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Internet Censors In High Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NP) - The Supreme Court of the United States heard arguments last week, as the federal government appealed two lower court rulings striking down the so-called Communications Decency Act (CDA).

Passed late in the last congressional session ostensibly to protect children from exposure to sexually oriented material on the internet, the CDA is of particular interest to sexual minorities, whose material is always first to be censored, and who had found a haven and a community online.

CDA has been the subject of intense legal and popular discussion regarding the nature of cyberspace, the implications of restricting so-called "indecency," and the ability of parents to control what their online. The interaction between the attorneys and the justices was no less lively, and overall the session appeared to many observers to go quite well for CDA's opponents.

CDA provides for penalties of up to $250,000 and two years in prison for displaying so-called "indecent" material on an interactive computer network "in a manner available to a person under 18 years of age." "Indecency" is simply reference to sexual or excretory organs or functions in terms some people find offensive. Outright obscenity -- which always seems to be the danger suggested by CDA proponents -- is already prohibited under other statutes.

The two lower courts which struck down CDA believed it represented undue restrictions on freedom of speech. One of those opinions relied heavily on the limitations of current screening technology which effectively could turn the access rule into an outright ban. Justice Antonin Scalia leaned hard on that element of the discussion, nothing that he threw away his own computer every five years because of the pace of technological improvement, and asking if what they might declare to be unconstitutional today might become constitutionally sound in just a couple of years.

Arguing on behalf of CDA for the government, Deputy Solicitor General Seth P. Waxman of the Department of Justice called the Internet, "a revolutionary means for displaying sexually explicit, patently offensive material to children in the privacy of their own homes," where, with the click of a mouse, every child could receive, "a free pass into the equivalent of every adult bookstore and every adult video store in the country."

Bruce Ennis, the attorney for CDA's opponents (among many that include the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Apple Computer, the American Civil Liberties union, and the Queer Resources Directory) countered that for 40 years federal law had not prohibited adults from reading material simply because it might be considered unsuitable for children.

From there, much of the discussion became a search for an apt analogy.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen Breyer thought the Internet resembled a street corner, public park or a telephone more than a book. Justice Anthony Kenney wondered whether the CDA's restrictions would be like the government prohibiting indecent conversations on a public street with minors present.

Justice Scalia and Chief Justice Rehnquist, unsurprisingly, seemed harder on Ennis, while the more liberal justices seemed harder on Waxman, although both highly-respected constitutional attorneys received their share of challenges.

In fact, eight of the nine justices were actively involved in the hearing, and sounding reasonably savvy about the new technology most of the time. The other justice, Clarence Thomas, reported yawned throughout the 70-minute session.

Hawaii 'Con-Con' Can-Canned By Judge

HONOLULU, HI (NP) - The state Supreme Court says no to a constitutional convention, so any new blocks to equal marriage rights in Hawaii would have to come from the mired state legislature.

A Hawaii state Supreme Court judge has declared that the state ballot initiative for a state constitutional convention failed in the November 1996 polling. The main drive behind convening the so-called "Con-Con" was to amend the state constitution to prohibit same-gender marriages, which are likely to become legal there later this year following a final state Supreme Court test.

Although votes for a constitutional convention (more than 163,000) led those against it (more than 160,000), the margin was much smaller than the number of so-called "spoiled ballots" (45,000), nearly all of which represented people who abstained from voting on the question.

State Attorney General Marjery Bronster had interpreted some confusing legislation to mean that the spoiled ballots didn't count, that interpretation was challenged by the Hawaii State AFL-CIO and other who anticipated political losses if a convention were held. Judge C.J. Moon

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Cult Leader Self-Hating Gay

SAN DIEGO, CA (WS) - Trying to "cure" his Gayness was what started Marshall Applewhite on the road to castration, death and outer space. Chalk up 39 more "collateral victims" of homophobia.

The 39 people who committed suicide in San Diego last week were led by a man who'd once sought psychiatric help to eliminate his homosexual impulses -- and it was while he was voluntarily an inmate at a mental hospital that he began development of the theories that ultimately led to the deaths.

Heaven's Gate UFO cult leader Marshall Herff Applewhite brought a new depth of meaning to the term, "alienation," designing a theoretical framework to justify diving himself from his sexual and physical nature, and drawing others in to share that value system with him.

The group has been studied at length and in depth by representatives of a number of academic disciplines, and a number of those experts agree that the group was driven in part by Applewhite's effort to deny his sexual orientation. Some Gay activists have felt it important to underscore that he was "just nuts."

Applewhite reportedly had secret Gay affairs even during his seemingly happy marriage in the 1960's, and after his marriage broke up he moved in with another man. Openly Gay KPFT-Houston radio producer Ray Hill said of his longtime acquaintance that Applewhite "always had a kind of struggle with sexual guilt. If 'Herff' could cloak his sexual encounters with a spiritual ritual event, he would."

It was after Applewhite had lost his job on the music faculty of a Catholic college, St. Thomas University in Houston, in 1970 he checked himself into a mental hospital, asking to be cured of his homosexuality. (The college denies newspaper reports that Applewhite was fired because of a scandalous affair with a male student.)

It was after that hospitalization that Applewhite began to develop his philosophy that human bodies are merely containers for the spirits of genderless space aliens who can move to another level of spiritual existence. He believed that physical impulses, particularly sexuality and reproduction, tied one to the human body and had to be put aside to ascend to "the Next Level Beyond Human."

Applewhite's rejection of sexuality was so great that he and, much later, several other members of the Heaven's Gate group had had themselves castrated -- an experience which at least one surviving ex-group member describes as freeing.

Gender distinctions were minimized within the group, to such a degree that several hours went by before the public was advised that the dead were not an all-male group, but in fact, more than half women. Uniform buzz cuts and uniform loose clothing -- not to mention the surreal situation -- apparently confused the officers first responding at the scene.

James Lewis of the Institute for the American Religion, who studied the Heaven's Gate group for more than 20 years, says that Applewhite "was so alienated from his homosexuality that he was teaching people not to have sex." Other psychiatric experts are careful to point out, however, that the onus belongs not on Applewhite's orientation, but on a homophobic society.

Life Saving New Drugs Have Unexpected Downside

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SMWS) - Three years ago, at the age of 32, AIDS patient Steven Thompson decided it was time to cash in his chips.

He sold off his life insurance policy and took trips to Hawaii and the Bahamas. He bought his burial plot and grave marker. He cut ties to friends and work associates.

"I was preparing to die," he explained.

Now, in a prospect almost as daunting, he is preparing to live.

Thompson and countless other people who were brought to the brink of death from AIDS have suddenly been handed a future, as new "cocktails" of drugs have all but wiped out signs of HIV in their blood. Researchers call it "the Lazarus syndrome," perhaps the most momentous development in 16 years of HIV research and treatment.

But along with new hope, the exotic drugs have brought new problems and stresses for those confronted with the alien prospect of living, speakers said at a national gathering of AIDS caretakers.

Many AIDS patients have spent their nest eggs, tapped out their credit limits and taken out second and third mortgages on their homes. Some are healthy enough to return to work, but have

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New Time For Volleyball

TUCSON - Enjoy the warm spring weather by joining us for Recreational Volleyball!

Beginning with the first Sunday in April, we will play from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road, (NW corner of Swan & River Roads).

Men and women of all playing levels are welcome to join us. Volleyball is a fun way to meet people and get exercise at the same time! For more information contact Davey, 886-1208.

1st SAAF Fundraiser

TUCSON - A charity event for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, (SAAF) will be held April 11-13, at 411 North Fifth Avenue, at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Seventh Street, from 10:00 A.M. to sundown. This is a first time fund raising event for the coalition between the Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti and PACT foundations.

There will be 40 artists, specialty booths, microbrew tasting, a silent auction, live music, food and festivities. SAAF will be raffling off two round trip tickets to San Francisco.

When you are down at the Fourth Avenue Street Fair, make sure you stop by to lend support to this SAAF event. For further information, contact Sally or Dana at 620-6144 or 615-0669.

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First Annual Lesbian Health Fair April 19

TUCSON - The Lesbian Cancer Project of the YWCA of Tucson is excited and proud to announce Tucson's First Annual Lesbian Health Fair, to be held at the YWCA of Tucson, April 19, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Admission will be free.

Plans for the fair include; workshops, food, panel discussions, information booths, drumming and dancing, and free childcare. Workshops will cover topics such as: nutrition, sexuality, relationships and communication, Lesbian parenting issues, menopause, the politics of breast cancer, eastern and alternative medicines, and more!

Events will be interpreted for the hearing impaired, and the YWCA is wheelchair accessible. All women are welcome! For more information call Reggie Winter at the YWCA of Tucson, 884-7810.

Wingspan Artist of the Month

TUCSON - Mr. Joaquin Mariscales will be featured at the Wingspan Gallery, 422 North Fourth Avenue for the month of April. An artist's reception will take place Saturday, April 5, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Mr. Mariscales will exhibit his pencil drawings of Gay Couples.

Joaquin is originally from Puerto Penasco, Mexico and is a self taught artist. The exhibition and the reception is open to the public, light refreshments will be served at the reception. For gallery hours call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The Wingspan Gallery is always calling for artist. The only prerequisite if exhibiting is that you are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgendered. If you are interested in showing you art at Wingspan, please call 624-1779 and give the volunteer the information, or call Bob MacMahon, 571-8783.

Take 60 Seconds!

TUCSON - Call the Tucson Mayor and City Council Members urging their support of the CDBG proposals for HIV/-AIDS services and for a building.

Call 791-4700, the Mayor and Council comment line. You will get an answering machine -- leave a brief message asking them to fully fund the proposals for PACT, Shanti and TAP. You'll need to leave you name, address and telephone number on the machine. Your call does make a difference!

FYI: The three AIDS Service Organizations, TAP, PACT and Shanti have submitted the following proposals requesting CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) support this year:

A building to house all three agencies; $400,000 (requested). Volunteer resources; $70,300 (requested). Case management; $70,000 requested. Transitional housing; $42,000 requested.

Reconciling Meeting At St. Francis

TUCSON - 1997 marks the tenth year St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church has been offering a support and discussion group for our LesBiGay community.

In 1998, St. Francis will celebrate ten years of being a Reconciling Congregation, openly accepting all people as members regardless of sexual orientation. St. Francis invites anyone who was ever involved with the Thursday night Support Group to a meeting, Sunday, April 6, 10:00 - 11:00 A.M., Room 31 at St. Francis (NW corner, Swan and River Roads).

The purpose of the meeting will be to brainstorm ways to celebrate and commemorate the support group and to look at ways it may impacted and changed the lives of those who met.

If you can't attend but have ideas you want to share, contact the church office, 299-9063, or Davey, 886-1208. You can also write your ideas and send them to the church, St. Francis, 4625 East River Rd, Tucson, 85718.

Hope, Healing and High Jinx Benefit April 19

TUCSON - Tuesday, April 29, the community is invited to attend the third annual "Hope, Healing, and High Jinks," an evening of comedy recognizing the joy and humor in life, in all its stages.

The event takes place at Laffs Comedy Cafe, 2900 East Broadway. Tickets are $10 (or $20 for priority seating). Guests will also have an opportunity to participate in a live and silent auction of items donated by local businesses ranging from gift certificates to works of art and collectibles. All proceeds from the event will benefit Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation and the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson.

