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Olympic Diving Champion Greg Louganis Has AIDS

LOS ANGELES, CA - Greg Louganis, a 1984 and 1988 Olympic gold medal diver who publicly acknowledged his homosexuality at last year's Gay Games in New York, said he has AIDS.

In an interview on the ABC newsmagazine, "20/20", broadcast this past Friday, Louganis said he knew he was HIV positive before the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, and was greatly concerned when he hit his head on the board during a dive and shed blood in the pool.

Since the Seoul Games, enough time has passed for Louganis' infection to develop into AIDS, according to the definition established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"According to the CDC, I have AIDS versus HIV," Louganis told Barbara Walters. "I do have AIDS."

Louganis joins two other who said they had AIDS or were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, Magic Johnson left the Los Angeles Lakers in 1991 after saying he was infected with HIV. Arthur Ashe, the tennis star, died two years ago of AIDS related causes.

Louganis has written a book, "Breaking the Surface", which was released this week, in which he discusses his career, including winning four Olympic gold medals, as well as his upbringing and his sexuality.

In the television interview, Louganis told Walters that six months before the 1988 Olympics, he found out that a former companion of his was dying of AIDS. Louganis underwent testing and was found to be HIV positive. He immediately began treatment with the drug AZT, taking powerful doses every four hours.

"Dealing with HIV was really difficult for me because I felt like, God, the U.S. Olympic Committee needs to know this," he said.

"U.S. Diving needs to know it because what if I get sick at the Olympic Games and am unable to compete?"

Louganis said he was discouraged from telling the U.S. Olympic Committee about his condition by his doctor and his coach, Ron O'Brien.

O'Brien, who was also interviewed by "20/20", encouraged Louganis' silence, he said, "because our sport is such that you don't ever come close to anybody."

On the reverse 2 1/2 pike, a qualifying diver in the springboard competition in which Louganis hit his head, he said: "I'd hear this big hollow thud, and then I found myself in the water. I just held my head in hopes, to, I didn't know if I was cut or not. But I wanted to hold the blood in, or just not anybody touch it."

He said he was paralyzed with fear that there would be blood in the water.

"I knew there was not too much of a chance, you know, because it takes a while if you cut yourself on the head, usually it takes a minute to start bleeding," Louganis said. "And there is chlorine in the pool all over, the deck's wet with chlorinated water."

He said he thought the blood would be diluted by the water.

A doctor stitched up Louganis' two inch cut without wearing protective gloves. Louganis said he did not tell the doctor he was HIV positive.

Scientists Look At Longterm Survivors Of HIV

BOSTON, MA (UPI) - For reasons that are not understood, some people infected with HIV can live healthy lives, with no symptoms, for many years, researchers said.

A study in The New England Journal of Medicine involving nine men and one woman in their 30s and 40s found that they had been HIV positive for up to 15 years, they had no symptoms.

In an interview with United Press International, Jeffrey Safrit of New York University School of Medicine said the "take home message" of the study is that there is a "delicate balance between the amount of virus and the immune response to it."

Safrit, one of the study's authors, said the "invaluable" part of what researchers learned was that "apparently, in some case, you have a combination of a weakened virus and a strong immune response."

He said that in those situations, it appears some people could live almost indefinitely with HIV, and if researchers can understand how they do it, they might be able to come up with a treatment that could save lives.

"There is this idea that if you have the virus then you are inevitably going to die after ten years or so," he said. "But we have patients who have had HIV for 15 years, and they are doing just fine. So the question is 'Why?'"

In a second study also appearing in the medical journal, investigators led by

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State House Approves H.B. 2085

4 Democrats Betray HIV/AIDS Community

Bill Goes To Senate For Consideration

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - "HIV testing in the Grand Canyon State could wreck your life", took a giant step to becoming reality this past week.

The Arizona State House of Representatives approved H.B. 2085 in the third and final reading of the bill, by a 34 to 26 margin.

H.B. 2085 is the bill that would allow caregivers the option of obtaining oral consent from subjects who wish to be tested for the HIV virus. The consent would have to be noted in the patient's medical record.

The bill is supported by the Arizona Medical Association, who call it "a need change to the current guidelines, which impede medicine."

The main opposition to the bill comes from the Tucson AIDS Service Organizations who state the bill will create a climate of fear, resulting in a drastic decrease in the number of people tested.

The vote was 34 in favor, 26 against. As mentioned, 4 Democrats voted in favor of the measure, they are: Reps. Linda Aguirre (District 20), Joe Eddie Lopez (District 22); Paul Newman (District 8) and Andy Nichols (District 13).

The other southern Arizona Legislators voted as follows: AYES - Freddy Hershberger (District 12), Bill McGibbon (District 9), Lou Ann Preble (District 9) and Dan Schottel (District 12).

NAYS - Carmen Cajero (District 10), Phil Hubbard (District 10), Elaine Richardson (District 11), Jorge Luis Garcia (District 11), George Cunninghamn (District 13), Marion Pickens (District 14) and Herschella Horton (District 14).

H.B. 2085 now goes to the State Senate for consideration. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Health Committee, which is chaired by District 12 Republican Ann Day.

The Tucson ASO's and other opponents of the measure are urging people to call Sen. Day at 1-800-352-8404 and leave messages asking her not to hold hearings on the bill.

Tennessee Sodomy Law Challenge Back In Court

NASHVILLE, TN (AP) - Attorneys for the state and five homosexuals went back to court to argue whether Tennessee's "same sex" sodomy law protects the public health or violates individual privacy rights.

Following a one hour hearing, Davidson County Circuit Court Judge Walter Kurtz took the case under advisement, promising to "decide it just as quickly as I can."

Kurtz had ruled in December that private sexual acts between consenting adults of the same sex was protected by the state constitution's right of privacy. He also said the state had failed to show sufficient reason why such acts should be prohibited.

But State Deputy Attorney General Jerry Smith was back in Kurta's courtroom to argue that the state Legislature was attempting to protect the public health and safety when it enacted the law in 1989. He said homosexuals have a much higher incidence of AIDS and other problems, including depression and alcoholism.

He requested a summary judgment upholding the law and if that is denied, an evidentiary hearing.

Abby Rubenfeld, attorney for the five homosexuals who are trying to invalidate the law, agreed that protecting public health is a compelling state interest. But, she added, "there is no proof that the Legislature even thought about this."

She told Kurtz that the real issue whether the statute violates homosexuals' right to privacy under the Tennessee Constitution.

Since Kurtz's December 7 ruling the state has submitted an affidavit from New York psychiatrist Charles W. Socarides, who says that homosexuality is a "pathology" that can be "cured",

Rubenfeld called the affidavit "bizarre" and "irrelevant."

She said that articles submitted by the state to prove its case "do not conclude that homosexuality poses this huge risk to society."

But Smith argued that Socarides' opinions help provide a basis for the law.

"The existence of this disagreement in the scientific community provides that compelling interest" for the law, he said.

State Attorney General Charles Burson's office has said 25 people have

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UPDATE

Tucson AIDS Consortium Conducting Survey

TUCSON - The Tucson HIV/AIDS Care Consortium Planning Committee is doing a survey to identify perceived service gaps in the community.

Members of the community who have not received a copy of "AIDS Issues Assessment Questionnaire" can pick it up at the PACT office, ask for Harold.

The goal of this survey is to help the Consortium identify service needs and make decisions about designing or redesigning services for next several years.

The cure for AIDS has not materialized in the last ten years; we need to able review services and respond to the changing needs of the HIV community. Input from the community and the community at large are needed to achieve this goal.

For more information call PACT at 770-1710.

PACT Golf Tournament

TUCSON - PACT For Life-Tucson and the Music Industry Golf Association present the Tucson Cactus Golf Tournament at the Tucson National Country Club. Sunday March 26 at 1:00 P.M. Entry is open to everyone and entry fee information is available at the PACT office, 801 West Congress, phone 770-1710.

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TLGA To Hold Meeting On Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) has called a meeting for Tuesday, March 7 to discuss the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade in Tucson to be held Friday, March 17, and the Gay Community's participation in the parade.

John Haase, President of TLGA is interested in having a large contingent of Gays and Lesbians participating in the parade. He would especially encourage attendance to the meeting by representatives of the local AIDS Service Organizations, and the various social Clubs and organizations as well as other interested individuals.

At the meeting there also will be a discussion of fund raising events for the 1995 Pride Picnic activities.

This important meeting will be held at Himmel Park Library in the Conference Room, Tuesday, March 7 from 4:40 to 6:00 p.m.

