

An Open Letter To The Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community

Arizonans who need AIDS medications over the next twelve months may have some difficulties. This is due to a sharp increase in the cost of medications. Besides this, new medications (such as 3TC and protease inhibitors) will soon be available, and will make treating HIV more expensive. At the time costs are rising, funding is remaining level in Arizona.

In the past the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has taken \$400,000 from federal Ryan White funds to pay for the State AIDS Medication Program. In order to offer the best available medications to the same number of clients, it will cost up to one million dollars next year, according to ADHS estimates.

ADHS appointed a task force to solve this dilemma. I was appointed to represent the Tucson Ryan White Consortium. PACT, TAP, Shanti, El Rio, COPE and CODAC also were represented. A number of task force members themselves are living with HIV.

Together with other task force members from throughout Arizona, we developed the following twelve month pilot program:

1. Local consortiums will decide how to spend their portion of the Ryan White money on medications.
2. If the local consortium wants help administering its funds, it may ask ADHS to do so.
3. Any consortium that doesn't

use all its funds will return them to ADHS, who will redistribute them.

4. This program will be evaluated throughout the year.

All five regional consortiums in Arizona are committed to funding medications. It is a top priority throughout the state.

On Thursday, December 7 at noon, the Tucson Ryan White Consortium will meet at Himmel Park Library. The public is welcome to attend. We will discuss how to fund HIV medications.

Everything I have mentioned so far has to do with how to slice the funding pie into smaller pieces. The real issue is getting money from the state legislature to increase the size of the pie. If Arizonans are to get adequate treatment, state government must contribute to health care.

How can we make this happen? We have to build coalitions. We have to build support inside and outside the AIDS community. This includes the elderly, the business community, and people with other chronic conditions.

On January 19, the Arizona AIDS Foundation will host a statewide forum to plan a coalition building strategy. We intend to mobilize all progressive forces in the state to apply pressure to the legislature to fund health care, and HIV in particular. If you can help accomplish any of these goals, we need your participation! Call me at 740-8554.

David Hoover, Co-chair Tucson Ryan White CARE Consortium

HHS Releases New Public Service Ads Documenting Threat of AIDS to Young Adults

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Amid troubling evidence of the toll AIDS continues to take on America's young adults, the Department of Health and Human Services released a new series of public service announcements (PSAs) urging young Americans to take a personal responsibility for protecting themselves from HIV infection.

HHS Secretary Donna Shalala cited data that both the increase in HIV related deaths among young adults and the ongoing risks of new HIV infections. In 1993, AIDS became the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 25 and 44. From 1993 to 1994, AIDS deaths among 25-44 year olds increased from 37,000 to 42,000. In this age group, AIDS caused, on average, one in every three deaths among young African American men and one in five deaths among young African American women. With

the long and variable lag time between HIV infection and death, many of the young adults in this group were likely infected in their late teens.

"While our AIDS prevention efforts have succeeded in stabilizing or even reducing the rate of infection among older Americans, they are not having the same kind of effect among young adults," Secretary Shalala said.

She also cited a new study by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) showing that AIDS cases have increased much more rapidly among younger individuals, born in 1960 or later, than among older Americans. The study, authored by NIH statistician, Philip S. Rosenberg, Ph.D., was published in the journal Science.

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TV Stations Threatened with Lawsuit If P-Flag Ads Air

by Sherri Cohen Darbonne

HOUSTON, TX - The Rev. Pat Robertson and his Christian Broadcasting Network have threatened to sue television stations in Houston and three other cities if they air anti-homophobia advertising spots created by the national Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) organization.

Attorneys for CBN, in an open letter addressed to "all general managers," warned that the Network would "immediately seek judicial redress," including injunctions and monetary damages, against any station that accepts the advertisements for airplay.

The flap over the ads, which juxtapose the anti-Gay remarks of conservative televangelists Robertson and Jerry Falwell and with U.S. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) with dramatizations of a brutal Gay bash murder and a teenager preparing to commit suicide, erupted as P-FLAG announced its planned "Project Open Mind" campaign, of which the advertisements are a feature. The campaign, according to P-FLAG officials, aims to show the potentially deadly impact of hate speech directed against Lesbian and Gay persons.

The letter from CBN associate general counsel Bruce Hausknecht charged that the P-FLAG ads "contain defamatory material and cast Pat Robertson and CBN in a false light, by implying that Pat advocates/promotes heinous crimes against Gays or directly caused the suicide of one of more homosexual persons."

"This is outrageously false and severely damaging to the reputation of Dr. Robertson and this ministry," the letter continues.

Possibly as a result of the threat, according to Doug Upchurch, a member of the board of P-FLAG in Houston, Texas, a local station that previously has agreed to accept one of the ads has put its offer on hold. However, Upchurch said, P-FLAG's intended message is still getting out, in part due to the media attention being given the controversy itself.

Recently, one Houston station accepted P-FLAG's order to air one of the advertisements, dealing with Gay bashing and featured Nancy Rodriguez, mother of hate crime victim Paul Broussard, and a re-enactment of her's son brutal 1991 murder. The station said it could not accept the suicide ad. Upchurch said the CBS station was now hedging on the decision, the local NBC and ABC affiliates, have issued statement indicating they are not considering the ads. So far, of network affiliates, only the FOX affiliate in Tulsa has accepted with of the ads.

The ad campaign has been rejected by eight television stations in Houston and Atlanta, and even the Cable News Network. But Upchurch said P-FLAG is succeeding in getting the word out.

"Our primary objective with this campaign was to open up a dialogue about these issues," said Upchurch. "We want the community to unite and begin the work that needs to be done to address this (hate speech) problem."

By all indications, the dialogue, at least, has begun. In Houston, P-FLAG members have been interviewed on local radio stations and by National Public Radio for a spot to be aired nationally. The three major network affiliates have run new stories or commentaries about the advertisements and the Project Open Mind Campaign, and all local stations have been receiving a torrent of phone calls and faxes regarding their refusal of the material, generated by the efforts of independent activists and buzz lines on the Internet.

Much of the outraged reaction from letter writers has centered on the fact that stations have accepted and aired homophobic ads placed by anti-Gay activists during political campaigns in the mid-1980's. Those ads also contained clips used in a crafted context, and without permission. But a technical director at a local network affiliate pointed out that political advertisements are covered by a very different set of specific Federal Communications Commission regulations, and noted that Robertson would probably try to characterize the use of clips from his television show as infringement of the show's copyright. The director, who did not want to be named, said that Gay and lesbian community members who want their letters taken seriously should ask that they be included in the stations' public files, which are reviewed periodically by the FCC and when the stations are up for a license renewal.

P-FLAG, on an official level, has distanced itself from the media zapping efforts. Recently, the organization issued the following "official statement" regarding the Open Mind ads:

"We recognize the reluctance of local TV stations to run the Project Open Mind ads Bashing and Innocence. We disagree with the TV stations' reasoning, and we anticipate that in the future these stations will reconsider their decisions.

"Many of these stations have expressed concern about being sued by Pat Robertson and the Christian Broadcasting Network. P-FLAG National does not believe that airing these ads is grounds for a lawsuit."

[Sherri Cohen Darbonne is the Editor for the Houston Voice which this is a reprinted article from.]

UPDATE

Tucson G/L Bowling Leagues Looking For Bowlers

TUCSON - Tucson two Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues, the Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards which bowl at Golden Pin Lanes, have openings on teams competing.

The Desert Coyotes league bowl on Wednesdays, commencing at 9:00 P.M., at a weekly cost of only \$8. The Lambda Lizards bowl on Fridays, at 6:25 P.M., at a weekly cost of only \$9. The leagues are looking for people interested in bowling; no average requirements since both are on a handicap system.

If interested in bowling, just show up about 20 minutes prior, depending upon which day you are interested.

For more information about the Desert Coyotes call 743-3303 or 294-0402. For more information about the Lambda Lizards call 798-1549.

Phoenix-Based Foundation Announces 1995 Grant Recipients

PHOENIX - The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation, of Phoenix, announced the recipients of its 1995 awards in the field of playwriting.

The publishing grants were awarded to The Last Reading of Charlotte Cushman by Carolyn Gage, a one woman show about the famed 19th century Lesbian actress and Out of the Ordinary by William MacDuff, a study of the circle around Kaiser Wilhelm II in pre-World War I Germany. Both plays will be published in the following months with all costs paid by the Foundation.

The Foundation was formed by Arch and Bruce Brown who were life partners for 27 years until Bruce's death in 1993. All submissions must also portray the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle in a positive manner. Send a SASE to the following address for specific submission guidelines. Do not send manuscripts. The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation, P.O. Box 452-31, Phoenix, AZ 85064.

ANC Wants Gays In The Military

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - South African President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress has proposed allowing Gays and Lesbians to serve in the military.

The African National Congress said defense policy should reflect the new constitution, which protects people of all sexual orientations against discrimination.

Market Research Firm Launches Major Study Of Gay Population

CHICAGO, IL - Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago based market research firm that specializes in the Gay and Lesbian market, is undertaking an extensive national study of the Gay and Lesbian population.

