



A new syndrome:

By Steve Chrysler

AIDS-RELATED MULTIPLE LOSS SYNDROME Destroying The Lives Of The Survivors

The worst damage done by the AIDS pandemic might not be to the dead and dying but to the survivors and the Lesbian and Gay community itself, by pushing the entire group into a numbed or helpless apathy of bitterness, confusion, and depression.

Psychologist Sandra Jacoby Klein, a leader in the research of the strange and devastating effects of the AIDS pandemic on survivors since 1981, will share her most recent data on *AIDS Related Multiple Loss Syndrome*, at a national conference for the Metropolitan Community Church's Clergy and other counselors this month in Atlanta, Georgia.

It's more than "grief overload" or "bereavement burnout".

AIDS Related Multiple Loss Syndrome defines the condition formerly categorized with the terms "grief overload" and "bereavement burnout" which were used to describe mourners who have insufficient time to complete the normal bereavement process leading to recovery before other deaths compound the situation.

She found that never before in modern history has such a young group been forced to endure so much ongoing death and loss of their peers. An average person goes into a 3-6 month depression after the loss of someone close to them, but in the modern Lesbian and Gay community many experience repeated losses before coming to closure for the initial losses.

This results in a constant depression, feelings of hopelessness, lack of planning for the future, reckless living, and apathy.

Discrimination and homophobia conspire against the survivors of AIDS.

It is not uncommon for a Gay male in Los Angeles, for example, to have lost more than 50 friends and acquaintances over the last several years. The people with AIDS and their survivors are generally under 40.

Klein reported that, "The ever present possibility of early death leads to a sense of fatalism, with a lack of enthusiasm for long-term goal planning. There is simply no equivalent to this experience in the non-Gay community. While a pandemic might be compared to natural disasters in which a large proportion of a particular community is wiped out, there are important differences. (Ordinarily when

a) disaster occurs, broad emotional and financial support (e.g. validation) for the survivors becomes available. For the survivors of AIDS, however, discrimination and homophobia conspire to keep them socially isolated and stigmatized."

Klein warns that such multiple losses often lead survivors to turn inward, with long-term and sometimes irreparable consequences including emotional numbing, depression, inability to emote, and pervasive expressions of pessimism, cynicism, fatalism and insecurity.

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Dan Bjierke, MA, MFCC, has his private practice in San Diego and works 20 hours per week at CIACCIO Memorial, a long-standing HIV clinic.

When asked if he agreed with Klein's findings, Bjierke replied, "I absolutely agree. Gay people in their 30's are dealing with developmental issues that previously only elders dealt with. It is a loss of their mid-life phase, where people should be thriving. Many people lost their adolescence when they declared their Gayness, and now, to deal with so many people dying, it's a loss of focusing on thriving. I think it could affect them for the rest of their lives."

When asked if he meant the syndrome could put a survivor into a negative rut for the rest of their lives, Bjierke continued, "Sure, in fact the rut itself can lead to (fatal) risky sexual behavior."

Klein interpreted multiple loss in a broader sense to reflect the many other types of AIDS related losses that interact and reinforce one another such as: loss of sense of community, loss of sexual freedom, loss of hope for the future, loss of employment stability due to the stigma attached HIV and AIDS, loss of privacy and personal power resulting from the "outing" of sexual orientation when HIV status becomes known, and loss due to disease-related personality changes of persons still alive.

"Gay survivors face a number of unique issues related to their multiple losses throughout the AIDS pandemic," Klein continues, "The grieving process for Gay survivors of individuals who have died from AIDS is quite different from the traditional model of grief and mourning, with numerous obstacles to effective resolution." Klein said.

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Jesse Helms Acts Up Again

by John Hammond

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Describing AIDS as the result of "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct" and claiming that a disproportionately large amount of Federal money is spent on AIDS, Senator Jesse Helms appears to be responsible for holding off renewal of essential funding to help people with AIDS, according to an article in the New York Times.

The Ryan White Act of 1990, which provides funding for AIDS patient care, expires in September and is up for renewal. The law was named in memory of an Indiana teen-ager who had become a spokesperson for people with AIDS after he developed the condition from a blood transfusion.

In March a bill to renew the law was approved by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, although 22 percent, from the \$880 million authorized in 1990, to \$690 million. However, the Ryan White renewal has yet to come to the Senate floor.

In the interview, Helms, said "We've got to have some common sense about a disease transmitted by people deliberately engaging in unnatural acts." Helms claims AIDS is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, but accounts for more Federal funding than other diseases, such as heart disease or cancer, that kill more people."

"I'm going to try to get some equity for people who have had heart trouble," Helms, who went through heart surgery in 1992.

The article points out that Helms's claims depend on a very selective choice of funding statistics; public health service figures that take into account all Federal money spent, including patient care, show the \$6 billion spent annually on AIDS is dwarfed by the \$36 billion spent on heart disease and the \$16.9 billion spent on cancer.

GOP Office Wrecked By AIDS Group

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Fifteen members of the AIDS activist group ACT-UP trashed the San Francisco offices of the Republican Party, causing an estimated \$4,000 damage, police said.

GOP officials said the protestors stormed into the offices shortly into the offices, shortly after 3 P.M. this past Tuesday, splattered red paint on walls and equipment and exchanged words with several employees. The protestors then hanged in effigy Gov. Pete Wilson, state Attorney General Dan Lungren and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-NC.

Helms said recently that people with HIV got the disease from "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct."

Responding to Helms's comments, Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) said, "There is nothing particularly new about the fact that Senator Helms is a bigoted fool. What is surprisingly new is his apparent success in persuading Republican Congressional leaders to pay serious attention to his views."

Frank continued, "I urge Senator Dole, Speaker Gingrich and their colleagues to schedule prompt action on legislation to continue the national commitment to find a cure for AIDS and to provide assistance to those dealing with its terrible effects."

Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA), the other openly Gay Democrat in Congress, said that Helms's "comments tell us more about ignorance and narrow mindedness than about this disease. I don't think for one minute they reflect the views of the vast majority of the American people."

He added, "We must not allow such reckless remarks to encourage the comfortable illusion that only other people get AIDS. The truth is that this disease strikes people from every walk of life. I hope these comments induce the more responsible members of Congress to fight attempts to derail and defund the Ryan White CARE Act."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) said, "The most 'deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct' I can imagine is to hold those suffering from AIDS and afflicted with HIV hostage to Senator Helms's narrow, bigoted viewpoint. His comments are a disgrace to his office, and I believe he should apologize immediately to the families of the many victims of this disease."

"The ignorant and malicious statements by Senator Helms, said Rep. Jerrome Nadler (D-NY), "accurately reflect the fact that those who were in the

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"We think that these kinds of acts are extremely unproductive...as unproductive as the remarks of Jesse Helms," said Arthur Bruzzone, chairman of the San Francisco Republican Party. "This is not the way to solve these problems."

Police arrested four members of the group shortly after the incident. They were booked on suspicion of felony malicious mischief, burglary and conspiracy.

Arrested were John Laratta, Casey Carlisle, David Pasquarelli, and Michael McEntee.

ACT UP member Michael Bellafontaine said the group intended to take over the office as an AIDS resource center.

UPDATE

BIZ #1 and IBTeasers Win Softball Crowns; Teams To Play in Gay World Series in Seattle



TUCSON - Congratulations to Ain't Nobody's Biz Softball Team #1 for winning the Tucson Greater Softball Association playoff tourney last Sunday, July 16 at Freedom Park. Congratulations also go the IBTeasers who won in their division.

Both teams will be going to Seattle to compete in the Gay Softball World Series this fall. There will be several fund raising events to help defray costs of sending these two teams to Seattle and help from the community would be

much appreciated.

Unfortunately the sports staff - Mary O'Mahoney and Rob Cook - were too worn out after a gruelling Sunday afternoon to report on the days hot happenings but they both say they will make up for it next week's issue.

The photo above shows Biz #1 at Freedom Park earlier in the season. Watch for next week's Observer for more details of this exciting event.

