

AIDS Update:

Panel Draws Up National Strategy;

Nobel Laureate To Push Vaccine Development; Baboon Cell Transplant Patient Tries New Drugs

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - A comprehensive national AIDS strategy calling for more research and a renewed effort to control the epidemic was approved and sent to the President by a special advisory group.

The report sets six goals - the top one being to cure AIDS and develop a vaccine. Others are to reduce and eliminate new infections, guarantee infected people access to health care, fight AIDS-related discrimination, support international efforts against the disease and ensure that scientific advances are quickly translated into improved care and prevention.

President Clinton has received the report from the advisory commission. The administration is already working on some of the goals such as making a new push for a vaccine at the National Institutes of Health.

Although AIDS activists criticized some aspects of the report, approved 26-1 with 1 abstention by the commission, they generally praised Clinton for throwing the weight of the White House behind the war on AIDS.

"You have a president directly engaged with formulating a national strategy and communicating it to the public," said Cornelius Baker, executive director of the New York-based National Association of People With AIDS. He faulted the panel, however, for not dealing with how Medicaid and welfare changes will affect people with AIDS or at risk for infection.

The advisory group sidestepped whether the federal government should back needle-exchange programs for drug users, an issue that government health officials will take up separately after a major study is completed in February.

Advocates say there is mounting evidence that giving addicts clean needles reduces AIDS transmission through shared

hypodermics. Critics fear it will only promote illegal drug use while not significantly slowing the spread of HIV.

The White House's top AIDS official, Patricia Fleming, has announced she will step down soon. Advocates urged Clinton to pick a successor with the ability and the clout to carry through on the recommendations.

"You need someone who is dynamic and political and willing to take a lot of lumps," said Spencer Cox, a spokesman for the Treatment Action Group.

In the 1980's there were other presidential commissions and panels but none with the sweep of this one and none with this much public involvement by the president himself. . . .

Dr. David Baltimore, a Nobel laureate microbiologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will lead an effort to revitalize the nation's drive to develop an AIDS vaccine, the National Institutes of Health announced.

Dr. William Paul, director of the Federal Office of AIDS Research at the institutes, said Baltimore would be the chairman of a committee to look for new ideas for such development, reinvigorating research that after more than a decade has failed to produce an effective immunization against the disease.

"David Baltimore will have a large role in creating a new agenda," Paul said in an interview. "We need some creativity, some new ideas, and he will give us this because of who he is and the fact that he wants to do it."

The appointment of Baltimore came in response to a major study of the nation's AIDS research effort. The study, by a panel of 114 leading scientists and others concerned about AIDS, concluded

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Elizabeth Taylor Visits Needle Exchange Site In New York City



NEW YORK, NY - Elizabeth Taylor visits needle exchange program. Photo: Kevin Mazur courtesy of AmFAR

NEW YORK, NY - In an unscheduled visit, Elizabeth Taylor recently dropped in to visit staff and clients of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center in Manhattan.

Together with hairdresser Jose Eber and Joe Spellman, the Executive Vice President for Elizabeth Arden, the actress arrived toting gift bags of hair care, perfume and beauty products for clients attending a special holiday "Day of Pampering."

Elizabeth Taylor has been a long time advocate for the distribution of clean syringes to all intravenous drug users, and had raised the issue most recently when she addressed a meeting at the United Nations. In a powerful speech in the hall of the General Assembly, she said,

"Prevention programs, that before were based on common sense, are now proven by studies, but it seems there is neither the political will nor the money to act upon them. We know, unequivocally, that the provision of clean needles to drug users will save lives. What are we waiting for?"

for Foundation (ETAF), Miss Taylor is the largest single contributor to the American Foundation for AIDS Research's work on needle exchange, which supported the most comprehensive study ever on clean needle exchange.

This landmark study, which was reported in *The Lancet*, was conducted by leading researchers at Beth Israel Medical Center and New York University Medical Center. Among other findings, it documented a two-thirds decrease in new HIV infections among injection drug users enrolled at a five community based, legal, needle exchange programs in New York City. The Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center was one of these sites, and is unique in that it is the only center that includes programs specifically geared to female intravenous drug users, including a "Women only" needle exchange.

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Since Christmas and New Years falls on our regular publication day, the Observer will go to press one day earlier and be delivered on Tuesday for the next two weeks. All advertising copy, classified, calendar changes, press releases, articles and columns must be received by Monday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 30, no later than 5:00 p.m.

Have a great holiday season



UPDATE

Norman Tabernacle Choir MPS Fundraiser Dec. 22

TUCSON - It's the time of year when we "Drag" out our Gayest holiday gowns for the MPS Christmas Party, Sunday, December 22, 5:00 P.M. at IBT's.

This year's party will feature none other than the world-famous "Norman Tabernacle Choir."

For those of you who aren't family with the choir . . . They met two years ago during the "Kathi Mayer Trial" at what is now called "The Plug." The "trial" dragged on and, out of boredom, they began to sing. When the "trial" ended, Mr. Norman suggested they continue their endeavors.

With Ricky's "Reba," Nashville Connection (John Weller), they thought stardom was inevitable. They arrived in Nashville with two new choir-members, Jack Daniels and Cutty Sark. Things didn't go as planned!

According to Natalie, Beth Tullis and Woody Perry, "We haven't given up on them and we are delighted to have them with us again for the MPS Christmas Party this year."

Joining the "choir" will be Holiday's Headliners. Also in the ranks will be "The Church Ladies," "Mimi," "Ineeda Sisters" and Tucson's very own, red-hot, "Holly Penó" for an evening of Holiday delights!

Please come and join in on the fun! Woody wants to thank the community for their continued support for the MPS Society.

Wingspan January Art Exhibit

TUCSON - Valeria R. Enney will exhibit photographs entitled, "Friends and Family," at the Wingspan Gallery. The exhibit will open January 1, 1997.

The Wingspan Gallery is located at 422 North Fourth Avenue. A reception for the photographer will be held, January 1, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

For times or for more information call 624-1779.

Tucson Community Foundation Announces Requests For Proposals

TUCSON, AZ - The Tucson Community Foundation (TCF) is requesting proposals to deliver services under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act.

TCF anticipates that approximately \$600,000 will be available through this program for fiscal year 1997-98 to deliver outpatient medical and support services to eligible Pima County residents living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Proposal applications will be available after December 17, from TCF, 6601 E. Grant Rd., Ste. 111, 85715. Telephone requests should be directed to Jane Conklin at 722-1707.

Proposal development assistance will be provided applicants at a technical assistance workshop, Friday, December 20, 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the TCF.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday, January 7, 1997, 4:00 P.M.

1-in-10 Yard Sale Jan. 6

TUCSON - One In Ten American actors needs your junk just to survive!

One in Ten Theater Company is currently seeking to raise funds for the production costs associated with their upcoming staged presentation of Remember My Name by David Lemos.

To this end they are seeking donations of items suitable to be sold at a huge Yard Sale, Saturday, January 6. Storage space is limited so large items may have to wait to be picked up the day of the event. Other items can be picked up from your home anytime before then.

For more information call 293-5397.

Russian Lesbian Requests Asylum

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFE) - A Russian Lesbian emigre, Alla Pitcherskaia is requesting the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to grant her asylum in the U.S.

It is the first time an appeals court has heard an asylum appeal based on sexual orientation.

Pitcherskaia in interviews with reporters and documents said she had been arrested, detained and beaten by Russian police for her work with fledgling Lesbian and Gay organizations in Russia.

U.S. Immigration officials have twice denied her requests to remain in California, saying Russia has changed sufficiently in the last four years to no longer present a threat to her safety.

Lawyers for Pitcherskaia said the U.S. position is untenable. Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund told local reporters that both the former Soviet Union and the current Russian government view Lesbians and Gay men as a threat.

Tucson ASO's Christmas Wish Lists

TUCSON - It's the holiday season, people are purchasing gifts for loved ones. The ASO's who help to care for all of our loved ones need the community's help during this time. So, please allow some of your holiday spirit to sweep in their direction.

PACT Housing finds itself needing the following items: Twin beds; refrigerators (in working order, please); paper towels; toilet paper; mops and brooms; cleaning supplies (especially in bulk to refill smaller containers); bath towels and washcloths.

Also, items to help PACT housing residents spruce up their homes for the holidays.

The Shanti Foundation of Tucson has a wish list for items that would help out: Shampoo; soap; detergent; refrigerator; large filing cabinet; desks; plain paper fax.

The Tucson AIDS Project also has a list of items that would help their efforts: 486 DX or better computer system; 28.8 modem (external); 14" SVGA monitor; workhorse laser printer with second sheet and envelope feeders.

For more information call: Shanti 622-7107, TAP 322-6226 and PACT, 770-1710.

Brazilian Senate Committee Approves Gay Union

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) - A Senate committee in Brazil has approved a measure that would legally recognize Lesbian and Gay unions.

Though the law falls short of the rights granted under heterosexual marriage, Gay and Lesbian activists in Brazil hailed it as a landmark decision. The measure would allow Gay men and Lesbians to sign a "contract of partnership" giving Gay couples the right to file joint tax returns and inheritance and pension rights should one of them die.

Committee members said the measure would prohibit Gay couples from adopting children outside the relationship and would prevent one partner from using the surname of the other.

