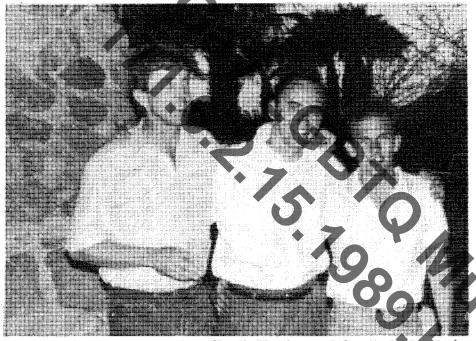
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#### Arizona Committee for Progress PAC hosts "Politics is a Zoo"

by Rob Speir



Committee for Progress members Charlie Harrison and Charlie Jordan flank HRCF's Robert Bray.

PHOENIX — Papago Park was the site for the Arizona Committee for Progress's second community-wide gathering of the year on Sunday, May 21 where approximately 200 people gathered to learn about the organization, hear speakers and socialize.

The evening event, held in two lakeside ramadas and the bandshell adjacent to the Phoenix Zoo — since, as they say, "Politics is a Zoo" - was considered by all spoken with to have been enlightening and enjoyable. Several in attendance expressed their support of more such events by the

With attendees making new acquaintances and discussing the upcoming political races, the PAC took the opportunity to sign up a large number of new members and to establish the membership of a 'Super PAC' which will be able to donate to candidates campaigns in amounts greater than allowed standard PACs.

Addressing the group were State Representative Sue Laybe, District 25, and Robery Bray, Communications Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), Washington, D.C. Laybe discussed the role the PAC can play in upcoming elections and how people can get involved in individual campaigns and the effect the support of the gay community had in her recent election to office.

Bray explained the workings of HRCF, the nation's sixth largest lobbying group, and contributions the organization is making in issues of human rights around the country. Going further, he identified the growth of activities in Phoenix in the political sphere and strongly urged further participation by organizations and individuals in them. He elaborated that politics in Arizona have the eye of the country, especially by the recall of former Governor Evan Mecham organized by Committee for Progress member Ed Buck and supported in large part by the gay community

The committee was formed in 1988 by a number of persons interested in improving the status of the gay community through

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OP changes monthly meeting date

TUCSON — Beginning June, 1989, the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association (OP) general meetings will be moved to the third Friday evening of each month, OP President Al Whitehurst announced.

"We believe that moving our meeting dates from Thursday to Friday evenings will stimulate wider member participation and greater interest for newcomers," Whitehurst said. "It makes a fun Friday night out, both for singles and couples. You can begin Friday evening with an entertaining OP presentation, then on to nightelubbing or a late dinner and movie.

"We're working to serve our members and visitors better, and that's why we've moved our general meeting nights to Friday. We have a great lineup of programs scheduled, and we're making them more convenient for more people to attend.

'On June 16, the fitness executive director of the world-famous Canyon Ranch will tell us how to keep motivated on our exercise and diet programs. In a season that's 'bikini weather' for both men and women, we'll learn how staying fit and trim can be fun, not a drudgery. More exciting

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#### 1989 National Lobby Days

Les/Gay activists face biggest challenge in AIDS era by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Usually American lesbians and gay men have to rely on a handful of lobbyists and congressional aides in Washington to speak out on their behalf and demand justice from their elected officials in the nation's capitol. This month will be different.

This year, the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force (NGLTF) has designated the entire month of June as National Lobby Days as part of a concentrated effort to beat back what could easily be the biggest legislative threat to the lesbian and gay movement in recent memory.

'These are very important lobby days,' says Peri Jude Radecic, the NGLTF lobbyist who is heading up the lobby days campaign.

The reason: a new amendment, drafted by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) which is intended for placement on the Hate Crimes Satistics Act, a bill which would mandate the collection of statistics of crimes notivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Ropress his anti-gay agenda onto what will likely be the first gay-inclusive bill to ever pass Congress, Helms has devised his four-part amendment, which, if passed, ould have devastating implications for the nation's gay and lesbian community. The

"It is the sense of the Senate that:

"(1) The homosexual movement threatens the strength and the survival of the American family as a basic unit of society;

"(2) State laws prohibiting sodomy should be enforced:

should be enforced;

'(3) The federal government shou not provide discrimination protections of the basis of 'sexual orientation'; [and]
'(4) School curriculums should not

condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American society.'

Since Helms announced his intention to place the amendment on the bill, the broad-based coalition of lobbyists working on the bill have halted action in the Senate until they have enough votes to defeat the measure.

And Radecic is keeping track of the

On her office wall, in between her collection of maps, memos and political paraphernalia, is a sticker promoting the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. The sticker normally reads: "Counter Hate, Count Crimes."



Steve Smith, Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbyist.

Photo by Cliff O'Neill



Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Public In-

Photo by Cliff O'Neill

Her sticker reads: "Counter Count Helms."

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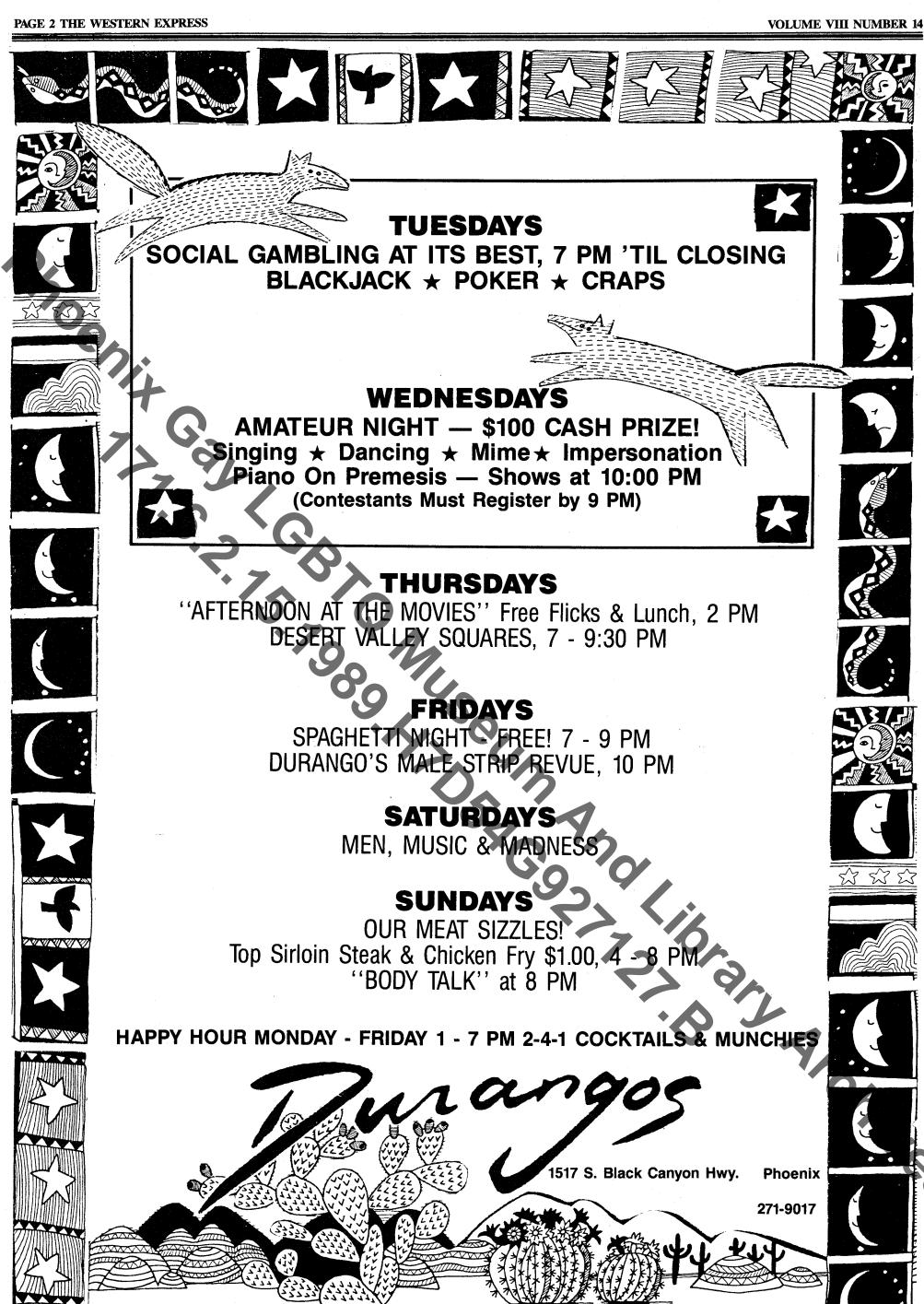
#### **State meeting on AIDS**

by Bj Bud

PHOENIX — "Gay and bisexual men are, by far, the groups most at risk and presently transmitting this virus. To ignore prevention in the gay community is to lose the fight. We must help them to move beyond denial," Alvin Harper, Health Educator AIDS Program of Arizona

Department of Health Services (ADHS), wrote in a paper submitted at the quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 11. The meeting was called by the state to discuss the gaps in services dealing with AIDS in the les-

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Beneath the doctored applique is an enlarged photo of Helms with a cartoon bubble coming from his mouth which says simply: "Oink."

Blank tally sheets surround the photo on three sides. The headings: "For," "Against" and "Scared Shitless."



Sue Hyde, NGLTF Privacy Project Director. Photo by Cliff O'Neill

Radecic explains that the tally is intended to keep track of the senators' pledged votes on the Helms measure. All three sheets are blank, Halfway through the conversation, she gets up, gleefully grabs a per and marks down the name of Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL), the first senator to commit to vote against Helms' proposal.

"This is the most dangerous thing this



Eric Rosenthal, Human Rights Campaign Fund Political Director.

Photo by Cliff O'Neill

#### Letters To The Editor

Dear Sirs:

On April 8th, nearly 200 people participated in the Second Annual "Walk for Life." The walkers and their sponsors raised nearly \$15,000 to help people with AIDS. Thank you to everyone who either walked, made a pledge, or donated time and materials to make this year's walk a success. A special thank you goes to Joe and the patrons of Little Jim's 307, Randy Shrock, Clive Simpson and the staff of Jay's Brazil, Vickie Smith and Louis Greenfield who raised over \$500.

Since AAP receives no funding from any organized group to provide direct financial assistance to people with AIDS, the agency relies solely on the walk proceeds, donations from individuals and memorial contributions to fund the client assistance program. Until public and corporate monies become available to fund this program, the annual walk proceeds and individual donations received will continue to provide the funding for this vital service provided by

Another huge thank you goes to Carlos Valenzuela, internationally known hairstylist and owner of Carlos Valenzuela Adademy of Hairstyling salons in San Francisco and Phoenix. Carlos hosted his second annual fundraiser for AAP at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on April 23rd. Mr. Valenzuela introduced 200 hairstylists to the latest trends in styling during the afternoon show and entertainment extravaganza. After the show, approximately 120 people attended a dinner and silent auction. Mr. Valenzuela and his staff raised over \$4,900 for AAP and PWA services at this event.

As part of the promotion of the Carlos Valenzuela Event, Channel 3 graciously

donated time to AAP on the 6 to 7 a.m. newscast. On the show, Sue Dodd, AAP's Executive Director discussed AIDS as a chronic illness. We have received several calls from PWAs and family members stating how refreshing it is to hear AIDS put into manageable health care status instead of the ever present hopelessnes of "a death sentence." We have also heard from one who feels we should cling to the tragic side of AIDS to heighten public awareness and financial support.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate AAP's position. The agency aligns with the opinions of Surgeon General C. Edward Koop, the University of Arizona Medical Center and a large percentage of the medical community who believe we now have the scientific knowledge to treat AIDS as a chronic illness, that still, in all likelihood will eventually claim the patient. However that can now be postponed for years if individuals are responsible and get tested early and seek qualified medical advise on healthy living and prophylactic treatments. AAP's goal is to help people infected with the AIDS virus to live productive, fulfilling lives. Our emotional support program, case management system, and educational programs have always stressed living with the disease and will continue to do so. If dying were the focus, whould Shanti call its much needed housing center the "Living Center"? Would those with HIV disease call themselves "People Living with AIDS"? Would San Francisco have developed a "Living Hospice"? Clearly, we can be proud that we are a part of a positive, life centered health agency.

> Bruce Terrey President Board of Directors

mmunity has faced in recent times," she says. "If this Helms amendment passes it could really set back organizing and work

And it is this amendment that is tieing p passage of the bill this summer, she says. Before lobbyists can move the bill, Simon will have to be joined by at least 50 others, one reason she says the National Lobby Days will be so crucial.

#### The Change?

Previously, National Lobby Days have been held in October, during the 1979 and 1987 Marches on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and during the 1988 return of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Washington. The timing has brought mixed results.

"The problem with doing the Lobby Days in October is that Congress is usually in recess at that time," Radecic says. "And if it is an election year, they probably are already adjourned. I needed to move the time of National Lobby Days from the traditional October. . . And I thought this would be a good year to do it since it was the 20th

anniversary of Stonewall and I wanted to shift the focus from Washington to the district offices."

By doing that, Radecic hopes to bring to the gay and lesbian community a new tradition — one she hopes will catch on.

'I would like [National Lobby Days] to be an annual thing in June to coordinate with Gay Pride activities," she says philosophically. "It's a time when people are experiencing, basically, every aspect of the gay and lesbian life and culture during the month of June. And I think that politics needs to be a part of our culture. Whatever culture we develop - as we develop it -I think politics has to be a part of that. And I think the best time to do that and to incorporate politics into people's lives is durmonth of June."

Also as part of the Helms amendment constituent pressure stragegy, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's gay and lesbian political action committee, is seeking to sign up an unprecedented number of people in their pre-authorized Speak Out congressional message campaign at Gay and

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Lesbian Pride Day celebrations nationwide.

#### Report Cards And **Congressional Meetings**

To back up the correspondent constituent voice, NGLTF's lobby days will be seeking to establish strong anti-Helms votes by means of direct meetings with the "folks back home." And to make those meetings easier, NGLTF has provided prospective lobbyists with all the information they will need to sit down with their senators and representatives.

For the last lobby days, Radecic and her intern spent 10 to 12 hours a day, six to seven days a week for a month and a half pulling together 545 "Congressional Report Cards" to let activists in the home districts know just how well — or how poorly — their legislators were voting on the issues. That effort, which continues with these lobby days, has already proven invaluable to gay and lesbian activists nationwide, she says.

"I can give you the name of a woman in Iowa who went to visit [Sen.] Tom Harkin [(D-Iowa)] about the Hate Crimes Statistics Act," she, Radecic quips. "Harkin said to her, 'My record's a good record.' [Then she] came back into this office and wanted to know what her senator's record was. Her senator got a D on the report cards and [she said], 'This is unacceptable. He just told me, 'My record speaks for itself,' 'So she went back up to Harkin's office and screamed at him, saying, 'How dare you tell me you've got a decent record on our issues?

