierce At The Ballroom". This month may feature "Four Weddings and a Funeral; since it's been declared required viewing for at least one of our Bears. Drop by and bring something to snack on. Dinner is at 7:30 P.M. Showtime is at 8 P.M. See you there. No charge.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3-** Bear Board Meeting. For members (new, renewed, or unrenewed) only.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4-** The Bears are organizing a field trip to Renaissance Festival in Apache Junction. Get your tickets at Fry's Food and Drug or at the gate when we go up. Watch this space for more details.

**FUTURE EVENTS:** Bear's General Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner (Friday, March 10), Bear Beer Bust at Venture-N (Saturday, March 11), Venture-N's Hides of March (March 17-19), Picnic/Pool Party (March 25), Bear Hug (April).

This month's Bear Hunting Grounds: Epic Cafe at 4th Avenue and University Blvd. Bears of all shapes, sizes, colors and ages come here. Check it out!

P.S.: Bon Voyage. John on your trip to the International Bear Rendezvous in San Francisco. Give us all the juicy details when you get back.

Until next time, Happy Hunting.

Bears of the Old Pueblo is a social group for large and/or hairy men. For more details and event locations, contact Troy at 293-9648 or Brad at 882-4149 before 9 P.M.

# NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Arizonans have the opportunity to see what millions of other already have, the AIDS Memorial Quilt scheduled for display this Friday through Sunday, February 17-19, in Phoenix in the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Opening ceremonies are at 8:00 A.M., Friday. Viewing begins at 8:30 A.M. each day until 9:00 P.M.

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson and Music Industry Golf Association (MIGA) will host the annual Tucson Cactus Open Golf Tournament Sunday, March 26th, at the Tucson National Country Club.

This fund raising event will benefit P.A.C.T. and LIFEbeat. Tee off time is 1:00 P.M. and the format is Two Person Texas Scramble. Entry forms are available at the PACT office, 801 West

Congress, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Complete information on entry fees are included on the forms. Additional information may be obtained from Mary Higgins, Development Coordinator, at 770-1710.

Admission to the event is free and an after tournament party and awards presentation will be held at Club Congress from 7:00 P.M. to midnight. Volunteers are needed for the event and for pre-event activities. Anyone wishing to help may call Mary Higgins, Volunteer Coordinator, at 770-1710.

I leave you with this in mind. "Absence is to love what wind is to fire; it extinguishes the small, it enkindles the great. - Comte de Bussy-Rabutin

## A Word From Your Pima County AIDS Program

by DAVID HOOVER, PCHD AIDS Program Manager



## National Condom Week Feb. 14-20

The largest "barrier" to condom use is convincing the general public that, next to abstinence, condom use is the most effective method available to prevent to spread of STD's and HIV and, one of the most frequent complaints registered by would be condom users is that the sensation level, for the man, will be greatly compromised. Good news is on the way! The plastic condom is on the way. The Avanti condo, currently being distributed on the west coast by London International Group in Cambridge, England, is claiming increased sensitivity and durability.

The largest distribution and marketing concern to date, is the pending FDA approval for appropriate and research based labeling information regarding the safety and efficacy of plastic condoms. Currently, testing has not produced substantial justification for advertising the plastic condom as an effective barrier to STD's and the HIV virus. Other concerns are: Toxicity of polyurethane, slippage and breakage concerns; and resistance to oil based lubricants and the related break-

down factor that is a major concern with latex condom use.

The good news is that this new condom could provide a viable alternative for those individuals who are sensitive to latex condoms. Also, the increased sensitivity is a quality marketing strategy for those agencies stressing preventative health maintenance and safe sex. Lastly, the claim that plastic condoms are stronger, will increase confidence amongst condom users and those individuals contemplating condom use. If plastic condoms do provide the positive alternatives that have been obstacles to consistent and effective condom use for so long, then they can be supported as a prevention breakthrough.

Due to the current FDA restrictions and the lack of research to support condom efficacy, the plastic condom seems to have a long way to travel before it can become a substantial competitor of the latex king. Nonetheless, with current distribution of Avanti underway in 13 western states, and national distribution expected by early spring of 1995, the condom barriers may be coming down soon than we think.

## Quilt In Phoenix

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Bob Lashua, co-chair of the Phoenix host committee said that more than 2,400 Arizonans have died from complications from AIDS since record keeping began in the early 1980's, but he believes that the "unofficial" number in Arizona is much higher. Based on official numbers, approximately 250,000 Americans have died of the disease.

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Mars opposes the Sun this week, lending a certain spark to our Valentine's Day endeavors. The problem is that sparks can lead to raging, out of control fires if we are not careful. Pay close attention to your aggressive tendencies now and use them to make love, not war. Read ahead to see how Mars opposite the Sun hears up our desires:

**ARIES****MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Friends may get in the way of your fine romance if you allow the Mars/Sun opposition to rule you. The main thing to remember is that your friends have a much clearer perspective of what you are doing and may only have your best interests at heart when they begin to interfere. Aries, however, are rarely deterred so you might as well romance all you want; it is the week for love!

