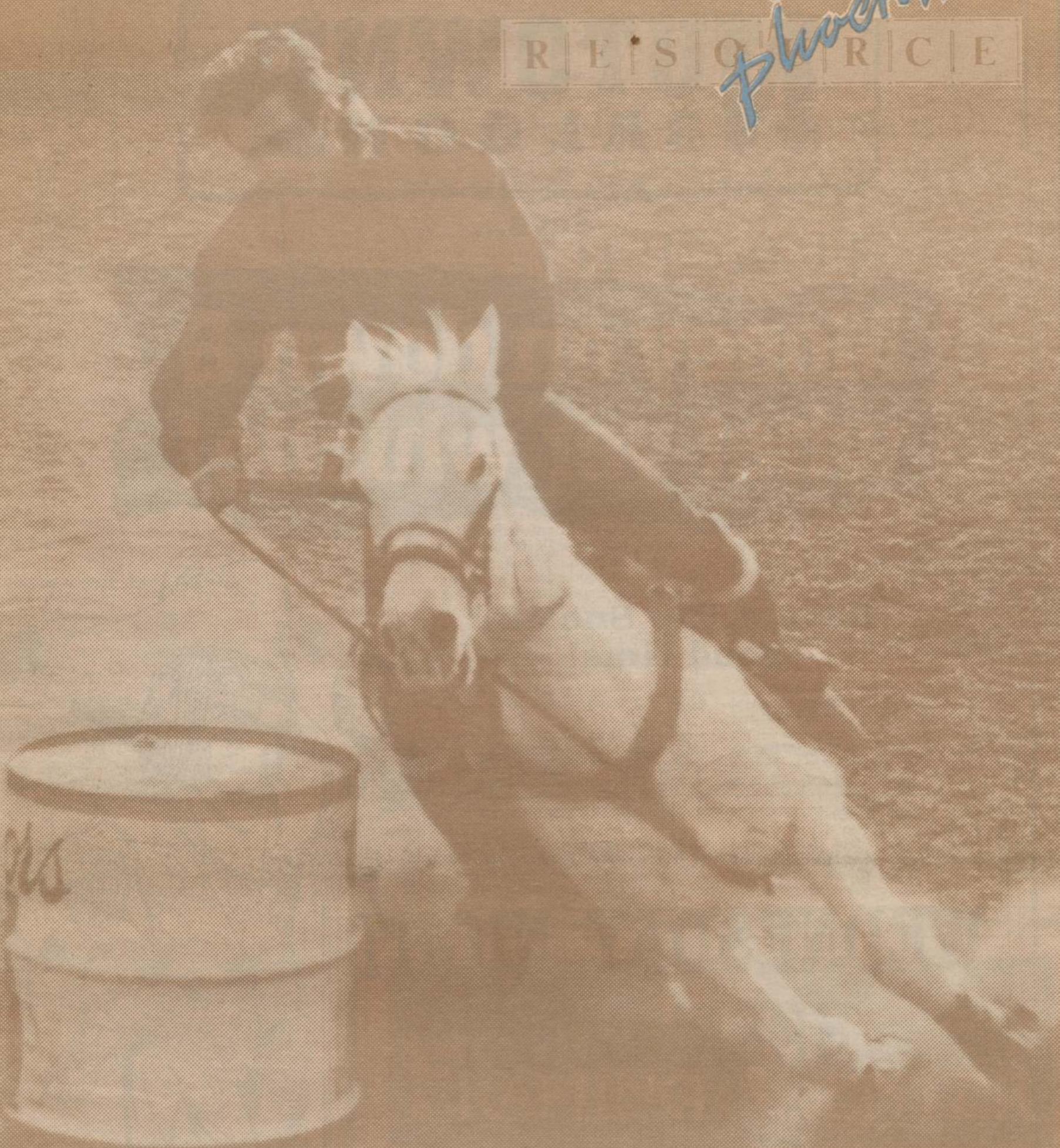


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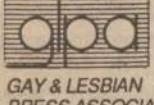
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# LYNNE HARRIS MECHAM UPDATE

A cheer rose up from the crowd gathered at the Arizona Gay Rodeo this past Saturday. Fifteen hundred people stood and clapped their hands, stomped their feet, and hugged one another. The din following the Rodeo commentator's announcement lasted nearly three minutes, fueled by months of frustration, fear, and hope. The announcer had simply proclaimed, "Governor Evan Mecham has resigned."

