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Gay Medical Group Issues Groundbreaking Report On HIV Prevention

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A report released by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) warns that massive numbers of Gay, Bisexual and Lesbian Americans and Canadians will become newly infected with the HIV virus unless dramatic new steps are taken.

Entitled, "The Silent Crisis: Ongoing HIV Infections Among Gay Men, Bisexuals and Lesbians at Risk," the 108 page report presents the results of the first broad based summit of scholars and community leaders ever convened to address prevention in the Gay community. Alarmingly, the report cites a study projecting that a majority of young HIV negative Gay and Bisexual men in the U.S. will eventually become infected.

According to summit co-chair and GLMA Executive Director Benjamin Schatz, the goal of the report is to help reawaken the community to the severity of new infections and to place the issue at the top of community to the severity of new infections and to place the issue at the top of community and national agendas. "Despite the popular perception that AIDS has moved out of the Gay community and that Gay men are somehow taken care of, nothing could be farther from the truth. Unless serious action is taken, far more Gay men will become infection in the years to come that have been infected to date," he said.

The report identifies key themes and urgent priorities that emerged from the summit:

The rate of new infections among Gay and Bisexual men is staggering, particularly among men of color and youth; reversing this must be, but hasn't been, a top priority for Gay and AIDS groups.

Prevention efforts must address profound emotional/psychological issues affecting HIV-negative Gay and Bisexual men that may be causing them to risk their lives.

Prevention must be redefined; the emphasis should shift from disseminating facts to helping people explore their sexual motivations and priorities.

Building stronger Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual communities and combating homophobia are essential to fighting the spread of AIDS in these populations.

HIV is a Lesbian issue: there are disturbingly high rates of HIV among certain populations of Lesbian and Bisexual women.

More and better research and evaluation is needed; existing prevention programs have too often failed to incorporate research or undergo meaningful evaluation.

Gay and Lesbian communities must be willing to critically re-examine their own norms.

Gays, Bisexuals and Lesbians in differing racial, regional and age populations have different prevention needs and need resources to design their own prevention strategies.

"The Gay community and AIDS organizations must start demanding adequate prevention resources for Gay and Bisexual men," said Schatz. He described as "tragic, but typical" a study showing that only 9% of prevention dollars in California target Gay and Bisexual men even though nearly 80% of the AIDS cases in the state have taken place among this population. "We've been afraid to ask for what we deserve: AIDS organizations don't want to appear 'too Gay' and Gay/Lesbian organizations don't want to appear too focused on AIDS," noted Schatz. "As a result, Gay HIV prevention issues have often fallen through the cracks."

Summit co-chair Alvin Novick, MD, added that the report has an equally important goal: redefining prevention. "For prevention to be effective in 1995, we must understand the context of the lives of Gay and Bisexual men and what we are feeling. While some of us still need basic information about condoms and safer sex, more of us need help in finding the motivation to incorporate what we already know into our lives," noted Novick, who chairs GLMA's AIDS Task Force.

"If there's one thing that summit attendees agreed upon, it is that meaningful prevention efforts targeting Gay and Bisexual men must incorporate community building measures and an understanding of our mental health needs," said Novick. "For many Gay and Bisexual men, issues of depression, loss, survivor guilt, identification with AIDS, fear of intimacy, substance abuse, internalized homophobia and racism are the key issues challenging their resolve to engage consistently in protected sex. For these men, efforts to rejuvenate community hope and enhance self-image may be far more effective prevention tools than are brochures about condoms."

The summit report details the findings of an intensive two and one half day meeting that took place in July, 1994, in Dallas. One hundred and fifty U.S. and Canadian community leaders, AIDS activists and scholars participated in the invitation only event.

Copies of the report can be obtained for $12.50 ($7.50 for GLMA members) from GLMA, 273 Church Street, San Francisco, California 94114.

Montana Passes Then Dumps Plan To Brand Gays And Lesbians

HELENA, MT - The Montana State Senate, by a 41-8 margin, passed a bill that would require people convicted of violating the law against homosexual sex to register along with convicted murderers and rapists.

The vote was symbolic, homosexuals sex between consenting adults is a felony in Montana, but people on both sides of the issue agree that no one has ever been prosecuted under the law.

After the vote, the Gay rights group Pride held a rally at the Capitol that was attended by several legislators.

A statement by Republican Sen. Al Bishop, the bill's sponsor, that Gay sex is "even worse than a violent sexual act" cam under particular criticism.

"What an insult to women who have been raped, children who have been molested and any victim of a truly violent crime, let alone Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals who are in loving, committed relationships," said Sandra Hales, executive director of Pride.

Senate President Bob Brown said he doubted the provision would do any harm. He denied Pride's allegations that Republicans hate or fear homosexuals.

"I think Republicans have a more traditional view of this whole issue," Brown said.

But what a difference a day makes, and a deluge of criticism.

In an about face, the Montana Senate the next day dumped the proposed bill that would require people convicted of homosexual acts to register with police.

By a voice vote, and without debate, the Senate bowed to overwhelming public criticism and deleted the provision from the sex offender registration bill.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Sen. Al Bishop of Billings apologized for describing Gay sex as worse than rape.

"We all know in the heat of debate that things are said without careful thought as to precise meaning or implication," he said. "I never intended nor meant to infer that consensual sexual acts between adults of the same sex are in the same category as violent sexual acts. I regret that I made the statement."

Gov. Marc Racicot's office said it fielded about 100 phone calls before noon from people critical of the Gay registration section.

Reaction was swift:

The ACLU of Montana was pleased that the Montana Senate has reconsidered its earlier embarrassing and extreme position relating to including Gays and Lesbians in their sex offender registration bill.

In a released statement, the ACLU/MT stated, "After Senate debate earlier this week that equated Gay and Lesbian sex with murder, raper, assault, incest and other violent crimes, our phones have been ringing off the hook.

"It is encouraging to see how the public outrage has clearly put the brakes on the arrogance of power that has clearly put the brakes on the arrogance of power that has permeated this legislative session.

"By reconsidering their actions, the Senate has reaffirmed the traditional and constitutionally protected Montana values of respecting individual privacy.

"The measure combined the worst of two national trends, scapegoating of Lesbians and Gay men and false "solutions" to the problem of crime. The bill only points out the absurdity of defining sex between consenting adults has nothing to do with rape and assault.

"Registration of 'suspicious' people is a dubious crime prevention method that prejudges who is likely to commit a crime, brands people for life, and does nothing to make our streets safer and our homes more secure.

"The good people of Montana have effectively exercised their first amendment rights to turn back this alarming and intimidating amendment."

Topeka D.A. Charges Rev. Phelps Again

TOPEKA, KS - Shawnee County District Attorney Joan Hamilton is trying again to prosecute Fred. Phelps, Sr., for actions associated with his anti-Gay crusade picketing.

Hamilton charged Phelps and five members of his Westboro Baptist Church with disorderly conduct, criminal restraint, assault, and battery in connection with what she alleged in seven misdemeanor complaints were violations that occurred between January 20, 1994, and January 31, 1995.

Phelps, a disbarred attorney and Primitive Baptist minister, branded the charges "total fabrications," and vowed to fight them as he has previous complaints lodged against him by the district attorney's office.

Phelps and the other five, including two members of his family and three members of another family, were booked

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UPDATE

Local Softball League Opens Season April 2

Well it's here. Opening Day is Sunday, April 2nd at Freedom Park (29th Street, between Swan and Craycroft). The festivities will begin at 2:00 P.M., with a barbecue at Freedom Park.

Hot Dogs, chips, sodas, and other goodies will be available for purchase with the proceeds going to help send two teams to the Gay World Series in Seattle in August.

The schedule is tentatively as follows: 2:00 - 2:30 P.M., barbecue begins. 2:30 - 2:45 P.M., teams assemble. 2:45 - 2:55 P.M., introduction of officers. 2:55 - 3:35 P.M., introduction of sponsors, teams, coaches, umpires, schedule of games, flag presentation, national anthem, invocation, first ball. 4:00 - 10:00 P.M., play ball!

The schedule os subject to change, but not much. So come out to picnic, party, watch softball, and spend the day with friends and family. For your comfort, please bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, hats and jackets (for evenings).

We are still looking for softball players for one more team. Please contact Commissioner Robert Serrano at 882-8513, or Assistant Commissioner Mary O'Mahoney at 770-9979, if you have any questions, concerns or would like to register.

Tucson Gay Pride Logo Contest Begins

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has announced their 18th annual Pride t-shirt logo contest.

John Haase, president of TLGA said of the logo that, "All graphics must be 8 1/2 x 11, no more than 6 colors and include, but not limited to saying, '1995 Discover Pride, Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, Saturday, October 14, 1995, Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona. The deadline for entries is May 1, 1995.'"

Haase asked that entries be mailed to: TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Haase said, "People should enter as many prospective logos as they like. TLGA retains all rights to art selected. All entries will be held at shown at Art Attack '95."

If you want your art returned, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope. The winner will receive two complimentary T shirts and a $50 gift certificate to Boccata Bistro at River and Craycroft, courtesy of Peter and Elle Van Slyke.

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Our friend, Stephen F. Whitaker passed away on March 23, 1995 after a brief illness.

He is survived by his lover Jerry Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Whitaker of San Antonio, Texas, and a sister, Patricia Ellsworth of Germantown, Maryland. He was preceded in death by Fritz Schneider.

Steve was an active member of the community in Tucson. He was a volunteer and supporter of the Shanti Foundation. He has been a great support of the community. Stephen had spent 8 years in the United Stated Navy, most of which was spent in Southern California.

Though Steve has left us, we all will feel his accomplishments and presence forever. We shall all miss Steve.

Jerry & Family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Shanti Foundation, and Dr. J. Kevin Carmichael for all their help and support over the last few weeks, it has meant so much to them.

Free Anonymous HIV Testing At Wingspan

TUCSON - As of Friday, March 31, Wingspan and the Pima County Health Department will be offering free and anonymous HIV testing. The testing will be performed by the Pima County Health Department.

Testing will be regularly provided on every last Friday of the month between 4:00 and 7:00 P.M. at Wingspan, 422 North 4th Avenue (Fourth Avenue and Sixth Street).

We urge you to take this opportunity to get yourself tested. For more information call Wingspan at 624-1779 or the Pima County Health Department at 791-7676.