With the two phase, "GayCensus '96" project, Overlooked Opinions hopes to compile the broadest assessment ever of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered communities in the United States and Canada. "Nothing like GayCensus has ever been done. We anticipate reaching in excess of one million Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual adults in the next three months alone," explained Jeffrey Vitale, Overlooked's chief executive officer.

A primary component of the project is a ten minute telephone survey utilizing a toll free number, 1-800-Gay Voice. The survey covers basic demographics as well as questions covering a wide array of topics, including discrimination, political beliefs, consumer behavior and general opinions. There is also an optional section for people who happen to be HIV positive or have AIDS.

The GayCensus project is being heavily promoted all across North America with media buys, direct mail and through local and regional Gay publications. The company estimates all phases of the study, which will include a printed survey in selected markets.

"When the results are tabulated," said Vitale, "a great many questions will be answered for one and all." The date promises to be fascinating. It will help the Lesbian and Gay community better understand itself, and it will help the political, educational and commercial sectors develop relationships with our community."

To participate in the survey, call 1-800-GAY-VOICE and listen for instructions. The caller will hear a brief description, then will be asked to respond to questions by pressing buttons on their touch tone phone. Callers without a touch tone phone, on request, will be sent a survey by mail.

A TTY is also available for non-hearing or hearing impaired callers. It can be reached by dialing 1-800-555-0900.



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Sam is survived by his lover Chris Hanna, parents Scotty and Kathy Bobo, sister Alicia Bobo-Wilson, brother and sister-in-law Chris and Jill Bobo, grandparents Horace and Martha Louise Springer, niece, Caroline Bobo, and nephew Ben Wilson, and Kitties Stevie and Space Man.

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Good bye my friend, Moose

Desert Voices Holiday Concert Dec. 9

TUCSON - Join Desert Voices for its annual holiday concert Tales of Winter Saturday December 9, 8:00 P.M., at the Pima Community College Center for the Performing Arts Proscenium Theatre.

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Other selections include music of solstice and Hanukkah. The ensemble will add their unique twist to traditional music of the season. Several members interweave personal stories of winter among the music. Select ensemble Una Voz will add vocal jazz stylings to the holiday season. ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters will be provided.

"Tales of Winter" is also the debut performance of new Artistic Director Keith Koster, co-founder and Artistic Director of the Great Lakes Men's Chorus, Detroit Michigan. Under his direction, the group performed in Cleveland, Chicago, New York City, Denver and Washington D.C.

For more information call Desert Voices at 791-9662.

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From The **POOP SHEET**
 by Ace Ludson

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Why should I give a damn about "priorities" anyway! Why? Because who you become depends upon what you do for others along the way.

Well, of course we do have to make sure we have food to eat so we can stay alive and healthy. This is a priority. We do have to make sure we have a job which will supply us with enough moola to put a roof over our head and clothes on our bodies so folks won't freak out. Definite priorities. All planetary inhabitants in human form must consider these priorities daily or we could become liabilities to society; but what priority comes after?

We can tell a lot about a persons priorities by the following gauge: where a human's heart is, there will his/her treasures be also. This a truism in our Gay/Lesbian community as well as the straight community.

Some have heart only for money and their priority is to amass as much cash as humanly possible. I have a brother like this. Guess he thinks he can take it with him! Folks like this may not spend a cent on any viable effort on behalf of their brothers and sisters in their community.

Some have heart only for accumulating physical possessions. Their incomes are spent on securing such. Their homes may even be awesome, but who really cares when they seek to impress? These folks rarely see the dying and hurting around them.

Some have heart only for fame. They spend their incomes and time on doing anything which might make them a household name. This can go from sublime to ludicrous efforts on their part. All we have to do today is to look at some of the TV talk shows! And we've got Gay brothers and sisters screaming on many of them today making complete idiots of themselves simply to be able to see their name in lights!

Some have heart only for the loving of a mate or the love of finding one. They spend all their time and efforts on "the hunt". Or, if they've found "the

one and only", they cloister themselves to protect their "possession". Folks of this nature are most likely useless to anyone but themselves in the long run.

Where are your priorities?

JUST A THOUGHT: No wonder the Churches think there's going to be an apocalypse; they are helping to create it by their support of overpopulation of the planet.

LET'S TALK for a moment about sexual abuse by pedophiles. Many in our G/L community have been abused sexually as children, and, we've had to live with this inner anguish over the years; because, as the years passed and we realized we were homosexual, we kept our secret abuse to ourselves, thinking no one would believe or care anyway since we were homosexual. There may be a seed of truth here in that many might think we deserved the abuse and maybe even instigated it. If this is a part of our background and we're still harboring the secret, we need to seek help and release. It's for our own benefit we do this.

Fortunately for myself, I was not sexually abused as a child, but during my years in psychological counseling I was made very aware there were many-too-many who were. Being a homosexual and a victim of such childhood abuse is more complicated than for a straight I am convinced, simply because this type of abuse is usually brought to surface when one is no longer a child. For a Gay teen or older to come out with this truth, they might quickly learn society looks differently upon them compared to straight abused counterparts. This, however, should not keep one from seeking the help and release needed. Remember it is for one's own benefit and going through hell is better than living in it!

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



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Independently Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

In The Name Of God

The world was shocked by the assassination of Israeli's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an ultra-religious right wing Jew. He, murdered "in the name of God" and under the preachings of fundamentalist rabbis whose interpretation of God's word gave him the license to kill. I was neither shocked nor surprised. There has always existed in Israel, as it exists in Iran, in Bosnia, in Ireland, in the United States and throughout the world, extreme religious fundamentalism that calls for death for the unbelievers who stray from their view of God's teaching. In 1947, I worked with the Irgun, the armed underground of the right wing Zionist Revisionists, whose basic philosophy rested in the certainty that God had decreed that a Jewish nation should exist on both sides of the Jordan river. Any man who gives away even a handful of Israeli soil, for whatever reason, does so at his peril. The Revisionists have become the extreme right of the Likud Party. Their inflammatory rhetoric led to the assassination of Rabin and will result in more killings "in the name of God." Extremist clergymen and politics. Sound familiar?

The United States is certainly not immune to violence based on the rhetoric of religious leaders. While hate-based violence against Lesbians and Gays is a decades old epidemic, it may at last prove capable of provoking an overdue nationwide debate, both moral and political. As in Israel today, the scrutiny of far right religious groups' role in fanning such violence is a good place for that debate to start.

The linkage between anti-Gay religious rhetoric and acts of violence is complex, and begs exploration. Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a national organization that wants to expose the connection between hate rhetoric and anti-Gay violence. Recently, PFLAG produced two 30 second TV spots which take aim at just this combination. Further justification of its focus comes from a recent Newsweek Magazine poll showing 21 percent of all Americans, and 43 percents of evangelical Christians, believe that the Gay rights movement is an "incarnation of Satan." Taking this belief to its logical conclusion, Lesbians and Gays become Satan's agents on earth and must be eradicated "in the name of God."

One of PFLAG's 30 second television advertisements portrays a teenage girl contemplating suicide with a handgun; the other a young man beaten to death by a gang of thugs shouting anti-Gay slurs.

The victim's mother, Nancy Rodriguez, appears at the end of the TV spot saying that the FBI had declared that the murder of her 27 year old son was a hate crime, a "Gay bashing." In a final blow, Mrs. Rodriguez was fired from her job the moment her involvement in the PFLAG campaign became public.

In the ads, the voices of the Reverends Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson are heard over the film's soundtrack. Robertson is heard saying: "Homosexuality is an abomination...many of those people involved with Adolf Hitler were Satanist; many of them were homosexuals. The two things seem to go together." Falwell simply says, "God hates homosexuality."

Syndicated bigots like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, whose Christian Coalition has become the major power broker in the Republican Party, liberally intersperse their sermons with inflammatory anti-Gay tirades. Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) has threatened to take legal action against any station running PFLAG's TV spots, effectively keeping them off the air.

While criticism of Robertson, Falwell, and their political-religious clones exists, they largely escape scrutiny for the their role in inspiring hate crimes "in the name of God." Rev. Mel White was on the right track with his jail house hunger strike this spring when he was arrested trying to prevail on Robertson at his CBN headquarters in Virginia. But that protest went largely ignored in the national media as well as the Gay press itself.

"Christian," and "family values" hucksters constantly bemoan the influence of TV and Hollywood portrayals of violence. Let the anti-Gay religious leaders listen to their own inflammatory rhetoric. Let them understand the violence that can stem from their sanctimonious sermons on Satan and homosexuality. If their followers could muster just a fraction of their outrage at Hollywood in opposition to anti-Gay violence, the epidemic of hate violence might gain much of the attention it deserves. With the proper resources, attaching a stigma to incendiary religious rhetoric becomes quick work. Falwell and Robertson implicate themselves. PFLAG's ads showing some of their rhetoric deftly make the case that their own words provide the climate which such acts of violence might proliferate and gain religious sanction.

The case against anti-Gay violence can make many tacks. Yet, for too long, the sheer abundance of other pressing issues on the desks of Gay political leaders has allowed attention to the issue to lapse. With its far reaching ravages, hate violence against Gay cannot continue to slip from the spotlight. The murder of Rabin in Israel has once again awakened people of conscience around the world to the fact that far right religious preachings eventually can lead to bloodshed. Perhaps Gays in America can awaken our fellow citizens to a similar and equally simple conclusion.