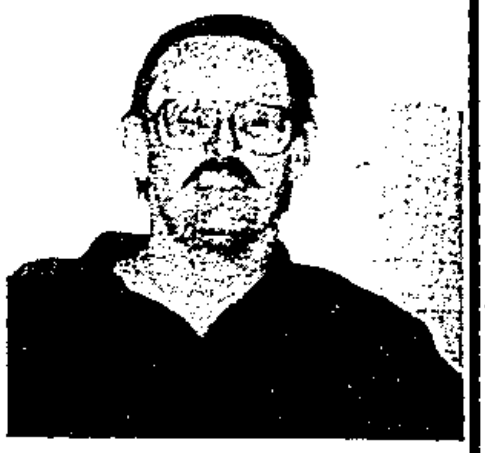
'G Word' Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - Tucson and Arizona's only Gay and Lesbian television program, "The G Word", seen on Access Tucson Cablevision needs volunteers to help with all aspects of production of the program.

From segment planning, sets, t.v. technology to other aspects of the production, "The G Word" needs volunteers to help produce the only Gay and Lesbian television program in the state.

To volunteer, or for further information call (602) 882-8120.

In Memoriam



VICTOR R. SILCOX, JR.
9/16/58 - 2/10/95

Known to many as "Vicki Starr", Victor's passing was a peaceful one at Carondelet St. Mary's Hospice with family and friends at his bedside for many hours. He was 36.

He died surrounded by the love of friends with a rose in his hand. Victor's unique sense of humor was with him even to the hour of his death. He had touched the heart of many in a way that only Victor could do.

I am certain that Victor would thank PACT, SHANTI and TAP for the services, love and support they generously supplied. A special thanks to his many friends and neighbors at Cornerstone Fellowship, who loved him and looked beyond his illness and laughed with him and not at him.

"Where is he? He has joined the list of many brave soldiers that are simply gone from out sight. Agnes you've taught well. Until our paths cross again. Fare well my friend." - Love, Ed.

13-Year-Old Arrested In AIDS Call Prank

JACKSONVILLE, FL - The 13 year old daughter of a hospital clerk was arrested for calling people who visited the hospital's emergency room and telling them they had the AIDS virus, police said.

A teen-age girl who received one of the calls went for a gun in an attempt to kill herself.

Tammy Lynn Esckilsen was arrested after a police officer tracked down her address by using a phone number that had come up on a victim's Caller ID, police Sgt. Malcolm Adams said. She is scheduled for a hearing this week.

Adams said the girl had visited her mother at work over the weekend and took a list of patients' phone numbers with her. She told police she made the calls as a prank, he said.

Esckilsen was charged with three counts of making threats, one count of assault and one count of aggravated assault.

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AIDS Patient To Get Baboon Bone Marrow

ATLANTA, GA (AP) - In a sign of doctors' growing desperation in the fight against AIDS, a patient with the disease will soon receive a bone marrow transplant from a baboon to rebuild his ravaged immune system.

The transplant, described at a conference sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is meant to resupply the human bloodstream with baboon blood cells, which do not get infected with the AIDS virus.

"Given the fact that there is no treatment that there is no treatment for AIDS, people have been very comfortable with moving ahead," said Dr. Suzanne Ildstad, who is directing the experiment.

One earlier attempt at the procedure has failed, but animal experiments suggest that this time, the transplant might work, thanks to a new discovery in immunology.

Many questions remain, however, including whether baboon blood cells can carry out the same jobs inside a person as human cells do.

Dr. Fritz Bach, a cross species transplant researcher at Harvard Medical School, said he doubts it will work.

"I have concern about how long the cells will survive," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised, pleasantly, if it fulfills everything we hope it will."

Ildstad said the experiment will be done in the next few months on one of several terminally ill AIDS patients who have been screened for the therapy. The operation will be cone at San Francisco General Hospital, where doctors are collaborating with Ildstad.

That doctors would even consider such a seemingly outlandish approach demonstrates their frustration at fighting AIDS. Despite more than a decade of all out research, no treatment has been convincingly shown to even slow the disease.

Collaborators on the experiment include Drs. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Dr. Robert Gallo, a pioneering AIDS researcher at the National Cancer Institute.

AIDS wrecks the body's ability to fight disease by attacking its blood cells, particularly a category of white cells called T cells.

Researchers will transplant the baboon marrow cells, called stem cells, that manufacture new blood cells.

If all goes well, these cells will survive and repopulate the blood with all kinds of baboon white cells, including T cells, as well as red cells.

Ildstad said her work in lab animals suggests that the transplanted marrow will permanently take up residence in its new host and go on producing blood cells indefinitely.

Experiments giving rat marrow to mice have been successful, she said. Not only does the marrow survive, but the blood cells it makes seem to work fine.

In her latest test, she had given human marrow to three baboons. The first baboon to undergo the transplant, six months ago, is still doing well, and 20 percent of its circulating blood cells are now human.

However, even if human marrow works in a baboon, that does not necessarily mean baboon marrow will function in a human.

Ordinarily, it is impossible to transplant bone marrow between genetically dissimilar humans, not to mention different species.

What makes this feasible is Ildstad's discovery of tissue called facilitating cells, which make up about one in 200,000 marrow cells.

Though their exact purpose is unknown, they seem to prevent the body from destroying transplanted marrow.

An experimental attempt to give baboon marrow to and AIDS patient at the University of Pittsburgh two years ago failed, because the cells would not grow.

In the new attempt, doctors hope to operate this by enriching the baboon marrow with the patients' own facilitating cells.

This strategy may also help rebuild the bone marrow of patients with leukemia.

Carmela Ramirez To Perform At Tucson Jazz Festival

PHOENIX - A native Phoenician, has been a popular Phoenix performer since her debut in the band "Straight City" more than fifteen years ago.

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Born in the South Phoenix barrio and growing up on the west side of Phoenix, Carmela was greatly influenced by her parent's love of big band music and Latin jazz. Being exposed to Cal Tjader, Eddie Cano, Tito Puente and Celia Cruz at an early age, it was inevitable that her career would eventually lead to ¡MAS!, which is exactly what you get! "More" with Carmela only this time Latin style, proving what insiders and Paul Cantrell of the New Times have been saying for years, "that she's Latin singer par excellence".

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Carmela, who has been performing monthly at Ain't Nobody's Bizness, to enthusiastic acclaim will be performing at the Primavera Jazz Concert, at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts Prosecnium Theater, located on the West Campus. Tickets price range from $6 to $19.

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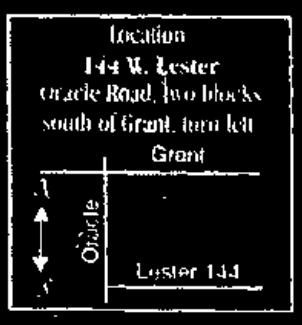

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

Congratulations to Bill Darnell, the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Grand Marshall. Bill was selected as grand Marshall during the general membership meeting held this past weekend in conjunction with Hoe-Down at Hours.

Bill was instrumental in the formation of the AGRA-Tucson Satellite Chapter and has since held a number of Board positions within the organization. Bill will preside as Grand Marshall for the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo to be held on March 17-19 at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. Congratulations Bill!

As mentioned above, Hoe-Down '95 was held this past Sunday at Hours. There was a great turnout and fun was had by all. A big thank you to all the entertainers, volunteers, and supporters that turned out for the event. Over $900 was raised throughout the evening. Special kudos to Todd Luethjohann and Edgar Calma (Hoe-Down Chairs) on a job well done.

We're down to the nitty gritty folks, the Saguaro Regional Rodeo is a short two weeks away. Make sure you set the weekend of March 17-19 aside to attend the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. The Rodeo will once again be held at the legendary Tucson Rodeo Grounds.

We are expecting a record crowd this year from all parts of the country. Many hard hours of work and planning have gone into preparing the best Gay rodeo Tucson has seen. The rodeo weekend will kick off on Friday, March 17, with a dance at the Downtown Inn (formerly known as Ramada Downtown). This will be the place to be! Hot cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country. Maybe this will be the weekend you meet that "special someone". Come check it out, you'll be very glad you did.

Saturday, March 18, officially kicks off the rodeo events at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. Grand Entry festivities will begin at noon with some special surprises planned. The rodeo events will continue until sunset. There will be vendors, dancing and entertainment throughout the entire day at the rodeo grounds. Food and beverages, including soda, beer, wine coolers, iced tea, and bottled water, will also be available.

The festivities will continue in the evening at the Downtown Inn. Dancing and entertainment will be provided from 6 P.M. until 2 A.M. There will also be vendors set up at the Downtown Inn for your shopping pleasure.

The rodeo continues Sunday morning, March 19, at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. Grand entry is once again at noon and the rodeo competition will continue until sunset. The awards ceremony will be held that evening at the Downtown Inn. The Saguaro Barn Dance will follow the awards ceremony and continue until 12 A.M. Gay Rodeo only happens once a year in Tucson, make sure you don't miss out the fun.

Don't forget the State AGRA Meetings will be held on March 12, at the Downtown Inn. Board Meeting will start at 3 P.M. General Membership Meeting will follow at 5 P.M.

What AGRA Member played hostess to a little "back seat social" in his car this past weekend? Now I don't know about you kiddies, but I prefer to entertain at home. A car just doesn't leave you much space to totally relax and do you "entertaining". I'm sure we've all been there at one time or another, take a moment to recall if you must.