**TAURUS****APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

While you would much prefer to lounge lazily around the house, you may find that the Mars/Sun opposition stirs up challenges in your career and gets you off your duff. Watch out for that slow simmering Taurine temper to reach a boiling point. This is not the time to stamp your hoof and stampede over opponents. Turn on that delightful charm and invite them over for a nice home cooked meal instead.

**GEMINI****MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Geminis are usually fairly intelligent, but be sure you have all the facts before you make a stand. The Mars/Sun opposition may place your ego ahead of your common sense. On the bright side, you have been handed a unique valentine; the planets impact your speech on a global level. Use your words like bombs. Speak for all of us and shake all complacent institutions in their foundations.

**CANCER****JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Love for sale? It is possible, even on Valentine's Day, when the Sun opposes Mars. Perhaps you feel the need to be in control by "buying" lovers and therefore psychologically setting the agenda. No amount of money spent will enable you to get your way all of the time so save your dough. It is better to not let your ego get wrapped up in the glorious business of sex. Just relax and have a good time.

**LEO****JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

The Mars/Sun opposition may set your own wonderful self against the best interests of relationships. Accusations may fly. Be warned that the best defense is a good offense; be the first one in a partnership to offer words of love and encouragement. Do something special for another without being asked and without receiving first. Make this a Valentine's Day to remember for you and a special someone.

**VIRGO****AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Intuitively, you realize that you do certain, aggressive things because you yearn to exert control over your surroundings and over others. This doesn't always work out for you. The best course of action during the Mars/Sun opposition is to allow yourself time to gather information about the job or about health issues and then act appropriately. The best valentine is the one you give yourself.

**LIBRA****SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

You are feeling in the pink and mustn't allow yourself to be side swiped by friends' admonishments. The Sun/Mars opposition could place friends in the position of tisk, tisking your more flamboyant and

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

youthful endeavors. So what if you want to have a little fun? Forget about others' opinions. Everything is a go as long as you don't hurt yourself or anybody else.

ets are heating up communication and, if you can restrain yourself a bit, your ideas will have tremendous global impact for us. Sadly though, you are often as subtle as a belch.

**SCORPIO****OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Scorpios are sometimes too intense for their own best interests. If you allow your aggression to get the better of you, you could run roughshod over career prospects. Is this what you want? I don't think so. The Mars/Sun opposition intensifies your desire to get ahead at any cost. Is it worth it? Isn't it better to strike a happy balance between career and home and enjoy what both aspects of your life can offer?

**SAGITTARIUS****NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Good old Sag loves to wax philosophical but now, with the Sun/Mars opposition, you may try to hit others over the head with your opinions. Not everyone needs to agree with you, you know. Both plan-

**CAPRICORN****DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Don't allow your ego to go into overdrive. The Sun/Mars opposition may encourage you to use sex solely as a personal gratifier and not the deep personal merging force that it is intended to be. Bad Goat! On this Valentine's Day you must review how you love and why you love the way you do. Are you too selfish and self-serving? Are you using money to buy affection? Introspection now will be rewarded later.

**AQUARIUS****JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aquarians should prepare themselves for battle when Mars opposes the Sun. People with whom you already don't have the best of relationships sense the impending

war and rush into action. This is a time of increased stress on any one-to-one relationship as you feel that your whole personality is under scrutiny by others (some of whom live in glass houses themselves...). Give your valentine a mellow time. Don't bicker.

**PISCES****FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

The best advice I can give you is to give yourself a break on the job. Even if you don't get credit for your efforts, there is no reason to get yourself stressed and sick over it. The Mars/Sun opposition makes you a little sensitive when it comes to charity and service to others. Just because we don't always say thank you, you energy counts! Don't stop doing the wonderful things you are doing for the community.

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# People For American Way Condemn's Gay & Lesbian Activists To Converge On Proposed Hearings To Purge Gay-Related Materials From Schools Overtt, Miss. Memorial Day

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The leadership of People For the American Way's Action Fund sent a letter condemning House Speaker Newt Gingrich for promising to convene congressional hearings on so-called Gay influences on public education.

Gingrich has reportedly made a commitment to Rev. Lou Sheldon, head of one of the Religious Right's leading anti-Gay groups (the Traditional Values Coalition) to hold the hearing later this year.

An amendment purging so-called homosexual influences in the public schools was the centerpiece of Rev. Sheldon's legislative agenda in the last Congress, and was aided by Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) who introduced an amendment bearing his name that was narrowly defeated.

If Sheldon is successful this year, educators would feel compelled to scour their curricula for any positive or neutral reference to homosexuality out of fear of congressional retribution. Widespread censorship would affect everything from counseling to health curricula to the study of literature.

This legislative approach, which would be offered in the Gingrich/Sheldon hearings, is key to a major federal/state push by the Religious Right to cut off any federal funding to any public school offering any but the most negative information related to Gay issues.

