

Two Teams Discover HIV Suppressing Substances From White Cells

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - After a long search, researchers have discovered AIDS-virus suppressors that the body produces naturally, possibly opening the door to new treatments.

Scientists have long known that white blood cells called CD-8 cells secrete one or more substances that hamper the virus' efforts to reproduce and infect cells. But they hadn't been able to find out what the suppressing substances were.

Two research teams say they've found some answers. One identified three substances that dramatically reduce HIV's ability to infect cells in test tubes. The second team found that an unrelated protein from CD-8 cells restrains the virus' reproduction in test tube experiments.

Scientists hope to find a way to use the substances to control the body's HIV levels for long periods, maybe indefinitely, prolonging the years that infected people can stay healthy.

Although HIV infected people produce anti-viral CD-8 secretions naturally, prior research shows that the levels decline as the immune system deteriorates.

One of the research teams, from Germany, reports its results in the journal, *Nature*. The other, publishing in the December 15 issue of *Science*, includes prominent AIDS researcher Dr. Robert Gallo of the Institute of Human Virology in Baltimore, Maryland. He was with the National Cancer Institute at the time of the research.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said both papers are important. He also said it's no surprise that the two teams had different findings because "it would have been really astounding" if

only one CD-8 secretion suppressed HIV.

Fauci said the important questions now are how the substances suppress HIV and whether the test tube results can lead to a workable therapy.

The substances had been known before for doing other jobs.

Dr. Reinhard Kurth, president of the Paul Ehrlich Institute in Langen, Germany, and his colleagues report that a protein called interleukin-16 sharply reduced HIV replication in test tubes.

The report says interleukin-16 from African green monkeys was more effective than the human version, but Kurth said that more recent work shows the human version is virtually as effective.

Kurth said that in people, interleukin-16 might someday be combined with drugs to attack the virus at different stages of reproduction. If no new virus is made, the body's level of HIV will fall, giving the immune system a better chance to keep it under control, he said. But the virus would probably still not be eliminated, he said.

Meanwhile, in Washington, President Clinton told AIDS activist that he will fight to protect AIDS funding from budget cuts, saying that taking money away could jeopardize the lives of those with the disease.

During the first White House Conference on HIV and AIDS, Clinton said he would oppose any effort by Congress to undermine funds for AIDS research or to reduce Medicaid programs for the sake of balancing the budget. Nearly half of all 190,000 AIDS sufferers and 90 percent of children with AIDS are covered by Medicaid.

Candace Asks To Testify, Lou Sheldon Gets Bitchy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UPI) - House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Lesbian half sister said she is concerned that Gay witnesses were not invited to the House proceedings on homosexuality in education. Candace Gingrich said homosexuals should be represented and had offered to testify herself.

"I understand that these hearings will explore how schools around the country are handling some very important and sensitive issues, including local community efforts designed to protect young people from hate violence, discrimination, AIDS, and suicide," she had written in a letter to Republican Peter Hoekstra of Michigan.

Hoekstra is the chairman of the

subcommittee which held the hearings.

"It is my understanding that no Lesbian or Gay person is scheduled to appear, even though the difficult issues up for discussion have a profound impact on the health and safety of America's Lesbian and Gay young people and our families," she had wrote. "Mr. Chairman, this omission concerns me a great deal."

Gingrich said that while traveling across the country over the past six months, she has met with thousands of young people who have stories to tell about homosexuality.

"I know first hand about the hate,

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Hawaii Panel Recommends Gay Marriage

by Lisa Keen

HONOLULU, HI - For the first time ever, a statewide governmental body has recommended legalizing same-sex marriage. The recommendation came in Hawaii from a commission appointed by the governor and leaders of the state legislature.

In a 108 page "draft report" the Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law states that there a "substantial number" of "major benefits" to extending marriage rights to same sex couples.

The commission was created in September of this year in response to growing concern by some state legislators about a state supreme court ruling that the state cannot deny same sex marriage licenses to couples unless it can demonstrate a "compelling" governmental need to deny licenses to same sex couples. In issuing its ruling in May 1993, the Hawaii Supreme Court sent the case, *Baehr v. Lewin*, back to the trial court level to give the state a chance to demonstrate its reasons for denying licenses to same sex couples. The trial court was scheduled to hear the state's case earlier this year, but agreed to postpone it until July 1996.

In making its recommendation, the seven member commission said it believes the *Baehr v. Lewin* case brought by three same sex couples, is "a close parallel" to a landmark ruling in *Loving v. Virginia*. In that case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1967 that "There is patently no legitimate overriding purpose" for the state of Virginia to prohibit marriage between a white person and a person of another race.

The commission also said it believes denying same sex couples marriage licenses constitutes a violation of their rights, under the U.S. and state constitutions, to equal protection of the law.

The commission specifically threw out an argument made by some: that same sex marriage should be barred because "it would not lead to procreation." The commission said that the argument was "invalid, inconsistent and discriminatory..."

It also dismissed religiously based arguments, saying that people who have religious objections to homosexuality can adhere to those beliefs but that those beliefs "cannot be imposed by state law on others who do not subscribe to such beliefs."

The commission's report has been formally submitted to the legislature, along with its draft bill to amend the state marriage law to allow same sex marriages. But the commission noted that it will also provide an alternative "but more limited solution", a comprehensive domestic partnership law which would give same sex couples "most of the rights and obligations

of marriage without being married."

Dan Foley, an attorney representing the couples filing the lawsuit, said that the lawsuit would continue unless the legislature voters to approve same sex marriage.

"We'll support domestic partnership," said Foley, "but not as a substitute for marriage."

MAJOR BENEFITS

One of the commission's tasks was to identify legal and economic benefits for extending marriage rights to same sex couples. In doing so, the commission reported finding more than a dozen "substantial quantifiable" benefits which "have economic values attached to them that can be quantified," including: health benefits, retirement benefits, income tax rate benefits, estate and transfer tax benefits.

The commission noted that while same-sex partners can sometimes "replicate" these benefits through other means, the procedures to do so often carry significant costs. For instance, same sex couples can change their names to match, as many heterosexual married couples do; but the normal cost of name change proceedings are about \$300. Where a heterosexual married spouse can automatically inherit an estate and have custody of dependent children, a same sex couple has to spend as much as \$3,300 to secure legal documents to establish these same benefits. In sum, the commission estimated that the "basic value of a government marriage certificate" is about \$6,800.

The report also noted that the state's recognition of a couples marriage also qualifies them for numerous federal benefits, "as many as the Federal benefits are driven by the State defined definition of marriage..." These benefits include such things as Social Security ("Certified married couples receive significant advantages in the nation's Social Security programs," noted the report.), the Retirement Equity Act, and the Disability Insurance system.

A key task of the commission was to recommend specific action which the state legislature should take on this issue. In discussing this responsibility, the commission report said the commission members considered recommending a law to recognize domestic partnerships. While it recommended such legislation as "at least representing an incremental step towards eventual equal rights," it said domestic partnership laws "are designed for couples...who do not want to get married" and that such legislation "falls short of the protection and commitments inherent in marriage and governmental certification of marriage."

Thus far, only two other governmental bodies have expressed support for recognition of same sex marriages, both of

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UPDATE

MPS Christmas Party With 'Norman Tabernacle Choir'

by Beth Tullis

TUCSON - As the trial of "The People vs. Kathy Mayer" dragged on, the poor jurors were sequestered for months. They were not allowed to talk about the trial so they sang, sang, and sang.

When the trial was over, the book offers were slow coming in and no other deals were in sight. But alas, Rick Norman, not one to let an opportunity slip by, decided to form the "Norman Tabernacle Choir". After a little coaxing, perhaps a little bribing and yes, a few beers, the "Norman Tabernacle Choir" has agreed to do their first public appearance for the National MPS Society Christmas Party to be held on Thursday, December 21, 1995 at 8:30 P.M. at IBT's. There will be no charge for admission to this "unique" event.

Lucinda Holliday (how appropriate) will be your MC for the evening with special guest appearances by Marilyn, Madonna and Barbra, and the, the live vocals of Sasha should certainly ring your bells. Add to that the tapping of Nancy Norman's "twinkle toes" and a grand entrance by Santa himself and you've got one fun evening in store.

There will be baked goods available for purchase at Ms. Cindy's Bakery, two "Men of Moose" photos to be raffled and assorted Christmas baskets to be auctioned. Or, you can just come and enjoy the entertainment and meet Marie, President of the National MPS Society.

