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Aids Activist With Baboon Marrow Heads Home

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - Joking with friends and looking well-rested, AIDS patient Jeff Getty left the hospital, three weeks after receiving a risky infusion of baboon bone marrow that doctors hope will safe his life.

It will be weeks or months before doctors can determine whether Getty's body has adopted the baboon cells, which are naturally resistant to the AIDS virus.

Even with an uncertain prognosis, Getty said it's so far, so good.

"To the naysayers who said that I would never recover from this procedure, well, here I am. And you were wrong," the 38 year old AIDS activist said at San Francisco General Hospital. "Now I'm ready to leave to go home and to take my sailboat out."

Getty shook hands and laughed with friends and hospital workers, and cracked a smile when well-wishers shouted, "We love you, Jeff!"

Getty returns to the hospital next week for tests.

"So far, the only thing we can really conclude is that the procedure was safe, safer than we had initially expected. Jeff tolerated everything very well," Dr. Steven Deeks said. The more critical question, about whether or not this procedure actually any benefit to Jeff, remains unclear. Quite honestly, we just don't know."

If the transplant fails, Getty will probably die quickly because his battered immune system had to be further suppressed with drugs and radiation to reduce the risk of his body rejecting the baboon cells, doctors say.

His immune system hit its weakest point December 22 but has since rebounded to about whether it was before the December 14 operation, Deeks said.

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Burning The Mortgage

TUCSON - It was back in 1991 when the old French Quarter became the Venture-N. Jim Dondson had returned to Tucson from his Venture-N in Houston. He saw the need for a leather bar in the Old Pueblo and has worked hard over the years to make it one of the best. Last Monday, Jan. 8th, Jim had paid off his mortgage and in true fashion, had a bar-b-que grill lighted and in front of a cheering clientele tossed the mortgage in. Congratulations Jim.

Tucson Mayor & Council Vote To Give Local AIDS Agencies $35,000 In Emergency Funding

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

TUCSON - The adage, "All good things comes to those who wait.", came true for Tucson's AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), Shanti, PACT, and TAP when the Mayor and Council voted 4-3, to give the ASO's $35,000 for emergency contingency funding.

The close vote over the proposal resulted from controversy surrounding that a portion of the funds would come from the City's contingency fund.

This was the second request for emergency monies the ASOs had made. On August 7, 1995, the Mayor and Council by a vote of 7 to 0, referred this matter to the United Way Service Area Committee (SAC) and requested United Way to consider a $25,000 allocation for this proposal.

The United Way City SAC on October 3, 1995 turned down the request stating among other reasons that: the amount of contingency funds available would not make a significant difference in services.

The ASOs had a large reduction in funding a year ago had a devastating effect on the agencies' budget and cash flow. The ASOs stated that they cannot continue to provide the level of service of two years ago, with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations of $70,000 for 1995-96 by the Mayor and Council, which was $55,500 less than what the ASOs had requested.

Aggregate caseloads at the ASOs have more than doubled in the last three years. Increase in community fund raising dollars have not kept pace, and government dollars have been decreasing. The ASOs are very dependent upon community fund raising and competitive contracts that must be reapplied for annually, failure to receive funding will require that services would be cut.

At this past Monday's Mayor and Council meeting, the Executive Directors of the three ASOs were present to make their second request. Here are the highlights of the debate:

Ward 6 Council member Molly McKasson, "I placed this item on the agenda because of the urgency of the situation.

"If I had the $55,500 I'd fund it. After some dialogue, the Mayor and Council can come up with monies to help these organizations which help our young people that are not being taken care of by the feds, United Way or the County to the full extent that it needs to be. We are all guilty and we need to answer to this emergency."

Anne Maley, Executive Director of the Shanti Foundation then spoke, "The ASO's were here last summer, requesting funds to make up the shortfall of CDBG funds to run our programs. The monies being request will help pay for our client service programs.

"The programs at Shanti and PACT are volunteer run, TAP programs are client services. All money goes directly to people living with HIV/AIDS. We've had a tough time, because of the percentage of monies from CDBG, to make the funding last. We're concerned that the ASO's won't make it through this year.

"The ASO's went to United Way City SAC as directed and were turned down. It's an emergency in the community. Keeping programs alive and going and keep the level of services."

Craig Snow, Executive Director of TAP said, "If the AIDS Service Organizations don't get the assistance, they would have to cut back on staff thus cut services."

Ward 4 Council member Shirley Scott said, "That Mayor and Council policy to give contingency funds to social service agencies is not allowed. That's were the rub is, the difficulty is. I would cut a check if I could.

"I wish we could find funds to give to the ASO's. If there were another fund to draw money we should. If we vote to give monies, that would violate everything that this Council had done. This is my problem with this, fiscally and problem wise.

"We should send a strong recommendation to United Way SAC to give the ASO's the monies needed."

Mayor George Miller (D) asked if United Way SAC has the monies to give to the ASOs. Ward 2 Council member Janet Marcus (D) they only have $32,000. Marcus went on:

"The ASOs request would completely deplete their contingency fund with a half a year left to come. That's the difficult issue. There's the possibilities of monies from United Way SAC but not the amount requested."

Mayor Miller asked Craig Snow about the AIDS Walk '95 monies, how

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UPDATE

Gays & Christianity Seminar January 20

TUCSON - A seminar and workshop on Christianity and homosexuality will take place at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church, 2902 N. Geronimo, on January 20, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M..

The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Joseph Pearson, Ph.D., a Gay Christian Professor of Biology at Scottsdale Community College, and President of the Phoenix Evangelical Bible Institute.

The registration fee is $25.00. The fee includes all textual materials, including "The Christian Gay and Lesbian Handbook", a catered lunch provided by Cornerstone Fellowship, and an opportunity to receive correspondence class credit from the Phoenix Evangelical Bible Institute.

For more information call Cornerstone Fellowship at 622-4626.

Position Opening At Shanti Foundation

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation has a part time staff position opening. Responsibilities include providing support and crisis intervention services to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS; arranging transportation to and from medical appointments; assisting clients who come in and/or call the office; follow-up calls and other client oriented tasks.

Applicants should have counseling/advocating experience, experience working with volunteers; prefer HIV/-AIDS and/or substance abuse experience; commitment to HIV/AIDS and capable of working independently. Salary $9,000 plus 50% of benefits.

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For more information contact Desert Voices at 791-9662.

Male Child Abuse Survivors Being Sought

TUCSON - The Child Abuse Survivors Network is trying to start a facilitated support group for male survivors of any type of childhood abuse.

If you are interested, please call 628-9797 and leave your name and number. This is a great opportunity to meet other males with similar situations in a safe environment. Let's not keep the secrets hidden any longer.

Last Minute Delay In New York 'Don't Ask' Case

NEW YORK CITY, NY - One of the key Don't Ask, Don't Tell cases has been postponed due to the recusal of a 2nd Circuit appellate judge who signed a 1993 petition objecting to the ban on Gays in the military.

Able vs. U.S.A., brought on behalf of six servicemen by the ACLU and Lambda, cuts to the core by directly challenging DADT on constitutional grounds. A lower court ruling from the federal bench in Brooklyn agreed that the Clinton administration policy violated the First and Fifth amendments, which lead to the federal appeals courts.

The government had filed a letter protesting the role of Judge Guido Calabresi, former Dean of the Yale Law School, who had placed himself on record in opposition to the ban. Calabresi stepped down the following day.

Wyoming Remains Low On List Of Great States For Gays

CHEYENNE, WY - The Wyoming Supreme Court has upheld a lower court in its decision to curtail the visitation rights of divorced Lesbian mother, Pamela Hertzler.

Since their divorce in 1991, Pamela and Dean Hertzler have been locked in legal battles over their two children, who originally were given to Pamela on condition that she renounces her Lesbians. Dean remarried and Pamela became involved with another woman, leading to the courts to put the kids back with Dean. Dean and his new wife then won further restrictions on Pamela's visitation rights, arguing that Pamela flaunted her lifestyle and restricting her to supervised visits without her lover present.

The lower ruling included the judge's opinion that "homosexuality is inherently inconsistent with families and with the relationships and values which perpetuate families. "The Supreme Court called the opinion inappropriate, but upheld the lower court based on the "best interest" of the children.

The minority on the Supreme Court observed that "the father [and new wife] worked long and hard at alienating these children from their mother. They should have been held in contempt for what they have done; instead...they are rewarded for their outrageous behavior."

Two Arrested In Slaying Of Gay Man At Texas Bar

HOUSTON, TX (AP) - Two self proclaimed neo-Nazis who allegedly had warned they were going to "get a fag" were arrested in slaying of a homosexual stabbed 35 times in his van outside a Gay bar.

"It's very obvious the victim was targeted because of the fact that he was homosexual," sheriff's Capt. Don McWilliams said. "They demonstrated no remorse at all over this."

Daniel Christopher Bean, 19, and his half-brother Ronald Henry Gauthier, 21, or Columbia Falls, Montana, were jailed on murder charges.

The FBI joined the investigation, looking into the possibility of civil rights charges.

The defendants told police they attacked Fred Mangione, in the suburb of Katy because he or his companion had made sexual advances. But witnesses said the two had talked about harming Gays before they had even met the victim.

After the slaying, a sheriff's deputy stopped the men as they ran from the scene with blood on their clothes, and they said something like, "We cut up this fag real bad," according to McWilliams.]

Bean and Gauthier told detectives they belong to a group called the German Peace Corps, which authorities believe is based in California.

"These guys claim membership in an organization that by their own admission is a neo-Nazi organization that targets blacks and homosexuals for victimization," McWilliams said.

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TO THE COMMUNITY:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for all their support. Since Mikee died, I have been very depressed and feeling sorry for myself. With your help, I'm getting on with my life.