You don't vote with us half of the time!'

'For senators who just say, 'Check my record,' and activists who don't have access to congressional records and other pieces of information, I think the report cards are very useful and very revealing.

#### **Helping The Folks Back Home**

To help out activists in this effort, NGLTF has created packets with information intended to help even the most unseasoned activist learn to lobby. The packets include instructions on how to contact a legislator by phone and how to write a letter. They contain briefing letters, a complete breakdown on their legislators' voting records and background information on a host of issues including the gay men and lesbians in the military, the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, the nomination of William Lucas for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights [which NGLTF is opposing], immigration reform laws the Hate Crimes. immigration reform laws, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and most importantly, Radecic points out, the upcoming Helms Amendment.

Quickly, she takes another call and works to add another name to the "Against" list. By August, she hopes the results of the effort will become clear. Until then, there are more people to call and appointments

"There are going to be lots of issues addressed," she says. "But if anybody does anything during the month of June, they have to contact their senator on the Helms amendment on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act," she says, suddenly almost whispering.

We have to beat this guy. We just have

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), welcomed the Administration's announcement, but said the change falls far short of allowing free travel in America for HIV-

"It is encouraging to see this as the first policy action on AIDS from the new administration," said Basile. "However, people with HIV infection still can be excluded from entering the U.S., and will be admitted only temporarily and for selective purposes. If the government will allow some people with AIDS into the country, why should it not allow others?'

The policy change comes in response to an international uproar caused by the detention of a Dutch city official for five days last April by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), an agency of the Justice Department.

The official, Hans Paul Verhoef, came to the U.S. to attend the Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation Conference/National AIDS Forum in San Francisco. Verhoef was letained by Customs officials because he is person with AIDS.

Following a hearing, local immigration officials ruled that Verhoef could enter the ountry and attend the conference, but INS leadquarters in Washington, D.C., blocked that decision. Finally, an immigration judge ordered Verhoef admitted on bond.

The incident sparked widespread criticism of U.S. policy, which violates international standards formulated by the World Health Organization with U.S. participation. It also raised concerns about plans to hold the Sixth International AIDS Conference next year in San Francisco, as well as other scheduled meetings in the U.S.

Organizers of the Fifth International AIDS conference - scheduled to begin in Montreal this June - were also concerned that thousands of foreigners, many with HIV infection, might be prevented from travelling through the U.S. on their way to or from the conference.

'The United States does not import AIDS," said Robert Bray, Human Rights Campaign Fund communications director. "We have the largest number of cases in the world. Restrictive and paranoic immigration policy does nothing to control the epidemic. It only contributes to the spread of AIDS by limiting the free exchange of information and discouraging infected people from seeking testing or treatment.'

Members of Congress, including Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Gerry Studds (D-MA), John Miller (R-WA), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Bruce Vento (D-MN) and Martin Sabo (D-MN), and leaders of the scientific community called on the Bush administration to change its policy, at least insofar as it applied to temporary visitors. In addition, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and other national organizations concerned with rational AIDS policies lobbied the Aministration to revise its policy before the Montreal conference convened.

"The Administration has recognized the global embarrassment that would result if the U.S. could not host international scientific AIDS meetings that included people with HIV infection," said Basile.

Basile promised HRCF would "continue lobbying the Administration and Congress for free travel and immigration rights for persons with HIV infection.'

#### Administration changes AIDS imigration policy

The Bush Administration announced on May 18 it is changing its immegration policy to allow some foreign visitors who have AIDS or HIV into the U.S. for a limited amount of time.

Under the policy change, announced by

the Justice Department, HIV-positive persons will be admitted into the country for up to 30 days to attend scientific conferences, obtain medical treatment, conduct business or visit family.

Vic Basile, Executive Director of the

#### AmFAR announces award of \$1.4 million to 16 community-based AIDS clinical trial centers

NEW YORK — In an important initiative, the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) announced on April 27, a major new clinical research effort, awarding \$1.4 million to 16 community-based organizations for the development of new

programs to expand, and hopefully speed up, the testing of promising experimental AIDS treatments. The programs are located in 13 cities throughout the United States.

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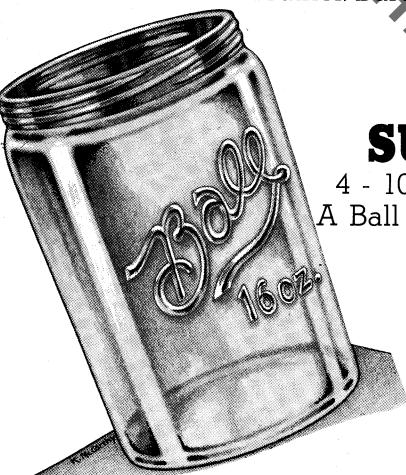
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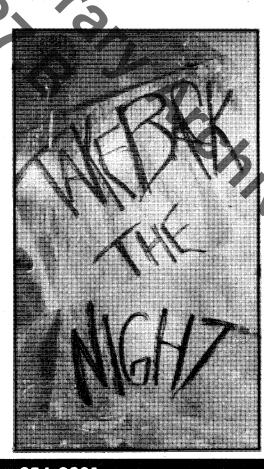
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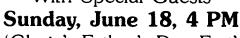
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#### AmFAR awards \$1.4 million Continued from page 4

"It is imperative that people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions have the opportunity to participate in clinical trials of promising AIDS treatments," said Elizabeth Taylor, National Chairman of AmFAR. "Drug trials at university research centers are unable to make that opportunity available to everyone. Trials run by community-based physicians, the main caregivers, are an excellent alternative and will help guarantee this desperately needed option.'

Once considered controversial, community-based clinical trials are now regarded as an important complement to

traditional university research centers. For example, pioneer community-based clinical trials projects in New York and San Francisco played a major role in testing aerosol pentamadine, a drug now widely used to prevent PCP, the pneumonia that is responsible for the deaths of a majority of people with AIDS. Using AmFAR grants, local groups will form clinical trial centers that can attract major funding from the government or pharmaceutical companies.

Since it started in 1985, AmFAR has awarded \$17 million in seed or start-up grants to more than 280 research teams and education projects. AmFAR is dedicated to mobilizing the good will, energy and generosity of caring Americans to end the AIDS epidemc.

#### Major study reveals inconsistent Medicaid coverage for AIDS drugs

SAN FRANCISCO — Today National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) released a major new study analyzing the AIDSrelated drug coverage of the nation's Medicaid agencies. The survey of Medicaid agencies in all fifty states and the District of Columbia reveals a high degree of inconsistency and arbitrariness in the agencies' drug distribution policies. On the other hand, NGRA notes that there is a trend among most states to cover a broad range of experimental uses of legally available medications.

In the report, NGRA urges Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to require all state Medicaid to fund any legally available drug which is prescribed by a physician. Drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may legally be prescribed for any use not specifically prohibited. Thus many drugs are widely prescribed for uses not reflected in FDA labeling recommendations. For example, Medicaid agencies in 41 states cover AZT r people with asymptomatic HIV infec-, although the drug is not specifically labeled for this use by the FDA. Similarly, agencies in 37 states fund aerosolized pentamidine even though only the injectable form of the drug is FDA approved.

We believe that Medicaid agencies are obligated to provide recipients with any gally available drug that their physicians prescribe," commented attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil

Rights Project. "Clearly, it is a physician's judegment rather than FDA labeling language that should determine access to drugs. This is true both for Medicaid agencies and private health insurers that have hidden behind FDA labeling language to avoid paying for 'unapproved' - but medically accepted - uses.'

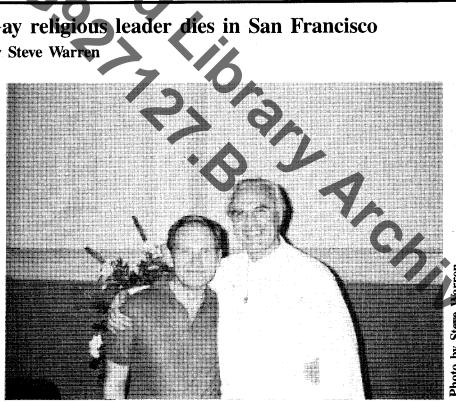
NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary said: "Activists in all states should work to ensure that their state Medicaid agencies adopt reasonable drug coverage policies. In addition, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services must take the lead in eliminating the chaos that presently exists. A Medicaid recipient's ability to survive the AIDS crisis should not depend upon his or her state of residence."

Medicaid is a join federal state program created to pay the medical expenses of indigent families with children and disabled individuals. Programs vary widely from state to state, both in terms of financial eligibility requirements and the range of drugs and services provided. Forty percent of people with AIDS are believed to be dependent upon Medicaid.

NGRA's report concludes that "The AIDS crisis dramatically highlights the inequity of a health care system which so often forces poverty upon those who are ill, and inadequate health insurance upon those who are poor. It is time for the United States to follow the lead of its allies in Canada and Western Europe in guaranteeing basic health care for all of its citizens.'

#### Gay religious leader dies in San Francisco

by Steve Warren



Rev. Jim Sandmire (right) and Jack Hubbs.

SAN FRANCISCO — The Rev. James E. Sandmire, hailed in the San Francisco Chronicle as "an internationally known gay rights leader," ended a long struggle against AIDS and unrelated cancer on May 12, at the age of 59. He and his lover, Jack Hubbs, would have celebrated their 30th anniversary a month later.

Born a Mormon in Miami, Oklahoma, he entered the ministry of that church but left it after "years of agonizing," he once said. "Being gay was part of it, but not the

main reason." After hearing Rev. Troy Perry preach at a Metropolitan Community Church service, Sandmire joined what was then a fledgling movement and was instrumental in its growth into a worldwide denomination.

He first founded an MCC in Oakland, California, then became pastor of MCC of San Francisco, where he was later declared Pastor Emeritus. In 1973 he was elected to the fellowship's international governing body, the Board of Elders, where he serv-

ed for six years. He was based in Southern California for four-and-a-half-years, pastoring MCC Los Angeles and founding All Saints MCC in West Hollywood.

After returning to San Francisco in 1979 Sandmire founded a second church in that city, Golden Gate MCC, which he pastored until his death.

He was the first openly gay chaplin to the San Francisco Police Department, a position he held for six years, and served on the board of the San Francisco Council of Churches.

Sandmire graduated from Harvard and irned a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley. At the latter school he met Jack Hubbs, a fellow political science major. Foremost among their common interestes was a male student both were persuing, but they soon forgot about him

and became wrapped up in each other.

Their 25th anniversary was marked with a unanimous proclamation from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, honor-ing the couple for their life together and their service to the community. "Jim courted me like mad," Hubbs recalled in an interview at that time. Sandmire had a wife and children when they met, so Hubbs went away to Europe for a few months until Jim cleared up his commitments to them and was free to start a new life with Jack

Hubbs became a teacher while Sandmire started a management consulting firm.
When his picture appeared in the newspaper leading a gay rally in 1971, Sandmire's firm folded, leaving him available to pursue a full-time ministry.

In conjunction with his MCC duties Sandmire served as an adviser to a group of gay and lesbian Mormons who wanted to form their own religious community; the result was Affirmation, which continues

Speaking of their life as a couple, Hubbs said the decision to stay together indefinitely came "fairly early as far as I was concerned." As to what made their relationship last, he suggested, "It's something you work at...(It requires) consideration and caring...We have an awful lot of common interests (and) we're interested in what each other does." While some couples grow apart from each other, they found that "Our individual growth adds richness to the relationship.'

Sandmire concurred, mentioning some of their shared interests as museums, galleries, concerts and historical trivia. 'We've had our ups and downs like every relationship," he admitted, "but I don't think we've ever lost respect for one another." With that respect went trust, which "allowed us to be separated and come back together and pick it up where we left it...It never occurs to us to doubt one another."

Jack and Jim were always part of each other's families. Jack helped raise Jim's children. "My wife had custody sometimes and I had them sometimes," Sandmire said, adding, "but we kept their pets...The kids called Jack 'Mama Jack'...because I was the stern one in the family. When I said no they would go to Jack to get around me."

They also "raised" Jack's mother together. She's lived with them for most of the last 20 years, first as a neighbor and later sharing their house. She had a spiritual awakening at MCC. "That was how she found out we were gay," Jim said. "We decided it was time and took her to church with us. She had been a nominal Methodist, but she became a real Christian

through MCC."
According to Rev. Jim Mitulski, pastor of MCC of San Francisco, one of the last things Sandmire said before his death was, not afraid. I believe what I have

preached my whole adult life."

A memorial service for Rev. Jim Sandmire was scheduled to be held May 20 in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral, with the Rev. Troy Perry officia

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#### Gay information service adopts new toll-free number/adds new line

NEW YORK — The National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline, America's only toll-free gay information and counseling service, has adopted a new, easier-to-remember, nationwide calling number: 1-800-SOS-GAYS or 1-800-767-4297.

Simultaneously, the Crisisline increased its incoming call capacity by 25% with the addition of a telephone line, made possible through the gifts of private donors.

The Crisisline, which has been in operation for more than six years, is a program of the New York-based Fund for Human Dignity, the national, non-profit organization that provides and promotes better information about gay and lesbian lives.

Volunteers who staff the Crisisline telephones receive intensive training in crisis intervention and general counseling; approximately one-third of the 30,000 calls fielded in 1988 were from persons, especially teen-agers, who needed to discuss their sexual orientation, but were unaware of any other source of information and support. A computer database of more than 6,000 entries, developed especially for the Crisisline,

provides local referrals to the caller social support, information about AID healthcare, legal, psychological and other

"A growing number of callers are not gay," reports Julien Maurice, Crisisline Coordinator. "What this shows is the lack of reliable and honest information about being gay in many parts of the country. Gay and lesbian people need to know the facts, and so do their families and friends. The Crisisline is often the only source available

California, Pennsylvania and Massachsetts provide the largest numbers of callers to the Crisisline, about 12% each, with significant calls also coming from Ohio, Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Illinois.

For further information regarding the National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline, contact Julien Maurice, Coordinator, The Fund for Human Dignity, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. (212) 529-1600.

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#### ACT UP/Chicago attacks busses — Police respond with violence

by Rex Wockner

CHICAGO — In an unexpected display of aggressiveness, Chicago police manhandled several members of ACT UP/Chicago May 20, arresting, in the process, ten individuals who did not intend to commit civil disobedience.

At previous ACT UP demonstrations in the past year, Chicago police have treated the militant AIDS activists with what activists called "kid gloves".