Our family would like to take this special time of the year to thank you for your friendship and support of us and the MPS Society. Please join us as we celebrate the holiday season with a festive evening of fun and entertainment. If you have any questions call Natalie or Beth at 747-7426.

Two Zimbabwe AIDS Healers Die Of It

RARE. Zimbabwe - Two traditional healers who claimed they could cure AIDS died of the disease after sleeping with women patients they treated.

Peter Sibanda of the Zimbabwe Traditional Healers Association told a medical conference that the deaths were a "harsh lesson" for those claiming to cure AIDS.

Tucson Great Place For Gays Book Says

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - A recent book released has told us something residents of the Old Pueblo had already known. That Tucson is a great place for Gays and Lesbians.

"Great Gay and Lesbian Places to Live-The Official Guide", by Lanie Dills and Lynn West, the book details 133 cities, including Tucson, across the United States from a Lesbian and Gay perspective.

The authors have profiled at least one city of town; from all 50 states, some of which have Gay rights protection. The authors have interviewed Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals who reside in these communities to learn what they think of their town. The section is entitled, "What the Locals Say."

Also included in the book is information on Gay and Lesbian restaurants, bars, coffee houses, support groups, political groups, social organizations, community centers, businesses, religious organizations, churches, AIDS projects, health care, Gay publications and the best neighborhoods to live in.

The authors include a contact phone number for each community so the reader can find out from a local Gay organization what is actually happening in the community.

The authors intentions are that with the information, the reader will have the resources to help guide them to the most Gay positive areas in the country.

Here is what the "locals" said about the Old Pueblo:

"Tucson is a very Gay friendly town with a traditional of intellectual and artistic interests. The Gay community has an open liaison with the police department which deters crimes committed against the Gay and Lesbian community...."

[Great Gay & Lesbian Places to Live-The Official Guide was authored by Lanie Dills & Lynn West. The book is published by Dills Publishing of Memphis, Tennessee. The guide is available at Antigone Books, \$16.95, they're located at 411 North Fourth Avenue. For more information call 792-3715.]

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Phil is survived by his life partner, Bruce Lazarus; parents, Len and Ellen Brock; brothers, Stan and Timmy; and many loving friends in Tucson and California.

A celebration of his life will be held at his home on Sunday, December 17, 1995 beginning at noon. Please contact Rik and Frank (577-2686) for further information.



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Jury Gives Houston Gay Basher The Death Penalty

HOUSTON, TX - Demarco McCullum, was sentenced to death for the 1994 shooting death of Michael J. Burzinski.

McCullum, a former high school football star, was convicted of capital murder. He was the first of four area youths charged in Burzinski's murder to go to trial. The other three reportedly were McCullum's former high school teammates. McCullum was just weeks away from entering a local junior college on a football scholarship.

While many media reports, in the aftermath of murder and before the opening of this trial focused on the young defendants' prior popularity, their involvement in school sports and the loss of their pro-

missing futures, prosecutors had focused on decidedly different aspects of McCullum's past and personality, including his alleged involvement in other, unrelated crimes.

During the trial, jurors were led through two statements given by McCullum about the incident, statements that defense attorneys tried to convince the jury were coerced and should not be considered.

In his first confession, McCullum said he and teammates Terrance Ferro, Decredrick Gainous and Christopher Lewis went to the Montrose area for no particular reason.

He admitted abducting Burzinski but said the teammates dumped him a dead end road, battered but alive. He explained

how they torched an ditched Burzinski's car to eliminate fingerprints. They then played dominoes until well after dawn.

McCullum later amended the crucial part of that statement, saying he wanted to tell the truth. He admitted shooting Burzinski in the head, "because that's what everybody wanted."

Supporting McCullum's second version was testimony by Lewis, who had said that the four went to Montrose with a plan to rob a Gay man.

Lewis said he heard Gainous tell McCullum to "do his thing" and after hearing a shot, he saw McCullum get back in Burzinski's car with the murder weapon.

Jurors took nearly six hours to convict McCullum of capital murder.

Burzinski was tipsy and likely never saw McCullum and his suspected cohorts lurking in the dark around a Gay bar called Heaven.

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violence, and discrimination that Gay people often face in school," she said. "Some are Lesbian or Gay, while others are merely perceived to be Gay by their peers. All have stories to tell that should not be left out of any sincere debate on values in our schools."

Hoekstra's subcommittee never released a full list of witnesses who will testify at the hearings, although former education secretary and social conservative William Bennett was scheduled to testify.

The hearings have come under fire from the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political organization.

HRC claims the hearings were initiated by Reverend Lou Sheldon, the head of the Traditional Values Coalition, whom it described as a "noted religious political extremist who continues to publicly claim responsibility for [the hearings]."

Sheldon said he has not played a direct role in the hearings, other than to provide Hoekstra's panel with a potential witness list and other information. He said he will not testify.

"These are not Lou Sheldon's hearings, and that is how the homosexuals have killed them," he said. "I am not a member of the U.S. Congress."

Sheldon said the hearings weren't intended to be about Gay bashing, but how children are "impacted by the advocacy and promotion of homosexuality."

"I think what is going to now happen, resulting from these hearings is that parents have the children come home from school and tell them they have been traumatized by somebody coming to their school and advocating homosexual sex," Sheldon said.

"There has been a complete orchestrated effort to take over the public schools by homosexual activists," he added.

Sheldon said that he had "no problem" with sex education.

"We believe in sex education, but we don't believe in telling sixth grade children about oral copulation," he said.

Sheldon had bristled at the suggestion that Candace Gingrich, which he has referred to her as, "black sheep of the speaker's family" should testify.

"Why should she have?" he asked. "What justifies her to do it, just the name Gingrich?"

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Youngest MCC Member Raises Funds For Shanti



Pictured (L to R): Kelley Griffith of Shanti; Dottie and Steven Ives, Sr., Steven, Jr., and Pastor Nita.

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - One Sunday Pastor Nita was delivering her sermon entitled "Children Shall Lead." Four and a half year old Steve Ives, Jr., took it to heart, and decided to do something to lead.

Steven raised money for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, totalling over \$110, when he participated in the annual El Tour De Tucson Fun Ride For Kids, which took place in late November.

The Fun Ride, a quarter of mile in length, is set up for children to participate and raise money for programs for the Project DARE campaign. It was Steven's mother, Dottie, idea to participate, but Steven, came up with the idea to raise additional funds for Shanti.

The monies raised came primarily from MCC church members who dug deep down in their pockets to give donations to little Steven and his bicycle-a-thon. At the Tour, Steven was presented a medal for doing the ride and received recognition from the crowd and by officials for his activities.

Steven raised a total of \$160, \$110 of which went to Shanti. The Shanti Foundation was very appreciative, giving little Steven an AIDS Awareness pin and a toy kitty for his fund raising.

Kelley Griffith of the Shanti Foundation, who was present to receive Steven's money said, "It's wonderful that we have four year old community minded

individuals says a lot for the family."

Steven's parents, Dottie and Steven, Sr., said they are very proud of their son. They added that Steven and their younger son will ride in kid bike events next year and raising funds for Shanti. They hope to get a team of riders from Water of Life-MCC to ride in events and raise funds for Shanti.

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by Frank E.G. Gallego

The following information appeared in PACT's *The Coalition News*, September/October 1995:

SPV 30, an herbal extract derived from the European boxwood tree, a type of evergreen, is a bitter tasting, yellow green extract powder. The French pharmaceutical company that developed the compound, Arkopharma, has not released the specific ingredients of the extract, so it is not known what the compound is or what the active ingredients are.

According to the monograph distributed by ACT-Up New York, SPV appears to increase CD4 counts, reduce fatigue, and promote a feeling of well-being. In test tube studies, SPV 30 targeted the reverse transcriptase enzyme. It may also reduce tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-alpha), which is elevated in HIV disease, and is associated with increased viral replication, cell loss, and an inflammatory response. Preliminary testing in animals did not reveal any significant toxicities.

Interest in this compound was sparked by a case report of a woman in France who had been taking SPV 30 for several years. She has reportedly maintained high CD4 counts without use of antiretroviral medication and despite episodic IV drug use. Limited data have been released from a Phase I trial in humans. Twenty-two patients took 330 mg., 3 times per day. Another 21 patients served received a placebo. After 30 weeks, the SPV group experienced an average increase in T-cell count of 94 while the no-treatment group experienced an average decline of 43 T-cells. Unfortunately, individual data were not available.