In this month of Christian celebration, we call on Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and all the other professional "Christians" in the name of their professed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to preach love, not hate; peace, not violence; and above all, the Golden Rule.



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PERSPECTIVE....

by Dr. John D'Emilio

For weeks now, the media has been filled with stories about Senator Robert Dole's campaign for President and its relationship to Log Cabin Republicans, the Gay Republican group. Dole returned their \$1000 campaign contribution, claiming he could not accept money from a group so at odds with his political philosophy. Log Cabin successfully countered with facts and documents demonstrating that the Dole campaign actively solicited its help and its money, with full knowledge of Log Cabin's stand on such issues as Gays in the military and Gay marriage. Dole has now changed his story again, blaming his staff for poor judgment in returning the contribution.

The whole controversy has been a publicity bonanza for Gay Republicans and a public relations disaster for the Dole campaign. It also highlights the intense battle waged for control of the Republican party as right wing religious radicals capture control of the party machinery in more and more states, and moderate Republicans with political ambitions scramble to win extremist support. And it raises questions as well about where the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community should be putting our political energy, especially as we approach a presidential election year.

The Log Cabin Republicans articulately advance the position that, except for the extremist rhetoric of the radical right, the Republican party could be a welcoming home for Gay and Lesbian Americans. In this view, the fierce anti-Gay rhetoric of the Republican's 1992 Houston convention was the aberration,

whereas the Contract with America, silent on such "divisive" issues as abortion and Gay rights, offers a sound basis for national policy.

The argument doesn't persuade me. First of all, Houston was about more than the hate-filled rhetoric of Pat Buchanan. The Republican convention as a whole ratified a platform for the party, and it was fiercely anti-Gay. "We believe," it said, "in traditional family values and in Judeo Christian heritage that informs our culture." It opposed efforts to include "sexual preference" in federal, state, and local civil rights statutes, and it came down against the legalization of same sex marriage and against laws to permit Gay men and Lesbians to adopt children or provide foster care. In the area of AIDS prevention, it called for education that stressed abstinence and marital fidelity, and rejected condom distribution as a prevention measure. Taken together, these planks are pretty comprehensive in their homophobia.

Then there's the Republican agenda in Congress, expressed through the Contract with America. True, it doesn't pander to anti-Gay extremists, but it is still hurtful to the Gay community. The Republican version of budget balancing, for instance, is a disaster. Budgets can be balanced in all sorts of ways. In the Eisenhower era of the 1950s, the budget was balanced, but largely through a progressive tax structure with levies of up to 90% on the income of the very rich.

In this post-Cold War era, Gingrich's Congress proposed large military

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budgets, low taxes, and steep cuts in spending related to human and community needs. This kind of budget balancing will adversely affect such things as services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth, substance abuse programs offered by Gay community centers, and federal grants to Gay artists and scholars.

Even when this Republican Congress seems to be with us, as in support for reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act, it takes away with the other hand what it gives with one. Efforts to gut Medicaid will be a disaster for our community, since Medicaid provides four times as much money to care for people with AIDS as does Ryan White. And what about the Republican role in the scuttling of health care reform last year?

And the public statements of today's most visible Republican standard bearer, Newt Gingrich, have been loving towards his own family and hostile towards the rest of ours. While acknowledging his love for his openly Lesbian half-sister, he has simultaneously said, "it's madness to pretend that families are anything other than heterosexual couples," has opposed laws banning discrimination against Gay people, as has advanced Right Wing misinformation about "recruitment" of Gay youth, saying, "I think frankly you have had clearly what is in effect recruitment in so-called counseling programs. So I'm very cautious about the idea that you want to have active homosexuals in junior high-school and high school explaining that they have all of these various wonderful options."

Finally, what the arguments of Gay Republicans miss is that their party is becoming the majority party precisely because of the extremism of the radical right. Groups like the Christian Coalition are providing the dollars, the recruits, and the passion that have made Republicans competitive in state after state. Without them, moderates might run the Republican party, but Republicans would remain the minority that they were for the last half century. And, as the extremists become better and better organized, moderates like Dole engage in the necessary contortions to appear acceptable to this dynamic extremist wing.

I am very glad that Republicans who are Gay are at long last coming out of the closet. I am glad that they are doing battle inside one of the largest anti-Gay institutions in the United States, since homophobia should never go unchal-

lenged. Where I part company with them is over the claim that more of us should become Republican. That isn't good either for the Gay and Lesbian community, or for the country.

[Dr. D'Emilio is the director of the NGLTF Policy Institute.]



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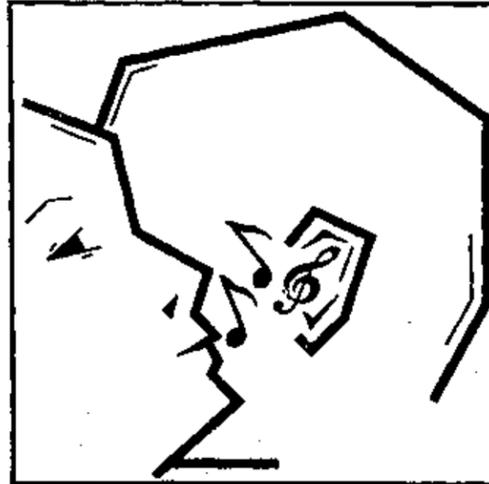


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**"Young Man From The Provinces:
A Gay Life Before Stonewall."**

by Alan Helms.

206 pp. Boston: Faber & Faber. \$22.95.

In "Young Man From the Provinces," Alan Helms asks why "an anonymous man" would "bother to write a memoir." The answer is in the subtitle. "A Gay Life Before Stonewall, which recalls a milieu whose historians have been dying untimely deaths before they could tell their own stories."

"Learning how to listen to other people's stories is one of the few things that can help us survive these intolerant times," says Mr. Helms, a professor of literature at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. His own story is riveting: glitter and be Gay and find a way to survive life and yourself.

Mr. Helms's "provinces" were in mid-century Indiana, which "seemed to proclaim ... that life is hard & mean & unyielding, unlovely & without grace, & all those things forever. I could never find an echo of myself anywhere I looked." Certainly not in the violent, alcoholic household he survived, "drowning in sadness" and already aware he was Gay. He hoped to find compensation in hard-won track meets, school prizes and awards, Hoosier popularity. Or maybe in "suffering promised redemption." When the suffering did not deliver redemption he vowed "never again to show pain, or accept, or forgive, or give satisfaction, or feel deeply, or love...." In flight from my pain & confusion, I buried my treasure & decimated the powers that people the city of the heart."

He exchanged "the city of the heart" for Manhattan and Columbia University, about as far from Indiana as

BOOK REVIEW

By Steven Bach

"Young Man From The Provinces: A Gay Life Before Stonewall

you could get in 1955. New York didn't offer redemption either, but it did deliver a life into which Mr. Helms plunged with ingenious rapture, literally cartwheeling through Times Square on his arrival, fueled by grasshoppers from the Astor Bar. Later, discovering the Gay scene, "I simultaneously experienced two overwhelming, diametrically opposed responses: 'My moral universe has been turned upside down, & 'Thank God, I'm no longer alone.'"

He was, after all those track meets, not only a beauty but a "golden boyman." It was much easier in those pre-Stonewall days. "If you were a presentable young Gay man with manners & a good suit, there wasn't anywhere you couldn't go in the worlds of art & entertainment, & those worlds easily opened up other vistas. Because I was Gay, I had much more social mobility than if I'd been straight." He entered a world in which "it was as if I'd auditioned for Hamlet and gotten the part, only to find that I had to fence."

But it was exhilarating to fence with people Gay or straight - who needed only first names to be instantly identifiable: Noel and Judy and Marlene and Lenny and Rudy and Tah and Rock and Monty and Gore and Adelai and even Jackie. Later there were Marcello and Luchino and Federico and dukes and princes and even the Dalai Lama. He wasn't alone anymore. He modeled for

Richard Avedon and Francesco Scavullo; he acted for Edward Albee ("Of course I wanted to become a good actor; it would help in becoming a star"). After college, Noel got him a part in Noel's "Sail Away," and his hopeful nobody of a mother, drove from bleak Indiana to share his opening night. After the show he left her standing on the sidewalk: "I had to have what I wanted, & I got it," Mr. Helms reports. "All I'd had to do was betray my mother."

Somehow, despite a great deal of this extracurricular activity, the young man had graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude, but lost a Rhodes scholarship because committee eyebrows elevated when he admitted he roomed with a dancer. Male. "It was clear I would pay dearly in the straight world for being Gay," he realized, "Maybe it was better to cut out of the straight world completely, leave it as far behind as possible ... get away from being despised & humiliated. I would be safe from all of that in the Gay world." In pre-Stonewall days, he says, "the only places I knew where that was possible were Gay bars & parties & the baths & my fantasies."

He admits to his promiscuity, but "there was no AIDS to slow anybody down. ... The really good stuff we keep going back to for more, right? I've never known anybody to say 'Beethoven's Ninth? Thanks but I've heard it.'"