I would also like to thank Wingspan, and it's numerous volunteers for the help and support they have shown me. The compassion that the Gay community has shown me is fantastic. Keep up the good work gang.

With much love,
Glenn Sabel

P.S.: The memorial for Mikee is set for 3:00 P.M., Friday, January 12, at 2850 East 19th Street. See ya'll there.

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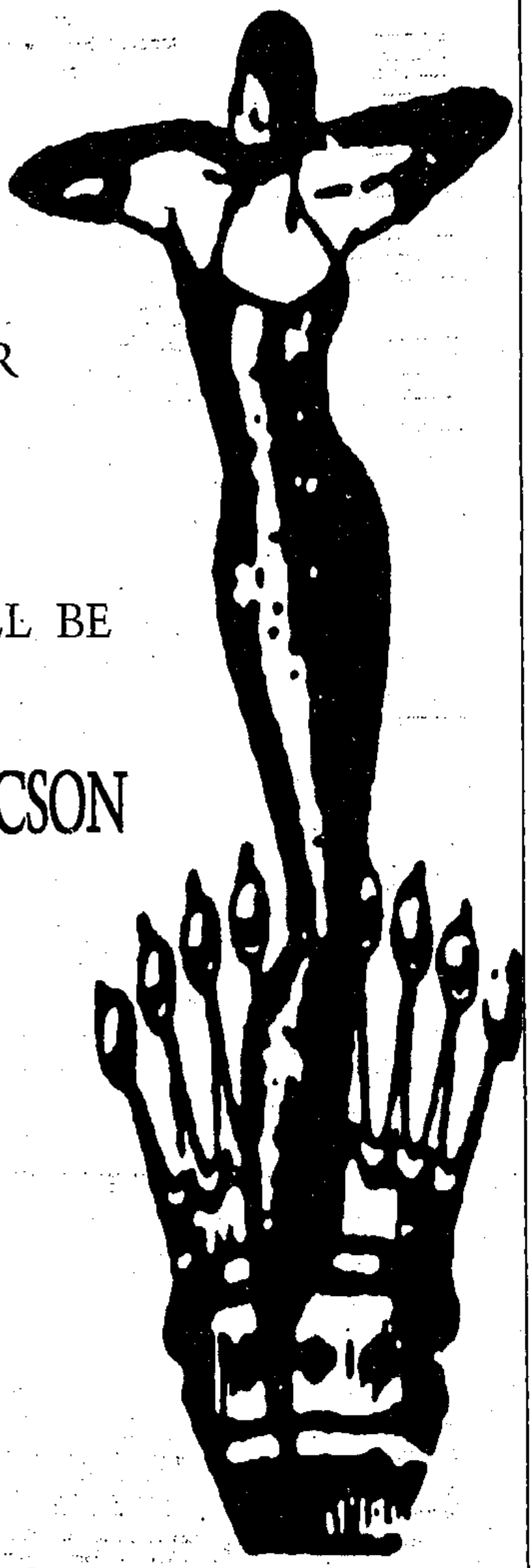

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PERSPECTIVE....

by Arthur Hoppe

SINGAPORE - Peter Lorre and Sydney Greenstreet, resplendently evil in their white suit and Panama hats, are huddled at a table in the dimly-lit, smoke-filled Long Bar at the historic Raffles Hotel as the bamboo fans sway back and forth overheard.

"The diamonds are worth a cool million," hisses Lorre, nibbling on a maraschino cherry from his Singapore Sling and cavalierly tossing the stem on the floor. "My plan is foolproof. Here's what we do..."

"You're under arrest," cries the captain of police as his men surround the two culprits with drawn pistols, "for felonious littering."

This is to say that the romance has gone out of Singapore. About the only crime in this city of three million is that a Singapore Sling in the Long Bar of the Raffles Hotel now costs $16.20.

Not only is Singapore free of crime, but it's free of graffiti, littler, unemployment, beggars and welfare moms. The only Singaporeans on the dole are a few old people, and the government's about to pass a law allowing them to sue their children for their support, a law I'm planning to mention to my son, Mordred.

"It's Gingrichville," says an American friend. "If he came here, he'd think he'd died and gone to Heaven."

The tenor of Gingrichville is set by the cheery sign that greets tourists as they approach the customs inspectors at the airport. It informs them politely that if they are carrying any narcotics, they'll be hanged.

"Don't you have some Tylenol with codeine in your shaving kit?" my dear wife, Glynda, asked helpfully.

The airport was spotless. The streets looked as though they'd been scrubbed by hand. The hotel was immaculate. "Oh, yes," said the jolly bellman, "we have a very fine city. We fine you for chewing gum; we fine you for spitting; we fine you for drawing on walls; we fine you..."

"That's fine with me," Glynda, who commits none of those crimes, said later as we strolled down Orchard Street. "What I like is that it's safe to walk anywhere, anytime."

"Except on the grass," I said, pointing to one of those innumerable signs. "I'll bet they whack grass walkers with a paddle."

"So walk on the sidewalk," said Glynda. "Look at all the trees. Look at all the posh stores. Look at all the bustle. Everyone's doing fine."

And Glynda's right. Singapore's the most prosperous nation in Southeast Asia. The stores are open until 10 P.M. seven days a week. And there are enough Christmas strands strung around to light up Las Vegas.

The population's 78 percent Chinese, 14 percent Malay and 7 percent Indian. "But we all worship the same god," says a tour guide chuckling. "Money."

"Newt Gingrich would indeed love it here," I told Glynda. "It's a reasonably benevolent dictatorship with all the values of the Contract With America. I'm surprised you like it so well."

"Oh, it's a nice place to visit," said Glynda with a grin, "but I'm still vote Democratic."

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As I See It *by Clark*

House Ethics Panel Devises 'Partners Registration'

by Lou Chibbaro, Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a development hailed by Gay activists, the House Ethics Committee said it will give members of the House of Representatives and their staffs the option of registering their same-sex partners as "significant others" under a newly approved House Rule.

House Rule 52, which prohibits House members and House staffers from accepting gifts under most circumstances, allows exemptions on receiving gifts from family members, relatives, and personal friends.

Peter Larson, a member of the Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association, said an ethics committee official told House staffers in a briefing, that the committee agreed to expand the definition of family to include "significant others."

Larson said the official, Ellen Weintraub, the committee's general counsel, told the briefing the term "significant others" will include same-sex or opposite sex domestic partners. According to Larson, who works for Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), said that House members and staffers to include their partners under the family exemption provision will be required to register their relationships with the Ethics Committee.

The House adopted Rule 52 as a part of a reform effort to restrict the influence of lobbyists. Advocates of Congressional reform note that lobbyists traditionally have given members of Congress lavish gifts, including fully paid vacations, in what some have called blatant attempts to influence votes.

Larson said the Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association considers the decision by the Ethics Committee to broaden the term family a recognition that Gays form legitimate families.

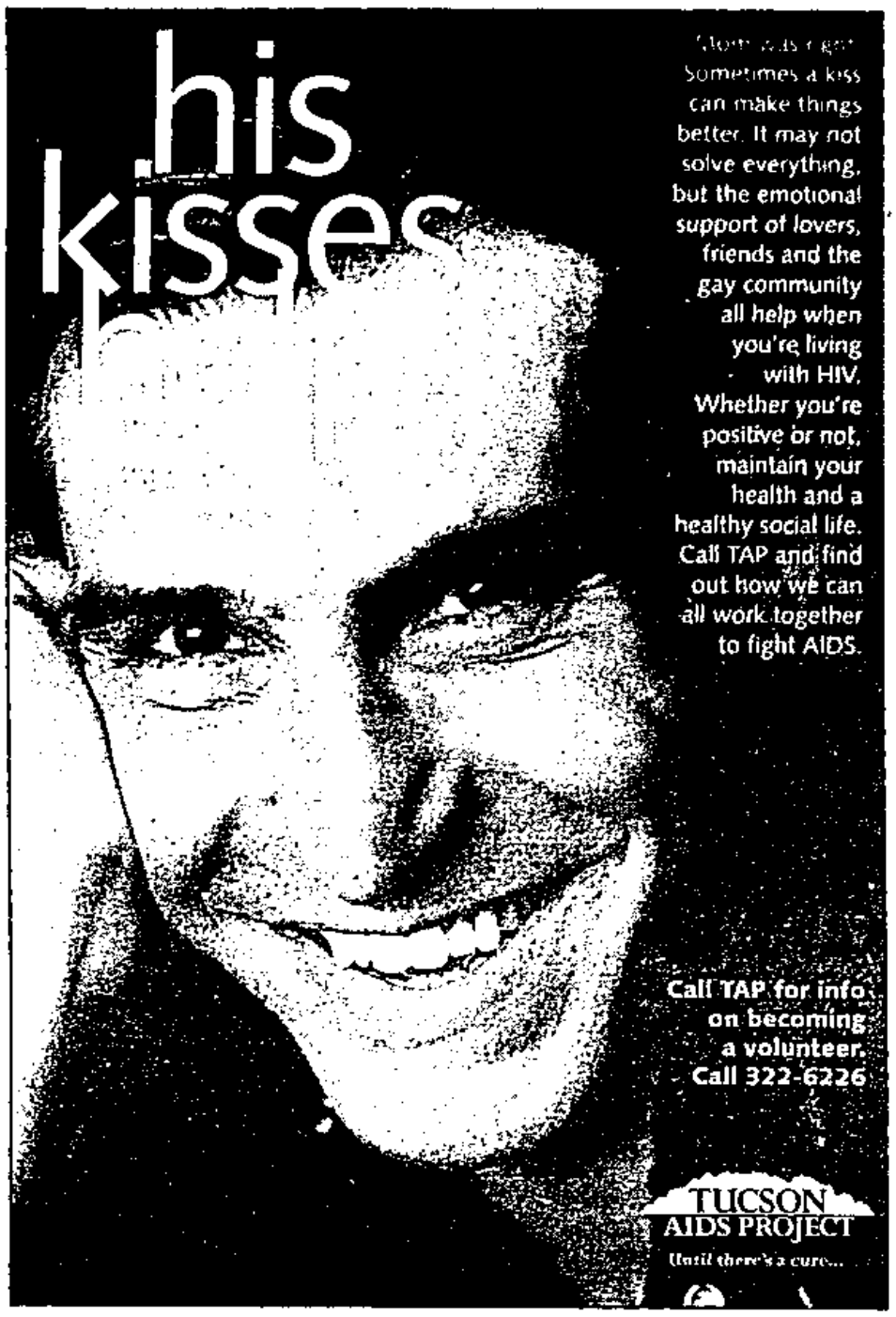
"To me, this sounds like a domestic partners registration," said Larson.