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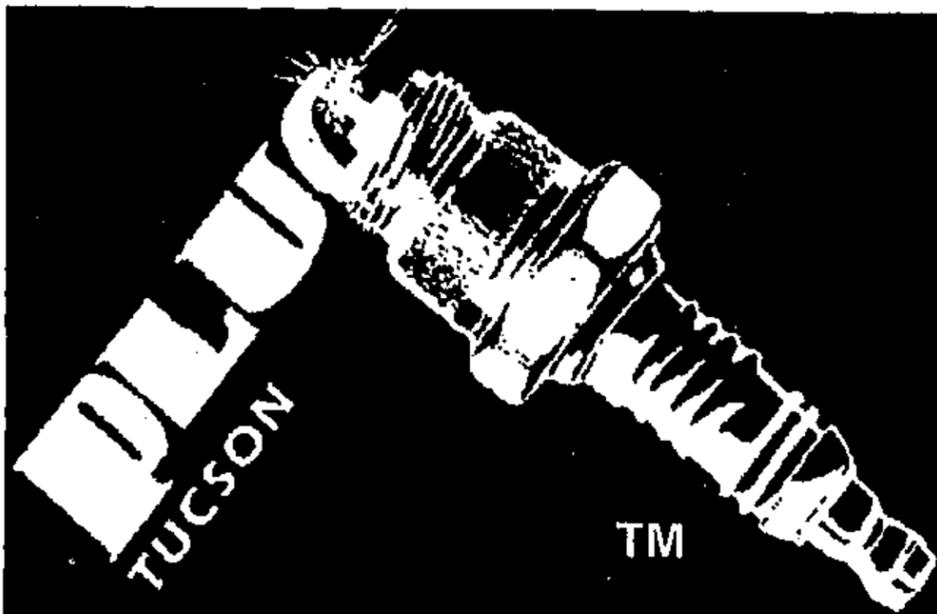
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Corporate Downsizing At Santa's Workshop

NORTH POLE (OBS) - Sleigh bells won't be ringing the same way. This according to a confidential memo recently obtained by The Observer.

A document from Santa's Workshop shows that the jolly-man has to resort to corporate downsizing in all "departments" for the holidays. When reached for comment, a spokesman cited the recent downturns for the past several holiday seasons as the reasons for the restructuring.

The following is from the memo:

"The recent announcement that Donner and Blitzen have elected to take the early reindeer retirement package has triggered a good deal of concern about whether they will be replaced, and about other restructuring decisions at the North Pole.

"Streamlining was appropriate in view of the reality that the North Pole no longer dominates the season's gift distribution business. Home shopping channels and mail order catalogues have diminished Santa's market share and he could not sit idly by and permit further erosion of the profit picture.

"The reindeer downsizing was made possible through the purchase of a late model Japanese sled for the CEO's annual trip. Improved productivity from Dasher and Dancer, who summered at the Harvard Business School, is anticipate and should take up the slack with no discernable loss of service. Reduction in reindeer will also lessen airborne environmental emissions for which the North Pole has been cited and received unfavorable press.

"I am pleased to inform you and yours that Rudolph's role will not be disturbed. Tradition still counts for something at the North Pole. Management denies, in the strongest possible language, the earlier leak that Rudolph's nose got that way not from the cold, but from substance abuse. Calling Rudolph, 'a lush who was into the sauce and never did pull his share of the load' was an unfortunate comment, made by one of Santa's helpers and taken out of context at a time of year when he is known to be under executive stress.

"As a further restructuring, today's global challenges require the North Pole to continue to look for better, more competitive steps. Effective immediately, the following economy measures are to take place in the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' subsidiary:

"The partridge will be retained, but the pear tree never turned out to be the cash crop forecasted. It will be replaced by a plastic hanging plant, providing considerable savings in maintenance.

"The two turtle doves represent a redundancy that is simply not cost effective. In addition, their romance during working hours could not be condoned. The positions are therefore eliminated.

"The three French hens will remain intact. After all, everyone loves the French.

"The four calling birds were replaced by an automated voice mail system, with a call-waiting option. An analysis is underway to determine who the birds have been calling, how often and how long they talked.

"The five golden rings have been

put on hold by the Board of Directors. Maintaining a portfolio based on one commodity could have negative implications for institutional investors. Diversification into other precious metals as well as a mix of T-Bills and high technology stocks appear to be in order.

"The six geese-a-laying constitutes a luxury which can no longer be afforded. It has long been felt that the production rate of one-egg-per-geese-per-day is an example of the decline in productivity. Three geese will be let go and an upgrading in the selection procedure by personnel will assure management that from now on every goose it gets will be a good one.

"The seven swans-a-swimming is obviously a number chosen in better times. The function is primarily decorative. Mechanical swans are on order. The current swans will be retrained to learn some new strokes and therefore enhance their outplacement.

"As you know, the eight-maids-a-milking concept has been under heavy scrutiny by the EEOC. A male/female balance in the work-force is being sought. The more militant maids consider this a dead-end job with no upward mobility. Automation of the process may permit the maids to try a-mending, a-mentoring or a-mulching.

"Nine ladies dancing has always been an odd number. This function will be phased out as these individuals grow older and can no longer do the steps.

"Ten Lord-a-leaping is overkill. The high cost of Lords plus the expense of international air travel prompted the Compensation Committee to suggest replacing this group with ten out-of-work congressmen. While leaping ability may be somewhat sacrificed, the savings are significant because we expect an oversupply of unemployed congressmen this year.

"Eleven pipers piping and twelve drummers drumming is a simple case of the band getting too big. A substitution with a string quartet, a cutback on new music and no uniforms will produce savings which will drop right down to the bottom line.

"We can expect a substantial reduction in assorted people, fowl, animals and other expenses. Though incomplete, studies indicate that stretching deliveries over twelve days is inefficient. If we can drop ship in one day, levels will be improved.

"Regarding the lawsuit filed by the attorney's association seeking expansion to include the legal profession ('thirteen lawyers-a-suing') action is pending.

"Lastly, it is not beyond consideration that deeper cuts may be necessary in the future to stay competitive. Should that happen, the Board will request management to scrutinize the Snow White Division to see if seven dwarfs is the right number."

Is nothing sacred?

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

UPDATE

Poll Shows Big Leap In Tolerance Of Gays And Lesbians

PRINCETON, NJ (WS) - The Gallup Poll News Service announced a profound change in the level of tolerance the American public is extending to Gay men and Lesbians.

For the first time since the organization began polling people on the subject, a majority of those polled now believe Gay men and women should be allowed to work in the clergy and as school teachers.

The Gallup Poll results, announced at a press conference, reveal four in five Americans (84 percent) favor employment discrimination protection for Gay men and Lesbians. The figure is a full 10 percentage points higher than in 1992 when 74 percent favored workplace protection, and an enormous increase from the 59 percent figure registered in 1982.

Public support wavers somewhat

depending on the profession, but solid two-thirds majorities say Gay men and women should be allowed to serve in the President's cabinet and -- perhaps more surprisingly -- the armed forces.

The Gallup Poll News Service suggests the more favorable attitudes may have to do with the gradual abandonment of the idea that being Gay or Lesbian is a "lifestyle" choice. Between 1977 and 1989, at least half of those Americans polled believed being Gay was the result of a faulty upbringing or a frivolous decision. Less than 20 percent believed it was something Gay men and women might be born with.

Today, only 30 percent believe being Gay or Lesbian is a choice. 31 percent say they believe genetic factors are at work, and 40 percent feel it is a mix of genetics and early childhood or environmental factors.

Navy Settles Lawsuit; 'Witch Hunts' May End

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - Rather than defend the Navy against charges it engaged in an illegal investigation into her private life, the Department of Justice and the Navy have settled a lawsuit brought by former Seaman Amy L. Barnes.

This move could have far-reaching repercussions for Gay men and Lesbians serving in the military who could face "Witch Hunts" over allegations regarding their sexual orientation.

Barnes had sued the Navy earlier this year for wrongful discharge and for violating her constitutional rights. Barnes was stationed aboard the USS Simon Lake when she and approximately 60 other women became the focus of a Navy "witch hunt." Court documents revealed two women were threatened with jail if they did not identify Barnes and other women as being Lesbian.

Barnes' attorneys argues this type of investigation is illegal under "don't ask, don't tell" regulations. In pre-trial hearings, the Navy countered that the "don't ask" regulations did not create "substantive or procedural rights" and therefore Gay servicemembers could be discharged even if they were the victims of illegal investigations.

Kirk Childress, Staff Attorney of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said the Navy would not have settled if it felt its position would hold up.

"This is the first time the military has been sued based on violations of [don't ask, don't tell's] prohibition of witch hunts," Childress said. "By bringing the Navy to settlement, Amy has helped make it less likely commanders will be permitted to wrongfully pursue individuals based on unfounded rumor or innuendo."

Supreme Court Asks For Advice On Same-Sex Harassment

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Acting in the case of a Louisiana oil worker allegedly threatened with homosexual rape, the U.S. Supreme Court has asked the Clinton administration whether it thinks same-sex sexual harassment violates federal law.

The court said it wants to hear from Justice Department lawyers before deciding whether to grant full review of Joseph Oncale's appeal from a ruling that said federal law doesn't cover same-sex harassment claims.

The government could take months to respond.

The court's action marks the first sign that the justices may be interested in the legal issue. They previously had turned away several appeals that raised similar harassment claims.

Oncale had worked as a roustabout assigned to an offshore oil rig with Sundowner Offshore Services in 1991.

His lawsuit against Sundowner said he was sexually assaulted, battered,

touched and threatened with rape by his direct supervisor, John Lyons, and a second supervisor, Danny Pippen. A third defendant, co-worker Brandon Johnson, was accused of assisting Lyons in one of the alleged attacks.