As in previous years, well-known local talents, Dave Fitzsimmons, Gary Hood, and Debbie Rice, are currently assisting people living with HIV/AIDS (PWA's) to develop comedy routines of their own. Their efforts will culminate in a hysterical evening of "Hope, Healing, and High Jinks," as these seasoned comics join PWA's to provide humorous insight into the reality of living with HIV or AIDS.

For more information or tickets, please contact Matthew, 322-9191.

Once In A Lifetime Event April 17

TUCSON - This year marks Craig Snow's tenth anniversary as executive director of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) as well as his 50th birthday.

For those reasons, Craig will be honored at a dinner and roast with proceeds benefitting the three ASO's. Join in the fun Thursday, April 17 at the new University Park Marriott Hotel as community members share memorable (and hopefully really embarrassing) stories about Craig.

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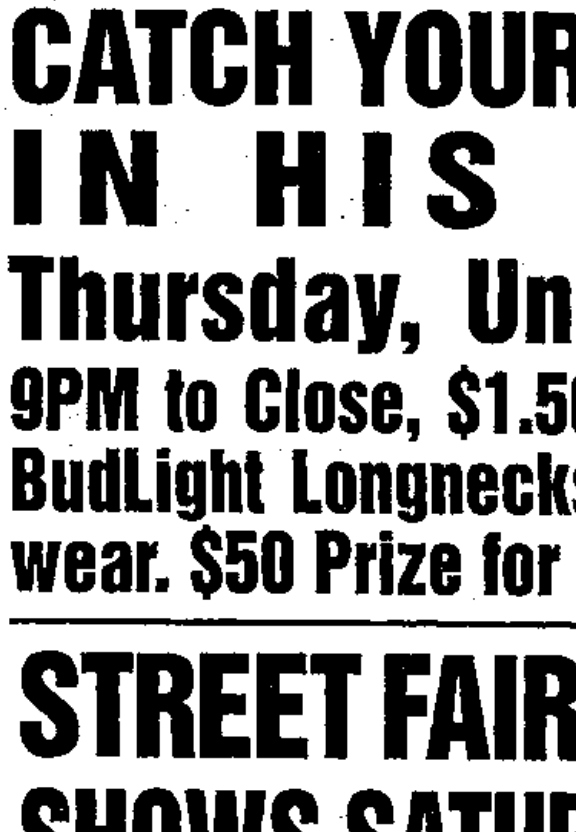

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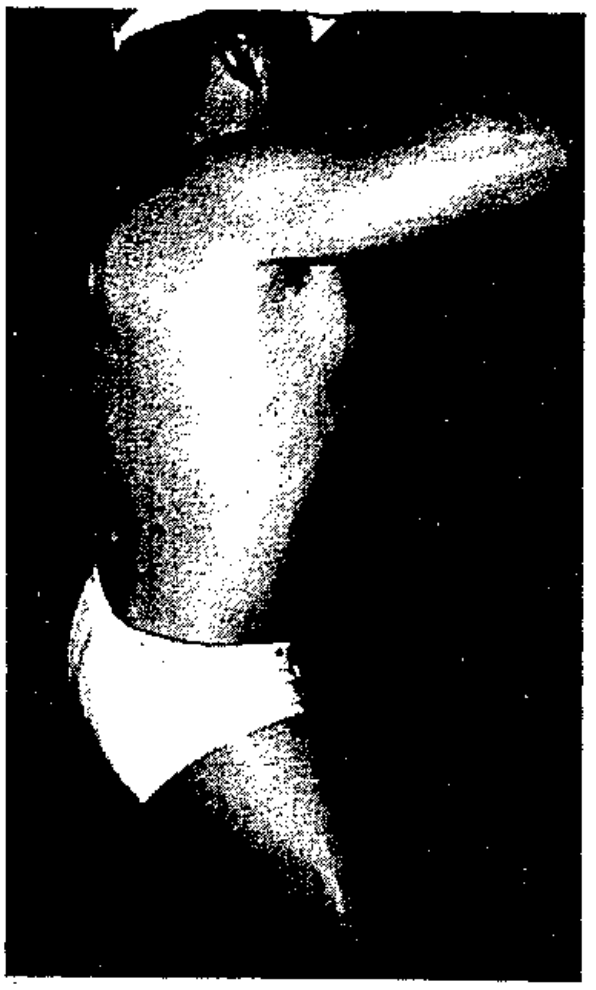

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Columna Abierta . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludandoles un poco cansado en esta ocación, por motivo de las vacaciones de la Semana Santa, porque a decir verdad, las vaciones también cansan; no cree usted estimado lector?. Pues así es; después del viaje relampago que pudimos hacer a Agua Prieta para saludar a viejas amistades, y de gozar a lo grande el baile del Sabado de Gloria, donde nos transportamos a los 60's y los 70's con la música de los APSON y de los MOONLIGHTS, de verdad que fué una gran oportunidad de saludar a viejas amistades y grandes amigos que sería larga la lista al nombrarles a cada uno de ellos... Hablando de grandes y viejos amigos, se encuentra entre nosotros Jorge Portugal, que ya se animó a dejar la ruidosa y contaminada ciudad de Los Angeles, CA. para regresar a este "gran rancho" como él dice; pero viene con gran animo de divertirse y sobre todo ayudar a nuestro amigo Ernie en los proyectos de Salud es Poder, y Jorge ya se ha dado "su gran bienvenida" pachangueando a lo grande; Bienvenido Jorge!!!

Una de las malas noticias que nos tiene Ernie Pérez es la cancelación de las Noches Latinas por tiempo indefinido, tanto del BOOM BOOM como del Stonewall, y todo por unas cuantas personas que no saben controlar los efectos del alcohol y demás; tanto que se ha trabajado para poder tener esos días para convivir con nuestra gente y sobre todo escuchar la música que nos gusta y nos identifica como latinos; pero también hay que considerar a los dueños de los negocios en las situaciones que se les pone con las actitudes de esas personas que no saben controlarse... Así es que no habrá Noches Latinas pero las Tardeadas de los domingos en el Stonewall si continuarán, pero hay que ayudar a mantener el orden sino pasará lo mismo...

Pero no todo es mala notica ya que la YWCA estará apoyando a la "Feria de Salud para Lesbianas" bajo el proyecto de prevención al cancer; la mencionada feria se llevará a cabo el día sabado 19 de abril en la historica Y de la 5ta. avenida al sur de University Blvd. desde las 9:00 a.m. a las 4:30 p.m. habrá puestos de información, comida, refrescos, y sobre todo que se ofrecerá cuidado de niños GRATIS!... Si necesita más información por favor comuníquese con Juanita al (520) 323-8283 o con Regina Winter a; (520) 884-7810 sobre todo se están necesitando voluntarias para dicho evento...

Otro de los grandes eventos a realizarse la siguiente semana del 9 al 11 de abril es la V conferencia anual de Promotoras que patrocina nuestro centro hermano WAHEC y será en esa ciudad de Yuma Arizona en el Civic Center, si necesita información adicional por favor comuníquese con Tuly Medina al (520) 726-8270, en esta ocación se espera un número mayor de asistentes que en los años anteriores; ya les tendré los detalles en las próximas ediciones...

La ceremonia de Primavera que se llevó a cabo en Punta Chueca el pasado día 21 de marzo fué algo nunca visto! dice nuestro amigo Enrique, desgraciadamente no pude asistir por motivos de trabajo, ya que en esos días se llevó a cabo la conferencia de L.U.L.A.C. en los pasillos del Colegio Pima, que no fué nada menos exitosa y todo bajo la coordinación de Ana Estrada, quién se apuntó otro diez por tal éxito. felicidades Ana!!!

Otro gran evento por realizarse es la presentación de la puesta en escena de la obra teatral "La capilla de los Deseos" obra escrita y producida por nuestro amigo Mario Zatarain con la participación de un gran grupo de profesionales de la actuación y todo lo relacionado al séptimo arte, les mantendré informados de la fecha y lugar del gran estreno; este pendiente!!!

Por hoy es todo, los espero la-siguiente semana, D.M

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POLITICS 1997

By MARK R. KUNK

"He Didn't Like It? Hey Mikey!"

He spoke, "Bow Wow!" As first reported, [Observer 662], the Pima County Board of Supervisors last week, voted 3-2 to extend dental and health care benefits to the "domestic partners" of unmarried heterosexual and homosexual county employees. Pima County joined 45 other government bodies and countless businesses that offer extended benefits to "domestic partners."

The Supervisors voted along party lines with Democrats Eckstrom, Bronson and Grijalva voting yes. The Republicans Boyd and Even voted no. Questions? You bet! As reported previously, Boyd has an openly Gay aide, Ron St. John, and yet he voted against the proposal. Why? After the Board meeting, Boyd said in an interview, "I think there are a lot of questions to be answered. There's a lot of concern about it opening up (the potential) for abuse . . . I think we're moving too fast and I have too many questions about it." Well, but?

The next day, March 26, Boyd appeared on the low-rated radio infomercial, The John C. Scott-Ulm program. When questioned by Scott-Ulm about "domestic partners," Boyd said the proposal "had grabbed the fancy of a couple of supervisors." Well, but? Continuing on the program, Boyd said he had questions about the "organization pushing it," the proposal, and the affidavit, which he said he had seen both, "for the first time yesterday, March 25."

Boyd said the affidavit would open up a "Pandora's box of abuse" for the county, since thousands could take advantage of the proposal. He continued, adding that the proposal "goes too far and is not the way for tax-dollars to be spent." Well, but? Boyd ended by stating that the "domestic partners" proposal "was not the positive best thing for government to do." John C. Scott-Ulm declared that "domestic partners" was the equivalent of welfare." Well, but? [Before you say boycott, consider this: KTKT is one of the lowest-rated radio stations in Tucson, a whopping fourteenth. The Tucson International Airport radio info station gets better ratings. So who cares! But I digress!]

When reached for comment by this reporter, Boyd reiterated his statement about too many questions and the potential for abuse. Right, how nice! Questions? You bet!

Two employees of the four who spearheaded to the effort, Damien McNeal and Dolores Kropf, after listening to a tape of the Boyd interview, wanted to "set the record straight."

Kropf stated that Boyd had received the documentation, plus the affidavit for relationships at a 3.13.96 meeting that included his aide, Ron St. John. Damien McNeal said he "didn't know why Boyd is pleading ignorance since he had the documentation." He added that maybe Boyd, "had forgotten or chose not to read it." When reached for comment, Boyd's aide Ron St. John confirmed this fact.

Kropf and McNeal said the impetus for "domestic partners" came from Boyd's office, [The 3.13.96 meeting] specifically Ron St. John, the aide in question. When reached for comment, St. John said he "had taken a Polyanna approach [G/L view], believing in it, and wished Boyd had voted for it." Jiminy Cricket didn't help huh?

According to St. John, he finally realized that it wouldn't benefit a Republican politically." Now there's a shocker! St. John added that Boyd had been pressured not to vote for the single package. St. John said Boyd and Even would have liked to have this proposal within the entire county budget. Can we say buried? Non-controversial perhaps? Consider the following:

During the same interview, St. John said Even didn't believe in any special coverage, just for the employee. According to a 9.23.96 e-mail from St. John, obtained by The Observer, St. John said he'd spoken with Even and GOP District-3 candidate, Vicki Cox-Golder and they both support this policy change. Really?