The 250 AIDS demonstrators were protesting the lack of gay and sex-positive images in the AIDS messages placed on Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) busses and subway cars by the Chicago Department of Health (CDOH).

The group stopped busses at the busy New Town intersection of Clark, Diversey and Broadway, boarded them, took down the CDOH ads, and replaced them with explicitly pro-gay and pro-sex posters.

Scores of other protestors repeatedly crossed the streets of the five-way intersection, snarling traffic for more than an hour.

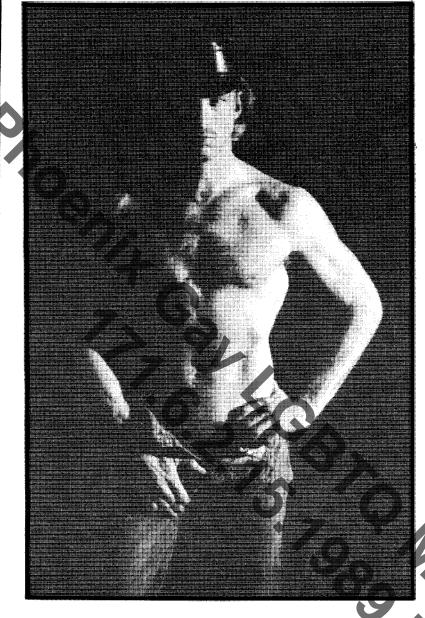
Motorists in the heavily gay neighborhood seemed mostly undisturbed by the traffic jam and many honked and yelled out windows to support the demonstrators.

Many of the arrests came when in-

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#### ACT UP/Chicago attacks buses Continued from page 7

dividual activists attempted to lie down near the edges of the street so other protesters could chalk outlines of their bodies on the pavement to syjmbolize those dead from

Each time, before the brief action was completed, Chicago police jerked the activists from the street and shoved them toward waiting paddy wagons.

Several demonstrators reported torn clothing, scratches and bruises. They were charged with 'mob action'.

Also charged with mob action were three identifiable ACT UP leaders who say they were nabbed by police while standing on the sidelines. In the past, Chicago police have always given ACT UP protestors warning that they were breaking the law, waited for them to stop doing so, and then returned to ask if they wanted to walk or be carried to the paddy wagon.

Following the May 20 demo, police were less hospitable than usual to the press as well, with 23rd District officials telling reporters to "file a Freedom of Information Act request" if they wanted the names of those arrested.

Such information is public record.

CTA officials were unavailable for comment, but have said in the past that advertising on buses and subways must be "suitable to [the] ridership" of "a family oriented business." At present, that policy excludes all references to gay sex, blood and semen.

by covering the waterfront."

Gekas' amendment was approved by a 5-0 vote with two not voting. Subcommittee members Reps. Larry Smith (D-Hollywood, Fla.) and John Conyers (D-Detroit, Mich.) were absent from the vote.

Shortly thereafter, the bill was approved by a unanimous 7-0 vote, with Smith and Convers voting by proxy.

Conyers voting by proxy.

Although lobbyists had feared a Gekas amendment calling for the deletion of "sexual orientation" from the bill, such fears never materialized.

"We weren't sure up until now that Mr. Gekas wouldn't pursue that," stated Carlton Lee, lobbyist for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "There had been no real indication he would, but there wasn't an indication he wouldn't. So we were very pleased that he chose not to and we're very pleased he's supporting the bill."

Based on his statements at the meeting, lobbyists expect Gekas to forgo attempting an anti-gay amendment on the House floor. That would, however, not stop other House members from introducing one, they note.

"It has taken the gay community two years in lobbying Congress to get to this point where...Mr. Gekas and [Rep. Howard] Coble [(R-Greensboro, N.C.)] — and others that have opposed the legislation in the past because we had sexual orientation included — have now removed their opposition to the legislation," added National Gay and Lesbian Task Force lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic. "And I think that speaks very well to the work that the Task Force, the Campaign Fund and other members of the coalition have done."

Lobbyists are now turning their attention to the House Judiciary Committee and to the full Senate, where they expect several anti-gay amendments from Helms.

"These don't delete 'sexual orientation," Radecic notes. "He doesn't have the votes to delete 'sexual orientation'. We established that last year. There's too much support for this bill and the inclusion of sexual orientation."

According to lobbyists, Helms' amendments include language which asserts that "homosexuality undermines the fabric of the American family as a basic unit of society"; insists that sodomy laws be enforced; demands that the Senate "shall pass no law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation"; and orders that school curricula not develop model programs that talk about homosexuality as "an acceptable lifestyle."

"We want action in the Senate," added Radecic, 'It's just a matter that the problem that we're facing in the Senate is the Helms amendment. But we can't move this bill until we have the votes to kill that Helms amendment and that's what we're working on."

Stra tegies being implemented to help defeat the expected Helms amendments include the gay and lesbian National Lobby Days, scheduled for June, and a push by HRCF to sign up people for their "Speak Out" pre-authorized congressional message campaign.

HRCF has been collecting names along the tour of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and signed up a record number of enlistees at the April 30 gay and lesbian March on Austin [Texas]. The group is concentrating its June sign-up campaign on Gay and Lesbian Pride celebrations nationwide.

"We're moving forward and I think we'll have the bill this year," added HRCF's Lee. "We just have to fight Jesse Helms."

#### House Subcommittee OKs Hate Crimes Statistics Act by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A key bill which would mandate the federal collection of statistics on hate motivated crimes cleared its first hurdle in the U.S. House May 18 when a House subcommittee unanimously approved the bill without an expected antigay amendment.

The 7-member House Criminal Justice Subcommittee May 18 gave quick approval to the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and sent it on to the full House Judiciary Committee with little discussion.

At the opening of the meeting, subcommittee chair Rep. Charles E. Schumer (D-Brooklyn, N.Y.) spoke out in favor of the bill, saying, "We are far too ignorant...of how often such heinous crimes occur nationwide...Currently, only nine states collect data on hate crimes and there are no national statistics on hate violence."

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 1048) would order the Justice Department

to collect data on crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Although the House passed the bill last year by a lopsided 383-29 vote, a last-minute action by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) kept the bill from the Senate floor, effectively killing it for that session of Congress.

Although Rep. George Gekas (R-Harrisburg, Penn.) last year introduced amendments in committee and on the House floor calling for the deletion of "sexual orientation", at the May 18 meeting he appeared to have abandoned those concerns. Instead, Gekas introduced an amendment which would allow the Attorney General to expand the bill to include other groups who in the future could become a target of "hate violence."

"That...may never come to be," stated Gekas. "By giving that authority to the Attorney General we are doing our job

#### NGRA discredits "homosexual panic" defense

SAN FRANCISCO — On May 26, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the California Court of Appeal attacking the use of the "homosexual panic" defense. Frankie Huie was convicted of first degree murder in 1987

after brutally beating and stabbing Stephen Mayeda, a 41 year old gay man who lived in San Francisco. Now, Huie is appealing his murder conviction, claiming that his violent acts resulted from a panic-ridden reaction to alleged sexual advances by Mayeda.

In its brief, NGRA argues to the court that the defense simply has no merit and that trial court Judge Timothy Reardon properly excluded expert psychological testimony offered in support of the defense.

"The 'homosexual panic' defense is nothing but bigotry in disguise," said Cynthia Goldstein, Director of NGRA's Anti-Violence Litigation Project. "We will fight the use of this baseless defense tactic here in California and in ever other state in which it rears its ugly head."

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"There is no factual or legal justification for the use of this defense. Just as our society will not allow a defendant to use vacial or gender-based projudices as an excuse for his violent acts, a defendant's homophobia is no defense to a violent

crime," said Joyce Norcini, who is leading the legal team for NGRA.

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA said, "The lesbian and gay community already suffers great injury at the hands of gay-bashers. NGRA will not allow the courts to compound this injury by officially sanctioning this defense."

In connection with the *Huie* case, NGRA has enlisted the assistance of Joyce Norcini, Kevin Cronin, Irwin Keller and Peter Zerbst from Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges, one of the Bay Area's most prestigious law firms.

In November 1988, NGRA initiated its Anti-Violence Litigation Project to use the judicial system to spearhead the fight against the use of the "homosexual panic" defense and other acts of anti-lesbian and gay violence. Project attorneys will litigate against the perpetrators of such violence, publish a manual to assist other lawyers in bringing civil suits, and offer technical assistance to prosecutors.

#### Entry deadline nears for Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival

SEATTLE — The deadline for entering events in the 1989 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival is rapidly approaching. Individuals or teams must have their entries postmarked by June 15 to take part in the 14 sport extravaganza in Seattle during the July 1-4 Independence Day holiday weekend.

Occurring 13 months before Gay Games III, the Sports Festival will likely be the last opportunity for lesbian and gay athletes to compete against each other, especially in sports such as fencing, martial arts and croquet.

The 1989 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival offers competition in tennis, softball, croquet, swimming, bowling, racquetball, diving, water polo, martial arts, running, bench press, golf, fencing and

volleyball

Weekend events for participants include a banquet on Monday, July 3 and an allathlete party Sunday, July 2 at the aquarium on Seattle's historic waterfront.

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The Sports Festival is once again made possible in part by a grant from K & L Distributors in Bellevue, Washington. K & L distributes Anheuser Busch, Perrier and Soho products throughout Western Washington.

Host housing can be arranged for athletes who wish it. In addition, a block of rooms at Seattle's Tropics Motor Inn has been reserved for Sports Festival athletes.

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#### Contributors to "Spring Into Action" feted at Little Jim's 307



Ron Barnes, LGCS, Bill Laybourne, Apollo's, Michael Straight, Durangos, Don Pintacura, TWE, and Paul Bayfield, LGCS at Little Jim's 307 party for "Spring Into Action"

PHOENIX — Relating that in February he had approached *The Western Express* for assistance in donations or fundraising to shore up dwindling funds of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard (LGCS) and how that had resulted in the two-months long "Spring Into Action" fundraising campaign, co-sponsored by Little Jim's 307 and the newspaper, Ron Barnes, co-executive director of LGCS, announced that the organization had received over \$2,100 in direct donations.

The announcement was made at a con-

gratulatory party for donors to the campaign at Little Jim's 307 on Tuesday, May 23. Barnes went on to thank Joe Mathieson, the bar's manager, who was most responsible for securing donations from the business sector, including liquor distributors, maintenance companies, bars and retailers, many of whom had not contributed to LGCS previously.

In honor of the occasion the bar had hosted a complimentary buffet and performances by pianist/singer Doug Cooper and The Golden Girls Revue.

#### Club KC hosts 'Celebration of Life '89'

PHOENIX — On Sunday, May 28, Club KC in conjunction with LJ Productions hosted an all day/all night entertainment extravaganza as a benefit for local

AIDS charities. It was the largest gathering of entertainers ever for any event in the

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gay community of Phoenix.

Commencing with 'Church' at noon featuring Johnny Eckhart, of Probe, L.A., one of the country's most noted DJ's, throughout the afternoon entertainers took to the new multi-level stage, imaginatively decorated by David's Designs, to play to the daytime audience. The evening was kicked off with the cast of Phoenix Little Theatre's production of *Hair* in a medly of the hit songs from the musical.

Following that each of the entertainers took to the stage to present a four-hour show of top music punctuated by their hit recordings. The crowd grew throughout the even-

ing and so did the pace, enthusiasm and additional donations to the benefit as the entertainers and staff extolled the audience to support AIDS related charities and activities.

In finale, all joined together in a special presentation to cap off the fifteen-hour benefit and express their appreciation to the audience.

In addition to those mentioned, the entertainment lineup included: Jayne Edwards, Linda Imperial, Denita James, Nicky Johnson, Cynthia Manley, Debbi Mason, Damion Michaels, Greg Stone, Tamara and Jessica Williams. Emcee was director LittleJohn McCary with Debbi Mason as codirector. Sound and lighting for the show by George Hill, Greg Martin and Dennis Putscher



Debbi Mason and Cynthia Manley join with the cast of "Hair" for show's opener.

#### National Day of Mourning by Bj Bud

PHOENIX — The Supreme Court of the United States of America took away the right to sexual privacy on June 30, 1986. In the *Bowers vs. Hardwick* decision, the Supreme Court upheld a Georgia sodomy law which makes homosexual activities a

CRY OUT!, Pittsburgh's lesbian/gay action group, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Privacy Project are collaborating with local groups on "The National Day of Mourning the Right to Privacy" to mobilize the United States gay and lesbian community to commemorate the third anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Bowers vs. Hardwick*. In Phoenix, the local group which is coordinating the event is the Coalition for Immediate Action (CIA).

The objectives of the Day of Mourn-

ing include making the issue of sodomy laws more visible in Arizona, encourage people to initiate discussions with state legislators about sodomy law repeal, and propel our political movement closer to realizing our collective goal of sexual freedom and choice for all people.

The CIA is planning a funeral procession on Friday, June 30, starting at North Mountain Park at 6:00 p.m., winding through the city, and ending at the Federal Court Building, 230 N. 1st Avenue with a rally and mock funeral.

Volunteers are needed to help at North Mountain, to work as peacekeepers, to put flyers up at the bars and to help with the logistics. Volunteers can contact the CIA at 246-8277 or by writing to P.O. Box 33233, Phoenix, AZ 85067.

#### Arizona Committee for Progress hosts fundraiser

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political involvement. It states as its purpose: "The Arizona Committee for Progress exists to end discrimination based on sexual orientation in the State of Arizona by working for the election of pro-human-rights political candidates. The Committee also strives to ensure that Arizona's lesbian/gay community is represented when relevant policy issues are considered by national, state and local authorities.

Persons interested in upcoming activities of the Arizona Committee for Progress can write to P.O. Box 40374, Phoenix, AZ 85067-0374.

#### State meeting on AIDS

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bian and gay community.

According to Harper, "In order to stop people from dying from AIDS, we *must* stop denying how AIDS is transmitted and what it's going to take to convince gay men to change their sexual attitudes and behaviors and start concentrating on PREVENTION. AIDS is transmitted in the gay community by unprotected anal intercourse. It is not easily transmitted by oral sex unless the recipient has an open wound in his mouth."

Not only are the gay men of Arizona slow in responding to the warnings from the medical community but the state administrators are also slow in providing the services and funding necessary. According to Harper, "This group [gay and bisexual men] accounts for 78% of all AIDS cases in Arizona yet receives only a fraction of the funding. [State and county] prevention efforts among gay and bisexual men, are very, very, minimal," he said. "If most of our attention isn't focused on those who are spreading this disease, we have no hope of stopping AIDS in Arizona," he added.