An article in a recent issue of *Bea*, however, pointed out that there is still no valid scientific evidence that SPV 30 is effective. The writer urged people to be cautious about jumping on the latest AIDS treatment bandwagon. In the meanwhile (placebo controlled) is currently gearing up in France with a goal of enrolling 180 patients for an 18 month period. The data from this study should give a better indication whether SPV 30 has any real benefit.

SPV is available through the PACT Buyer's Club. For information about enrolling in a clinical trial, contact the study coordinator, David Stokes in Boston, at (617) 424-9195, or the technical director, Beth Mestman in New York at, (516) 472-5507. PACT's Buyers Club coordinator is Dan Nunez and may be reached at 770-1710, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

I leave you with this in mind, "To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived-this is to have succeeded." - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882).

Special gratitude is expressed to my friend, Katherine Lanier of Portland, Oregon for this beautiful reminder.



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|----------------|------|------|-------|
| Rubber Queens | 12.0 | 0.0 | 20101 |
| Tres Amigos | 8.0 | 4.0 | 19740 |
| Two Tall/Wide | 8.0 | 4.0 | 18717 |
| Stray Cats | 8.0 | 4.0 | 18624 |
| Baker's Dozen | 7.0 | 5.0 | 18598 |
| Pin Me Down | 7.0 | 5.0 | 17313 |
| Noizy Poizons | 6.0 | 6.0 | 18915 |
| HITT'ers | 6.0 | 6.0 | 17263 |
| Triple T | 5.0 | 7.0 | 19178 |
| 2 Peas & A Pod | 5.0 | 7.0 | 18339 |
| Double Stuff | 4.0 | 8.0 | 18192 |
| Seaweeds | 4.0 | 8.0 | 16794 |
| Twelve | 2.0 | 10.0 | 18447 |
| Bee Bytes | 2.0 | 10.0 | 16478 |

High Average: April D., 145; Mark K., 202; Rubber Queens 526.

High Series Scratch: April D., 510; Mark K., 713; Rubber Queens, 1866.

High Series Handicap: April D., 687; Mark K., 762; Rubber Queens, 2028.

High Game Scratch: April D., 200; Jeffrey T., 279; Triple T, 658.

High Game Handicap: April D., 259; Mark K., 298; Triple T, 733.

LAMBDA LIZARDS BOWLING LEAGUE

| | Won | Lost | Pins |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|
| Looney Tunes | 6.5 | 1.5 | 37093 |
| High Rollers | 4.5 | 3.5 | 36463 |
| Too Much | 4.0 | 4.0 | 37438 |
| Ooh Sh*t! | 4.0 | 4.0 | 37308 |
| PACT Rats | 4.0 | 4.0 | 33024 |
| Pigs R Us | 1.0 | 7.0 | 36443 |

High Average: Ann R., 168; Jack S., 190.

High Series Scratch: Ann R., 566; Jack S., 646; Ooh Sh*t!, 2579.

High Series Handicap: Hilda C., 648; Bob S., 690; Ooh Sh*t!, 3038.

High Game Scratch: Jackie M., 220; Jack S., 248; Too Much, 877.

High Game Handicap: Jackie M., 256; Max V., 275; Pigs R Us, 1064.

DESERT COYOTES STILL HAVE OPENINGS;

TUCSON - There are still openings available on Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Wednesday bowling league, The Desert Coyotes.

The Desert Coyotes Bowling League bowls, as mentioned, on Wednesdays at 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The league consists teams of three persons. The cost to bowl is \$8 per week.

If interested, show up approximately 20 minutes before the start time. For any other information call 743-3303.

Ray Appleman thrilled the league bowlers and onlookers when he threw the first ten strikes in a row during his third game of bowling. On Ray's eleventh ball, he left the four pin, and received a big round of applause for his efforts.

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It is difficult to find new and satisfying superlatives for the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, a situation that makes a reviewer, an audience and the performers glad. RGMC's second concert on Friday, December 1, at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, had all the excitement and energy of their first concert - plus. The Chorus has grown and developed in musicality, technical skills, and spirit beyond the boundaries of their first concert last June. Directed by James H. Gall, Artistic Director, the program was perfectly paced, balanced between the serious and lighter fare, and the Chorus made the transition between styles with ease and grace. Mr. Gall also made his impressive debut here as a composer with his powerful and beautiful music to the old Hanukkah song, *Mi Y'Mallel*, in which Ron Eldridge's outstanding, strong solo voice filled the hall. Mr. Gall also arranged the traditional carols specially for RGMC.

This is not to say there were no blemishes. But they were of the variety that go by nearly unnoticed, certainly unremembered, in the sweep of the event. A peak where more intensity of feeling was wanted, or an entry that was a few milliseconds off, or a pitch that was several cents sharp - some professional performing ensembles would give a great deal to have as few of these "blemishes" as this chorus has.

All the Chorus's strong points evident in their first concert last June, were right there on Friday, but more finely tuned and highly developed: unanimity of attack and pitch, dead-center intonation, clear announcement, and plain old exciting music making of the goose-bump rising variety. The pleasure of hearing this chorus make music lies in their solid technical expertise, wide expressive range, and sheer joy of making music. The audience were at least as enthusiastic and demonstrative as at the June concert, and attendance increased by about 12% over the June concert to around 375.

The program opened with English composer Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, written in 1942 for treble (boys) choir and harp. Britten and his lover, tenor Peter Pears, had come to America in 1939 to escape arrest for their committed pacifism, but with America's entry into the war in late 1941, their haven became a potential prison. Britten had become deeply depressed by then and unable to compose, but could not bring himself to

REVEILLE IN REVIEW

by Thom Gandet

return to England. But by early 1942, Britten and Pears made that difficult decision, and they set sail through waters controlled by German U-boats, not knowing when - or if - they would arrive safely home.

America had been a terrible disappointment to Britten. He was initially enthusiastic about the US, and had even written that he was thinking of staying permanently here; American musicians, such as Aaron Copland, and other British ex-patriots like W.H. Auden, pressed him with the importance, both politically and musically, of his continued stay in the US. Within months of his arrival here, Britten had serious - and growing - doubts about remaining.

He was appalled by the political corruption, the paranoid fear of anything foreign, and the pervasive, ignorant bigotry of the times (a famous example of which prevented Bertrand Russell from teaching at New York University). He also despised New York, about which he wrote: "I hate New York Everything here is crazes - crazes - crazes."

Too, W. H. Auden had convinced Britten that homosexuality was more tolerated in America than it was in England, and it soon became apparent to him that that was simply untrue - if anything, the situation was the reverse. But Auden was still Uncle Wiz to Britten, "the man who must know best", his intellectual mentor, and it would be sometime yet before Britten would discard Auden's trenchant views and pervasive influence to become his own man.

Sexually, Britten had still, at the age of 30, to come to real terms with his homosexuality. Auden had been counseling him for some time that he risked emotional and artistic paralysis if he denied the nature of his sexuality any longer. While Britten had male sexual liaisons before, as a schoolboy and as an adult (prominent among the latter was composer Lennox Berkeley), his feelings about them were mainly ones of intense guilt.

His song cycle written in late 1939 to Rimbaud's poetry, *Les Illuminations*, contains allusions to several of his schoolboy loves. The texts he chose

contain many overtly homoerotic lines, none of them charitably Christian ("calamities ... rigged out in revolting luxury", for example), and he omitted them from the cycle. The texts' depiction of a sexual hell seemed to say that here was what his youthful crushes had got him. Pears and Auden, on the other hand, appeared to be very at ease with their homosexuality, and Pears seemed also comfortable in his sexual (and musical) relationship with Britten.

Added to these disappointments and pressures from all sides, was the growing resentment in England at Britten's absence. There were increasingly strident calls for his return among England's prominent intellectuals and artists, who hotly and publicly argued the validity of reasons for Britten's leaving England and his opposition to the war. Britten was warned by supporters at home that it would become increasingly difficult to secure performances of his music unless he returned.

Auden, for his own political and personal reasons, was still urging Britten to remain in America at any cost, and it was at Auden's suggestion that Pears and Britten joined Auden, his lover Chester Kallman, and several others in a bisexual commune in New York. It was a dismal failure for Britten - the continual noise of human dramas being played out against a sexually charged background made it impossible for Britten to work or to come to some acceptance of his own sexuality. The sexual aura of the commune, ambivalent at its best, cannot have been supportive of Pears and Britten's one-on-one relationship. The result for him was depression and an inability to work - what Auden prophesied, had come to pass.