Good intentions that fell short, being lead, delays, controversy, false-expectations or political expediency? St. John probably summed it up best when he said "it wasn't politically beneficial . . ." So true, especially for Gay and Lesbians to expect anything from a Republican! . . .

It's alive, for about a week! The proposed statewide hate crimes ordinance has gotten a new lease at the Arizona State Legislature. Just like Jason in the "Friday the 13th" series.

For those playing the home game, the bill, then H.B. 2182 had made it through to key House Committees, [amended for conservative and Fife's support] and was squashed by the House Speaker, Rep. Don Aldridge, R-Lake Havasu City, who wasn't happy the bill made it that far.

This setback didn't daunt the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix. Rep. Shaw pulled a parliamentary maneuver, gutting two bills, S.B. 1047 and H.B. 2067 and placing the exact same-language from H.B. 2182. Can we say "strike-everything amendment!"

Both bills had been approved by the respective House and Senate committees and are now before the Rules committee's in each body awaiting consideration.

What are the chances, according to Rep. Shaw, H.B. 2067 has the better chance, since it's over in the Senate. Shaw said if the bill is approved, it would come back to the House for concurrence. Speaker Aldridge would then be forced to give the bill a hearing.

What can people who support this measure do to help get it passed through the Legislature? According to Rep. Shaw, people should call their state Senators and urge them to support H.B. 2067.

People can call the State Legislature, toll-free, at 1-800-352-8404 and urge their state Senators to support the bill. Here is a list of Southern Arizona Senators:

If you do not know who your state Senator is, you can call the Tucson Legislative Office, 628-6596, and leave a message, they will forward it to your Senator. . . .

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Dods In Concert At MCC

TUCSON - Soloist Sandi Dods will be featured in concert at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in Tucson, April 6 at the regular 10:45 A.M. Sunday morning worship service.

Ms. Dods is soloist-evangelist with Holy Cow Ministries based at Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in Phoenix.

Sandi began singing before she could walk in her native Oklahoma. Active in religious music all of her life, it wasn't until her affiliation with the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) organization in 1993 in Phoenix that she began using her gift to teach God's love and acceptance to the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender community.

Sandi has a true calling to spread the joyous news that one can be both a Christian and a homosexual! Her love for God is boundless and infectious and never more apparent than when she is singing! For the past several years, Sandi has utilized her God-given talents to witness the all-inclusive love of Christ in various venues throughout the southwestern United States.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads, is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

All church activities are open to the public, and the congregation of Water of Life MCC invites everyone to come and hear this dynamic concert soloist! For additional information please call the church office, (520) 292-9151.

Supreme Court To Review"Full Faith & Credit" Clause In U.S. Constitution

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NYT) - The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case which may decide when courts in one state can ignore the rulings made by courts in other states.

Gay marriage advocates are watching the case closely since the decision could impact whether states will be forced to recognize Gay marriages, should they ever be made legal in Hawaii or other states.

The case requires the Supreme court to interpret the "full faith and credit" clause in the Constitution which compels states to honor the "public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state." It is precisely this clause in the constitution that has prompted 17 states in the country to pass laws prohibiting the recognition of Gay marriage.

The case involves a former General Motors engineer and an injunction GM obtained from a Michigan court which prohibited the engineer from testifying as an expert witness against his former employer. A court in Kansas ignored the Michigan order and allowed the engineer to testify. GM appealed and a St. Louis Federal Court ruled in the company's favor.

Newspaper reports say the case, Baker v. General Motors raises the questions of whether courts can grant exemptions to the full faith and credit clause in the interests of loosely defined "public policy." A central part of the Defense of Marriage Act passed by Congress last year gives states a federal "public policy" basis for ignoring Gay marriage laws passed in other states.

While the case before the court will not directly answer the question of whether the federal government can give states the power to ignore constitutional mandates, a decision will provide an indication of whether "public policy" is sufficient cause for allowing states to ignore the full faith and credit guarantee.

Over 750 Mainline Churches Welcome Gays And Lesbians

CHICAGO - The grass roots movement in mainline churches welcome the full participation of Lesbian and Gay persons has grown by 25% over the past year.

As of February 1, 1997, 735 congregations, 36 campus ministries, and 29 regional associations in ten faith traditions have publicly stated that they welcome all persons, regardless of sexual orientation. These welcoming communities are in 46 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

Welcoming church programs have sprung up in different Christian denominations over the past twenty years, often as a means for local churches to counteract denominational policies and practices which exclude Gay and Lesbian persons. The growth of this welcoming movement has accelerated in recent years due to both an increased rate of growth and the beginning of new welcoming programs in more denominations. The welcoming church movement is now growing at a pace of two new congregations each week. It may well be the fastest-growing grass roots movement in mainline churches today.

Currently there are welcoming churches/ministries in these denominations: American Baptist, Brethren/Mennonite, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Unitarian-Universalist, United Church of Canada, and the United Church of Christ.

AIDS Prevention Fails Youth

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NP) - A new report from leading AIDS authorities says that U.S. prevention strategies to date have not stemmed the spread of the epidemic among young people, and makes recommendations for an emergency response.

The Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) at the University of California at San Francisco and the Harvard AIDS Institute has issued "Dangerous Inhibitions: How America is Letting AIDS Become an Epidemic of the Young." These researchers believe that the private sector, particularly mainstream media, must join with public resources to send effective messages to youth, and the two groups of academics recently met with media producers and marketing experts to begin that cooperation.

The key finding that sparked the report is that half of all new HIV infections in the U.S. are in the under-25 age group, or, as CAPS spokesperson Thomas Coates put it, at least two people in this age group are being infected every hour. Sex is by far the leading transmission route in this group, for Gays and non-Gays alike, and Coates said that all youth

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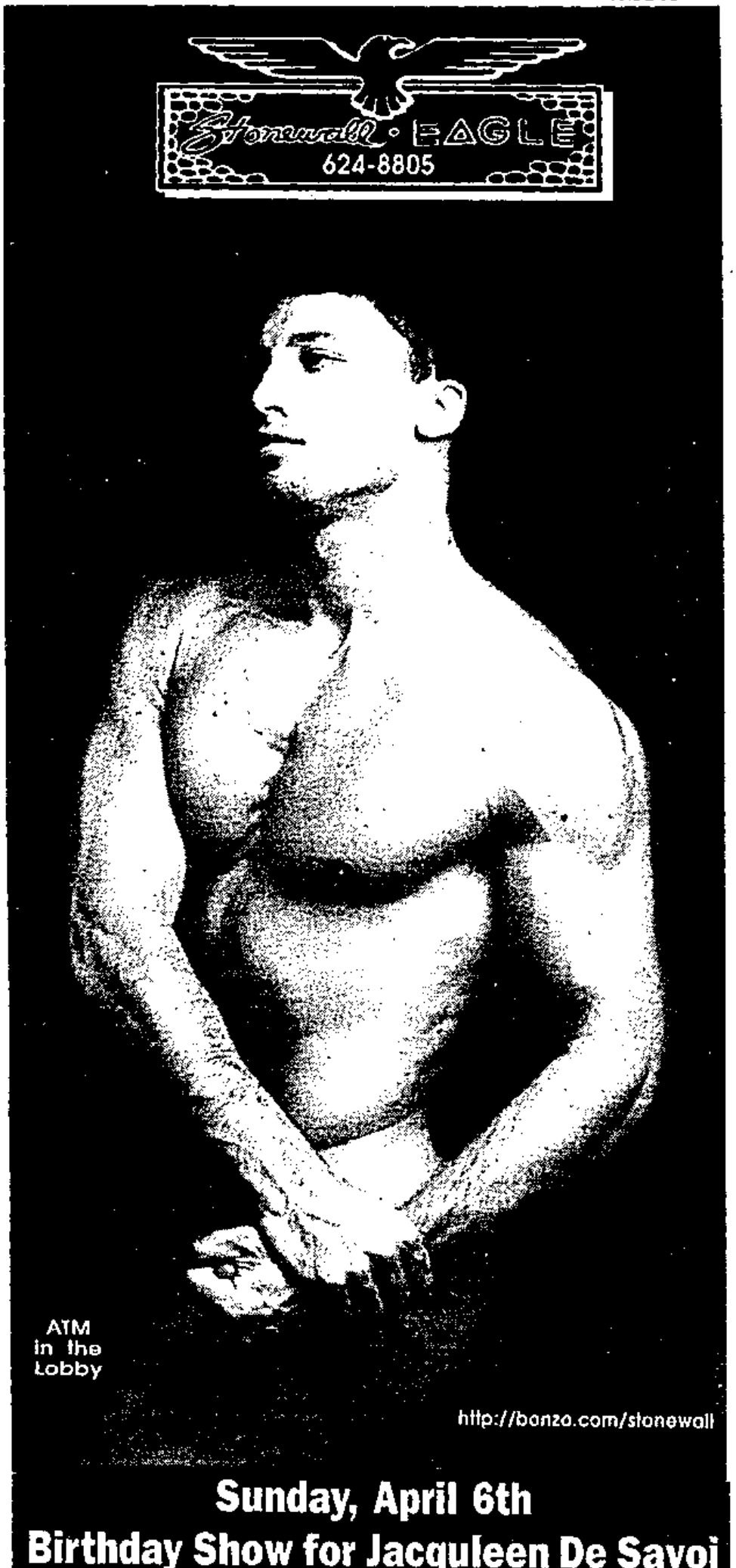

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Perspective

by Kathleen Clark

I am the mother of a beautiful, kind and sensitive man who is living with AIDS. I am the mother-in-law of his wonderful, supportive partner who is also living with AIDS. And I am proud that I am the friend and confidant of a number of very special people who are living with AIDS. I am also one of the board members of PACT who has been in office less than 1 year and every single day, I am living with AIDS.

PACT's board is unique in that we all, each and every one of us, is directly infected or affected by this horrible disease. We know and understand the highs and lows, the hopes and the heartaches of AIDS.

There are 8 out of 15 of us who have been serving on PACT's Board of Directors since April of 1996. Some of us do indeed feel we have needed to react to one crisis after another but most of us also feel that we are doing our very best to preserve this organization and the services it provides to a clientele that truly needs and values those services. We will do everything in our power to continue to provide those services most needed by our clients and to advocate for and with them.

It has not been an easy job for any of us, even those who have been on the board for years. None of our decisions have been made lightly and some, in particular the recent cutbacks, were extremely difficult. But, foremost in our minds has always been the mission statement of PACT, our grassroots tradition and the direct client services which today are only being provided by PACT. PACT has always listened to the community, most particularly its clients regarding those services needed by people directly infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

I talk to a great many members of our community and there seems to be a lot of confusion about the collaboration and PACT's future, even its very existence. PACT started as a grassroots organization and will always continue in that tradition. It started 10 years ago as a dream or rather a vision of Jerome Beillard and a small group of people with AIDS, to do whatever was necessary to empower people with HIV/AIDS. danny Blake, one of the founders of PACT and a current board member, recently said that 'In 1987, before PACT, people with AIDS had no voice in how services were to be delivered. They were totally unempowered. What was missing from the existing support service organizations was the voice of People with AIDS. Missing was what People with Aids felt they needed, and most of all what was missing was the belief and now the fact that "we can live with AIDS." Early intervention, quality housing, a quality food program; and peer education, support, and direction were all outcomes of People with AIDS raising their voices and putting their words into action. PACT has the most comprehensive services because it is the voices of the People with AIDS that directs the vision and daily delivery of services. It is imperative that People with AIDS continue to define and execute programs. This can only be done if the voice that is PACT be protected.'