"The goal to stop AIDS in Arizona is formidable," said Richard Quinn, Affirmation AIDS Community Liaison. "It deals with behavior change. It deals with sex. It requires convincing an entire subculture of their vulnerability. It requires awakening bureaucrats, politicians, clergy, voters, and

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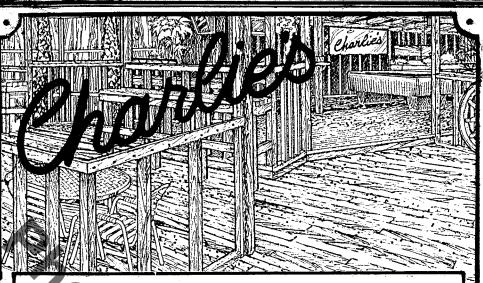
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the gay community to the severity of the danger," he said.

The true nature of the tragedy of this disease has been denied from the beginning. Such denial has repeatedly only made the tragedy worse. Statistics compiled by ADHS, Division of Disease Prevention, showed over 200 cases of full blown AIDS diagnosed in Arizona per year for the last two years; 80% of which are in Maricopa County alone. The day will come when we have one new case of AIDS per day. The ratio of AIDS cases in Maricopa County is 36.51 cases per 100,000 population. In Pima County the ratio is 27.85 cases per 100,000 population; Pima County's ratio is more than twice as high as any rural county in the state.

As of April 30, 1989, there were 54,402 deaths from AIDS nationally, according to the Center for Disease Control. That is more than the population of Yuma. The United States suffered 53,513 battle deaths in World War I. There were 47,192 battle deaths in the Vietnam war. (*The World Almanac*, 1981, page 317.)

Additional statistics presented by ADHS Medical Epidemiologist Dr. Bob England showed there were 772 reported cases of AIDS diagnosed in Arizona as of May 1, 1989. During his slide show, he predicted that by 1992, there will be about 3,000 cases of full blown AIDS diagnosed in Arizona.

As scary as those stats are, the figures for asymptomatic HIV Seropositive (people who have tested positive, but have not shown any symptoms) are worse. Since 1987 when reported testing was started, almost 1,800 people have been reported as testing positive for the AIDS antibodies. Over 1,000 cases are white; most are males who live in Maricopa County. What are your chances of being infected? "If you engage in unprotected anal intercourse," Harper declared, "your chances of being infected

go up every single day.

Government is *not* going to pay for adequate risk reduction and prevention programs for white, gay males," predicts Harper. "Prevention programs will have to arise out of the gay community itself with or without funding. The gay community cannot possibly raise enough dollars to pay for the care of people who are already sick. That is a responsibility that the government must take on. But the gay community can and must take on risk reduction and prevention at the grass roots level. Waiting for 'so-meone else' or government funding before implementing gay-directed prevention programs is a deadly form of denial."

The Community AIDS Council (CAC) through Sharing Weekend raises about \$4,000 per month. During the two years that CAC has been collecting money during the third weekend of the month, they have raised over \$108,000 according to Bob Aronin, CAC Director. "And still the needs of PWAs

goes unmet," he said. "We have had over 700 volunteers involved in Sharing Weekend, but we still need more volunteers to collect donations at the bars," he added.

Phoenix Shanti, the community AIDS care facility, is backlogged with its case load. It too is asking for more volunteers. "We have so many people on the list who need help that we can't even get them telephoned to assess their needs, let alone assign a case worker or friend to them," said Dean Jones, Vice President Phoenix Shanti Group.

"Not wanting the stigma of calling AIDS 'The Gay Plague', the gay community worked hard to convince us that we're all in this together. It is not a gay disease. And that strategy worked — so what happens when we're all in this together? The gay community is ignored. Now every group you can imagine is funded and the gay community receives a small trickle," stated Harper.

"The argument for prevention funding for every other risk group (ie: women, infants, people of color, and IV users) is that concentrating services and money for those other groups will prevent the disaster that happened to gay men. For a number of reasons, including squeamishness, heterosexism, homophobia and ignorance, a huge gap has occurred. It isn't going to be filled with Federal or state monies any time soon. What Federal monies are available to gay men are available only after they're sick. The gay community can only count on itself to stop the infection," according to Judith Curtis-Mardon, Co-Director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard/Arizona AIDS Information Line (LGCS/AAIL).

'Safe sexual practices have to become the NORM within the gay community. Safe sex has been popular in other areas for years, but Phoenix is 2-3 years behind because the urgency wasn't there. It's time to make safe sex fashionable — safe sex is IN. Living is IN. Unprotected anal sex is OUT. Condoms are IN," observed Ron Barnes, Co-Director of LGCS/AAIL. "The Switchboard is already providing free condoms to the Flex Complex and is currently working on getting condoms donated so that we can make them available to the community. It seems to be easier to give away money to help a friend who is dying than it is to change behavior in the heat of pas-

Among the ideas presented by the participants to eroticize safe sex were establishing a marketing program modeled after the "Don't let a friend drive drunk" campaign, hanging safe sex posters in the bars, handing out cards with safe sex ideas on them, using the gay papers to keep the idea of safe sex in the public eye, and publishing the obituaries of people who have died of AIDS complications to personalize the tragedy. Other ideas included having the female impersonators, DJs and other public figures talk about safe sex in a positive and erotic manner.

#### OP changes meeting dates

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programs are being planned throughout the summer."

OP programs begin at 7:30 p.m. with no-host beverages at the Hotel Park Tucson, followed by the general meeting at 8:00 p.m. "We're keeping the bar open following the meeting," says Whitehurst, "to encourage our members and visitors to become better acquainted with each other. That wasn't possible while we were on the Thursday night schedule, because people rushed home thinking about having to get up early for work the next morning."

According to Whitehurst, OP members and newcomers are still welcome to regular OP meetings free of charge. Repeat visitors, however, who have chosen not to join the association are charged \$10 at the door. Reservations are unnecessary, but those interested in OP's programs can call 296-4642 in Tucson for more details.

"OP is a group of businesses and professional people who have joined together for educational and humanitarian purposes," stated Whitehust. "Our goals are to promote and strengthen our members' businesses and careers and to help build a better community."

#### **Around The Globe**

#### **3rd Brazilian Conference in Rio de Janeiro** by John Hubert

Atoba, the three year old group from Rio de Janeiro, organized the 3rd National Brazilian Lesbian and Gay Conference held January 6, 7 and 8, 1989.

The Brazilian government had promis-

ed to help with funding the conference, but due to homophobic pressures, disavowed its previous agreement forcing Atoba to send out an international appeal to help cover the meeting costs. The title of the conference was "Stonewall Inn, 20 Years After — The Fight Continues". Seventeen groups from every corner of Brazil participated, representing a considerable increase in the Brazilian movement over the past two to three years. These national conferences have proven a unifying force for the lesbian and gay groups of Brazil.

Some of the topics discussed in workshops during the three day gathering included: The National State of the Movement, The International Movement & the ILGA, Women, Transvestites, AIDS, Violence and Religion.

Atoba was formed in September of 1985 following the brutal anti-gay assassination of Sidney Quintanilha dos Santos, a friend of those who subsequently formed the group, exploring ways to protect gay people from homophobic macho violence.

group, exploring ways to protect gay people from homophobic macho violence.

In England, the "Repeal Clause 28" movement is underway and expected to be a long, hard fought battle. International letters are counted on to play a big part in the educational efforts aimed at the British Government. Readers who would like to help can write to: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Buckingham Palace, London W1, England, asking her to invoke powers to grant a Royal pardon for all homosexuals for their crime of being born with a lesbian or gay sexual orientation.

Boy George's newest single, "No Clause 28", is his personal protest against the new British laws banning the "promotion of homosexuality" by local authorities.

Boy George says that if homosexuality is banned, he'll have to put himself under house arrest. "There will be no theatre, no art, and quite a few less pop stars," he says.

Macho Tips #18, 66 pages of news, stories and features about gay Mexico, is now available. Features include such topics as Adopting a Child, Alcoholics Anonimous, Condomania, plus maps of gay Mexico City, a guide covering all of Mexico, classifieds and lots of pictures. Macho Tips is one of the finest publications printed in Spanish. Order your copy from International Wavelength, Inc., 2215-R Market St., #236, San Francisco, CA 94114 for \$3.75 including postage.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), with a primary outreach to the lesbian and gay community, has announc-

ed that their 18-year-old Samaritan College will become a fully accredited university capable of training needed professional leadership in many areas to meet the particular needs of the international lesbian and gay community.

Founded by Rev. Troy Perry in 1968, UFMCC is one of the fastest growing denominations in the world with hundreds of churches around the globe. Black universities in the U.S. often started as religious seminaries, the same as UFMCC's Samaritan College. They now provide outstanding professional leadership for the Black Community. Samaritan University will do the same for gay people.

The first school, the School of Human Services, is now being developed with the Lesbian Studies Department being its first section. For more information, write to Samaritan University, 5930 Comey Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90034.

Some pen friends who would like to hear from people in the United States and other exotic lands, include:

Safari U, c/o P.O. Box 503, Balikpapan (Kal-Tim), 76101, Indonesia. 21 years, likes correspondence, theatre, disco, painting and singing. Send photo, will write all, any age.

Alfonso Escobar, Puebla 418-1, 06700, Mexico, D.F. Mexico. 29 years, likes to travel, read and enjoy correspondence and visits with new friends. English or Spanish. Photo gets photo.

Photo gets photo.

Boniface Yang, Co P.O. Box 583, 93712
Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia. Chinese male, 27, hobbies include reading, traveling, corresponding and music. Seeks pals over 29. Replies assured.

Jo Jo, P.O. Box 7130, Wadala, Bombay 400031, India. 19 years, welcomes penfriends worldwide. Enjoys tennis, discos and modeling.

Husein Adiwidjaja, DRS; 8A, JL. DR Cipto Dalam, Bukit Besar: Palembang; Indonesia. 27, hobbies are sports, correspondence and traveling.

Women who wish to correspond with other lesbians around the globe can send your ad to ILIS, c/o COC, Rozenstraat 8, 1016 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands, for publication in the International Lesbian Information Service Newsletter.

#### Inside The Washington Lobby

What Makes A Disease A Public Health Threat? by Chai Feldblum and Laura Markowitz

The way the laws are currently set up, the government is allowed to refuse visas to immigrants and visitors who have dangerous, communicable diseases. The immigration and Naturalizaton Service (INS) — the agency that implements laws concerning immigration — came up with a list of six or seven dangerous, communicable diseases, including such diseases as tuberculosis and syphilis, based on recommendatons from the Public Health Service. An amendment offered by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) in June 1987 ordered the INS to add HIV infection to that list.

The INS drew up new regulations to implement the law. The regulations required that all immigrants had to be tested for HIV infection, including refugees and those applying for permanent residence under the Amnesty Legalization Program. If the immigrant or refugee tested positive, the person was to be refused entry.

During the discussion in the Senate before the amendment was passed, it was clear that Senators thought they were voting for a law that would keep immigrants with HIV infection out of the United States, but that would not necessarily apply to visitors. The amendment itself, however, did not make that distinction clear and the law that was passed applies equally to immigrants and visitors. The INS regulations don't require that visitors be tested for HIV, but if INS officials find out, or are told, that a visitor is infected with the AIDS virus, they can bar the visitor from entering the country.

There is another catch to all this. For

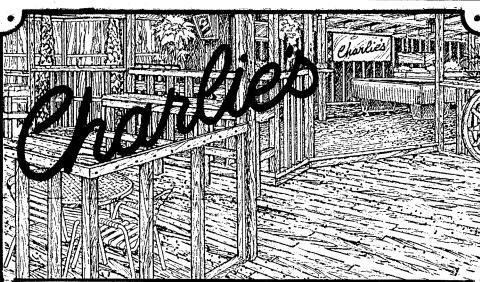
refugees who are HIV infected and for those applying for permanent residency under the Amnesty Legalization Program who are HIV infected, the INS may grant a waiver and allow them entry. But for regular immigrants, the law demands exclusion, with no possibility of a waiver in any circumstance.

It is unfortunate that such a law was passed, since HIV infection is not the same kind of disease as the others listed as "dangerous and communicable." HIV is not casually communicable like tuberculosis, for example, which is transmitted through the air when the infected person is in a contagious state.

AIDS lobbyists contend that the law should be changed to drop HIV infection completely from the list, or at least allow immigrants and visitors liberal waivers if they are HIV infected. Congressperson Barney Frank (D-MA) has introduced a major immigration reform bill that allows, for the first time, the possibility of waivers for immigrants with HIV infection (although it is a restrictive waiver) and maintains the current waiver provision for visitors. Congressperson Bill McCullum (R-FL) plans on offering an amendment to this bill that would completely exclude all waivers for both immigrants and visitors with HIV. All of this is on the horizon for the coming months.

In the meantime, the treatment of visitors who are HIV infected is a continuing source of controversy. There have been

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#### Coming Events

#### Saturday & Sunday, June 3rd & 4th

"Phoenix In Denver Weekend" Celebrating the Opening of Charlie's Denver's New Location

#### Sunday, June 4th

Phoenix Gay Pride Committee Pancake Breakfast Noon till 2 PM. Your \$2 donation will help finance the Phoenix Gay Pride Celebration, Saturday, June 17

#### Monday, June 5th

Celebrate the Eighth Anniversary of Charlie's Denver with 8¢ Cocktails From 4 till 8 PM

#### Tuesday, June 6th

"Mr. Charlie's" Weekly Contest A Benefit for L.G.C.S.

#### Saturday & Sunday June 10th & 11th

"Spring Volleyball Tournament Playoffs" — 2 PM

#### Saturday, June 10th

Third Semi-Final Round of AGRA/Charlie's Dance Contest.

Two winning couples from the finals on July 8 will be sent to Albuquerque for the IGRA Convention, July 21 & 22

#### Sunday, June 11th

AGRA General Membership Meeting, 5 PM AGRA Casino Night, 7 PM AGRA Turnabout, 7 till 10 PM

#### Tuesday, June 13th

"Mr. Charlie's" Weekly Contest A Benefit for L.G.C.S.

#### Wednesday, June 14th

Sunburst Squares Casino Night 7 till 11 PM

#### Saturday, June 17th

People and Persons Sunday Bowling League

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#### by Rodney Martin

June is Gay Pride Month with over 170 cities taking part in celebrating it. Many will be travelling to the major cities, San Francisco, L.A. and possibly New York and Chicago to take part and some have already been to several already held. Phoenix has one too, a rally and March on June 17, however we don't have information on it. There are many ways you can celebrate your pride of our lifestyle: pledge help this month to a human rights political candidate for the upcoming election; visit any of the several bars for their observances of Gay Pride; join with friends for your own observance; pledge time or donations to our AIDS and community service organizations; and, many more.



Barry in winning form at Durangos Talent Night.