Through all the famous names and faces, the galas and gyms and affairs and tricks and Fire Island weekends and discos and Cartier baubles and handmade suits and shoes, Mr. Helms perceived he was merely an object of desire, fulfilling other people's fantasies and turning heads, seldom considering what was in his own. He says he "began to feel like a fraud, so I tried harder to please, & succeeded more, & became more confused, & felt more like a fraud."

He learned that dissembling was the bitter key to being Gay in a homophobic society, "an essential lesson for Gay people but a deeply damaging one, for unless you learn how to unlearn the lesson, the deceit comes to figure in all relationships."

It did. None of the golden boy attraction or dissembling stopped. They led him to a bit part in Fellini's "8 1/2," to the various palazzi of Luchino Visconti, to more admirers and sex and drugs and booze and - secretly - to hollismia, black-outs, insomnia, fits of trembling and nameless nightmarish fears. "I hated my life."

It is easy to lose patience with suffering in the upper depths, and there were times I wanted to hurl this book through one of those Cartier or palazzo windows. But the misery and remorse over squandered gifts here are too genuine to reject. "How could anyone's life end up meaning so little?" he asks from within swamps of alcohol, sex, drugs, fear and the unceasing desire to be desired.

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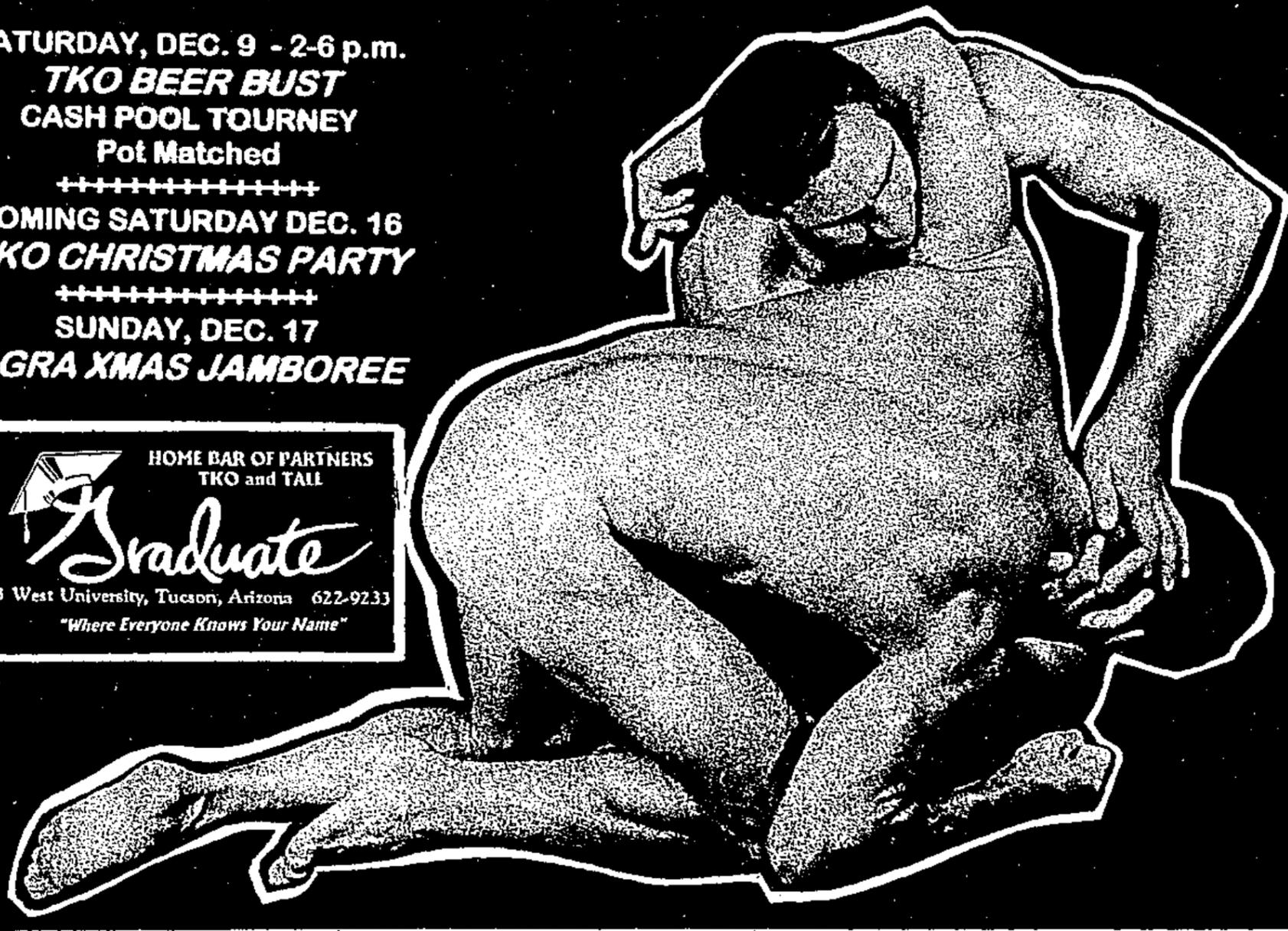


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POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

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HELMS: Guess what kids, our favorite homophobic Republican from North Carolina, Senator Jesse "I hate Gays and Lesbians" Helms is up for re-election next year, and we have an opportunity to do something to retire the bigoted Senator "Leghorn".

the state legislature, to review and give an opinion.

In 1990, Helms edged out the Democratic candidate, former Charlotte mayor Harvey Gantt, for another term. Well, it's election time and Gantt's running again to unseat Helms. Gantt has started his fund raising early and is off to a good start, but he will need outside help, [As that phobe Helms will get us well! Just ask Pat Robertson!], raising money from outside North Carolina to mount a credible challenge.

Well, the ink is finally dry and the A.G. has said that portion of the law is unconstitutional. [Really! Figure that!] Well, Hull says she will follow the opinion of the Attorney General and Forbes will be on the ballot. [Pop the champagne, another Rich Dull WASP on the ballot for a minority to choose and the majority to pay for! Can we say poll tax!]

MISGUIDED FIFE: Arizona's new soap starring Governor J. Fife Whitebread III, continues.

As the story has gone, Whitebread faces the music with his bankruptcy hearing. But Whitebread has received a break, no thanks to the writers but to the lawyers.

During the hearing in court in Phoenix, the lawyers agreed that the depositions and the remainder of the bankruptcy hearing will be sealed, just the Governor, lawyers, and the plaintiffs will know. [Of course, when it comes to politics, Arizonans are always left out in the cold.]

MOVINGGATE: Today is the deadline in the brewing controversy between Tucson Mayor George "Evictus" Miller and Ward 6 Council Molly "We're not behind in the rent, because there isn't any!" McKasson.

As the story has gone, two days after the November general election, the "nice, grandfatherly" mayor went to McKasson and during an outburst, ordered her to move her office at the tenth floor in city hall that they had been sharing, because, quoting Miller, "he needs the space to be Mayor of a city of a half million."

[Note: Tucson's population is just over 400,000, so is he including Rocking K? Right, Miller said in 1991, he planned to have a streamlined staff. Could this be retaliation over McKasson's support of Proposition 200? Of course, and axing former city manager Tom Wilson, the fire chief, Richard Moreno and the gas leakage at the Thomas Price Service Center didn't have anything to do with it as well? Wrong!]

Well, when this reporter spoke with McKasson's office, and they said negotiations are ongoing and that at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 6, Council member McKasson will be able to sing that song, "I'm Still Here!". McKasson has said recently for the time being she plans to "concentrate on issues of concern to the city and not redecorating." [You go girl!]

MEDIA MUSH: Some more examples of why mainstream Tucson media sucks:

The Tucson Citizen recently ran a story, blaring on the "Tucson & Arizona" front page, that State Representative George Cunningham is going to lead the fight for tax revenue equity. [Right, the Citizen lapped this non-story up like cheap booze served at Drew Barrymore's Sweet Sixteen party. With Phoenix Republicans dominating the state legislature, and Cunningham being a Democrat [allegedly!], and from Tucson, it hasn't happened in the past, and it won't happen soon! What a

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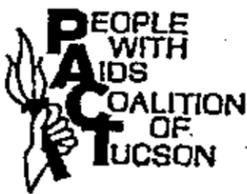
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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Raul Almeraz

Greetings ladies and gents. Hope all is well for you and yours and that everyone is doing all their holiday shopping early. I should talk. I went with the intentions of shopping for everyone's gift, but everything I saw I liked for myself. Oh well, next payday.

First let me start by reminding everyone of our state meeting this Sunday, December 10 at Charlie's scheduled at 5:00 P.M. Lots of important things happening that needs everyone's input. Hope to see everyone there. Another reminder is the Christmas Jamboree which is scheduled for December 17, 6:00 P.M. at the Graduate, (not December 10 as the flyer from the Branding Iron states). It's going to be a great festive time. There will be entertainment and just an all out good time.

The Winterhaven hay ride is scheduled for December 22 and the deadline to sign up and have your money paid is December 16. I would hate to think that anyone missed out just because they didn't meet the deadline. For those of you who have already made your reservations, we will be meeting at 7:00 P.M. over at Hours and caravan to Winterhaven. I can hardly wait.