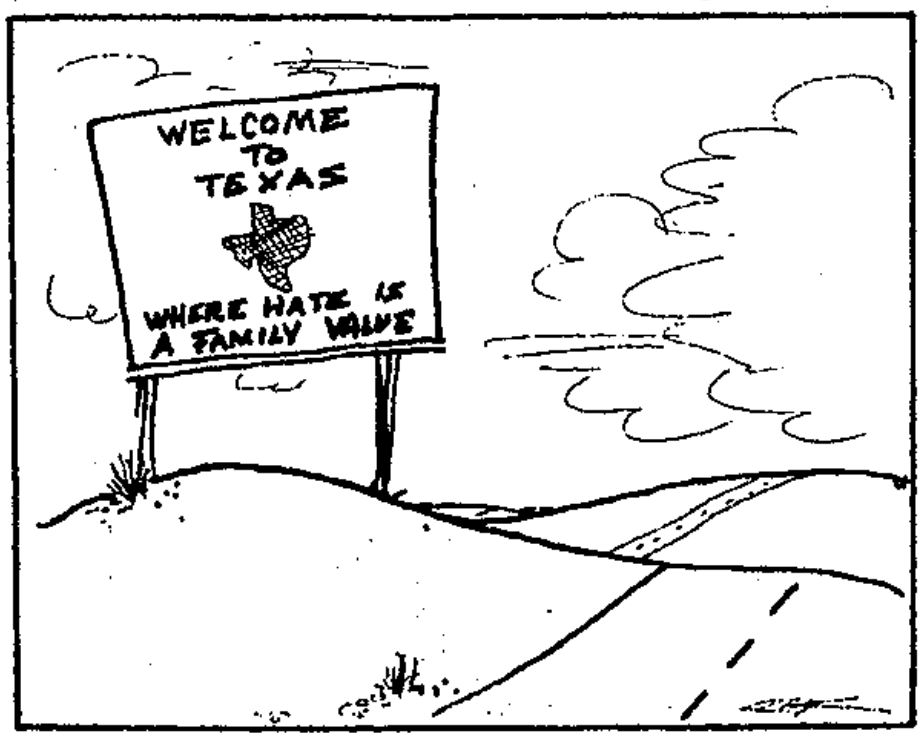
Back seat entertaining can not only be hazardous to your health (cramps, seat burns etc.) but hazardous to your vehicle as well, I'm sure our Hostess on wheels will agree. Seems that during the "big entertainment number" a wrongly placed foot caused a small crack in the windshield.

I've done some wild "entertaining", but breaking a windshield-really now. For the price of the windshield you could have gone to the No Tell Motel (bed with massager of course), supplied hoer derves, and even breakfast in the morning with change to spare honey. Live and learn amigo (or invest in a Winnebago).

By the way, have you all send Rue's car recently? Something about it looks different. Can't exactly place my foot on it, but I'd be willing to bet my tokens that it's that shinny new windshield! Play safe kiddies. Until next week.

As I See It

by Clark



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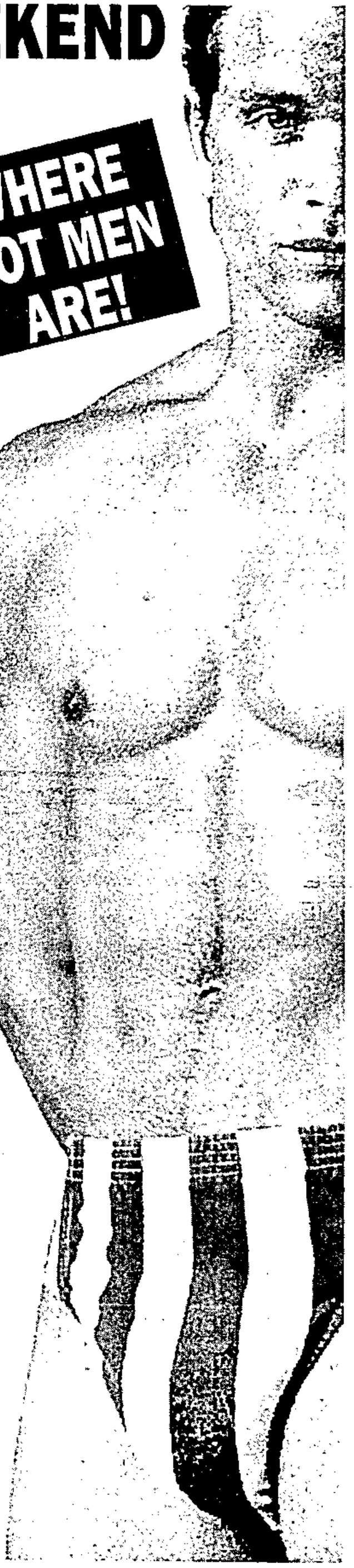

POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

The State House of Representatives voted 34 to 26 to approve H.B. 2085, which will strip away at the consent guidelines for testing for HIV.

Leading the fight against the bill was southern Arizona legislators, Rep. Elaine Richardson (D-District 11) and Rep. Herschella Horton (D-District 14) who tried to kill the measure through the introduction of several amendments.

About the vote, 8 Republicans joined 18 Democrats in opposition to the legislation. 4 Democrats crossed the lines and voted in favor of H.B. 2085, betraying the HIV/AIDS Community, the state Democratic Party, the Democratic platform and countless people who may not get tested because of this bill. [See accompanying story.]

Plain and simple, the Democrats could have killed this god awful piece of legislation if they had imposed party discipline, but they blew it again.

(So what else is new! The question is "Who can we trust? Obviously, it is not the four traitors in the House. Two of them from southern Arizona. They come up for election next year, and the motto shall be "Remember H.B. 2085!")

Last week, The Observer reported about the Pima County Board of Supervisors passing, by a unanimous vote, the concept of an anti-Hate Crimes Ordinance.

The proposal was sponsored by District 2 Supervisor, Dan Eckstrom (D). Eckstrom's aide, Ramon Valadez said that the Hate Crimes Ordinance will include "sexual orientation" as part of the groups who are affected, and that the Ordinance will have severe penalties who commit a "Hate Crime." (Hooray!)

(This came from the County Board of Supervisors, what about the Tucson City Government, known as the most liberal governmental body in the state? And speaking of which, didn't the current mayor, as then candidate promise an "Hate Crimes Ordinance" to the Gay and Lesbian community during the 1991 Pride Picnic, plus consider a "Domestic Partners" measure as well. Plain and simple George Miller, you term is up this year, and we have not forgotten!)

Despite all, we are beginning to make headway:

The House Democratic Leadership, as reported on their betrayal about H.B. 2085, voting in favor, voted against the bill when it came to the floor for a final vote. 8 Republicans voted against the measure, which means there is a chance that it can be defeated.

We must act now! The bill is now before the Senate Health Committee, chaired by Tucson Republican Senator, Ann Day. We need to call, toll free, 1-800-352-8404 and urge her not to hold hearings on the bill.

When it comes our friends. Remember this, "If you talk the talk, you gotta do the walk." The following have: Reps. Elaine Richardson, Herschella Horton, Carmen Cajero, Phil Hubbard, Marion Pickens.

In Pima County, we have a "big" friend in Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom who introduced the Hate Crimes measure and was passed by unanimous vote.

Remember these names, we must give our friends our time, money, effort and most important, our vote. For the others who are all talk and no action, "not a damn thing!."

So it goes....

20th Anniversary of AT&T EEO Sexual Orientation Policy

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. - March 4, 1995 will mark the 20th anniversary of the inclusion of Sexual Orientation in AT&T's EEO Policy. As many AT&T employees poise to celebrate the momentous occasion, there is cause to stop for a moment and reflect on how far the company has come.

In 1975, John deButts, then AT&T Chairman, put into effect the new Sexual Orientation Policy, which in essence said an individual's sexual orientation should not be the determining factor in the hiring or promotion of any individual. This policy was considered daring and progressive in its day. While this early effort was indeed appreciated and applauded, there was much remaining to be done in the areas of awareness and education.

In 1987, AT&T and its subsidiaries saw the emergence of several Employee Resource Groups, formed to offer support and encouragement to all affected individuals who are covered by the EEO policy.

One of the ERG's, LEAGUE (The Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees at AT&T), whose members are most impacted by this policy of inclusion, salute AT&T for maintaining a workplace in which employees treat each other with respect and dignity, valuing individual and cultural differences.

Dracula - The Party TAP Fund Raiser

TUCSON - On Saturday, April 8, 1995 the Tucson AIDS Project will host an evening with "Dracula". This fund raiser begins at the Tucson Center for Performing Arts, 408 S. Sixth Avenue, with a party to be held from 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Step into the world of Dracula as the Tucson Center for Performing Arts undergoes a mysterious transformation becomes the castle of the Prince of Darkness himself. There will be food, music, no-host bars, and many surprises including creatures of the night.