Wet & Wild II Condom Fundraiser Aug. 5

TUCSON - Desert Leathermen Condom Committee will be host for Wet & Wild II, August 5, 1995, from 3 PM to 7 PM, at the Venture-N, on the patio.

Lunch will be available, and Desert Leathermen will be having a 50 cent Beer & Soda Bust to coincide with the festivities.

They will be selling tickets for some great wet & Wild activities. There will be a dunking booth with local celebrities sitting high and mighty (it is pay back time!), and chilled water balloons (never condoms). Also there will be a Highest Bidder sign up sheet to use the water hose at 7 PM just to cool off the day's events. Save your bucks for this big one!

Tucson Prime Timers Elect New Officers

TUCSON - At its second Annual meeting at Wingspan in June the Tucson Chapter of International Prime Timers elected the following 1995-96 Board of Directors and Officers:

President - John Potter Vice President - Dick Haskell; Vice President - Richard Drescher; Treasurer - Homer Kniefkamp; Secretary - Paul Yergin; Ex-officio (non voting) - George Kaplan.

International Prime Timers has 39 chapters and hundreds of members not living near chapters worldwide. The International will hold its bi-annual convention in Dallas in October 1995 and the Tucson Chapter will be well represented.

COPE Project Team Community Yard Sale July 29

TUCSON - COPE Project TEAM will be holding its monthly Community Yard Sale on Friday, July 28, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at 732 North Stone.

All proceeds to benefit PWA's and the COPE Project TEAM community center.

COPE is in need of donations for the sale such as; household items, appliances, clothes, shoes, etcetera. Last month's yard sale netted \$600.00 for COPE Project Team.

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PACT Seeks Volunteer Coordinator

TUCSON - The People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life) is seeking a half time volunteer coordinate to recruit, train, and monitor agency volunteers.

Persons interested must have experience in maintaining computerized databases and good oral/written communications skills.

Please submit resumes and references to: "Volunteer", 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745 by 5:00 P.M., July 31, 1995.

Job descriptions are available. Salary \$8000 to start with flexible hours. People with HIV encouraged to apply.

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NGLTF Denounces Sportscaster's Comments

WASHINGTON, D.C. - CBS Sportscaster, Ben Wright, who covered the McDonald's Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Championship in Delaware told a local newspaper that "Lesbians in the sport hurt women's golf."

Wright added in his interview with The (Wilmington) New Journal, "When it gets to the corporate level, that's not going to fly. They're going to a butch game and that furthers the bad image of the game."

He then went on to say that "women are handicapped by having boobs, it's not easy for them to keep their left arm straight, and that's one of the tenets of the game. Their boobs get in the way."

"Lesbians don't hurt women's golf, Ben Wright hurts women's golf and his own profession as well," said NGLTF spokesperson Robin Kane. "Such outrageous and demeaning comments certainly raise questions about Wright's ability to cover women's sports fairly."

Dr. Dee Mosbacher, NGLTF board member called Wright's comments, "As just one more example of how homophobia in sports hurts all women athletes, whether Lesbian or heterosexual."

NGLTF called on CBS sports to denounced immediately Wright's comments and affirm all women athletes, including Lesbians. CBS in a statement stood by Wright.

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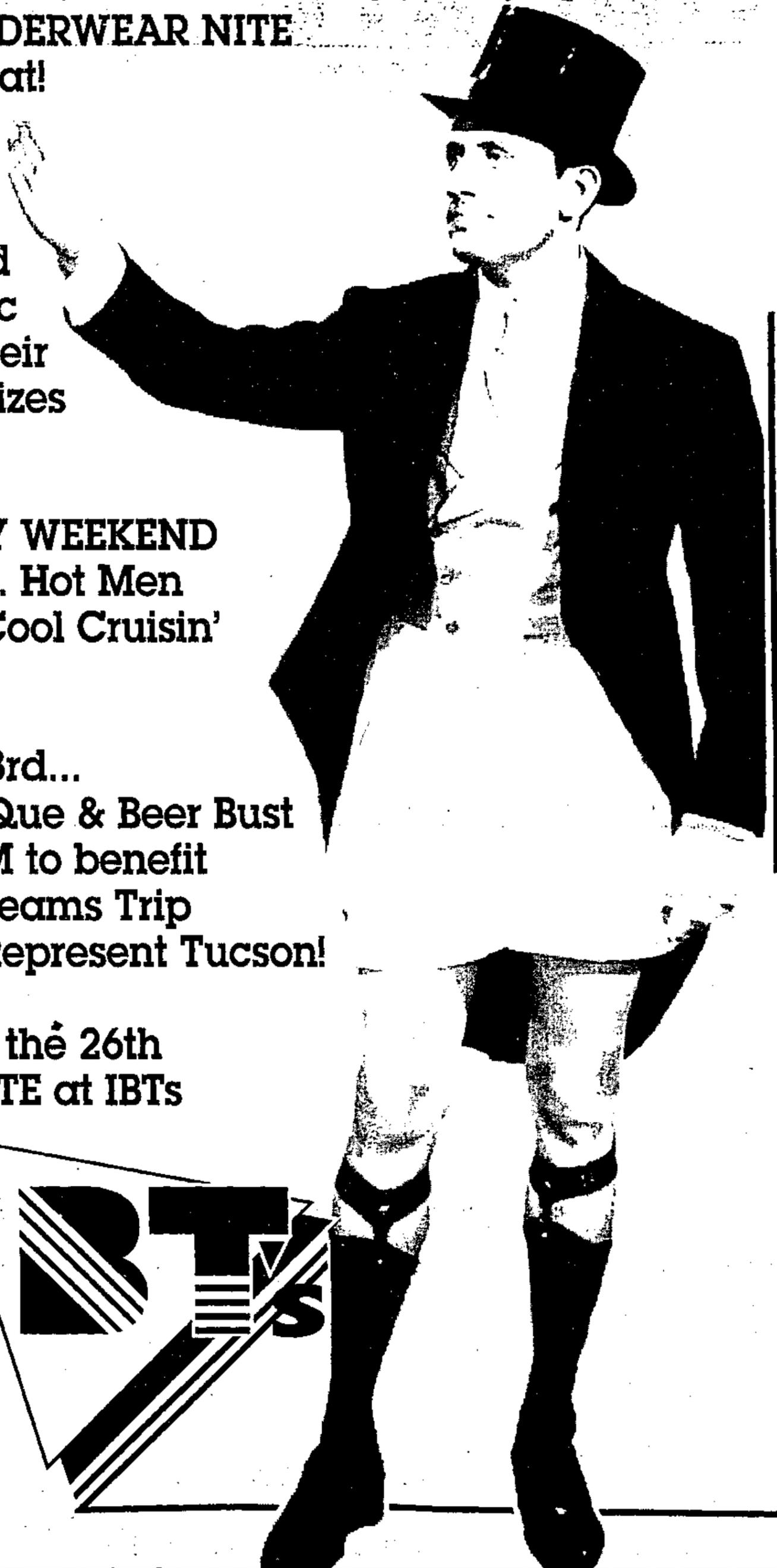
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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson Early Intervention Center in conjunction with El Rio Center make the following information available concerning the Ryan White Title II Dental Services Program.

Beginning July 1, 1995, El Rio Health Center and Dr. Billie Holbrook have made available preventative, diagnostic, and emergency dental health services to those living with HIV.

To qualify for this program an individual must be:

- 1) HIV positive.
- 2) Reside in Pima County.
- 3) Have no insurance coverage for dental services.

Eligibility is re-determined every six months.

Dental Benefits Covered: To serve more people living with HIV, the program will only be covering preventative, diagnostic, and emergency dental procedures.

At the time of registration, you will be given a list of covered dental benefits. If the treatment plan developed by your dentist consists of dental procedures not covered by Title II funds, the dental office will work out a payment plan for you.

Registration for this program may be made at El Rio Health Center, Early Intervention Registrar Office (Nohemi Avila) at 839 West Congress. If you are already an established El Rio patient you still need to see Nohemi.