AGRA is having an ornament sale. Be sure to see an AGRA board member to make your purchase. Ornaments are \$5.00 each and are individually decorated and boxed. No two will be exactly alike. They make great Christmas gifts and keepsakes. Support your local AGRA and the fund raising efforts. It's all for a great cause!

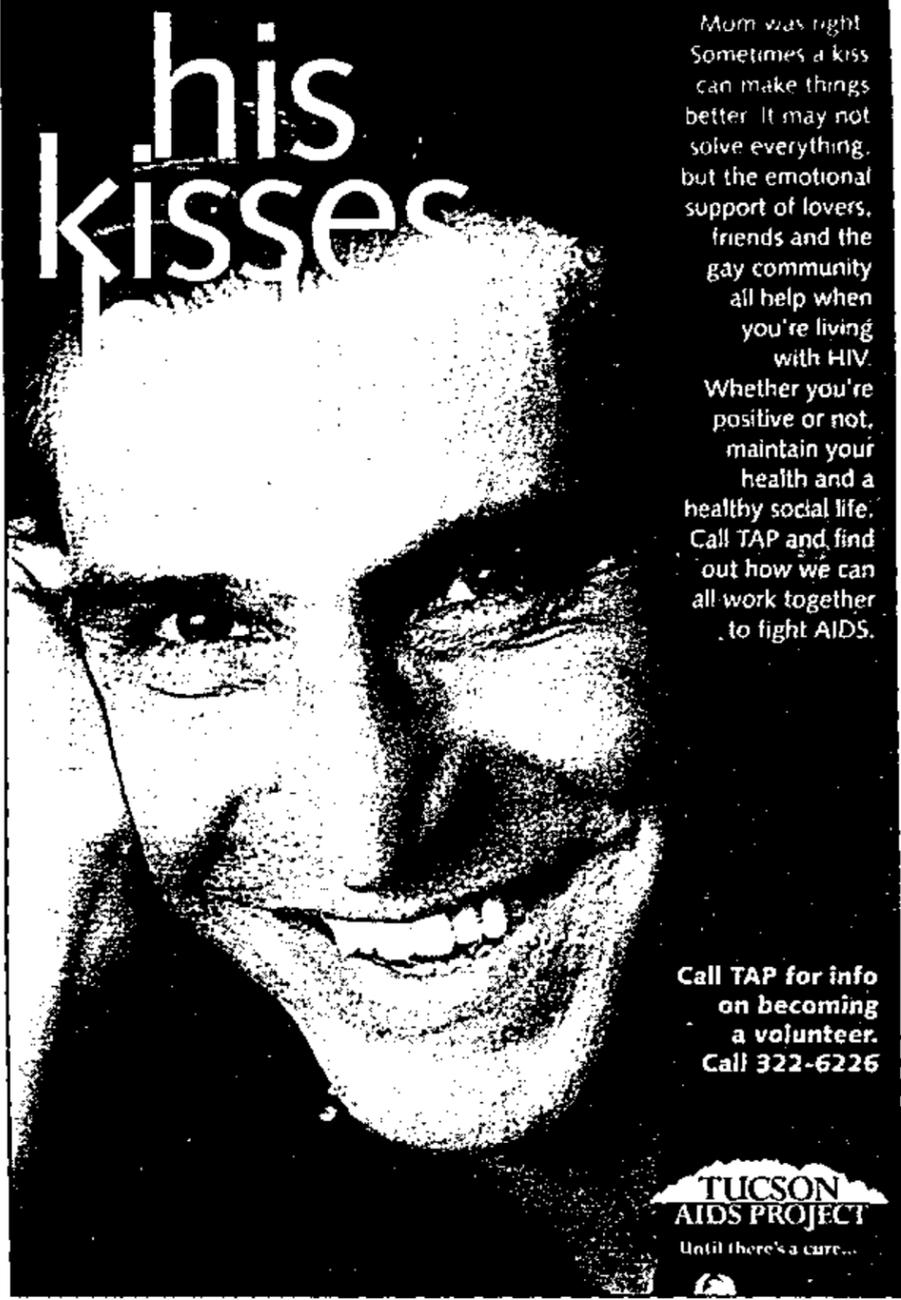
As I sit here pounding away at this poor key board, it came to me that

many of you do not know who our local AGRA board members are, so here goes. First, we have our President, Richard Gerardi, who has recently stepped up in this slot. He is doing an Absolutely Fabulous job! Next we have Diane Dexter, who is Recording Secretary, and George Plentzas is our Corresponding Secretary. Art Lewis of the Graduate is our Treasurer who is the kindest man for sticking around and helping us out since he thought this would only be a temporary position till some else would be appointed. Dance and Entertainment Director (a.k.a. D & E) is Addison McDorman, and Public Relations Director is Shelly O'Brian. As Mobility and Logistics Director we have Terry Delaney. Bryan Collins is our Rodeo Events Director and Raul Almeraz (that's me) am currently filling in as Fund Raising Director. Currently we have the position of Vice President open and those who were nominated will be voted on at our December 17 meeting, scheduled for 5:00 P.M. at the Graduate, before the Christmas Jamboree.

This week was a slow week for gossip and trash, so I'm thinking everyone is saving it up for the coming holiday weeks. Speaking of saving up, AGRA is planning a rummage sale, so if you have any tiaras, frocks or any other items that may be someone else's treasurers that are just sitting around collecting dust, give us a call at the AGRA hotline. Lord knows you don't want to get caught in last seasons frock.

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by Frank E.G. Gallego

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John McNulty, Mary Higgins and helpers got an early start in hanging artworks and arranging the wreaths, Menorah, Christmas trees, and holiday gift baskets everyone oohed and aahed during the evening. The evening was highlighted by: Lupita Murillo, local television personality; Miss Mary Wilson of the Supremes, who entertained the crowd with one of her latest recorded releases; Mr. John Weaver, auctioneer extraordinaire.

The list of persons to thank is endless but special thanks are given to: Anita Ullman of Westin La Paloma for Miss Wilson's accommodations; U.S. West and Mobile Phone Connection; David Hoffman, Christie Sherwood and staff; IBT's; Club 2520; John Felman of Tucson Jewish Community Center; Steve Muscarella; Hair on Broadway-Don Black and David Osollo; Festival Committee members; PACT staff; Ken Leist; Daniel Rodrigues; all the hard working volunteers; Sahuaro Women's Club.

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I leave you with this mind, "Sometimes we need to remind ourselves that thankfulness is indeed a virtue." - William J. Bennett



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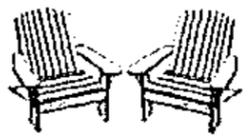
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The period surrounding Christmas is one which many people consider the most depressing time of year. What should be a happy, joy filled, exciting time becomes instead a time of depression and sadness. To some people it is time filled with bad memories. As they think back over their lives, they remember all the times when the holidays were less than ideal, when instead of songs of Christmas there were shouts of anger. Others think of past holidays from the opposite point of view, they remember those times in their past as "picture perfect", with family gathered around a tree and opening presents and enjoying each other's company. But the contrast between then and now is so great, now there is no one for them, they are spending holidays all alone, family is either far away or more likely alienated from them. For some, there is a different kind of stress at this time of year. These people are so wrapped up in their concerns about not having enough resources, money or time, to do everything they are expecting themselves to do that they just feel completely overwhelmed. While these people are less stressed than the others mentioned, never the less Christmas is less than ideal for them also.

There are many people who have serious psychological problems which need to be addressed by professionals, but some people just need to get over themselves! Just whose birthday is it anyway?

When planning a birthday party for someone, what is the most important part of the plan? At least to me, the most important thing is deciding what the birthday person would enjoy. If the person is one who spends all his spare time in the outdoors, hiking or backpacking or camping, I would not plan a sit down banquet with 100 of his closest friends! Or if the person is an opera buff, I would not get tickets to take him to a Nine Inch Nails concert! I would not plan the party think-

ing only of what I would like to do and hope that the one I am honoring will appreciate what I am doing for him!

What is Christmas? It is the time when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, the son of God, who came to earth as a baby so that he could grow up and one day die for our sins. If we are truly celebrating his birth, why are we thinking only of ourselves? Why are we concentrating on how we feel, how lonely we are, or how much we missed out on as children, or how tired we are of seeing Christmas lights all over the neighborhood? Why have we allowed Christmas to become a time for celebrating ourselves, instead of the Christ child?

We cannot give a birthday party for Jesus and have him attend in his body, since he is presently in Heaven, so how can we celebrate his birth in way that would please him? Once Jesus was talking with his disciples about the welcome they would receive in Heaven. He said they would hear, "Come, you who are blessed by my father, take your inheritance...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." And when these protested that they had done none of the things for Jesus, he said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:34-40).

Perhaps this Christmas season we should look around and find someone who needs clothes, or food, or our friendship, and provide them in honor of Jesus' birth! Maybe this new tradition of honoring Christ on his birthday would become a holiday tradition that the whole world would follow!