The mission of PACT in 1987 and today is to advocate for and empower people living with HIV/AIDS to lead healthy, productive lives in a safe, supportive environment. The point is to make available to people with HIV/AIDS the basic freedoms that most of us take for granted. These include the right to maintain their physical and mental wellness and to live in as healthful and economical an environment as possible. It has never been the intention of PACT to take care of people with HIV/AIDS but rather to empower them to take care of themselves and to live their lives as fully as possible.

Has PACT succeeded in achieving the vision of its founders? PACT regularly serves between 600 and 800 clients annually. PACT provides affordable, safe housing for over 80 clients and family. This translates to more than 2400 bed nights a month. On average, PACT provides almost 400 staff and volunteer Early Intervention (Wellness, Peer Counseling, Buyers Club and Speaker's Bureau) encounters or assistance each month. PACT routinely has over 1100 client encounters in Case Management and Housing in any month. PACT's volunteers provide more than 700 hours of valuable life saving and life enriching service each month. And Food for Life, at least through March, provided more than 500 client encounters per month. These services are all direct client services and with the exception of Case Management, are not provided by any other agency in Tucson.

The recent specific cutbacks and the reasons for those cutbacks (federal funding cutbacks and fund raising shortfalls) have been well covered by the Observer in a number of very good articles. What hasn't been discussed is what the PACT Board of Directors is doing to rectify this situation. PACT's board knows that the financial problems which plague all ASO's at this time are not likely to be resolved quickly, in fact the financial situation may very well continue to deteriorate. More than ever PACT needs to move forward with the collaboration and the solidarity that will be found in SAAF, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. TAP and Shanti have given PACT their full support and encouragement to the process which we are currently undertaking. This process is to redefine and/or restructure our organization in order to continue the mission of PACT and to do that in consideration of the limited resources that are currently available. This transition period is a golden opportunity for all of us to seek creative alternatives. By all of us, I mean not only the PACT board but anyone who is reading this article and anyone who has a voice that should be heard. Please know that now is the best time to let PACT (staff or board) know how you feel and what you think.

Will PACT continue to succeed? The figures regarding the services provided are current and we have every expectation that those services will continue to be provided at the same levels. PACT is still a strong and vital organization. We know that we cannot remain so without the continued support of TAP and Shanti, without the growth of SAAF, without the help and support of our community. We have a dedicated, concerned staff , a wonderful group of selfless volunteers and a dynamic, diverse and empowered board who knows the supreme importance of keeping PACT strong and together. We know exactly how much depends on it.

[Kathleen Clark is the Secretary of the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson Board of Directors.]

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

This is the second installment of a letter sent out by Marylee M. Pangman, executive director for People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson relating to cutbacks in services and staff due to lack of funding. . . .

The Early Intervention Department put together a plan recommending which aspects of the Peer Counseling, Wellness and Buyer's Club to continue. The services will be adjusted as follows:

Peer Counseling - Continuing Services:

Provide one-on-one counseling by volunteers to people living with HIV/-AIDS and their families and friends. These volunteers will be supervised by Garry and Cicely. Provide information and referral from an HIV+ perspective. Promotion of PLUS. Promote importance of early intervention; how to remain healthy. Peer Counselor Support Group.

The peer counseling program will be unable or less likely to provide: Individual Client Advocacy. ACMC intakes (by El Staff). El Rio Intakes. Hospital Visits.

The new volunteer peer counseling training will begin in about two weeks. Dates will be forthcoming.

Wellness - Continuing Services: Wellness Intakes by Volunteer Peer Counselors. Massage Clinic. Acupuncture Clinics. CD4 & Viral Load Tests. Limited Buyer's Club will be continued with staff and volunteer support.

Discounted Service: Wellness workshops and appointments with Naturopathic Doctor.

As we, within the collaboration, develop both the Peer Counseling Manager's position and the Volunteer Coordinator position, PACT will analyze where these positions will fall within the collaborative structure. Therefore Ammie Carpentar will stay during this transition period and then be moving on to new horizons as of the end of April. . . .

I leave you with this in mind, "Everyone obviously can't always be right, but when you treat people right, making everything right with them is much easier." - Zig Zigler

Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

I will continue with my discussion of herbs, which I began last week. Let me first mention, however, a useful little herb book, Healing Herbal Remedies, available locally at the public library, by Jason Elias and Shelagh Ryan Masline. I checked out my copy at the River Branch of the Library, and found it to be a good source of information, with a listing both by herb names and a section on ailments and the herbs that help them. Now back to the A-Z herbal listing.

Blue Vervain is a powerful little herb, good for fever, colds, flu, pneumonia, asthma, inflammation, nerves, epilepsy, headaches, female disorders, and stomach, bowel, and colon problems, among other things. (This is one versatile herb!) It is said to relieve the bladder, and helps to expel phlegm from the throat and chest. It is best to use in the early stages of the flu, and has a sedative effect on the nerves.

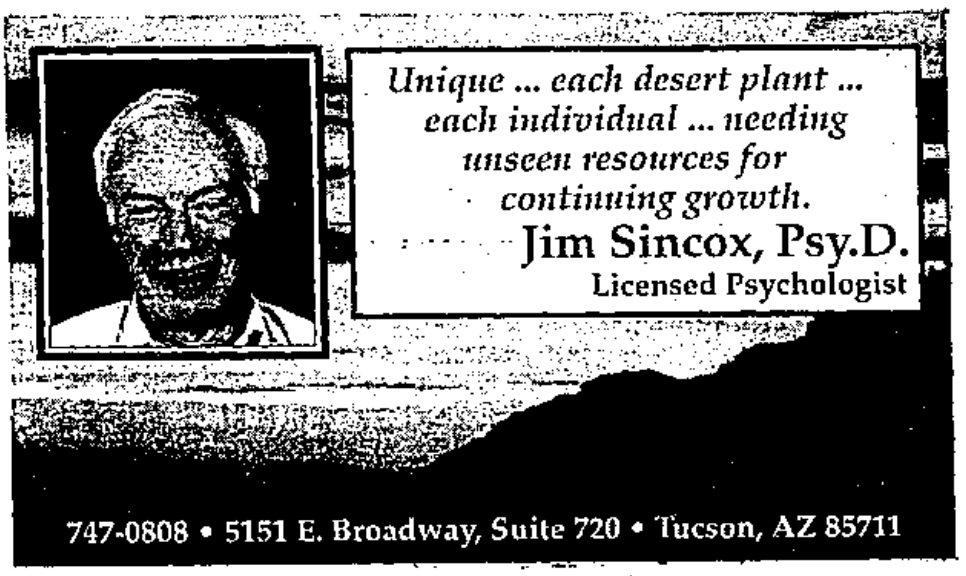
Buchu is also a useful herb, it acts as a diuretic and urinary antiseptic, and helps with infection of the bladder. It is also said to help with inflammation of mucous membranes, sinuses, the prostate, colon, vagina, and gums. It is said to be of great benefit in controlling both diabetes and hypoglycemia. This herb helps with bladder and kidney problems, as I mentioned, and with fluid retention, gas, bloating, and pancreatic disease.

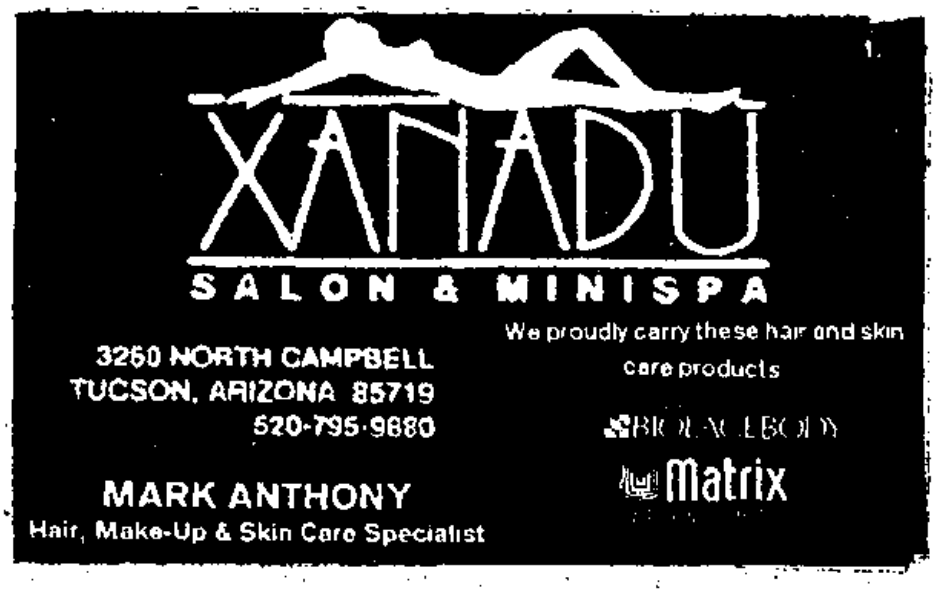
Burdock (which is one of the ingredients of Essiac, a powerful herbal formula I will discuss later) helps skin disorders, and relieves gout symptoms. It purifies the blood, restores liver and gallbladder function, and stimulates the immune system. However, Burdock interferes with iron absorption when taken internally (something to think about if you are anemic). It does have healing benefits, however. By the way, although a deficiency of iron can cause problems, an excess of iron can cause trouble also. (Do not take an excess of iron! Too much iron in the tissues and organs leads to the production of free radicals and increases the need for Vitamin E, according to Prescription for Nutritional Healing.)

Calendula is used for infections, colds, and has a mild immune and circulatory stimulation effect. It is excellent topically (on the skin) for skin injuries or lesions, including burns.

Cascara Sagrada, a Southwestern herb, is a powerful laxative, and best used sporadically for the problem of chronic constipation. Herbal laxatives are not to be overused, like any other type of laxative, overuse of them can deplete the body. Proper diet, and a lot of fiber, are essential for proper elimination. Some people have been known to overuse laxatives, which can lead to dependence. Your first line of defense is always a proper diet!

More herbs next time. Till then, Go in Good Health!