He said Weintraub of the Ethics Committee told the briefing that the committee acted on the "significant others" provisions after committee staffers talked to members and staffers of the House who have domestic partners.

Among those who have domestic partners are all three openly Gay House members, Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, both Democrats from Massachusetts, and Rep. Steve Gunderson, a Republican from Wisconsin.

Had the committee not broadened the definition of the term family, Rule 52 would have required House members and staffers to seek permission from the Ethics Committee to receive all gifts from their domestic partners that exceeded $250 in value.

[Lou Chibbaro, Jr. is a reporter for the Washington Blade, from which this article is reprinted.]



PlanetOut: Gayest Place In Cyberspace

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - PlanetOut (PNO), a new international online community Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals and Transgender people, announced the PlanetOut Cafe, a new kind of visual chat space developed on V-Chat communications for the Microsoft Network.

V-Chat communications lets PlanetOut members chatting on the Microsoft Network represent themselves as expressive, animated characters that they control, called "avatars." Members can make their representations be happy, angry, bored, and wave, shrug, flirt, and act silly. Avatars let chatting PNO members communicated with more emotional nuance, subtlety, and humor.

"V-Chat communications adds back many of the things that are lost when face-to-face conversations are replaced by on-line chat," said Tom Reilly, president of PlanetOut. "Gestures, facial expressions, spatial relationships, proximity, and physical expression are part of what makes personal interaction so satisfying. V-Chat is the next best thing to being there."

PlanetOut's java joint was designed by award-winning artists Alison Bechdel, author of the internationally syndicated comic strip, Dykes To Watch Our For. Like the comic strip for which she is famous, Bechdel's avatars are hilarious, expressive and authentic.

PNO's avatars include ten characters in Asian, Latino, African-American, Indian, and Caucasian incarnations. Members can imbue their avatars with their own personalities, but PNO's avatars might be described as:

Gym Queen, a narcissistic Chelsea muscle boy in Spandex.

GirlJock, a spunky twenty-something rollerblader with great abs.

Execudyke, a briefcase toting professional, and not so secret member of the Lesbian Avengers.

Mr. Downtown, a suspendered, forty something with a secret alter ego.

Ms. Birkenstocks, an earthy mother.

J. Crew boy, a J. Crew boy.

Lipstick Lesbian, a glamour dyke with flowing blond hair.

Grunge Boy, a Seattle alternative music fan.

Ms. Pierce(d), a fiercely intelligent young woman who edits a youth magazine.

Mr. Chapstick, a leatherman with a heart of gold.

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Williams, a youth activist in his spare time, added that the PNO Cafe will help young people come out of the closet safely.

"V-Chat communications helps members overcome the fear of entering a Gay place for the very first time. Members can experiment with talking to openly Gay members of the community in a realistic environmental without fear."

Is HIV Becoming 'A Rite Of Passage' For American Youth?

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - One in every 92 men in the age group of 27 through 39 is likely HIV positive, according to the most precise estimates yet of the pandemic's toll. The latest and most accurate date available is from 1993, and was just published in a report in the journal Science.

Minorities are far and away the hardest hit, with one of every 33 young African-American men estimated to be infected in 1993, according to the study.

Study author Philip Rosenberg of the National Center Institute forecasted a bleak future if the trend continues, suggesting that "the threat of AIDS may become a rite of passage" for young people. This latest report reaffirms the government's warning that AIDS is threatening more and more young people.

In January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that AIDS is 1993 became the number one killer for people in the age group from 25-44.

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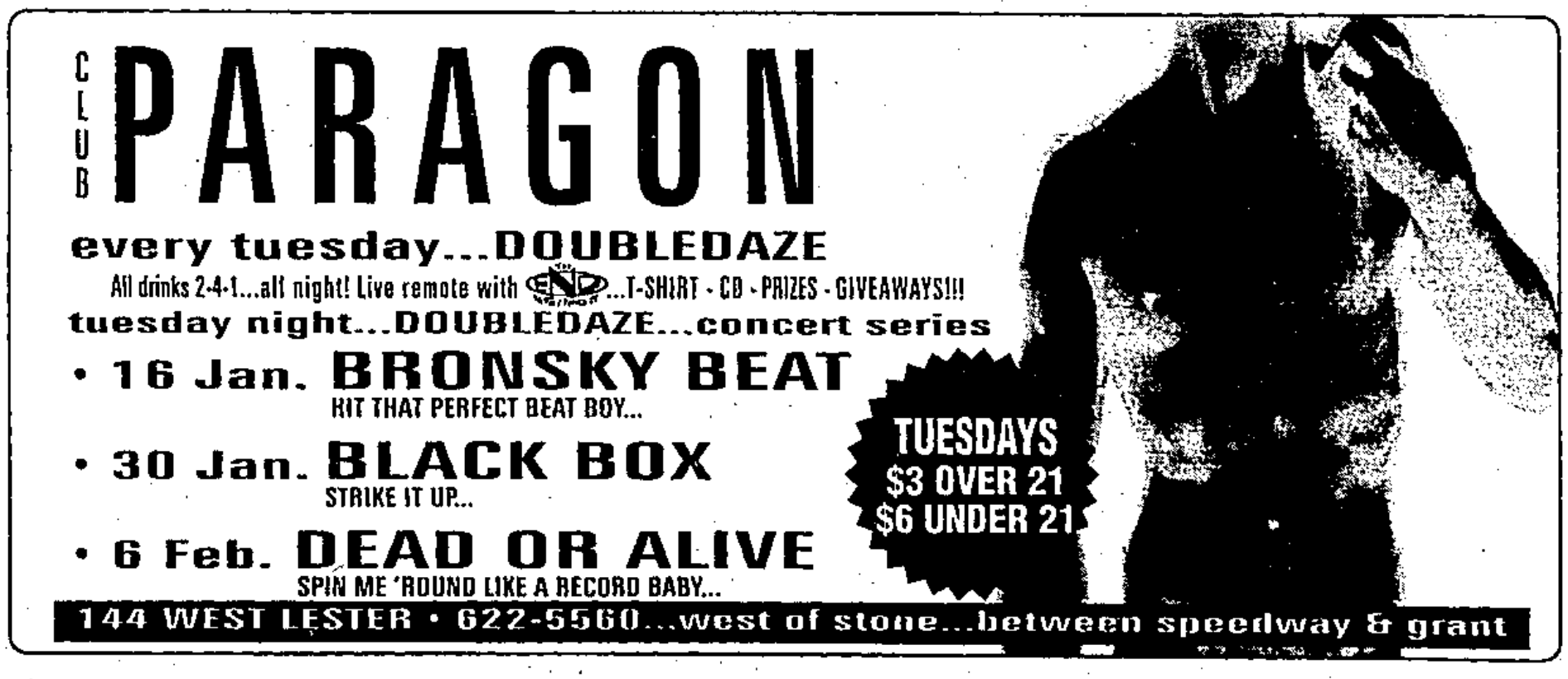

Independently Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

A Matter Of Compassion

During last year's flap over Bob Dole's rejection, then acceptance of a $1,000 contribution from Log Cabin Republicans, the Washington Post ran a story quoting Kevin McGilley:

"Washington Gay Democrat with a number of Gay Republican friends. 'The sad fact is that Gay Republicans just don't get it,' he says. 'Like me, most of them are white, English-speaking, males. This society was designed by and for people like us, and we are the full beneficiaries of all the advantages it confers.' Yet, being Gay gives me an understanding of what other socially marginalized people experience...Most Gay Republicans I know have learned nothing from being Gay. They compartmentalize it." Kevin McGilley is right on the mark, and I should know.

When I was a boy of fourteen in 1937, I recognized two interlocking matters of great importance to me: One was that I was "different" than the most of the other boys in that I fancied them more than girls; two was that this "difference" made me relate to those who were also "different" because of their color, their poverty, their suffering, or whatever, social outsiders, victimized through no fault of their own. Even at that early age, I felt compassion for these people and their, often, desperate situations.

In 1937, I became an enthusiastic member of the Young Communist League. I marched and picketed and distributed leaflets and attended rallies and raised money for "the wretched of the earth," so called in the Communist anthem, the International. Above all, I idolized the Soviet Union and its leader, Joseph Stalin.

When was came to the United States in December, 1941, I was overjoyed to join the fight against fascism. After serving proudly in the U.S., Africa, and Italy for two years, I was humiliatingly thrown out of the Army Air Corps for something that I would not fully accept until 46 years later; I was a homosexual. I left the Communist Party in 1945, but continued to work in the progressive movement until 1951, hiding my undesirable discharge as I hid my sexuality.

As I grew older, and perhaps wiser, I moved away from the totalitarian nature of Marxism and embraced individuality. It was in 1951 that I finally came to accept the reality that Stalin and the USSR were the very antithesis of all I believed. I was ashamed by my past activism on behalf of a political and social system which had most of the evils of fascism. As a trained political and social activist, I leant my efforts to the cause of eradicating communism.