You will need to bring the following for registration:

- 1) Proof of income pay stub, tax return, SSI/SSDI letter, i.e.
- 2) Proof of HIV status if you are not an El Rio patient, HIV antibody test results or your CD4 laboratory count.
- 3) Proof of residency, utility bill or driver's license with current address.

To access Title II dental services, you must be registered as an El Rio patient. For preventative and diagnostic services you will be given a referral form to take to Dr. Holbrook's office located at 5725 East Fifth Street.

You will access emergency dental services at El Rio Dental department located at 839 West Congress, Monday through Thursday at 8:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M. and on Friday at 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. This is offered as a walk in service and waiting may be expected. You will be scheduled in between regular appointments.

Dental services are funded by Arizona Department of Health Services HIV/STD division and Tucson Community Foundation, Ryan White Title II funds. If you have any problems, concerns or seek further information, please call Patricia Gallegos, Program Manager, at 670-3905.

On Friday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 24th, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

This showing will be the second largest outdoor display in the history of the Quilt as well as the largest display on the west coast.

Comprising part of the Host Committee are: Judith Light (Honorary Chair), Scott Bakula, Lysette L. Cordona, MD, Kevin E. Garrity, Joel Grey, Robert S. Levinson, John Lithgow, Gregory G. Louganis, Penny Marshall, Aaron Neville, Russell C. Roney, Robert M. Sertner, Elizabeth Taylor, Lily Tomlin, James R. Watterson.

For additional information contact Anna Mendiola, Ceremonies Coordinator, at 818-798-9794; voice mail and faxes may be sent to 213-666-8201. NAMES Foundation phone number is 213-653-NAMES, fax phone number is 213-654-6609.

I leave you with is mind, "It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action."
-Al Batt

Feds Sue Michigan Grocery Store Over Firing Of HIV Positive Worker

TRAVERSE CITY, MI (AP) - The federal government is accusing a local grocery store of illegal discrimination against an employee fired after contracting the AIDS virus.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit against Prevo's Family Market, saying the store had violated the American with Disabilities Act.

In a statement, EEOC regional attorney Adele Rapport said Prevo's management transferred produce clerk Steven Sharp to a different job after learning he was infected with HIV.

Three days later, Sharp was placed on involuntary leave and subsequently was fired, the statement said.

"There is no competent medical evidence indicating that AIDS or the HIV virus can be transmitted in the food handling setting," Rapport said. The disabilities law "simply does not allow employers to fire people based upon an unreasonable and insupportable fear of a disability."

Rapport said the store also wanted Sharp to have unnecessary medical examinations. In general, disabled people cannot be singled out for special tests and medical exams unless it is related to the job, Rapport said.

"We believe this is an important case for Mr. Sharp and for the public in general, and we intend to aggressively prosecute it," Rapport said.

Michael Snapper, attorney for Prevo's said, "Prevo's has always maintained it has not violated Mr. Sharp's rights, and that continues to be their position. We disagree with the EEOC's conclusions."

Sharp said he had been advised by his attorney not to comment. He filed a complaint with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in 1993. The case was transferred to the EEOC, which enforces the disabilities act.

The federal agency is asking U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen to order the store to re-hire Sharp and award him back pay, work related benefits and other damages.

LAPD Co-Sponsors 2nd International Gay & Lesbian Police Conference

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Golden State Peace Officers Association, California's Lesbian and Gay Police Organization, and the Los Angeles Police Department, proudly announce their co-sponsorship of the Second International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Criminal Justice Professionals.

This series of educational seminars represents the first time any police department in the United States has fully co-sponsored a professional event dedicated to the examination the issues concerning Gays and Lesbians in law enforcement.

The conference is expected to draw as many as 500 participants from around the world, with representatives expected from London, Copenhagen, Paris, and Australia. It will be held on Friday, September 8, 1995, in Palm Springs with additional educational and networking gatherings scheduled throughout the Los Angeles area from September

5 through September 10.

This second professional gathering will address a variety of topics including decreasing discrimination in the workplace, equal opportunity issues, coming out on the job, AIDS & HIV, and concerns of women in law enforcement.

The conference is designed for Lesbian and Gay police officers, deputy sheriffs, firefighters, parole and probation officers, prosecutors, as well as all other interested law enforcement managers and executives who are dedicated to creating a positive working environment for an increasingly diverse work force.

The first such conference was held in New York City in June of 1994, in conjunction with the Stonewall '25 celebration and proved to be an effective forum for Lesbian and Gay criminal justice professionals to exchange ideas, network with one another, and to discuss relevant issues in law enforcement.

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Judge Says Feminist Camp Not A Nuisance

OVETT, MS (AP) - A feminist retreat run by Lesbians was allowed to stay open after a judge ruled that it poses no "private nuisance" to nearby residents who sued to shut it down.

Chancellor Frank McKenzie said that the camp broke now law, but he warned that its activities will be subject to scrutiny. He said plaintiffs' "fears and concerns" were "genuine and justified under the evidence."

Camp Sister Spirit opened two years ago on a former pig farm, and residents have complained that its music festival seminars have disrupted this once tranquil southern Mississippi town.

The residents also grumbled about media attention brought on by camp complaints of Gay bashing. Some neighbors claimed campers had tried to recruit their daughters.

Eleven neighbors sue in 1994. By the time testimony began in May, all but five plaintiffs had dropped out of the case.

Michael Barefield, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the ruling "misses the point of our entire lawsuit."

"What we were asking for was an injunction of future intended use, and the judge says that if they continue towards their goals it may become a nuisance," he said.

McKenzie's seven page ruling warns Brenda Henson and her partner, Wanda Henson, who operate the retreat, that courts may later determine whether camp activities "have risen to the level of a civil nuisance."

"We're just going to keep on doing what we've been doing," Brenda Henson said after the ruling.

Ithaca City Council Endorses Same-Sex Marriages

ITHACA, NY (AP) - Ithaca's Common Council has approved a non-binding resolution in support of issuing marriage licenses for homosexual couples.

The city council voted unanimously to endorse same-sex marriages, and is expected to decide in a few weeks whether or not to grant the marriage licenses.

The move stemmed from an Ithaca couple's quest for a state marriage license. Toshav Greene and Phillip Storrs, who recently moved to Ithaca from Elmira, had applied for a license, but were rejected by a city clerk.

Ithaca Mayor, Ben Nichols, a Socialist, said the U.S. Constitution guarantees all citizens equal protection under

law, and said that right extends to Gay and Lesbian marriages.

City Attorney Charles Guttman said he is consulting with a Gay rights lawyer on the issue. He said the state's marriage law, which dates from the 1800s, does not preclude same sex marriages, but the state could block any city action with a court injunction.

Legal experts from the American Civil Liberties Union and national Gay activist groups have been investigating state law concerning homosexual marriages. A similar case has reached state Supreme Court in Hawaii.

Green and Storrs went ahead, without a license, and held a Jewish commitment ceremony.

Wedding Coordinator Helps Gay Couples Get Around New Hampshire Law

LEBANON, N.H. - For Ted Cranford, it was unthinkable to be on his deathbed and not be allowed to see his spouse, the person he has chosen to spend the rest of his life with.

But Cranford, who has cancer, will not be afforded the same rights as others after his marriage in September because Cranford and his partner are Gay.

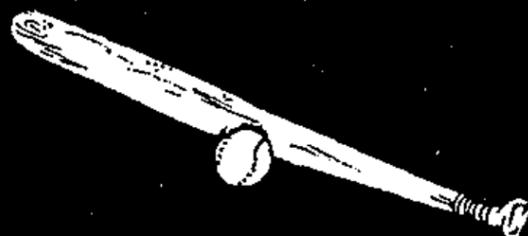
Gay marriages are not legally recognized in any state. As a result, Gay couples are barred from filing joint tax returns. They generally cannot cover each other on their medical insurance policies and sometimes are turned away at hospitals when their partners are critically ill.

But Cranford and other Gay
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As I See It.....

by Clark

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ENDA UPDATE: The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would protect Gays and Lesbians rights in the work place has picked up more co-sponsors.