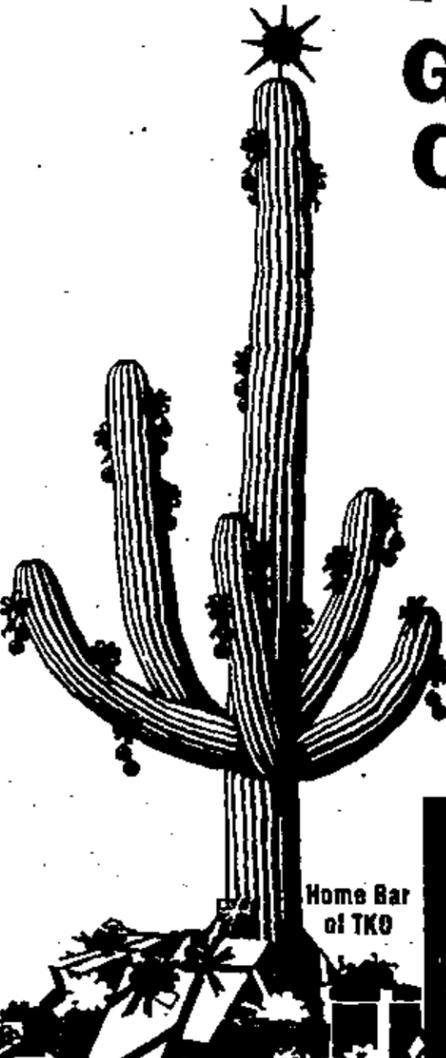
Oncale's lawsuit said he twice reported the situation to his employer's highest-ranking representative on the job site, but no action was taken. Oncale quit, his lawsuit said, because he feared the harassment would escalate to rape. Oncale had been hired through Sundowner's office in Houma, La., and was assigned to Chevron USA's Ship Shoal 266-A offshore platform.

Oncale's lawsuit, based on a federal law banning sexual discrimination and harassment in employment, was thrown out by a federal trial judge who ruled that same-sex harassment is not covered by the law, known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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¿Cómo la están pasando? en esta ocasión será corta esta columna abierta, ya que es poco lo que hay que compartir esta semana, además por motivo de tiempo reducido, ya que también nosotros necesitamos hacer nuestras compras y demás arreglos para esperar la Navidad y el Año Nuevo; que una vez más les deseamos la mejor de las fiestas navideñas que hayan tenido y sobre todo que el año nuevo les traiga, salud, dinero y mucho pero mucho amor...

El pasado día 11 se llevó a cabo el segundo evento comunitario en la vecina ciudad de Nogales, Arizona donde más de 100 personas se acercaron a recibir información en lo que respecta a la conservación del medio ambiente, y especialmente como ayudar a respirar un aire más puro, se disfrutó de mucha música, regalos, y palomitas, ese evento fué patrocinado por la EPA (Agencia de Protección al Ambiente) la ciudad de Nogales, el grupo LIFE y SEAHEC, y la gente realmente quedó satisfecha y contenta al hacerlo saber por medio de las evaluaciones que remitieron... Muchas gracias a las personas que de una manera u otra nos ayudaron a que ese evento cumpliera con los objetivos que nos marcamos...

Una de las preguntas de ésta semana es en relación a la calvicie (alopecia): ¿tiene arreglo?. El pelo es el elemento que nos conecta con el medio externo, de ahí que los lamas se despojan de él como señal de interiorización y desconexión con el exterior. Hoy en día se ha acelerado más que nunca el proceso de caída del cabello debido al estrés, hábitos alimenticios, problemas hormonales y otros trastornos de la salud. El cabello crece una media de unos dos centímetros cada mes. El pelo tiene un largo período de crecimiento que dura entre dos a seis años, y un período de descanso de unos tres meses de duración. Por regla general, siempre hay un 85% de pelo en fase de crecimiento. Los cabellos que se ven en la almohada, o en el cepillo están en fase de su caída no representan ningún problema. Por otro lado, cada cambio de estación (sobre todo en primavera y otoño) aumenta la caída del cabello. El cabello es la antena que nos conecta con nuestro entorno, el receptor que nos orienta; es una parte viva e íntegra del cuerpo, como cualquier otro órgano; prospera cuando el cuerpo es saludable y se debilita cuando el cuerpo está enfermo. Muchos jóvenes se están quedando calvos con sólo 20 años, el 65% de los hombres y el 20% de las mujeres padecen algún grado de alopecia y la herencia no es la única culpable en este proceso. Actualmente, ya no es algo exclusivo de los hombres, por su herencia genética, o de mujeres, a partir de una determinada edad (al llegar a la menopausia). Ahora la edad de aparición de la alopecia en hombres es muy anterior a la de sus padres y afecta a un porcentaje importante que no tiene antecedentes familiares. El factor hereditario es el de mayor peso; pero también existen otras alteraciones que catalizan el proceso de alopecia; estrés, patología genital (menopausia, miomas, prostatitis...) patología digestiva (gastritis, úlceras, estreñimiento crónico...) patología respiratoria (alérgias) patología dermatológica (acné, dermatitis seborreica). A la hora de determinar las causas de la alopecia es imprescindible tener en cuenta el mayor número de factores posibles. Así, también influyen los medicamentos hepatotóxicos, los conservadores químicos, los malos hábitos

higiénicos, la polución de las grandes ciudades. En general cualquier desequilibrio hormonal afecta al crecimiento y renovación del cabello. Las recomendaciones que se dan son: el pelo debe mantenerse limpio, y protegido del sol intenso y del cloro de las piscinas, por ejemplo. El uso continuo de permanentes y tintes, aumenta la sensibilidad capilar de forma que el cabello se vuelve más frágil, las puntas se rompen y acaba por caer. Todo ejercicio físico que facilite la circulación de la sangre es beneficioso para la salud del pelo.

Nuestro amigo Ernie Pérez coordinador del proyecto **Salud es Poder**; está haciendo la invitación a los voluntarios del mencionado proyecto al convivio de Navidad este viernes 20 de diciembre a las 7:00pm. en el Alternator del Plug para compartir unas horas de diversión y estar juntos en estos días de fiestas familiares, así es que por allá los esperamos... Además se les recuerda que sábado 21 estará el grupo Reed Bread en el Alternator desde las 8:00 p.m. con un magnífico baile, asista y diviértase!!! Y el baile de fin de año será en el Stonewall donde habrá música en español y de todos los ritmos...

Por hoy es todo, los esperamos hasta el siguiente año ya que la siguiente semana estaré de vacaciones por los pueblos del Rio Bavispe D.M. de donde les traeré interesantes noticias de aquellos bellos paisajes y finas gentes... Que tengan PAZ Y FELICIDAD en estos días y que el AÑO NUEVO les traiga salud y mucha alegría durante todo el año!!!

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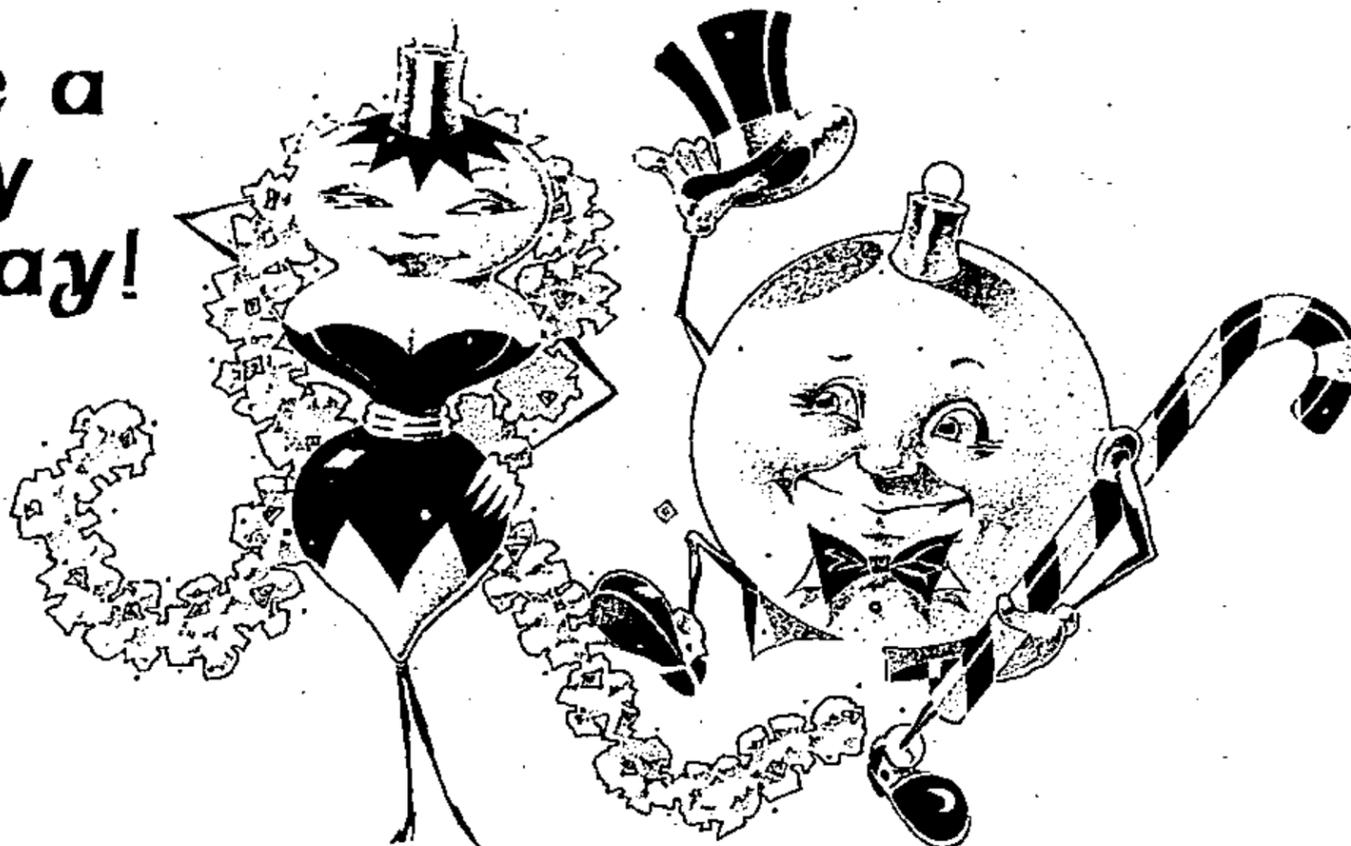
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Review -

"A Child Within"

by Desert Voices

TUCSON - It has become something of a tradition in our town to welcome in the holiday season with a concert by Desert Voices, Tucson's Lesbian and Gay chorus, and once again the Voices demonstrated the power of music and performance to stimulate an entire palette of moods and thoughts.