As part of my new found activism, I aligned myself with the William F. Buckley, Jr. conservatives who brought intellect and reason to the American right. Simultaneously, I grew more inured to denying my sexuality. My instinctive compassion for the "different" of society waned, and I worked only to defeat Communism. Without fully realizing it, I was buying into an American dream world of white, Christian, middle-class men who looked after their families, were good members of their country clubs, and hated communism as the enemy of all they held dear. A Brooklyn Jew, I was one of them, in fact a leader among them. I was no longer different except in the secret which I had buried deep in my own psyche.

I saw as unwitting agents of Communism those who could not accept our view of American society, those who caviled against the wars, who took welfare from the State, rioted, or held sit-ins and teach-ins, demanding equality and civil rights. Compassion and toleration were buried under the intellectual conceits of conservatism. I could not event acknowledge the nascent homosexual-rights movement which might have brought my two distinct lives together. Like the rest, homosexuals did not share either out virtues or our vision of America. I certainly was not one of them, not one.

Victory over communism came with the fall of the Berlin Wall; and the struggle within myself heightened in intensity. Conservatives, my old friends and colleagues, had turned from the defeated communists and sought a new enemy. What better target than homosexuals? As homophobia became a more common theme among conservatives, I felt increasing pressure to exorcise my own demons. In 1990, when I turned 67, I was finally able to accept, privately and publicly, that I was a Gay man. I finally was able to accept me. Since that time, I have found myself regaining compassion and love for those who are different, for those people who are the victims in a society that has deserted them. My life-long cycle had run its course. The circle was complete.

I am proud and happy to be Gay. I am thankful for the openness of mind and spirit that I can now share again with others, we all should exercise and nourish our unique ability to understand, empathize, and feel compassion for the many who are increasingly shunned by society and reviled by its politicians simply because they are different.

The current trend toward more extreme and bitter ideological positioning amongst the Republicans, and their cadres of apologists, including some Gay men and Lesbians, can only have one outcome: the increased marginalization of those on the outside, those who do not fit into the great Christian theocracy envisioned by today's "conservative" Republican leadership. Rejection, suffering, and despair will be the lot of all those who are different, who don't fit in, the poor, the old, the homeless, racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants, Jews, African-Americans, any who choose or are forced into a different way of living, those who are "different," those like me.

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By MARK R. KERR

Beyond Big Hair!: The Book, Not The Movie

MISGUIDED FIFE!: Our long running, campy soap opera, starring beleaguered Governor J. Fife Whitewash (R-Mercado) III continues...

His Fifeness made the first stop on his 1996 Diversion tour in the "Evil City of the North" to give his annual salvo opening the 42nd session of the Legislature, a.k.a. "The Inquisition".

Whitewash delivered his 35 minute diatribe, calling for a $50 million income tax cut [For the rich of course!], cut property taxes [Need I say it!], promises of tax equity for Pima County [We've heard that one before!]. His Fifeness then took all the credit for what few positives the state has accomplished. [Does that include being a national laughing stock as well?]

Whitewash ended his speech by flaunting his states rights views, by calling on legislators to approve funding so the state can assume operations of "The Big Hole". [The Grand Canyon, not the Governor!]

Reaction to the speech was tepid at best, because his Fifeness had a captive audience, he had the doors bolted shut![

THEY'RE BACK!: Yes, D-Day has arrived, the "Pod People" have returned to the "Evil City of the North" to make our lives a living hell. In other words, the Arizona State Legislature is in session.

The "alleged" leadership has said that priorities for this session include fixing the state school finance formula, [Yes, more money for the rich, none for poorer districts!]; reduce state spending and taxes [For the rich!]; and abortion [Not for anybody!].

[Yes, it is alleged that those bozos will make the state friendly to polluters; make it a capital crime for criticizing produce; quarantining Pima County; do anything the lobbyists tell them to do, and making freon the "State Air Freshener". Ugh!]

LOUIE, LOUIE!: The nation's youngest mayor has decided to call it quits and run for higher officer.

Nogales Mayor, Louie "Charge It!" Valdez, the "eighty four year old" wunderkind, announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives from District 11.

Valdez, a former "MTV VJ", said of his tenure as mayor of Nogales, "It's been the most rewarding experience of my life and it's been the best...learning process for me that any person could have." [Yes, all this and $50 a month salary, ooh!]

ONE FOR THE ASO'S: Tucson's AIDS Service Organizations received a total of $35,000 in emergency funds from the Tucson mayor and council this past Monday. [See accompanying story].

[Yes, the mayor and council did spend taxpayers money or something very worthwhile. Unfortunately they went off course later in the meeting!]

My congratulations go out to the three ASO's, PACT, TAP and Shanti for getting the much needed funds to cover their budget shortfall. A big thank you goes out to Ward 6 Council member Molly McKasson for sponsoring the measure. Once again, Molly has shown our community that she cares and will go to battle for us! [You go girl!] Lastly, a thank you to the four members of the Tucson Council who voted in favor of the proposal!

MOVINGGATE!: The final chapter of the battle which pitted Tucson Mayor, King George "Is she gone yet!" Miller and our heroine, Ward 6 Council Member, Molly "City Issues First, Decorating Second!" McKasson over the office space they share at City Hall, ninth floor, finally took place with the taxpayers losing!

To recap the story, two days after his re-election in November of last year, by a whopping four percent of the electorate, Miller demanded, [Yelled as well!], that McKasson vacate the ninth floor office they had shared. [Can't we all just get along? I guess not!]

In press reports, Miller said that he needed the space to be "Mayor of a city of a half a million people. And that his staff would be expanded by one to seven people." [Note: Two months after this explosion, Miller has not hired anybody for his staff. Speculation arose that the real reason was that McKasson supported the CAP Water Initiative, which Miller vehemently opposed, but the voters, tired of brown sludge, approved!]

Well, the battle ended this past Monday, when King George's proposal, to force Council members to have offices in their own Ward. The proposal passed by a six to one vote.

Before she left the meeting, McKasson demanded that Miller, [Too tempting!], apologize for "treating her and her staff so poorly." She added, "There's no need to move her office, because she is highly visible in her Ward and regularly attends town hall meetings there." [You go girl!]

The proposed move will cost up to $150,000. McKasson said "I don't understand why so much staff time and money has been spent on this." [Molly darling, neither do we!]

[So the Ward 6 Office is moving at a cost to taxpayers of $150,000 or so. I just wonder for all this will the mayor's office now have matching drapes and carpet?]

CITYPAGE: Always wanted to know some frivolous detail about your mayor or city council member, like their favorite food or movie? Well you do!

Every Thursday in the morning and afternoon rag, the City of Tucson places an informational advertisement called CityPage. This ad offers the city a chance to inform readers of upcoming meetings and events.

[But isn't that what press releases and reporters are suppose to cover? For that matter isn't that what the media, newspapers included, main purpose? That's what I thought!]

So how much does this piece of tripe cost. $860 a week or $44,000 annually! This waste, which caused this reporter to go into "sugar shock", started running in July of 1995. [$44,000 for fluff. $150,000 to move a Council office. $200,000 for the Copper Bowl. And ASO's have to beg for funds! Where are the Council's priorities!]

This garbage comes out of the City's Community Relations Office. A spokeperson, Rebecca Chavez, a public information specialist said, "We didn't want to get into political types of comments that might come about. [Why not, we want to know what they are going to do about crime, jobs, and CAP water!]."

Chavez added, "We wanted to take a more humanistic approach, so that people might read it and identify with it. It's more of a fun approach." [Fun! We want some more fun, fire the person who came up with this money waster!]

GUESS WHO? DON'T SUE!: Three elected officials idea of paying off a legal settlement to seven employees? Fire 350 employees. Talk about efficient government!

My favorite elected officials, "Bette" and "Joan" still have not blinked. So it looks like the sequel to "Whatever Happens to Baby Jane" will take place!

So it goes for now kids!

> "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away"
>
> Henry David Thoreau

THE WHOLE MAN
BY DR. BOB

Becoming Whole

Greetings and salutations, brothers. A column about what it would be like to be whole men...who are we? Presumably we're Gay men, but that's no excuse for lazing around our whole lives and not manifesting the whole man. (Did I mention that it takes work?)

If we became whole, who would we be? We wouldn't be hungering so compulsively for the next dick, thinking that that's the one that would finally make us feel like real men. We would be content in our own dicks, and then, out of that fullness, want to share that with another dick. Friendship is the true meaning of homosexuality; or possibly, homosexuality is the true meaning of friendship.

I'm a devotee of my own spiritual/bodily center, the center of my personality that I'm developing. I develop it consciously using many methods, but fundamentally by being honest. I'm also the devotee of the developing center of all other people. People who act from their center are interesting, worthy of attention and love and devotion. People who don't have a center from which to act are boring and dangerous. They'll betray you unconsciously, because they have no idea who they are and what they really want (this includes most people).

How do I really want to be in this present moment? That's the only real question, because only this moment is accessible, only in this moment can I act and choose freely. Am I happy with the way I am being in this moment? This is an incisively practical question, because I can always do something about it if I'm not. Every other question is more or less academic.

If I'm not particularly happy with how I'm being in this moment, what other way of being can I choose? We are always, in every moment, choosing our behavior out of an infinitude of possibilities, but we fool ourselves into behaving in very constricted ways. Habitual ways. Fear-based ways. Ways that parents, society, or Gay society dictate to us. Could I shed my inhibitions enough to let myself shine through? Can I do that even if others think I'm mad, crazy, insane? Can I take my clothes off whenever I want to? Can I put them back on? I mean my physical clothes, as well as my psychological clothes (what Jung called the persona).