The sign is back at **Apollo's** (really, **Vera**, I won't say another nasty thing about you!)

Remember The Duchess and the 'Duchess-in-the-pool' story? Well, this person has real revenge on the mind and the target is Albert. What will happen? I just know I want to be there! Somehow I got Bob Lewis involved, however please know it did not happen at his pool — sorry Bob — hopefully The Duchess isn't after you too.

Barry won the first "Amateur Night" at Durangos, which now takes place every week. What a turnout for their first show — big crowd and lots of entries with lots of talent! Barry put together a tap routine (?) in a walker — and walked away with \$100.00!

Welcome back everyone from the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo. I'm sure that as usual everyone had a great time and there'll probably be a number of buckles and ribbons to prove the prowess of our Arizona participants. Next up is Colorado's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, always a favorite destination for Phoenix contestants. Check with A.G.R.A. for further information.



**MoJo** and **DejaVu** the latest couple???? WellIII, best of luck. By the way MoJo has never met Alice Cooper.

Hollywood Burnette told me that she's getting closer and closer to the Las Vegas departure date and can't wait!



Deja Vu and MoJo

Miss Gay Phoenix Pageant '89 is getting near with the show on June 25. Penelope is planning it for Days Inn on Camelback Road. As of print date, 10 contestants and the room is almost sold out. Save me a seat...it sounds like it could really warm up!



Just like a little kid at his sixth birthday party. Only this little kid was Eddie Davis at his fortieth.



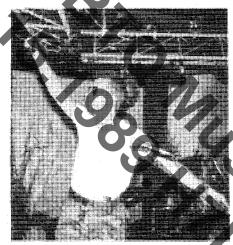
Doug Cooper, his mom and Earl out on the town for Mother's Day.













"Celebration of Life '89" at Club KC. (Clockwise from left) Cynthia Manley; Denita James and Damien Michaels; DJ Johnny Eckhart; LJ and the kids join Tamara; Linda Imperial; Greg Stone. All together for an AIDS benefit.

Welcome back Vern Saylor from Hawaii. Did a stint with the military and has returned home with a SMILE on his face — or is that a wrinkle?

**Vera** and *Co.* went out for dinner the other night only to find there was so much silverware on the table that they knew they were in for a treat . . .\$500 for a three lobster dinner????

Richard (aka Church Lady in retirement) and new beau paid Phoenix a surprise visit last week from L.A. Now the word is that they are happily married, but neither sports a ring?? What, you don't want them...You can't affort them...Waiting for the right moment . . .??? Anyway, real good to have you in town.

Marianne Ferrari has just put our her new Places Of Interest for 1990. This is something the she is, and should be, very proud of. It looks real good. Job well done. You can pick one up at any of the bars or businesses.

A happy send-off to all the people going to Denver for "Phoenix Denver" weekend this weekend. Hear there's a real

big group heading up there for the opening of Charlie's Denver new location — actually it's already opened, but not the way it'll be open after this group gets through with

Well, when you least expect it,  $\star C \star H \star E \star E \star R \star S \star$  could be right behind you. Save me that barstool!!!!



Richard (R) with his friend.

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#### The Martini Chronicles

...Sunday, June 4 will be a benefit performance of the hit musical Suds at Phoenix Little Theatre for Arizona AIDS Project. 7:00 p.m. with tickets at \$30.00 per person for reserved seating and a champagne cast reception following. Proceeds to AAP.

... The ZOO at Club BS West, organized by David Carpenter, was a big success on its first night last Monday. Jazz, light rock, good talk, laid-back atmosphere - every Monday from 8:00 p.m.

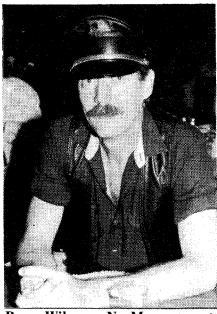


Felicia starts a one person AIDS campaign.

.. Phoenix SHANTI Group netted over \$1,000 at Marlys' on the 20th with "Thee Benefit Show" organized by Bobby Locke and Dean Jones. Great show, both inside and outside. More planned for the future.

...TRAX multi-color nights (Red Night, White Night and Black and Blue Night) over Memorial Day weekend was a big success with lots of good ole' rock 'n roll.

.. Don't forget to get registrations in the The Steer's upcoming Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer Contest. It'll be hot for



Wilcox, Nu-Manager NuTowne Saloon.

sure! Businesses and organizations can sponsor candidates for the local contest with the winner going to San Francisco to compete in the national contest.

. A.G.R.A. and Charlie's continue their **E/W** Dance Contest on June 10 & 17 with finals on July 8 with winners going to the national contest in Albuquerque later that month, so grab a partner!

...Cash Inn has four weeks of "Summer White Country Burs Contests" on Mondays, June 5 to 26. \$100 grand prize plus title of "Mr. Cash Inn

Charlie's Phoenix celebrates the eighth anniversary of Charlie's Denver with another of those 'blue penny specials': 8¢ cocktails from 4 to 8 PM on Monday, June

...Apollo's couldn't have been more packed than on Memorial Day when they did "Monday Morning Live". From the front to the back, shoulder to shoulder to see a fun show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. During the show, hosted by Cindy Miller, Tamara



Paul Bayfield, LGCS, Bill McDonald, AAP, and Bob Palmer, CAC accept checks for \$668 each - money raised by the Our Gang Bowling League.



Mary and Donna show off Mary's 2nd Place trophy at the bowling banquet and

dedicated a number to Phoenix SHANTI Project which netted nearly \$400 for the organization.

**Bobby's** brings back the strippers for 'Daddy's Day' on Sunday, June 18 — always a big event. There'll be plenty of people on and but probably not too many will take

their fathers — their mothers might enjoy it, though.

... NuTowne Saloon has expanded their Sunday Brunches to include all-you-can-eat hamburgrs and hot dogs for a buck plus a \$2 steak fry. Also new hours — open 10 a.m. daily for the early birds and noon on Sundays.



Contestants for the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo At Cash Inn's sendoff party.



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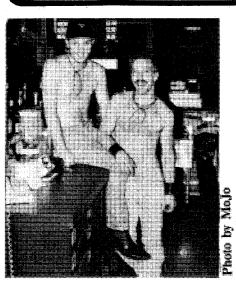
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... Wink's hosted a rodeo send-off party for their entrants Woody and Todd, in the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo with a big crowd on hand. Outstanding C/W vocalist Michael Ford performed with a big ovation for a great voice. They will be celebrating Iceberg Phoenix Grand Prix day with specials and televised coverage.

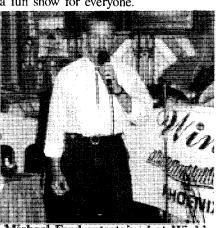
... Talk of the Town brings back their 'Body Building Contest' after a first-time success last month and lots of requests from customer/participants — Sunday, June 25

...Jay's Brazil will commence construction of their new dance floor and general improvements and additions to the bar soon and hopefully will be ready for some hot boogeying.



Sal at TRAX Military Night.

... Rags to Riches Players return to Incognito with an all-new show on Sunday, June 11. These are talented women who do a fun show for everyone.



Michael Ford entertained at Rodeo Send-Off Party.

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Felicia, Miss Cinco de Mayo, from Little Jim's 307's "Golden Girls Revue", has pledged the tips from a special number in ach of her shows for the next year to go to AIDS charities. It already is around \$200 and at that rate should be a considerable amount by next May.

Preston's will be celebrating their first anniversary in June and are planning special entertainment and of course there'll be bufspecials. Watch for detail



At Miss Gay Tucson Pageant: Deja Vu, Miss Gay Phoenix; Christine Shade, Miss Gay Tucson; Mona Littlemore, Miss Gay Arizona.



loody and Todd, Wink's entrants for the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo.

Bill Reinke will receive the Hudiburgh-Skinner Memorial Humanitarian Award, 1988, in a special presentation and celebra-tion on Thrusday, June 8, 8:00 p.m. at **Club BS West**. Reinke, on hand that night, was unable to attend and receive the award at The Western Express Readers Choice Awards, so friends have arranged this special presentation. Friends and former employees are invited to join in for the



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#### Inside The Washington Lobby

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about 10 known cases where the INS has refused visitors entry into the United States because they were told or somehow knew that the foreigner had AIDS or was HIV infected. None of those cases were ever officially challenged until a Dutch visitor named Hans Paul Verhoef flew to Minnesota, on his way to attend the Gay and Lesbian Health Conference in San Francisco last month.

The INS office in Minnesota refused Verhoef permission to enter because he had AIDS, but when Verhoef fought their ruling, the local office relented and agreed to let him enter. The INS office in Washington, however, overruled the Minnesota office decision and refused Verhoef permission to enter. Finally, an immigration judge heard the case and ruled that Verhoef could enter the United States.

Can the INS keep visitors who are HIV infected out of the United States? Under their own regulations, the INS's key factors in allowing a waiver are that the danger to the public health must be minimal, the possibility of spread of infection minimal, and the U.S. government must not have to bear any costs in caring for the person. In the case of a person who is HIV infected

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and who practices safe sex and does not share contaminated needles, the threat to public health and possibility of spread of infection is minimal. The cost to the government is nothing if the person has other forms of health insurance or will need no medical care.

What the Verhoef controversy showed is that the central INS office is applying its regulations strictly. The National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) — a coalition of health, social service, research and advocacy organizations — has been asking members of Congress to ask the INS to clarify that anyone with HIV infection that understands safe sex and drug practices and agrees to abide by them should not be considered a threat to public health. That would take away any reason the INS might have for keeping out visitors who are HIV infected.

There is a deadline at hand: the Fifth International Congress on AIDS will begin in Montreal on June 5, and many conference goers — some who are HIV infected — will be passing through the United States on their way to Canada. The INS may create problems for them. In addition, the Sixth International Conference on AIDS is scheduled to be held in San Francisco next year — the city expects at least 10,000 foreign delegates to attend, including many with HIV — but conference organizers are concerned about the current INS problems and will discuss changing the meeting place when they gather in Montreal this June.

Time is short, but if enough members of Congress voice their concerns to the INS, perhaps the problem can at least be ameliorated so that U.S. imigration policies do not become an international embarrassment.

Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union AIDS Project.

Laura Markowitz is an editor of a national magazine and a lesbian activist.

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#### Ballet Arizona invites Valley residents to "Come for the night and stay for the season"

Enjoy a magic evening of ballet as a guest of Ballet Arizona, the Southwest's only professional ballet company. This special performance for supporters and friends of the ballet will be Saturday, June 10, 8:00 p.m. at Phoenix Symphony Hall. A limited number of complementary seats are available to the general public by reservation only. Reservations may be made by calling 381-0184. "This performance is an excellent opportunity to experience the quality company Jean Paul Comelin has assembled from such world reknown ballets as the Joffrey, American Ballet Theatre and The Zurich Opera Ballet" said Board Chairman Allen Rosenberg.

The program for the Saturday night performance will be *The Wolf After John*, which is a new ballet choreographed by principal dancer Donald Dadey. Set to the music of Wolfgang Mozart after John Christian Bach (hence the title) the ballet traces the evolution of dance from the 1800's to the present. The performance will also include *The Pas de Deux from "A Requiem"*,

music by Tchaikovsky, choreography by Jean Paul Comelin. *Les Nuits D'Ete*, music by Hector Berloiz and choreography by Jean Paul Comelin. *Entre Dos Aguas*, which was premiered in Arizona last winter, music by Paco DeLucia and choreography by Robert North is back by popular demand after receiving standing ovations and cirtical acclaim.

The program "A Requiem" that was originally planned, will be rescheduled pending the completion of the Herberger Theater Center in Phoenix. Continual construction delays have made it impossible to coordinate and present the dual city world premiere in both Phoenix and Tucson as had been planned.

This performance marks the finale of Ballet Arizona's third season as the Southwest's only professional ballet company, and is part of their fundraising goal of \$300,000 by June 30. Reservations can be made by calling Ballet Arizona at 381-0184.

Herberger Theater brings its own rodeo to town with 'Cowgirls'

The Herberger Theater Center and the Great North American History Theatre have joined together to bring 'Cowgirls' to the Valley. 'Cowgirls' is a new country western and folk musical written by award-winning playwright, Lance Belville, with music and lyrics by Arizona's Official State Balladeer, Dolan Ellis. The world premiere production will take audiences right into the rodeo ring where hearts and bones are broken and great dreams are ridden to glory or reined to a standstill.

The musical, which celebrates real life heroines of the present day West, ranch women and rodeo riders, is based on extensive research and interviews by Belville and Ellis of past and present day cowgirls. The stories are shared through the cast of eight actresses and a three member cowboy band. Scenes flash back to experiences on desert and prairie ranches. Each cowgirl has her story - spurring her onto the Rodeo Road, told in the myth and song of the Old West and the New West.

Playwright Lance Belville has over thirty plays to his credit and is the recipient of National Endowment for the Arts and Jerome Foundation fellowships. Grammy Award-winning Dolan Ellis was a founding member of the New Christy Minstrels.

'Cowgirls' will be presented at A.S.U.'s Galvin Playhouse on Mill Ave. in Tempe commencing Tuesday, June 6. Tickets available through Herberger Box Office at 252-TIXS

#### Danny Williams at CLUB KC

Danny Williams, who first took his comedy act on stage in San Francisco in 1982, has in those seven years since established himself as a solid hit on stages throughout the country.

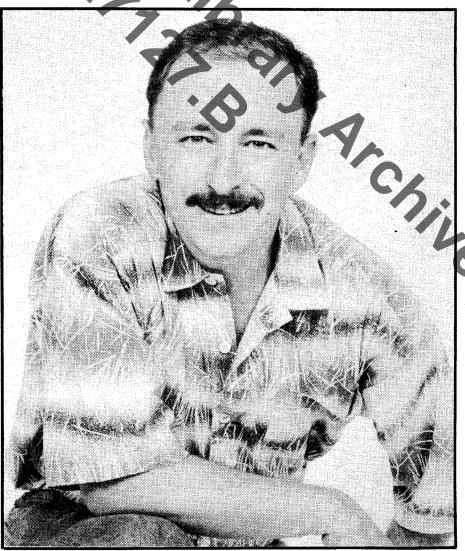
He has the reviewers' praise: "A sassy, clever gay comedian", San Francisco Chronicle; "The gay community's premier comedian", San Francisco Examiner; "Funniest comic in town, gay, straight, or otherwise", Bay Area Reporter, among many more

And he has the awards to prove his talents: '87 Cable Car Award "Entertainer of the Year"; '87 and '88 Gay Community

Award "Entertainer of the Year"; and, again more.

His busy career was launched with the recording of "Castro Boys", a gay version of "Valley Girl" and a first engagement at San Francisco's Valencia Rose. Since then he has added appearances in Boston, Denver, Birmingham, Washington, D.C., Phoenix and a long list of Gay Pride and community celebrations.