In the Senate, S.932, has now picked up a total of 30 co-sponsors. In the House, H.R. 1863, a total of 126 Representatives have signed on.

[In Arizona, the only co-sponsor is still Congressman Ed Pastor (D-CD 2).]

The two bills as reported earlier have been assigned to committee's in each respective body, but no hearings have been scheduled.

[More updates in future columns.]

INITIATIVE THIS! As reported (Observer 574), two citizen initiatives filed their petitions for the November general election ballot for Tucson.

For a citizens initiative to be on the Tucson general election ballot, it must have 10,938 valid signatures of registered voters who live in the city limits.

The Tucson Livable Wage Initiative, which if adopted would raise the minimum wage in Tucson city limits to \$7 an hour filed a total of 14,142 signatures.

The Water Consumer Protection Act, which if adopted specifies how CAP water would be used filed a total of 26,862 signatures.

As of press time, the signatures are going through the verification process at the County Recorders office.

The Tucson mayor and council are considering two initiatives for the ballot, one dealing with a 50% pay raise for the mayor and council, and a rival CAP water initiative to possibly counter

act the citizen's initiative.

Tucsonans will participate, along with a dozen other municipalities, in a non-binding presidential preference primary.

All presidential contenders will be placed on the ballot for Tucson to show that city folk have some idea more than Iowan's and New Hampshireites.

MAYOR'S RACE: It seems that the incumbent Tucson Mayor, Democrat George "Moneybags" Miller does not want to debate his primary opponent.

The Nucleus Club of Pima county, the fund raising arm of the local Democratic party has scheduled a debate between Miller and his challenger, Ward 1 Council member Bruce "fab" Wheeler.

Nucleus will set up three potential days for the debate, which will take place in August. Miller has flatly stated he will not participate. [Could it be a conflict, perhaps with the GOP Trunk and Tusk meeting?]

ET TU RAY: As reported first in Tucson. (Observer 574), Republican Ward 1 Council candidate Ray Fontaine gave \$100 to incumbent Democratic Mayor George Miller for his re-election campaign.

According to Miller's contributors list, Fontaine gave his \$100 contribution on February 22.

According to the first financial report of GOP mayoral candidate Sharon Collins, Fontaine had not given money, but the report shows Fontaine's wife Karen, gave a \$20 contribution on May 23rd.

According to news reports, Fontaine is full of ideas to solve the problems that plague the Old Pueblo. But supporting the opposition makes me wonder if these ideas are not just a little half baked,

which GOP activists just may think.

SAM THE SECOND: The Arizona Democratic Party crowned a new monarch!

This past weekend, former Congressman Sam CopperSmith was elected Chair of the State Democrats, succeeding Steve Owens, who resigned to run for Congress in CD-6.

WOW! Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom (D-District 2) dropped me a line to let me and the community know of his reaffirmation of his pledge for Equal Rights with the Arizonans For Fairness Coalition.

The community has a good friend in Supervisor Dan Eckstrom, the sponsor of the Hate Crimes Resolution. And the card and the copy of his pledge sent to the paper shows his support.

[Wish more politicians could or would do this. Not just during election time.]

NEW LAWS: This past week, some new laws passed by our so-called State Legislature went into effect.

Now fruits and vegetables have more rights than we do. There will be no AIDS education in schools, plus the rights of those wanting to be tested for HIV in the state have been stripped away, with the effect of gutting the Omnibus AIDS Act.

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Unusual Bone Marrow Treatment Could Kill AIDS Patient

BETHESDA, MD (AP) - At the tearful behest of an AIDS patient's mother and sister, government advisers recommended that the man be allowed to get a bone marrow transplant from a baboon, even though they fear it will kill him.

"This is wonderful," said Kim Getty, as she raced to telephone the news to her brother Jeff at his San Francisco home.

Scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration weren't so optimistic. They warned that the experiment not only will likely kill Getty but must be carefully controlled to ensure that diseases the baboons carry don't spread to humans.

"This probably will hasten his death, not prevent it," said Dr. Hugh Auchincloss Jr. of Massachusetts General Hospital.

But if Getty, accepts the risks and the doctors follow strict precautions, the panel said, the operation should go forward to prove whether baboons, who don't get AIDS, hold a key to fighting the fatal disease.

The FDA usually follows advisory committee recommendations. Officials indicated a decision could be made in several weeks.

"This is unique opportunity to

Jesse Helms

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vanguard of the struggle against integration and inclusions of African-Americans into every aspects of American society in the 50s and 60s, like Helms and his Carolina compatriot Strom Thurmond, are now the leaders of efforts of discriminate against people with AIDS and against Lesbian and Gay Americans."

The Senate version of the bill is sponsored by 61 out of 100 senators with broad bipartisan support from the entire political spectrum; nevertheless, Helms may have quietly prevented it from coming to the Senate floor for a vote, although Helms denies that, according to the article.

Any member of the Senate can stop a piece of legislation by putting a "hold" on it. "I'm not just holding it," Helms said. "It's a 'notify' so I can be there to offer amendments when the Senate votes on it.

Majority Leader Robert Dole, a co-sponsor of the bill who is responsible for moving it to the floor, is actively seeking conservative support in his bid for the GOP presidential nomination. Although his office said in the article the bill is moving along, citing AIDS advocacy groups who believe he is slowing the process in an effort to court conservative groups.

In the House of Representative where it also has broad bipartisan support, the bill is also stalled, in committee, with an amendment backed by conservative Christians that denies Ryan White funds to states that do not require testing all newborn infants for antibodies to HIV.

The mandatory testing amendment is opposed by virtually all AIDS patient advocacy groups and civil libertarians as an undue violation of privacy.

[This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the New York Native]

actually study the risks" of cross species transplants, or xenotransplantation, said FDA biologics chief Dr. Philip Noguchi.

Baboons do not get HIV-1, the type of AIDS most prevalent in the United States. Dr. Suzanne Ildstad of the University of Pittsburgh plans to inject baboon bone marrow into Getty.

AIDS destroys blood cells, particularly immune cells. Bone marrow manufactures new blood cells. The theory is that the transplant could resupply Getty's bloodstream with HIV resistant blood cells.

It is usually impossible to transplant bone marrow between genetically dissimilar people, much less different species. This experiment was tried once before and failed. Ildstad thinks she will succeed because she has discovered "facilitating cells" that appear to prevent the body from destroying transplanted marrow.

She was ready to go in April when the FDA told her federal law required prior government clearance for an

experiment that could be dangerous to the patient or the public. Thirty days ago, she filed the proper application.

Getty's family and AIDS activists attacked the FDA for the delay. "Don't take this hope away from him," pleaded his mother, Susan Getty. "Unless you do something now, he will be dead."

But the FDA acted properly, gene therapy pioneer Dr. W. French Anderson told fellow panel members. The oversight forced Ildstad to strengthen her trial and increase safety precautions, he said, and since that has happened, the experiment "should be approved now."

Of particular concern is whether xenotransplants could spread dangerous animal viruses to humans. After all, AIDS itself is believed to have jumped from certain monkeys into humans, and some flu strains come from pigs.

In fact, the two baboons slated for Getty's marrow donation have five known viruses. They possibly could infect Getty outright or merge with each other or a germ already in his body to form a viru-

lent hybrid. Nobody knows how likely that is, FDA advisers said. But the panel insisted Ildstad look for healthier baboons, proceeding only if there are none or Getty's condition worsens. Searching scientific baboon colonies will take about two weeks.

Regardless, Getty, and his doctors will be repeatedly tested for disease.

But some panelists' biggest fear is that Getty will die before Ildstad can tell if baboon marrow could possibly manufacture blood cells that work in people.

The reason: The baboon's immune cells will be removed from his marrow before the transplant to prevent graft vs. host disease, a leading killer of transplant patients. That is risky because AIDS has killed almost all of Getty's own immune cells, and Ildstad admits her only proof the transplant will manufacture new ones is from studies of laboratory mice.

If the experiment works, the FDA pledged more quickly to allow further testing on several more AIDS patients.

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So what is this great paying job offer and why am I telling you now!?