I like attention, I've realized that about myself. That's one reason why I write this column. It's so refreshing to have a moment of real contact with my actual self, for example, realizing that I like attention and acknowledging it to me and to you. My actual self, not the one others think I should be, or the one I think I should be. It's hard to have contact with my real self, because all the false selves (self-images, others' images of me, various kinds of should-images) get in the way. But admitting to myself that I like attention, I can write a better column.

The bottom line is, we're in relationship to ourselves only. Other people are merely convenient projection screens on which to work out our relationship to ourselves. If I'm afraid of what you think of me, all that really means is that I'm afraid of what I'LL think of me. If I am hungering for your love, that really means I'm hungering for MY love. It's true. It's only when I face this that I can be free.

The power in living always resides in withdrawing projections, taking responsibility for my own choices, my own existence. Only to the extent I have done that can I transcend my illusions and make real contact with other people. As long as I haven't given myself my love, I'll hunger for your love. But this hunger is unauthentic, it's not real. Even if you give me your love, I'll reject it, subtly or overtly, and cry for more, because I'm really in need of my love. But once I have given myself my own love, then my perception of you will change. I will see what you have to offer, and I will make contact with you, and we can possibly exchange real goods and services.

Sex is like that. Without a good sexual relation to yourself, you will be a lousy lover. Sex starts with self-love, or what is vulgarly called masturbation. If you haven't lovingly explored what makes you feel good with yourself, how can you ever give someone else what makes them feel good? If you don't know how to give yourself a wonderful orgasm, you will be too hungry, petulant, powerless, when you have sex with another person. We're too needy because we don't know how to give to ourselves. We even believe it's impossible.

I often used to whine to myself that I was lonely and needed some company. But when I was in that state and found some company, things usually didn't go so well because I was too needy. But if I can give myself some company, some loving presence, in my whiny, needy state, then I calm down and become more whole. Then I can find some company and things go better, because I'm more present.

More of me is present (including--even--my needy part). The thing that really had me freaked out was my SELF-abandonment, not abandonment by others. Starting as a child, I abandoned myself emotionally. True, my older sisters and my parents taught me how to do it, but ultimately I did it to myself.

Even more important, in this moment I have the choice to abandon myself emotionally, or the choice to be present to myself. I also have the responsibility to back up either of those choices with whatever work or hardship goes along with it. That's an issue between me and me, and nobody, no soothing therapist, no parent figure, no lover, no God, can make that choice for me.

That's called existential aloneness, and existential responsibility. That's what we tend to shirk, because it's difficult. Tough! You either want to become your whole self before you die, or you don't.

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

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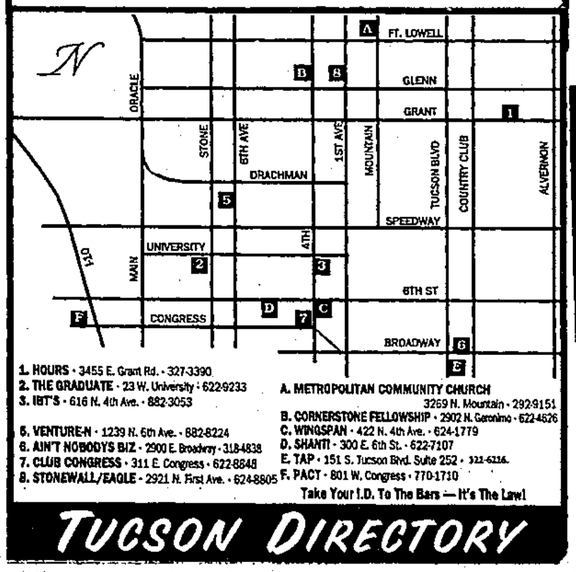

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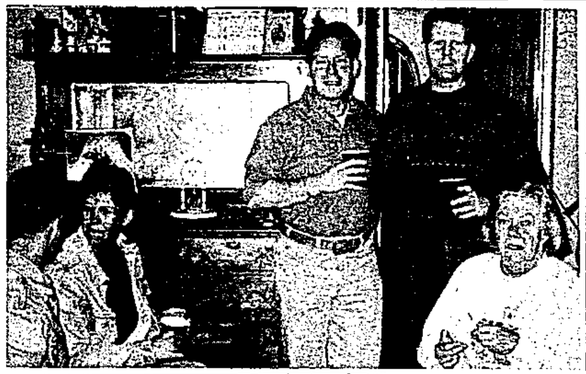

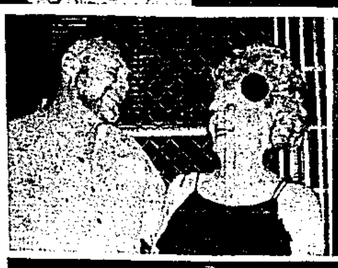

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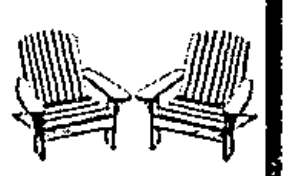

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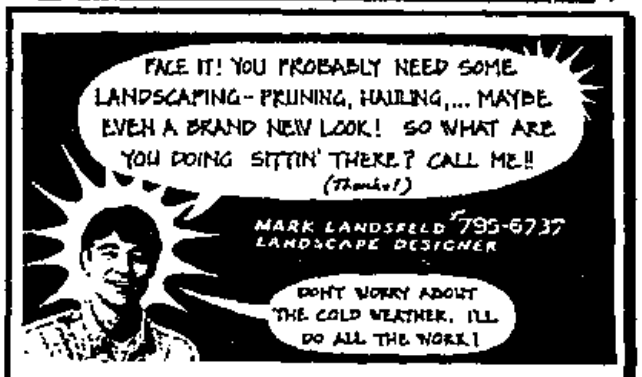

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Raul Almeraz

Howdy everyone! Hope everyone is ready to rodeo. Just a reminder to the membership at large. "Did everyone remember to send in their dues and application for renewal?" If you have not done so, you have until January 10 to have that info and money in Phoenix. If not, it will cost the entire $40.00 to start up again as a new member.

As many of you may already know, it's rodeo time in Phoenix. From what I have heard from the membership in Phoenix, they are planning a great weekend. Events begin Friday evening and continue on through Sunday evening. Hope to see as many of you there as possible. Be sure to stop by the AGRA-Tucson booth and check out the great new merchandise. We've been working really hard getting things ready for this weekend.

Events and fund-raisers scheduled for us here in Tucson are as follows:

The AGRA Banquet is scheduled in Phoenix at the T-Bone Steakhouse, January 27. Hope everyone cam make this.

January 20 is the AGRA rummage sale at Hours. Please call the AGRA hot-line if you have any items you would like to donate to the organization to sell.

February 9 is our Second Annual Rodeo Romance Sweetheart Dance at the Southwest Center for Music. Stay tuned for times and other details on all these events.

AGRA-Tucson is busy planning another great rodeo. There will be lots for everyone to enjoy and see. Great entertainment, music, dancing, food, lots of vendors and of course, GREAT RODEOING! We are still looking for many volunteers and are counting on everyone's help. Remember, if you donate four hours a day of your time, you enter into the rodeo and dance free of charge.

I have received a much favorable response to the AGRA YEAR IN REVIEW. I am glad everyone enjoyed it. Hope to make 1996 an even better year. We can't do it without you. If you would like to participate in any AGRA functions, you are most definitely welcomed to do so. You don't need to be a member to enjoy any AGRA event. We are always looking for a new members. And in the words of the famous Chi Chi Rodriguez (and I don't mean the golfer), "Aye Poppie. No one is so rich as to throw away a friend."

Well, it was great starting to see everyone out again. Slowly but surely we're catching up to one another. If you haven't heard, we've been congregating over at Hours on the weekends for country music, great atmosphere, and lots of dancing. Lee and the staff are a great crew and we quite luckily to have the bar that hosted the first AGRA-Tucson meeting way back when showing everyone a great time.

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

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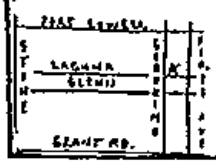

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I'll bet you've all heard, and maybe echoed, the old morbid world's view of life's certainties: "The only thing certain in life is death." It used to be "death and taxes", but that was pre-IRS-wise accountants! Even taxes are manageable now! For each new regulation, three bright young accountants have already discovered a method to circumvent it!

Because I am a Christian, death is not a fearful or morbid certainty to me. It is only another facet of life. I had an incredible revelation the day I asked Jesus to be my savior and Lord; that from then on, "The only thing certain in my own life is eternity." That was the moment I began living on an eternal basis.

In Hebrews 9:26-28 we are told, "...But now he (Christ) has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die one, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed one to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him." Some people get very nervous at the word judgment, but there is no reason for Christians to get nervous, because the scripture declares, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 8:1)

Christians must be excited by Phillipians 3:20,21: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enabled him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." Isn't that awesome!

When the Lord calls me home, what a day of celebration that will be! I want to truthfully say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.", as Paul said in II Timothy 4:7. Daily I resolve to live for the sole purpose of glorifying God. I guess you could say I'm more interested in storing up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, nor thieves break in and steal, than treasures on earth, where moth and rust do destroy and thieves do break in and steal. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.", Jesus reminded us in Matthew 6:21.

When I am called home to be with my Lord and my God, I know my Christian family will gather to celebrate with loud, joyous voices, big smiles, tambourines, and glad hearts, thankful hearts, for the end of my journey. Together we will share in the inexpressible joy which is ours for all eternity, as we worship our loving Lord in his beautiful Heaven.

The disciple John tried to express the magnificence of his heavenly vision in the book of Revelation, and yet, the best attempts are feeble compared to the incomprehensible glory of God's dwelling place which each of us who have accepted Jesus as our savior will one day see so clearly. Nevertheless, what John does reveal is difficult for us and our finite minds even to imagine! Do you see any "fear" in my words yet? It doesn't exist! No fear, but even more wonders than John reveals in Revelation are what you can be certain of!