Against this background of pressures on Britten, both internal and external, he finally decided to return to England. Once that trip began, his depression quickly lifted and he was able to compose again, despite what was under even more appalling conditions of noise and turmoil than at the commune. The first piece he tackled was what was quickly to become *Ceremony of Carols* upon his return to England. Made up of texts from old English carols set to music modern in style, there seems, on the surface, to be little reflection of Britten's own struggles

in the *Ceremony*. Britten seemed to have left his troubles behind, in New York Harbor.

The Chorus sang Britten's *Carols* with focused power, rhythmic excitement, and mature conviction. The emotional and musical subtleties of this score came through clearly, with a fine comprehensibility of text for such relatively complex music. Rhythms were supple and clearly articulated, as in the tough canonic working-out of *As dew in April*, and they contributed much to the fine shaping of the piece the Chorus conveyed. The chant-like, a cappella, Processional and Recessional, *Hodie, Christus natus est*, were moving and paced to set a quiet dignity and solemnity to the first half of the program. Jeff Keim's solo tenor passage went by far too quickly, as he possesses a beautiful, clear and intelligent voice. Maria Banks was the excellent harpist, and her solo *Interlude* mid-point in the piece made this reviewer hope to hear more of her playing.

The Shepherd's Carol, a 17th-Century German traditional carol, and *Ave Maria*, a setting from the early 1980's by Austrian composer Franz Biebl, used a second choir in the loft. The hall seemed to have perfect acoustics for this kind of music. The coordination between the choirs was secure, and they played off each other so well that the performance took on the best qualities of fine chamber music.

A 16th-Century Spanish carol, *Riu, Riu, Chiu*, kept the mood of olden-days' spirituality and featured the fine, clear voices of bass section members Terry Long and Tim Berger as soloists. The text is sacred, but the carol was usually sung at informal secular events. A turn to the more modern followed, with *Some Children Still See Him*. Art Riepenhoff's warmly focused and gentle solo tenor voice, first singing alone and then soaring above the chorus, impressed with its wonderful bell-like clarity.

Mi Y'Mallel is an old Hanukkah song for which Mr. Gall has written new music. Above a powerful and slowly moving line of long-held, dense, modal chords sung by the chorus, Mr. Gall has woven a solo tenor line with a wide tessitura, reminiscent of the melodies sung by Hebrew cantors. Ron Eldridge's strong, focused voice was the perfect vehicle for

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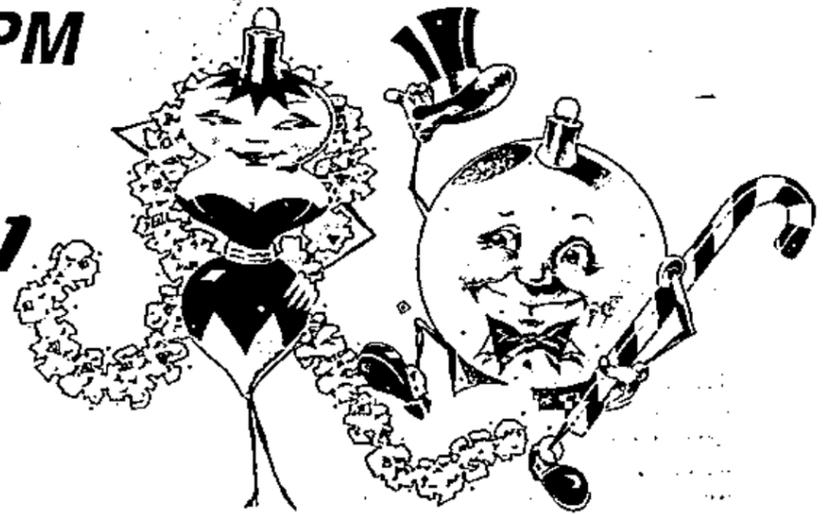
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by Ace London

Why would anyone want to move to the Black Hills of South Dakota?

Time and again that question was thrown at me over the past six months as I prepared to move from Reno, Nevada to the Black Hills.

Many aside comments were haughtily offered, like: "Be sure to bring extra heavy long-johns or you'll freeze your butt off." "Are you really prepared for that kind of humidity?" "You'll be lucky to get work; it's a depressed area, you know." "The only income for the area comes from tourism and that SAC Air Force Base; that's really shaky economically." "I hear it's red-neck country and they'd like to build a fence around the State to keep folks like you out."

Oh yes, many comments. Comments which I must admit were a bit humorously enjoyable, a bit mentally titillating, and even maybe a bit ludicrous. I suppose all of us have "friends" who offer such "advice" when they learn we are moving to another State.

One may ask however: Isn't there a kernel of truth in even the ludicrous comments friends may offer? For instance: take the "extreme" hot and cold weather conditions "existent" in the Black Hills. Think how bad it could be if they didn't call this the "banana belt"! And as far as freezing my butt off? Well, unlike all the big-butt commenters, I can't freeze mine off 'cause I've got one of those cute little cowboy butts.

And yes, even as I sit here writing now, I am amazed by this "kind of humidity"! Having lived in such strange humid areas like Chicago, L.A., Truckee, CA, Laughlin and Reno, Nevada, I really wasn't prepared for "this kind of humidity".

And: "a depressed area". Now there was a scary comment. What if?! So less "depressed area"...and I actually have a job...matter of fact, two jobs, so there might have been at least a tiny kernel of truth in the comment, huh? We certainly do have a ways to go bringing up the

standard of the living wage! Of course it's not only in the Black Hills this exists. The poor slob working at the Reno casino worked their butts off for minimum wage also had to work two jobs to keep their family in mere food, shelter and clothing.

More than a kernel of truth is the fact that the main income for this area is tourist dollars and Ellsworth AFB. Absolutely true. But, "shaky economically"? Well, maybe that's debatable. Possibly the tourists might stop coming. It could happen. And, who knows? Possibly my Republican co-horts in D.C. might just decide the AFB is no longer needed in our program of military preparedness. This could happen also. What then? Would we be prepared because we'd built up profitable local businesses which weren't dependent upon the kindness of Uncle Sam or the whims of travelers who spend their dollars only once at our stores?

And! How about all those red-necks and Hills-billies! So what's new? At least I'm not moving to Idaho where I usually put a pointed white hood over my head while driving through the State to insure the police won't stop me. Sure, I've met some red-necks here, but hey! This is America and no one ever told me everyone would be intelligent, educated an erudite. Besides: it's my personal opinion that encounters with alien or subcultures are an opportunity for personal growth and educational opportunity for them.

As far as folks wanting to build a fence around South Dakota to keep folks like me out? Well, what can I say? Cousin Dollie in Sioux Falls wants to do this, I think, and she's not a red-neck either. I think it's just when folks have something beautiful and wonderful; they're afraid. Afraid? Sure. I can remember L.A. in the 50's. You could smell orange blossoms. You could still see surrounding mountains. You could walk its streets safely day or night. You didn't have to lock your house up or your car when you went shopping.

Wonder what L.A. would be like today if a fence had gone up then? And now, nearly half a century later, there are still breeders and baby machines who do not believe the number one problem in the world is over population. Where do they think all those folks in over crowded L.A. came from!?

Yes, we do need to be aware and elect local, County, State and national folks who will protect all of us from the foibles of ourselves. I'm so glad to have moved to a spot of Eden so misunderstood about, that it is still a bit of Eden.



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NEWTGATE: The House Ethics Committee finally took action on charges against House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Dixie). [Sounds familiar, Newt and ethics problems!]

By a unanimous vote, the Ethics Committee to hire an Independent Counsel to investigate allegations that Gingrich, then chair of GOPAC, a Republican political action committee has diverted funds from the organization into Gingrich's 1990 re-election campaign, which he squeaked by, winning by only 974 votes.

[The big roar of laughter you're probably hearing is coming from the states of Texas. Specifically from former House Speaker Jim Wright, who Gingrich ousted due to ethics charges. Talk about irony!]

MISGUIDED FIFE: Our saga of Arizona Governor J. Fife Whitebread III (R-Mercado) continues...

As we left our story, our "hero", Whitebread; beset by his personal bankruptcy hearings, as union pension funds try to recoup monies they loaned Fife and his Mercado project; his popularity and credibility with Arizonans falling faster than CBS's prime time television ratings in the polls tries to recoup by continuing his Diversion Tour.