"The Gingrich/Sheldon hearing would only serve to legitimize and provide a forum for organizations that have a long public record of espousing hatred and intolerance," the People For Action letter said. "This kind of destructive proceeding is plainly not what the American people would wish this Congress to see as its mandate." People For Action Fund Action President Arthur J. Kropp added that the tactics of such a hearing smack of McCarthyism. "We are particularly concerned that the hearing appears to be predicated on no more than the ill-conceived, distorted and bigoted views of the Reverend Lou Sheldon," the Action Fund letter said.

The People For Action Fund letter held Gingrich accountable to his recent public statements advocating a neutral stance of "tolerance" toward Gays and Lesbians. "A congressionally sponsored inquiry into the lives of one group of Americans would not be an act of tolerance. It would be an act of vilification," the letter concluded.

LOS ANGELES, CA - Robin Tyler, a prominent Lesbian activist who originally called for an emceed the 1st March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, and subsequently produced the Main Stage for the 2nd and 3rd Marches, and Rev. Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Churches, the largest organization of Gays and Lesbians in the world, returned last week from a meeting with Wanda & Brenda Henson at Camp Sister Spirit near Overtt, Mississippi.

On January 17, 1995, consensus was reached regarding Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 26 - Monday, May 30). That weekend a thousand Gays and Lesbians from all across America will ride to the aid of a Lesbian family and their besieged property outside Overtt. Camp Sister Spirit has been exposed to an ongoing, radical right inspired campaign of violence, harassment, intimidation and death threats.

If you would like to join this historic weekend, go to Camp Sister Spirit, and help clear the land, and aid in building, you can write UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, #304, Los Angeles, California 90029, Attention: Project: Camp Sister Spirit, or call Frank Zerilli at (213) 464-5100, ext. 212.

The minimum donation will be \$135.00 per person. Of this, \$110 will be used to cover the cost of food, sanitation, equipment, etc. Campers must plan to bring their own tents and utensils. If you plan to come in an R.V., R.V.'s will cost an additional \$40.00.

\$25.00 from each fee will be used to help Camp Sister Spirit pay for expenses for a Federal Lawsuit to be filed under the anti-Klan act for the harassment they have received. Any money left over will go to the Camp Sister Spirit Folkschool (an educational and cultural retreat center that makes available an opportunity for

learning non-oppressive lifeways).

Although participants will be helping work the land for the 4 days, they will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops, singalongs, worship services...in other words, four days of helping others, but also, four days of celebration and joy!

"I think it's vitally important for Lesbians and Gay males and our friends to come to Overtt, Mississippi to help our sisters who are under siege," said Rev. Troy Perry, "and to serve notice to the darker forces in this country that these sister have the right to purchase and establish their camp and folkschool anywhere in America."

The maximum number is 1000 participants. If you wish to register immediately, send \$135. pp made out to "UFMCC: Project Camp Sister Spirit" and mail it to the Los Angeles address above. Detailed brochures regarding what to bring will be sent out. If you cannot attend, but wish to send a donation, please send it to the same address.

## UÅ Awareness Week

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growing up in a small Texas town.

The events are open to the public and include(have included):

On Monday, Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian community groups held an information on the U of A mall.

On Tuesday, a group of openly Gay students will speak on Gay issues and answered question at the U of A Student Union.

There was a Valentine's Day Drag Show with a post-performance discussion at The Cellar.

Today there is a poetry reading and open house. Participants are invited to bring their own poetry or someone else's to share. Refreshments will be served, at the BGALA Resource Center, Student Union, Room 350 A, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: The Texas Trinity performances, in the Social Sciences Auditorium, 8:00 P.M. Admission is \$3 for one night and \$5 for all three.

On Sunday, there will be a trip to the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Phoenix. Vans will leave in the morning and return the same day. Call BGALA at 621-7585 for information and to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

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## 'Essay of Abstract Expressionism' REVIEW..

by LESLIE VINSON

[Essay of Abstract Expressionism. Liz Vaughn's one woman show at the Wingspan Gallery, 422 N. 4th Avenue. The show runs through March 1.]

So, what is art? Those plastic male torsos that model cheap underwear at Sears? They are when Liz Vaughn gets through with her. "They came to life," she says. "Just popped out, took over, did their own thing." Glowing with incredible shades of lemon, flame, red and magenta, Two Male Models as Mannequins have created themselves personalities more vivid than many folks with heads possess.

Color in Vaughn's work is about as shy as a tiger. Check out the orange and jade who thrusts out her pink cup for a cascade of red coffee beans from a real grinder. The red beans, Vaughn explains,

developed from red-dot 'tears' in a Hundertwasser painting. This coffee drinkers' not crying. The picture is called No Fumar, but her cigarette sends up a scarlet viper of smoke, and nobody dares tell her to put it out.

A tender side of Vaughn's art shows in Kristin and I. "The picture is about her being pregnant, our lives changing, me trying to give myself to her." The Liz figure prances in nude, against yellow sunshine. But Kristin stares into space, cuddling her heavy belly under a starry night sky. Animate Matter is moving too. "It's a take off on Degas' Woman Washing Herself." But the white figure squats to wash in flame, not water. "The fires just came in. It's about re-birthing yourself," says Vaughn.

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