Cornerstone Fellowship holds a worship celebration at 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. Come and see how fulfilling and life transforming Christ is. You might even find him irresistible! Then you can say, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks to be God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:54-57) As a Christian, I know that death is a mere transition into the new dimension of grandeur incomprehensible to my human finite mind. It holds no fear.

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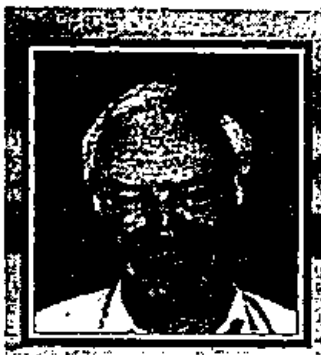

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Emergency Funding

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much was raised. Snow responded, "We did well, but we didn't raise sufficient funds to cover the shortfall."

Ward 5 Council member Steve Leal (D) then spoke, "The United Way and the Council have treated the ASOs like 'ping-pong balls.' It's important enough to look at another pot of money."

Council member Janet Marcus then clarified there was one pot of money, one contingency fund.

Leal continued, "The City Council is known for helping. We need to do something today in spite of policy.

Leal then made the motion to give the ASOs, $10,000 from the contingency fund and the Council strongly recommends to the United Way to give monies and have the ASOs go to the county. Council member Janet Marcus seconded the motion.

Ward 1 Council member Jose Ibarra (D), then spoke, "We've talked about this issue time and time again. This is reality, these are lives we are talking about.

"I understand this contingency fund policy the Mayor and Council has. We have to be realistic about it, these are vital emergency services provided to human beings. We talk about human beings, we're talking about the homes. We talk about human beings, we talk about a disease that had crippled the world."

Ibarra made a motion to give $10,000 from City SAC and $20,000 from contingency funds and go to the County. Council member McKasson seconded the motion.

Ward 3 Council member Michael Crawford (D) made a friendly amendment to increase the City SAC money to $15,000 and keep the $20,000 from the contingency funds.

Ward 4 Council member Shirley Scott asked if there was other funds the Council could use to give. City Manager Michael Brown said the Council go use the general fund or the sales tax, but would have to postpone the decision until late February.

Ward 2 Council member Janet Marcus asked if any CDBG funds were available to give. The answer was no.

The Mayor and Council voted with the following result:

NO - Marcus, Leal and Scott.

YES - McKasson, Crawford, Ibarra and Miller.

Reaction was swift. Wayne Miller, Executive Director of PACT said, "He was very please to our response to the request. It's makes up for the Community Development Block Grant shortfall. The City will get the 'bang for the buck.'"

Craig Snow, Executive Director of TAP said, "All of us at TAP, Shanti, and PACT are grateful to the Mayor and Council for recognizing the extraordinary needs that led us to ask for emergency funding. All members of the Council are supportive of assisting people with HIV/-AIDS and their families. The vote assures that vital service programs at the three agencies will continue intact. With federal funding in jeopardy, the Mayor and Council's support is indeed critical."

In regards to the controversy surrounding which funds to use, Snow added, "Because of policy for use of City Contingency Funds, however, the vote to award funds was not unanimous. Nonetheless, we encourage everyone to call the Citizen Comment Line at 791-4700 to express thanks to the Mayor and Council for their support."

Aids Activist

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Deeks said there are no signs that Getty has been infected by baboon transmitted organisms, as some had feared.

At a hospital news conference, Getty, wearing jeans and a T-shirt with a button reading "Silence Equals Death," noted that his status as part baboon has led to "a lot of banana jokes."

And when he was asked if he felt like a freak or a medical miracle, he replied, "If feel like an AIDS activist."

"It is time for science and governmental to realize that AIDS research should be done, as much as possible and as soon as possible, and even (with) some risks. AIDS patients are willing," he said. "To wait and to do nothing is to die."

'A Rite Of Passage'

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Rosenberg's study counters the optimism expressed in the government's recent announcement that AIDS appeared to have leveled off, with 40,000 new infections every year balanced by 40,000 new deaths. This apparent plateau is really a disguise for the increased risk facing young Americans.

It is a fact that only young Caucasian men have seen a drop in new infections in recent years, while the risk has dramatically increased for young minorities and women.

Cornelius Baker of the National Association of People with AIDS underscored the meaning of the most recent report on prevalence of HIV, when he stated that, "I don't think most people really get it, that [infection] is a potential for them. We have to be clear: right now, if you get HIV in your twenties, you will die by around 40 years old."

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Monday, December 11 of last year marked an important milestone for PACT. Ground breaking ceremonies launched Stephenson Place, a government subsidized midtown apartment complex designed by the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson. This housing is for people living with HIV or other degenerative diseases.

This housing project had been a dream of Jerome Beillard and all the work he put into it has now seen fruition.

The design of the one, two, and three bedroom apartments in the complex are simple enough to allow ailing tenants easy maintenance. They are also spacious enough so that occupants can live with their partners and families. Other physical features of the complex accommodate persons restricted to wheelchairs or who are bedridden.

Cicely d'Autrement, PACT's Housing Director expects the first residents to move into the complex late this summer. Tenants will pay 30 percent of their income for rent.

Other features include a community room available for meetings and festivities. Nurses and counselors will work from an on-site office to better serve residents.

The complex has been on the formative stages for the last five years. A $2.5 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development was secured in 1993, making this complex the first of its kind in the country. It is named after Troy Stephenson whose partner, Jerome Beillard, founded PACT when Stephenson died from AIDS in 1987.

Thank you, Jerome.

Review... Wingspan Art Show

by Leslie Vinson

The vanishing Southwest is a main subject of Bob McMahon's sensitive black and white photographs taken over a span of many years. He finds little islands in time.

Sanctuario de Chimayo gives a glimpse of the stuccoed church through hand made wood doors. Dappled shadows create a subtle range of tones. In Placitas, we see a dry-stone wall, an eroded adobe, a fence of branches lashed together with wire. The main accent is a shadow across the dirt road. Change a few inconspicuous details, like the power lines (Or imagine they're telegraph lines!) and it could be 1896. How many places like this are left? And for how long?

McMahon has an eye for touches of local pride, frontier make-do. A little stone church with a massive lintel over weathered doors, boasts a Rose Window. More like a daisy, the window's simple petals center on what could be a recycled machine part. The corrugated iron steeple of San Pedro has the same look.

The intriguing Target shows a rusty, gunshot can in a sweep of sand. Is this a comment on violence and waster, or a study in pure form?

Cat lovers, don't miss the close-ups of sleeping cats, blocking out the unworthy human world. Alphie's tabby face is a contour map of superiority.

Bob McMahon's show runs this month at regular Wingspan hours. Call 624-1779. And don't forget, community artists, Wingspan needs your work to show this year.

Anonymous HIV Testing Sites In Tucson

TUCSON - Here are the anonymous HIV testing sites, their addresses, days and hours and their phone numbers if you have any questions:

Theresa Lee Clinic, 322 S. Freeway. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thursday, 11:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Phone - 791-7676.

COPASA, 3912 S. 6th Ave. Hours - M-F, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone - 749-7156.

TB Clinic, 150 W. Congress. Hours - Tuesday only, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Phone - 740-8406.

PACT for Life EIC, 801 W. Congress. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, 8:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Phone - 770-1710.

HACER (IV Drug Users Only), 1221 W. Speedway. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:15 to 4:30 P.M. Phone - 623-9833.

Pima County North, 3550 N. First Ave. Hours - Monday, 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Phone - 887-0715.

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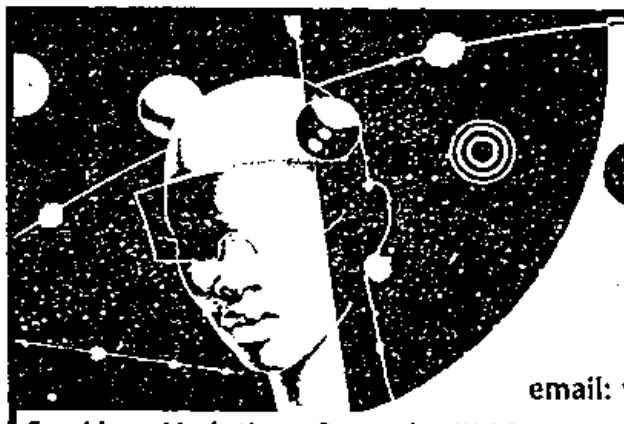

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- you cannot control someone else's violence.
- it is the responsibility of the person that is abusive to make the decision and commitment to live non-violently — and to seek therapeutic support to do so.
- because your partner says she is sorry or ashamed afterwards does not change the harm done or the danger you may be in.
- no one *ever* deserves to be verbally, physically or sexually assaulted.
- what is done in the privacy of the home must be agreeable with both people.
- you are free to manage your own life and ask for the help and support that you need.

YOU MAY BE (OR HAVE BEEN) A VICTIM OF YOUR PARTNER'S ABUSE IF YOU HAVE:

- been frightened of your partner's temper and afraid of the consequences if you let anyone know.
- censored your reactions, opinions and conversations to avoid hurting your partner's feelings or causing conflict.
- been compliant due to fear of being verbally or physically "punished" by your partner.
- been called names, or been blamed and humiliated either privately or publicly.
- been unjustly accused of having affairs.
- changed your decisions about your activities, social/family contacts in anticipation of your partner's wants, needs or reactions.
- found yourself feeling ashamed of or responsible for your partner's behavior when you have been treated badly.
- been kicked, hit, shoved or had things thrown at you or around you.
- been threatened with being "outed" if you do not comply with your partner's demands.