This season, at least for Christians, celebrates the birth of the Christ child, and the concert became a fascinating musical and narrated meditation on the many meanings of welcoming a child into the world, a theme that is truly universal.

After a surprising entry of percussionists and singers from the rear of the Pima Community College Center for the Arts Proscenium Auditorium sweetly singing the Puerto Rican carol "Si Me Dan Pasteles" (If you give me pasteles, make sure they are hot!) The chorus made their way to the stage, with its snowy winter-scape framed by a pair of christmas trees (formed by concentric layers of potted poinsettias) as backdrop. With no hint of embarrassment, the singers then laid on the corn with a series of numbers, "Snow," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

While the elves' medley was a little slow-going the other selections were fun and the singers (and the audience) seemed to be having a jolly old time. Someone should get a lot of credit for the eye-catching red scarves with black and yellow squares and triangles, which looked stunning against the black outfits of the chorus (they later changed into brighter green and red ones).

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, done with musical care but somewhat sotto voice, worked its silvery, lighter-than-air "Flowers" gave me a rush. Towards the end of the first act, a subdued and unusual trilingual version of "Silent Night" was offered, performed in part as a round. Rousing us out of the previous selection's mood of vulnerability the first act finished with a robust rendition of "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

Incidentally, I must state that the women's voice had for more of an impact that the men's (the chorus is graced with some lovely, bright soprano voices), and observation that may raise my stock at "Ain't Nobody Biz" but make me an outcast in other spots around town. Perhaps the gripping and elegant complex harmonies achieved by the chorus can still be preserved while adding more of an "edge," particularly among the men. But that is just a minor quibble amidst overwhelmingly positive feelings about the concert.

For the second act, Producing Director Sherilyn Forrester came on stage to serve as a guide - through rhymed verse - of what it means to welcome a child. The various meanings and associations were each illustrated by musical selections, representing play, prayer, innocence, hope and the ability to nourish dreams. Among the selections were a very playful "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and a very Gay rendition of carols (entitled the "Elmer Fudd Carols") complete with sexual malaprops and the enunciation of "r" as "w" (you've all been there, done that!). The numbers that stuck in my head and my heart were an exceptionally wistful interpretation of "Count Your Blessings" and a "White Christmas"

that sounded like a beautiful extended prayer.

Musically, the most unusual moment of the evening was the World Premier of "Miracle" by Eric Lane Barnes. While the song's melody was pleasant if unexceptional, what transformed it into a memorable, indeed exceptional event, was the evanescent singing of Navajo artist Mary Redhouse, whose voice flute-like instrument, although that is hardly an exact comparison. In another unexpected gesture the concert ended in a rendition of "Silent Night" in American Sign Language, allowing the woman who had signed for all the other songs to take a break from her evening's work. In a way this was eminently fitting, for it showed just how sensitive Lesbians and Gays are to the need for inclusiveness. After all, we have seen the other side, too.

I took a straight colleague from my university department to the concert and by the end of the concert I was awash in pride. Of course, it was borrowed pride, but all the same, it felt great. Our community pulled it off, we strutted our stuff. Our chorus crafted an evening of wonderful, life-affirming, professional-level, thoughtful entertainment that made us all proud. And for that we owe Desert Voices more than a "thank you." We owe them our support.

JUST A REMINDER.....

The Pima County Sheriff's Dept. Will be conducting sobriety checkpoints during the holiday season to identify and remove impaired drivers to make our streets safer for everyone. Last week we gave you 'DUI Surprise #1'. The list continues this week with these "surprises from Sheriff Dupnik:

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You can be guilty of DUI even if you never actually "drive" or move your vehicle. So long as you are in "actual physical control", (i.e. if your car is readily capable of being driver), you can be arrested for DUI.

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DUI SURPRISE #5

If you are a juvenile, it is illegal to drive if you have any amount of spirituous liquors in your body!

DUI SURPRISE #6

Driving while there is an illegal drug in your body, in any amount, subjects you to the same penalties as an alcohol-related DUI.

Sheriff Dupnik has a few more surprises he will share with us next week. Drive carefully, and don't drink and drive!

Hey Tucson! I hope everyone got all of their Holiday shopping done this weekend at the street. I am so glad that the weather turned out so beautiful this weekend, the turnout was incredible.

As we draw closer to the Holidays, we at AGRA realize that we are also drawing closer to the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Keep your eyes peeled to the Observer's Home on the Range and also the Branding Iron for the latest and greatest in fund raisers and AGRA functions.

This weekend we are hosting the annual Winterhaven Hayride to be held

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

this Saturday. We will be meeting for a pre-party and "body warming" at the Plug, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Our reserved Hayride trucks will be leaving for the tour at 8:00 P.M. sharp! The Hayride tickets are being sold on a first come, first serve basis for \$10. They can be purchased by contacting an AGRA Board Member, or the AGRA Hotline.

We will be returning to the PLUG to continue the Holiday festivities with a post-party for the remainder of the

night. We look forward to seeing you there for a great time. We sold quite a few tickets last weekend at the AGRA State Dinner, so we will be hosting a number of our Phoenix Members.

Speaking of the State Dinner, we had a great time last Saturday in Phoenix for the dinner, as well as feeding our faces at a Brunch/Board Meeting hosted by our newest Champion Members Gary Johnson and Derek Ingram. We thank you two for a great brunch and for the hospitality.

Congratulations to Ms. Linda Hoffman for being voted the AGRA Member of the Year. We all know that Linda really busts her butt and her award is well deserved. Our cheers go out to you!

The outcome of our elections are as follows: 1997 State Board - President - Dan Iverson, Secretary - Ron Trusley. There will be a run-off election for the Vice President Position between Mark McCrory and George Kaminski.

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by Frank E.G. Colgate

[This week's information is provided by Gladys Correnti, PACT EAP Director.]

PACT for Life wishes to express its many thanks to the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Tucson Community Foundation for their support of the Ryan White Title II Dental Assistance Program.

Subsidy Program has assisted twenty-six persons in the community. Through this financial empowerment program, these clients can now afford basic needs for themselves. The program has also helped increase the confidence of the clients in their ability to identify and find solutions in order to make improvements in their own lives. The positive effects of this program are lasting and far reaching.

Funds are available through the Emergency Assistance Program at PACT. Also, Emergency Assistance under HOPWA is still available to help many people living with HIV with their delinquent bills related to housing.

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I leave you with this in mind, "Love is a great beautifier." - Louisa May Alcott

The Emergency Assistance Rent

Viewpoint

by Patrick J. Dooley

Our Environment

Not too long ago, train cars full of contaminated soil were confronted by angry protestors 30 miles outside of Phoenix.

The contaminants would then enter the air of the surrounding community: contaminants that will likely include Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene, Carbon Monoxide, N-Hexane, Volatile Organics, Lead and others.

Residents were concerned of the potential affects to their health should this soil be allowed into the vicinity of their community. These protestors were concerned about the possibility that the contaminants would someday reach their ground water.

I am not attacking the company in question because they are working within the confines of the law. I attack the validity of the environmental laws of this state.

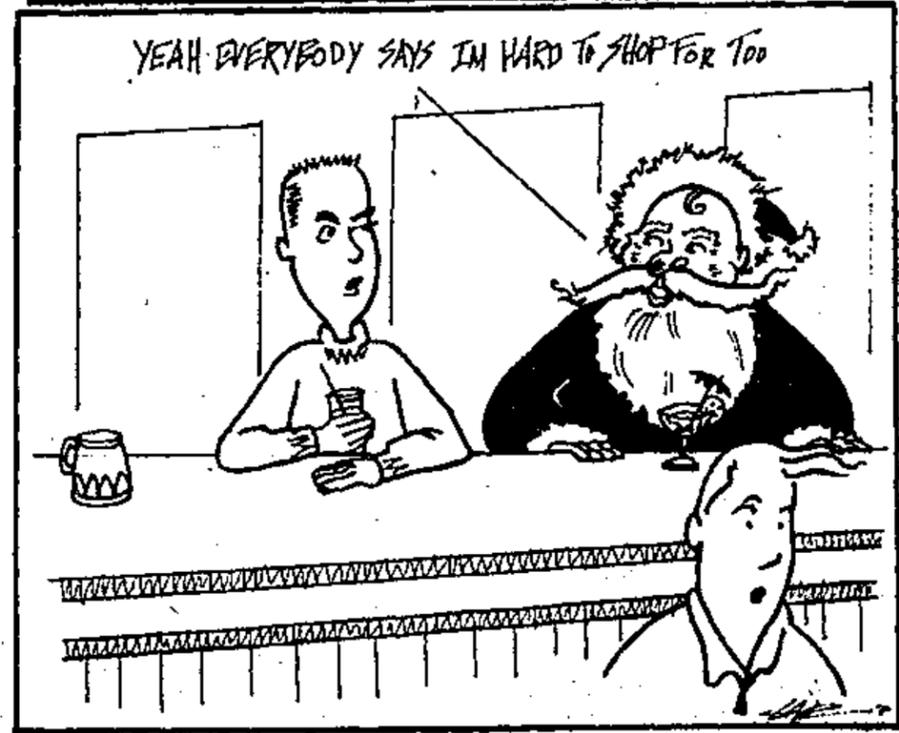
There is a new situation involving contaminated soil in our state occurring presently that looks as if it is imminent. It would release the contaminants from the soil into the environment almost instantaneously.