The Party will be followed by a special 9:00 P.M. performance of Arizona Theatre Company's production of Dracula in the Temple of Music and Art, 330 South Scott Avenue. This new adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic horror tale is written by acclaimed playwright Steven Dietz and was specially commissioned by ATC for this World Premiere production.

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PERSPECTIVE

by GARY LIEFER - TUCSON

DEAR OBSERVER:

This is the first time I have written. I've always seen your paper at the bar then about a month ago I decided to read one.

I really enjoy your paper. What seems to be missing is information on personal stories, a column about Gay and Lesbians problems we face every day, something like a "Dear Abby" column.

I'm sure a lot of Gay/Lesbians need questions answered or they just need to get stories out. Many of us can't make it to the weekly meetings of groups which gather together.

It seems to be a positive way of reaching out and getting more information out to the community.

Why am I so concerned? Well, let me tell yo my story and maybe it will help you to understand my concerns.

I've been out of the closet for about 8 years. When I first came out I was lost. Where do I go from here? When I met a man I thought, "This was it". I tried to look for Mr. Right, but this scared a lot of men out of my life.

I would find someone and really tried to hold on. I never understood what was going on. For about five years, this is the way my relationships went. I would only have one or two guys each year. No matter how long we were together, it took month's to get over my last relationship.

During my sixth year of being active, I was more familiar with one night stands. Meeting people was still a slow process.

But I was Mr. Safe also. I really wasn't a risk at the time of catching anything.

Then I met my first real relationship. 9 months of love, fighting, romance and hell! What a roller coaster ride! This was the first guy where I went all the way (if you know what I mean.) I've done things without a condom. I just didn't care, I was in love.

Now the last year, I have been with more men and done extremely unsafe sex! I let it all hang out. I wanted to live a wild and crazy life. I can't even imagine being in a relationship now.

Recently in December, I broke out with hepatitis. I thought I was going to die. I had no idea what this was, I thought it kills you.

I went to the Doctors I explained to him my life style. He suggested I get an AIDS test. Now all hell breaks loose.

The night I took the test. A Tuesday night, I was ready for positive results. (I wasn't going to find out until Friday).

I sat home in my bed and cried. I could accept the fact I may have AIDS, I just couldn't accept the fact I may die alone. My biggest fear was dying alone.

I was ready for all the pain and suffering can cause. I felt I deserved to be punished for my stupidity. But I felt I didn't deserve to die alone.

Next night. Well, everyone in the family knows about what may happen on Friday.

I never told my older brother because he would treat me as if I was a deadly threat to his kids. Plus, he would really freak to know something this awful would happen to one of his family members.

My sister and I joked around about the whole thing, to relieve the tension.

Once again, I was in my room that night I cried for two hours straight. I was scared to death. It felt as if I was lost I had not direction in my life. Sometimes I have my "shit" together, and then there are times like this night, where I was weak and helpless.

Time was running out, one more night of this.

Thursday night I prayed. I prayed long and hard. I would cry then pray again. This was my final answer.

I know I was heard. I didn't feel anything at first. I know it's selfish to pray when you rarely ever pray. I needed a friend and once again, no matter how wrong I was. God still heard me.

Well I changed my feelings this night. I wanted to do something to open people's eyes. I wanted everyone to understand about our life style. I want to be their for people with AIDS. I want to help Gays/Lesbians become accepted.

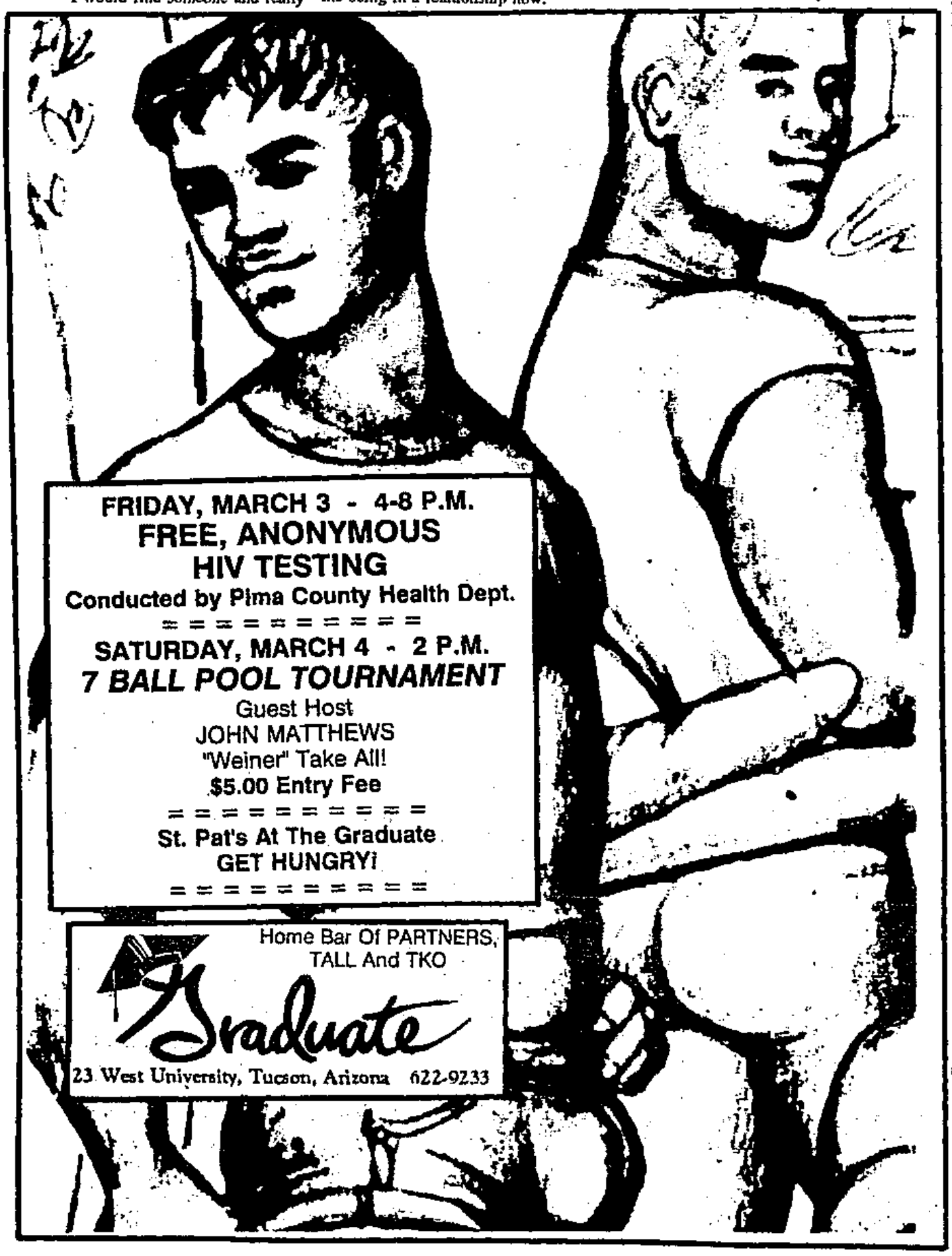
We need to be understood. We need to break down the walls of hatred, discrimination and ignorance. We need to be there for one another. We need to stop dying alone. We need to love one another.

Let's make the pain and tears go away. Let's be proud. Let's be free. We are in the same boat together. If we don't paddle together, we'll never find safety.

Friday morning. I called my Doctor. My heart pounded, my hands were sweating. My throat was dry. My test results were negative.

To be continued, after the next test.

Gary Liefer



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CHICAGO, IL - Claiming a major victory over the City of Chicago's practice of job discrimination, the American Civil Liberties Union announced that it has reached a settlement in its challenge to a Chicago Police Department HIV testing policy. According to the terms of the settlement the City agrees that it will no longer test police recruits for HIV, nor will it require them to disclose their HIV status.

The ACLU's lawsuit prompted Mayor Richard Daley to issue an executive order this past December prohibiting all city agencies from testing prospective employees for the HIV virus. However, the ACLU pursued the case to resolution because the legal settlement, unlike the mayoral pronouncement, is enforceable in court.

"We are pleased that we have been able to reach a settlement that dictates equal treatment to all police recruits, even those who are HIV positive," said Geoffrey Kors, director of the AIDS and Civil Liberties Project of the Illinois ACLU. "HIV status has no bearing on a person's ability to be an effective police office and the City has finally recognized this fact."

The ACLU filed the class action lawsuit against the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department in July of 1994 on behalf of a man and woman denied jobs as police officers because they tested positive for the HIV virus. After passing the written exam, and being designated "well qualified" candidates John and Jane Doe were suddenly dropped from the process after being informed by the Department that they had tested positive for the HIV virus.

The ACLU charged that the practice of vague and irrational discrimination on the part of the Department violated both the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap. Persons with HIV often remain healthy for a decade or more after their initial diagnosis, and experts agrees that HIV positive police officers do not pose a health risk to co-workers or the general public. There is no rational basis to deny employment solely because HIV anti-bodies are present in a job applicant's blood.