Well, I really hate to see brothers and sisters being taken in by a money making scheme. The job was being a psychic reader on a phone line. I was told I didn't really have to be psychic, only sensitive to the caller.

I was told however that I have an advantage over most of the other psychic readers answering the phones. He'd read my autobiography and knew I had a psychic background since age four on.

The others would have to be trained more than I might need to be. When I asked how they could do this sort of thing. I was told everyone has innate psychic abilities and many times when people start working on their phones, their ability surfaces. Besides, people calling in will receive help they need which can be given with a little common sense in han-

From The POOP SHEET

by Ace London

dling the call. Oh! I also could work right from my own home on the phone.

And so my brothers and sisters, I urge you to beware of wolves in sheep's clothing. Use the \$\$ you would pay for a phone psychic reading to instead buy a subscription to your local Gay/Lesbian publication and subscriptions to The Advocate and Out. Heck! You'll learn more about your future through these pages than through a psychic phone reader.

Oh, by the way, the man offering me the job wasn't a psychic I guess, so he had no idea I wrote a column and would tell my readers about the psychic phone job.

DON'T FORGET TIME: If the English language was good enough for Jesus Christ, it's good enough for us today!

WHAT'S AHEAD? If Jess Helms is an indication of what is ahead for our Country's leadership, then I as a Republican got taken to the cleaners. God help us if our GOP neglects to pass term limits as promises, and they are neglecting it!

Why?! God help the electorate to wise up and vote out "the entrenched" in Congress ASAP! I am an embarrassed Republican because of Mr. Helms. The

electorate of his state must be total idiots to elect this man over and over again.

I don't think I'd care to vacation in that state. Sort of reminds me of Idaho where I always wear a white, pointed hood over my head when I drive through the state so I won't be considered abnormal.

Hey! I just thought of someplace else to put the \$\$ you'd save from the psychic phone bill. Donate it to the committee in Helm's home state to help unseat an "entrenched" radical, and also; don't forget, whether Left or Right, a radical is still a radical. You don't even have to be straight to be one.

COMPETITION IS HEALTHY: For years, those of us in the Gay/Lesbian community nationally have basically had only one national publication for news and mental stimulation, The Advocate. They survive! For two and a half decades and still going, going! Are we thankful? Should we be? I'd hate to think where we'd be now if no Advocate existed.

Today, we have a number of publications so we can learn more and grow stronger within ourselves. We can find ourselves, as a distinct part of a national community, and through our local publications, we keep atop our immediate surroundings, needs and advances or reversals. How lucky we are today!

Another publication, now in it's 4th year I believe, is Out. It's nice to see publications these days covering Gay and Lesbians topics.

When I was managing editor of the Coast to Coast Times 25 years ago, I believe we were the first to include a section for our sisters with The Gai Woman section. I firmly believe that; united we will stand and succeed; divided we will lose the fight for equal rights for all people.

Our publications must be and are a life-blood of information, inspiration and challenge.

In case you're unmotivated, remember the key to motivation is that we believe strongly in something!

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

Ho.. Ho.. Ho.. Festival For Life

TUCSON - December 2, 1995 is the date this year for People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson's annual "Festival for Life" Holiday Auction Party.

Previously held at The St. Philip's Plaza, please join your community, PACT, and the volunteer "Festival for Life" committee for the inauguration of our 1995 location. "Festival for Life" has been warmly welcomed to The Tucson Jewish Community Center at River Road and Dodge Boulevard.

Tucson's friend Ms. Mary Wilson of the Supremes will return to host, along with other special guests.

The 1995 "Festival for Life" all volunteer committee has been in place and working hard since January, toward the success of this year's event. There is still room to join the volunteer committee in various areas of support. Many in our city have helped before and are again contributing time and effort.

Tucson's artists from all mediums continually support this event in a big way and are to be commended, hugged, kissed, and other good things for all their efforts.

As in past years, 100% of all money raised will go to PACT. PACT for Life provides many needed services for our HIV/AIDS community. Services include early intervention services, case management, nutritional counseling, HIV testing and counseling and transitional and permanent housing with ground breaking this fall on twenty five new HUD funded units.

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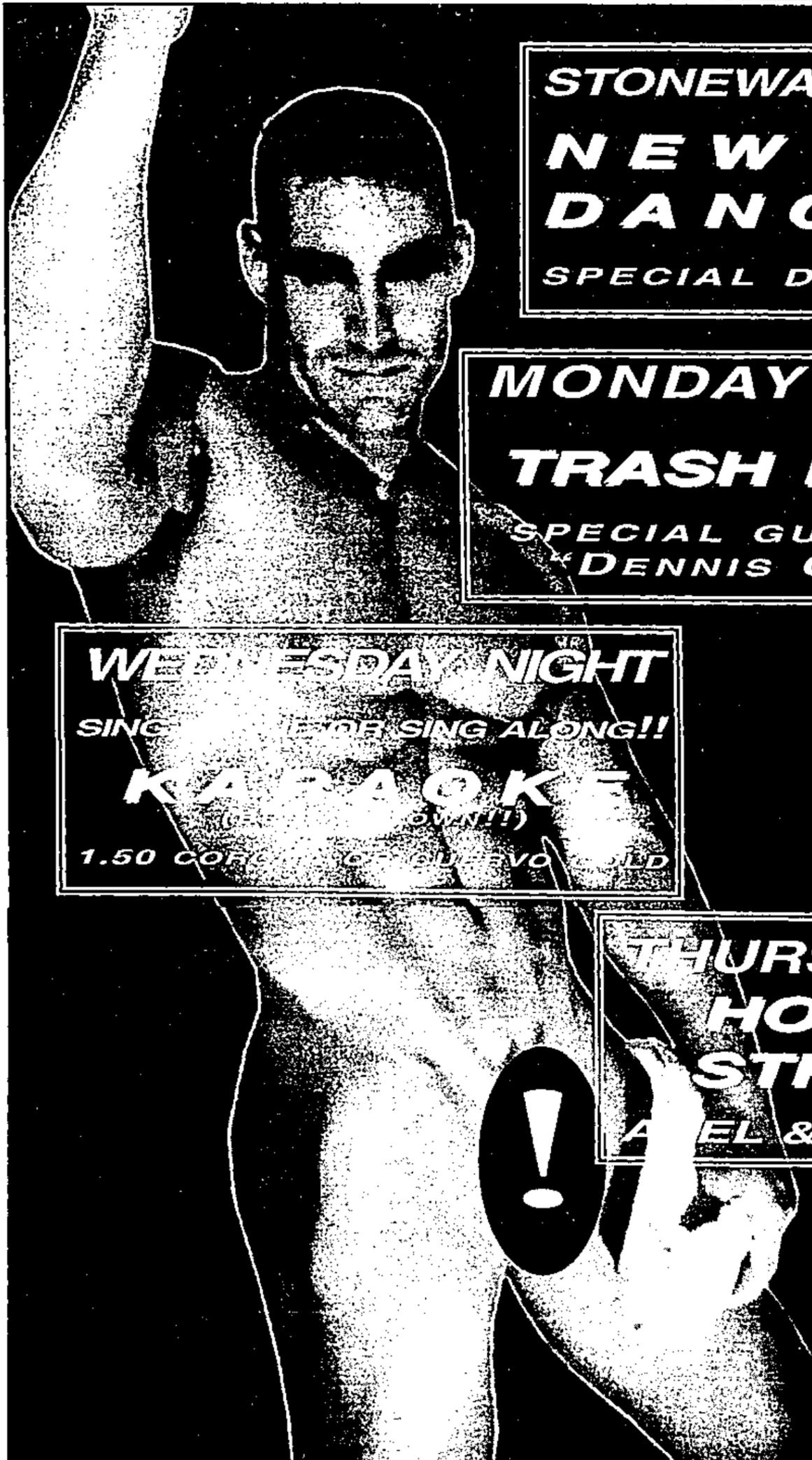


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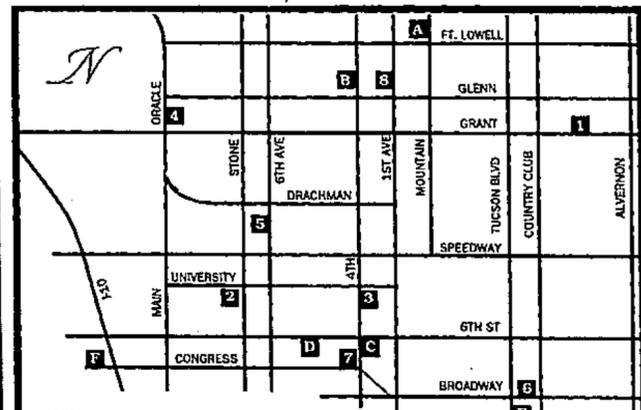
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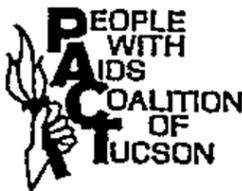
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Wedding Coordinator Helps Gay Couples

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couples are finding ways to get around the rules. They are getting married anyway and, in Cranford's case, writing legal documents that allow them to see their spouses in the hospital in the event of a serious illness.