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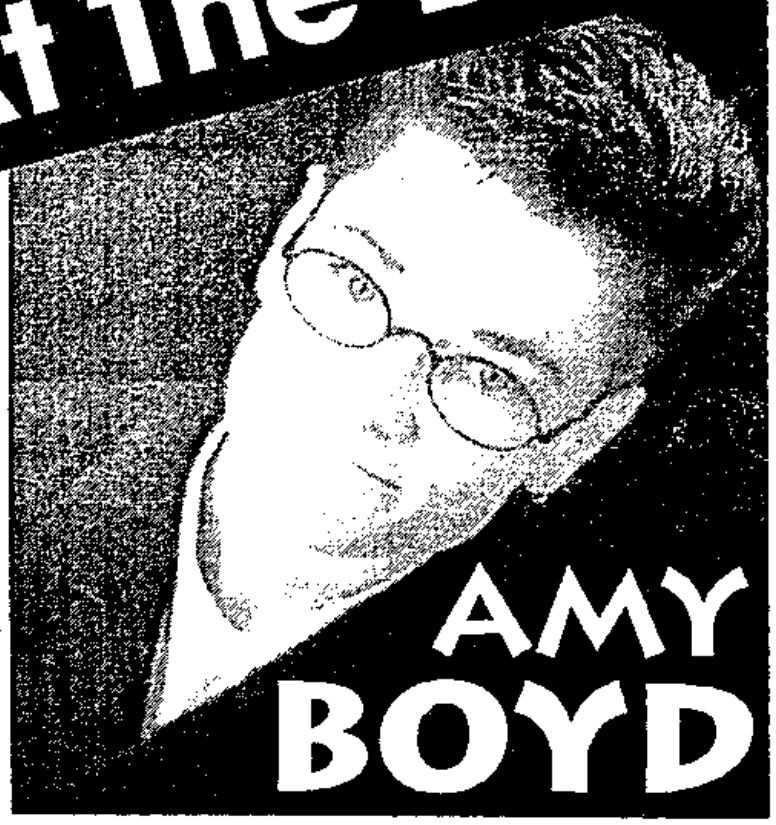

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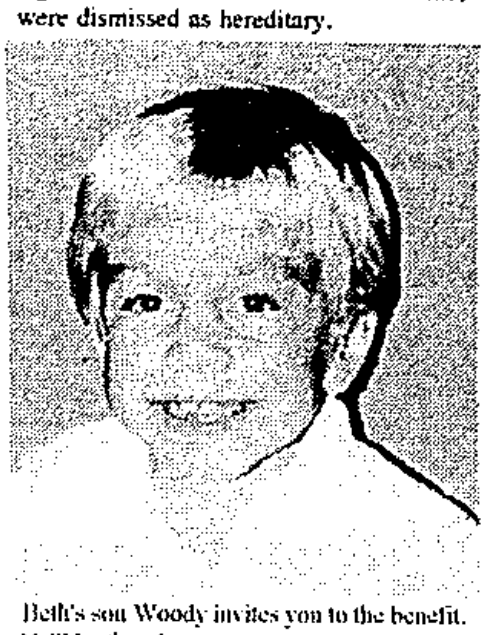
A Roast & Toast of Bob Ellis an MPS Benefit April 23

by Beth Tullis Perry

TUCSON The Roast and Toast of Bob Ellis, a benefit for the National MPS Society will take place, Sunday, April 23 at Club 2520, 2520 North Oracle Road, Tucson. Cocktails at 4 P.M. with the "roasting" beginning at 5 P.M.

When my son Woody was born he appeared healthy. As with most MPS parents, the signs of MPS C the same signs that would later seem obvious to me, were dismissed as hereditary.



Beth's son Woody invites you to the benefit. He'll be there!

At age 5, Woody went to my Mother's house for the summer. She noticed his joints were stiff, he walked on his tip-toes, and his fingers had very little movement. She took him to Dr. Barring Farmer in California. He spent hours x-raying, measuring and asking questions. He was baffled and set up appointments with three others pediatricians. They too were baffled and referred us to Dr. Cassidy at the University Medical Center in Tucson.

In September, 1991, Scott had his first appointment with Dr. Cassidy. After ten months of testing, Woody was diagnosed with Hurler Scheie (A form of Mucopolysaccharidosis).

We were told that Woody's body would progressively deteriorate until the disease would cause his death in his late teens. Our family and friends were stunned.

You, as Woody's friends, could have heard about his disease and let it go, but you didn't, Ricky Norman banned us all together for our 1st MPS Fund Raiser, "As We See It". A roast and toast of Clark, Ricky and our friends have raised over $10,000 for the MPS Society.

I am constantly asked if I've talked to this agency or that agency. Believe me, I spend at least 20 hours a week talking to Doctors, scientists, teachers, therapists...There is absolutely nothing that we can do for Woody at this point, they are working on enzyme replacement therapy in Australia and England. In the past, the money we have raised has gone towards keeping our newsletter going. This year we are designating it to research.

We are proud to announce our next roastee, Mr. Bob Ellis! As we see it...Bob, owner and editor of the Tucson Weekly Observer, hasn't printed enough Letters to the Editor lately. We've found a small group of people that have requested a "less public" forum to address this situation.

Our cast of roasters are busy preparing their letters, probably as you are reading this. Bob has been boasting that there can't possibly be any skeletons in his closet that haven't already been exposed. Get real Bob!! We've called a special meeting next Saturday so we can edit some of the letters that have gotten out of control! You're no saint Missy!

We have 125 tickets we are offering to our MPS Friends. We suggest you get your tickets A.S.A.P or you'll miss out on the fun. Tommy Novakowski always buys the 1st ticket. I'm on my way to deliver it now! After Tommy, it's first come, first serve. See you at the roast!

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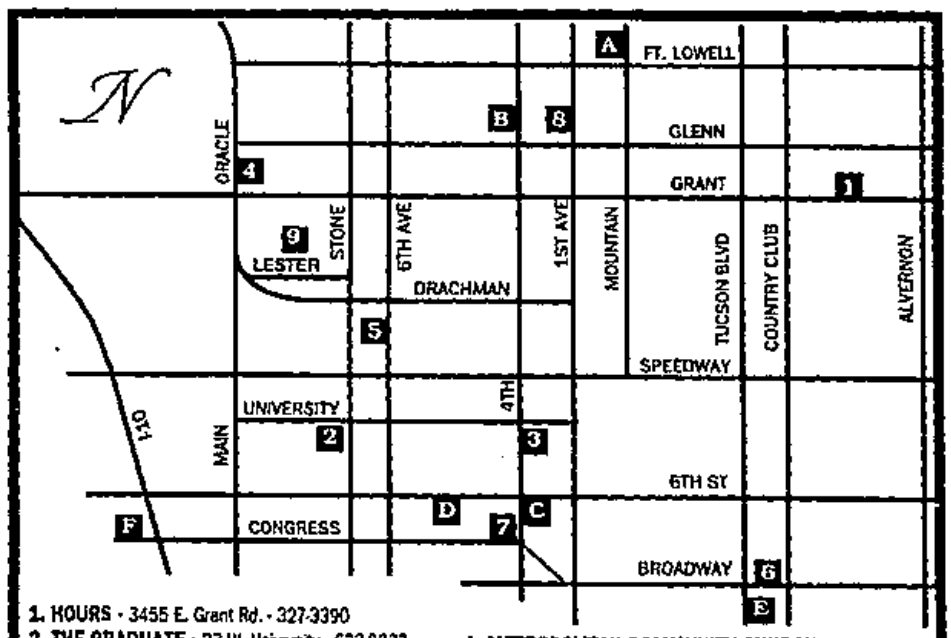

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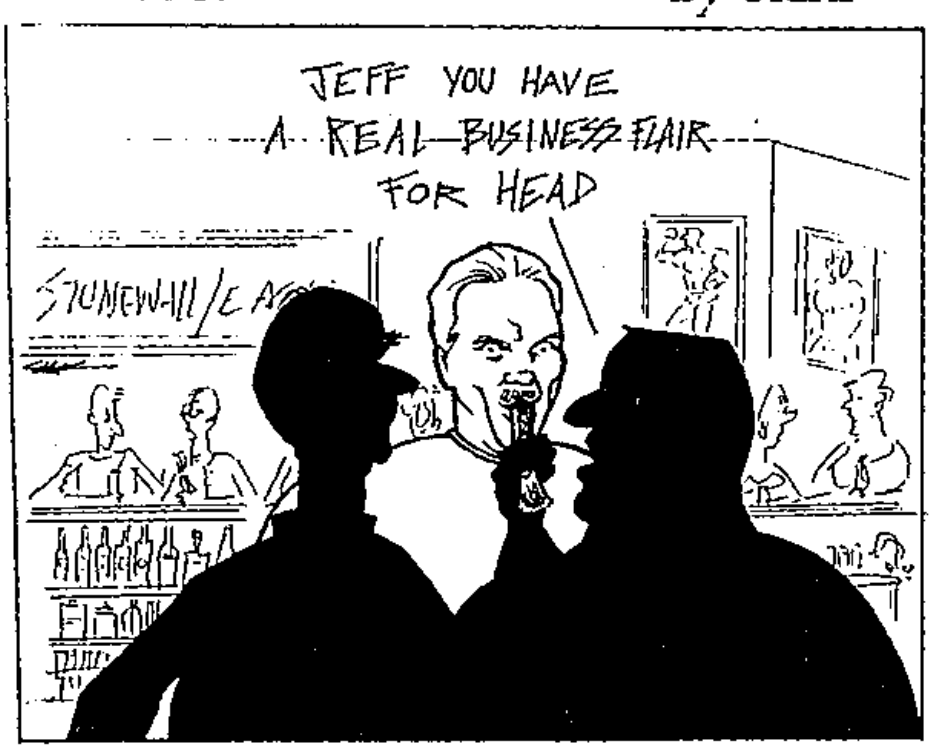

FREE SEATS .. A Review

by Kenny Jacobs

Pictured above and (l to r) Yvonne Huff, James Blair and Patrick Mulchay appearing in "Patient A" a play by Lee Blessing. See review below.

I hate when a good line from a play is used on a program cover or poster design. I read the line and think about it. Then I hear the line during the production and am immediately zapped out of the moment and into whatever my preconceived notion was when I first read the line. This is my only complaint about the upcoming production of Lee Blessings' Patient A at The Invisible Theatre (IT)

"The world is innocent. Because the opposite of innocence is not guilt. It's knowledge." Great line, bad layout.

Kimberly Bergalis died of complications due to HIV or "AIDS" as it has become known in the United States.

It was alleged that Ms. Bergalis was exposed to HIV by her dentist, a Dr. Acer (pronounced acre). The circumstances of her infection were never clear enough for anyone with an agenda attached to the virus.

AIDS activists and the CDC found it difficult to believe this young woman wasn't more sexually active than she claimed. (recent evidence has surfaced that the strain of HIV that led to the deaths of Bergalis, her dentist, and five of the dentists' other patients was more widespread than originally believed).