Whitebread goes to yet another stop, and he leaves the state to do it. [And the state goes wild!] His Fifeness goes to the nation's capital, [Gridlock City], and testifies before the House Resources Committee on legislation that, get this, would allow state governments to take over federal parks in the event the federal government shuts down over budget disagreements. [Eek!]

During something, that resembled testimony, Whitebread said, "It's a little arrogant to seal off one of the natural wonders of the world while our federal government squabbles over it's continuing fiscal excesses." [Was he referring to the Mercado project in Phoenix? Guess not!]

[Right, this humility, and I use that term loosely, comes from a man who has tried to stiff union pensioners; divert the attention of Arizonans over his financial problems; whose trying to screw up the environment by repealing laws to protect our surrounding [including air!]; wreaking havoc on the state education system and the rest of government. Remember, this is a person who said his "invasion" of the Grand Canyon National Park had single-handedly solved the federal budget crisis. Can we delusional here!]

Back in the "Evil City of the North", and Fife's personal bankruptcy hearings continue with the Bankruptcy trust are going after political contributions his Fifeness has made months before he filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The trustee will try to recover two contributions: One for \$1,000, made in March 1995, to the Phil Gramm for President Campaign. And a \$10,000 contribution, in September 1994, to the Arizona Republican Party.

Terry Dake, counsel for the trustee said the contributions represents, "a classic fraudulent convergence." The term is used, Dake said, to refer to a gift made at a time when a debtor is considered financially insolvent. [How about morally and politically as well?]

Where are those recall petitions?

THEY'RE BACK! Be afraid! Be very afraid! The Arizona State Legislature is in special session.

One of the items those "Bozos" are taking up during this "special time" is changing the laws regarding signature gathering for initiatives and candidates. They want to change the law so that initiative petition circulators who are paid to gather signatures would have to wear badge saying this. This despite there is a spot on the initiative petition designating this.

One of the "Bozos", Sen. Stan "I got caught!" Barnes (R-Mormonia) says that people signing candidate nominating petitions, "...know their endorsing an individual." [Right!?!] The boy blunder says about initiatives, "...They're complex and have hidden agendas. [And you don't Stan!] People signing should know who is paying to put the issue on the ballot. [Right, and they should know who is paying to put you in office as well darling!]

YEAH CARMINE! Carmine Cardimone, local activist, told me in an exclusive interview, that he plans to run for the State House of Representatives from District 11.

Carmine, "straight but not narrow", has served as campaign manager and a volunteer aide to the fabulous State Rep. Elaine Richardson (D), one of our few friends in the "Big House". Carmine was one of the co-founders of TGLC, and helped to draft Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance with Phyllis Segar. [I hope this happens, we need another friend in the Big House!]

END NOTES: Senate President "King" John Greene (R-Greed Land) said when he lost a procedural vote which he had tried to ramrod through. His hince said, "The only thing accomplished by Senate Democrats was to award themselves a day's pay. The citizens of this state should be outraged." [King John, you, the Governor, Speaker Marky-Mark and the rest of Legislature haven't awarded yourselves? This state suffers because of your incompetence. Now that's an outrage!]

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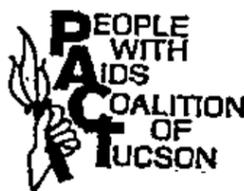
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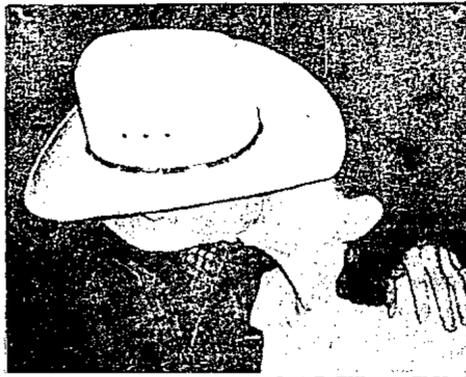
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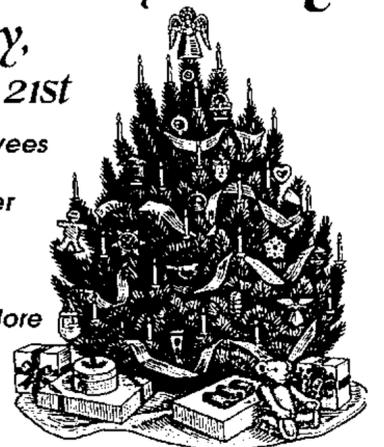
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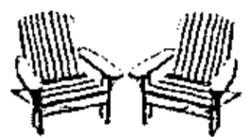
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Mist From The Water Of Life

by Rev. Nita Willey

News From MCC Tucson

Hi! It is so good to be able to share with you again. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. I hope that something in it will touch you in a special way. As all of us are God's children, without regard to religious affiliation, I find great pleasure in maintaining contact with each of you.

If any of you come from a Christian background, it does not matter if you are Gay, straight, Bisexual, celibate, everyone is welcome here! The worship services are ecumenical. That means that there is a part of most Christian faiths incorporated into the service experience. Then too, if you have not religious background, come, see and find God in your way. We have been called into service to this community. We believe that everyone has need of a higher power (we call God) to face all whatever evil, pain and difficulties sent our way. God will help us find a way through, around or even totally take our troubles.

I cannot express strongly enough, God made us and wants to be a part of each of our lives! We are not genetic mistakes, abominations, evil, recruiting people! We are mad in God's spiritual image and all that is good in us is of God. As we share a closer relationship with our Creator, we will find renewed peace of mind and spirit. Those are very important issues for us in this community.

First we must find ourselves and then share our renewed peace, love, and caring with others who have yet to come to terms with their own lives. I am not saying that it will be a miracle of changes in an instant. It will more than likely take time for each to process and find that wonderful renewal of peace that comes

when we stop listening to the ultra-right wing religions, and find that we are too heirs to the Kingdom of God!

Each of us will be able to work through whatever has been heaped on us. We must be patient and wait for God's time as we go through the grief process to realization of just how wonderful we are, God's chosen people. Many have tried to brain wash us to believe that we are unworthy of God's all inclusive love, NOT! They are the ones who will be surprised when we get to heaven.

Theologians tell us that we will be received in heaven more easily through our suffering. If that is true, then we have surely complied with that requirement at the hands of others. Remember, everyone is worthy of God's wonderful love! We must be willing to seek it out, accept it and know that God made us who we are; loving, gentle people, seeking to be accepted by that higher power (God) and know that we are worthy.

"But Jesus called them (the children) unto him, and said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the Kingdom of God. Truly I say unto you, whoever shall not received the Kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.'" (Luke 18:16 & 17)

We will always be God's children. It does not matter how old we get chronologically. Let us be the children of God who we are meant to be. You do not have to come to Water of Life-MCC. Find a place where you are comfortable and initiative or renew your personal relationship with God. You will be blessed beyond your wildest imagination.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What is your favorite song of the Christmas season? Is it one of the traditional carols such as "Silent Night" or "Away in a Manger"? Or perhaps your favorite is one of the secular songs, like "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" or maybe "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth"? Or are you fascinated by the barking dogs singing "Jingle Bells"? Or possibly are you someone who enjoys classical music the most and so would say that one of the pieces from Handel's "Messiah" ranks as your favorite?

While I enjoy all kinds of Christmas music, if I had to choose I would name "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" as my all time favorite. Strictly speaking, it is not really a Christmas carol, but rather an Advent hymn, because the words are a prayer to God to send his son to Earth, and is the vent which we celebrate at Christmas. The hymn begins, "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear." This verse seems to limit the longing to just the Jewish children of God, but the final verse says, "O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid Thou sud divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of peace." Emmanuel was not just to come for the Jewish race, but for all humanity! The chorus for this carol has such excitement and certainty: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

This carol gives words to the longing that is present in every human heart, a longing for deliverer from this world and all its pain, strife, and hardships. But the reason that I call this an Advent hymn rather than a Christmas carol is because the central focus of Christmas is the fact that the deliverer has already come! The chorus should be "Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee!"

Emmanuel was first promised in the Old Testament. In the book of Isaiah this promise was given: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14) Hundreds of years later the New Testament comments on the birth of Jesus, "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' - which means 'God with us.'" (Matthew 1:22)

Why would there be such longing for Emmanuel? Think about what that name means, God with us! God, who created everything that is, who has all power and all knowledge and all abilities, has come to Earth to live with his creation! While we know that he no longer lives on Earth in bodily form, we still have his presence with us, because the Holy Spirit lives in those who have accepted him as their deliverer! This guarantees us that we never have to experience anything which will defeat us! God with

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us, Emmanuel, can give us the strength or knowledge or whatever it is that we need to go through the hard times in our lives. The Jews were looking for a deliverer from human oppressors, but Emmanuel is much more than this, he is the only deliverer from the punishment we all deserve for our sins! And his deliverance is complete!