The exultation was short-lived, however, when it was announced that there had been an error and that the Congressional Delegation had requested that Mr. Mecham resign for the good of the state.

Many other individuals and groups have recently requested the Governor's resignation, yet Mecham remains resolute in his determination to stay and finish the job he was elected to do. It seems most likely, however, that the choice will not be his. On Friday, January 8, the Arizona State Grand Jury handed down a six-point indictment against Mecham, specifically relating to his actions in the alleged secret loan from Tempe developer Barry Wolfson.

The indictment charged that Mecham intentionally kept the \$350,000 loan a secret and subsequently perjured himself when giving testimony related to it. Also indicted was Mecham's brother Willard, charged with collusion on Mecham's behalf to conceal the loan. Under Arizona state law, Governor Mecham—although under indictment and subject to criminal prosecution—is allowed to remain in office. He would be removed only if convicted as a result of a trial. The maximum penalty ascribed for the six felony charges totals twenty-two

years in prison.

While criminal conviction looms in the distant future, the threat of impeachment is a more immediate obstacle Mecham may face. Friday, January 15, special counsel to the Republican legislature William French issued the findings of his investigation into Mecham's affairs. Following his investigation of allegations concerning disclosure of the Wolfson loan and a variety of other possible improprieties by the Governor and his staff, French stated his conclusion: that there was sufficient evidence to draw up articles of impeachment. All members of the State Legislature were given copies of French's report to review prior to the reconvening of the regular legislative session on Monday, January 18th. If the members of the House of Representatives believe there is sufficient cause, they will draw up articles of impeachment. Mecham will then undergo a trial by the thirty members of the Senate.

At press time, Concerned Arizona Voters, a pro-Mecham group, has vowed to take the issue of a recall election to court. The group has purchased copies of recall petitions, and have charged widespread fraud in a majority of signatures. Their chief allegation stems from the fact that many of those who signed petitions are not listed in telephone directories. The organization has yet to provide any substantial documentation to support their charges.

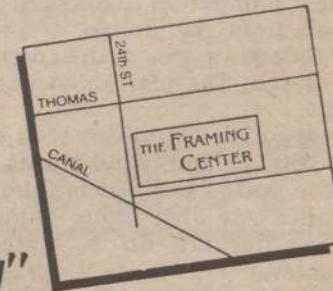
While public opinion polls show a steady decline in individual support for Mecham, the issue of his continued leadership may never come to vote. The possibilities of impeachment and conviction may render a recall election unnecessary.

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## PHOENIX SHANTI TO RECEIVE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL

The Phoenix Shanti Group has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Medical Society to receive the Society's Distinguished Public Service Medal for outstanding work in assisting PWA/PWARCS in the community.

Randy Gorvette, leader of the Phoenix Shanti Group, will accept the award at the Society's annual dinner, January 22nd at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale. He is pleased that Shanti is being so honored, and more so that one of Maricopa County's leading organizations in the health profession has taken such an active role in assisting the continuation of the AIDS work being done here.

The January Open Forum, "What Do You Do With Your Feelings?", will be held on the 26th. The guest speaker is bereavement specialist Eloise Cole, who will bring some "real life" perspectives for expressing one's grief and sorrow over the loss of a loved one into the Forum. Ms. Cole has garnered many personal experiences with grieving through her work as bereavement specialist at Grimshaw mortuary and Bunker's mortuary, which she will also share.

The Open Forum is held from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Phoenix Indian Hospital classroom building. The classroom is located at the northwest corner of 16th Street and Indian School. This is a monthly event held to expand awareness and foster growth toward attaining better understanding and higher levels of care for PWA/PWARCS. All are welcome to attend.

Shanti has recently received confirmation from Louise Hay that she will offer one of her healing workshops on the evening of February 19th at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Lincoln Drive, 7 - 9pm. Dr. Hay, author of the best-selling *You Can Heal Your Life*, is a metaphysical counselor, teacher, and healer. Her teaching has proven effective in dissolving the fears and causes of disease. Her key message: "If we are willing to do the mental work, almost anything can be healed."

## MARCH MAKES \$70,000

WASHINGTON, DC—The \$70,000 in surplus funds generated by the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights should be divided into small grants and disbursed among grass-roots gay organizations, according to a plan developed by march coordinators.

The plan calls for the march's seven-member executive committee to serve as a foundation that would seek proposals from gay groups, according to Kay Osterberg, one of the co-chairs of the march. The plan must now be ratified.