Right-wing fanatics (my description) wanted to hold up Kimberly as an "innocent victim of AIDS" and use her to justify their pogroms of isolation, notification, and stigmatization.

The Bergalis family asked playwright Lee Blessing to tell Kimberly's story. What he ended up with was the story of humanity's cowardice and ignorance.

How does one tell the story of a young woman who became a saint in the eyes of the William Dannemeyers (ex-representative R-CA) and Jesse Helms's of the world, and still not forget the "people who got AIDS the wrong way?"

Quietly.

Not a withdrawn, guilty quiet, but a steady force of non-judgmental observation explained in a voice of dignity. Lee Blessing (Eleemosynary, Two Rooms, Walk In The Woods) is a writer who is quiet. His plays aren't spectacles but often can explain frantic moments and loud controversies. You hear from everyone in a Blessing play, a blessing indeed considering the lack of listening when it comes to AIDS. So far, into the second decade of the syndrome, we have little listening and much shouting. But non in this play of "quiet desperation".

A subtle playwright begs a gentle direction from cast and crew and Blessing receives such from IT. As directed by Deborah Dickey, Patient A is allowed to seep into your consciousness and never preaches. I suspect less polished productions of this play have preached to the pews and thus lost the intended effect.

The cast is uniformly sublime. Yvonne Huff as the spiritually orthodox Kimberly allows us no pity, only wants her story told and comes to understand it better as she sees herself through other's eyes.

She is the fawn in us all the playwright mourns. The playwright is part of this story and is embodied in James Blair. Lee is a man of no faith but considerable patience and strength. James Blair packages Lee with balance. He comes across as a Mr. Rodgers without the corn, just the concern.

The cast is rounded out by Patrick Brian Mulchay as Matthew, the character that confounds easy answers as he facilitates the action of the play. Matthew plays everyone, an actor within the actor, and could be the Everyman left behind by this disease. As Matthew, Mulchay fleshes out all details of every challenge he confronts on-stage, acting and ethical challenges included. If Huff is innocence, Blair is concern, than Mulchay is grace. A finer ensemble I have never seen in my three years in Tucson.

The lights (as designed by Susan Carter Ruskell) were almost too subtle or perhaps some cross fading cues were late, but no matter. The warm back lights were nicely echoed on the costumes by Regan Gillespie. Sound design (Dadra Hunt) didn't interrupt and actually added several fine touches. The set (also a James Blair creation) was a nearly antiseptic white of shapes and platforms. The risers used didn't squeak, a nearly universal condition at other Tucson theatre companies, and I was thankful. The entire production plays like something by Satie and needs all the focus it got from IT.

[Patient A by Lee Blessing runs from March 29 through April 15. Performances are Wednesday-Saturday at 8 P.M. and Sunday at 2 P.M. Tickets are $12-14, with discounts available for students, seniors and groups of ten or more. Call 882-9721 for reservations and information.]

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by RY

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Greg Olson. Greg passed away March 26 in Phoenix. A member of AGRA and a great friend to many, Greg will be missed by all. Dates and times of services were not available as of press time. You can call the AGRA Office at 323 0805 for more information on the services.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association State Meetings will be held this Sunday, April 2 at Charlie's in Phoenix. The State Board Meeting will start at 2 P.M. The State General Membership Meeting will follow at 5 P.M. Come on down to Charlie's and have some fun with your friends from AGRA.

The April AGRA Tucson Chapter Meetings will be held on April 23, at Fort Lowell Park. The meetings will take place at Ramada #6, next to the pool. The election of the 1995 Tucson Board of Directors will be held during this meeting. Absentee Ballots are going out this week for those people that will not be able to attend. The new Board of Director will be seated at the commencement of the meetings. The Board Meeting will start at 3 P.M. The General Membership Meetng will begin at 5 P.M.

Immediately following the General Membership Meeting there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Party for all the volunteers that donated their services during the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. A hot dog and hamburger barbecue will be available. A beer permit has been obtained by AGRA for anyone wishing to bring along their own beer. If you are planning on bringing your own beer, please be sure it is in cans (no glass items allowed) and please have a valid ID in your possession. The weather should be great so make plans on attending the meetings and party. Hope to see you all there. New members are always welcome.

I hear Terri "princess" (accompanied by a few other AGRA Members) was a mess past Saturday at IBT's during the street fair! Word is that Terry was so "full" she fell flat on her fanny, but only after demonstrating (very skillfully I might add) the great art of smashing her face on a table top. Don't worry "princess", not many people witnessed your loss of equilibrium and you know the secret is safe with me!

Now I've heard of holes in pants, but Steve, really girl! Word is that Steve went into the Venture-N wearing a perfectly good pair of jeans and emerged (more than likely from those infamous bushes) some time later with several rather large pieces of material missing. His jeans (now shorts) caused quite a stir. Instead of going home like a good little girl, Mr. Robinson opted to run around town and show off his new fashion blunder. The fashion police is on alert girlfriend!

Hey Richard, word is that you were on a role (not to mention a pole or two) during rodeo weekend. What's this about you "entertaining" four rodeo guests during the three day rodeo? That explains the fatigue you were complaining about. By the way, will you please talk to Edgar on the art of installing batteries. Maybe that way we will have some photos of rodeo next year!

I do believe I hear wedding bells for Michael (Phoenix) and Tommy (Egg Garden). I ran into the love stricken couple at IBT's over the weekend. What they were doing coming out of the alley bathrooms together is none of my business.

We wish Adrienne Alexander, Miss AGRA, a farewell from Tucson and wish her the best of luck on her move to Phoenix. Adrienne left the "Old Pueblo" this week. Even though you are not here with us Adrienne, you know that you will always have an AGRA family that loves you here in Tucson. Best of luck on your new start in Phoenix.

Until next week. Play safe!

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PERSPECTIVE

The following is a copy of a letter that was sent to every member of the United States Congress. The author has shared it with the Gay press to encourage everyone to take the responsibility to contact their representatives in Congress and tell them we want *equal rights!*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN:

I am an ex-U.S. Naval officer who served in the nuclear submarine fleet, and I am writing to express my views condemning the intolerance and discrimination our country levies against homosexuals. I am in a permanent, committed relationship with another man and our country constantly hinders our relationship through various regulations.

First, I do not believe that my sexual orientation was a matter of choice, rather an inherent characteristic granted to me at birth and I do not believe that I am damned by God. I believe that God created all of us in his likeness and that God does not make mistakes; thus, my homosexuality is not a matter of sin.

Since I am in a permanent, committed relationship, I consider our relationship to be a marriage equal to a heterosexual marriage in the eyes of God. Our country, however, does not view the two relationships to be equal.

Additionally, since in our country we have separation of church and state, I believe the basis for allowing or disallowing same-sex marriages should be based on the civil rights of homosexuals and not a religious conception or misconception.

So many people accuse homosexuals of being promiscuous and not capable of staying in a permanent relationship, however, our society forbids homosexuals from being in a permanent relationship.

Catch-22. Some of the minor common courtesies heterosexuals take for granted are completely unavailable to homosexuals. Since we are not considered to be married then we are also not considered to be a family.

Since we are not considered to be family in the event one of use is injured or sick the other is not necessarily allowed to be with the other in the hospital. I can think of no more insulting a situation than for me to not be allowed to comfort my loved one in the event of his death. Can you imagine how you would feel not being there for your spouse in the last moments of their life, that is your right and responsibility.

Additionally, homeowners insurance considers us roommates and will not insure both people's property, our incomes are combined to pay bills, but we are taxed as single; we cannot obtain health insurance jointly through our employers; in our death we are not considered as spouses and are taxed heavily; our auto insurance must be separate, this a higher rate; and the list continues ad nauseam.

In allowing homosexuals equality in marriage it grants many rights to homosexuals, but also imposes many responsibilities. Marriage is a legally binding institution and if a Gay couple were to divorce, they would be forced to undergo a legal divorce, there would be no special rights for Gays, simply the same as those granted any heterosexual couple who are committed to living their lives together.

Countries, such as Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and the Netherlands acknowledge the legality of same-sex marriages and this has not caused the downfall of all western civilization in those countries. I do not believe we pose a clear and present danger to the well being of our country, on the contrary I believe that we provide a stable element to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I believe that dispute any personal or religious prejudice, all Americans should be granted the same level of dignity. That is the basic belief I held in serving honorably in our U.S. Navy.

Very respectfully,
JMV

Topeka D.A. Charges Rev. Phelps Again

(Continued from Page one)

into the Shawnee County jail and then released on $1,000 bond.

Phelps himself was charged in two complaints, one alleging assault and battery and the other alleging disorderly conduct.

Charged with Phelps, Sr., were his son, Jonathan Phelps, and a grandson, Benjamin Phelps, along with Charles Hockenbarger, his son, Karl Hockenbarger, and his grandson, Charles Hockenbarger.

Hamilton, a former legislator, said she charged Phelps under state criminal statutes, not a city ordinance that prohibits picketing of a home.

Hamilton said Phelps has picketed her home three times, and said she believes it is because of her previous efforts to prosecute him.

Hamilton brought charges against Phelps last year under a state criminal defamation law, but U.S. District Judge Sam Crow declared that law unconstitutional. However, Hamilton said, Crow's decision did not prevent her from bringing other charges under criminal statutes.

The district attorney said she hopes Phelps steps up his picketing of her home now, "I hope he comes out to my house each and every day, because that means he isn't picketing some other victim she said.

Phelps, who has staged numerous anti-Gay demonstrations in Kansas and elsewhere, including picketing the funerals of persons suspecting of dying from AIDS related conditions, is known for his vitriolic preaching, verbal attacks on, and faxes to people and groups her and his church oppose.

Poet Maya Angelou will not appear at Emporia State University this year. She decided not to reschedule a sold-out appearance first planned for last Nov. Angelou, who read at the inauguration of President Bill CLinton in 1993, postponed that reading after Phelps and several of his followers taunted her the previous night in Topeka.

His group has a regular schedule of picketing several sites in Topeka daily, and are a familiar sight to Topekans. He labels as "sodomites" those who do not agree with his anti-Gay position, including members of the news media and other churches.