As part of the settlement, the city further agreed that Jane Doe, will be included in the next scheduled training class as a probationary police office if she successfully completes the physical fitness test and passes all background checks. In addition, Jane Doe will receive a monetary settlement of $18,500 and John Doe will receive $6,000. The Chicago Police Department also agreed to modify its current medical release form to include a statement that the candidate is not authorizing the release of any information regarding HIV status.

"Hopefully this settlement will go far to stem some of the irrational fears associated with the HIV virus," remarked ACLU cooperating attorney Michael Cook.

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L.A. Gay & Lesbian Community Center To Honor Navratilova and Etheridge At Women's Night XII

LOS ANGELES, CA - Melissa Etheridge, Martina Navratilova and local Lesbian and Bisexual leaders will be honored by the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center at Women's Night XII, March 4 at 7 P.M., at the Biltmore Hotel. Stand up comic Suzanne Westenhoefer will serve as emcee of the annual all women dinner and dance, benefitting Women's Services at the Gay & Lesbian Center.

"Each year the community eagerly awaits Women's Night because it is always an elegant evening to celebrate the accomplishments of women in our community," said Lorri Jean, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Center. "This year, we have an incredible line-up of honorees, presenters and entertainers who will make this night our best ever."

Etheridge, who is enjoying both commercial and critical success with her latest release "Yes I Am," will receive the 1995 Creative Integrity Award. Navratilova, who recently retired from tennis after a legendary career, will be awarded with the 1995 Community Role Model Award.

Other Lesbians and Bisexual women active in community empowerment will receive the LACE award. The honorees are Christina Gonzalez, KTTV/Fox news reporter; the Hon. Stephanie Sautner; Rev. Jeneine R. Macklin; Ruth Waters, co-founder of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; Sandra Farrington-Domingue, Councilperson Jackie Goldberg's liaison to the Gay/Lesbian community; Julie Anderson, staff member of the Gay and Lesbian Center; and Patti Ballaz, KTTV/Fox cameraperson.

The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center is the world's oldest and largest Gay/Lesbian non-profit organization. Women's Night XII is sponsored by The Advocate, Olivia Cruises, RSVP Cruises and The Miller Brewing Company. Tickets are available at $150 and $250 each. To purchase tickets, or for more information call (213) 993-7625.

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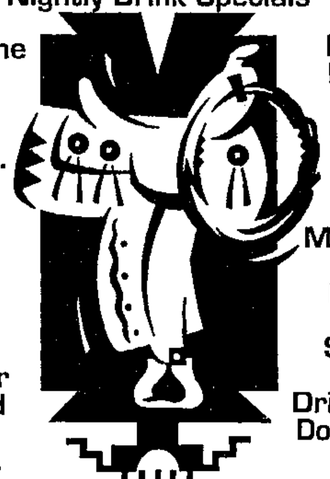

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The G Word Review

Mabel's Beauty Shop and Chain Saw Repair, ACME Drug Store and Gary Clark's Charm School for the Socially Inept, proudly sponsor the highlights of "The G Word", Tucson's own Gay and Lesbian television program, seen live on Access Tucson Cablevision, Thursday's at 8:00 P.M., channel 64.

The show opened with "The G Word's" announcer, Scott "My cell phone is glued to my ear, so what!" Shanks, who informed us what was scheduled for the program and introduced our host.

Of course as always, the host of "The G Word" was than man about town, that genius, raconteur, smart shopper and will paint any car in town for $99.95, Gary "I am not Earl Schieb's love child!" Clark.

Gary informed the vast viewing audience of the fact that he is appearing on the cover of TV Guide, and showed us a preview cover. Gary then introduced this week's co-host, Natalie "I'm co-hosting again? Why!" Perry.

A video clip followed Gary and Natalie's open chat. From Out There, seen on Comedy Central, "The G Word" featured the performance of Gay comedian, Mark Davis.

Gary's guest for the live colorcast was none other than the author, director and star of "Dykotomy", Slique Callahan, who talked about the history behind "Dykotomy", producing the only Lesbian opera and about the current tour.

A video highlight from "Dykotomy" followed, showing off the famous dance contest. "Dykotomy" is based on the opera "Carmen".

News followed with Scott and Stan "I have to pronounce that!" Phalp. Who informed us of the current events of concern to the Gay and Lesbian, HIV/-AIDS community.

The G-Boys, Madison O'Neil and Jonathan Bierner talked about their live phone call segment done on a recent show; Jonathan's legal suit against ROTC and other matters concerning Gay and Lesbian youth.

Yet another video clip followed, this from the Kathy and Mo Show, which was seen on the Showtime Cable Network.

Slique and Co-Producer Monique Meadows came back and talked more about the production of "Dykotomy" and of the possibility of putting on a Tucson production.

The Slap of the Week went to the State of Texas for the wave of Gay murders. The Pat on the Butt went to the crew of the show for their never ending efforts to put on a production for the community.

The show, on Thursday, 8:00 P.M., channel 64 will highlight the upcoming Ms. Gay Tucson Pageant.

ACLU Project Director Responds To Supreme Court Hearing

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Supreme Court's announcement that it will decide the Colorado Amendment 2 case marks the first Gay rights case, other than the Boston parade case, to be heard by the Court since the landmark Bowers v. Hardwick decision in 1986.

The ACLU's new Lesbian and Gay Rights Project Director, Matthew Coles, was a member of the legal team that succeeded in getting the Colorado Supreme Court to strike down Amendment 2 and the ACLU is co-counsel for plaintiffs challenging the constitutionality of the measure.

Here is Matt Coles' response to the Supreme Court's decision to hear this case:

"The issue in this case is simple. Colorado's Amendment 2 took away the power the state and local government to ever consider any law or rule that would protect Lesbians and Gay men from discrimination on the job or in housing.

"Amendment 2 puts in the Colorado constitution a section that specifically says that laws protecting Lesbians and Gay men from discrimination, and only laws that protect Lesbians and Gay men, can never be considered.

"Those who sold Amendment 2 to the Colorado voters continue to try to cloak their arguments in the 'special rights' rhetoric. Much to the contrary, Amendment 2 is not about special rights. Instead it represents a very special wrong committed against Gay people.

"With only one exception, never before in our history have state constitutions been amended to prohibit the law from protecting any one group of citizens, whether they be classified by race, by gender or any other classification.

"That exception came in the 1960s, when voters in several cities and in the state of California, passed initiatives that said African Americans could not be protected by the law. At the time, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down those amendments. We trust it will once again preserve justice for all Americans and do the same with Amendment 2."

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I'm at lost as to how some people can go for a long period of time and either I do not see or am not told of anything worth appearing under my TBBS. One in mind at this time, well you can say sometimes, the wait is worth it.

This past week information was passed on to me concerning Hank S. It seems he is now known at the Congress bar as "Doris Day." Remember the old TV show, Sing Along With Mitch, well, Hank was singing along with the jute box at the Congress. Of course he was not alone, he did have a back up chorus.

From the Congress, Hank and back up chorus then headed over to the Graduate, whereby they all gave a performance for everyone's (?) enjoyment. What a mess! Not only was Hank off key, but that back up chorus, well to put it mildly, also needed help.

And for the record, Hank, it was reported that with all those in the pickup, I should have fallen out, not did. I guess it was just a bunch of hot air you were giving off when you stated you was going to call Bob to pass on information about me.

The things some people go to just to be able to read their names in this column. Another example is Alan and Gordi.

It was mentioned to me that the Sloopy Joes, Partners fixes for their beer bust, as I reported, did not come out of a can. My question to you is, do you believe everything I print?

I've never been one to fabricate items just for print. And yes, you might say that I, on different occasions, may stretch the truth a tad bit, but the bottom line is, it be true baby.

Getting back to Gordi, after him telling me about the Sloppy Joes not coming out of a can, in walked IP with the meal for TALL's beer bust, fried chicken. Well, Gordi stated or I should say asked, "Did that chicken come from Popeye's?"

Lenny walked up to me this past Saturday and showed me he had plants in his back pack this time. What will be in it next weekend?

This one, I do not understand but since it was given to me, here goes. STAN - WINGS ON THE FLOOR!

I was a week early last week when mentioning a bunch headed to Houston and their Venture-N, it is this week. They are going down their to join in on a run similar to Arizona's Fellowship Run, whereby a group of clubs joins forces to host a weekend run. The big difference in this Houston run is, all the clubs are out of Houston itself.

The bunch is flying out of Tucson together. I feel sorry for the poor Stewardess on that flight. Warning Guys: before going through those metal detectors, remove those hidden rings. Of course, if you want strip searched, leave them on.

I'd love to catch some of the news from Houston, what with Hopi and IP both headed their. Thank goodness they are taking their Teacher - TJ, with them. Maybe he will be able to keep the two of them out of trouble (if you believe that one, I've got some beach front property for sale).