How is it possible that in this day and age of environmental awareness our government can allow this happen? The providing of these permits to this company sets a frightening precedence. If you care about your health and the health of your community please let your representatives in government know that you are not happy with environmental laws in Arizona that would allow this to happen.

A company that thermalizes (super heats) contaminated soil has applied for the proper permits from the State of Arizona, Pima County and the City of Tucson. This company would bring in contaminated soils from remote locations to a location inside the city limits of Tucson, 5,026 feet from an elementary school, less than 1,000 feet from the nearest water well and in the vicinity of thousands of residential homes.

Now I have to live with the fact that the smokestack I see across the field will release contaminants, including lead, into the air: some of which may fall on the children I see playing in the schoolyard across the way from my home. The next smokestack may be in your neighborhood. Think about it.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK



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POLITICS
1996
 By MARK R. NEHR

**'Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire
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It cost just eighteen million more to "make Waterworld." The Federal Election's Commission (FEC) released the financial reports for the 1996 national election. According to the astounding figures, "Campaign '96," set spending records for elections.

According to the FEC over a quarter-of-a-billion dollars spent on the presidential and congressional campaigns by the Democrats and the Republicans. The Democrats raised \$130 million dollars, (tainted foreign moolah included), the Republicans \$152 million.

All this for eight House seats (D) and two Senate seats (R) and the same prez. Go figure! Only 49% of those registered went and voted in "Campaign '96." Maybe the foreign market would be better. According to the Democrats, it is! . . .

They still can't cure hemorrhoids! That neo-fascist group, the Christian Coalition, headed by t.v. huckster Pat Robertson, at a news-conference announced that 1996 was their best year ever. Wow! Really? Let's see. They lost the Colorado Amendment 2 case in the Supreme Court. The Oregon and Idaho anti-Gay initiatives were thrown off the ballot as well as an initiative in a Florida county.

The "religious brown-shirts" pushed the Republican party further to the right. They helped their lap-dog, Bob Dole to secure the GOP Presidential nomination with a platform that would make Attila the Hun look liberal. They helped Dole to a monumental defeat to Bill Clinton, that womanizing, draft-dodging commie, according to them! Republican candidates avoided them like the "plague" to save their "moderate" asses.

We're not through! Most polls view the Coalition negatively, even more than Newt! Their tax-exempt status as a religious organization is in jeopardy pending an FEC investigation. If they lose their exemption, most likely, they will have to pay back taxes in the millions of dollars. Good year, I'd like to see what passed for bad! . . .

Democratic Electors, what a concept! This past Monday, the Electoral College met in the 50 state capitals to elect the next president. So what did we do in November, vote for electors! Ah, Democracy!

Something that hasn't been seen since 1948 in Arizona, Democratic Electors casting votes for President and Vice-President. Despite the history, the mainstream media bimbos didn't cover it. There were no reports of rebel Electors, so Bill Clinton will defeat Bob Dole by a vote of 379-159.

The final vote will be certified at a joint session of Congress when Vice President Al Gore will tally the votes. Can you feel the excitement! Perhaps he will do the macarena! . . .

Naughty and nice my ass! Very-soon-to-be-ex-U.S. Rep. B-1 Bob Dornan, R-Nutso City, consoled himself after the recount still showed that he lost, lost, lost!

B-1 Bob was given permission to

fly an U.S. Air Force F-18 fighter plane in Southern California. Look out West Hollywood. Who do you think paid for this little joyride in the smoggy skies? You and me, the taxpayers, at a tune of \$4,000 for this little junket! . . .

Instead of leis, how about cheese and bratwurst at the reception! Openly Lesbian state Representative Tammy Baldwin (D) announced that she would introduce a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in Wisconsin.

Declaring she was no longer willing to be treated like a second class citizen, Baldwin said she would introduce the measure when lawmakers meet again in January.

This announcement coincided with Republican state legislators press conference. They announced their plans to introduce a bill to make Wisconsin the seventeenth state to define marriage as between a man and a woman and to stop recognizing the U.S. Constitution.

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Will they figure out what to do with the desert spoon? The Pima County Charter Committee, that group of fifteen who were supposed to draw up a document for home rule in the only, sane portion of the State of Arizona have wasted thirty days so far in their effort, or lack of.

The Committee, as mandated, has 180 days to put together a proposal for home rule for the voters to give a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down." So far they've dickered away one-sixth of their time with nothing to show. This venture is costing \$100K of our money and they've given away \$95K to the U of A to do a study the issue. Didn't we elected these people to write the charter and give us home rule? Well, didn't we!

The U of A will study the issue and come up with the conclusion, "Yes, the salad fork does go on the outside of the regular fork!" . . .

Gerald Ford was right, "the nightmare is finally over!" Dim Bulb has been turned off and Mr. Ed has been sent to the glue factory. The Pima County Board of Soups held their last soiree for the year and the last for Soups Paul Marsh and Ed Moore, who were booted-out by the voters.

Emotions ranged from A to B at this meeting. Marsh, the outgoing Board Chairman gave Ed a plaque for his service to Pima County, twelve long years! Complimentary barf-bags weren't offered.

Some in the crowd yelled "We'll miss you Ed." Others, rightfully so, said "We won't!" Dim Bulb and Mr. Ed will not be soon forgotten. The tax-payers will be paying from our pockets for their mistakes for a long time to come! . . .

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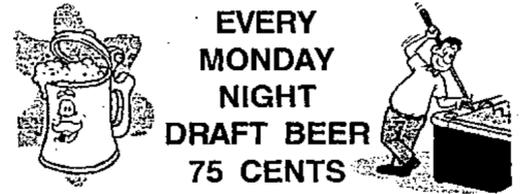


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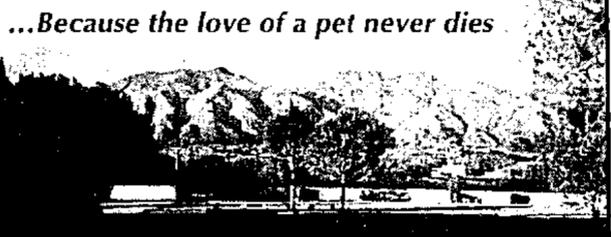
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Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

Stress and Fatigue Part One

This time I would like to discuss two of the biggest factors affecting our health: stress and fatigue.

It is a phrase which unfortunately, we hear all too often these days "I'm so stressed and tired all of the time." What we need to realize is that stress is very much an influencing factor in our health.

Thankfully, there are things that we can do. I suggest a Vitamin B complex, available at health food stores. Check dosage level. Individual B vitamins are available, like Vitamin B-6 and Vitamin B-12, and these are good, but I highly recommend a balanced formula with all the B Vitamins.

Let me share with you some of the health benefits and effects of taking B Vitamins. Vitamin B-5, also known as Pantothenic Acid, is the "antistress" vitamin. It plays an important role in the production of adrenal hormones, antibodies and helps to convert fats, carbohydrates and proteins into energy.

Vitamin B-6 helps in maintaining sodium and potassium balance, and promotes red blood cell formation. It is required by the nervous system and for normal brain function. In fact we need the whole family of B Vitamins and we should supplement our diet with it. Natural food sources of B-6 include: carrots, chicken, eggs, fish, meat, peas, spinach, sunflower seeds, walnuts and wheat germ. If you wish to supplement your diet to increase this vitamin, I suggest eating the foods I have listed.

Stress can have definite negative effects on the body and can lead to illness. Anxiety is linked to stress and can also contribute to insomnia. Fortunately, there are many things that we can do. There are calmatve herbs also to quiet and soothe our bodies, such as chamomile, passion flower, melissa (also known as lemon balm), skullcap and valerian root.

There are herbal formulas to aid sleep, usually which are a combination of herbs like hops, valerian, passionflower and skullcap. There is a nice formula called Silent Night from Reay's and a similar formula called Quiet Night. These are best at bedtime. Do not use valerian daily, it can cause mild depression in some people. I recommend that you use sleep formulas only when you really need them.

Melissa supreme, a formula I have used myself, is a nice herbal formula, soothing to the nervous system, also used to calm down hyperactivity in children. What we call hyperactivity in children can also be what we commonly refer to as being "wound up" or nervous tension in adults. Fortunately, we can combat these conditions easily.

There is also a nice homeopathic

formula called "Calm's Forte," a combination of natural medicines that calm the nerves and fight stress.

This combines the ingredients in another formula known simply as "Calms" and a few more homeopathic medicines that help quiet the body and calm the nerves. According to the directions, a low dose can be taken in the daytime and a heavier dose taken at bedtime. If you have ever dealt with chronic insomnia (I certainly have) I have found this formula really helped me get to sleep. Sometimes I needed to take a double dose, but it helped me get a full night's rest and wake up with more energy. Sleep is essential to healing and regenerating the body.

The standard formulas, such as Sominex and other medicines simply knock you out, forcing sleep. There are also the formulas that add "PM" to their brand name, which are standard painkillers with a sleep drug added. In low doses, occasional use is fine, but herbs work more in tune with your bodies natural rhythms. Strong drugs, such as a cough medicine with a sleep ingredient, will make you sleep, but you often wake up groggy and "out of focus" in the morning.