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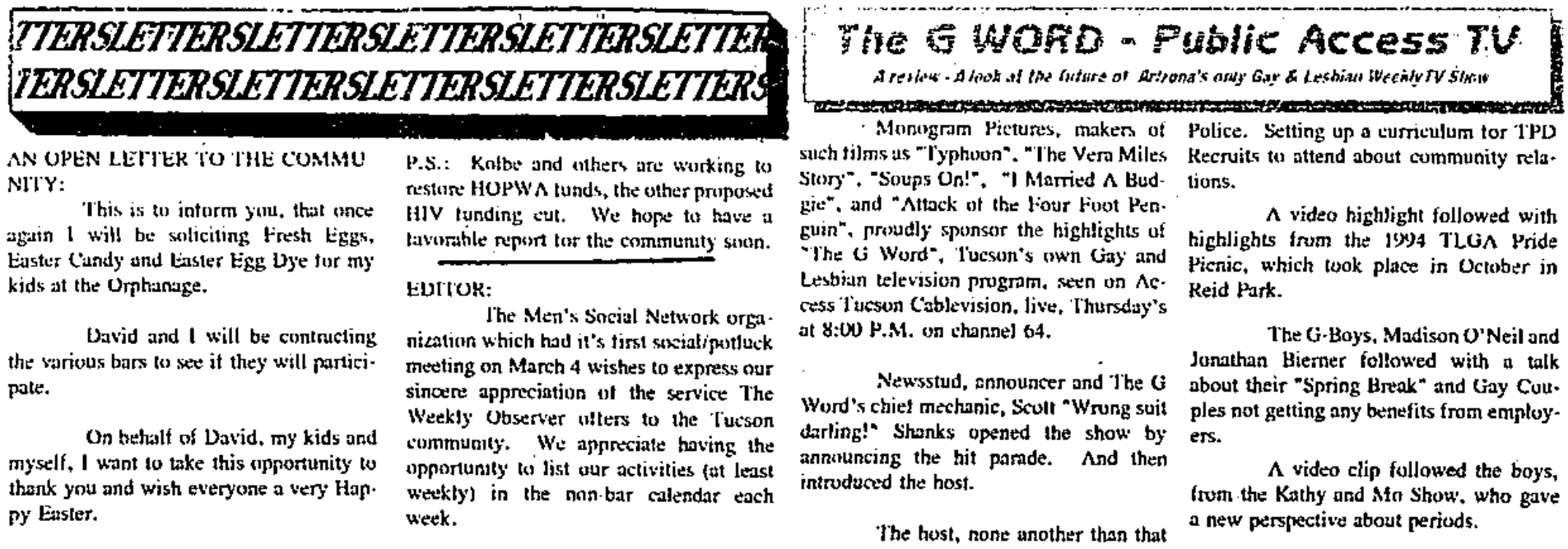


LETTERS

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY:

This is to inform you, that once again I will be soliciting Fresh Eggs, Easter Candy and Easter Egg Dye for my kids at the Orphanage.

David and I will be contacting the various bars to see if they will participate.

On behalf of David, my kids and myself, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

God Bless You, Rudi

EDITOR:

Many people in the HIV and Gay/Lesbian communities wrote or called Congress Member Jim Kolbe, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, to get full funding restored for the Ryan White CARE (services) Act and for CDC prevention efforts for the coming fiscal year.

We thank all of you and we thank Jim Kolbe who spoke out in the House on behalf of HIV/AIDS funding.

Sincerely, Craig Bradford Snow
Executive Director, Tucson AIDS Project

Anne Maley, Executive Director, Shanti Foundation - Tucson

Jerome Beillard, Executive Director, PACT For Life

P.S.: Kolbe and others are working to restore HOPWA funds, the other proposed HIV funding cut. We hope to have a favorable report for the community soon.

EDITOR:

The Men's Social Network organization which had it's first social/potluck meeting on March 4 wishes to express our sincere appreciation of the service The Weekly Observer offers to the Tucson community. We appreciate having the opportunity to list our activities (at least weekly) in the non-bar calendar each week.

The calendar listings and articles about MSN have brought numerous telephone calls for more information and have encouraged a number of Gay men of all ages in Tucson to seek out new friends through this social organization. Our events are attracting large numbers of men who are expressing their appreciation for the organization and for the Observer for its ability to spread the word. all persons who express an interest in the organization are receiving a monthly newsletter to keep them informed about MSN activities as well as other appropriate information about Gay concerns, of course they will continue to be listed in the Observer.

Thanks again for being there for all of us Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual people in Tucson.

With appreciation,
Jerry Curl
Public Relations Coordinator
Men's Social Network.

The G WORD - Public Access TV

A review - A look at the future of Arizona's only Gay & Lesbian Weekly TV Show

Monogram Pictures, makers of such films as "Typhoon", "The Vera Miles Story", "Soups On!", "I Married A Budgie", and "Attack of the Four Foot Penguin", proudly sponsor the highlights of "The G Word", Tucson's own Gay and Lesbian television program, seen on Access Tucson Cablevision, live, Thursday's at 8:00 P.M. on channel 64.

Newsstud, announcer and The G Word's chief mechanic, Scott "Wrong suit darling!" Shanks opened the show by announcing the hit parade. And then introduced the host.

The host, none another than that work-a-holic . wonder, simultaneously acting in two new motion pictures being made at the Monogram studios, "Tumbleweed" with Sharon Stone, and the remake of "Queen of Outer Space!", with Ann B. Davis; he's playing the part, Zsa-Zsa Gabor made famous. Yes, we're talking about Gary "I hate zat queen!" Clark.

Gary informed us that he made the cover of People Magazine, along with Miss IGRA, a.k.a. "Miss Stinkweed". Gary then introduced his guests for the broadcast, Kenny Jacobs and John Haase of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA).

John and Kenny informed us, during their first segment, that the greatest misconception about TLGA that it is strictly a group to ensure that the Pride Picnic takes place. People use the term "Picnic People, this according to Haase.

They went on to talk about what else TLGA does. Serving on the Tucson Citizens Advisory Committee for the Police. Setting up a curriculum for TPD Recruits to attend about community relations.

A video highlight followed with highlights from the 1994 TLGA Pride Picnic, which took place in October in Reid Park.

The G-Boys, Madison O'Neil and Jonathan Bierner followed with a talk about their "Spring Break" and Gay Couples not getting any benefits from employers.

A video clip followed the boys, from the Kathy and Mo Show, who gave a new perspective about periods.

The news followed with the Weather God, Stan Phalp, and Scott "I've been a co-host and lived!" Shanks, who updated the community on the week's events and happenings.

More video highlights from the Pride Picnic followed, with Lucinda Holliday, "doing a Hoedown."

Gary then chatted again with Kenny and John, who talked about TLGA's participation in the recent St. Patrick's Day Parade and the TLGA Logo Contest.

John Haase stated that the work must be camera ready and needs to have "1995 Discover Pride, Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Saturday, October 14, 1995. Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona." They need to be sent to: TLGA, POB 40301, Tucson, Arizona 85717. The deadline is May 1st. The winner will get a $50 gift certificate from Bocata Bistro and 2 t-shirts.

A New Kind of Carmen; Slique Callahan Creats Dykotomy

PHOENIX - You've reached adulthood and you've never really quite gotten into the opera scene, but you think you might like it...if only you could understand what the actors were singing...if only it had some basis of understanding, like a modern setting.

What one young enterprising, intelligent and funny woman, Slique Callahan, has done is take an old opera that caught her fancy when she was a 16 year old and combined it with her real life experiences to create a 47 minute opera parody, Dykotomy. What can be learned from Dykotomy applies to everyone.

"I think people will find that they probably know someone like Dykotomy (the title character) whether that person is a her or a she, Gay or straight," Slique said.

Oh, yes, one should know that the teller of this respun Carmen tells it through her life, which happens to be homosexual. Before anyone shuts the door, it is not an "in-your-face" homosexual type opera parody but a subtle, 'this-applies-to-everyone.'

This opera parody is a learning process. It was a learning process for Slique Callahan, the creator, the character who falls under Dykotomy's spell and is quickly tossed to the side. (In fact, Barstool is a character Callahan knows well, it was her and she portrays her 'oldself'/-Barstool in Dykotomy.) And it is a learning process for those not familiar with the Gay community.

It was Slique's mother who introduced her to Carmen. "My mother loves opera. She took me to see Carmen and I didn't have any idea what they were saying, but the music was beautiful," Slique said of the first Carmen performance she saw. "But I wanted to know the story." Now, Slique shares with her audience a modern day Carmen who speaks English and womanizes women.

The Dykotomy store line goes like this: Barstool, new to town, enters a bar and instantly is attracted to Dykotomy, a self absorbed barfly, and pursues her. Barstool is rejected so she sets out to do something to make her more attractive to Dykotomy.

"Barstool tries to be someone she is not. She starts out somewhat geeky and pathetic and by the end, she seems to finally be getting it," Slique said.

Dykotomy does not portray any sex, cussing, or drugs...but it does take place in a bar. "It's funny without being filthy," Slique said.

"When I first thought about writing Dykotomy, I didn't understand the bar. What I was writing wasn't working," she said. So Slique did her homework and ended up as a bartender at a small women's bar for four years so she could understand how the characters would interact. The women in the bar who have seen Dykotomy in action all too often fall into four groups: the jocks, the regulars, the politicals and the professionals who meet after work.

Those familiar with opera parodies may recall Callahan's off shoot of Swan Lake 10 years ago. Swan Dyke Lake was about monogamy. Dykotomy is a story of obsession.

Slique Callahan, left, as Barstool, and Patty Gray as Dykotomy, bring to life Slique Callahan's opera Dykotomy at the Performing Arts Center in Phoenix, April 13, 14 and 15.

And to some extent, Slique is obsessive in the way she perfected Dykotomy. I researched the music from all the previous Carmen productions and it took me several years to track down the exact music I wanted," she said. Once she found the music she wanted, it had to be reproduced. "It wasn't as easy plugging it into a cassette tape machine."