Williams brings his wit to the new three-level stage at CLUB KC on Wednesday, June 14, together with The Men of KC, as the club's presentation for Gay Pride '89. Showtime at 9:00 p.m.



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#### Doug Cooper - Fun Nights at Little Jim's 307

Nights at the '307 have changed drastically on Tuesdays and Wedesdays since the arrival of The Doug Cooper Show. From 8 till 11 p.m. a big cross section of the community gathers to hear two-time Western Express Readers Choice Male Entertainer of the Year winner Doug Cooper and his surprise guests.

sopen-mike nights for those with talents to sing along and take part in the antics provided by Cooper, the staff and a number of the city's barowners and bartenders on nights off. And its a great way just to sit back and be entertained.



#### Concerts Under The Stars - folk/bluegrass/CW music

Music will fill the nighttime air every Wednesday night for the month of June from 8 to 9 p.m. at Encanto Park's Southside, 2121 N. 15th Ave.

With varied programs, the "Concert Under the Stars" series continues through August 30. The June schedule will include: Les and Judy Taylor June 7 - A midwest couple with musical influences from folk and bluegrass to country/western;

Al FergusonwithTrov McCourt and the Cherry River Boys June 14 - Ferguson per-

forms the history of country music in song and story with old-time country music recording artists McCourt and Cherry

Single Vision June 21 - Contemporary Christian Rock;

Dude Wranglers June 28 - Country/Western and square dance music from the 40's through the 80's.

Information about "Concert Under the is available by calling 261-8991.

#### ATC announces results of fund raising/1989-90 season

As reported earlier in The Western Express, Arizona Theatre Company had launched a \$972,000 "Fight for Life" fund raising drive to offset budget deficits of the 1988-89 season and to provide for the next season. Without that necessary funding the company could not continue in existence.

Only three months into the drive, on Wednesday, May 24, ATC's Interim CEO, George Rosenberg reported that \$630,000 had been collected and that work was commencing on scheduling a 1989-90 season.

Rosenberg said, "We are very positive about the future of the Company and the response that we have received in answer to our plight and obviously the theatre going public is feeling positive as well. To date we have received more than 2,700 renewals from our season subscribers, so it is apparent that they are betting on ATC being around next year

ATC Artistic Director Gary Gisselman and General Manager Jay Rabins are in the process of determining availabilities of various properties for the upcoming season which will be announced within the next

"Although we will be living on substantially reduced budget next year, don't intend to compromise the quality of the shows our audiences have come to ex pect," stated Gisselman. "The shows may sport smaller casts or we may rely less on 'extravagant' sets and costumes, but the shows will still be of high professional

ATC operates in both Phoenix and Tucson and in Phoenix will be part of the family of performance companies at the new Herberger Theater Center.

#### **Book Review**

"The Buccaneers of the Spanish Main" M.S. Hunter, Alyson Publications, \$8.95

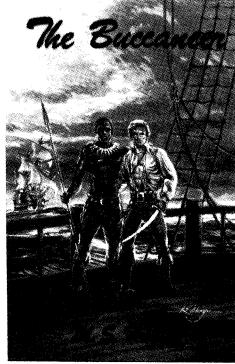
M.S. Hunter has presented readers with a novel based on a little-known and littlereported on bit of history: the gay lifestyle of the buccaneers of the 17th Century, in *The* Buccaneer, Alyson Publications, \$8.95

You think those Caribbean buccaneers who sailed the Spanish Main were a bunch of dashing, young, white Robin Hoods who went about rescuing beautiful maidens in distress? Right? Wrong!

Then, they must have been a bunch of murderous psychopaths, like the 18th Century priate Blackbeard. Right? Wrong again!

Although they certainly led lives of violence, the buccaneers did not see themselves as criminals. They were often employed by the colonial governments as privateers - irregular naval auxiliaries - ordinary seamen acting as loyal servants to king and country in the national struggles with Spain. It was only near the end of the century that England and France stopped using them and declared their activities illegal. It was then that the very different era, the era of pirates, began - a different breed of men in a different historical situation.

As for Hollywood's notion of buccaneers rescuing beautiful maidens, that would have been tough in the 17th Century



- a time when there was approximately one woman for every five or six men in the

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#### "Hot Ticket!"

#### by Jeffrey Wilson

**Donna Summer** (Atlantic) "This Time I Know It's For Real". Remember what you truly liked best about Donna Summer — the perfect blend of her femininely vulnerable, yet powerful vocals — coupled wtih melodic lyrics in a song that made you run for the dance floor. This time, as the title of the first single indicates, it's for real. Bouncing from subsidiaries of the WEA conglomerate, Donna gracefully glides through Geffen to Atlantic Records on the production stylings of Stock/Aiken/Waterman (who skyrocketed the unlikely looking blue-eyed soul star, Rick Astley). Ms. Summer has recaptured her commercially successful musical roots, topping the European charts with the catchy mid-tempo tune, and bringing it home to the U.S. If disco had adapted and tastefully survived the decade, and the relationships of Bellote/Moroder/Summer and Casablanca progressed with the musical transitions to 1990s acceptability, then you might easily recognize the parallel here. Her rush release album, Another Time And Place should prophetically re-establish a career which has floundered all too long.

Donna Summer (Atlantic) Another Time And Place. Dance music's good-time lady returns at the end of a decade through which she endured a tumultuous recording career and an equally controversial relationship with her fan base. With fresh producers and label change intact, Summer resumes her ascent to pop respectability anew with the Stock/Aiken/Waterman production of ten fresh tracks, most of which beckon dance club enthusiasts at the very first listen.

On the heels of a fiery new single, "This Time I Know It's For Real" (see above), Donna provides even more fuel with the potential hits "If It Makes You Feel Good" and "Whatever Your Heart Desires", both loaded with pizazz for dancing or driving with the top down this Summer. "I Don't Wanna Get Hurt" sets the pace for all the danceable numbers through pulsing synthesized keyboards and chorused title lyric harmonies. Similar to this opener and the current hit single is "The One". "Sentimental" Stock/Aikmen/Waterman meet Merrill and Rubicam as the bouncy "so sentimental" chases the later authors' "So Emotional", but it's fun. The interspersed trumpet program throughout "Sentimental", a lilting reminiscence of Herb Alpert, adds an interesting flavor here.

The title track, a pleasant upbeat ballad, is the lightest fare, joined by the amiable lament, "When Love Takes Over You". An anthem and a concert closer can be found in the collection's last song, the rollicking "Love's About To Change My Heart". Music is the medium to soothe and heal many emotional wounds, and perhaps a misunderstood Donna and her aching fans can forgive each other, because, for Summer, this is truly *Another Place and Time*.

#### 'Polter'Ross — The Dark Side

To a Supreme fan, what story buoying the groups' Flo Ballard could be complete

without slamming Diana Ross? But, seriously readers, the *Erica Kane* or *Alexis Carrington-Colby* of Motown Records is back from an all-too-brief hiatus. Diana's coming back twice this summer, whether she wants to, or not.

"Workin' Overtime" is the title of Rosss' debut single, preceding the album by the same name, since her return to the *new* Motown under MCA Records. Recently, a cute story came out of Southern California depicting how The Boss ended up with such an artsy cover for the package. Motown's art department in Hollywood painstakingly tried to design an album cover to the diva's desire without success. You see, the lettering herin was not perfect! In true Ross style, as it was described, Hurricane Diana blew into the office bellowing something to the effect of 'can't you do anything right?', at which point the superstar whipped out her tube of lipstick and scrawled on the cover titles demanding the "artistes" us this copy. As the diva disappeared from sight, the Ross-weary workers turned to each other, and in their best mock "Carol Ann a la Poltergeist" voices admitted, "She's Back!"

If the mediocre record doesn't carry Ross' upcoming tour, perhaps the highly volatile unauthorized biography will. This is no ordinary bottom-of-the-barrel-scraper story by some seedy little writer that crawled out from under a rock. Author and A.C.E. Award nominee J. Randy Taraborrelli who penned the 1985 tribute Diana, A Celebration of Her Life, has gathered the firewood for what promises to be the most comprehensive burning of a sacred star since Kitty Kelly ignited Frank Sinatra.

Taraborrelli, whose first *Diana* book lavished praises on the Motown heroine, was followed by a complete history of that record company, an exciting Cher story, and the heart-warming Carol Burnette biography. In between deadlines for his Mary Tyler Moore bio, JRT was urged to unveil the real Diana Ross from the syrupy legend. This would prove to be a true test of his journalistic integrity. Could Tarabor relli, once the president of Ross' best-known international fan club nearly two decades ago, honestly and tastefully take his idol to task? You bet! And with such relish!

Call Her Miss Ross, due to be released this autumn, is a skillfully crafted collection of stories and interviews about, against, in favor of, and explaining the complexities of life around the Motown legend. Miss Ross even includes excerpts from interviews between the author and the subject dating back to Taraborrelli's editor/ownership of the once popular black muisc tabloid, Soul Publication. The finished hard-cover edition, with its embossed color jacket, is expected to read between 400 to 600 pages, with an incredible array of very rare photographs. At press time for Hot Ticket!, we were informed that a bidding war of sorts was taking place in New York where tabloid editors were vying for serialization rights just from reading the manuscript. Perhaps Ross and Taraborrelli will be "Working Overtime" in tandem, beating out the fire and fanning the flames, respectively.





#### Book Review "The Buccaneers of the Spanish Main"

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Caribbean colonies. And on those buccaneer ships, there were none.

There, as often occurs in such exclusively male societies, lusty young men sought their sexual outlet with each other. Soon what began as a necessity became a preferred and fully accepted practice. In fact, the buccaneers formed a self-contained community of homosexually active young men. It would be a mistake to think them as having a "gay lifestyls" in the modern sense, but there was much in their lives which we would recognize today. For example, while many played the field, other

couples were bound in the institution of matelotage, i.e. they were lovers who were faithful, fought side by side, shared their booty together, and sometimes gave their lives for one another.

M.S. Hunter's *The Buccaneer* tells a story which sets the record straight. Along with as much swashbuckling action as you could ask of Hollywood (but against a meticulously researched historical background), we see the buccaneers living lives of passion, pathos, love, adventure, fun, folly, and tragedy - in short, we see real human beings.

Mr. Hunter, the subject of your book, the gay lifestyle of 17th Century Caribbean buccaneers, is unusual. How did you happen to chose it? That's not the subject of the book. It's about the whole lives of those buccaneers in the second half of the 17th Century - the actual places they lived, the real events in which they participated, their true role in history, the kind of men they were, and how they lived. Their homoerotic lifestyls is just one aspect of all that. And please, not "gay"! That's a modern term with connotations which just don't apply to the way those buccaneers behaved or to their attitude toward their sex lives.

Very well, but what caused you to write about them?

Disgust and loathing! That's what I felt about all the previous fiction depicting the buccaneers. It's been written by authors who don't know the geography of the region or the history of the era. They don't know anything about the real lives or characters

of the real buccaneers. I remember reading, years ago, an early work by Steinbeck called *Cup of Gold*. It purported to be about the career of Henry Morgan. It was obvious that Steinbeck's entire research had consisted of reading Exquemelin's *The Buccaneers of America* a biased contemporary polemic by a man who hated Morgan - for reasons you can learn by reading *The Buccaneer*. I decided someone should set the record straight.

So that's when you sat down to write The Buccaneer?

Not quite. One day in Barbados a friend shoed me a short paper, just three or four pages, which someone had read at some conference. Unfortunately I didn't keep track of that paper and don't know who

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#### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

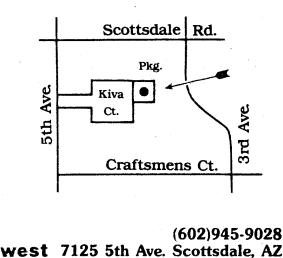
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#### Without Reservations

by Bill Orovan

To many hordes of people, George Lucas and Steven Spielberg's Indiana Jones has become a good friend during his eight years of existence. These (and others, no doubt) will patronize his latest adventure, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, and insure its overwhelming financial success. To more people than you would expect, the year-and-a-half-old Chopandaz restaurant has also become a good friend, and with ich loyal patronage, reservatons have become somewhat important, especially on weekends. For those who missed the original and others who have asked for a repeat, we are reprinting the review of December 30th, 1987, written just a few short weeks after this wonderful eatery first opened their doors (here with some minor updating on the menu and the prices).

#### **CHOPANDAZ**

When it comes to ethnic restaurants Chinese, Mexican and Italian are almost as profuse in the Valley as cops with radar guns in hand, lying in wait to snare unwary motorists. At least that's the way that Shuja and Margaret Ahmed felt when they closed down their pizza place to open up a unique Afghani eatery in its stead.

The interior is highlighted by freshly waxed, caramel-colored tile floors, much of them hidden by the rafts of beautiful Persian, Afghan and Bokara carpets which also are hung like paintings over the stark white painted plank walls. On one side is a brick wainscot anchoring a wall of sand-etched glass that separates the kitchen from the dining room. The tables are all skirted and crowned with more rugs, protected by round glass tops. The lighting is subdued, but far from dark, and the Arabic music in the background is played at precisely the proper decibel level to keep it there.

There are only three appetizers: Pickawra (\$3.25) being pancakes filled with slightly seasoned sliced vegetables or potatoes, Boulanee (\$3.95) are similar to empanadas, but here they are stuffed with a spicy mixture of ground beef and potatoes, or leeks and scallions and Sambosa (\$4.95) consisting of four baked turnovers filled with spicy ground beef. A rather generous Combination Plate may be had for \$5.95.

Of the soups, the plain and homey Shorwa-e-morgh and the seasoned meat Mashawa have been dropped from the menu in favor of a more flavorful Aush (\$3.00), comprised mainly of noodles and meat.

In the entree department (\$9.75 to \$10.90), Kabeli Palow is a dish of seasoned chicken covered with a mound of basmati rice cooked with shredded carrots, almonds, raisins and cilantro in light but complex sauce. One of my favorite dishes is Morgh Lawand Chalow, a chicken cooked in a zestful yogurt sauce just hinting of fresh coriander (this pungent herb does not have to be used in an aggressive manner to be effective). I also lean heavily toward the juicy and tender lamb chunks atop a bed of spinach, onions and aromatic spices, Saebzi Chalow is its exotic moniker in Afghanistan. Eggplant lovers will be thrilled by the subtle simplicity and rich taste of the Bahnjaen Bourance (my friend got the alternate meatless version), which greatly benefits from a somewhat heavy handed use of the extra virgin (olive oil, that is) in the korma sauce. It, and some of the other dishes, are accompanied by a mildly seasoned yogurt and mint sauce, and all are served with a

savory puree of lentils called Dal.