Mist From The Water Of Life

by Rev. Nita Willey

News From MCC Tucson

Greetings from the renewed and improved House of God, Water of Life MCC. We are still at the same location and have the same telephone number, but there are many changes in place, others in process and yet more on the drawing board.

I am well aware of much of the gossip and backbiting that is out in the community. There are people who have left this congregation for various reasons. Some of them are spreading exaggerated stories. Some are upset and want others believe that this is anything but a church of God. Some do not believe that a woman should be "in a position of authority over men." Well, I am writing here to give you a Pauline styling of information (based on the style of I Corinthians 13). I probably will not hit on every rumor out there, but will touch on the major ones.

Water Of Life MCC is a Christian Church. It is not simply a social club. Water Of Life MCC is open to all people seeking a Christian Church home. It is not a Gay Church. Water Of Life MCC is centered in God through Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is not a club run by Dykes. Water of Life MCC is going through changes as we establish teams and life cells. It is not a disorganized mess where no one knows what is going on. Water Of

Life MCC is alive and well! It is not failing and ready to close its doors. Water Of Life MCC is an ecumenical (eclectic) convergence church. It is not a want to be Catholic church. Some Holy Unions or Funeral/Memorial services are similar in that we conduct such rites at the request of the families or couples for whom the service is intended.

If you know of any more rumors or gossip that is going through the community, I ask you to come to our Open House/Christmas party. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. There will be snacks and beverages available. There will be entertainment from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. There will be staff and members available to discuss our theology, doctrine and general ideology and special outreach programs of this church.

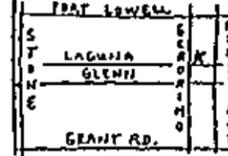
If you hear any more rumors or gossip, ask the person where they got their information and when was the last time or how many times they were here. If you want reliable information, call or write and we will gladly give you the current, correct information. Thank you for reading this article. I pray that some misconceptions have been cleared up or you will contact us.

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December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Program: Skits/Singing Followed by snacks in the Social Hall.



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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

IBT'S - Special Male Box Nite. 9:00 p.m. Play Tucson's hottest game.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 8-9-10

IBT'S - It's 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair 1995 again. Shows Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday again at 9:30 p.m. "Desert Divas" hosted by Helena Bobbles and starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Angelica West, Lucinda Holaday, Celia Putty, Kristin and Adrienne Alexander. Check IBT's ad on page three of this issue.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Remember the days of dancing at Colette's? With special guest DJ Theresa? 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust 2:00 p.m., also Cash Pool Tourney.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed - live music with Tucson's hottest Cumbias and Corridos. 6-9 p.m. \$3 cover.

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 Helena Bobbles, Kristin and Crystal Abrams.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

GRADUATE - TKO Christmas Party with big tree raffle and lots of hoopla. 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 - Mark your calendars. David Burrill's singing and strip act is coming. You've seen his movies. Don't miss his live act. 9:30 p.m.

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.

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!

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Darick Scott will be reading from his debut novel "Traitor to the Race" at 7:30 p.m. at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. At 7th St. Call 792-3715 for more information.

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m. discussion group "Religion from a Gay Perspective". Call Jerry 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) monthly dinner at Club 2520 on Oracle north of Grant. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Tucson Chapter of Prime Timers International please come. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Gays and Lesbians (GLU) will hold their next supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Wingspan Office. This information-sharing time is open to all Gay and Lesbian groups. The supper is provided by Forty and Better and the Gay Men's Social Network. For more information about GLU or to RSVP, please contact David at 323-7943.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DEC. 8-9-10

Final days of the Wingspan Silent Auction. Final bids must be in by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Cronies Social Club regular monthly meeting will be combined with the Christmas Banquet on Dec. 14. Video night will be held tonight at Leo's. Call 624-6768 for directions and RSVP.

Desert Voices holiday concert "Tales Of Winter". Call Desert Voices at 791-9662.

Men's Social Network (MSN) 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Movies and Shop. Enjoy a movie and/or shopping with MSN brothers. Jerry and Les live one block south of Tucson Mall. Watch movies and/or walk to the mall to shop. Call Jerry or Les 690-9565. Guests welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will be hiking to Douglas Springs in the Rincon Mountains. A moderate hike, sunny hike to a great waterfall area. Contact the club at P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532. Happy Trails!

Men's Social Network (MSN) is invited to join in the above hike with the Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club. Call Larry at 795-9125 for details and directions. Guests always welcome. For those not hiking, The Shakespeare Study Group will meet at 2:00 p.m. Call Jean-Philippe.

Wingspan Board Meeting will be held this weekend due to the 4th Avenue Street Fair next weekend. 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Meeting is open to all. Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center is located at 422 N. 4th Avenue. 624-1779.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m. Bridge Nite. Newcomers to bridge are encouraged to come and learn the game and experienced players will find players who already know the game and are eager to play. Call rusty.

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 Ramada 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 Adler", outrageous British comedy TV series. Three episodes. 7-9 p.m. Call Stephen or Loren 790-4416. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 p.m. MSN Board Nite. Easy learning for beginners. Call Lewis 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

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 s/d 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.

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.

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 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scams \$1.25 all 7pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. DJ energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon 7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonerwall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 1-3pm 50c draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7. Tuff Stuff Foot 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Car & Club" 7-9pm.
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 11 to 7pm. Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Rave 8pm with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonerwall opens 7pm HINRG Dance Music. Party at the Eagle with Supper.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75c 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. New Pool Tournament 7pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bar! Non-Premium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25. Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 11 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9pm to close 1st time Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their letters. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$2 donation for Shantel. Stonerwall opens at 9pm with HINRG dance music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75c 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. Beer Bust 7-11pm, \$1.25 Pitchers, 75c Glass.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 11 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, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Best Product Special 9pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonerwall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Curves or Curves Gold \$1.50.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75c 6am-8pm. Curves Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tee 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 \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 11 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hotshots or Curves \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. DJ energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Free specials all night long. Stonerwall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tee open 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hoes D'Ouverture
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c
HOURS - Happy Hour 11-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm; Hot Hoes & O'Uverture 6pm. Stonerwall opens 9pm with High Energy music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75c Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tee opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5pm. Pot matched. 1st: 70%. 2nd: 20%. 3rd: 10%.
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, Pina Colada \$3. Dance Music 8-1.
IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonerwall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Ditcher & Bagels with Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tee opens at 8:30pm.

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THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

More On Gay Tantra (Part Two)

The Tantric approach to sex starts with learning how to receive and channel large amounts of sexual pleasure. This is the first place most of us have to pause and learn, since even people who have lots of sex usually don't allow themselves to be truly flooded with sexual pleasure. Almost everyone has major hangups in this area, which you just have to leap out of, at whatever rate feels good to you. Learning to trust that your whole body is good, even the genitals, is radical in this society. It takes courage. When a man does allow himself to be flooded with sexual pleasure, his body enters a different mode of awareness, and an incredible sense of healing can be experienced. The S/M community understands this. S/M folks engage in extended sexual sessions, involving high levels of stimulation and the emotional high of role-playing. S/M plays with the fact that extreme pleasure and extreme pain blend into each other, but Tantric sex does not necessarily include pain at all. What they hold in common is taking in large amounts of stimulation and encouraging altered states of consciousness as a result.

One important way in which such large amounts of sexual pleasure can be taken in is by means of a Taoist erotic massage. This involves one man lying back to receive, while another man is in the role of erotic masseur. The erotic masseur, having learned many different techniques for pleasuring the genitals and the rest of the body, floods the receiver's body with pleasure via his hands. The man receiving is encouraged to be loose and to breathe freely and let the energy level in his body mount. Free and natural breathing is important, because breathing is the body's natural mechanism for processing pleasure, as we know from our breathing during passionate love-making. Ejaculation is not the goal of such flooding; the man's attention is placed, not on an ejaculation, but on the actual sensations of pleasure being received. This can last for up to an hour!

Altered states of consciousness, similar to drug states or meditative states, are easily achieved with this kind of flooding technique. But unlike drug states, these states are completely natural, based on your own natural sex chemistry. Men report strong feelings of well-being, deep relaxation, and calm energy. This is

probably just the way we are naturally meant to feel, if we weren't so touch-deprived and guilt-ridden. But at any rate, the body feels awake and alive beyond anything ordinarily experienced.

The man receiving has been touched intimately and extensively. He has been erotically energized. His whole body has been affirmed and healed through touch. It is an extraordinary emotional experience to allow yourself to be served in such an intimate way. A man feels empowered, sexually charged in a pleasant sense, clear, balanced, in touch with himself. And connected. Deep layers of a man's being can be opened up, regions of himself he never knew existed. He feels comfortable in his body.

One of the inner secrets of Tantra is that sexual pleasure, when fully breathed, becomes an energy within the body. This energy is what makes you feel so alive after an erotic massage. Erotic energy does not have to stay stuck in the genital area of the body. It can spread and move throughout the body, especially in the so-called "chakras." Chakras are energy centers within the body, where the energy can be felt a little more sensitively. They include the general regions of the genitals and the heart. When this erotic energy reaches the heart, emotional healing can take place. In addition to having a hard-on, imagine having a "heart-on," in which the energy in your heart center swells and expands pleurably. This is what we call love.