Then upon returning, this bunch, most of them out of the Venture-N here, will be gearing up for this year's version of the Hides of March weekend, March 17-19. I'll be interested to see how many from Houston they will be able to talk into coming over.

Anyhow, the schedule for this one should be out before long so be sure to keep that weekend open and join in on all the festivities that will go on the entire weekend.

Well, I guess that is all the very important information I am able to pass on to you this week, but you can bet, there will be more to follow.

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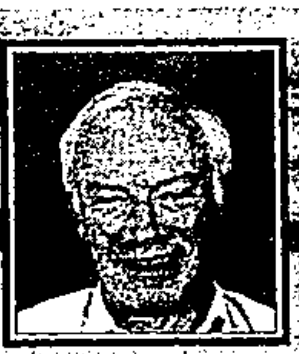

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Like many people in Tucson, I make weekly trips to one of the big blue machines located in front of nearly every grocery store in town. If you know what I'm talking about, then you, too, have given up drinking tap water, and are a bottled water user. I put up with "egg shells" in my ice cubes for a long time before I decided that I didn't want to drink water containing such disgusting particles!

Once I made the decision to used bottled water, there were other decisions to make. Some of my friends have those appliances in their homes which hold ten-gallon bottles of water. If I chose to rent one, then I would not have to make my weekly treks to the blue machines, because the water would be delivered right to my door. However, after comparing the cost of the two options, I decided I would rather spend a little time than spend so much more money!

Another option I considered was to purchase the water from the store shelf, which would have been much more convenient than standing out in the cold/hot/monsoon/wind, waiting for my bottles to fill. Once again, the price was the deciding factor, since bottled water off the shelf is usually twice as expensive as that from the machine.

The last option I had was to purchase some "premium" name brand water. That, too, quickly decided against because of the price.

I have been using bottled water for several years now, and when I have to drink "regular" water I wonder how I ever tolerated it! And I wonder why so many people still drink it! However, sometimes when I go to fill my bottles for the week, I face some problems. The most common problem is that sometimes I have to wait in line. Like most people, it seems that I always have more things to do than I have time to do them, so it really frustrates me when I have to spend more time at the water machine than I have allotted for this task. When there is a line, however, at least I eventually get my water.

Another problem that sometimes occurs is that the machine is broken. Once again, I am faced with spending more time for this task than I anticipated. Since I usually wait until I am using my last gallon of water before going to get any more, when the machine is broken I have to drive another location to get water or else drink tap water until the closer machine is repaired.

A problem that occurred several years ago was that the price at most machines was raised from a quarter to 35 cents, an increase of 40%! That meant that not only did I have to pay more for my water, but I also had to have other coins besides quarters when I went to get water. Fortunately, the price increase was short lived, probably because most water users, myself included, searched out the few machines with the lower priced water and boycotted those where the price was raised!

One time, Jesus talked with a woman who had gone to a well to get water. He told her that, if she asked, he would give her living water, and, "whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:10. 14)) Anyone who wants this water does not have to wonder which is the best place get it, and, unlike the water I get every week, there is never a wait, the "machine" is never broken, and the price never goes up. All a person has to do to have this water is come to Jesus.

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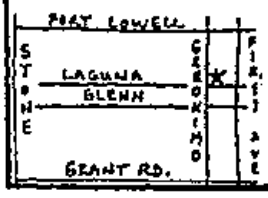

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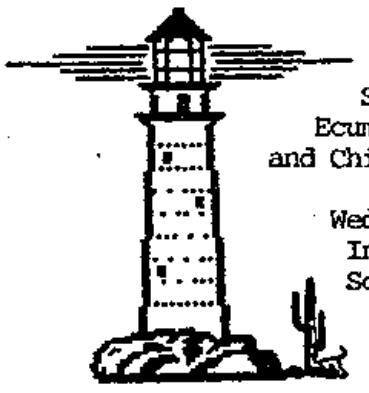

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This is a continuation of People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson's Wellness Program under the direction and supervision of Lyn Patrick, N.M.D., Wellness Coordinator.

Clients who want to participate in the Wellness Program must have an "intake" interview with an Early Intervention Specialist (even if they have previously done so) at PACT to determine financial eligibility. An appointment must be made with Harold Lackey or John Green for an interview by calling the PACT office at 770-1710, Monday - Friday, 8 - 5 P.M.

Prospective interviewees must: 1) Have a primary (assigned) care physician and 2) have recent lab results documentation done in the last three months. The next step is to make an appointment with the Wellness Coordinator through the Early Intervention Center.

If clients qualify for the program's available financial aid, they will receive and assigned dollar amount in monthly vouchers to use for either purchase of nutritional supplements through the Buyer's Club for direct services. Clients will also have access to a weekly support group and an orientation group session for the Wellness Program, led by the Wellness Coordinator.

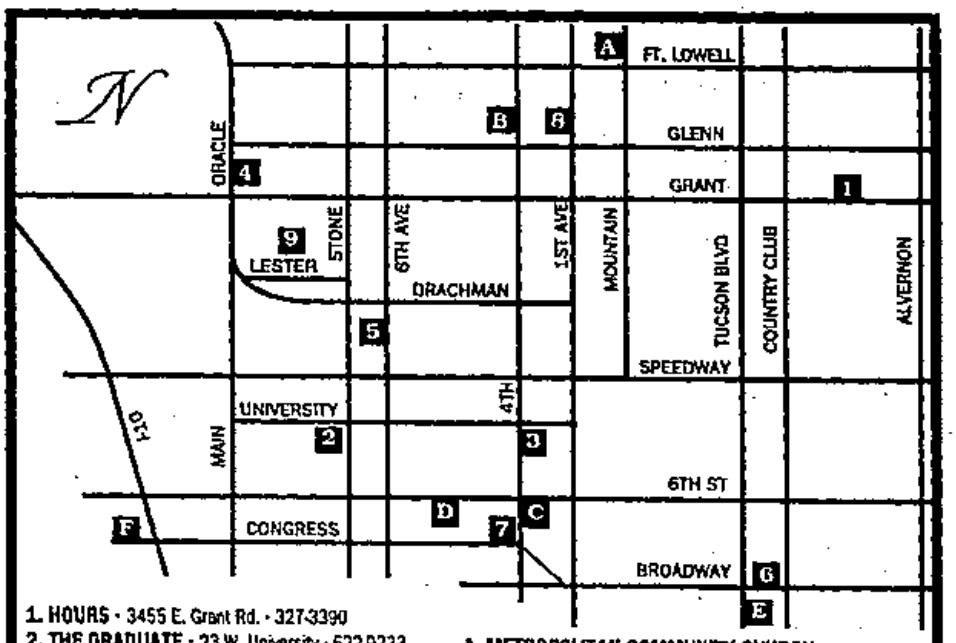
Clients who qualify for Wellness Program funds will have regular monthly follow-up visits. Non-subsidized clients will have appropriate quarterly or biyearly visits.

Information on the Buyer's Club will appear in next week's column.

PACT's annual Tucson Cactus Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, March 26th. Please refer to the non-bar calendar of coming events for additional information.

Volunteers are always needed and your help will be greatly appreciated. A couple of hours a week will make a difference and there are many areas your effort, time and energies can be utilized. Please call Mary Higgins, Volunteer and Development Coordinator, at 770-1710.

I leave you with this in mind. "There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us." - Virgil



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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
IBT'S - The Girlie Show hosted by Helena Bubbles starring Felice Renard, Sasha Valentine, Tatiana Lanandova and special guest. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
PARAGON - Tucson, Phoenix and Southern California will unite in the first White Party of 1995, 10:00 p.m. featuring guest DJ Chris McFadden from 'The Works' in Phoenix. Imported Hot and Gorgeous GoGo's. Disconnted hotel accommodations. RSVP, Paragon White Party, 889-5789.

SATRUDAY, MARCH 4
VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen will be having their monthly Beer Bust on the Patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
CLUB 2520 - Benefit show for Kenneth Blake who is a candidate for the Miss Gay Tucson title. Featured in the show will be Felice Reynard, Helena Bubbles, Jasmine and a special guest. 8:30 p.m.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust! 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Shanti Foundation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Bucky's omelette Bar from noon until 3:00 p.m. Bucky does it again with his famous mouth watering omelettes made fresh to your order.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
IBT'S - St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Feast and Party. Watch for details in upcoming ads.

FRI., SAT., SUN., MARCH 24-25-26
IBT'S - 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair Weekend. Mark your calenders now. More details in upcoming ads.

MONDAY, MARCH 27
IBT'S - It's the 3rd annual Academy Awards Party! Watch for more details.