This Christmas season, I pray that you can sing with me, "Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to me!" If not, why don't you ask him today to become your

deliverer? Then you, too, will have something to rejoice about this Christmas.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. Benefit Show for the Old Pueblo Valentine's Softball Tournament. Hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and featuring Helens Bubbles, Kristla and Crystal Abrams.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - BIZ-Y Bodies Holiday Variety Show. 7-9 p.m. \$3 cover.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

GRADUATE - TKO Benefit Christmas Party for C.O.P.E. begins at 8:30 p.m. Sing-A-Long with Cristina de Alexis and Citabria Sinclair. Support the cause, join the gang and have some fun.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed, Tucson's hottest cumbias and corridos. 6-9 p.m. \$3 cover.

GRADUATE - AGRA Xmas Jamboree. Mark your calendars and watch for more details!

IBT'S - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que to benefit Desert Leathermen's Condom Fund. At 6:30 p.m., IBT's Annual '95/'96 Scholarship will be awarded. Then stick around 'cause at 9:30, David Burrill's singing and stripping! You've seen his movies. Don't miss his live act. 9:30 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Benefit show for Children With AIDS hosted by Crystal Abrams. 9:30

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" Annual Christmas Show Hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring Angelica West, Helens Bubbles and Lucinda Holiday.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Biz Christmas Party and Holiday Karaoke. Join the staff for lots of fun! 8:00 p.m. Food. No cover.

IBT'S - 8:30 p.m. NPS Christmas Party with the 'Norman Tabernacle Choir' and Bake Sale. Don't miss this great event!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Desert La Cage Christmas Show starring Crystal Abrams, Electra Bleu and special guests. 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - New Year's Eve Bash - Hot! Hot! Dance Music! Party favors, food, free soft drinks for designated drivers. Fun starts at 7:00 p.m. Champagne toast at midnight. \$5.00 cover.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open at 10:00 a.m. Big screen Football. Bloody Mary special. Beer Bust 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free Posole for your hangover.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m. Dinner out at the El Torero, 231 E. 26th St. Call Steve 795-6718 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Cronies Social Club Monthly Meeting and Christmas Banquet will be held at the Hamada Inn on Oracle at 7:00 p.m. Call Richard 578-0840 for cost and reservation.

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m. TV Video Nite of "The Black Adder", outrageous British comedy TV series. Three episodes. 7-9 p.m. Call Stephen or Loren 790-4416. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Come to a "Thank You Bill" rally from noon to 1:00 p.m. in front of the Federal Building, 300 W. Congress. Show support for President Clinton's efforts to save Medicaid, Medicare, education and other social programs. Join with other progressive people - stand up for the people who care about you.

7:00 p.m. MSN Board Nite. Easy learning for beginners. Call Les 690-0565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Cornerstone Fellowship Christmas Program. Skits, singing followed by snacks and fellowship in the Social Hall. 7:00 p.m.

MSN, Video Nite 7:00 p.m. Unique offering of short films and other odds and ends, including "Hardware Wars". Call Jerry or Les 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. There will be a discussion on "Secular Humanists, Who Are They? What Do They Believe? Are They Dangerous?" Following the meeting the group will adjourn to Carosso's for a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome to join us.

Men's Social Network (MSN) 6:00 p.m. Join the MSN family for a drive through viewing of the Christmas decorations in Winterhaven. Call Ray 797-6648 for info and directions.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Cornerstone Fellowship Christmas Candlelight Service Cantata. ("Bethlehem's Light") Christmas caroling. Communion will be served.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Men's Social Network, 3:00 p.m. Join the MSN family at the home of Ernie. Turkey and Ham are provided and the rest will be potluck. Call Ernie 721-2003 for reservations and directions and to sign up for an appropriate dish. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7 p.m. TV Video Night of "The Black Adder", outrageous British TV comedy series. 3 episodes. Call Jerry 690-9565 for info. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free and Anonymous HIV testing at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. No appointment necessary. Put this date on your holiday schedule. Start the new year knowing.

Men's Social Network 7 p.m. Card Game Night. Variety of card games for all levels. Call Jerry 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Men's Social Network 7:00 p.m. A New Year's Eve Board Game Night is scheduled for a safe, alcohol-free New Year's Eve Happy New Year. A variety of board games are available. Easy learning for beginners. Call Jerry 690-9565 for reservations and information. Guests always welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 6-10, \$1.28 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.28 Draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.28 8-7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-6 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm. \$1.60 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 6-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 8pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 60¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament! 6pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 6-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.28 Draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢ 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 \$1.28. 60¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.60 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.60 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 8pm-1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-ERG Dance Music. Party with Stephen, your bartender.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 76¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 6pm - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament! 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bird! Non-Premium Beer \$1.60 8pm to 1am.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.28, Draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢ Schnapps 76¢ 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.60 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattos Tuesday. \$1.28 well and \$1.60 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$2 donation for Shant. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Hi-ERG dance music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 76¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 6pm - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Beer Bust 7-11 pm. \$1.28 Pitchers, 76¢ Glass.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.28 Draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.28. 60¢ 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. \$1.60 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Bar Nite. \$1.60 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 Trash Disco. Corona and Curro Gold \$1.60
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 76¢ 6am-8pm. Curro Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 6pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.28 Draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.28. 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 \$1.60 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.28 Well and \$1.60 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 8pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 76¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 6pm-close. 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
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.28 draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.28. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.60 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Louisa 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 76¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 6pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 6 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.28 draft 76¢ Schnapps 76¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colada \$3. Dance Music 8-1.
IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.60 domestic beer and \$1.28 well. Patio Bar with Louisa 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 6pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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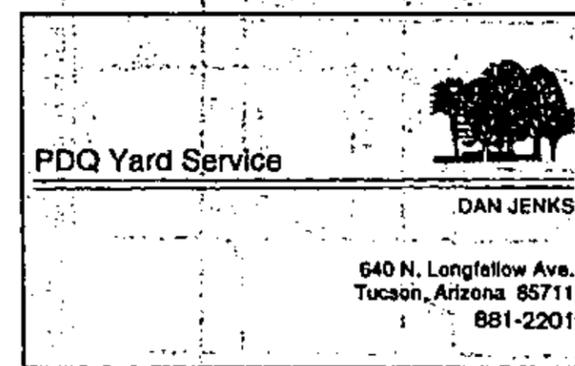
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THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

Creativity and a Deformed Tree

Just to let you know: starting next month, I will be periodically running interviews with local Gay men in this column. Our January interview will be with Dr. Toby Marotta, Bay area cultural anthropologist, recently transplanted here. Based on extensive interviews with Bay area queerfolk as well as his own reflection and study, he has some interesting views on HIV-prevention and safer sex. Don't miss it!

I have always valued breadth of experience, and I've made my life choices guided by this value. I've often gone for the new and different thing, the thing that would expand me most, rather than the supposedly safe thing. I say "supposedly" because the "safe" path society lays out for a man is often a dead end. It leads to boredom, stagnation, self-suppression, and seething anger for so many men, straight and Gay.

That's why I see being an out-of-the-closet Gay man as such an opportunity for growth. We see things the mainstream society can never see, because we have a distance on it. By putting us outside the boundary in so many ways, the mainstream society has paradoxically given us the opportunity to see things in a fresh light.

To be Gay means having the freedom to make up your life as it goes along, to create different kinds of relationships than straight marriage, and for many of us, freedom from the financial burden of dependents. An old Latin saying goes, "Aut libri aut liberi," meaning, "Either books or children." This is saying that the creative or scholarly life often doesn't mix well with family responsibilities. This may have something to do with why Gay men have contributed so much to our cultural and spiritual expression in Western society.

This is why I'm definitely NOT of the camp which says, "I'm just like a straight person except for what I do in bed." Our situation in society is so different from the straight person's! A straight person has never gone the first step down our road to self-liberation. They've never had to give even a split second's thought to issues such as, "How do I hide my sexual inclinations from everybody else? Am I the only one? Am I really sick or sinful, as the straight society says I am? Can I not trust my body and its natural desires? Whom do I trust, my body or society? I guess I'll have to go with my bodily desires, in order to have any integrity at all, and fight the life-long battle against homophobia."