The executive committee plan calls for a \$5,000 ceiling on all grants and limits the grants to projects intended to advance gay civil rights or AIDS-related programs on a state or national level.

Twenty-five percent of the grants would be earmarked for groups serving racial minorities.

Altogether the march raised between \$200,000 and \$250,000 for its activities. An audited financial statement will be released next year.

## NATIONAL LEATHER CONVENTION ANNOUNCED

The National Leather Association proudly announces the 1988 Conference, LIVING IN LEATHER III, which will take place in Seattle, Washington, October 7-10. Chair of the Conference Committee is Jan Lyon, with Associate Chairs Wayne Gloege and Dean Dunlap. Workshops will be featured: nationally significant members of the gay and lesbian leather community will present workshops on a variety of current political, social, and technical concerns. The Committee is planning an extensive vendor/exhibitor area, featuring leather/latex craftsmen, tailors, and vendors; their products will be introduced in a major fashion/apparel show. Also planned are several social events. Other leather/SM organizations from around the country are being invited to participate. Special provisions are being made for disability and low-income access to the conference.

The Conference will open Friday evening, October 7, with a meet-and-greet and registration for attendees. Saturday will feature a fashion/apparel luncheon. Workshops will occupy the bulk of Saturday and Sunday. Additional events are being considered for Monday, October 10.

The National Leather Association is a national political, social, and charitable organization of gays and lesbians of leather. The Seattle Chapter of N.L.A. is host group for this conference, assisted by N.L.A./B.C. NLA/Seattle has won recognition with its first two Living in Leather Conferences.

## AIDS RANKED 5 IN TV NEWS COVERAGE

NEW YORK (UPI)—The three television networks gave more than twice as much evening news time to the Iran-Contra arms scandal than to any other story in 1987, a computer-based report said Tuesday.

The story of presidential politics was in second place, followed by the Supreme Court nominations, the summit and other arms talks, and AIDS.

The statistics were compiled by DWJ Associates, a public relations firm specializing in video news releases, which for the last three years has kept a computerized database of every evening news story and its running time.

The Iran-Contra story, which also was the 1986 winner, ran up a three network total of 1,643 minutes—593 minutes on ABC, 562 minutes on CBS and 488 minutes on NBC.

The second biggest evening news story, politics, took up a total of 623 minutes, with 209 minutes each on both CBS and ABC and 205 on NBC.

Gary Hart received three times more of that network time than any of the other candidates—a three-network total of 132 minutes, compared to 43 minutes for Sen. Joe Biden's aborted campaign and 32 minutes for Pat Robertson.

The Supreme Court follies—the nominations of Robert Bork, Douglas Ginsburg and Anthony Kennedy—ranked third with 561 minutes, and the arms talk and Washington summit was fourth with 442 minutes.

AIDS was the fifth most reported evening news story, taking up 387 minutes of network time.

## JANUS THEATRE FINDS NEW DIGS

Janus Theatre Company has a lease on a new home. It's the church building at the old Family Indian Center, 3302 North 7th Street, just south of Osborn. It's a six thousand square foot space, slightly smaller than Janus' original home at 302 West Latham. There are no leaks, the bathrooms are nice and they work; there's lighted parking, air conditioning, and smoking in the lobby. As Janus is the sole lessee, the space is also available for sublet between shows and rehearsals.

"It's all part of the new company we're building," says Executive Producer Charles Hunt. "We intend to put Janus in its rightful place as viable Arizona theatre. We'd like to expand the season to accommodate up to eight shows. We don't need to close summers anymore—imagine Janus air conditioned. At last!"

Getting the company together after the almost year-long break was not easy, and finances are still not completely stable. Janus needs two thousand dollars in its till by February 1st to be free to bring us more good theatre. The pledge system has been expanded: Saints, \$250.; Angels, \$150.; Patrons, \$100.; Donors, \$50.; Contributors, \$25.; and Supporters, \$10. All donations are tax deductible and "most definitely needed. Please show your support and be generous," says Hunt.

The new Board of Directors (Executive Producer Charles Hunt,

Associate Producer Greg Lutz, Secretary/Treasurer Bill LaBossiere, Publicist Bill Orovan) is high-powered and intent on assuring Janus' continuing existence. Positions are still open for Technical Director, Artistic Director, and Fundraising Director. Directors for the second and third shows, *The Ritz* and *The Rocky Horror Show*, are still being sought, as well as a volunteer crew "to help with the mailing list and ticket sales, build sets, usher, and generally be around to keep things moving."