If you take a "heavy" dose of valerian, (which is about six capsules) this may happen also. It is best to use a little less, just enough to help you to sleep. Again, stress plays a role here. Too often, we have trouble winding down, or mental chatter keeps up awake. I highly recommend the Calm's Forte formula, available at many health stores around town.

[Andrew Brooks is a holistic counselor and herbalist. He can be reached at 326-0841.]

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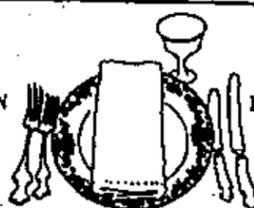
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Yesterday, I purchased a new car. Sort of an early Christmas present you might say. The car, which I had been driving had over 100,000 miles on it and there was something major going wrong with the heating/cooling system. It was more than just the condenser; one estimate

I got to repair it was \$1,000! There were also several other things beginning to wear out; it was just time for a new car.

I was rather amazed at the amount of time it took to finalize the sale of my new car! After all, there in black in white in the paper was the exact car I decided on, with the price clearly listed, at least I thought was what the ad said! But then there was this added charge and something else and oh, yes, in addition to my trade-in, how much cash was I intending to put down? (This despite the fact that the ad mentioned none of these extras, either extra charges or extra cash needed!) The salesman state that this was the bottom line, this was one vehicle on which there would be no "haggling" and then left me several times during the course of our discussion to "talk with my manager to see if I can give you" this or that which I was requesting! We finally did settle on terms with which we were both comfortable. I got the car I wanted at almost the monthly payment I expected! I wouldn't say that I am having second thoughts but, there is still that nagging thought in the back of my mind, "If I had held out just a little longer would I have been able to get a lower payment, or that extra piece of equipment which I really wanted?"

Many decisions in life leave us with similar feelings. Did I really make the right choice of living arrangements? Could I have gotten a better job if I had tried just a little harder? However, there is one decision which each of us must make which will never leave us wondering if we got the best end of the deal! That decision is the one in which we turn all our sin over to Jesus in exchange for his salvation! There really is no need to haggle to try to get a better deal. In fact, it is impossible to get a better deal! There is no other way to obtain salvation except through accepting Jesus as your savior. You cannot pay for it with good deeds, or living a good life, or even giving large sums of money to church! And there are no "levels" of salvation, in which one person is somehow more saved than someone else! This is one transaction which is just as advertised! The Bible says, ". . . Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved . . ." (Acts 16:31). There is no small print, no need to "talk with a manager," because this advertisement comes straight from the Boss-God himself! And perhaps best of all, this is one decision which will never have to be repeated. Jesus said of those who believe on him, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27, 28) Once you have accepted Jesus' salvation, it is yours forever!

Have you made this once-in-a-lifetime decision yet? What better time to invite Jesus to live in your life than during the Christmas season, the time when we celebrate that event of so long ago when Jesus came to this earth as a baby, destined to die for the sins of all humanity?

Come celebrate Christmas with us at Cornerstone Fellowship! Christmas Sunday, December 22, our service will begin at 10:30 A.M. and our Christmas Eve candlelight service, on December 24, will begin at 8:00 P.M.

Inherited AIDS Resistance Found In 1 In 5 People

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) - Scientists are collecting evidence that a certain percentage of the population is naturally immune to HIV infection. Also, scientists have discovered that a segment of the population has an inherit resistance to HIV.

According to an article in the Journal Science, one in 100 Caucasian males has complete immunity to AIDS infection. The article goes on to say that one in five has inherited resistance that enables their bodies to fight progression of the virus for variable lengths of time. These discoveries have left the researchers stunned.

Almost no blacks or Asians have the specific gene mutation researchers have identified as CKRS, but scientists say other as yet unidentified forms of immunity almost certainly exist in every race.

This conclusion was borne out of recent study involving 1,850 people of different race and sex, all of whom were at high risk for infection because of their repeated exposure to the virus.

They included: Gay men who had repeated engaged in unprotected intercourse. I.V. drug users who shared needles. Hemophiliacs who had injected themselves with tainted blood products.

Six-hundred of the high risk groups never became infected. As prevalent as the CKRS mutation is, it could account for only 3 percent of the resistance, the article said.

"The number that's impressive is one in five," geneticist Michael Laback said in an interview. "You're getting up into frequencies of blood groups or genes for eye colors."

Scientists note that the gene mutations usually die out unless they confer a survival advantage. Given its frequency in whites, scientists are wondering whether AIDS swept the European continent centuries ago, or perhaps arose from another disease like the Bubonic Plague.

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ARIES**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Proud Rams peer longingly at the far horizons. Venus in Sagittarius expands your vision and tickles your hooves so embrace a global Gay project and pioneer it to all corners of the earth. Even the pushiest Rambos have the tender touch now; you can state your opinions without making too many enemies. Use this delightful energy to take a much needed vacation. Drop me a postcard.

TAURUS**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

While Aries are tickled to travel anywhere, queer Bulls are tickled primarily in southern regions. The beauty of Gay love is experienced to the fullest for lucky Bulls. Venus in Sag turns on the sexual spigot to a rushing flow that quickly fills the pool. I believe that the only way to learn how to swim is to jump right in the water. Of course, some of us are best served wearing a bathing cap...

GEMINI**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Proud Twins are happiest in a partnership and now, with Venus in Sagittarius, you find the perfect saucer for your cup. Relationships go smoothly and harmoniously if you remember all those little things that make your significant other significantly happy. If you are in the market, you may just find your treasure among the trash. (Of course, some of us prefer trash...) but you have to seek to find.

CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Although it may be cold comfort to more heat seeking Gay Crabs, Venus in Sagittarius now makes your day to day job less dreary and onerous. OK, so the planets are not ready to warm your cockles but what about a brisk exercise workout that really will have impact on your bulging waistline? Imagine what you can look forward to next month when you are in great shape...

LEO**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud Leos are too damned lucky, I say. Venus in Sagittarius adds quite a bit of good fortune to an already happy sod. Whether this means you should blithely follow your creative muse and write the great American Gay novel or plan the party of the millennium is up to you. Just make sure that you don't waste this fabulous energy on any of the seven deadly sins except perhaps lust.

VIRGO**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

There is no time to quarrel with family members when Venus is in Sagittarius. Mellow tones reign in even the harshest of situations. It is always beneficial to be proudly out to parents so why not use this harmonious time to state your position? Venus also encourages you to enhance your surroundings with a little redecorating or moving stuff around. Don't be chintzy with the chintz.

LIBRA**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Diplomatic Gay Scales are even more melodious when Venus enters Sagittarius. It is time to speak your mind and see what happens. Sag energy sometimes has the tendency to blurt out the most inappro-

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prate things, but thankfully even your foulest (yet honest) comments become delicious bon mots during this time. Have you ever thought of politics? Forget it; you're too honest.

SCORPIO**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Venus in Sagittarius sheds a welcome warm light on your financial situation. Wise, Gay Scorps know the value of a dollar (100 cents, I believe) and if you have been keeping an eye on the retirement prize, Venus advances your monetary cause one step further now. You may be tempted to purchase an antique or decorative object at this time. What about that piece by the bar?

SAGITTARIUS**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Venus in your own sign makes Gay Archers even more appealing than usual. It is an excellent time to get Out there and meet and greet. Interviews go well and

you even seem to know what you are talking about. Set the agenda now by beginning new projects and trying new things. Who knows? For the first time in your life you may even get a good haircut.

CAPRICORN**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Even suspicious queer Caps will be pleasantly surprised at the extent of their good vibes when Venus moves into Sag. Goats overcome dastardly evil plans of hidden enemies, at least in the short term. There is a healing taking place within you. Intuition is on target so do good things for deserving people and build up the good Gay karma. Don't ya just love doing good Gay things?

AQUARIUS**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aquarians are in sync with the group goal and at one with the group dynamic when pleasing Venus enters Sagittarius. Gather kindred souls together and have a great

and affirming time. Venus now enables you to bring warring factions to the peace table to strike a happy compromise. Forget about deals with hideous Helms though. Try the Mideast instead; it will go easier.

PISCES**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

If you've found your corporate political skill wanting, try kissing up to bosses now when accommodating Venus enters Sag. Pink Fish may make some inroads in otherwise treacherous shark waters during this transit so swim fitfully and strut your stuff in the starchamber. You can even overcome political enemies if you can learn to spin sugar into the gosh darned honest truth.

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An advice column for Gay and Bi-sexual men from the Gay Mens Health Project.

Dear X,

I am 27 years old and I feel lost somewhere in the Gay community. There are all these younger guys that have the ability to flow in and out of Gay/straight culture without a hitch and even meet guys at what I would call straight bars. And then there are all these older guys that treat the Gay lifestyle like a religion with Gay friends only, talk Gay politics and own or work in Gayfocussed environments. What's up? Can't there be a happy medium? I can't seem to connect with these people.

Signed, Missing Link

Dear Link,

Your connection problem may not be a problem at all. These younger guys have more freedoms because they are benefiting from all the hard work these older guys did to revolutionize Gay culture and make it mainstream. The older guys love to stand around and talk about their war wounds and plan their next assault. You are the group that is the transition between them and you shouldn't feel you have to choose an extreme. As a bridge you have your own very important role to communicate or transport ideas and information from one side to another. You could take full advantage and benefit from both. Get some of those young guys to take you to those seemingly straight bars and show you how to meld. Go to one of those political all Gay parties and strengthen your identity as a Gay man and get involved in the next rally. Either way you can't lose. You'll meet new people and learn how to float into diverse arenas with knowledge and grace. We are so quick to categorize people and this is always a mistake. The important lesson here is to keep sampling from all the people you meet in the community until you find the group you feel comfortable with. In the mean time continue to absorb from all types of people and develop your own diversity. Good luck!