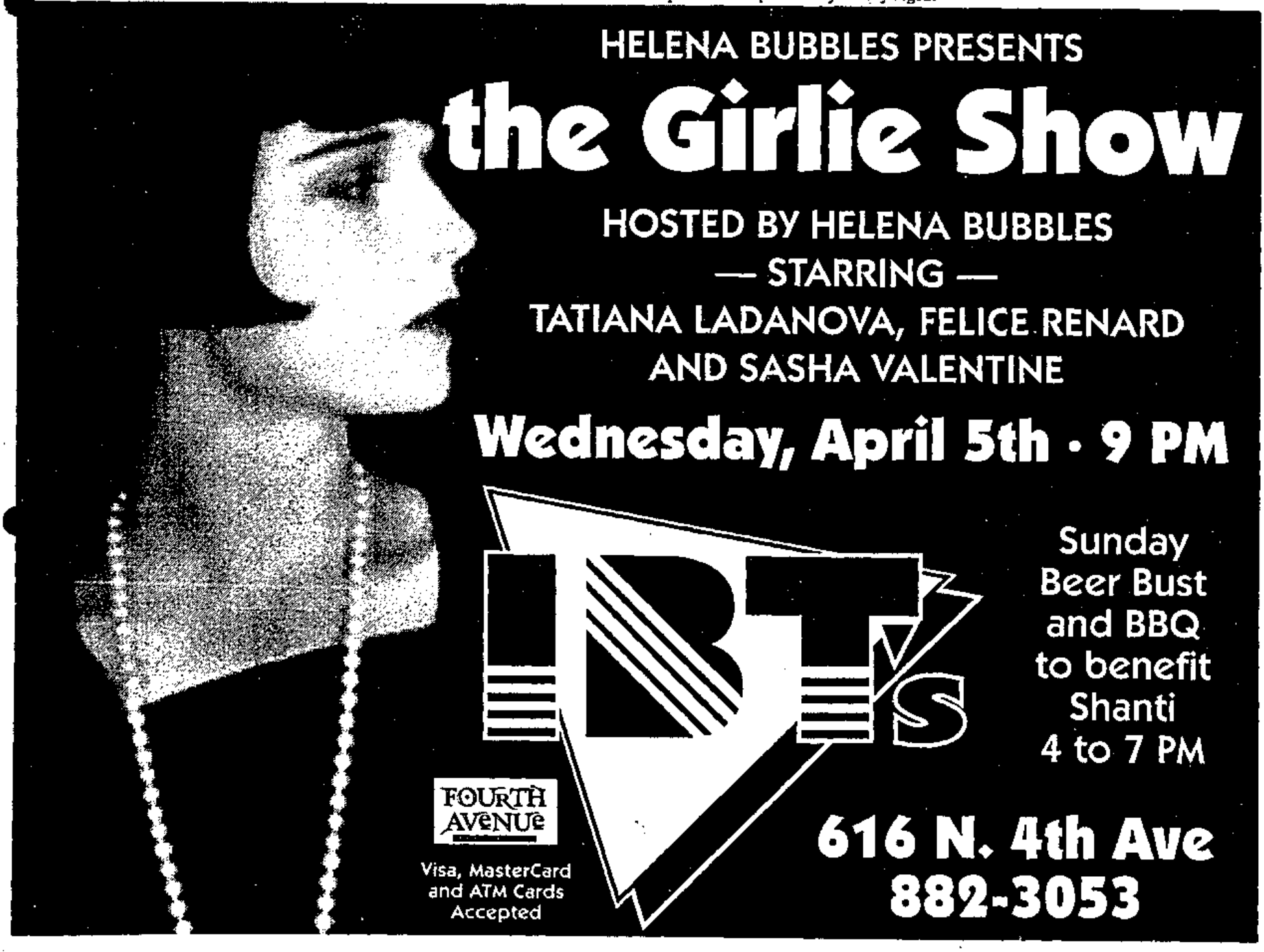
Slique is masterful in her comedy and wordplays. The actual writing took two months and that was after Slique's tip jar had enough in it to buy a word processor.

In all, it took Slique seven years to pull all the aspects of Dykotomy together.

Most individuals, when they are wounded, go home again in some sense of the meaning. Callahan went "home" to an opera she had heard as a 16 year old. The music that had bewitched her many years ago came back to her and she retold an old story with a new twist.

"In the end, for Barstool, it's kind of like a 12 step program. She said 'no' today," Slique said. In all of our lives when we are faced with something that is harmful to us, we all need to take pride in the times we said 'no'.

"Barstool was the hardest part of the opera to write," Slique said. "And I'm going to enjoy playing Barstool."



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POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

AMERICAN PIE!

The Republicans state they have a "big tent" when it comes to possible conflict over philosophy within the party. The GOP states that a "wide spectrum" works within the party.

Is this true, and what about Gay and Lesbian rights? Let's see the hypocrisy?

Two Republicans announced their intentions about the upcoming 1996 presidential election:

Conservative radio commentator and two time loser for the Maryland Senate, Alan Keyes, announced in San Diego that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

Keyes made his announcement during the conservative Republican California Assembly conference. Keyes stated that his goals for his campaign is to "Enforce God's law. Restore moral authority and to protect the family." (Code words huh!)

Conservative television commentator Pat Buchanan, announced his candidacy earlier in the week, stated during an interview on the CBS news program. "Face the Nation", that "AIDS is natures retribution on homosexuals." (This gives me hope!)

Potential Republican presidential candidate, California Governor Pete "Proposition 187" Wilson, repealed the policy allowing Gay and Lesbian couples to adopt children. (To the right, always to the right, never to the left!)

Of course this wonderful trend isn't just on the national level. States are in this as well. Recently, we had the murders in Texas, where men are men, women are women, cattle are nervous and Gays and Lesbians are not welcome. But Texas is not alone.

Montana, the blue sky state is at it as well. The State Senate passed a measure calling for people convicted of committing homosexual acts to register with the police along with child molesters, murderers and rapists.

Montana Senate President, Bob Brown, (a name I use to register at hotels with!), said "Republicans have a more traditional view of this whole issue."

The sponsor of the bill, Republican State Senator Al Bishop stated Gay sex is worse than rape.

After a wave of criticism, Montana's Governor, Marc Racicot stated he would veto the bill. The State Senate repealed the measure by voice vote.

In Arizona, when Republicans rule, the Democrats don't exist and the Arizona Medical Association "grease the wheels":

H.B. 2085, the bill that strips away the rights of those wanting to be tested for HIV, passed the State Senate by a vote of 24 to 5. Of the southern Arizona Senators, only Peter Goudinoff of District 11 voted against the measure. (Bless him!)

Six Democrats went against their party's platform and voted in favor of the bill. (Power to the Political Action Committees because democracy has died!)

In this reporter's opinion, the "big tent" doesn't apply to us!

So, our State Legislature is no help, what about the proposed home rule, (Prop. 105 approved in '92 by the voters), for Pima and Maricopa Counties.

Well it seems that the Pima County Board of Soups can't muster three votes to move any proposal forward, this according to Ron St. John, Aide to Supervisor Mike Boyd (R-Dist. 1).

What about hate crimes? No movement here as well.

A month or so ago, the Board approved the concept of an hate crimes ordinance. They instructed the County Attorney, headed by Steve "New Zealand" Neely.

St. John and Eckstrom Aide, Ramon Valadez report no progress on the drafting of the wording for the ordinance.

Yes, we have reached they day when democracy died!

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From The POOP SHEET
by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns!. Never know what's going to happen when you get involved with a lifemate or significant other, do you?!

Just like in a "legal marriage" situation, you take on a whole new family of "in-laws", and out law or two, and, the relatives of your "other half".

Even been deep-tongued by your Mother-in-law? Don't laugh, it could happen! To you too!

Let me set the scene: my lifemate was 23 years my junior; he was the middle child in a family of 14 brothers and sisters. His dad was homophobic. His Mom and Dad were separated when we first started dating.

His Mom was also a very heavy beer drinkers, which I pretty much excused because with God! with 14 kids, I'd a been a full fledged alcoholic!

His Mom accepted me as his lifemate from day one; which was far different from my Mother accepting Patrick as her "adopted grandson."

Now don't forget I said I was 23 years older than Patrick; well, this made me nearly the same age as his Mom. Then one day it happened.

The family had gathered to celebrate the upcoming marriage of one of his brothers. Now, Irish-Mexican American Catholics celebrated such events very differently from my Bible hanging clan of Protestant Swedes; this was some party! Mom got well oiled early on and decided she "liked" me.

I was sitting in one of those recliner chairs, watching all the goings-on; it was one of those chairs, where, if you lean back, your feet go up. Mom came over, sat down on the arm of the chair, facing me, putting her hand across the right arm of the chair.

I was now pinned in my seat, facing my Mother-in-law 6 inches in front of my face. I remember thinking: only the Lord knows how many beers she's has, and then she planted the biggest juiciest kiss I'd had since Shep.

Trying not to create a scene because, after all, this was my new family; so, I leaned back. Up went my feet. Mom now literally was pinned on top of me and unaware we had just fallen backward in the seat, but most definitely determined to follow up with a french kiss.

The next thing I knew I hear Patrick's loud voice saying "Mother!" What do you think you are doing!" Get the hell of my man!" And with that he picked her physically off of me sending her to the kitchen for a strong, black cup of coffee.

Yes siree! You never know what's going to happen when you finally do find your one and only!

On the other hand, it wasn't too long into our relationship when Patrick had to face the fact that my life's involvement in the Entertainment Industry had also left me with many friends and acquaintances who were "names: or celebrities.

This bothered him to no end because he was basically quite shy and definitely unprepared to socialize with any "big shot friends", as he called them. This was something he had never expected when we got together.

It never entered my mind that he would find himself so ill at ease around any of my friends but he was always taken aback when he'd be introduced to someone he had seen in the movies or on TV. Once he told me that now his entire fantasy he had over the years was ruined.

But we all change and make compromises when we have a mate. It took him a while but one day it dawned on him these folks were just as human as he was. He might have been a bit more relaxed than normal upon this occasion because he had already met George Maharis prior; but we'd never socialized together.

I'd invited George and his lifemate, Danny over for a home cooked dinner. Danny was about as young as Patrick and a superb artist. They were a similar couple and good for us to get to know.

That eve before their arrival, Pat was a bundle of nerves and worried they wouldn't enjoy the down home chicken dinner I was preparing. Only after George made a normal-type pig of himself did Patrick feel completely comfortable. He was so happy they were real and human.

Yes siree! Little did he think when he said "I love you" what an incredible influence on life my friends and family would have on him.

So; if you're in a new, long-term relationship, just remember to go with that proverbial flow; enjoy every family member and acquaintance of your mate that you can. You'll garner some incredible memories!

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And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet.