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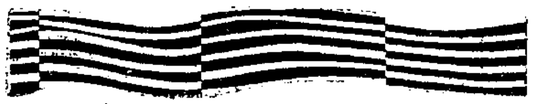

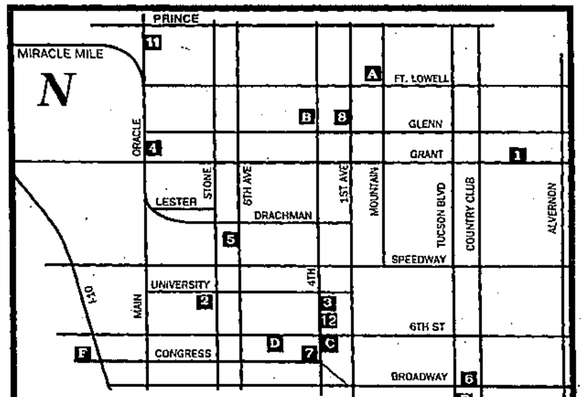

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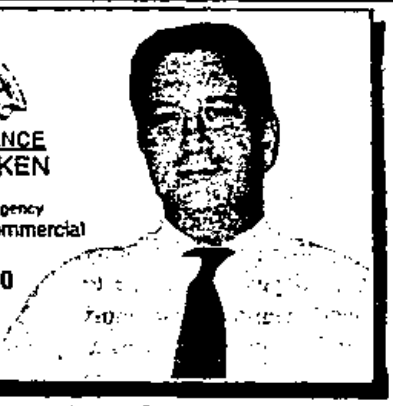

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

There is a well-known saying in real estate circles that goes like this: The three most important things in any real estate purchase are location, location, and location. It doesn't matter how spacious a house is. It doesn't matter what kind of landscaping has been done to surround the house with beauty. It doesn't matter if the price of the house is far below market value. If the location does not meet the needs or perceived needs of the prospective buyer, the deal will never be closed. The same holds an important consideration to a prospective client, it is the consideration! After all, most businesses need to be in a place where the customers are in order to stay in business!

Just like location is the most important consideration in a decision to purchase an earthly home, so it should be the most important factor in a person's decision for eternity. Unlike the many options available on earth, however, there are only two possibilities to ponder regarding a person's eternal home: heaven and hell. Even though the options are limited to two, everyone still has the opportunity to choose for him or herself where to spend eternity.

As a potential real-estate buyer on earth, a person has to be realistic in examining the monetary resources available for this purchase. Perhaps someone would like to purchase a home in the foothills, for example, but the cold hard financial facts dictate that the foothills location is totally out of the question! And so that person has to settle for a "second best" location. Or maybe a person thinks the ideal location would be a wilderness somewhere, far away from all the hustle and bustle of civilization, but not being financially independent and having to work for a living, that person ends up buying a home in Avra Valley-not exactly a wilderness, but at least somewhat removed from all the traffic and pollution of Tucson.

Here is where the parallel between purchasing an earthly home and choosing an eternal one ends, however! You see, the Bible tells us that the price has already been paid to purchase a home in God's beautiful heaven for every person who has ever been born! In fact, Scripture clearly states that no one can do anything to purchase their heavenly home! "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9) Jesus told his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been please to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

This past week was the most holy week in the Christian calendar, the week in which Christians celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by one of his own disciples, his mock trial, his crucifixion between two thieves, his burial in a borrowed tomb, and finally his glorious resurrection on the third day, the day we call Easter. While all these are historical events, in the life of Christians they are far more! They remind us of the truth that all sins can be forgiven by Christ's death, because Scripture says that " . . without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." (Hebrews 9:22) And they are a reminder of Christ's promise, "I am going there (to my Father's house) to prepare a place for you . . . I will come back and take you to be with me . . ." (John 14:2, 3)

Are you sure of your eternal home in heaven? Remember, the only alternative is hell! If you would like to talk with someone regarding this most important decision in your life, call us at 622-4626 and leave a message. Someone will return your call and share with you the joy you can have in knowing that your eternal location will be heaven!

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A Taste of the Water of Life

by Bob Feldhaus — *News from MCC Tucson*

Many of us have good reason to distrust Christianity. The churches have not been very kind to Gays and Lesbians. Many of us have experienced rejection by Christians, and many Christians have used the Bible as a weapon against us. Because of this, many of us also distrust God. We think of God more as an abusive parent who wants to punish us, rather than the loving God of the Bible.

Jesus proclaimed a trustworthy God, a God who can be relied upon. Let's listen to his words: "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who seeks always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. Is there someone among you who would hand their child a stone when the child asks for bread? Or would you hand your child a snake when the child asked for a fish? If you, then, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your heavenly Parent give good things to those who ask!" (Matthew 7:7-11)

These words are simple and direct. Jesus invites us to ask for what we need, and it will be given. If even we faulty human beings know how to give our children good things, how much more will God do so! The problem is often that we don't trust God enough to ask for what we need. Jesus is saying, Trust! God is eager to do good things for you. The only question is whether we are open to receiving them.

I don't think it's possible to rely on God too much. In every moment, God is sustaining us. God is intimately close to us. God is present even in the mystery of our breathing and heartbeat, giving us life moment by moment. God wants us to lean heavily upon God's grace. We only need to remind ourselves more often of God's presence, and God's goodness. That opens the conduits so that good things can flow our way.

In many other places in the gospels, Jesus tells us to feel free to storm heaven with our prayers. For example, Jesus said, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he needs" (Luke 11:5-8).

This is one of Jesus' favorite ways of teaching about the heavenly realm. He talks about things we can all relate to first, such as this very human story of the friend who can't be bothered. If the man in need keeps persisting, Jesus says, his friend will eventually get up and give him all he wants, just to get him out of his hair! Then the punchline: if even we selfish human beings will respond to such persistence, how much more will the good God give you anything you ask for! This is similar to the scripture quoted first: if even human beings know how to give our children good things, how much more will God do the same. This "how much more" is the leap to the transcendental level of God. The One who is the Source of the universe, and who brought us into being, must be at least as giving as humans...and probably a lot more.

To persist in prayer like this takes a certain amount of faith. This doesn't mean you have to have perfect faith in order to approach God. All you need is just a small amount of faith, even a mustard seed's amount of faith. It's only a totally closed heart that God cannot enter. You can approach God saying, "Lord, I'm not totally sure you are there for me, but I'm willing to give it a try!" That's enough for God to work with. At any moment, you can turn to God and pray. Try it and find out for yourself.

[MCC Tucson is a church where all are welcome, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. All are welcome at the 10:45 AM Sunday worship service. For more information, please call the church office at (520) 292-9151.]

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

BOOM BOOM - Boot Scootin country western night. Dust off those old boots and come on down for some hootin' and hollerin' 2-4-1 well 9:00 to close.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Eulemia De Havilland, Electra Blau and Miss Gay Tucson, Felice Renard.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The live sounds of Peep Show. These women will rock the house from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. After the show Michael spins the hottest music until closing. Cover for the show $2.00.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar is back! This is a premiere Latin band. Mark your calendar and come early. The band starts at 9:00 p.m. and the music continues until closing. Cover.

IBT'S - Sunday Brunch Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Proceeds to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus featuring Rodger's Bratwurst. 'Special Wet Shorts Contest at 9:00 p.m. $100 first prize.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Birthday show for Jacqueleen De Savoi with Tammie Caprice, Felice Renard with special guest, Christina De Alexis.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Murder Mystery Nite!! "The Case Of The Missing Diamond' or "Who Has Softballs?" This week's prize is a mini-stereo CD tape deck with am/fm.

FRI-SAT-SUN, APRIL 11-12-13

IBT'S - It's time for the 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair. Free shuttle service from Graduate parking lot. Showtime Saturday $3.00, $1.00 Cover. Sunday, 3:00 p.m. $1.00 cover. 9:30 p.m. No Cover. Shows will feature Gilda Fatalé, Celia Putty, Lucinda Holliday, Devina, Felice Renard, Ajia Simone, Eulemia De Havilland and Christina De Alexis. And - Cruise, Cruise, Cruise the Avenue.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

BOOM BOOMS - Spring Collition. Southern hospitality at its best. Join Rhet., and Scarlet for a down-home celebration. Chicken Fried Steak Dinner with all the fixin's, $4.00. Free photograph of yourself and your beau as "Scarlett & Rhet.".

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by popular demand, Nancy and Rose Mary. These ladies packed the Biz last time, so come early! Show starts at 6:30 and ends at 9:00 p.m. Cover $3.00.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar is back for a second time this month. If you missed them on the 6th, then you have to be at the Biz this Sunday,. Come hear Tucson's best Latin band. As always come early as this band packs the house. 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Cover

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz is proud to "Out" Ellen! That's right, it's a coming out party for Ellen!! Come watch the show and enjoy great drink specials and give-aways. Shown on 3 TVS with sound. No cover. Dancing after the show.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Women for Women breakfast Group will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the newTerra Nova Restaurant in the plaza on the southeast corner of Wilmot and Broadway. The group of Lesbian business women meet on the first Wednesday of every month to network, exchange ideas and discuss theirbusinesses in an informal setting over breakfast. The group had to make the move to Terra Nova due to a schedule change at their previousmeeting place, the Blue Willow. If you are a business owner, or would like to meet and talk with Lesbian Business owners in Tucson, you are cordially invited to these meetings. Women for Women currently does not charge a membership fee. Breakfasts are ordered from the menu and paid for individually. If you have any questions about the group you can call Sally Rogers at 795-6985 or Mae Krueger at 748-2830.

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesdaydinner at Mandarin Grill, 505 E. Grant Road (West end of Frys Shopping Center at 1st and Grant). 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Taunya Villicana, account executive at Dear Willar Reynolds, Inc., will present Investment 101: How to handle your money to meet your long-term goals' at Antigone Books at 7:00 p.m. If you want to buy a house, put a child through college, retire in 15 years, or just get rich slowly, an effective investment plan can get you there. Taunya will discuss how to get started in investing and how to choose the kind of investments that will work best for you. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Game Night at MSN offers all sort of game activities for theguys. Scrabble, Uno, Pictionary, Card Games, Taboo, and many othergames are available for play. Join us for a night of fun! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering is back at our usual location. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 33 Ochoa Street(downtown's Scottish Rite Hall). Call Jerry at 690-9565 for more details and directions.

Downtown Saturday Night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. UofA musicians and dancers share the Center Stage at Ronstadt Transit Center, 6th Ave. And Congress. Heavy metal brass quintet west of the bus station on Pennington between Scott and 5th, 7:30 to 9:30. It's all free!

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Movie: "Harvey Girls". A special evening of movie andcommentary from Om-who was in the movie. Seating is limited, so call early if you would like to reserve a seat. Call Om at 623-5520 directions and reservations.

Support/discussion group for LesBiGay community at St. Francis in the Foothills, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 31. Northwest corner of Swan and River. If you cannot attend, but have ideas you want to share, contact the church office at 299-9063 or Davey at 886-1208.

Spring recreational Volleyball from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River. Men and women of all playing levels are welcome to join. For more info contact Davey 886-1208.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A "Pampered Chef" demonstration of cooking and cookware. Lots of fun whether you cook or not. For reservations and directions, please call Jon at 323-8709.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Free Form Discussion night. There is no set topic, so the conversation can go anywhere. Join us for a night of socializing and gooddiscussions. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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." Thecost will be $5 for rental of traditional skates, or $8 for in-line skates. Call Chris (C. W.) at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Sea of Tranquillity, by Paul Russell. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A video feast of "camp classics." The main feature will be "TheValley of the Dolls" which will be followed by a couple of short featurettes. Dare to be bad! For reservations and directions, please call Jeffrey at 791-9674.

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Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Trash Disco with Michael from 9pm-1am with drink specials every half hour.

BOOM BOOMS - Open at Noon. Happy Hour daily 4-8pm $1.25 small pitchers of draft all day, all night. B-B-Q 2pm. Karaoke 6-9pm. Dance party 9-close.

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Steak Fry $4.75 and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8 pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 6pm $3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Too! 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1am.