We face job and housing discrimination, usually some form of rejection by blood family and the ensuing issues of self-worth, the chaos and low level of consciousness that pervades much of the Gay community, difficulty finding stable

relationships, and the threat of AIDS. This is not being "just the same as a straight person except for what I do in bed." This is an entirely different context in which to work out a life.

Along with this, however, goes the freedom I was mentioning before. Because I will never get married to a woman and have children, because I'm already a "lost cause" to straight society, I can be creative in forming my relationships with other men. Because religion basically rejects me, I can make up my own spirituality, more personalized than any church doctrine. Because my sexuality is unacceptable to so many, I can experiment and perhaps find other uses for sexual energy besides the straight ones. Because I have no family responsibilities, I can spend my time in creativity or leisure or sheer play.

An ancient Chinese philosopher, Chuang-Tzu, told a story about a huge, deformed tree. Its branches were so twisted that no one wanted to cut them for decorating their homes. Its leaves were tough and it bore no fruit, so no one wanted it for food. Its wood was so pithy and knotty that no one wanted to cut it down for lumber. In every way, it was useless to human needs, so it was left alone and it lived out its full life undisturbed.

By contrast, the beautiful trees, with straight branches, lovely fruit, and good wood were all cut down in their prime, because they were useful to others. The point of the parable is that it's not such a good thing to be too useful to others, because you will be exhausted by it. If you are physically beautiful, everyone will want a piece of you, literally. If you are smart and industrious, others will be only too happy to let you do their work for them.

Large corporations, for example, may find you so desirable that they hire you and put you in a highly responsible, well-paid position. Within a couple of years, you will be depleted, stressed to the max, in perpetual debt to finance your "standard of living," having no leisure time to yourself, and losing touch with your sexuality and your body in general. All this because you were so talented, and are now on the road to "success!" If you are intelligent and make a show of it, people will resent you and envy you, but let you do the thinking for them anyway, and transfer responsibility to you when things go wrong.

Chuang-tzu finishes the parable about the tree by saying, "If having a deformed shape helped the tree live out its natural span of years undisturbed, how much more valuable is having a deformed personality!" We have to catch his humor here. What society calls useless or deformed, like being Gay, can have surprising benefits. "Misfits" move society forward, and we often have a lot of fun doing it! Because "nobody wants us," we are left alone to a large extent to develop our lives undisturbed. Instead of clinging to hetero institutions, let's make use of our freedom to do something new and different!

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker serving the Gay community. He offers individual, couples, and group sessions. For more information, call 623-1732.]



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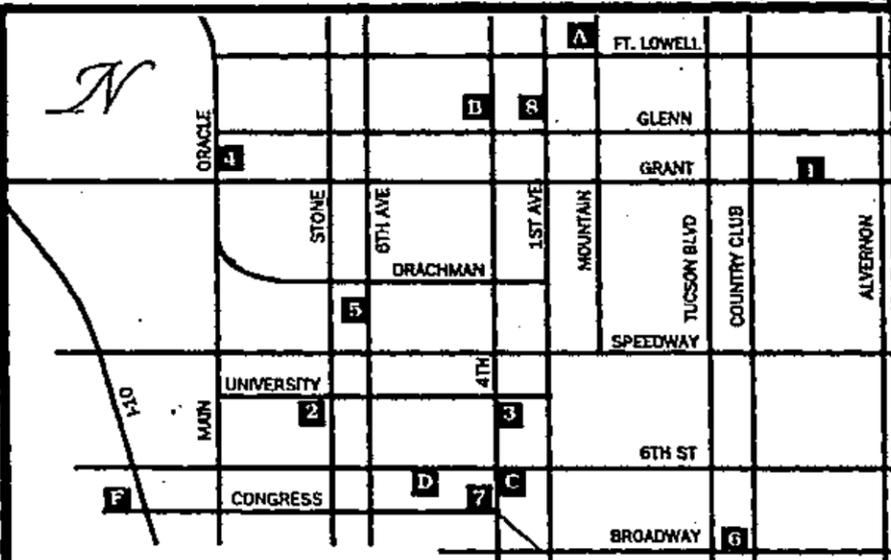
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by Raul Almeraz

Howdy everyone! Hope everyone is doing well and getting all their holiday decorating, baking, wrapping and of course shopping done or at least partially. As for me, not a chance! Seems lately that the both the days and the nights are getting shorter and all the things that need doing are taking longer.

We have about 50 members and friends who will be attending. Just a reminder that on the evening of December 22, the evening of the hay ride, we will be meeting at Hours at 7 P.M., and caravan over to Winterhaven. It's going to be a great time.

First on the agenda of happenings, AGRA held its state meeting at Charlie's in Phoenix this past Sunday. It was definitely a fun time. While the state board meeting was in session, most of us took advantage of the Long Island Iced Tea special out on the patio at Charlie's. AGRA-Tucson is now its own entity. Seems many were concerned about this, however, I feel this is definitely a plus for us. This will allow AGRA-Tucson to file for its own non-profit status, which will allow us much more flexibility as an organization when planning our events and move into new venues. Since now we are on our own, AGRA-Tucson is looking for interested persons to help develop a new AGRA-Tucson logo.

Just a reminder to all that AGRA is planning a rummage sale and everyone is encouraged to clean out your closets (no pun intended). Remember that one person's junk is another person's treasures.

While I am on the subject of treasures, let me say how impressed I am of the friends of Hours. Seems that this past Sunday mornings, (and I do mean very early Sunday morning) a certain motorist felt that Hours would do well as a "drive thru" and decided to park on the dance floor at 4 A.M. Not! Lee and Eddy's friends of the bar rallied and by gosh built them a wall. Hours was able to open on schedule the very same day. My hat goes off to all of you.

Next we have the Christmas Jamboree at the Graduate this Sunday, December 17 at 6 P.M. There will be entertainment and lots of fun. Before the Christmas Jamboree, AGRA-Tucson will be having its monthly meeting at 5 P.M. also at the Graduate. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to all of you to join us. Bring a friend and come on out and support your local AGRA. We can not be successful without your support.

Well members, it's that time of year again. Time to renew those memberships. Applications along with your \$20 renewal fee must be received no later than December 31. If you interested in becoming a member, the start up application fee is \$40. Half of that is for the processing fee and the other half stays here with the Tucson chapter. Champion members, your fees are \$150. There are no discounts for champion members. Here is our opportunity to encourage friends to join. Membership applications along with volunteer forms will be mailed out to all current members with in the next week. If you anyone interested in joining. Contact the AGRA hotline, they will be mailed the necessary forms.

This week, AGRA will be doing the "bar hop", we will be travelling to the different watering holes in our community to sell our hand painted, no-two-alike, decorated, individually wrapped and boxed ornaments. They make great commemorative gifts. So when you see us out and about, don't shy away, come on up and check them out.

AGRA-Phoenix is busy with the finishing touches on the Roadrunner Regional Rodeo scheduled for January 12-14, 1996. They are looking for volunteers. Reminder, if you volunteer at least 4 hours of your time rodeo weekend, you do receive free admission into the rodeo. Hee Haw!

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Speaking of Texas, "she'll be coming around the mountain when she comes." Raybelline will be in town for the holidays and of course we'll all be giving her hell when she gets here. Rumor has it she's been dating a "Young" flight attendant who has been giving her preferential treatment and free upgrade. Ride, (Oops!), I mean fly the friendly skies. Build up those frequent flyer miles for rodeo time. Whatever it takes.

I understand that Darrin, our very own "Might Morphin Flower Arranger" has learned his very first country line dance, he in turn was out teaching everyone at Hours the "Macarena". Speaking of line dancing, did anyone catch AGRA members at Hours doing their "On Top Of The World" dance? Darrin, maybe you can help choreograph a new step for next years rodeo.

Where there you have it! Until next time, have fun and play safe.

[AGRA-Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805.]