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CINEMA COMMENTARY by Jack Melichar

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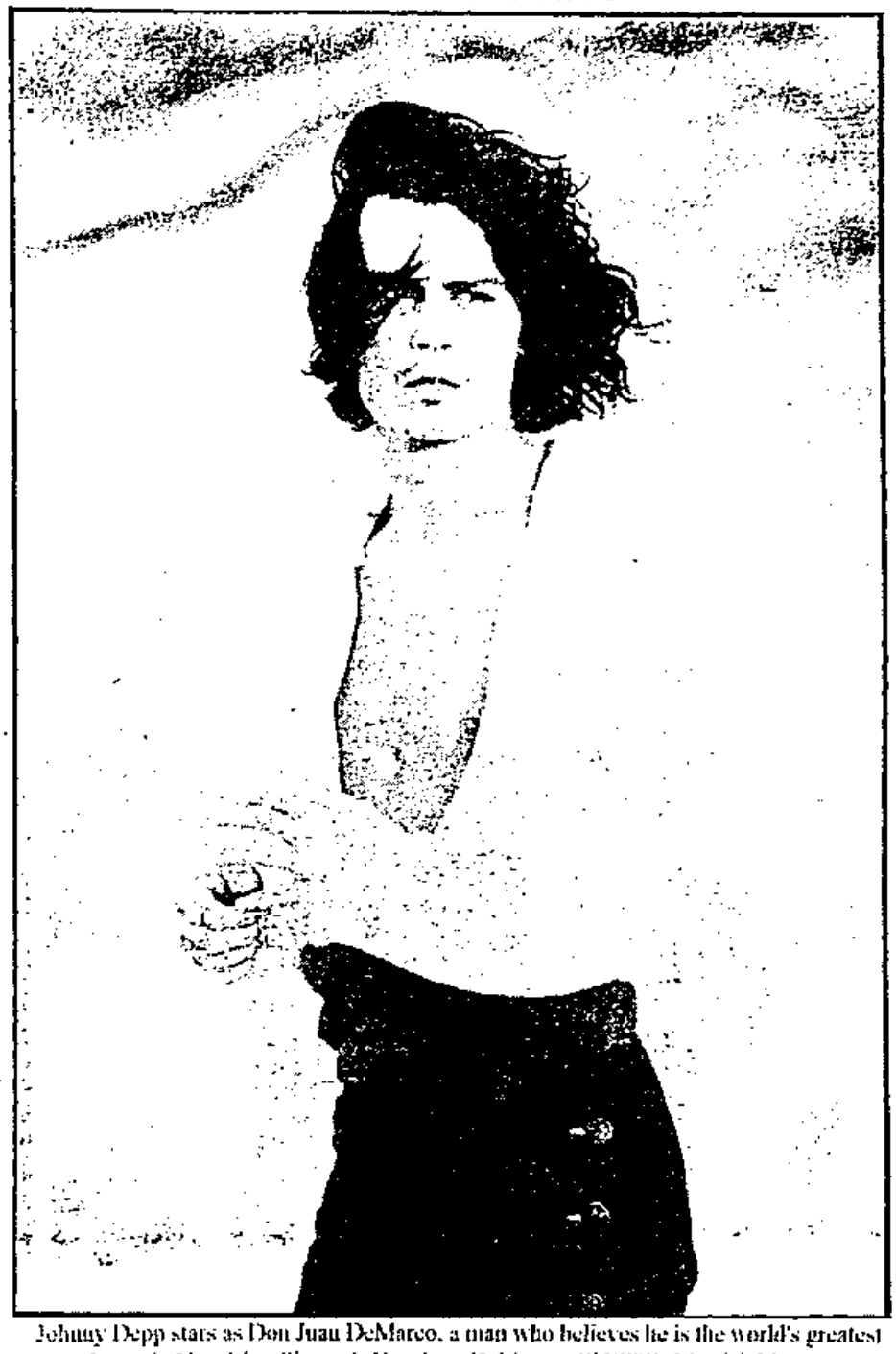

Johnny Depp stars as Don Juan DeMarco, a man who believes he is the world's greatest lover, in New Line Cinema's Don Juan DeMarco. PHOTO: Merrick Morton

Don Juan de Marco starring Marlon Brando, Johnny Depp and Faye Dunaway opens Friday, April 7 at the Century Park.

Don Juan, played by Johnny Depp, is a young man who believes he is the world's greatest lover. As is the case with most dreamers, there are enough "realists" around to try to cure him of his dementia. Among them is Marlon Brando.

By the end of the film, one is left to wonder what is really "real". But then, who can doubt that the best part of love is to lose all sense of reality.

Brando, Depp and Dunaway all deliver credibly performances, and while the film requires the audience to suspend belief a little more than normal, it is a good way to spend the evening.

This is one that I certainly can recommend. While I doubt that it will be up for the Oscar next year, it is fun entertainment.

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

PACT wishes to thank everyone involved with the annual Tucson Cactus Open Golf Tournament held last Sunday last the Tucson National Country Club. Co-host, Music Industry Golf Association (MIGA) helped in the organization of this fund raiser that benefits both LIFEbeat and PACT.

Mark your calendars for PACT's next fund raising event, Style For Life, scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. Local hair and nail salons open their doors as owners, managers, stylists offer their creativity and time on this day. Open to the public, everyone can get hair styled and all proceeds go to help People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson continue its work and services extended to the community.

Starting time is 10:00 A.M. and runs through late afternoon. Your help as a volunteer is needed for this and for other areas within the PACT organization. Interested persons may contact Ms. Meikel Berry at the PACT office, 801 West Congress, Mondays between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to fill an application and complete the volunteer intake. Ms. Berry is PACT's Volunteer/Event Coordinator.

PACT offers support groups for men and women. Women's group meetings are held at the PACT office Tuesdays at 5:30 P.M. and the men's group meetings take place Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. For information on these support groups contact Lisa Alcala and John Green at 770-1710.

I leave you with this in mind. "And let each try, by great thoughts and good deeds to show the most of Heaven he hath in him." - Bailey

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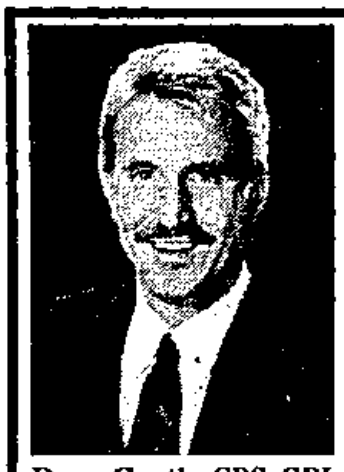

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I like a bargain. I also like to save money. I want as much value for my dollar as I can get. If two stores advertise the same product at different prices, I will almost always buy from the merchant who has the lower price. Of course, such things as service, guarantees, reputation of the store, and other factors can influence my final decision. But price is at the top of my priorities.

Even as I shop sales and look for reduced price, I invariably have a question which pushes its way to the front of my thinking. If the store can afford to sell this product now at this price and still make a profit, how much is it really worth? Is everything not on sale overpriced by 10%, 25%, or 50%. Am I being cheated by buying items at full price.

What about stores that offer stamps and issue big discounts only to customers who take the time to fill out and save the books? What about the first time customer who hasn't had the opportunity to do this? Or the mail-in rebate? Why not just lower the price for all customers!? What is fair, what is discriminatory? In most of these retail sales situations, you have to think it through and do what you are comfortable with. There are no easy solutions.

With all this floating around in the back of my mind, I am drawn to reflect on a more important question than all of the above: How much is a human life worth? Are some worth more than others? Who decides the value? What price should be placed on my soul or on yours?

The price of most things begins with the manufacturer, who determines the time, labor, and materials that it took to produce. Well, with the human soul, God, who made it, has placed the value on it. There are no sales, irregulars, or blue light specials.

Each one is of first quality, top drawer, highest value. Even though they were stained with sin God still felt our souls were so valuable that he sent his son Jesus Christ all the way from Heaven to die on the cross, shed his royal, pure sinless blood to redeem us. That is the price God has already paid for you and for me.

Jesus tells the story of the good shepherd who, discovering one of his sheep is lost, secures the ninety-nine on hand in the pen and spends all night roaming through the brambles, thorns, and ditches until he finds the one who is lost. Then he takes it home and cleans it, brushes it, removes all the thorns, ticks, and burrs until it is the fluffiest, prettiest sheep in the whole flock! (Luke 15:1-7)

Friend, that is you and me Jesus is talking about. He has paid the ultimate price, made only acceptable sacrifice for us. Only by running and hiding, by rejecting him, can we force God to allow us to die in sin. God is looking in every nook and crevice, every corner, calling your name, trying to get you to answer. He has already paid the price for you. All you have to do is listen to his voice, "Where are you?" and to answer, "Lord, here I am!" It's that easy to find the peace, love, forgiveness, and joy that he has for all those who answer his call. Won't you answer him today?

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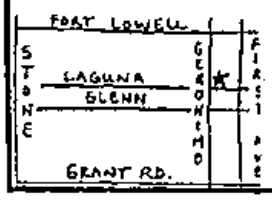

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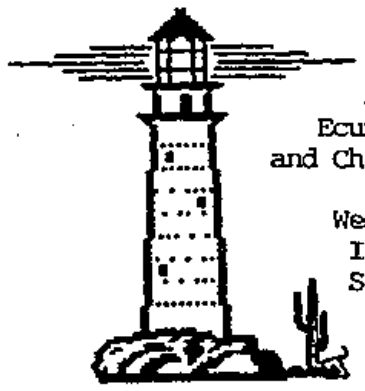

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Variety Show with the Bizzy Bodies. More details later.

CLUB 2520 - April Fools Day Comedy Show here at 8:30 p.m. with Lucinda Holliday, Tiffany St. Thomas, Crystal Abrams and Christina de Alexis.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Shanti.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon until 3:00 p.m. Bucky's Famous, Fabulous Omelette Bar will be serving some mighty fine vittles at a rock bottom price. Get here early before they run out. Then, at 9:30 p.m. there will be a Benefit Show for Shanti in the Stonewall with live entertainment and in-house specials.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

IBT'S - The Girlie Show! 9:00 p.m. hosted by Helena Bubbles and starring Tatiana Landanova, Felice Reynard and Sasha Valentine.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Employee Auction for PACT and Shanti. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

GRADUATE - Benefit Show and Auction for MPS Society with Lucinda Holliday, Adrienne Alexander and Electra Blue.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - The marvelous hot salsa sounds of Carmela Con Mas! Mark your calendars.

CLUB 2520 - Roast and Toast of Bob Ellis. A benefit for the National MPS Society. 4:00 p.m. cocktails. 5:00 p.m. roast begins. Only 125 tickets so get yours now. Call 747-7426 for tickets or more information. All friends of MPS welcome.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) guided Nature Walk through Sanctuary Cove 10 a.m. This is a mild walk through a scenic area. Call Will at 298-9454 for meeting place. Monthly Potluck meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. Bring your favorite dish to share with new friends as we continues to build friendship through this new group in Tucson. 49 neat people attended the last pot luck. For more information, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Tucson Greater Softball Association Open Day at Freedom Park (20th St. between Swan and Craycroft). Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. with a bar-b-que at Freedom Park. Hot dogs, chips, sodas and other goodies will be available for purchase with the proceeds going to TSGA to help send two teams to the Gay World Series in Seattle in August. After opening ceremonies, ball games begin at 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Women for Women Business Networking Breakfast 7:00 a.m. at the Blue Willow. Topic: Advertising.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) "Lucky Dinner Night" at the Mandarin Restaurant, 4177 N. Oracle near Limberlost at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Tucson Chapter of Prime Timers please join us. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome. Please RSVP 887-7493.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Men's Social Club (Gay men of all ages) Card Party with MSN friends. Cards available but feel free to bring your own cards if you with, and join in a variety of card games. Some car pooling may be arranged since this is north of the city. For more information call Ray 825-7538.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Cronies Social Club Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain.

Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will do a 9 mile hike of Heart of Rocks/Echo Canyon with a 1500 ft. elevation gain. There is a $3-4 per car fee to enter the park. The rock formations are unique and beautiful. Meet at the carpool location at 7:00 a.m. for the 115 mile drive to the starting point. Please pay your driver $5 for gas and bring enough additional money in case the group stops for pic at Stout's on the way home. for more information and/or reservations contact Tucson G/L Hiking Club, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 95733-2532.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Cronies Social Club vintage movies plus special selections. Call 624-6768 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Enjoy a delightful dinner with new and established friends at the Good earth restaurant. A separate banquet room is reserved. For more information and/or reservations call Jerry 690-9565.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Good Friday Service at Cornerstone Fellowship, singing (including a solo), scripture reading plus a dramatic presentation. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Cornerstone Fellowship Seder at 6:00 p.m. Traditional foot washing followed by a complete passover meal. Learn how the elements of the meal apply to Christianity. Tickets are $3.00 per person. Please call for reservation. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Sunrise Services at Cornerstone Fellowship 6:30 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast. Resurrection Celebration at 10:30 a.m. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

Tucson Prime Timers monthly meeting at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Mark Kerr, political columnist for the Observer. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome. All join us at Caruso's after the meeting to celebrate April Prime Timers birthdays.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Cronies Social Club Mid-month Dinner at a local restaurant. Call 578 0840 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Enjoy bowling with MSN men at Golden Pin Lanes. Call Glenn at 298-4266 for info.

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CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

PARAGON - Open 5pm. Open pool all night. $2 pitchers. Audio Djayt.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10 am until 8 pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Beer Bust 3-7, 50¢ Draft. Stonewall opens at 8pm with country and or 50s-60s music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Patio Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 3-1 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Bert Bergers 4-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Live jazz with Lisa Otey 7-9pm. Reverse Happy Hour 9-1. DJ 9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Mouse and Bruce Madness $1.25 well and shot specials 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle Bar 4 to 8pm with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Money Monday, $1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stonewall opens at 8pm, Trash Dance nite.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am to 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Dart Tournament 7 pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cumbia/Salsa Mania 8-1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well, 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. $1.25 well and domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Spaghetti Feed $1 donation for Shanti.Service Industry Nite! Anyone working in a bar, restaurant, hair dressers, etc., receives any flavor of schnapps all nite long. Stonewall opens at 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons began at 7 p.m. Schnapps Shots $1.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all nite. ID required. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

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)

PARAGON - Open 5pm. Pool tourney 7pm. Then/Now Top 40. 50¢ draft.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Cumbia, banda y top 40's. Corona or Cuervo Gold $1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, $1.25 pitchers.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Pride T-Shirt Specials - $1.50 domestic & well drinks for those in any Gay-themed T-Shirt. Dart Tourney at 8, $2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 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.

PARAGON - "Ladies By Choice" show. Hip-Hop late nite. $1 domestics.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm. Hot male strippers.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Patio Bar & Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. C/W dance 8-1

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

PARAGON - Open 5pm. Boxer Shorts Party $1 well, 50¢ schnapps.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. In house specials. Free hamburgers on the patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm Patio Bar and Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

I just love it. I sit at home for a complete week, then go out for one day and within 2 hours, I've got more volunteered material for this column. I do not have to research topics, go to the library to look up facts, or anything in the line of traveling around for the news.

Sitting at the bar, having just arrived about 10 minutes before, the following was volunteered to me. Now, I'm not sure just who this person was referring to but it does hit close to home over at the Graduate. The comment goes, "Some of those middle aged people that are sitting at the bar were all teenagers when they first walked in." In defense, this could be true because the legal drinking age in Arizona use to be 19.

Also, and this is true for any bar around, some of those who are buying drinks today, are teenagers. They just have one of those very special ID cards.....

Of course, not everything at the different clubs beer bust at the Graduate always goes smoothly. Maybe it is old age catching up to the bartender, or something to cause a lapse of memory. When thanking everyone for joining TALL's beer bust last Saturday, TALL's President - Stan, thanked everyone for joining in on Partners beer bust.

From Houston I was told that Hopi was on his good behavior all weekend. When asking TJ about this, all TJ could say was, "Sure, and I have some beach front property for sale on North Oracle."

Then later on, TJ made the comment to Hopi, after he bought him a drink, "I see why you like to drink here, your drinks are cheaper." Hopi's response was, "That is because *I am cheap*."

And from this Spring's street fair, it seems Frank G. walked up to the Bud beer booth and ordered a Miller Lite. Talk about pissing off a Clydsdale horse. This was caused, I guess, by Frank checking out all the scenery floating and roaming around 4th Ave. Yes, even married or going steady with another, that does not stop you from looking but, keep track of what you are doing or where you are at.

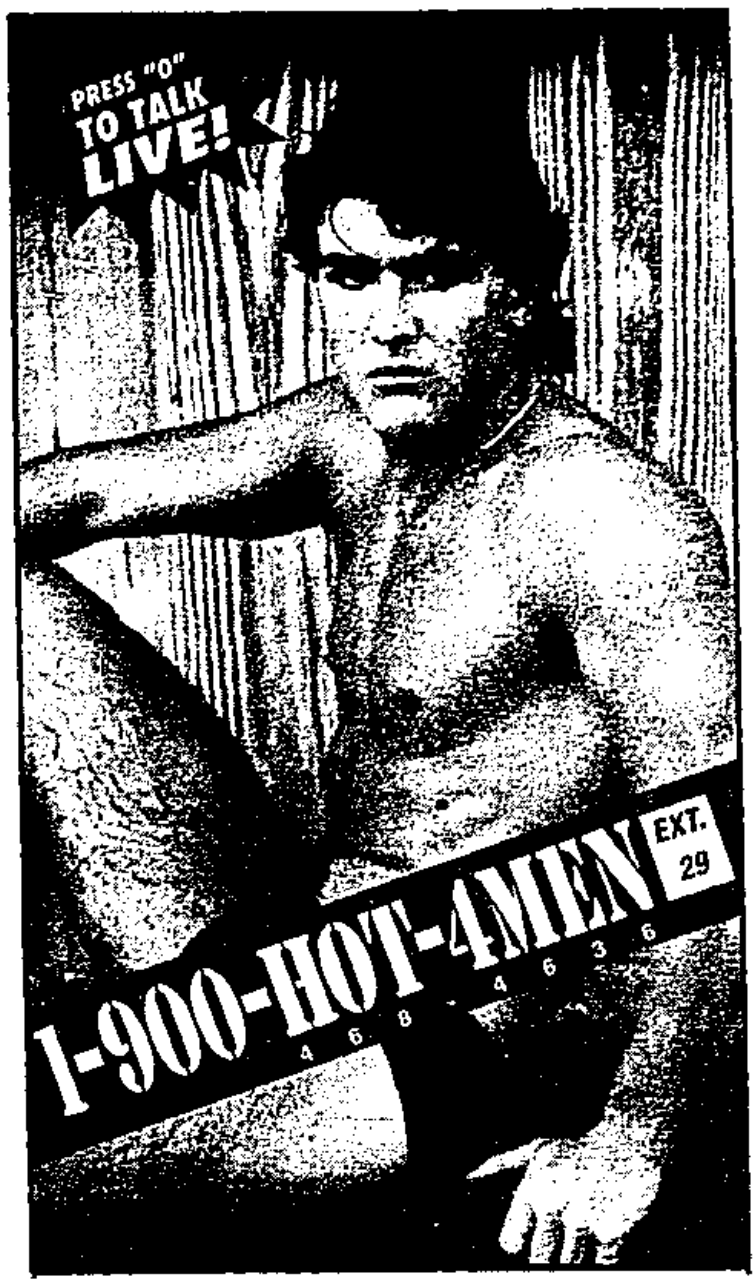
I am not to mention any more about a certain bar traveler anymore, it is causing him too much notoriety, just drawing too much attention to himself. That individual can be seen running around with one who has quit carrying his back pack lately.

All you campers, party people, and what ever, do not forget that this is the weekend for DL's Mystery campout. This festive event is being held at Catalina State Park. Grab your tent, sleeping bag, a suds or two, a companion of a friendly type, and head up towards Oracle, and join others for a fun-filled weekend out under the stars.

WARNING: This coming Saturday will be one of those days that a lot of the regular Old Timers of Tucson will shine once again. It is the one day of the year, even more special than Halloween or their Birthday. This very special day is one each can be themselves and shine. Saturday is April Fools day. As for me, I'm going to hide because I know this would be one day I should not appear in public.

In my travels last week, I also wanted to invite some of you to meet me also over at the River-R for a drink. After we close that bar down, we can purchase of 6 pack of beer and head over to the PS club for viewing some classic movies.

I guess with that, I'll put this column to rest. I hope everyone is living to their fullest when it comes to enjoying themselves, loving their neighbors, and sharing.