Two dishes we didn't have a chance to sample (although we sure tried to on several occasions) are Samarook Wa Rawash Chalow, chunks of lamb cooked in korma sauce with fresh mushrooms and rhubarb, and Aushok (\$11.25), which formerly was



Raul Julia, Valeria lynch and Ruben Juarez in "Tango Bar", a film by Marcos Zurinaga, a Zaga Films — Beco Films production.

served on weekends only), green onion and chive stuffed pasta shells with seasoned beef served over yogurt and sour cream. They also have added a Vegetarian Dinner (\$12.50) comprised of meatless spinach, eggplant and mushroom dishes (along with the dal) as well as a combination plate for hearty eaters that has full portions of two entrees of your choice for a most reasonable

Since it would be pointless to have Middle Eastern food without kebabs ( or kebobs as the case may be), Chopandaz serves five savory varieties (\$7.95 to \$10.95 dinner, \$4.95 to \$5.95 at lunch, with a ewly added combo at \$6.50). I sampled the Baura Tikka (lamb) and Morgh (chicken) skewers from friend's plates, both consisting of chunks of meat that were marinated before being grilled to a slightly charrred exterior with a tender and juicy interior. Perfection, pure and simple. The Morgh Shamee Kebobs were molded from minced chicken mixed with minced vegetables, cilantro and spices and formed into the shape (and size) of small sausages. Although quite tasty, I would have liked them better had their casings been a little more crispy brown. There is also a similar version made with ground beef as well as one of chunks of marinated beef. All are served with homemade dense, chewy ovals of a flat bread called *naan*.

The owners do all the cooking and serving. The portions are more than generous and the service is both pleasant and patient



In his first film since his Academy Award nominated performance in "Good Morning Vietnam'', Robin Williams stars a John Keating, acharismatic English professor who stretches the strict curriculum at a traditional prep academy by urging his students to learn valuable lessons not found in textbooks in "Dead Poets Society". A Touchstone Pictures presentation in association with Silver Screen Partners IV.



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while being unobtrusively efficient Although many of the dishes employ the same group of spices and herbs repeatedly, the flavors somehow come out quite varied.

A pair of chutney sauces, one red and one green, and both slightly on the hot side are provided for additional invigoration of one's well worked taste buds. The former is comprised of cilantro and vinegar wonderfully tangy and refreshing — the latter, fundamentally of tomato sauce, is only mildly spicy. A cooling yogurt sauce with mint can be a mouth-saver. The salata, a loose mixture of chopped tomatoes and green onions gently vinegared and flecked with bits of cool mint leaves is another option for variety. It, too, is served with all the meals. On the table is sumac, a lightly salty, subtly piquant seasoning made from crushed grape seeds, that is especially amenable with rice.

Even the beverages are a little out of the ordinary. The coffee is rich and sturdy, while the black tea has a little surprise from cardamon. Both come in bottomless cups. There is also a yogurt drink (\$1.25) that sounds thick and refreshing, not to mention

novel

The homemade *Baklava* (\$2.00), requisitely sticky-sweet, is made with filo dough that was somewhat less etheral than I am accustomed to; however, the *Shir Birinj* (\$2.50), and worth every penny), a deliciously rich and creamy rice pudding mixture also flavored with cardamon, is delightfully studded with slivers of pistachio nuts. People from this part of the world love to end their meals with intense sweetness—and, of course, a burp of contentment. Burp!

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#### INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE



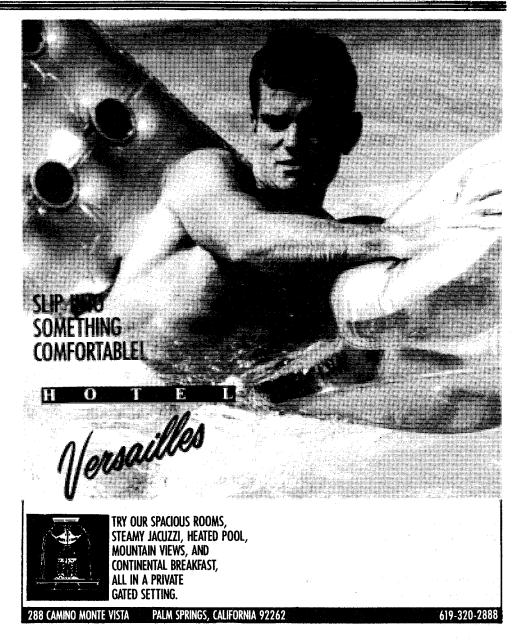
Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford, left) and his father Dr. Henry Jones (Sean Connery) encounter Dr. Elsa Schrieder (Alison Doody) after being captured by Nazis in Paramount's "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade". The Lucasfilm Ltd. production was directed by Steven Spielberg.

If for nothing else, *Indiana Jones and* the Last Crusade should be kindly remembered for Douglas Slocombe's handsome photography and John Williams' melodic reblending of the haunting themes that have become synonymous with our fedor clad avdenturer, Henry Jones, Jr. — or, as he is more familiarly known, Indiana Jones. (The revelation that his nickname was borrowed from the family dog was quite a surprise.) Unfortunately there is not much

else for which to kindly remember this film, unless, of course, you happen to be an easily impressionable twelve year old who thrives on shallow action films.

And, in these days of fast foods with little or no nutritive values and M.T.V. with little or no intellectual values, shallow action sells big. In fact, no collecton of dissident reviews could even begin to attempt to derail this blockbuster.

In the Last Crusade we are also in-



troduced to two new main characters: a teen-aged Indy (portrayed by River Phoenix, a strong contender in last years Academy Award contest for his role in Running on Empty) as a boy scout with a distinct yearning for adventure (and a distinct aversion snakes), and his father (Sean Connery, scar winner for The Untouchables and even-time audience pleaser as James Bond, the famous Agent 007), a bumbling scholar who gets kidnapped by some Nazis during his search for the chalice that Jesus Christ s reported to have used at the Last Supper, the Holy Grail. Indy (Harrison Ford, for those who have had their head buried in the sand for the last eight years) also meets a comely Austrian temptress (Alison Doody) whose charms he briefly surrenders to before he briefly surrenders to her gun.

And speaking of guns (and there are many employed, with varying degrees of success), I find it amazing that so many automatic weapons could only find their dy's next to last crusade!).

marks against the villains, even at an extremely close range — when it came to the good guys, these machine guns hit everything *but* their butts. Rats! (Yes, there was more than their fair share of these varments, too!)

If this Indiana Jones film is Lucas/Spielberg's answer to the much more creative James Bond adventures, then I feel they have failed in a monumental way. If their emphasis had been more on the father and son relationship, then this might have had a higher intellectual level and had more appeal to a post-puberty crowd with some gray matter between their ears. Being that it is neither fish nor fowl (well, maybe a little fowl, come to think of it), its greatest audience should be those who munch on takeout big macs while watching M.T.V. (which, I must admit, is a pretty big crowd—perhaps even big enough to make this Indy's next to last crusade!).

#### SnapShots

Another 50th anniversary debut this week sees Laurence Olivier in William Wyler's romantic **Wuthering Heights** (with a score by Alfred Newman and Oscar winning cinematography by Gregg Toland), exclusively waxing nostalgic at the Camelview Theatre in Scottsdale starting today, while the musical **Tango Bar**, a joint venture of Zaga Films of Puerto Rico and Beco Films

of Argentina starring Raul (Kiss of the Spider Woman) Julia, bows at Scottsdale's Los Arcos Theatre. Fast Foods, featuring Clark Brandon and Tracy Griffith, with the infamous Traci Lords, also takes off for a limited run today. Additionally, Hulk Hogan makes his starring film debut in No Holds

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Geena Davis, Jeff Goldblum, Jim Carrey and Damon Wayans in Vestron Pictures' "Earth Girls Are Easy".



#### Alice Krige Rehearsed For Marriage

by Steve Warren



Alice Krige

Alice Krige speaks with such authority about the advantages of second marriages that you'd think she can hardly wait for her first, less than a year old, to be over so she can get into the next one.

The good thing about acting is that one can experience these things vicariously.

For Krige, Alan J. Pakula's film See You in the Morning provided the opportunity to see if love is truly lovelier the second time around. She plays Beth, a recently widowed photographer with two children (Drew Barrymore, Lukas Haas) who meets and eventually marries recently divorced psychiatrist Larry Livingston (Jeff Bridges). His two kids live with their mother (Farrah Fawcett) but still make emotional demands

on daddy.

The bulk of the movie is taken up with the adjustments each person, young and old, has to make to the new situation.

"I think it talks about things no one else has made a picture about — at least recently," Krige said during a visit to San Francisco. She feels everyone who has been in a relationship, "whether man and man, man and woman or woman and woman," will be able to relate to the film.

Her own chief point of reference came in Beth's perfectionist tendencies. When Beth is introduced to Larry, mutual friend Linda Lavin, says, "The woman is a saint, and a saint is the only kind of woman who'll have anything to do with you."

"I resonated with that thing of trying too hard, which I often do," Krige said. "She's just learning who she is, having devoted her whole life to her husband and children with the feeling she has to be perfect. I don't think any relationship is productive if one person pays by losing their sense of self."

Adding to that feeling was another aspect Krige hadn't considered — Beth and Larry had both been in the shadow of

celebrity spouses in their previous marriages. Fawcett was a commercial model while Beth's husband, David Dukes, was a concert pianist.

Krige and Bridges worked with writerproducer-director Pakula through three and a half weeks of rehearsal, more common in theatre than movies, "sifting through dialogue" to get at what felt real and natural.

The actress had an extra challenge in mastering an American accent, having been born and raised in a region of South Africa where the dialect sounds "almost Australian" and spent the last decade in London where, she said, "I found my own version of the English sound."

Variations on that sound have stood her in good stead through film roles in *Chariots of Fire, Ghost Story, King David*, and on television in *Second Serve, Ellis Island* and-Wallenberg: A Hero's Story, in addition to numerous stage roles in England.

Having "never played a character within my own (South African) culture" since becoming an actress, Krige has developed her own method for mastering speech patterns. "The most crucial part for me," she explained, "is learning the character's voice rather than just picking up the sounds of the particular region. Once I know the woman and where her speech is coming from, the sound takes care of itself.

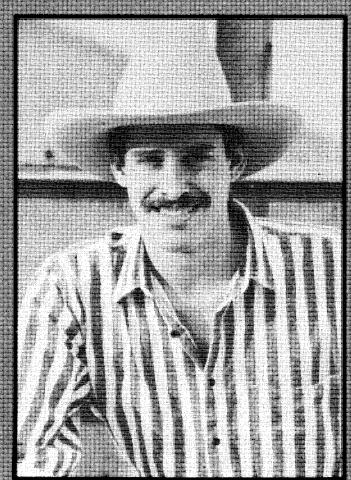
"It's rather like putting on pieces of costumes as you're getting into a role, and suddenly at some point you find yourself walking like the character."

Playing a second wife in *See You in the Morning* may help Krige find her own voice in her marriage to actor Paul Schoolman, who will direct her in a film later this year. They were together for seven years befre marrying last spring, so they should have resolved their adjustment problems by now.

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#### **Organization Profiles**

Community AIDS Council — Happy Birthday Sharing Weekend by Gerrie Mayer-Gibbons

Second in a series of articles about organizations that serve our community.



CAC Sharing Weekend volunteers surround Bob Aronin (fourth from left) at May home bar, Charlie's.

On May 21, 1989, Sharing Weekend celebrated its second Birthday with a party at Charlie's. Over one hundred Sharing Weekend volunteers cheered loudly when it was announced that through your generosity, Sharing Weekend has collected \$109,000 during the last twenty-four months to support the emergency food, housing and medical needs of people living with AIDS. No other city in the United States has anything comparable to Sharing Weekend. But then, no other city has Bob Aronin, the founder and driving force of Sharing Weekend.

It is the third Friday of the month, and sixty people are crowded into the back room of Charlie's, a Phoenix, Arizona gay bar. Bob Aronin, Chairperson of the Community AIDS Council (CAC) is just wrapping up his orientation speech for new Sharing Weekend volunteers. Old volunteers, who are now old friends, greet each other with sincere hugs and a comraderie that was never enjoyed by such a diverse group of people prior to their volunteering for Sharing Weekend. It is not unusual to see a leatherman hugging a feminist lesbian, and

then watch them both welcome the parents of a deceased PWA. Any biases that may have formerly separated these people no longer seem to matter.

longer seem to matter.

Sharing Weekend is the brainchild of Bob Aronin, an advertising and real estate executive turned fundraiser. He took his creativity, combined it with his compassion, and was more than surprised when people of like thought joined his crusade. Two years ago, Sharing Weekend began with one person sitting in front of a gay bar asking for donations to help people living with AIDS. Twenty-four months later, Sharing Weekend has over 700 volunteers and Aronin will never again have to collect money by himself.

Once a month, gay and lesbian barowners allow Sharing Weekend volunteers to stand at the entrance of their bars to collect money for direct financial assistance for people living with AIDS. The idea of collecting money in this way is not novel. The method has been employed by every major cause-oriented organization in the country. Now it is difficult for people in Phoenix to bypass Sharing Weekend volunteers as they stand sentry at plastic water bottles during their monthly collections for people with

The Community AIDS Council, parent organization of Sharing Weekend, began in a flurry of controversy. Like many other cities, Phoenix has endured some harsh growing pains involving the egos of people trying to respond to a crisis for which the protocol has yet to be written. Tempers flew and feelings were hurt. Now, looking back on it all, the principals involved probably wish they had been kinder to each other.

CAC and Sharing Weekend were founded to meet the financial needs of those people living with AIDS who get caught in that unavoidable time gap between applying for Public Assistance or financial services and actually receiving them. For some, that three month wait would not be possible if it wasn't for your Sharing Weekend donations.

The AIDS Referral, Counseling and Education Program (ARCE) in Mesa, Arizona is the AIDS service agency responsible for the distribution of the Sharing Weekend funds. Of the approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 raised each month, 85% of that money is used to meet the direct financial needs of people living with AIDS. The remaining 15% is used for the administrative costs connected with running Sharing Weekend. (Financial statements are available from both agencies.)