Dr. X,

I am beginning to wonder if I am a sex pig. My friends are always razzing me about getting laid so often and call me names like slut and whore. It's not my fault they don't hook up. I go out about three times a week and I connect at least two out of three. Do you think I am over-sexed? Are my standards too low? Please advise!

Signed, Stud

Studly,

You have a lot of questions to answer before I could rule on that issue. Are you having sex because you want to or because you don't know how to turn someone down? Do you enjoy these encounters? Are you wanting sex or intimacy? In any case there is no magic number. I think it is great to be very active; especially if you are being safe. Sex is a good thing. It can be fun and exciting, it can relieve stress and anxiety. Maybe you just really like men. I can't blame you. For me personally I like to have sex two or three times a week. So to me you are right on track. Some guys are happy with occasional experiences like once a month or less. Again, to each his own. If your friends are giving you a hard time maybe they are concerned that you are at a higher risk of getting HIV from frequent encounters. You could

reassure them by letting them know if you are being safe when you engage in anal sex (assuming that you are). They also might be flat out jealous! Tell them you respect their concern but if they are just giving you a hard time for the sake of giving you a hard time that it is affecting your self esteem. I'm sure they don't realize that they are worrying you or hurting your feelings. Maybe if they would call you a stud instead of a whore it would feel different to you. Straighten this out so you don't get paranoid. I think even if you are getting laid six days a week (the seventh day to restock supplies) that you are just fine, if that is what you want to do! Keep up the good work, and play safe.

Doctor X,

I think I missed the boat on AIDS education. You always sound as if you think we all know a bulk of info about HIV and AIDS. I know that you should use a condom for anal sex to prevent passing HIV to a partner or to keep from getting it, but beyond that I have allot of gray areas. I am not stupid but I would like to know more. I am only in my twenties and I haven't had friends that died. I never got HIV info in school. I am kind of embarrassed to say to my friends that I don't know much about getting HIV and what is safe. If you could give me a few rules I would be appreciative.

Signed, Negative and Clueless

Dear Negative,

Important words to close with. You can't be too clueless if you know your sero-status. If you are getting tested regularly and know your status you are taking a big responsibility towards HIV. I don't criticize people that choose to be "Untested" if they can really say they have never been in a risky scenario. But if you aren't sure about the rules; we say guidelines, getting tested is a good place to start. Not only can you find out where you stand but it is a great opportunity to ask a counselor that is trained in HIV and STD's some scary questions in a safe setting. The Pima County Health Department has several testing sites and you can always call your friends at the AIDS Prevention Collaboration (GMHP, GYM, Gay Mentor Project and Salud es Poder) to get testing site info or have us set up an appointment to go with you. You can stop by any AIDS service organization like PACT, TAP or Shanti and get more info. You can also call the GMHP office at Shanti to set up a time to meet with us and ask away. We can do it over lunch! I am really glad you brought this up. I think you are not alone and I hope others will have the courage to say they are unclear and ask questions. Knowledge really is power. Make phone calls, ask around, come in for the brochures sweetie! We are glad to help you, and you can spread the info to your friends who may be too shy to ask. **LATER!**

To ask Dr. X . . . fax questions to 622-1554, Attention Dr. X.

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AIDS Update

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earlier this year that the government's research program, whose annual cost is almost \$1.5 billion, lacked focus and needed an overhaul.

That panel, of which Baltimore was a member, said a vaccine research committee headed by a distinguished non-government scientist should be created to provide direction and oversight. The group also said the National Institutes of Health should establish a new AIDS vaccine program that combined, in new and creative ways, related research conducted at several of the agency's branches.

Research scientists, advocates for AIDS patients and critics of current efforts to develop a vaccine against HIV, praised Baltimore's appointment as chairman of the new vaccine research advisory committee, which has been given a mandate to look for new, even, unorthodox approaches.

Baltimore said in an interview that he would first review the HIV vaccine program at the national institutes and make sure his committee knew what had been done and what was in progress. "Then," he said, "I will try to organize regional meetings around the country to ferret out vaccine ideas. We want to hear from anyone with new ideas."

Jeff Getty used to measure his strength by how far he could push his AIDS-weakened body up a favorite mountain trail. If he could reach the second waterfall, that was good. The third was better.

In June, six months after receiv-

ing a transplant of baboon bone marrow, he headed back to the 2,500-foot trail. "I went all the way to the top of the mountain. It blew me away," he said.

As he marked the anniversary of the December 14, 1995 transplant, Getty is celebrating "the best year I've had in about five years." He's gained 15 pounds, lost his chronic asthma, skin rashes and lung infections and built up rock-solid biceps.

But Getty is quick to point out his recovery probably has little to do with the baboon cells that prompted so much debate over the moral and medical implications of cross-species transplants.

Baboons don't get AIDS. The idea behind the transplant was the AIDS-resistant baboon stem cells might take root in Getty's bone marrow to produce AIDS-fighting immune-system cells.

That didn't happen. Baboon cells were found in Getty's body for only two weeks after the transplant.

Getty, who said he felt his breathing improve, "the moment I walked away from the radiation table," credits his turnaround mainly to the radiation phase of the treatment and a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors that have revolutionized AIDS treatment.

"That's probably really what we've learned here. We've learned that chemotherapy and radiation which they feared would . . . kill anybody with late stage AIDS was in fact the probably the most beneficial thing I've done in years," Getty said.



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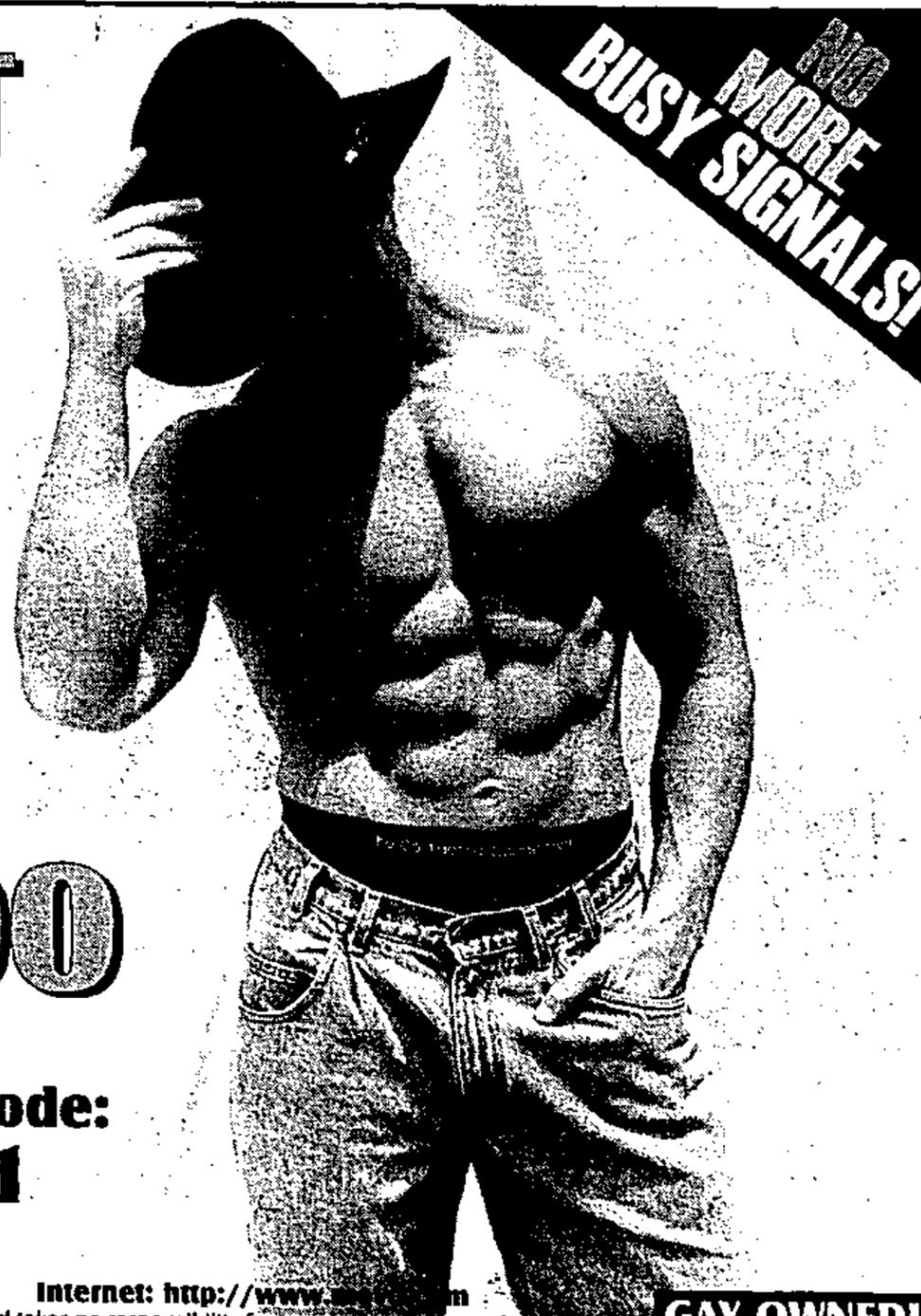
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Long-Term Gay Male Couples Sought For Book Submissions

OAKLAND, CA - A call is out for submissions on long-term Gay male couples to be compiled for an upcoming book.

The author of this upcoming book is Merle Yost. Yost is a psychotherapist and author of three previous books published by McGraw-Hill.

Why a book about long-term Gay male relationships?