For men, it is extremely important to allow the sensations in heart and cock to re-connect, since we have been trained to keep them rigidly separate. As the old cliché has it, "Sex is sex and love is love. They're two completely different things!" There is some truth in that, but I think often it serves as an excuse not to love. In other words, if a man is One, if his inner splits of part against part are healed, his heart energy and his cock energy are one. They tend to awaken together and move together. We tend to love the people we have sex with, and have sex with the people we love. For many Gay men, we are split in this dimension. We have sex with people we don't love, and reserve our trust and our true love for people we would never have sex with.

To me, this is a real shame, because it is saying somehow that sex really is dirty, that it doesn't mediate love for us Gay men. The heart energy and the cock energy are going off in two different directions. The man himself is therefore split, at war with himself, hiding from himself, policing himself. The whole Gay culture, with its emphasis on impersonal sex, encourages this, may brainwashes us with this stuff. I think we have to learn to be real people with the men we have sex with. This is risky, no doubt, in the sense that if others don't do this and you do, you could feel vulnerable and hurt. We have to do it in teams, small or large. We have to find other Gay men that we have a reasonable trust in, and open our hearts and our cocks together. Then the magical, erotic tribe that we truly are could begin to manifest itself.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a bodyworker and counselor for the Gay community of Tucson. For information, please call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.]

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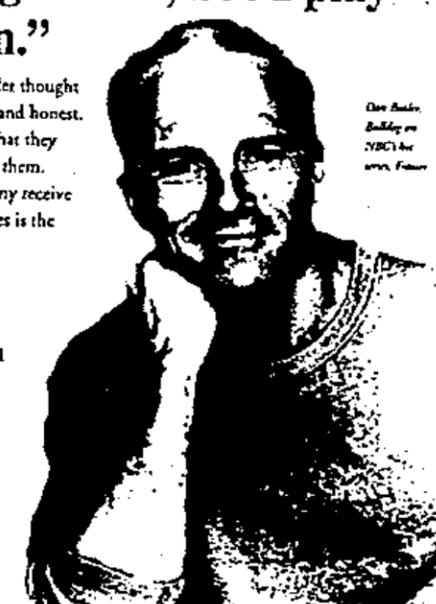
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WINGSPAN

by Marcia Paris

On Saturday December 2, many of you stopped in Wingspan for the Silent Auction Reception. The center gallery displayed over 70 items up for bid. Music, refreshments and visiting with old and new Wingspan friends creating an evening of fun memories. Thanks to all who came out for this activity.

On Sunday December 3, the Wingspan Board of Directors held its monthly meeting. We changed the date due to the Fourth Avenue Street Fair next week. Otherwise our meetings are always the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 P.M. The Board completed the election of officers at this meeting and those who will serve for the coming are: Marcia Paris, President; Terry Reed, Vice President of Operations; Bruce Corey, Vice President of Outreach; George Kaplan, Treasurer; and John Potter will serve as Secretary. The other Board members are Karl Ballard, David Eyde, Kraelynn Fleming, Anne "Bertie" Lozano, Keith Koster, Ken Godat, Bob MacMahon, Mark Schaye, Jim Sincos and Michelle Yakovich. We thank each of these individuals for taking time out of their busy schedules to serve as volunteers to Wingspan and the Tucson Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community. Special thanks to Executive committee members at large, Aileen Jacinto McMurrer, who recently resigned after serving on the 1995 Board.

David Eyde will now join Michelle Yakovich to provide training for volunteers and make sure the center is staffed during hours of operation. The co-volunteer coordinators are assisted by Michelle Martinez who is our U of A work study student. Joe Astorga continues serving as our Facilities Manager. Contact Joe if you need to hold a meeting or start a regular group at Wingspan. Jim Sincos who chairs the Groups Services committee will inform you of Wingspan groups criteria. This past month two new Bisexual groups have started regular meet-

ings and the GYM group now meets on Saturdays at Wingspan. Wingspan is not the initiator of groups that meet at Wingspan. We provide space for already existing groups need "a home", a space, to have their meetings. If your group is interested, please call 624-1779. The center is here to serve the community.

Please stop by and visit the Wingspan booth at the Fourth Avenue Street Fair on December 8, 9, and 10. The booth will be directly across from the center and will be stocked with Film Festival t-shirts for sale, membership cards, free condoms and photos of volunteer events from the past year. Friendly volunteers will be there to answer your questions. You can also go in the center and see how marvelous it's looking these days. I'd like to publicly acknowledge the anonymous donor of two new office chairs. Whoever you are, we thank you! Resource volunteers can now answer the phone and do paperwork in comfort. If you ever say the shape of the two previous chairs, you understand our joy.

We have new library selections, bulletin boards overflowing with information on events, groups, jobs, housing, civil rights and other resources. And of course, the Silent Auction final bids must be in by 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 10. If you are the top bidder, you can take your item home that night.

Come in and bid, shop for holiday ideas or rest awhile. Just coming in to say hi is a great way to show your support of Wingspan. And we do appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Book Review

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Ph.D. at Rutgers. Therapy helps him realize that that wall he erected long ago against "the city of the heart" might have a door in it. At last - at 34 - Mr. Helms is employed in his first full-time career job, as a teacher.

The cast of characters changes from Noel and Judy to Alice Walker and Robert Lowell, and a friend (somewhat tardily) suggests Alanon. Slogans there are "superficial & Pollyanna," but suggest the acceptance of things that can't be changed, and acceptance necessarily leads him back to those provinces "flat as despair" to confront "the life I lived, in cahoots with my childhood."

"Young Man From the Provinces" is finally about a Gay man's "effort to make a good life" from "a mixed bag of blessings & an endless paradox love out of hatred, strength out of yielding, courage from acceptance." There is a hint, an echo of another big name here - St. Francis - but Mr. Helms doesn't lean on it or even spell it out. He doesn't have to. He warned us that this would be "a cautionary tale." It is: one to heed, one to read.

[Steven Bach, the author of "Final Cut" and "Marlene Dietrich: Life and Legend," is working on a biography of Moss Hart.]

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Triple T	6	2	17518
Noisy Poizons	6	2	17252
Stray Cats	5	3	16865
Seaweeds	5	3	15136
Two Tall/Wide	4	4	16993
Double Stuff	4	4	16497
Baker's Dozen	3	5	16801
Pin Me Down	3	5	13850
2 Peas & A Pod	2	6	16714
Twelve	1	7	16870
Bee Bytes	1	7	14860
HITT'ers	0	8	13790

High Average: April D., 143; Mark K., 200.
 High Game Scratch: April D., 200; Jeffrey T., 279; Triple T., 658.
 High Game HDCP: April D., 259; Mark K., 298; Triple T., 733.
 High Series Scratch: April D., 510; Mark K., 713; Rubber Queens, 1866.
 High Series HDCP: April D., 687; Mark K., 762; Rubber Queens, 2028.

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	W	L	PINS
Looney Tunes	4	0	34263
Ooh Sh*t!	3	1	34435
High Rollers	3	1	33644
Too Much	1	3	34428
PACT Rats	1	3	30095
Pigs R Us	0	4	33497

High Average: Ann R., 168; Jack S., 190.
 High Game Scratch: Jackie M., 220; Jack S., 248; Ooh Sh*t!, 875.
 High Game HDCP: Max V., 275; Jackie M., 256; Ooh Sh*t!, 1054.
 High Series Scratch: Ann R., 566; Jack S., 646; Ooh Sh*t!, 2579.
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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Ho, ho, ho, children, have you been good? December is here and Santa will soon bring all of us presents we deserve. What I really want is a 1996 filled with affirmation and pride. The planets are clustered tightly into the Sagittarius/Capricorn sphere which means that we can get our wish in a big way and put it to work in the political arena. Get to work friends; time is ticking away!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Pioneering Rams will be fairly "outer directed" this month which means that you will feel an undeniable pull to express yourself to others and make your mark on the world. This is not bad as long as your mark is enduring and meaningful and not graffiti trash. Plan your course of action carefully before you go for the gusto, my friend.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Are you thinking of traveling and experiencing new and exotic adventures? The planets seem to think so. Proud Bulls are not always the venturesome type, but I think there is something wet and wonderful out there for you if you would only take a peek. Try a challenging course of study or even a wild and unusual meal with a wild and unusual stranger. You never can tell...