Recently, there has been much publicity and discussion regarding the Federal funding that some of our AIDS service agencies have received this year. Although this funding is extremely welcome, for the most part, those monies cannot be used for direct financial assistance to PLWAs. and with the number of people with AIDS rapidly increasing, Sharing Weekend donations are even more important. Currently, Sharing Weekend revenues are satisfying only one-third of the requests for assistance. "If one thousand people would donate \$10 a month," explained Aronin, "that money, added to our bar collections would meet the

emergency needs of people living with AIDS who reside in the Greater Phoenix

Besides raising money for PLWAs, CAC has created a constructive way for people to work out some of their anger about AIDS. When asked how he accounted for such a large volunteer corps, Aronin said, "CAC is the people infected or directly affected by this disease. We're the people who have to be around. Others can leave. We can't." Aronin also notes a somber corolary when he adds, "As more and more people are diagnosed, our membership continues

From the onset, the CAC Board of Directors made the decision not to be a political organization. They saw only the vision of meeting a need and could care less if their volunteers are gay or non-gay, in or out of the closet. Their only concern is if a person will stand at a water bottle on the third weekend of every month and collect money for people with AIDS.

By keeping CAC's purpose clear and narrow, it has enabled a very diverse population to come together. "Admittedly," says Aronin, "some of the alliances are fragile, but before Sharing Weekend they were non-existant."

Each Sharing Weekend, CAC headquarters at a different gay bar in Phoenix. Non bar-goers find out that the bars aren't awful places; people also discover that bars other than their usual watering holes are worth a return visit.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHARING WEEKEND. AND MANY THANKS TO THE BAR OWNERS AND CAC VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE SHARING WEEKEND POSSIBLE.

We all look forward to the time when there can be a world-wide celebration marking the cure for this disease. "Until that time," says Aronin, "we all live with AIDS."

Anyone interested in volunteering for Sharing Weekend is invited to call the CAC office at 265-AIDS.

#### Book Review "The Buccaneers of the Spanish Main"

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wrote it, but its thesis was that the 17th Century buccaneers were a self-contained homosexual community. Suddenly a lot of things I'd half noticed between the lines of what I'd been reading about the period began to make sense. So I went back and

found a lot more evidence to support that thesis. That's when I decided to write a book which would set that record straight (if you'll pardon the expression!), as well as the rest of the buccaneer's story.

So that was The Buccaneer?

No, that's a book I never finished. I'd written a couple of hundred manuscript pages when a friend sent me a copy of *Sodomy and the Perception of Evil* by B.R. Burg. Damn! Burg had beaten me to it! At least as far as the homoerotic lifestyle of the



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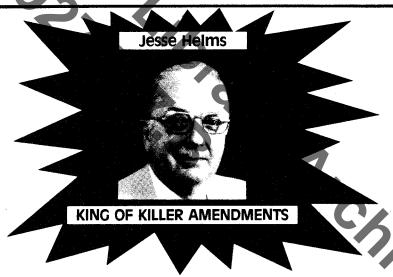
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buccaneers was concerned. But his book was non-fiction, with some serious flaws, and not apt to be read by the general reader. I figured there was still room for a popoular book, purportedly fiction, which would demonstrate the point and also show the rest of the buccaneers' real story, and that's the real origin of The Buccaneer.

And was that your only motive for writing the book?

No. There's my disgust and loathing for most so-called gay literature with its emphasis on the pain and angst of being homosexual. Maybe that's putting it too strongly, but I do get fed up with all the struggle and soul searching most gay characters are expected to go through. Most of my friends, like me, have always been perfectly comfortable with being what we are. And I get awfully tired of you young whippersnappers who think that the living of openly homosexual lives and being at ease with one's homosexuality only began with the Stonewall riot. Bullshit! People like us have been around throughout history, sometimes quite openly, and feeling perfectly ontent with, and accepting of, our sexual preferences. So, if I have an overall mission as a writer, it's to illuminate this long histgory with stories set in all sorts of unexpected past times and places - like the buc-

You've mentioned all the reading you've done about the buccaneers. Your book is the islands, the history of the period, and the lives of the buccaneers. Where did you find all that?

That's easy, if you tgruly want to get at the facts. Just go to your library and check out any non-fiction work - even one of the many trashy popular ones - about pirates or buccaneers. Check the bibliography at the back and then get the most likelyl-sounding books listed. If your little library doesn't have them, they can get them for you through inter-library loan. And each new book will have a bibliography that will lead you to more books on the subject. That, basically, is what I did. And I learned all sorts of unexpected things about the buccaneeres, including a second important little-known fact about them. What is that?

That a significant minority of those 17th Century Caribbean baccaneers were black men, and that some of them played important roles in the buccaneers' community.

Yes, that comes over loud and clear in The Buccaneer. It is one of the most fascinating things to be learned from the

Of course, I've attempted to save the interested reader, who wants to follow up with more reading on the subject, from all the research problems I had by including a bibliographical note at the end of the book, something rather unusual for a fictional work, but then The Buccaneer is an unusual

#### **Fortunes** by TYCHO

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) — The battle with any real and imaginary demons can be won quite simply. Let them go. Wave goodbye. Arriverderci. Farewell. It's as easy to get attached to negative forces as it is to positive ones. Get it over with.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20) When someone says 'jump' don't ask how far. Tell them to jump along with you. Doing it together is the name of the June song. And a rather dominating partner will enjoy this new melody of love.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) — You've got the whole world in your hands. Consider the possibilities. Your present, thoughtful, intuitive, expansive, loving nature makes you the man or woman of the month. Learn from this special, positive phase. Let it alter the direction of your life.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Listen. Don't judge, or appraise, or recommend. Just listen. Someone close to you needs to tell you something. You may have to hear between the lines to learn what it is that they're trying to tell you.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) — See what tomorrow brings. An event in your present, daily life forces you to take a close and careful look at what the future offers and how you can affect that offering. The third through the sixth of the month brings great emotional satisfaction.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) — No matter how shy and retiring you may be (and few Virgos are, to any great degree), you're going to have to be very aggressive. This situation involving you proper place in the scheme of things cries out for action.

#### Without Reservations

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Barred and Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips and Jami Gertz are Renegades, both films opening citywide. Next Friday, June 9th, the Arcadia Theatre will have two exclusive Phoenix premieres: Vanessa Redgrave, John Gielgood and Peter Cook all try Getting It Right (the first time, we assume) as Geena

Davis and Julie Brown demonstrate to Jeff Goldblum that Earth Girls are Easy. Robin Williams gets around town a little better, however, and his latest film, Dead Poets Society (directed by Peter Weir of Witness fame, who brought on board cinematographer John Seale, A.C.S. and editor William Anderson, A.C.E.) with a musical score by Academy Award-winning composer Maurice Jarre (Lawrence of Arabia, Doctor Zhivago), will open Valleywide on that same date.



Rip (Hulk Hogan) and Zeus (Tiny Lister) in "No Holds Barred" a New Line Cinema release.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22) - 'Get you coat and grab your hat. Leave your worries on the doorstep.' Get out of town. See what some previously unseen part of the world has to offer. Take time out from the rat race...on the sunny side of the street.'

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22) - Many Scorpios are now experiencing a genuinely profound change in their lives. The past is gone. The future is elsewhere. What brings various Scorpios into the present varies, but Here is where you are. You're too much, in a wonderful way.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 December 21) — Decisions, decisions. Aren't you truly glad and thankful that one close to you is right there to help with both the essentials and the details. Any ambivalence about asking for what you need should be squelched.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19) — a Taurus could tell you what you want to hear, a Cancer challenge you in an interesting way, and a Scorpio could move you, really move you. All sorts of people

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are affecting your life in all sorts of ways. Fascination.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) — Be playful. Be sporting. Be young, no matter what age you are. It's in the sign of the water bearer that June is really busting out all over. Your games could be mental or physical, or better yet, both.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) — Your private, personal and inner life is quite different from your public, out in the world life. Bringing the two yous together in a new kind of way could prove to be one of the best things you do all year. Take a chance.

Birthdays This Month: June 1, Marilyn Monroe, Sondra Scoppetone: 2, Marquis de Sade, Cagliostro; 3, Allen Ginsberg, Paul

Mariah, Marion Zimmer Bradley; 5, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Fererico Carcia Lorca, John Maynard Keynes; 6, Violet Trefusis; 7, Elizabeth Bowen, Edward Field, Beau Brummel; 8, Margaret Yourcenar, Malcolm Boyd; 9, Cole Porter, Peter the Great; 10, Terence Rattigan; 11, Gerard Manley Hopkins, George Baxt; 12, Djuna Barnes; 13, Paul Lynde; 15, Adah Isaacs Menken, Edvard Grieg, Malvina Hoffman; 16, Gustav V of Sweden; 17, Charles XII of Sweden, Carl van Vechten, Mauritz Stiller; 18, Lord Casterleigh, Raymond Radiquet; 19, James I of England, VI of Scottland; 20, Erroll Flynn, Rupert Croft-Cooke; 21, Judy Holliday, all Gemini. Cancer birthdays in June are: 22, Peter Pears; 23, Alan Turing; 24, Lord Kitchener, Henry Ward Beecher; 27, Frank O'Hara, Emma Goldman, Charles IX of France; 28, Dave Kopay.

#### Travel News Update

by David Starkman

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ABOUT 1,000 INDEPENDENT and major chain hotels will participate in a joint marketing effort between the lodging industry and credit card companies offering rebates this summer to credit card holders of 25 percent to 50 percent off the standard rack rates.

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4. Like other trips, charters are subject to delays and last minute hitches. A flight may be delayed up to 48 hours before the charterer or airline is obligated to provide substitute transportation or refund.

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5. Allow plenty of time between any air connections, keeping in mind that your luggage cannot be checked through from a charter to a regular flight, or vice versa. You'll need the time to do it yourself.

6. Seating space may be crowded, since charters need to fill as much space as possible to be profitable.

7. Although charter fares are low, they may not be the cheapest to your destination. Have your travel agent compare fares with regularly scheduled trips.

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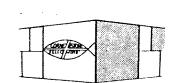
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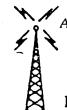
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#### NOTICES

Auditions for talent, club/cabaret acts at Club KC, Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. Call for information. 4240 N. Central, 265-0395.

Friday, June 16: Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association monthly meeting. Hotel Park Tucson. Karma Kientzler, executive director of fitness at Canyon Ranch, will talk about "Getting on and Stayon on an Exercise or Diet Program." 7:30 p.m., no-host cocktails; 8:00 p.m. general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests, \$10 for repeat guests at the door. Information: 296-4642.

AGAPE NETWORK invites those affected by AIDS to hunch; beginning 9/14 each Wednesday at Oasis MCC, 12:30 - 1 p.m. and to a night out — beginning 10/14 — 3rd Saturday at Oasis MCC, 2405 E. Coronado.

HELP — AGAPE NETWORK needs it! Can you drive someone to a lunch? Take a lunch to a shut-in? Can you donate non-perishable foods or money? Agape Network is a non-profit Christian organization which provides assistance to those affected by AIDS. We presently help with lunches, social events, and food boxes — we would like to expand our services but we need more workers. If you want more information or would like to volunteer, please contact our Board: Carol, 243-7480; Tom, 482-3533; Cindy, 955-8137; Josie, 225-9310.

Phoenix Gay Youth Group is a support and social group for gay and bisexual guys and gals under 23. Discussion groups, guest speakers, a monthly dance, and individualized counseling are some events offered at the weekly meetings. For more information1, call Joe at 897-8989 (eastside) or Artie (938-3932 (westside).

Gay Arizona Youth: Support group for those through age 25 meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays in central Phoenix. On Feb. 11, topic will be "Relating to Religion". Call 840-8115 or write: P.O. Box 62104, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2104.

Desert Adventures sponsors indoor and outdoor activities for men and women. For information call 957-3476. Phoenix.

The Camelback Business and Professional Association is a group of business and professional people who have joined together for the purpose of professional exposure. They accomplish those objectives through educational programs and seminars, breakfast and dinner meetings, social and happy hours, special events, banquets and distribution of a monthly newsletter. General Membership Meetings are monthly on the 3rd Thursday evening and Committee Meetings are at various times throughout the month. For information call Peter at 861-1486 or Pam at 249-1910 or CBPA, P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Lesbian and Gay Switchboard 234-2752. Phoenix.

OASIS METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. 2405 E. Coronado, Phoenix, AZ (602) 392-0335. Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn Pastor. Sunday services 11:00 a.m., mid-week growth gathering 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

CASA DE CRISTO EVANGELICAL CHURCH, 1029 E. Turney, Phoenix. Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A Bible Church where EVERYONE is welcome! Call 265-2831 for information.

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AFFIRMATION, Gay & Lesbian Mormons, gather with their friends each month for fellowship and positive support. For more information, call 921-4025 in Phoenix/Mesa; or write to P.O. Box 26601, Tempe, AZ 85285-6601

Gay & Lesbian Adult Dialogues are informal facilitated rap-group meetings provided free for our community in Southern Arizona. Compassion and confidentiality are emphasized. Occasional films and social outings included. Voluntary donations accepted. For G.L.A.D. contact information, call Information & Referral in Tucson at 1-881-1794, Mon-Fri, 8 - 5.

Tucson AIDS Hotline 326-AIDS. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to midnight, M-F, and Sunday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

THE TUCSON AIDS PROJECT, the Broadmoor Building, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252, Tucson, Arizona 85716, (602) 322-6226. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., M-F, and Sunday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (HIV Counseling Clinic).

Front Runners of Tucson meet for fun runs on Tucsdays at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3332.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and gay youth meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support, information. You are not alone. Call 884-7413, Renee (days) or 882-4009, Wayne (evenings).

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/PHOENIX. Fellowship and support organization for lesbians and gays. All are welcome. Call Frank at 870-3611 for more information.

DIGNITY-INTEGRITY/Phoenix: We are a community of gay and lesbian Episcopal and Roman Catholics who meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 3:00 p.m. for mass and potluck social. Our Men's Discussion Group meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck social and interchange of views. Call 258-2556 for location and more information. ALL WELCOME!

Lutherans Concerned/Tucson is a fellowship and support group for Jesbian and gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

COUPLES of Arizona, a member of Couples National Network, Inc., is a social and educational organization for those involved in alternative relationships, primarily lesbian and gay couples. Monthly informational meetings are held along with various social events and potlucks. For information, call Beth & Mary at 831-5920 or Bob & Ken at 841-0583.

Flagstaff Gay/Lesbian Support Group meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 W. Hwy 66, Flagstaff. Everyone is welcome. Gay Alliance of Northern Arizona Information & Referral Line, 525-1199, P.O. Box 183, Flagstaff, AZ 86002.

Are you gay or lesbian with a drinking problem? Help is available. Call Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office at 264-1341, and ask for a listing of gay/lesbian A.A.meetings in Phoenix.

The Gay and Lesbian Relationship Discussion Group meets at The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive, at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The group is for gay and lesbian singles and couples. It provides an alternative place for meeting people and a forum for discussing relationship issues. Meeting topics for June: "Do I Care Too Much?", June 13, and "How To Have A Lesbian/Gay Wedding" on June 27. For more information call Bob at 870-9597.

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