Matt Giovanni, who is helping Cranford plan his September 9 wedding in Whittier, California, said more Gay couples are turning to him for advice about marriage. Giovanni provides them with everything from specialized vows to a rundown on laws concerning Gay couples in their state.

"Gay weddings. It's becoming the next frontier of the Gay movement," said Giovanni, who business Pride, Love and Union Services helps coordinate Gay weddings across the country.

Giovanni works from a tiny, cluttered office in Lebanon. He started the business two years ago because he noticed that more Gay couples were getting married, but no one was helping them.

He said his service, which relies heavily on computer and on-line data, is the only one of its kind in the country.

Giovanni said many Gay couples are seeking the bond in their relationship that marriage provides.

The importance of having a ceremony is to confirm their partnership and do it in front of friends and family," he said.

That's the main reason Cranford and William Bates of Whittier, California are getting married.

"We want to make a formal pledge to each other as to our commitment to each other and the what we want to live together for the rest of our lives," Cranford said. "It's more or less a celebration, a rejoicing, in front of our friends."

Because Gay couples around the country have similar feelings, Gay marriages are flourishing despite their lack of legal recognition, said Marifran Korb. Through her business in Cincinnati, Rising to the Occasion, Korb helps couples write vows for wedding and other ceremonies.

"More people are realizing they can take the power into their hands," Korb said. "They don't have to wait for government or society to say it's okay."

"Just having the ceremony itself is a brave thing," she said.

Giovanni tries to help Gay couples get legal as well as emotional benefits from marriage. For example, he encourages them to use domestic partner laws that, in some states, afford Gay couples rights similar to those of straight couples. The ability to cover one partner on the other's medical insurance in one example.

Giovanni also recommends the use of contracts to establish what property is shared and who receives it should one partner die.

Gay & Lesbian Physicians Convene In L.A.

August 17 - 19

LOS ANGELES, CA - Members of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA), the U.S. and Canadian organization of Lesbian and Gay physicians, will convene in Los Angeles next month to tackle pressing health problems facing Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual patients.

discussing for fear of fostering negative images. They include same sex domestic violence; alcoholism and substance abuse; the effects of diminished self esteem on health and well-being; and eating disorders.

The three-day GLMA Symposium promises cutting edge presentations on Lesbian and Gay health issues, speakers who are nationally known in their fields, and a supportive professional environment that Lesbian and Gay physicians can't find elsewhere.

The third day of the conferences focuses on HIV issues, and boasts a remarkably strong faculty roster. Speakers include: U.S. AIDS Policy Director Patsy Fleming; Jack Killen, MD, the director of AIDS at the National Institutes of Health; Dave Feigal, MD, director of the Division of Anti-Viral Drug Products at the Food & Drug Administration; and Kenneth Mayer, MD, who directs the Brown University AIDS Program.

The Symposium takes place August 17-19 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, marking the first time in GLMA's 13 years that it has met in Southern California. Featuring the latest in Lesbian and Gay medicine and HIV treatments, presentations will also address the professional and personal challenges faced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and transgender physicians and med students, and emerging sociopolitical challenges.

The Symposium will feature and Exhibit Gallery, Job Center, Banquet, Achievement Award presentations, and it offers Continuing Medical Education credit for physicians.

The first two days of the conference will focus on Breaking Silence: What We Don't Talk About Can Hurt Us. The Symposium will address issues that Lesbian and Gay activists often avoid

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

By Raul Almeraz

Howdy guys and gals! Hope everyone had a great weekend. AGRA is busy planning and organizing events for the rest of the summer.

Let me start by welcoming the following new members: Donald Abade, Richard Elalnick, Linda Burch, Tim Butts, Cindy Carringer, Cindy Chamberlain, Tim Dickman, Guy Edsall, Jacques Tremblay and Shelly O'Brien. Welcome aboard!

Coming up on July 29th, the basic horsemanship workshop is scheduled and on August 6th the trail ride and BBQ is happening on August 19th there will be a roping workshop for those of you who would like to learn some roping skills (No, this is not a rope a husband workshop. Although, not a bad idea!). If you are interested please contact Bryan Collins through the AGRA Hotline. Space is limited and filling fast.

On August 12th, AGRA will be holding a membership drive at IBT's. Look forward to seeing everyone out to support the drive.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 20th. The Board meeting will be held at the TCC, followed by the General Membership meeting at IBT's that same afternoon. Stay tuned for exact times.

This upcoming weekend, our sister chapter in Phoenix will be holding a fund raiser. Saturday the 22nd of June there will be a breakfast served beginning at 9:00 A.M. and will be held at the "Desert Rose". Hope to see everyone there who can attend. Make it a weekend trip. Maybe we'll see ya all out at Charlie's.

This past week, AGRA Member Donald Codner passed away on July 12th. Our deepest sympathy and heart felt condolences go out to Donald's loved ones. At this time AGRA is trying to gain information on a memorial service. If any one has any information, please contact the

AGRA Hotline.

Attention everyone, it is time for the creative juices to flow. It is now time for our poster contest. There will be a cash prize, so we look forward to viewing everyone's great artwork. The post should follow these guidelines:

Should not exceed 18" x 24" (including boarders if any).

Lettering should read, 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

There must be space available for, time, location, date and logos.

If desired you may include the following logos, Miller Lite, IGRA, and AGRA.

The deadline for entry will be September 10th at 5:00 P.M. at the AGRA September meeting.

Well everyone, Raybelline's farewell was held on Saturday at Richard's. There was lots of food and drink and Ray had a grand time.

Afterwards everyone prettied themselves up and put on the tightest Wranglers they could find, (the kind you have to jump off the roof to get into; Richard, you do clean up well.) and headed out to Club 2520. D.J. Rob ran a special video tribute to Raybelline "Here You Come Again" and of course "There She went."

Ray, lots of luck and best wishes in Brownville. We love you and we will miss you. Who knows next time we see you, you may be the next Miss TGRA. You never know.

Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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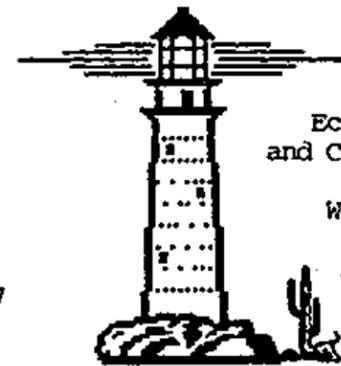
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Smart and beautiful, once head cheer leader at her high school and now an honor's student in college, Janice seems to hold the world in her hands, except that depression is crushing in on her from all sides.

Struggling because of childhood abuse, damaged but not yet destroyed, Stephen seeks revelation and healing.

Addicted and on the streets, filthy and malnourished, Tammy no longer wishes to live.

Active in her church, leading a Bible study, and working with outreach and community service, Joyce is also a well-known gossip.