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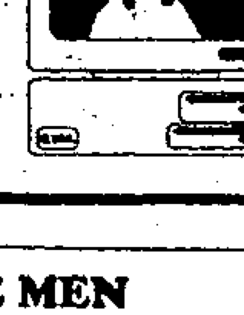

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
Free Pancake Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a special showing of the movie, "Jesus", at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Call 622-4626 for more info.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) "Lucky $7 Dinner Night" at Paragon catered by the House of Jerome at 6:00 p.m. Tax and gratuity included. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Tucson Chapter of Prime Timers International you are welcome to join the group. All please RSVP 887-7493.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
An "Open House" at the new Shanti office to recognize contractors, donors, volunteers and friends for all that has been done to make the new Shanti Offices a great addition to Tucson. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 300 E. 6th Street. For more info call 622-7107.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) monthly potluck meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. Bring your favorite dish to share with new friends as this new group begins in Tucson. For more information, call Jerry at 690-9565.

Cronies Social Club meets t MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain at 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome. Call 888-7264 for more info.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
Beta Live Telephone Conference "Immune-Based Theraapies" at PACT office beginning at 1:00 p...

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
Men's Social Network (Gay amen of all ages) Video Night at 7 p.m. showing "Victor/Victoria. For more informaiton and reservations call Les or Jerry at 690-9565

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
Lesbian and Gay Hiking Club will hike Altascosa Lookout and Peak (9 miles and 2,500 elevation gain). This is a spectacular area with views of the Arivaca area and the Altas valley, as well as the Santa Cruz valley to the east. It is steep at the end with a bushwhack needed to reach the peak from the lookout if people are interested. Hikers will meet at the carpool location at 8:30 a.m. Please pay your driver $3 for gas. For information and/or reservations call Lea McAlin through pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch tone phones only) followed by the # sign.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Cronies Social Club luncheon and tour the DeGrazia Gallery. 888-7264 for more info.

A young Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Support Group is starting today at Noon at Wingspan. Ages 14-23 only. The group will meet every Sunday from now on at noon. Call Wingspan for more info.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) Board Game Night at 6:30 pm. For more info call Les or Jerry at 690-9565

Cronies Social Club dinner at El Corral. Call 578-0849 for details

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
Cronies Video Nite. Movie is the original "Gaslight" made in England in 1940. Call 624-6768

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 18 & 19
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Stop by the Men's Social Network booth and enjoy the rodeo from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) monthly meeting ata Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. from 4 to 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Ron St. John, Executive Aide to Pima County Supervisor, Mike Boyd. The group will go to Caruso's after the meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) Hike and Brunch. Hike at Catalina Park at 9:30 a.m. and brunch at a memmber's home about 11:30 a.m. Call 290-4266 or 825-7538 for more info

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) and the Music Industry Golf Association (MIGA) present the annual Tucson Cactus Golf Tournament at the Tucson National Country Club beginning at 1:00 p.m. Entry is open to everyone and entry fee information is available at the PACT office, 801 W. Congress, 770-1710. format is Two Person Texas Scramble.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Hors d'Oeuvres. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 7 p.m.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon, Salad Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

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

IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10 am until 8 pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Beer Bust 3-7, 50¢ Draft. Stonewall opens at 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Stormy Monday, live jazz with Lisa Otey 7-9pm. Reverse Happy Hour 9-1. DJ 9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moose and Bruce Madness $1.25 well and shot specials 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 8pm with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Money Moday, $1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Trash Disco nite.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Dart Tournament 7 pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cumbia/Salsa Mania 8-1.

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Service Industry Nite! Anyone working in a bar, restaurant, hair dressers, etc., receives any flavor of schnapps all nite long. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schnapps Shots $1.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all nite. ID required. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

CLUB CONGRESS - And Farrow's 'Queer Extravaganza' here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well. $1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Cumbia, banda y top 40's. Corona or Cuervo Gold $1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "smoothly naked" men.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, $1.25 pitchers.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Pride T-Shirt Specials - $1.50 domestic & well drinks for those in any Hay-themed T-Shirt. Dart Tourney at 8, $2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Pitcher specials all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm. Hot male strippers.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, $3 entry fee.

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 4-7. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. C/W dance 8-1

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Loney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PARAGON - Open 7pm - 1am. $1.25 Well and Domestic longnecks 7-10pm, happy hour and hors d'oeuvres. DJ Chris Shannon with go-go boys & girls. No Cover.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Hot men, hot times. In house specials.

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PARAGON - Open 7pm - 1am. DJ Shannon & Paragon go-gos 9pm. No Cover

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 10am to 7pm Frozen Margarita Special: $1 glass, $3 pitchers. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Hot men, hot times. In house specials

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 5pm.

From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Just because you may be Gay or Lesbian, don't think you have no stake in the education system of America.

If American is not educated with the knowledge of the sciences, the future which all of us have to look forward to may be very bleak.

Equal rights depends upon an educated public. The erasure of bigotry depends upon an educated public. A thriving economy depends upon an educated public. The elimination of homophobia depends upon and education public.

Homophobia? Hommo. Phobia. Homophobia...the hatred or fear of homosexuals or homosexuality. My! What interesting emotions are connected with this medical problem: FEAR, which is what phobia means, and HATE, which results from fear's existence.

Have you ever experienced these emotions? If you have, then, my homosexual brother and sister, you should have a handle on those who hate and who are afraid of you. You should be able to empathize because you've already met Dr. Hate and Madam Fear. You have felt the emotion they produced...albeit the object of your emotion may have been totally different.

So how did you handle your emotions? How did you conquer your hatred? How did you get over your fear? God forbid you should still be living with them; but if you are, then you are certainly wouldn't be capable of helping any homophobic persons, would you? It's a fact that we cannot help a person out of a well if we are in the well with them!

Like you, I've learned how to hate because I was afraid. It seemed to be strictly an emotion with little validity because I could trace its root back to its creator: fear.

I learned it sometimes can get all entangled in our own mind. I.E., because one has a parent or lover whose abusive nature "creates" a hatred in you, the fear in such an instance may be legitimate.

So here we have a situation where a "legitimate" fear may be a positive factor, but hatred is probably a negative factor always; so we butt our heads with ourselves until we become aligned with truth.

Can fear ever be a positive factor? We begin to question. When fear is awakened, our ability to love in truth is zapped. When life or physical well being is threatened, it should not be a time to cease loving. The hatred which manifests itself because of our fear will usually arise when we come to that point where we "feel" we can't do anything to eliminate the thing feared.

Although we ought to be able to speak openly with one another about our fear and hate, we seldom discuss them. The female of our species seems to have progressed much further than the male in growth and development in this discussion area. We all should be able to talk openly of hate and fear because we've all experienced them in our lives...if we're really honest with ourselves. It would thus seem logical that if anyone could bring about an education to homophobics, it would be those of us who have experienced and conquered those two negative emotions the homophobics are presently living with, Dr. Hate and Madam Fear.

I got a feeling this is a road which should be and probably will be taken to bring about changes in the new Century. And where will our classroom be? it will be the world of students around us; where we will educate, one student at a time.

Maybe I'm a dreamer! No shit, hun?! But wouldn't it be a hoot and a half if we become the teachers of Serenity, not Fear, not Love, not Hate? We'd become tommorrow's "Fundies"; only we'd accomplish their teaching. Ha!

It could be interesting also to see how we teach; to see if we teach because of empathy, because of pity, a sense of duty, because we really love, or a combination of the above. Or, if we teach because we desire power and we lose this battle before the fight begins.

One thing we probably should remember as we begin our professorial effort is that most homophobics probably don't even realize they are ill. Living with a phobia is an illness, an illness which can be cured through educational efforts and therapy.

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

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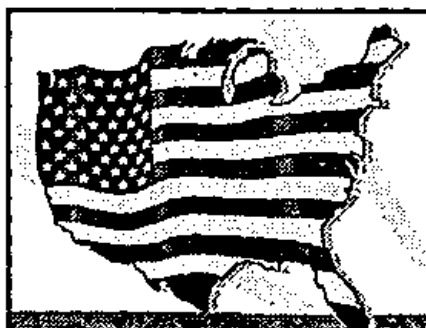

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

A new month arrives! Let us examine the month of March in its entirety this week. I love the old saying, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb", but I hope it's not really true. I want March to come out loud and proud and not meek and mild. Isn't that what we are all trying to do? Read ahead to see how the planets show their colors in March for each sign:

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Do a little something for yourself this month including a little spring cleaning in that psychological closet of yours. It is time to reevaluate your ideals; what you believe to be true will come under greater scrutiny and may be tossed (much to your dismay of possible relief). Good! It is counterproductive to force yourself to adopt mainstream standards, especially when they hinder your lifestyle and true happiness.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Friends may force you to choose sides, but be independent. Take a personal stand and face the fact that you are no longer satisfied with just going along with the crowd (any crowd) and the "group think" (any group). Come out in the world on your own terms, whatever "they" may say. Taureans are stubbornly pioneering when they set their mind to it and you mind is set! Go for it.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It is time to put your career on the front burner. The planets dictate that professional aspirations must be addressed now rather than later. You have allowed yourself to drift along the political tide, getting tossed, turned and jostled along the way. This will no longer suffice. Take a firm hand to make or break your reputation. I believe you will succeed admirably.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Cancers often feel more comfortable in the closeted security of their home, but this is not the time to hide! It's time to embark on a world experience; any activity that takes you beyond your most familiar surroundings will be highlighted. Great rewards are possible for those Crabs who travel beyond their front door and taste the exotic. Get out of your shell and show the world what you can do.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Matters of deep personal involvement will take on a greater importance this month. This means that you may be highly charged and sexually active, or there may be intense introspection and self appraisal. Keep in mind that sex can be an avenue of enlightenment or an escape route. It is the wise and regal Lion who proudly seeks the answer to the question "
Who am I?" You may even like the answer...