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CALENDAR
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring Helena Bubbles, Felice Renard and special guests. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

HOURS - Tucson Greater Softball Assn. Meeting here from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.Come and find out about softball this coming season.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come on down!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Bare Chest Contest tonight Prize $75.

VENTURE-N - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. A fun group who know how to party!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go to PACT.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Benefit show for Old Pueblow Softball League. Hosted by Crystal Abrams. Jello shot specials and raffle. Who could ask for anything more?

VENTURE-N - Bucky and his famous omelettes will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Be there or be square!

WEDNESDAY, JANURY 17
IBT'S - The Girlie Show presents "Salute To Rock & Roll and Hee Haw" at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring the ever fabulous Gilda Fatalé, the irresistible Helena Bubbles and the ever popular Kristin.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Free and anonymous HIV testing from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. conducted by the Pima County Health Department.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
HOURS - AGRA rummage sale in the parking lot from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come check out the goodies.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
IBT'S - Male Box Nite returns with your new postmaster Jeffrey. 9:00 p.m. Come play post office and meet someone new!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
HOURS - AGRA 4th Annual Hoedown begins at 2:00 p.m. Fun, food, dancing and more. Check it out!! More details later.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
MSN Evening out at the inexpensive theater. Call Chris at 887-3478 after Jan. 5 for the location and name of movie. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
"GTV", The all-live Gay television cablecast show number seven at 8:00 p.m. Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (cable-ready TV's will find it on channel 56).

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m., TV Video Night showing of "The Black Adder, outrageous British TV comedy series. Call Loren or Stephen at 790-4416 for reservations. Limited space.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
MSN Book Club will be discussion of Michael Nava's "The Hidden Law" the most recent novel in the Henry Rios series. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:00 p.m. Pot luck and a speaker.

MSN day trip to Magdelena, Mexico. Travel by van under the direction of resident Mexico tour leader. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations. Then at 7:00 p.m., Men's Social Network (MSN) Video Night, movie :Parting Glances" about the last day together for two Gay men who are about to be separated for awhile, Call Jerry or Les 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
Men's Social Network (MSN) Gay men of all ages, Noon Hike the Bog Springs Trail in Madera Canyon. This is a joint hike with the Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club. Call Larry at 795-9125.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15
MSN (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m., Beginners bridge night. Bridge lessons for beginners taught by Gi. For reservations and directions call Gi at 690-0601. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
Men's Social Network - 7:30 p.m. Dinner out at the Good Earth restaurant, 6366 E. Broadway. Call Steve for reservations.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
Men's Social Network (MSN) 7 p.m. Discussion Night. The topic is "Intimacy". Call Steve 795-6718 for reservations.

SATURDAY JANUARY 20
From 9:00 a.m.until 3:00 p.m. there will be a seminar/workshop on Christianity and Homosexuality by Joseph Adam Pearson, PhD. A registration fee of $25.00 will include all textual materials, including "The Christian Gay and Lesbian Handbook", a catered lunch, and correspondence class credit from the Phoenix Evangelical Bible Institute. For more information call Cornerstone Fellowship 622-4626.

Cronies Social Club, 7:00 p.m., MCC Church (front bldg.), 888-7264 for more information. Contemporary movies.

Men's Social Network, (MSN), Card Game Night 7 p.m. A variety of card games for all levels. Ray 797-6648. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Men's Social Network, Gay men of all ages, 7 p.m. Bridge Night. Open to all bridge players. Beginners welcome. Call Gi at 690-0601.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
MSN, Gay men of all ages. 7 p.m. TV Video Night showing of "The Black Adder" British TV comedy series. Loren or Stephen 790-4416.

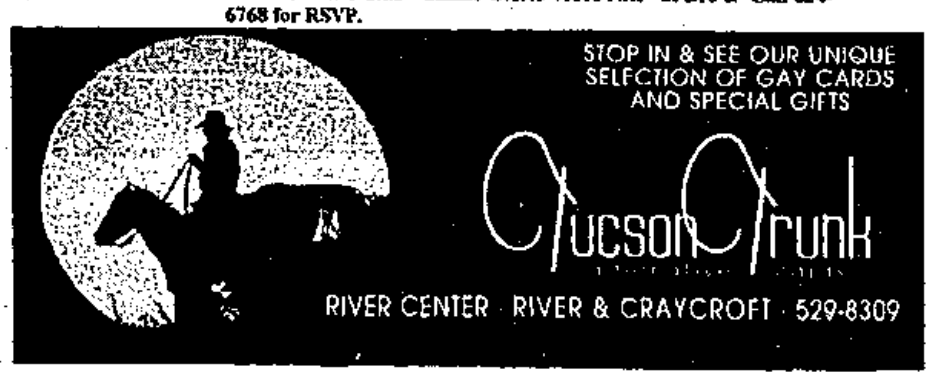
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #8 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Men's Social Network (MSN)Board Game Night 7 P.M. All sorts of Board games. Easy learning. Craig 318-9348. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner at Golden Corral, 6:30 p.m. Call 888-7264 for RSVP.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Men's Social Network 3:00 p.m. Super Bowl Party. Call Ray for reservations, directions and parking instructions 797-6648.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
Cronies Social Club "Classic Oldies Video Nite" at Leo's. Call 624-6768 for RSVP.



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AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, latino dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

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

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

IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 8pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tourna ment 2pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 501 Dart Tournament 6pm $3 entry fee. Dart Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11 pm.

monday
AINT 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 $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well, 8pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen, your bartender.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday
AINT 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 Biz! Non-Premium Beer $1.50 8pm to 1am.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. $1.25 well and $1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm with Hi-NRG dance music.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, $1.25 Pitchers, 75¢ Glass.

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

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

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 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 Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 9am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 6pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.2

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.50 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. Hi energy dancing 9pm-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 9am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $2 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

friday
AINT 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 $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBTs - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Loosey 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 9am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 6pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

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AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 6 pm. Pot matched, 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Country/Western 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 Loosey 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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DESERT COYOTES BOWLING LEAGUE SECOND QUARTER

	Won	Lost	Pins
Rubber Queens	23.0	1.0	25798
Two Tall/Wide	17.5	6.5	23812
Tres Amigos	14.5	9.5	24593
Baker's Dozen	14.5	9.5	23798
Noizy Poizons	12.0	12.0	24111
2 Peas & A Pod	11.5	12.5	23447
Stray Cats	10.5	13.5	23522
Twelve	10.0	14.0	23525
HITT'ers	10.0	14.0	22563
Pin Me Down	10.0	14.0	20570
Seaweeds	9.5	14.5	21898
Bee Bytes	9.5	14.5	21533
Triple T	9.0	15.0	24161
Double Stuff	6.5	17.5	23094

High Average: April D., 147; Mark K., 209; Rubber Queens 543.

High Series Scratch: April D., 510; Mark K., 726; 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 SECOND ROUND

	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	17.0	7.0	48651
Ooh Sh*t!	14.0	10.0	49241
Pigs R Us	13.0	11.0	48143
High Rollers	12.0	12.0	48049
Too Much	8.0	16.0	48894
PACT Rats	8.0	16.0	43907

High Average: Ann R., 173; Jack S., 191; Too Much 797.

High Series Scratch: Ann R., 566; Jack S., 650; Ooh Sh*t!, 2663.

High Series Handicap: Hilda C., 648; Ray A., 693; Ooh Sh*t!, 3077.

High Game Scratch: Ann R., 224; Ray A., 288; Too Much, 1027.

High Game Handicap: Jackie M., 256; Ray A., 303; Pigs R Us, 1165.

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.

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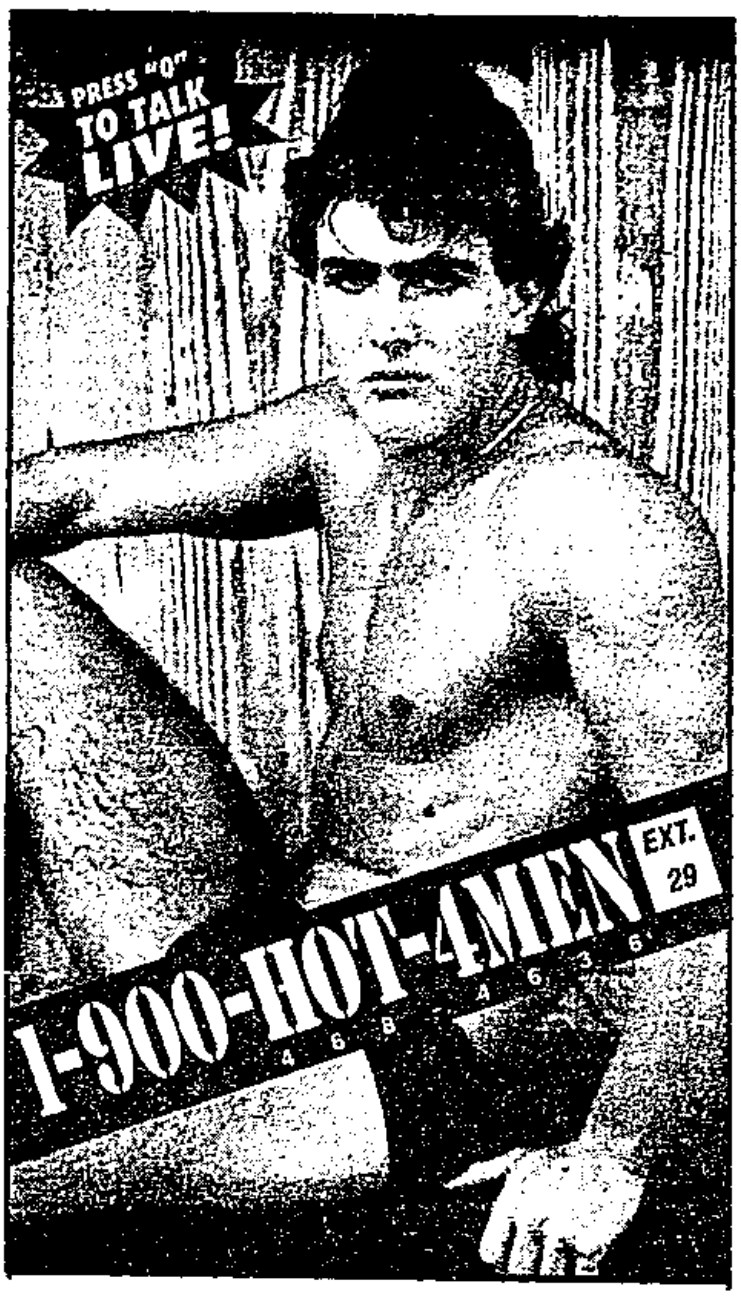