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If you have been feeling at loose ends lately, it may be time for you to take a deep break, sit back and review your year with a clear head. What turns you on? What do you need in order to be happy and fulfilled? Revelations are possible this month, but only if you are ready, willing and able to see the rainbow light through the miserable fog.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Sensitive Crabs don't feel totally complete without a special someone with which to share their lives. If you are in a relationship, it is now time to evaluate how it can be fine tuned and improved. If you are still searching, you may want to send out feelers and see who is around the corner. You don't have to spend the new year alone or isolated, dear.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If life is running on overdrive lately, expect more of the same for December when the planets serve up more than you've bargained for on the job. Proud Lions may roar their disapproval on more than one occasion, but the treadmill will continue to roll no matter how much you protest. Don't panic; I see a reward for all your hard work down the road...even if it's more responsibility.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Expect fun, fun, fun for the new year. Can serious old Virgo stand the excitement? I see luck, romance and general good times, at least for the next seven weeks or so, so enjoy it all while you can. Plan an especially nice new years celebration and tap into your more creative side. Personal expression can be taken to new levels and you will shine and fly.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You will feel more into yourself this month. Your needs, emotions and inner workings all come into greater focus. Mull over what you need and want out of life and take the necessary next steps to make your happiness and fulfillment happen. Home, family and ancestral mandates will have to be considered, no matter

how much you protest, they are all part of who you are.

what you have gained and save it for a rainy day.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Scorps are pretty calculating folk who watch what they say and how they say it. Now you must review how you communicate with others. The time is ripe to language as a battering ram. Words pack a punch and you deliver them with aplomb and accuracy. Take a favorite cause and take it the next step or write that great Gay American novel.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

You can keep that glorious spotlight shining and even capitalize on it in December. Money makes the world go around and you are ripe and ready for a spin around the block. Others who recognize your unique talents help your financial cause, you lucky queer Archer, so get out there and sell yourself. Be prepared to invest

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even serious Capricorns will be pleased with December's bounty. This birthday month brings greater recognition and a clearer sense of who is friend and who is foe. You are energized and full of pride so get out there and show the world what you can do when you are inspired. Plan new projects and get new ideas off the ground now!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Good old Aqueerian intuition is running fast and furious this month as the planets stir up a cosmic soup of mysticism, religion and soulful songs. It is an excellent time to study tarot, astrology or other new age stuff. (Think of it as helping the world adjust, with you as the guru.) Volunteer for one of the charitable causes;

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Gather all kindred souls around you this month and get in with the Gay group effort. Friendships are vitally important to you now so get involved and meet and greet. A word of advise; don't blend in with the group and compromise who you are in order to feel a sense of belonging. Make your own unique imprint on the social scene and always be true to yourself.

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MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social picnic, gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Terry at 699-9563 for information and a newsletter 558

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesday's at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Hammer Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 318-3355

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 pm. Call 770-1710 for info

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NOTICES

WAGONWHEEL - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 9th Ave., offers support groups, info line, social events, library, meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 pm. Information 624-1779

M-SPORT GROUP - Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Footfalls Church, 5601 East River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 294-9063 for information

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DREAM GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men meets every Thursday at 7pm. Bring a dream and learn about your deepest self and that of others. Call Robert Fiddians PhD 623-1732

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgment or pre-judgment - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9003

CATALINA CRYSTAL - Outreach for Transsexuals, trans gendered and others desiring to explore the mystery of the gender and our pagan heritage. Call Julia for more information, 824-0767

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-6226

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HHS Releases New Public-Service Ads

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"What we have is a generation in jeopardy," Shalala said. "And it is up to us to take action now to reverse these troubling trends before we wipe out a new generation of leadership for this country."

As each generation comes of age, there is a substantial increase in the rate of infections as individuals enter their late teens and early twenties, with infection rates peaking in the mid- to late-twenties. As part of the government's commitment to changing this pattern, Secretary Shalala unveiled a new series of PSA's entitled "Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself."

The new PSA's, produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), show young adults talking candidly about their lives and modeling protective behaviors and skills, including: abstaining from sex; communicating with sexual partners and parents about sex and using latex condoms consistently and correctly if choosing to have sexual intercourse.

"One of the key things we have learned is that the messenger is oftentimes as important as the message," said CDC Director David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D. "It is essential for young adults to see and hear their peers talking about how they protect themselves from HIV."

In addition to delivering the messages, young adults were also involved at every development stage of the "Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself" PSA's. Young adults who are HIV educators and service providers, as well as members of the target audience, worked closely with CDC and its partners to create the PSA's.

"These messages are by, for, and about young adults, so it was important for them to play an integral role in their development," said Helene D. Gayle,

M.D., M.P.H., Director of CDC's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. "Young adults are willing to share the responsibility for HIV prevention, they understand what their peers are thinking and doing, and they are vital to our efforts to fight this disease."

"We are very proud of the effort and the contribution we have made to it," said Veronica Ayala, of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, one of the young adults assisted CDC in developing the messages. "The PSA's are about our generation taking responsibility for protecting ourselves and our peers from HIV. We're the first generation raised with this epidemic. It's up to us to end it."

The "Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself" PSA's are part of a broader effort to reduce HIV infection in the United States. "The data cited demonstrates more clearly than ever before that we cannot become complacent about AIDS," Patricia S. Fleming, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy said. "We must continue to give young adults and the communities in which they live the tools they need to protect themselves."

The new PSA's are part of CDC's ongoing Prevention Marketing Initiative (PMI), which has both national media and grassroots components. Like other CDC prevention efforts, PMI works with state and community public- and private-sector organizations to increase the reach and effectiveness of their HIV prevention activities.



POLITICS

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waste of space!]

The Arizona Daily Star ran an editorial urging people to support a pay raise for state elected officials, because their convoluted logic is, "More pay for better government." [Right, and I "Forever blowing bubbles!" Why should we give more money to individuals; in most cases from Phoenix, a place that doesn't care about Tucson, and who haven't governed well: our education system is in ruins, we have "taxation without representation", we don't have civil rights protections. Frankly, the Phoenix dominated government has screwed us. We should support a pay cut, not a pay raise! Face facts, state government is not going to change soon until voters, everybody, wake up, smell the coffee and vote those bozos out!]

KOLD TV in Mammy Yokumville, recently ran a five part expose on "Deadly dishrags." [Need I go on! Soon we'll have exposes on: "Timebomb Teapots!", "Killer Coffee Pots!", "Paper Napkins: The Conspiracy To Undermine The Family!"]

It just sucks!

GUESS WHO, DON'T SUE: What new Tucson Council member tried to move into their new office a few days early, a la George Bush? Well, the outgoing elected official told they would get the office on this past Monday. Then the outgoing Council member, then shredded all of their papers. [Ooh, get her!]

What new Tucson Council member canned the outgoing staff, only to have end up using a Ward office retreat and kept two of the outgoing staff on a "temporary basis." [Off to a good start!]

What former Democratic State Senator from Tucson, "Mr. Quisling", who with Alan Stephens and Art Hamilton, who destroyed the Democrat's chances in the state with redistricting in 1990, and now works for Republican Attorney General, Grant Woods, was recently at a Arizona Democratic party fund raiser. [Talk about a culture, hasn't the former Senator picked the "bones" clean!]

What outgoing "He looked fabulous" Council member showed up an hour late to their farewell shindig this past Friday, thrown by the few people who would openly admit they supported them. [Talk about gratitude!]

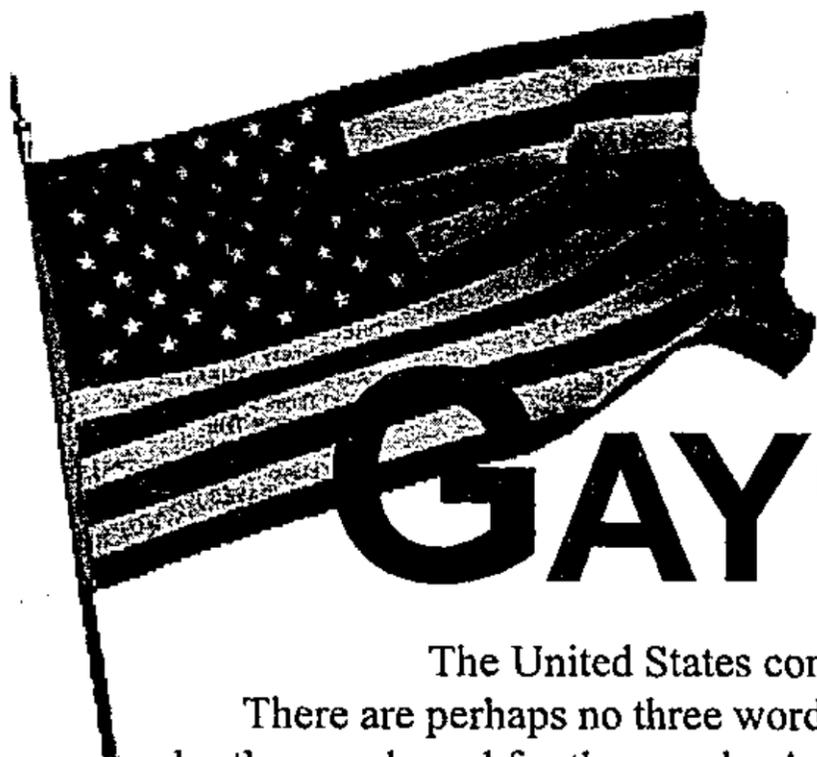
And so it goes for now kids!

P-Flag Holiday Fund Raiser

TUCSON - The Tucson Chapter of Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, (PFLAG), is holding a holiday fund raiser that benefits all in the community.

PFLAG of Tucson is selling Entertainment '96 Coupon Books. The coupon books have numerous money saving coupons for restaurants, stores, and many other businesses.

The cost of the book is \$35, which all proceeds go to the local chapter of PFLAG. If you wish to get an Entertainment '96 Coupon Book or want more information, call Diana Thompson at 297-6615 and leave a message.



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