BOOM BOOMS - Closed Mondays. See you out at the other bars.

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.

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Free Pool 7pm-1am. Dart Tourney 6:30pm. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen your bartender.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Pool Tournament 7 pm. Pot matched. $1 domestic long necks 9pm-close

BOOM BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. $1.50 domestic bottle beer 3-1

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.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Amateur Nite with $100 in prizes!

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 9pm to midnight. All request dance music 9pm-close

BOOM BOOMS - Boot Scootin' Country/Western Dance at 9pm. 2 for 1 well 9pm-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. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night. Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 9pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows interesting Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. $1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona Beer $2 9-1. Karaoke in the Stonewall 9-1.

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

BOOM BOOMS - $1.50 well 9pm-close. Rave Dance 9pm-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. Heineken or Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and $1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. 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 9pm to close. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! 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 Michael spins shi energy dance music 8:30p. To close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

BOOM BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Latina Noche in the "Other Room". Hot Latin music with Edwardo at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9pm.

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. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backsideopen 6pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm - 1am Drink specials every ½ hour

BOOM BOOMS - Dance to the latest club mixers in the main bar at 9pm. Boot Scootin' Country/Western dance in the "Other Room". $1.00 shots of schnapps all day, all night.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas $3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 9pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Blintzes & Bagels w/$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

THE WHOLE PERSON

ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

Abundant Health

First, an announcement: I am offering a free mini-workshop on dreams. This two-hour class will take place this coming Monday, April 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at Wingspan Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Fourth Avenue. It will be an informal chance to learn more about dreams. You can share a dream with the group and get some insight, or just come and listen! Hope to see you there. Please call me with any questions, or to reserve a place, at (520) 623-1732, so I can keep track of how many people are coming.

Starting this week, I am changing the title of my column from "The Whole Man" to "The Whole Person." This is because I was increasingly feeling the need to include women in my outreach. I apologize to my women readers for my sexist title of the past. It wasn't meant to exclude women, actually; I learned to use inclusive language a long time ago, in my graduate training! When I started my column, I simply wanted to give Gay men a sense of the importance of their unique needs. Now, however, I am hopefully focussing on issues that are relevant to everybody, female or male. I still am emphasizing the wholeness of the person, including the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of the person.

Wholeness is actually another word for health. A healthy person is someone who functions as a whole. No one aspect of his or her being is excluded. A healthy person pays equal attention to their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects. Unhealthiness is lopsidedness. Unhealthiness results when some parts of your being are functioning off on their own, without adequate relation to the overall being-ness of You. For example, in a situation of cancer, the cancerous cells are not functioning as a harmonious part of the body, but are "doing their own thing" and multiplying without respect for the good of the whole body. In a healthy person, however, all parts are directed to the overall good of the person. Health is integration, another word for wholeness.

The ancient Olympics had a motto. In Latin, it goes like this: "Mens sana in corpore sano." In English, this means, "A healthy mind in a healthy body." Even in ancient times, they understood the basic connection between physical and mental health. To put it negatively, you can't be mentally healthy if you don't take care of your body. To put it positively, is you want to feel better mentally, one thing you should pay attention to is your physical health, through nutrition, exercise, rest, and lessening of addictions. It works the other way, too: if you want to get physically healthier, you should pay attention to your psychological health. Physical and mental health are warp and woof of a single cloth.

What is health? Here's an attempt at a definition: "Health is that level of strength, joy, and wellness that lets a person thrive, not just survive. True health is experienced as an abundance of life-energy. Health is harmony among all your parts. When you are healthy, your physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual selves are working together for the good of your whole being."

No matter who you are, you can be healthier a month from now if (and only if) you make the choices that lead to that goal. Health results from discipline. There is no other way. We cannot be healthy as long as we are addicted to alcohol, recreational drugs, cigarettes, or sugar. We cannot be healthy as long as we do not make exercise a part of our regular routine. We cannot be healthy unless we get into the habit of eating nutritious foods that build our body up. This is the bottom line. Nobody can make healthy choices 100% of the time, but the more healthy choices you make, the healthier you will be.

Psychologically, the same things apply. We cannot be psychologically healthy unless we pay attention to our feelings and what they are saying to us. We cannot be psychologically healthy unless we strive for honesty and integrity in our intimate relationships. We cannot be psychologically healthy unless we heal our inner child of the wounds we carry from our childhoods. Peak health demands such things from us. I wish I could say there is a magic wand to wave, and everything will be okay. It's just not true, and people who offer you magic shortcuts to peak health are not serving your best interests.

Paying attention to our dreams is the royal road to psychological health. Our dreams contain everything we need to work with, in order to heal ourselves of our inner wounds. That's why I'm offering the free dream mini-workshop on Monday, April 7. I hope to see you there!

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor who specializes in service to the Gay and Lesbian community. He offers individual and couples counseling, groups, and educational events. For more information about services, please call Robert at (520) 623-1732.]

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LOVABLE AND HUGGABLE I'm 23 a years old lovable, huggable, Gay White male, 5'9", 145lb, Brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, goat tee, spiritual inclined, like cats, cartoons, comic, surfing, reading, camping. Looking for a cute hairy men between 25 and 40 with brown hair. If you are fun free and like to cuddle, let's get together. (Bullhead City) #22093

LUST IN THE DUST I'm a masculine man looking to meet other guys, between 35 and 55, in the area. (Camp Verde) #30167

GRAND FUN IN CASA GRANDE I'm looking for some new buddies to hang out with. I'm tall and slender, 6'1, 165lbs, with dark Brown hair, and Brown eyes. I'm interested in sports, hiking, camping, clubbing, movies, and kicking back at home. (Casa Grande) #11049

LUST FOR LINGERIE I'm a Bi male, crossdresser looking for similar guys to hang out with. I'm a 31 year old, White male, 5'9, 140lbs, with shoulder length, Blond hair and Blue eyes. I'm mainly submissive but can be versatile. I have a very large lingerie wardrobe and am also into photography, toys, and videos. I love to pose for the camera. (Cochise County) #28928

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN I wanna have fun with in shape guys, under 40. I'm a healthy, attractive, and enthusiastic, 23 year old male. Let's be friends and kick up our heels together. Long term relationship possible. (Flagstaff) #26815

RICH AND GOOD-LOOKING My name is Rich. I'm a good looking, 26 year old, Gay White male, new to the Flagstaff area. I have Dark hair and Blue eyes. I'm interested in making friends here, with the possibility of dating and more. If you're sharp and interested, let's get together. (Flagstaff) #7618

LET'S HAVE A PARTY This 22 years old Gay, White male, is looking for another guy in his mid to late twenties. I'm 6'2, 170lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a smooth body. You should like the outdoors, drinking beer and partying. Let's hook up and pour out some cool ones. (Grand Canyon) #26466

CYNDI LAUPER SAID SO Hispanic boys just want to have fun. I'm 20, 5'7, 175. I get along with everyone, and just want to have some good times. Call for details. (Kearny) #23119

SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL This 45 year old, Black male is looking for a nice guy to get to know. Maybe something substantial will happen. (Mesa) #15162

AT A CROSSROADS I have a girlfriend but she has given me the green light to explore other avenues. My favorite road is Man to Man Sex Street. I'm a Bi White male, college student, 21. I'm mostly a top but will cross the street for the right, handsome, built man. I like the clubs, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, and travel. I'm going to Mexico for Spring Break. You should be a hot stud hungry for sex. (Mesa) #8880

IT'S YOUR CHOICE I want to teach young, 18 to 22 year old, White and Hispanic guys, with little or no experience, how it's done. You can find it from another inexperienced kid who won't know what he's doing, or you can learn from me, an experienced, sexy, 36 year old, White male. I can give it to you slow and easy or quick and hard. (Phoenix) #14629

ONE MORE CAN'T HURT If you're a Gay, White male and you want to make a new friend, call me. I'm a nice looking, Gay, White male, 5'7, 150lbs. You can never have too many friends. (Phoenix) #7290

JUST MY TYPE I'm lonely and lusty and want to meet someone like me. I'm a nice looking, 27 year old male, 5'11, 185lbs, with short, dark Brown hair and Blue eyes. You should be about my height and size and want to have fun. (Phoenix) #6433

FEAST FOR THE SENSES This good looking, 27 year old, Transvestite with a great body seeks a young, muscular, well hung top, under 28, for sensational sensual sessions. (Phoenix) #30630

BURSTING WITH NEWS I have a lot to tell you but I have to do it privately, just between us. This 28 year old, White male is bursting with news. (Phoenix) #30578

INTERMURAL ENCOUNTER I want to make friends with some serious, honest guys. I'm a very attractive, 23 year old, White male, college student, 6ft, 170lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes. You should be between 19 and 27. (Phoenix) #30369

SEEKS FEM BOY FUN I am looking for a young, feminine boy, in the Phoenix area. If that's you, and you like to have fun, give me a call. (Phoenix) #24328

HAIRLESS AND HUNG I want to play with hot men, 21 to 40, who look good and know how to have fun. I'm a hairless and hung, 26 year old, Gay, White male, 5'6, 130lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes and a great bod. (Prescott) #9428

FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE I've never done it before. I'm looking for my first time experience. My name is Rich. I'm in Prescott. Give me a call please. (Prescott) #24569

STEAMY IN SCOTTSDALE This very good looking, in shape, 25 year old stud wants to meet older men, 35 to 45, for hot, daytime action. I'm 6ft, 170lbs, with Brown hair and bright Blue eyes. I like Hispanic, or dark complected, guys who are professional, intelligent, safe, discreet, well built, and good looking. Let's steam up my windows. (Scottsdale) #30488

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY I'm a hot, young stud into country music and hairy men. If you're looking for a good time in southeast Arizona, I'm your man. (Tombstone) #30364

TELL ME WHAT TO DO Let's kick up our heels. I'm a good looking, White male, 5'10, 175lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes. I like country music, and having sexy good times with hot men. I'm mostly passive but can be versatile. (Tucson) #30367

HARD AND HAIRY? This hot bottom seeks well endowed, hairy, tops for hard thrusting action. (Tucson) #13136

ARE YOU PLEASED? It would please me to please you. This good looking, Gay, White male, 34, is into making other men feel good. I like to do it all. What tickles your fancy? (Tucson) #12116

GROUPS ARE GOOD I'm looking for safe, discreet fun with other attractive, well built, masculine guys. I'm a White male, 5'10, 180lbs, with Brown hair, and Green eyes. Group action sounds like fun, too. (Tucson) #27502

IT'S A UNIFORM THING I want to meet an attractive, masculine man for good friendship, and possibly more. I'm a good looking male, 32, 6ft, 190lbs, with short dark Brown hair, Brown eyes, a mustache, and a very nice, muscular build. I'm especially interested in military men, or other guys in uniform. (Tucson) #8223

IN MY HANDS I give great massages and even better oral service. I'm a 35 year old, White male, 5'10, 190lbs, with a clean shaven dark complexion. I work out five days a week. I want to get my hands and tongue on you if you're a Black or Hispanic guy, a bodybuilder, a jock, or a wrestler. I work nights but have Wednesdays and Thursdays off. (Tucson) #27844

MY TIME IS YOUR TIME I'm a 31 year old, Hispanic man, looking for an older guy to spend time with. I'm 5'5, 145lbs, and attractive. You should be an honest, nice guy, older than me, and in good shape. All races are encouraged to call. (Tucson) #27137