Timothy, Janice, Stephen, Tammy, and Joyce are not truly fictional characters but composites drawn from people anyone could meet or has met. You went to school with them, you work with them,

or maybe you just stood in line with them at the grocery store. And, between these stories you could insert an account of your own life as well.

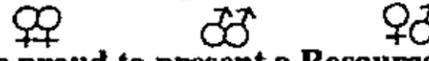
Each person's life follows a different path. But, in spite of their difference they share at least one thing, an equal need for the healing and strength which comes from believing in and claiming for themselves the promises of God.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, he gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:28-31)

In the end, each person is but human, and each at some time will grow weak and weary, whether it's as obvious as with Stephen and Tammy, or disguised by comfort as with Timothy, Janice, and Joyce. Each person needs the strength that God gives.

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LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

What is black and grey and wet all over? The Desert Leathermen at their second annual "Wet 'n Wild" party coming up on Saturday, August 5.

In addition to their monthly Beer Bust from 3 to 7 P.M. that Saturday, DL will be hosting a cavalcade of water sports that is guaranteed to leave you with more than just a wet spot in your pants. For four fluid filled hours, the tide will be in on the patio at the Venture-N to help you dowse away those mid-summer doldrums.

DL will have tons of ice cold water balloons on hand (3 for \$5) so you can christen someone you cherish and literally send a chill up their spine (or down their pants, or whatever). But the real crowd pleaser is sure to be the dunking booth.

Just picture it, Bert Hoop, complete with deadpan sneer, perched precariously atop the rickety little platform suspended over a vat of cold, murky water. As you lock eyes with your prey, you stand and fondle your balls momentarily (3 for \$5).

The intensity builds, and suddenly you can hold back no longer. You hurl your first ball with the power of a Bert seeking missile. And BAM! Bullseye! Kersplash goes Bert for the douche of a lifetime. Best part is you still have 2 more balls.

So far the roster of potential dunkees not only includes Bert, but Jim (owner of VN) and VN bartenders Michael, Sam, and Mark, as well as Emmett from the Dirty Dozen softball team.

University T-Room Activity Proof Positive That Summer UofA Doldrums Ain't True

TUCSON - [And they say nothing happens during the summer at the University of Arizona. Here is a reprinted article by Maria Ramirez, Police Beat reporter for the Summer Daily Wildcat.]

University of Arizona Police Department discovered a 2 inch hole cut out on the wall of a stall of the men's restroom on the fourth floor of the Main Library.

A UA employee reported to police that two men had complained about indecent behavior in the bathroom. One man reported to the employee that a man had urinated on him. He did not want to wait for police.

The same day, another man called the library to say that another man was looking at him through a hole in the stall. Police found the hole and called Facilities Management to repair the damage.

The Observer
Be Informed...

Why not encourage your "favorite" bartender from your preferred watering-hole (or any local organization) to volunteer for a short stint in the hot (wet) seat so you can get the chance to cool them off the right way. Interested parties can call Candi at 881-4320.

As if that wasn't enough action, a sealed bid auction will also be conducted throughout the party. Prize for the highest bidder, the chance to turn the hose on any or all of the Desert Leathermen for a full thirty seconds.

How, you may ask, can so much good clean fun be good for you too. That's easy. All funds raised from the "Wet 'n Wild" events will go toward DL's Condom Fund.

Desert Leathermen are halfway through their second year of providing free condoms to the Tucson area Gay bars on a continuous basis. And that's one helluva condoms, over 33,000 last year alone! Just remember, those hunky college boys will be storming the town again soon, and we all want to be dressed properly when they get here.

So pencil in a reminder on your calendar for Saturday, August 5th from 3 to 7 PM. Dress up in your best wetables and come on down to the Venture-N for hot dogs and nachos, 50 cent beers and the wettest, wildest corner of the Baked Apple this summer.



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We have quite a planetary pileup this week, friends. Mercury (communication) and Venus (love) are "conjunct" which helps our communications immensely. Sugary words sweeten the pot. Drink, fellow travellers! At the same time, the Sun (our personal mission) goes "opposite" Uranus, (surprises). Expect the unexpected and be prepared to face it and frame it for posterity. We sure do live in interesting times!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Home related or sensitive, sticky family issues can be discussed and possibly resolved without much nuclear fallout. The helpful combination of Venus conjunct Mercury and the Sun opposite Uranus may bring new solutions to old domestic or "ancestral" problems. Want a clue? Need a direction? Maybe the answer can be found in your career or through a mentor or authority figure.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

You can wax poetic this week when Mercury and Venus conjunct. In fact, any form of communication will have that certain special nectar to guarantee any request. Ask and you shall receive. Why not ask for a vacation? The Sun opposite Uranus may offer some unexpected opportunities far from home. Plan your trip out carefully, the Uranian surprise may not be all that welcome.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Financial battles can be conquered now that Mercury and Venus conjunct. Good vibes reign as common sense dictates monetary considerations. Quite a change from your usual devil may care financial attitude. Good timing, too as the Sun opposite Uranus brings a nice sexual surprise your way. Who says money can't buy love? Money is honey; spread it around and be prepared to lick it off.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

This Venus/Mercury transit is the perfect time for you to meet new people. It will be possible for you to view the lay of the land, plant a few seeds and plan a successful course of action. Above all, be prepared to be surprised, either through these new encounters or through established relationships. Partners may suddenly toss you a stink bomb or a bouquet. What ever you have ignored in the relationship will become food for thought.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Your intuition blossoms with the Venus/Mercury conjunction. Follow the golden chorus of your thoughts and see where it leads. Follow its path carefully though, Proud Lion; the Sun/Uranus opposition may make you slightly more accident prone than usual. Happy accidents are fine for some, but they are not fine for you at this particular planetary time.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Friends and large social groups enable you to more fully assess where you are in this cosmic slip of fools. Use the energy of the Venus/Mercury conjunction to set your life on its proper course and set your personal mission into motion. The Sun/Uranus opposition may even provide you with the less than obvious path to fulfillment. Maybe it's through a more creative, artistic or romantic venue?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Professional trials and tribulations may dissipate with the Venus/Mercury conjunc-

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

tion. If you have struggled with career issues, feeling like a rat on a treadmill, the planets now provide you with a little insight and a lot of gumption. Remember too that the Sun/Uranus opposition can unleash an unexpected change in the political landscape for you. Trade up or not?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps may discover new and unexplored territories to conquer during the Venus/Mercury conjunction. Travel and higher learning will open up vast new opportunities of self discovery for you so get going! A voice is heard in the wilderness, it's the reverberation of the solar opposition to Uranus. Your words pack a global wallop so get the word out that we're here and we're fabulous.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Fiery Gay Archers are not considered the most fiery of lovers, but now, with the

splendid conjunction of Venus and Mercury, you gracefully gallop to love. Now you know the importance of a strong and solid sexual relationship to your happiness and sense of well being. The Sun/Uranus sets your money against the concerns of "other people's money". Who is gonna give?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Our Goats recognize the need for a stable and giving relationship in their lives. Blame this apparent personal weakness on the Venus/Mercury conjunction and let the planetary wave wash over and cleanse you. If you feel particularly melancholy with this revelation, the Solar opposition to Uranus will make matters worse; it naturally pits your own selfish need for attention against the needs of partners. I say adjust and thrive!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The glorious conjunction of Venus and Mercury may give you an extra burst of energy and a good overall sense of direction for any detailed project. It is time to review your diet and exercise regime because you are especially clear headed and practical. Interestingly, the Sun opposite Uranus can catapult you into some major Gay charity work. This will work well for both the movement and the flag bearer.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Lucky Fish may be tickled pink at all their good fortune and creativity during the Venus/Mercury conjunction. Search for buried treasure and enjoy the results. Remember too that the Sun opposite Uranus can lead to unexpected turns in friendships. This could mean that your good luck attracts a following or it could mean you'll dance solo while others watch jealously from afar.

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SHOOTIN' AROUND TOWN

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Listed below are the pool tournaments happening around town and some of the winners:

The Graduate: First Place - Marty GK, \$35.00. Second Place - Toni

LA, \$25.00. Third Place - Robert C, \$10.00. First Out - Neil. Lucky Number - Mack.