Auditions for *The Life of the Party*, an upbeat AIDS era play written by Doug Holsclaw and currently playing in Los Angeles, are set for February 1st and 2nd, 7:00pm at the theatre. Steve Schemmel, founder and former Executive Producer for Janus, will direct the piece in this, its first run outside of Los Angeles. *Life of the Party* will open Friday, March 4th. Dates for the run are March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26, at 8:00pm, with a matinee Sunday the 27th. Janus may extend performances if necessary, in which case the following weekend or weekends will be scheduled, with the matinee shifted to the final Sunday. Auditions for *The Ritz* will be February 22 and 23, and the play will open in mid-April.

Tickets are \$7.00 and may be reserved by phoning the office at 956-4940, or purchased at Humanspace Books, Inc., FirsTravel Ltd., Mr. B's, and Apollo's.

## DALLAS HOSPICE FOUNDED WITH EMBEZZLED FUNDS

DALLAS—A Place for Us, a home for AIDS patients founded in 1986 by Mike Merdian and financed by Patrick Debenport, may be forced to close since it has been revealed that Debenport embezzled the funds used to buy, renovate, and operate the home, according to *The New York Times*.

After being diagnosed with AIDS, Merdian, who wanted to open a home for AIDS patients needing a place to live, met Debenport, also an AIDS patient, who offered to finance the project with money he claimed was recently left to him by an oil-right grandmother. Debenport wrote checks for \$10,000, \$15,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000, enabling Merdian and the People with AIDS Coalition of Dallas to make a down-payment on a 23 room apartment building and begin renovations.

Instead of providing a promised additional \$100,000, Debenport suddenly told Merdian that the money had been stolen and that he needed \$50,000 back to pay his legal bills. First Texas Savings Association, where Debenport was employed as branch manager, has sued him for \$1.7 million in embezzled funds. Debenport's lawyer says that his client panicked when he was diagnosed as having AIDS, and characterized him as "a low-key guy who did something completely out of character he felt would aid his family and some good causes. When you're told you have a short time to live, all kinds of possibilities might come up you would not normally consider."

At the time the home learned of the embezzlement, \$125,000 had been spent and the remaining \$50,000 had been promised to contractors at work on the building. Merdian therefore spent the remaining money, and an

attorney for the home says it acted lawfully in spending money it believed was donated in good faith. First Texas Savings says however that spending money known to be stolen constitutes theft under Texas law.

A spokesperson for the bank says that despite the fact that the money was used for a good cause, the company is planning to pursue available legal options including closing down the home, because "you can't set an example of saying it's okay to steal if you have a worthwhile purpose... You can't allow individual sympathy to get in the way of issues dealing with the interests of the institution.

## JUDGE DELAYS HEARING ON BOWIE

DALLAS (UPI)—A state district judge delayed a hearing last Friday on whether British rock singer David Bowie should be ordered to take a local AIDS test.

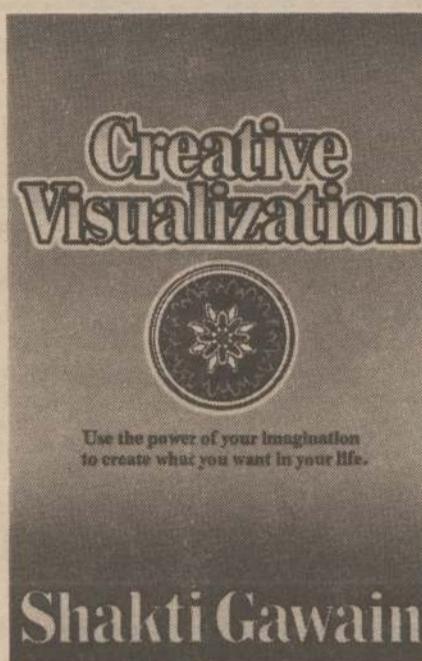
The hearing has been rescheduled for Jan. 15, said Donna Boughton, a clerk in Judge David Brooks' office.

Wanda Nichols, 30, of Dallas, filed a sexual assault complaint against Bowie because of an alleged incident Oct. 9 at a Dallas hotel but a grand jury declined on Nov. 18 to indict him.

Nichols filed a civil lawsuit against Bowie Oct. 29, asking a judge to order him to take an AIDS test.