THIRD HOTTEST MASTER You are a reflection of me, so you have to be the best. I want a slave who will make me feel proud when I am among other masters. I will train you well, and if you are truly submissive, you will be in heaven. I'm 6'1, 180lbs, very dominant, and ready to go. (Tucson) #27079

PROTECTIVE LAYER OF FUR Do you like a bottom guy who is pretty hairy? Call me. I'm a Gay, Hispanic male, looking for tops, to get down with. (Tucson) #26495

ALL TOPS: MOUNT HERE My body is aching for a sizzling good time. I'm a hot, 25 year old, Bi male. I want to meet an older, aggressive top, or couple, wanting to get together for some sweaty action. (Tucson) #25253

EXPERIENCED WITH REFERENCES I like young guys. I'm a Gay male, 62, looking for young friends in the area. Sometimes, experience can come in handy. (Tucson) #25067

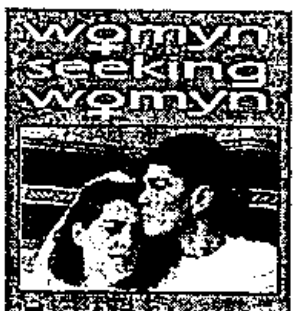
IRON MIKE I'm 34 years old, 5'10, and weigh 155lbs. I love all kinds of outdoor activities, particularly swimming, and hiking. I desire to meet someone my age, or younger. Looking forward to hearing from you. (Tucson) #24330

BOTTOM BOY I'm a 26 year old Gay White male, 5'8, 145lbs, bottom. I have my own place. Give me a call. I'm looking to meet new people. (Tucson) #19267

YOU AND ME IN YUMA I'm new at this and want to start by making some friends. I'm a 32 year old male, 6'3, 225lbs. (Yuma) #30164

ME AND MY GAL This fusty Bi male is looking for Bi, or Gay, men to get nailed with. We can play alone or my wife can join in, depending on your pleasure. (Yuma) #13085

MILD TO WILD Handsome, well-endowed, 36 year old, man, is new to the Yuma area. I'm 5'10, 135lbs, moderately hairy, with dark hair and eyes. Although most often a top, I am versatile. I like it mild, to wild, and have been called insatiable. I desire to be with other White, masculine, in-shape guys. If you look good, feel good, and have the energy to express it, age is unimportant. I will travel. (Yuma) #24276



ARIZONA

SOMETHING WILD I'm bored with Married life and would like to experience something new and outrageously wild with one or more females. This will be my first experience so I'm giving the reins of control over to you. Please show me how good it can be. (Phoenix) #13521

SHE'S THE ONE I'm 25 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 5'7, 130lbs, 36a, 25, 33, feminine, toned, and I have a lover who loves me very much and is OK with me having fun on the side. I'm looking for womyn to have fun and become friends with. (Tempe) #13092

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[The following letter was sent to the Tucson Mayor and Council, as well as The Observer.]

DEAR SIR:

I am an employee of the City of Tucson. My Partner recently dropped off articles at your Alameda office related to Domestic Partner employment benefits.

As you know Pima County has recently joined several other counties and municipalities including San Francisco and Chicago and extending employment benefits to the Homosexual partners of city employees. The City should join these other cities/counties and fortune 500 companies such as IBM, Microsoft, Bank of America, Intuit and Disney.

In order to save the City of Tucson's budget, these benefits should only be extended to couples that cannot legally marry. As stated as policy for IBM and other fortune 500 companies and the cities of Denver and Chicago which cover only same-sex relationships. There policies have already been ruled legal and constitutional by the courts. Pima County extended benefits to both homosexual and non-married heterosexual couples, this will cost them a lot of tax dollars. They do not have to cover the heterosexual couples because they have the right to marry to get these benefits whereas we are not able to marry legally.

The City of Tucson already has a non-discrimination ordinance but we are being discriminated against by not being given these benefits. A recent General Accounting Office report (GAO/OGC-97-16), recently cited 1049 federal laws that provide benefits, rights, and privileges based on a person's marital status.

Richard Hilbert,
Thomas Contreras

Viewpoint

by Pueblo Pepe
(a.k.a. Pueblo Pete)

Recently relocating to Tucson, the Observer has quickly become my "survival guide" for networking along the businesses, resources and especially the Gay events in the "Old Pueblo."

The other day I noticed a softball league forming for this season, and decided to check it out. The games are at Freedom Park (take Swan south down to 29th Street, hang a right, and about one block down is the main parking lot and ball field.)

Not knowing anyone, I walked over to a table where a couple people were talking (and seemed to be having fun) and before long found myself included right in the conversation with them. Turns out we were some of the first to arrive early. Soon the parking lot filled up, and a beautiful diversity of uniformed ballplayers, helpers, their friends, supporters, onlookers, cheering sections, kids, teens, adults quickly took the area over.

Suddenly, the ballpark came to life. A teenager climbed up the backstop to place the U.S. and Rainbow Flags, someone else went out to rake the field, others set up tables to start a barbecue. The crew brought coolers filled with all kinds of goodies, chairs to sit on, and lots of friendly warm smiles on their faces. I fast found myself introduced to more beautiful people than names I can remember. But every face, laugh, smile is now firmly etched in my memory.

A man with a wonderful voice sang the opening ceremony song. Another lead the entire group in an opening prayer, then somebody yelled, "Let's Play Ball!" There was a rush to the field, batters, pitchers, outfielders started warming up, others began stretching exercises (others like me watched the "stretchers).

Softball is really fun to play, you don't have to be a pro, and can be really fun to watch! (You thought Kevin looked good in a dress, you should see him in a baseball uniform!)

The teams play every Sunday at the park. Call for more information: Shane, 793-3948 or Mary O., 770-9979. They need players and watchers! Do something different! Stop by the park, spend a little time out in the fresh air on any Sunday, and meet some great new friends!

SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Spring Standings

	Won	Lost
Rubber Queens Return	4	0
Stoned Rollers	4	0
Thirteen	4	0
Smokin Bears	3	1
Straight Shooters	3	1
Triple T & Me	3	1
Garfield & Girls	3	1
Tres Amigos	1	3
Hung Hoes	1	3
Two	1	3
Three's Company	1	3
R.E.D.	0	4
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Lambda Lizards Bowling League Spring Standings

	Won	Lost
Tastee Buns	4	0
Lesberados	4	0
Faerie Tails	3	1
Rubber Queens	1	3
Desert Divas	0	4
Pink Flamingos	0	4

XOXO
Hug a PWA today!
XOXO

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's sneak a peek at the month of April this week. They say that April showers bring May flowers so let it pour comrades! The Sun, Mercury and Venus stampede across the border from pioneering Aries into placid Taurus, forming beneficial aspects with energetic Mars. If we ever needed an excuse to get out there and get them, this is it kids. No couch potatoes need apply!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Early April brings a burst of pride for all queer Rams. Allow your best efforts room to breathe and fly; set new projects onto the path of success with a combination of good old Gay moxie and elbow grease. By the end of the month, your mind and goals should be firmly fastened on investments and monetary security. Money may not buy happiness but it can buy tawdry fun.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

What do the Sun, Mercury and Venus have in common? In April they are helping you become a better person. Use this superb energy to volunteer for a great Gay cause. Make a difference in our community. By mid April, Gay Bulls will become more self serving. Once the karma points build up, use your charisma to further your most important cause, yourself.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Proud Twins are in the center of the social swim so grab your favorite inflatable and jump right in. (Swim suits optional.) By late April, attention must be given to charitable pursuits. Maybe it's possible to harness a few friendly faces to do their all for a great Gay cause. You're considered the social director of the zodiac. Give them their motivation and roll the scene.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

All your indefatigable efforts in your career can pay off thanks to the planetary surge in early April. If you're been feeling like a mangy old rat on a treadmill expect a temporary reprieve. Cash in on as much good will and achievement as you can use it to fund long term goals. By late April, you should be feathering your nest for future happiness and fulfillment.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If that mane has been looking a little frayed at the edges, maybe you should consider an escape from the horrors of everyday life in early April. Proud Lions need and can really benefit from a vacation now. Rest up cousin; by the end of the month, professional obligations come into the for and you have to be ready for battle. I expect nothing less than a grand effort so rest up!

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Even quiet, unassuming queer Virgins need a burst of sexual stimulation. It just so happens that you can expect a bit of a pink tickle in early April. Feast and be merry cousin. The planets even provide an opportunity for a fabulous escape by mid April. Use any excuse to whisk your lover off to parts unknown to explore parts unknown.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Diplomatic queer Libras should use their considerable charm to cement and solidify relationships in April. Learn by doing and sharing and make your partner feel special and adored. If you are still searching for the perfect person, get Out there and look. All this sage advice is just to prepare you for the second half of April where sexual opportunities are increased. Don't go it alone.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Use early April to clear off the top of your desk. You are given a rare opportunity to finish off any onerous detailed work related projects so jump at the chance. By the end of the month, the planets conspire to hook you up with a special someone. Be on your best behavior proud Scorp; it takes two to tango and you already have you party dress pressed and ready to roll.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Early April removes the shackles of your creative block and allows all proud Archers the opportunity to run free. Good thing too, you need a rollicking partyfest now more than ever. By mid month however, all bets for a good time are off as job commitments begin to rear their ugly heads. Beat the beast back as best as you can. The planets are on your side.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

It's a perfect time to set down roots and do what you need to do to make your home safe, comfortable and your very own. Gay Goats may also hanker to set the record queer with family members. This is not a bad ideal the Sun, Venus and Mercury guide your goals, your emotions and your thoughts on doing what you need to do to be affirmed. Grab happiness by the hand and don't let go.