Ain't Nobody's Bizness: First Place - Marlene, \$54.75. Second Place - Toni, \$15.50. Third Place, \$7.75.

Washington OK's Liquor License For Gay Bar; Whack Foes

OLYMPIA, WA - State liquor regulators, facing the first contested license for a Gay bar, have given a friendly go-ahead for a tavern in Kent, calling it "the legal and moral thing to do" and criticizing some opponents as bigoted.

Less than 24 hours after a heated public hearing, the state Liquor Control Board announced its unanimous decision and took a swipe at the opponents.

The board said the owner of the proposed Sapphos tavern, nurse and businesswoman Mickey Byrne, has a clean record and that the city's comprehensive plan and zoning do not limit new bars in the area. Opposition seemed motivated by a religious belief that Gay men and Lesbians are immoral or are poor citizens, the

board said. As soon as Byrne completes the paperwork, a license will be issued for Sapphos, the board said.

"I'm just overwhelmed," Byrne said in an interview. "I tried to take the whole thing in stride and keep my sense of humor about it. It (the challenge and protest) was just so silly."

She said she would take her three children out for dinner to celebrate, and then make plans for the work party that will whip the 100 capacity tavern into shape by late July.

Kent Mayor, Jim White, who had attempted to scuttle the license, said after the announcement he was "disappointed" and would ask the city's planning commission to "look at the permitted uses in the downtown zone, and one of the permitted uses is taverns."

He insisted his opposition was based on concern for adding more taverns or bars in the downtown area, and not on the sexual orientation of the owners and the clientele of Sapphos.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

IBT'S - 9:00 SHARP! The Girlie Show hosted by Felice Renard, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona, starring Sasha Valentine, Kristen with Celia Puty, the reigning Miss Gay Phoenix and a candidate for Miss Gay Arizona. There'll be a special Spotlight Guest too!

THURSDAY, JULY 20

IBT'S - Underwear Nite 9:00 p.m. to close. Pant check now open. Drink specials for those in their underwear. Prizes and Surprises.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) monthly Beer Bust and Dinner from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Don't forget the pool tourney too at the same time.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-b-Que / Beer Bust 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. to benefit IBT's baseball team's trip to Seattle to represent Tucson.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

IBT'S - Male Box Nite 9:00 p.m. to close. Meet that special guy. Come play post office!

SATURDAY, JULY 29

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Men from Phoenix. Here to thrill you with some hot dancing and stripping. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY, JULY 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Tucson's own Rare Breed will be playing some of your favorite salsa, cumbia, rock, norteño and country from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cover charge.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Comedienne Georgia Ragdale 8:00 p.m. You've seen her in films and on HBO, now see her live at the Biz. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. This show will sell out soon!



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FRIDAY, JULY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. Movie Mania Month showing of "Maurice", a British film about two college boys in pre-World War I England who fall in love. Shown at the home of Jerry and Les. Call 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. Movie Mania Month showing of "Some Like It Hot", a classic American comedy about two men forced to dress as women to escape the gangster chasing them. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

All HIV+ persons and their families are invited to attend the GILA (God's Love In Action) dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner will be followed by Bingo. Great Prizes! For ride or more info call 622-8860.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Anonymous and Free HIV testing at Wingspan 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please take this opportunity to get yourself tested. Additional information from the Pima County Health Department 791-7676 or Wingspan 624-1779.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 6:30 p.m. Card game Night. Double Deck Pinochle, rummy, Tripoly and other card games are available for play. Call Jerry 690-9565 for directions and space reservations. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, JULY 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. Movie Mania Month showing "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert", an Australian film about two drag queens and a transsexual as they traverse the Australian desert. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Monthly Poduck social gathering at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall, 29202 N. Geronimo. Bring your favorite dish to share with friends as we continue to build a Gay family through MSN. Already nearly 120 men have joined. For more information call Jerry at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Tucson Prime Timers monthly meeting at Wingspan scheduled for today will not be held. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17. Guest speaker to be announced.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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



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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Hour d'Ocervra. Salvo Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 4-9. C/W Dancing 9-11. Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scraps \$1.25 all 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. Beach B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Ten Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50c draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Staff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moose and Bruce Madras \$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 75c Schnapps 75c

Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Trash Disco nite.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Dart Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite: Out At The Biz!

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cambia/Salvo Mania 8-1.

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Bad east \$1. Stonewall opens at 9pm Trash Disco.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 5pm - 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 begin at 8pm. Schnapps Shots \$1.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 50c 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 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c 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)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Cerveo Gold \$1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Cerveo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool open 8:30pm.

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. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c 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 watching the pot.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 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 Kleia underwear, \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Prize specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm. Hot male strippers.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool open 8:30pm

friday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended 99c 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 75c Schnapps 75c

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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm; Hot Hour d'Ocervra 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, winner take all.

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

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pilsa Colada \$3. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.

IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon to 7pm Proctor Margarita Special: \$1 glass, \$3 pitchers. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

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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 getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3436. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIDE TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Pride 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), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadway Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

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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.

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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AFFIRMATION Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormons and ex-Mormons. For information write P.O. Box 78461, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call 791-7946. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday 5-7pm at St. Francis in The Foothills. Anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 846-1208 for more info.

METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, informal discussion on dreams, power of mind, etc. meets on Mondays 7-8:30pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Room 31. (River & Swan) 318-0540.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3913. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85741. 770-1314.

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570-0027

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #83, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3448 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Monty Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Fiddy Walters, (602)371-1102

ARE YOU A MAN who enjoys fun and fellowship with Gay men? Call CRONIFES 848-7264 - A social group for Gay men.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geranium (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 523-7943 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.

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Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an expanded Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9545 for information and a newsletter.538

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MULTIPLE LOSS SYNDROME

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She documented that compounding the loss of friends and loved ones, are the difficulties of often having to hide the importance of friendships that were often homosexual affairs, or hiding the circumstances of death from co-workers and others that ordinarily would be the source of some support during the difficult times.

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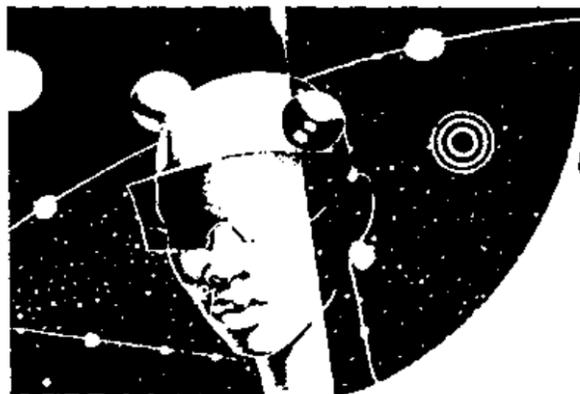
"Most importantly, most disasters have an ending, with clearly defined phases of recovery and rebirth. For the survivors of multiple losses due to AIDS, there has been no post-trauma," Klien explained, "Individuals who face loss after loss realistically cannot be expected to bounce back, as each grieving process is compounded by the one before it and is complicated by the anticipation of more to come. There is insufficient time between traumas, to work through the complex grief process."

When asked what percentage of the Lesbian and Gay community has been touched by the syndrome, Bjierke replied, "I don't know any one who hasn't been affected by these losses."

Sandra Jacoby Klein M.A., M.F.T. has 20 years experience in grief therapy has had her research findings into AIDS-Related Multiple Loss Syndrome repeatedly published in professional journals aimed at fellow therapists.

She began working with AIDS survivors in 1982 at The AIDS Project-Los Angeles, where on June 7 this year, she was keynote speaker to The Spiritual Advisor Group Multi-Faith Conference To The Clergy Of The Greater Metropolitan Los Angeles Area to recognize and properly treat the AIDS surviving population.

Next week *The Observer* carries part two of this story containing information on how this largely untreated syndrome debilitates Lesbian and Gay activism and causes other unexpected problems for survivors, as well as Klein's Recommendations and Coping Strategies for Survivors of Multiple Loss.



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