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

You yearn for a strong and stable partnership. If you have one enjoy March's planetary spark. If you don't, you face a choice, change what doesn't work or seek someone new. Virgos are very adept at assessing the good and bad aspects of a particular situation. Some problems are solvable but some are not or require great compromise. Do what you must to achieve the happiness you so richly deserve.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Roll up your sleeves and get to work. Impress us with your ability to accomplish a great deal on the job. Day-to-day tasks may be piling up, but you have sufficient energy and get up and go to handle them efficiently and quickly. One word of warning, the incentive to perform can be delayed by problems related to stress or colds. Work, but know when to relax and recharge your energies.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23

Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Not bloody likely! You are ready to get out there and have fun, fun, fun, but the keyword here is selective enjoyment. Do not gamble or risk any speculation, you will probably lose. Divert your jolly energies into more creative and artistic endeavors. Join a theater group or go to a concert. At very least get out and dance all night. Strut your stuff!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Thoughts and energies are all centered on your home base. Even itchy Sag won't mind hanging around the house this month. It may be an excellent time to spruce up the old place and invite a few friends over for a fabulous and intimate dinner party. Another area of interest is in your "roots". Ask relatives about your family tree, you may be surprised at what you discover.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Capricorns are usually very tempted to say exactly what's on their mind, but I advise you to watch what you say and how you say it right now. Yes, your thoughts are on target; yes, you have legitimate complaints; but your two cents will only exacerbate the situation. Either hold off for the time being or present your facts in a non-threatening manner and without the attitude.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The flow of money now becomes a rushing river. Funds come in and go out again fairly rapidly. If you are quick, you can capture a small pile of dough in the process but be careful about how you invest it. You are tempted to take the easy way out by letting others do the investing for you. I always say it is wise to get involved. Only you know what is and what is not appropriate for your future security.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Welcome to center stage, darling! Use the spotlight to your advantage. Meet and greet as many new people as possible because you can impress them with your aptitude and motivation. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. Launch new projects and explore new directions. Begin to think about future goals and attainments. The sky is the limit, don't be shy.

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

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

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

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UCSC ALUMNI: The first reunion of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual University of California Santa Cruz alumni will be held April 23, 1995. For more information contact Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Reunion, Alumni Office, Carriage House, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 or call (408)459-2530. Email: linda_hooper@macmail.ucsc.edu.

GAY AND LESBIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS - You are not alone! SDA Kinship International exists to offer spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDA's who are Gay or Lesbian. For more information on Kinship in the Tucson area, contact, SDA Kinship International, P.O. Box 7520, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, (714)248-1299. Confidentiality is assured.

ARE YOU AN ADMIRER OF BIG MEN or a chubby chaser? Girth & Mirth of San Diego is the place for you. At our monthly social you may meet the man of your dreams in a positive, non-judgemental atmosphere. Socials are on the third Saturday of every month, on the rear patio at Buntons Street, 4612 Park Blvd., 8 p.m. They include a beer/soda bust. The cost is $3.00 for members and $6.00 for guests. For information, call (619)685-8822 or write GM3D, PO Box 86822, San Diego, CA 92138-6822.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #167. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

LOOKING FOR FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE CHICAGOLAND AREA
Chicago filmmaker is producing a documentary about the pre-Stonewall years in the Windy City. If you or someone you know was out or coming out in Chicago anytime before 1970, PLEASE CALL 1-800-439-1384. Ask for Ron Pajak. 550

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3769 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

A young Lesbian and Bisexual women's Support Group is starting Sunday, March 14 at Noon at Wingspan. Ages 14-23 only. Group will meet every Sunday at Noon. Call Wingspan for info.

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 326-3553

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

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

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

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3769 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Notices

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbian and Gay men 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. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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AFFIRMATION Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormons and ex-Mormons. For information write P.O. Box 78461, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call 791-7946. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 248 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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

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

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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

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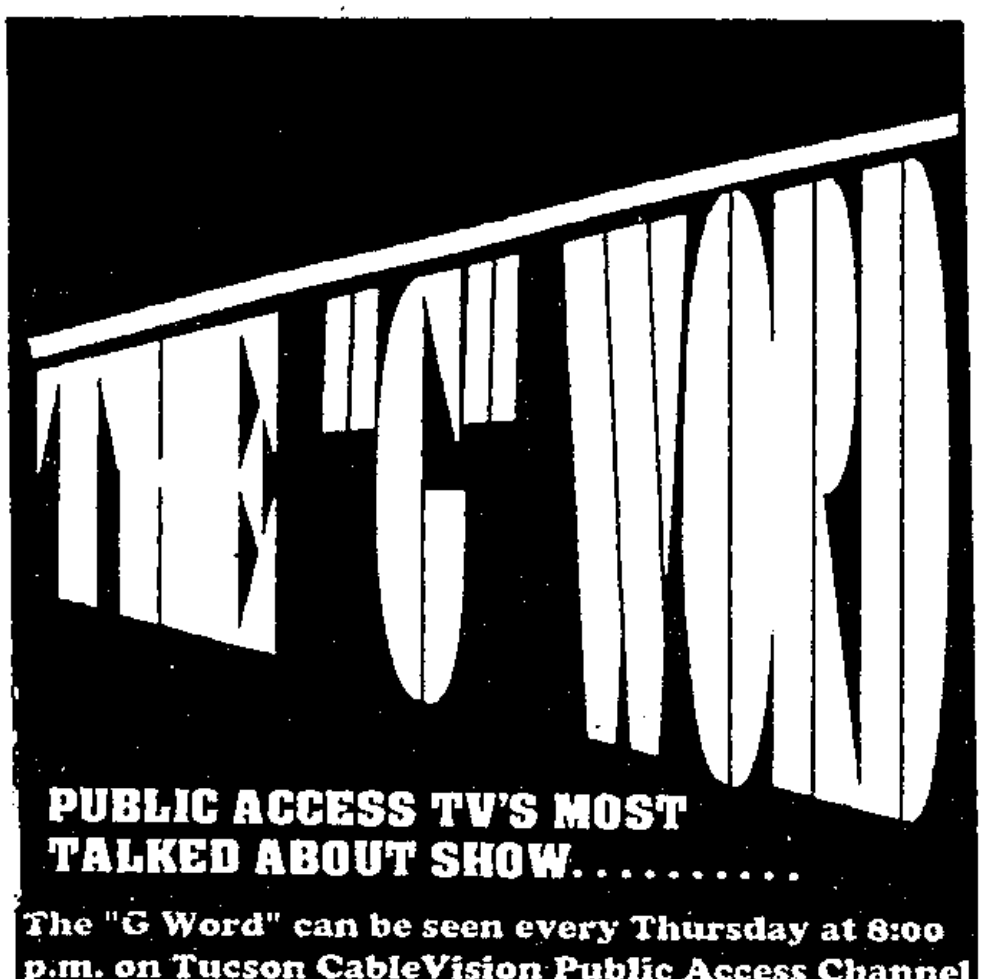

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Scientists Look

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Dr. Giuseppe Pantaleo of the National Institutes of Health said they followed 15 people who were infected with HIV, but also remained free of disease for "many years."

The researchers said their findings suggested that "persistent, low, level viral replication is not necessarily associated with the progression of the disease" if it can somehow be controlled over a period of time.

They said that understanding the "importance of these factors may prove to be critical to the development and testing of vaccines and therapeutic strategies."

In an editorial accompanying both studies, David Baltimore of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, said the "irony of this awful disease" is that someone's immune system can be effective enough to prevent secondary infections, such as pneumonia but not HIV itself.

Baltimore suggested that the new studies, combined with research involving primates, could eventually lead to the development of an AIDS vaccine.

Sodomy Law Back In Court

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been arrested and prosecuted under the law. All were engaged in sexual acts in public or "semi-public" places, such as cars. None of the plaintiffs in the case has been arrested.

Among those attending the hearing was June Griffin, a Dayton preacher who has filed a friend of the court brief in the case.

She told Rubenfeld as she left the court room, "You are short lived."

Griffin said afterwards her remark was not meant as a threat. "The Bible is quite plain," she said. "God will bring his wrath."

Griffin said she wants to intervene in the case "on a taxpayer basis."

"We don't care what you do in your bedroom, as long as the state doesn't pay for your crimes," she said. When you get into public health insurance, you're paying for crime."

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