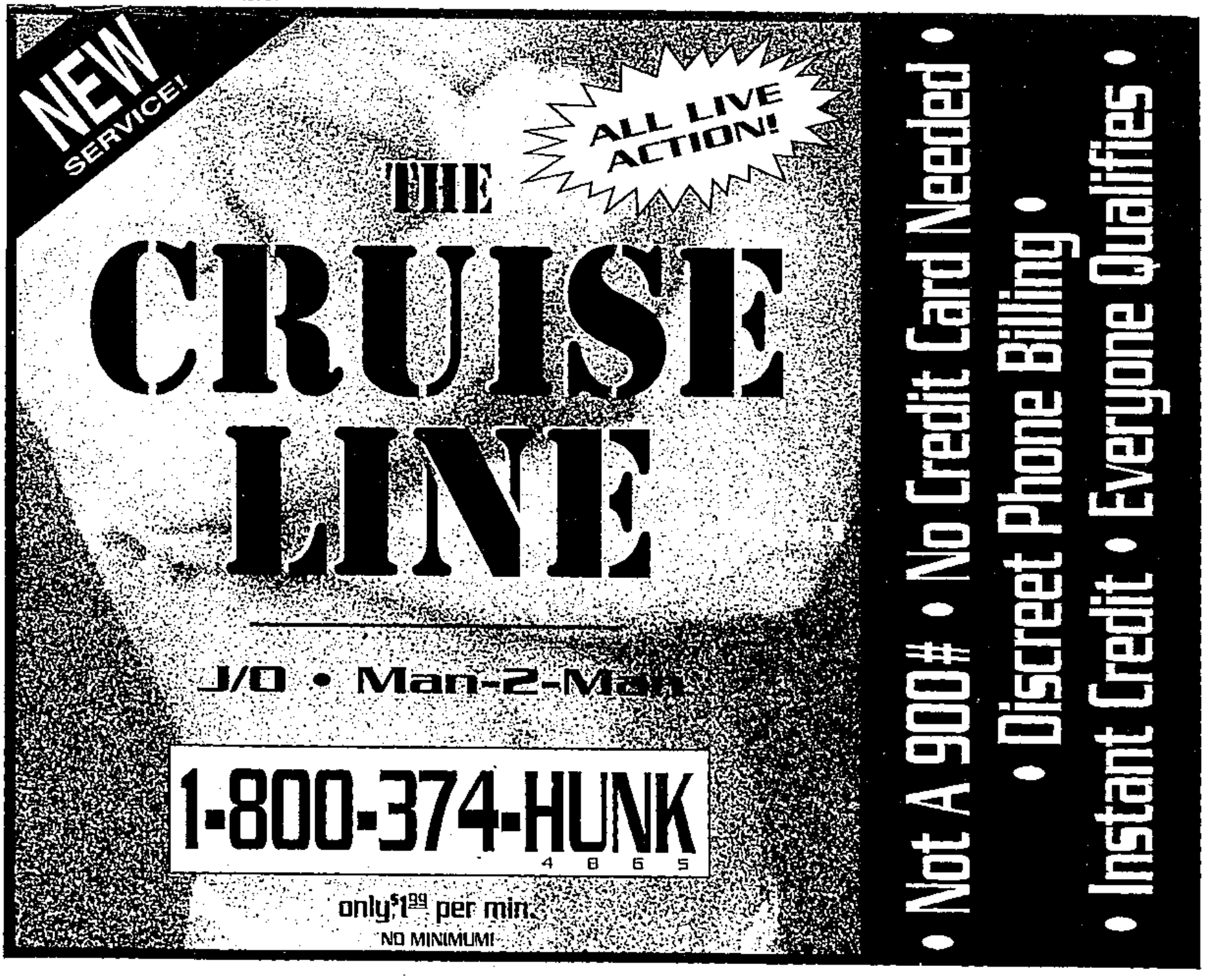

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Feisty and chatty Mercury goes "retrograde" this week. All forms of communication get screwed up whether it's the old check in the mail, a phone call to mother or an interview for that one in a lifetime job. Don't panic; just take two extra breaths and think before you bleat. This phase lasts the usual month or so, taking into account the shadowy aftershocks. In the meantime, curl up with a good book and a large glass of whine.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Do you insult friends or bosses? I suppose it depends on exactly when and where you fly off the handle when inconsiderate Mercury goes retrograde. Rambunctious Rams are big mouths even at the best of astrological times, but now it may be better to zip the lip to avoid a noxious drip. Dear, queer Aries, pull back and count to ten before you speak. Heck, this week count to a hundred.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you are planning a trip, be sure that you check the itinerary and your carefully packed luggage several times before you depart. If you have a nasty major project that will catapult you into the corporate eye, check the specs several times before you present. Queer Bulls are sure to trod into their own smelly piles when Mercury retrogrades. Just don't track it in on the political rug.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Intimacy and far away travel may seem like the perfect outlet for Gay Twins this week. How can you possibly ruin a hot, steamy, sexy getaway? I don't know, but with Mercury retrograde, I'm sure you'll think of something appropriate. Mercury is now the fart under the covers, rather than the champagne in the bubble bath. Maybe some lovers like it like that, but do we really want to meet them?

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs practically live for relationships and can out mother the best of them. This week however, Mercury in retrograde will almost insure that your carefully prepared chicken soup will be used as a foot soak. Don't despair dear, queer Crab; Mercury short circuits even the best of intentions. Hold off on any major partnership changes until Mercury goes direct at the end of the month.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Don't subordinates listen to you for the first time you bellow it out? Must be that old bastard Mercury in retrograde again. Patience dear, proud Leo, is a virtue. Jobs will not jump start and folks will not understand you the first time (or the third) when you explain the process. Chill out honey and take a jog around the park. That is if you don't twist an ankle in the process.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

This isn't the best time in the world to try your luck in Las Vegas. Mercury retrograde will make fun a little more incomprehensible to sedate pink Virgos. The planets seem to foul up anything having to do with the arts, creativity, romance and luck. It's like winning the lottery and losing the ticket or finding that perfect Gay romance and losing the unlisted phone number. Talk about fretting your time on the stage!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Diplomacy among family members may be especially hard when Mercury goes retrograde. You want relatives to understand your need to live life out and open, but your point is lost in the static. It's not a good time to push for understanding; everyone is yelling and not listening properly. Why not cut yourself some slack and relax among affirming friends. Try it all again in February.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You think you are communicating effectively. You believe that you are expressively astute. But randy Mercury retrograde sticks a nasty finger right in your argument and pops it to pieces. Scorps love the behind the scenes stratagem of battle but hate to be the ones on the front lines of attack. Be sure that what you propose now is something you are willing to stand behind as well as in front of.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers are not the most astute of money managers and now, Mercury retrograde makes a tough financial task even more demanding. Take all advice with a large dose of salt. Do your own homework and write down all the monetary scenarios. It's not that others are deliberately trying to deceive you, it's just that you are not clearly hearing what they are saying. Blame it on Mercury, if you must.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Just when you mustered enough self confidence to stand up and declare yourself, ugly Mercury retrograde drops your drawers in front of the crowd. First impressions are lasting impressions and Mercury is ready to screw things up. It is inadvisable to set up any important interviews now. Avoid meeting new, important people if you can. If all else fails, at least heed mother's advice and wear clean underwear!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Intuition is totally off base, so don't follow any weird voices, no matter how compelling it seems. Mercury retrograde gums up anything having to do with secrets we keep from ourselves as well as from others. Let me put it this way, if you want your closet opened, it will stick closed and if you want it tightly shut, it will fly open. Take heart; sometimes fate works in mysterious ways.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Friendships reach a temporary roadblock when Mercury retrogrades. It's not a good time to sit down for a heart to heart (unless of course you relish heartburn...). Other issues now include the fact that your personal goals and needs may not coincide with the group mandate. Perhaps all pink Fish should curl up with a good book and avoid confrontation until Mercury wises up on January 30.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84 G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #65, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793 3488 / 290 1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 1001 N. Wilmot.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rick 318-0540.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968 2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888 7264.? Call CRONIES 888 7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762 9135.

SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733 3772

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889 7298.

TUCSON HIKING CLUB. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733 2532.

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

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

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

LESBIAN GAY WRITERS: Long and short fiction workshop at 7:00 p.m. fourth Friday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #152. For information call 791 9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MENS SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690 9588 for information and a newsletter.SAS

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882 8513 or Mary O. 770 9979

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 Feldhaus, 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 judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299 9063.

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

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

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622 7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740 6284. All replies confidential.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al Anon 881-1794 in Tucson Info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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

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

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

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326 AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326 AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884 0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

NOTICES

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

SUPPORT 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 Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299 0063 for information.

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METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, an informal group using inner guidance, mind power and universal law. Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills. (River & Swan). Rich 318-0540.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

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

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