According to Yost, "I am putting together an anthology of stories about long term Gay male relationships. There is a mythology that Gay men do not form long term relationships. I believe that when we do couple we tend to blend into the fabric and are rarely heard from or seen again."

Yost would like to change that by bringing some of these stories into the light, showing the tradition and history that has been largely hidden from view. Yost said the working title of the book is *When Love Lasts Forever: Long Term Male Couples Tell Their Stories*.

"I feel strongly that this book is very important at this time, both politically and socially. We need to remind the public at large that men coupling is not a new phenomena, but something that has been happening forever," Yost said.

He added, "Also, I believe that it is important in this age of AIDS to remind ourselves and particularly our youth that there is a future for which to live and work. For many young Gay men, being Gay means sex and death. We must remind them that it can mean love, intima-

cy, companionship, caring and a lifetime of sharing. This book is intended to showcase our relationships as we have created and lived for decades. It will be respectful, honest and honoring of the relationships."

About the guidelines: Preferably, the couples will have been together at least 10 years though some shorter term couples may be accepted. The length of the contribution should be no more than 10 pages typed. Yost would prefer that submissions be submitted on a 3 1/2 disk in a major DOS, Windows or MAC word processor, though type written submissions will be accepted.

The compilation will be accomplished in two stages. Those stories that are initially submitted will be reviewed and those that are chosen for inclusion will be asked for any necessary clarification and further information. Yost's preference is that real names be used. This is not a requirement, but Yost believes that visibility is the best weapon against both internal and external homophobia.

The stories will be edited for length and clarity. A release to use the story and names will be required for those whose stories are chosen. Release forms will be provided. There is, however, no guarantee that all stories will be included.

Send submissions to the address listed below. E-Mail address: MerleY@AOL.COM. Merle James Yost, MFCC, 5276 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 946-18. For information call 510-595-1346.

Drug Mix Virtually Eliminates HIV Researchers Say

BIRMINGHAM, England - Researchers say a combination of drugs virtually eliminated the virus that causes AIDS among patients in a small clinical trial.

The drugs, saquinavir and two types of zidovudine, known as protease inhibitors, cut the levels of HIV by more than 99.9 percent, they reported at the Third International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV infection.

Independent researchers said the procedure, which showed an almost complete elimination of detectable HIV in body tissues, was a potentially important step in the fight against the terminal.

"Complete suppression of HIV infection offers hope for long-term therapy," said William Cameron, associate professor at Ottawa General Hospital and Ottawa University.

Supreme Court

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Appeals upheld the lawsuit's dismissal last May. "Same-sex harassment claims are not viable under Title VII," the appeals court said.

Other appeals courts, however, have indicated that same-sex claims of harassment should not be excluded from the federal law's prohibitions.



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CALENDAR *of upcoming events*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

IBT'S - The Girlie Show's Special Christmas Pageant. 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Helena Bubbles with Felice Renard, Angolica West, Aija Simone, Belemis Da Haviland, Formica Dinette, Patsi Lara and Roland Bayne and special guests. (Bring a non-perishable food item for Shanli's Food Pantry).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Also later, it's the Grad Girls Christmas Show hosted by Christina de Alexis and featuring Renard, Jacqueline de Savoie and a special appearance by Felice Renard. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

PLUG - Rare Breed will bring their own special brand of Cumbia and Norteño music at Noches Latinas Nite in the Alternator Room. 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. \$3.00 at the door. Alternator Room opens at 8:00 p.m. **AGRA** Post-Winterhaven Hayride Party with special drink prices until 10:00 p.m. for all AGRA members

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by an overwhelming demand - Avatar! This band is a must hear and see band! Don't miss out on this fun and fabulous sound. \$1.25 pitchers until 10:00 p.m. Band starts at 9:00 p.m. and plays until closing. Come early and be ready to dance all night! Cover.

IBT'S - MPS Christmas Pageant. Showtime 8:00 p.m. featuring The Norman Tabernacle Choir with Holly Pefia, Mimi, Ineada Sisters, Miss Gay Tucson 1996, and The Church Ladies. Don't forget the Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust in the afternoon for MPS also. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

PLUG - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) annual Christmas Benefit and Beer Bust for PACT. Dart Tourney, 50/50 Raffle and general TKO mayhem. Then from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Desert Coyotes and Tucson Lambda Lizards Bowling League Annual Christmas Awards Ceremonies in the game room.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - 'The Divas of Drag' Christmas celebration 9:30 p.m. Show features Adrienne Alexander, Tiffany St. Thomas, Jacqueline de Savoie and Keyna.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

IBT'S - Party Christmas Eve at IBT's. Hot Dance Party 9:00 to close.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)
IBT'S - Open at 5:00 p.m. Hot Dance Music 9:00 p.m. to closing.

HOURS - Opens at 8:00 p.m. today to allow their employees to spend Christmas day with their significant others, etc.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz invites you to ring out the old and ring in 1997. Come and party at the Biz. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. and the music won't stop until 1:00 a.m. There will be party favors and free champagne at midnight. Also shot and drink specials every half hour. Mark your calendars.

HOURS - New Years Eve bash at Hours - Party favors, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, dance to a mix of country and party music. No cover.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Girlfriends presents Jess Hawk Oaktar 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. \$2 Cover.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For directions and reservations, call Bill or Steve at 847-3436.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Hayride through Winterhaven with the festive caroling of Desert Voices. A benefit for PACT, Desert Voices and AGRA. 8:30 p.m. on the northwest corner of Ft. Lowell and Country Club by the Stagecoach. Tickets are \$15.00 and include snacks and hot drinks. Call for more information, Tom 629-5775 or B.J. at 751-9662.

The Tucson Arts District Partnership 'Downtown Saturday Night'. Check out downtown Tucson with lots of people. It's fun.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Girlfriends presents "A Sunday Afternoon Delight" with Tari and Vanessa at 4:00 p.m. \$3.00 cover.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:57 p.m. The Favorite Film Flashback Double Feature (a previously shown movie at MSN) will be "Priest" beginning at 4:00. This searing movie is about a priest struggling to come terms with God, his vows, and homosexuality. At 7:00 we will feature the delightful, funny, and quirky "Strictly Ballroom" about a young man struggling to do what he wants despite the pressures put on him to do what others want (we've all been there). Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediates bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Time and location to be announced. Join us for a moonlight hike on Christmas Eve. Enjoy the beauty of Tucson under a full moon. For details, directions and reservations, please call Chris at 887-3478.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner. Spend your Christmas day with your family of choice. Turkey and dressing will be provided, and you are asked to bring a side dish to share. After dinner, games will be available, or you can just spend the day conversing and being amongst friends. For reservation and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Jerry or Les at 690-9565 for directions.

Girlfriends game and card night. 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The movie "Jeffrey" makes a return appearance at MSN so we can compare this with the play which recently ran at the Upstairs Theater. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Retro TV returns with 2 episodes of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and an episode of "The Avengers." Join us for a fun evening of nostalgic TV. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650 for reservations and directions.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The movie "Jeffrey" makes a return appearance at MSN so we can compare this with the play which recently ran at the Upstairs Theater. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

Girlfriends LTV 7:00 p.m. then at 7:30 its Movie Night. \$2.00 cover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join MSN for an All Games Night on New Year's Eve. No alcohol, but lots of fun and plenty of nice guys to spend the holiday with. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9565.

Girlfriends First Annual New Year's Eve Lavender Ball 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets available through the 29th. Formal wear requested. Tickets \$15.00. Call for more information 888-GIRL.

TUCSON CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-16, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scraps \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Bonif 8-9-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.
PLUG - Open Noon, 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-8.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 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. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bart Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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 \$2xx pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Country movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Well all day and all night.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ERG Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.00 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music from 8:30 to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pet matched. Double elimination.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Sex Kite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cerveza Gold \$1.50
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cerveza Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Keiteken 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 or \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9-close.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with "The Stud" 9pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. 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.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. .. Patsi Bar with Lessey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Hi-Energy Dance music at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pet matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pet matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patsi Bar with Lessey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Open Noon. Happy Hour 8-8pm. Free Pool till 8pm. Hot Dance Party at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$itches & Bagels w/31 Bloody Marys 8am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



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SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS... Call Randy Oberholt, Ph.D. at 370-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company).

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.

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.

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

CROWDS SOCIAL GROUP. A social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 888-7284.

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. Germaine (near 1st Ave. and Laguna).

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 828-7288.

MALE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to job. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P9C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday 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 Utah School of Music Rm #162. For information call 781-8662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3601 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay Family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bartia 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Lesbian 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.

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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.

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SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 281-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 320-1318.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BII or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate.

DR. BOB FELDBAUS GESTALT GROUP FOR GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN. Learn to connect more powerfully with your own inner wisdom and with other men. Coming out issues, HIV issues, developing a healthy Gay identity, and more.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Declmo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a subcompassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV+ sensitive clergy, and inpatient services of healing and hope.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-8678 or 670-1954.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 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

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT ForLife), 801 W. Congress. Office hours MWF 8am to 5pm, Tu 8am-7pm, Th. Noon - 8pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1710 for more information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 309 E. 6th Street, 822-7107. 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 575-8890 or write P.O. Box 34284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3268 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 785-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you? Call information and Referrals about Al-Anon 881-1784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians

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

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, 824-1778.

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.

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. 327-4226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referrals 887-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Fri.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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 824-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-6063 for information.

LICHER HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Ruby's Book Journal available at Arizone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX for information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 824-1778.

L.G.S., G.L.S., GAY/LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday. 7pm. 320-1318 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in the Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 686-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECTO, S.L.O.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 887-3833. 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 ROODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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

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-C, Cortaro, AZ 85852.

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ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 781-7878.

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