Mercury is the planet to watch this week as it conjuncts and "pops" expansive Jupiter like a balloon and then changes signs. Expect communication to be big, grand, in your face and then, abruptly, silence...so of like the calm after the hot tornado. I just love a good, strong breeze as long as it blows away from the dump.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

This may be the best time to state your case in the legal arena. On the one hand, Mercury conjuncts Jupiter could produce a wow summation, but could also let loose an avalanche of fallout. Jupiter is luck, so you may as well take your chances. When Mercury changes signs, thoughts will turn to career and strategic maneuvers. Thank goodness you are up to the task!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Thoughts turn to sex and what could be more delightful than a big, explosive bang? Leave it to Mercury conjunct Jupiter to put the spark into things and move thought into action. If one things truly leads to another, proud Bulls can expect a trip to the moon (or maybe to Paris) on gossamer wings when marvelous Mercury changes signs later this week. Is it one of those things?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If partnerships rise from the ashes and take on a life of their own, chalk it up to feisty Mercury conjunct Jupiter. Pink Twins can stir up the embers with a few well chosen words or can blow the whole darn relationship to smithereens, if the fates insist on it. Think before you speak, dear, queer Gemini. It would be a shame to waster Mercury's next move, highlighting sex and deep, intimate merging.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

It may not sound like a barrel of fun, but pink Crabs can expect more than a few thoughts to be centered on the job and any detailed project. Blame it on Mercury which compounds the faux pas by conjuncting expansive Jupiter and blowing all tasks out of all proportion. Take it all one step at a time and wait patiently for Mercury to move into Capricorn. Only then will thoughts seem to focus on where it counts; on ying/yang of partnerships.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Mercury conjunct Jupiter puts the zip into any party. Proud and regal Lions may roar up a storm and even put off some less than feisty folks but who cares? I always say it's better to be true to yourself (even if it's sometimes hard to be around you...) and live your life to your own drum beat. Bang out a glorious song. You never know who will dance to it and Leos love an audience.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins find their household in a bit of an uproar when static Mercury conjuncts Jupiter. On one hand, life may be deliciously exciting with home projects going full tilt. On the other hand, you may go off course with an unstoppable rush of new ideas. Take it in stride sweet-heart and gather rosebuds in time for Mercury's next foray. Things take on a decidedly rosy line.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gabby Mercury conjunct expansive Jupiter hits you in the area of the chart highlighting communication, so step back world, queer Libra is on a rampage! Darling,

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

take a breath before you choke! And do watch what you say! Libras are generally the social gadflies of the zodiac but now you sure know how to turn a phrase (over and over and over again...). Thankfully this too shall pass.

considerable thought about whether you really want to wear that cellophane outfit to your next major function. On the other hand, this type of antic can change your life forever and sometimes change is refreshingly good.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

It's time to try to focus on financial concerns, but don't get too frustrated with yourself. Mercury conjunct Jupiter can turn any shortfall into a windfall or stir up the eager and greedy embers of your soul to take a foolish and losing risk with the entire bundle. Gay Scorps are pretty calculating folk. Understand the vagrancies of the planets and wait this phase out.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The planets conspire to massage your mind, at least when Mercury conjuncts Jupiter. Intuition takes off like a rocket booster and stray thoughts has a way of becoming life directions. The great part about this placement is the way closeted Goats are shoved out into the fresh air for all to see and admire. Conservative though you may be, it is time to take a chance on affirmation.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

You can make a big splash in the social scene if Mercury conjunct Jupiter has anything to do with it. First impressions are lasting impressions darling, so give

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Mercury conjuncts Jupiter places friendships into the center of activity. Thoughts center on the group dynamic and it's possible to stir the troops into action.

Fine and good, but Aqueerians can also be rabble rousers and the planets now have a way of turning a march into a riot. Use the group's energy in an intensive and far-reaching community project. It's amazing what we can accomplish as a group.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If career issues continue to vex you, expect more of the same with Mercury conjunct Jupiter. But don't let this get you down. Dear Pink Fish, it's just that your professional path is still being hacked out by the heavens. Expect some clear direction and a sense of transformation and fulfillment once the dust has completely settled. In the meantime honey, swim along with the planets.

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this dramatic and very satisfying work, and his was a riveting performance of sensitive passion and conviction.

A traditional Catholic hymn, *Hail, Holy Queen*, was set by the Chorus especially for this concert. The score was marked "Him-like", and featured Lead "Sisters" Peter Lara, Terry Long, and Mark English in a traditional rendition that quickly changed to your basic gospel clap-hands-and-stomp-the-floor style. The gospel-style work of the Lead "Sisters" was superb. It was a fine, leave-'em-smiling ending to the first half of the concert.

After intermission, tenor Peter Lara's clear, high voice rang out above the chorus in Jose Feliciano's *Feliz Navidad* arranged by Mr. Gall. Four Kracked Krismas Karols followed, "in which the RGMC of Tucson Offer a Menu of Merry Madcap Melodies for your amusement and delight!" *Carol of the Malls* with up to date text by David Hoffman, *Rudolphus Rubrinus* (Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer) sung in Latin, Pachelbel's *Canon* in D, and *Coming Out at Christmas* were the Madcap Melodies that did amuse and delight as promised. The Barbershop Quartet of Chris Size, Ralph Geror, Rick Lipinski, and Greg Swanson sang with animation and spirit in *Rudolphus Rubrinus*. An ensemble consisting of Ron Eldridge, Dwain Herron, Barry Dodge, David Hoffman, Mark English, David Zazueta, Jonathon Bierner, and Tom Turner disported themselves admirably amongst the contrapuntal conceits of this classy Pachelbel's *Canon*, as arranged by David Lohman.

The dramatic highlight of the

evening was certainly the melodrama-cum-opereita *The Fight Before Christmas*, with music by Scott Henderson and words by Debbie Grieg. The Players were Scott Dano as Bill, Scott Smith-McCurdy as Bruce, and David Zazueta as Bruce's mother, Esther. Chorus member Tim Berger, known for his roles as actor and director in the community at large, directed the production. As an hilarious story of coming out and a morality play on the virtues of acceptance and honest communication, it made its points gently and with humor. The music and singing were rousing and amusing, and the performers had a good time with their parts, to the delight of all.

The concert ended with a rousing and high-energy performance of *Ring Out Wild Bells*, a vibrant work from the 1980's by Gay American composer Ron Nelson, whose music is just beginning to be discovered and performed more widely. Besides chorus, the piece is scored for two pianos, string bass, and two percussionists. The instruments and voices blended well in the church's acoustic, with the percussion and piano dominating the chorus at times. It was a magnificently performed ending to a superb concert.

Pianist David Craig was the principal accompanist for the concert. James Ramos joined Mr. Craig at the piano for *Ring Out Wild Bells*. The percussionists were Tina Wilkes and Dieter Schodde (the gum-chewing one), and Monica Jasso played string bass.

If you are interested in singing with the Chorus (they need tenors especially, I've been told), please call them at 881-1369. The chorus's fifth-section, a

non-singing support group that does ushering, mailings, concert set-up and tear-down, and related chores is in need of volunteers. If you want to participate in this vitally needed part of the chorus,

please call 795-7156.

The Chorus's next concert will be in March and is entitled *Viva La Diva!* Should be a hoot!

Hawaii Panel Recommends Gay Marriage

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them this year: the West Hollywood City Council and the Ithaca, New York, Common Council. But neither council's action has led to approval for issuing marriage licenses to same sex couples.

Evan Wolfson, an attorney heading up a Marriage Project for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said he's "delighted" with the commission's report.

"For the first time at the state-wide level, said Wolfson, "a body that is officially not Gay has been asked to consider what the best answer to dealing with discrimination against Gay couples is, and they have concluded, after months of study, that the answer is to treat people equally."

"What's striking," said Wolfson, "is that they have reviewed every argument suggesting a possible reason for not treating same sex couples equally and concluded that there is no good reason, let alone a compelling one, for discriminating."

The Hawaii Supreme Court said the state would have to demonstrate a "compelling" reason in order to justify denying marriage licenses to same sex couples. Legally speaking, a "compelling" reason is one that the court considers an extremely important goal and a goal which the law achieves in a very precise way.

Wolfson agreed that, "whatever the legislature does," the *Baehr v. Lewin* ruling will still require the state to come up with a "compelling" reason to deny equal rights in marriage for same sex couples.

"And no one, throughout this entire process," said Wolfson, "has come up with a compelling reason for discriminating."

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Burzinski initially resisted their demand for his car keys, but complied after being punched to the ground and pushed into his car.

He was driven around until he gave up the corrector number for his automatic teller machine.

Prosecutors said McCullum ignored Burzinski's pleas to spare his life, dragged him from his car, had him kneel and shot him in the back of the head.

As expected, defense attorneys tried to use McCullum's success in football and his expressed remorse to save him from death by lethal injection.

But prosecutors painted a more sinister picture of McCullum, who has been linked to a similar, non-fatal robbery and kidnapping, and a armed robbery.

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