Dr. Robert Coughn of Switzerland submitted a statement to Brooks saying Bowie tested negative earlier this month for the AIDS virus, but attorneys for the woman want the rock singer and movie star to undergo an "independent" test in the United States.

# MEG UMAN'S REVIEW



*Creative Visualization.* Shakti Gawain, author. Whatever Publishing, Mill Valley, CA: 1979. \$7.95 paperbound.

It starts with a thought: "I think I'll make dinner." The thought generates the action, and the action produces the result. It's that simple. There's no situation in our lives that didn't originate in our minds. Circumstances may have been pre-existing, or imposed by outside forces—human, natural or supernatural, as you prefer—but even then, it's our responses to our circumstances that create our situations.

Gawain leads us easily into her way of thinking with her concrete and common example of thinking about making dinner, and then we're hooked—or at least I was. I've read so many self-help books, and heard so many rave reviews of this one that my curiosity was mixed with cynicism. And this is what she's telling us too: if I'd been unwilling to suspend my cynicism, I'd have made my reading a bad experience.

That's the core message—we get what we expect. Nothing new there, and we all recognize that in its daily applications. We form an impression and we hang on to it: this person doesn't like me, this person wouldn't understand, I can't afford a new car, I can't be happy with her, he's going to die. We have these thoughts, and we act in accordance with them, and we produce the result we're used to perceiving. If it's not pleasurable, at least it's predictable.

*Creative Visualization* isn't just an exercise in imagining things we want and don't expect, although it's that too. Gawain tells us how to imagine, and it's the same sound goal-setting strategy that crops up everywhere: make it concrete, specific, possible. Fill in the details. What will you be wearing?

This isn't as easy as it sounds. Letting go of expectations of continuity is frightening in its implications—you mean I could actually change this stuff? You mean I'm not a helpless victim of circumstance? You mean all this time I've been sitting on my arse and bitching, I could have been doing something? Yes. Knowing that we create our lives by our inaction as well as by our action is more self-help than most of us asked for.

Gawain tells us what to do with our creative visualization once we've got it, and how the process will create the change. She gives us fair warning that the change won't always take the form we expect, but if it isn't what we ordered, it will be something even better. If you're familiar with traditional religions, compare this to the process of prayer—you ask God for what you want, and you get what God wants you to have. In the creative visualization process, you're God.

I've tried it, and it works, and it's frightening, and it's worth the fear. It will be worth it for you too. We can know that the responsibility for creating our lives is inside ourselves.

Meg is a counselor in private practice in Phoenix, and owner of Humanspace Books, Inc. *Creative Visualization* is available from Whatever and at Humanspace.



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# AT WORK

## THE STRESS OF AIDS: HANDLING IT AT WORK

AIDS has not only brought fear and grief into our personal world, it has created extraordinary stress for us in the workplace as well. Much of the AIDS-related stress we experience at work can be traced to three areas of concern: job security, dealing with coworkers and insurance coverage.

Answers to the question "What can I do about it?" are not always immediately apparent. The issue of AIDS in the workplace is still largely uncharted territory for many companies. By finding some answers, we reduce our own stress, as well as help eliminate the fear and prejudice of others.

### Job Security

Concerns about job security are very real—and not at all unfounded. People with AIDS have been fired from their jobs; people mistakenly identified as having AIDS, even people only suspected of having the disease, have lost their jobs.

Fortunately, these incidents have occurred relatively infrequently in proportion to the number of known cases of AIDS. Most workers are still covered by either state or federal job discrimination laws, and increasingly, the nation's business community is becoming more sensitive to the human and legal problems of AIDS-related discrimination. Companies are recognizing the value of policy guidelines and support programs to help employees deal with catastrophic illnesses like AIDS. And, according to the American Management Association (AMA), an increasing number of companies are providing educational and other resources to train managers in handling AIDS-related workplace issues. (The AMA has published an excellent management briefing, "AIDS, The Workplace Issues." The booklet is available to nonmembers for \$10; contact AMA, 135 W. 50th St., New York, NY 10020; 212-586-8100.)

Still, we ask, what steps can we take to protect ourselves?

The first step is to recognize where the danger lies. Ignorance—about how to handle the potentially disruptive effects of AIDS in the workplace, and about contagion and legal issues—is probably the greatest threat to job security.

Ignorance, and the fear it breeds in ourselves and in others, can only be combatted with education. Keeping yourself well informed about the disease, particularly its causes and transmission, prepares you to deal with others' fears.