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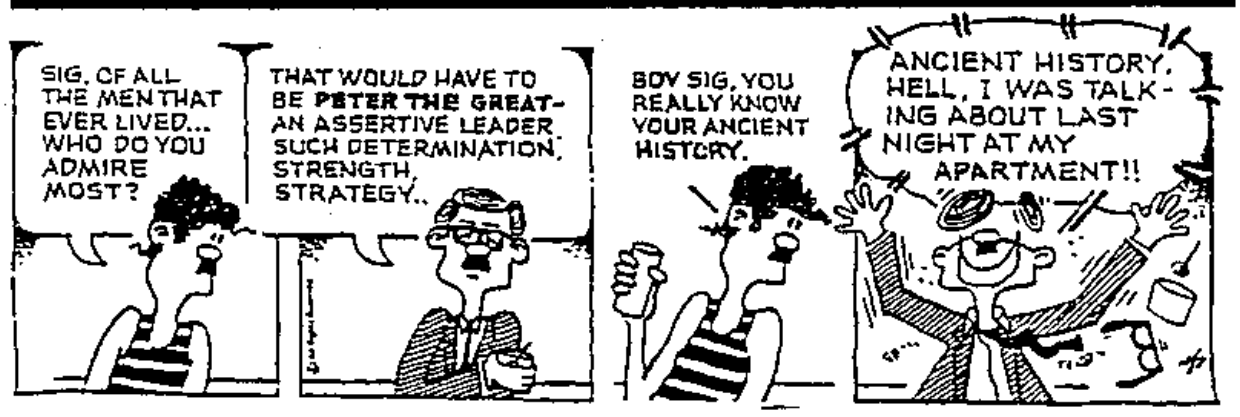

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Energetic and aggressive Mars in Leo goes "direct" this week after almost three months "retrograde". (It's like holding back a huge locomotive with engines blazing and then suddenly letting the locomotive go full steam ahead.) Prepare for a crush of activity, but beware the outcome if you can't harness the force or direct it properly. They say we sure know how to party but let's keep this current frantic Mars energy in mind. Tire tracks on the back have not become a fashion statement...yet.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

If they gave out medals for partying, you would be made a five star general. Aries usually fight hard and play hard (some people like it that way...) but now, fiery Aries is almost insatiable with hot Mars in Leo. Remember commander, it is fine to have a little fun, but know when to say when. This planetary phase may play out like a burst of creative energy or a wild party gone mad. I know which one you would prefer.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you have been putting off home based projects, prepare to deal with them as they fall on your doorstep in an unrelenting surge of commitments. Mars direct in Leo demands you give your attention to anything around the house that you have neglected to fix, repair or spruce up. Taureans love a harmonious environment, so you don't seem to mind these tasks. Knock 'em down one at a time!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Geminis do rattle on sometimes so watch what you say and how you say it when Mars goes direct. Opinions may be blurted out without benefit of editing and once something is uttered, it is impossible to take it back. On the bright side, the sheer power of your words will move mountains. Consider a well placed letter to the editor to bring our cause one step further.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Investments that have been languishing or hibernating may suddenly sprout and flourish, thanks to Mars' surge forward. This energetic planet lights a fire under any money related issue, so reap the benefits while you can and monitor all expenses to make absolutely sure that what comes in does not automatically go out again. Spend, spend, spend! Save a little for a rainy day!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Mars in you own sign is hot anyway, but now all the restrained energy of aggressive Mars is released full force and is deposited for you in center stage. Although this may be the time to meet new people, you may bowl them over with the sheer force of your personality. Dramatic and proud Lions will let people know who they are, or else! Do it with flair and style, darling, not with a sledgehammer.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Imagination may run amok, if you allow the negative effects of Mars direct get the better of you. Don't listen to sinister and whiny voices that simply are not there! At its best, you can use this time to be of service to others and volunteer for a variety of charitable Gay causes. Your energy here will be relentless and impactful. That's certainly much better than worrying yourself sick about nonsense.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You may find yourself going way out of your way for friends and associates. This is fine if your generosity is reciprocated in one form or another (sometimes even a sincere thank you will do) but don't be a patsy. Mars direct in Leo gives you tremendous drive and you must channel this excessive energy somewhere. Just don't squander it on unappreciative cronies.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Career goes into overdrive with rambunctious Mars forging direct in Leo. If you have been cooling your jets and waiting for the best time to take off, it may look like the runway is clear. Checks the flaps and get the okay from the tower. You can soar to new professional heights as long as you take it slow and steady. Gay Scorpios can soar like eagles or crawl like scorpions. Try the heights for a change.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Don't get yourself in a dander just because someone doesn't totally agrees with you and your beliefs. Remember, this is not a personal rejection of "you the individual", but just feisty Mars waving its fist in the air and egging you on to battle. Further, do not pursue any lawsuits right now. Angry Mars is destined to stir up the wrong hornets nest. It is far more trouble than it's worth.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Mars direct will unleash your sexual urges in a great rush of energy (That's the best type of Gay sex anyway...) but don't expect sex alone to cement a relationship. Mars direct places far too much emphasis on the physical to take the place of the emotional. As satisfying as the encounter may be, it is empty without a significant emotional bond. Avoid having to borrow money now; it will result in disagreements.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

As hard as it may be, you must try to compromise with partners now that Mars has gone direct. This aggressive planet seeks to overturn the applecart of harmony, so don't bite. You will probably have to fight a few dragons now as open enemies bring on the heavy armor, but never fear, Mars may make you ill tempered, but it also makes you strong.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

You have the necessary energy to get the job done, but you also yearn for all the credit. The best advice I can give is not to out for the cheerleading squad while Mars turns direct. It may be especially difficult for you to work for anybody or with anybody else. Keep in mind that stress due to frustration may build up and cause headaches or even accidents. Take it easy.

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MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station D, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church the alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

THE UNIFORMED SERVICES ACTIVITY, 2725 13th St. NW; Wash. DC 20009 "Winter Membership Campaign". Professional resource-referral network of military & veterans. Offering legal, health care, education and spiritual outreach.

UCSC ALUMNI: The first reunion of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual University of California Santa Cruz alumni will be held April 23, 1995. For more information contact Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Reunion, Alumni Office, Carriage House, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 or call (408)459-2530. Email: linda_harper@bisexual.ucsc.edu.

GAY AND LESBIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS - You are not alone! SDA Kinship International exists to offer spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDA's who are Gay or Lesbian. For more information on Kinship in the Tucson area, contact, SDA Kinship International, P.O. Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. (714)248-1299. Confidentiality is assured.

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DESERT VOLTS, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

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FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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

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LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is going to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

SORURITY - A support group for male & female Transexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-5456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

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WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Java. $2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP). 131 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6126. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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A young Lesbian and Bisexual women's Support Group is starting Sunday, March 14 at Noon at Wingspan. Ages 14-23 only. Group will meet every Sunday at Noon. Call Wingspan for info.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter.558

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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8 units need frying pans, cookie sheets, 8x8 pans, silverware, can openers, clocks & Tvs.
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SUPPORT GROUPS:

●Women's Positive Group meets on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
●Men's Positive Group meets on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Map & Emergency Assistance - Housing & Support Groups & Immune Profiles - Peer Counseling & Buyers Club - Food For Life & Nutrition Counseling - Anonymous HIV Testing & Advocacy - EIC El Rio & UMC

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People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson for life

PACT For Life Office, 801 W. Congress. 770-1710

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT

151 South Tucson Blvd., Ste. #252 • Tucson, AZ 85716
Phone: 322-6226 • AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS

Client Services

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Help in Applying For Public Assistance
Support for Addiction Recovery
Health Maintenance Education
Emergency Food Assistance
Information and Referral
Volunteer Opportunities
Short -Term Assistance
Therapeutic Massage
One-to-One Advocacy
Children's Programs
Financial Planning
Case Management
Ongoing Support
Legal Referrals

AIDS Hotline
Young Gay Men
Speakers Bureau
Higher Risk Women
YO! (Youth Outreach)
High Risk Adolescents
Condoms and Literature
Volunteer Opportunities
Adult Substance Abusers
"Salud es Poder" (Targeting Latino Men)

Prevention Services

Making A Difference

AIDS UPDATE

Earliest Known AIDS Case, A Hoax

LONDON, England - Two American scientists and one of London's leading daily newspapers are charging that the earliest known AIDS case, dating to 1959, wasn't AIDS at all. Indeed, they say, it may have been a hoax.

No other alleged AIDS cases have been confirmed to exist before 1976. Thus, possible refutation of the Manchester sailor's case forces re-consideration, experts say, of where the virus came from and why it appeared only in the late 19-70s.

In 1990, Dr. George Williams and a team of British doctors from the University of Manchester published their finding that a sailor who died there in 1959 of a then mysterious ailment had in fact died of AIDS. If the report in the British medical journal The Lancet is true, the 23 year old Manchester sailor, David Carr, would be the earliest proven AIDS case.

But The Independent, the London daily, published science correspondent Steve Connor's account of a year's investigation of the sailor's case. The headline was: "World's First AIDS Case Was False: Tissue From Man Who Died in 1959 May Have Been Swapped."

One of Connor's key sources was Dr. David Ho, director of the New York City based Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, who led a reanalysis of two sets of samples purported to have come from the sailor.

HIV Spread Found Curtailed Through Partner Contacts

ATLANTA, GA - Contacting the sex and needle sharing partners of people who are infected with the AIDS virus is an effective way for public health departments to prevent the spread of the disease, according to a study.

In a striking example reported by the Atlanta based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the interview of one HIV infected man in Pennsylvania led to the testing of 24 people who did not know they were infected.

Through this one man, an injecting drug user, public health officials tapped into a "social network" of 124 people who were connected through sex or needle sharing, the report said. Forty seven of them were HIV infected, including 24 who found out after being notified and offered testing by the Pennsylvania health officials.

The notification was useful in two important ways, said Mary Neumann, a behavioral scientist with the Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases with the CDC. It allowed people to learn they were infected so they could seek early treatment that could prolong their lives. And it allowed those who were tested but found to be uninfected to be aware of their risk and learn how to better protect themselves in the future.

"None of these HIV positive people were forced or coerced into using the health department to notify partners," she said.

A major component of any partner notification program is confidentiality for the infected person. When a health department employee notifies a partner of potential contact, the infected person is not identified by name.

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network Worship Service

TUCSON - Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is sponsoring a special city wide Worship Service of Healing and Care for all whose lives have been touched by HIV and AIDS on Sunday, April 2, 1995 at 5:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalists Church of Tucson.

Similar inter-faith worship experiences are held often in other cities across the nation. Tucson Inter-faith HIV/AIDS Network will continue to hold city-wide worship services once every three months. This is the second such service in our city. The first was on World AIDS DAY, December 1 at Catalina United Methodist Church.

Using music, reflection, meditation, prayer, readings and words from a variety of communities of faith (including Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Unitarian Universalist, and Muslim) those present will have an opportunity to link their own spiritual needs with others who religious traditions may very but who are all drawn together because of HIV and AIDS.

"This gathering is for everyone, for those who are ill; for those who have lost lovers and friends, relatives and neighbors," explained The Rev. Douglas Morgan Strong, member of the TIHAN steering committee and minister of the host church. "It is a time to pause and reflect with a worshipping community strengthened by diversity and blessed by the deep love and care all people of faith have for those whose lives have been impacted by this pandemic."

The Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 4831 East 22nd Street, just east of Swan. The service will be ASL interpreted and child care will be provided for those who need it.

Fewer New Cases of AIDS Reported

ATLANTA, GA - The rate at which AIDS is spreading and the number of new cases reported every year is falling, health officials say.

The report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention came just three days after the CDC had announced that AIDS is now the leading killer of Americans ages 25 to 44.

Since the early 1980's when AIDS cases snowballed by 200 percent a year as it spread through the white homosexual population, the disease is stabilizing at a 3 percent annual increase under an old definition of the disease, according to Dr. John Ward, the CDC's chief of HIV/AIDS surveillance.

"It's not growing as rapidly as in earlier years, but the rate is still unacceptably high," he said. Ward predicted a similar increase in 1995.

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