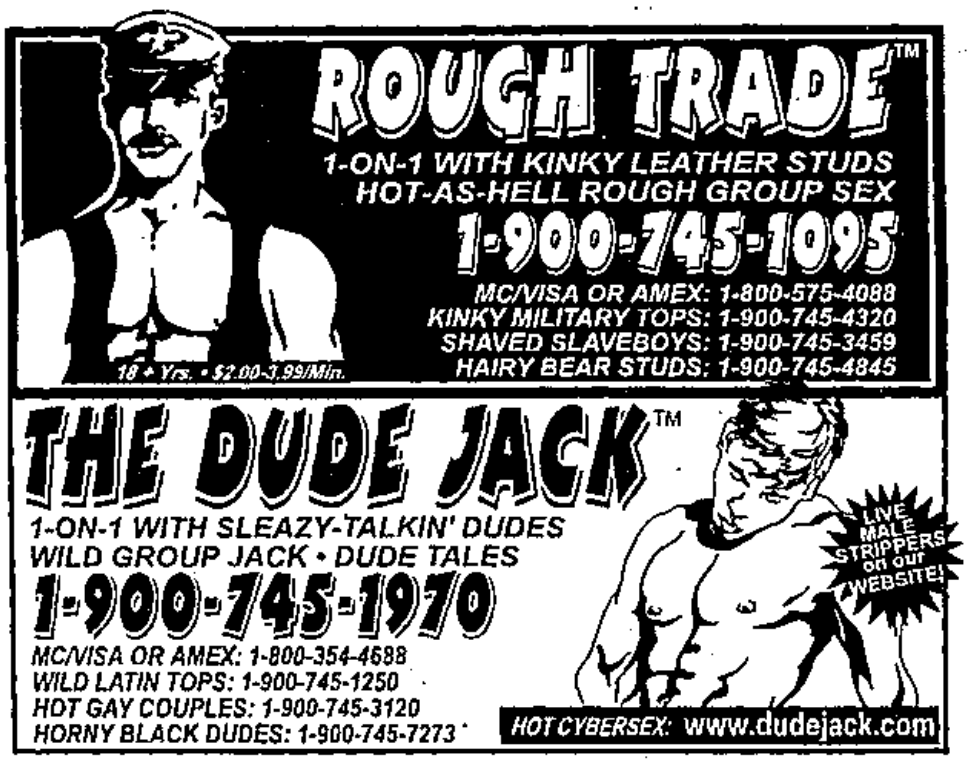
AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Eloquence is your middle name so speak up and Out to be heard. Aqueerians have an opportunity to blend personal goals, emotions and ideas together in perfect harmony and carry the rainbow banner forward. Of course, by mid-month, all bets are off. By then you may be more interested in quietly entertaining good friends at home. All work and no play makes Jack and Jane dull warriors.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Count your pennies and invest them wisely in early April. The planets encourage all proudly Gay Fish to cement the foundations of their dreams so they can build their life's work on solid ground. All that you value will be held up for inspection so decide what is gold and what is dross. By mid April, your mind will more easily focus on thoughts and expression of ideas.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both the Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free ascendant calculation, send birth date, time, place, name of this publication and s.a.s.e. to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.



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New Drugs

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been out of the job market for years. Those who do find employment could lost the insurance benefits that fund their expensive treatments.

"What a challenge to be girding yourself for the possibility of death for a decade, and then suddenly be taken off of death row," said Charles Garfield, founder of the Shanti Project, a social service organization for AIDS patients. On the opening day of the Ninth National AIDS Update Conference, Garfield and others focused on the promise of the new treatments, their limits and the obstacles that many patients are facing as they try to rebuild lives derailed by the disease.

Research in the past year has shown that the combination drug therapy, which involves medicines that block two different enzymes that the AIDS virus needs in order to reproduce, are having a dramatic impact. The disease is claiming 20 percent to 40 percent fewer lives. Fewer people are entering hospitals because of AIDS-related symptoms. Fewer patients need hospice care.

In short, AIDS for many patients is being treated as a chronic disease, not a terminal one.

"Just like tuberculosis, we can stop this disease," said Dr. Marcus A. Conant, a prominent San Francisco AIDS specialist. He talked excitedly about patients who were emaciated, their bodies ravaged by devastating infections and cancers, who regained their health and energy after only a few weeks on the new drugs.

But the medications, which can cost as much as $25,000 per year, are available to only a fraction of the people who could benefit from them, Garfield and others pointed out. "It is dangerous," Garfield said, "to represent these drugs as the first step toward the end of the pandemic when so many people do not have access."

And the drugs do not work for everyone. Success rates for newly diagnosed patients who have not tried other therapies is about 95 percent, said Conant. For others, the rate is much lower. The drug combinations also have serious side effects in some cases and must be taken under a strict regimen that many patients have difficulty following.

But the miracle of new drug therapies comes with anxiety.

Thompson, a former restaurant manager whose life since he found out he was infected with HIV in 1986 has revolved around his disease, feels healthier than he has in years. He wants to go back to work, build up his savings and buy a car.

"AIDS and HIV has been my life for so many years," said Thompson, who does full-time work as an AIDS educator. "I just want to go back to where I was, but it's all so confusing. For so long we thought we were dying and now we are not. What do we do now?"

Hawaii 'Con-Con'

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ruled that the spoiled ballots did count and prevented the "yea" votes from compromising a majority of ballots cast. Bronster will not be appealing the decision.

The ruling places the burden of stopping legal same-gender marriages squarely on the state legislature, for there is little question that the state Supreme Court will affirm its own 1993 decision for legalization.

After rushing to pass anti-marriage proposals through both houses in this year's session, the legislature has been mired in the process of reaching as compromise between the state House and Senate versions.

Following brief and deeply divided initial meetings, the House-Senate conference committee now seems not even to be sitting down together. It's just the latest chapter in a deadlock that has paralyzed the Hawaii legislature for the last four years, even though lawmakers' political lives may well be at stake – yet their inaction opens the door to legal Gay and Lesbian unions.

AIDS Prevention Fails Youth

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"need prevention messages that speak directly to their lives, values, and sense of self-worth."

The report calls for expanded school-based sex education and condom availability; increased government funding of targeted prevention for youth, particularly young Gays and people of color; and using the advanced tools of mainstream marketing to "sell" AIDS prevention to youth in the same manner that they're targeted for consumer advertising.

Further recommendations include lifting the ban on network television ads for condoms, and including public health messages regarding HIV testing and condom use in the content of regular mass media programming itself, not just in separate public service announcements.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)733-9409, write 1830 E. Broadway #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85719, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rona 968-2184.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

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

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP at 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 UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly socials potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter.558

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9063.

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

"EVOLVERS" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 320-1319.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. B8 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. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HARTER MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

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.

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

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 5 p.m., 300 E. 8th Street, 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

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

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

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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 Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-0977 in Tucson for more information. 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 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9083 for information.

NOTICES

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7083.

TIKUN, 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 interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

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", 325-6678 or 870-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1600 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9802 or Sr. Joan 742-8800.

GAY COUPLES WORKSHOP for Gay couples interested in building, nurturing and preserving an intimate and balanced relationship, April 25-27 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Call Spirit Journeys, 1-800-490-3684. 664

LICKER HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in RubyfruR Journal available at Antigone 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. 624-1779.

L.D.S., Ex-L.D.S., GAY/LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, ucson, 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. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, 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-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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MALE COUPLE LOOKING FOR FEMALE COUPLE interested in taking on the responsibility of parenthood. Write to: Observer Ad, 4725 E. Sunrise Dr., #133, Tucson, AZ 85718. 665

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ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION

Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 660

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 660

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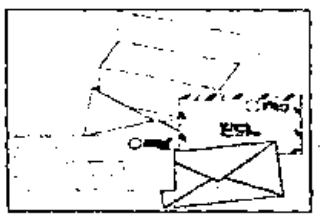
April 7—Wingspan will begin its major annual fund raising event. Our volunteers will be calling nightly to raise the funds necessary to provide our many services to the Gay and Lesbian Community. We thank Jeffrey Kane of Arizona Travel for providing the facility for this event.

"Your generosity supports us. Please receive our call or mail solicitation..."

Our volunteers and many other organizations will also mail to their members fund raising details that will permit them to contribute to our many activities and services.

Donations to Wingspan are completely tax deductible. We have no paid employees. All referral services are provided by volunteers. Only a small percentage of your donation goes to the maintenance of our walk-in Center.

Your generosity supports us..Please receive our call or mail solicitation in the spirit in which it made—to help us to continue our good work which is now in its 9th year.



Please complete info on form below & mail it today. Thank you!

Our volunteers are working 7 days a week to fulfill our mission. We thank our Vice-President, Jose Astorga who is responsible for co-ordinating this fund raiser. We thank our many contributors for Wingspan's success as an all volunteer, not for profit organization.

A Message From Our President
Bruce Corey

It has been many months since you last received a Wingspan newsletter, and we are very happy to once again be able to bring you up to date on Wingspan's activities. Since our last newsletter, your Community Center has sponsored Tucson's second annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, produced the *100 Families, One Family* exhibit at the U of A, held a Silent Auction, participated in the Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair, held a board retreat to review performance and plan for the future, and marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Of course, we have also kept the doors of The Center open every day, and have continued to provide the lending library, the bulletin boards, the Art Gallery, meeting space for community groups, and have provided continued support for many committees and volunteers that are doing remarkable work every day.

The board retreat, called *Wingspan 2000: A Vision of The Future* focused on how the organization can better serve southern Arizona's LGBT community. It was a very useful exercise, and the primary conclusions were that we need to be more effective in working with our volunteers, in tapping their enthusiasm and talents. If we succeed at that, it will pay huge dividends to our community. Our grant writing committee, which has long been dormant is coming back to life. The same can be said for the strategic planning committee.

Another critical need for Wingspan is for additional space for both meetings and storage. Our comfortable little location on North Fourth Avenue is simply not big enough to adequately meet the needs of the community anymore. Wingspan's real estate committee is in the process of searching for additional, or replacement, space for The Center.

Wingspan is busy preparing for the Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair, our annual Phon-a-thon, which is our major public fund raiser, and a Volunteer Banquet that will be held on June 14. Old Tucson Studios is going to sponsor a gay day during Pride Week, on June 28. It is designed as a fund raiser for Tucson's gay community non profit organizations, and Wingspan is serving as a liaison between the theme park and the gay community, in conjunction with TLGA. You will be hearing more about this exciting major new event as details become available.

Most importantly, Wingspan exists to serve the needs of our community. We are always looking for new and better ways to fulfill our mission, and some of them are described in these pages. I hope you find this bulletin useful, and I encourage you to call me at Wingspan, at 624-1779, with your comments and ideas.

Remember, the Phon-a-thon is coming up, and you will probably be getting a call during the week of April 7. Please be both kind and generous to our volunteer caller. And if, for some reason you don't get a call, please fill out the application that is printed in this bulletin and send in your donation. Wingspan depends on your continued support in order to keep serving Tucson's community. *Thank you for your support!*

Wingspan InfoLine 624-1779

Wingspan is the Fiscal Agent For:
Amazon Arts, TCF 100 Families, Youth Group, Domestic Violence Project, U of A Gay and Lesbian Curriculum Study Program, U of A Gay & Lesbian Law Center Program and the Food For Life Program.

Wingspan Collaborates With:
APC (Aids Prevention Coalition),
BGALA (UofA Bi-sexual Gay and Lesbian Association),
GLU (Gays & Lesbians United),
PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays,
Pima County Health Dept.
TLGA (Tucson Lesbian & Gay Association)

What do members receive?
- Special*—Use of The Center, Newsletter
- Regular—All above + discount tickets
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- Supporter-All above + another Film Festival ticket
- Sustaining-All above-+ 2 free Volunteer Banquet tickets
- Benefactor-All above + 2 free Holiday Banquet tickets
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Wingspan Needs Volunteers:
- To operate the Info Line
- To help with Newsletter
- To operate Computer
- To help our Librarian
- To help write grants
- To plan great banquets
- To help with fund raising
- To help manage our facility
- To help with mailings
- To join our many committees
- To chair a committee
- To serve on the board
- To become an officer
- To share and be fulfilled

Wingspan's 1996 Revenue = $31,781	
Fund Raising Events	28.5%
Memberships & Donations	26.6%
Community Events	15.4%
Grants	15.2%
United Way	7.9%
Newsletter Ads	3.3%
Groups	3.1%
	100.0%

Wingspan's 1996 Expenses = $29,333	
Community Events	18.8%
Grants	16.3%
Rent & Repairs	15.9%
Conferences & Retreat	10.0%
Postage & Telephone	9.0%
Newsletter	7.3%
Insurance	6.4%
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○ $ 10 Special* ○ $ 100 Supporter
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Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? Yes ○ No ○
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