Your self-education should not stop there. Unless you know where to turn for help, you will be unable to do anything about discrimination, ignorance or fear among your coworkers, or about the unwillingness or inability of management to address these problems.

Mary Rowe, an adjunct professor at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, suggests that individuals research the educational or support programs already in place at other companies. That information could be presented as a model for your company. You could pass it along to management directly or by means of an anonymous but responsible letter from a concerned employee. Most companies would likely be receptive to a suggestion that could produce a more productive, stress-free work environment.

Another way to encourage your company to conduct in-house education for managers and employees is to send for the AMA's briefing booklet and pass it along, anonymously if necessary, to the appropriate individual.

Many regional, state and local health, professional, gay and AIDS-related organizations offer printed educational information, speakers and information exchange services. For instance, the American Red Cross offers seminars about AIDS in the workplace; AIDS Project Los Angeles sponsors a Business Advisory Council; *Personal Journal*, a national trade publication, provides an information clearinghouse for members of the Western Publications Association; and the U.S. Public Health Service maintains a 24-hour information line (800-342-AIDS).

### Dealing with Coworkers

Nongay coworkers are not always as sensitive as we might wish them to be to AIDS issues and the resultant stress. Increasing their awareness through education is a long-term process and not necessarily one that can be accomplished single-handedly. There are times when a more immediate solution is needed.

One instance would be the occasion of a rumor about your or someone else's health. Regardless of how the rumor got started—a prolonged absence due to a non-AIDS-related illness, maliciousness—this situation needs to be defused immediately and directly. A frank but gentle discussion of the facts may be the most effective route. It may be necessary to request your manager's assistance, so be prepared to recommend resources if your manager feels unqualified to handle AIDS-related situations. A good place to start is "The Fear of AIDS," an article coauthored by Mary Rowe which appeared in the July-August 1986 issue

of *Harvard Business Review*. Targeted to management, the article outlines the issues, suggests courses of action and includes an excellent resource list.

The thoughtlessness of others—displayed by AIDS jokes and derogatory remarks—can also be a source of stress at work. The only way to put an end to this vulgar irritation is to express disapproval, which will probably be appreciated by others as well.

### Insurance

Specific questions about the adequateness of your group health and life insurance coverage should be directed to the appropriate individual at your company or to an insurance professional. But generally speaking, if you are in good health and already have adequate group coverage, you probably have little reason for concern. Even if you become sick and lose your job, federal legislation (the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, or COBRA) guarantees "qualified employees...the option of continuing their [group health] coverage" for up to at least 18 months.

However, due to new AIDS-related underwriting guidelines adopted by some insurance companies, your insurability may come into question if, for example, you change jobs. Questions about a pre-existing condition may arise, and you would be wise to consult a professional before taking any action that might change your status or insurability.

There are enough unknowns surrounding AIDS. Staying on top of the facts and the resources available is the only way to cope with AIDS in the workplace.

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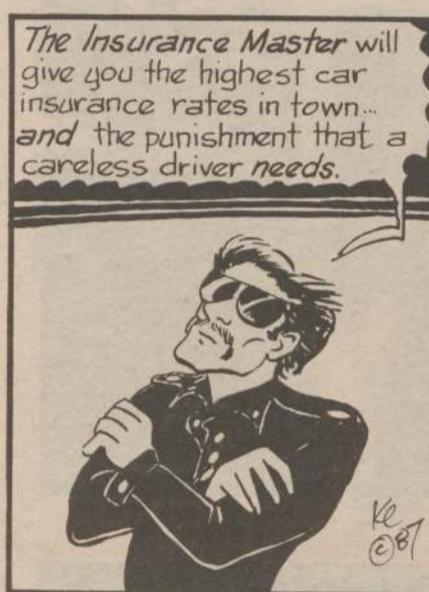
Have you noticed? With the exception of Jesse Jackson, no other presidential candidate has addressed the subject of AIDS in any of their prepared "stump" speeches? Because the majority of AIDS patients are still gay men and IV drug users, it seems that the presidential hopefuls are choosing to ignore this worldwide health crisis.

As we view this subject, it appears that unless and until AIDS expands dramatically into the general population, the crisis remains, for the presidential hopefuls, a hypothetical issue. Perhaps for some, even a non-issue.

In a Roper organization poll done in December 1987 for U.S. News and World Report, 80% of those surveyed picked the spread of AIDS as the top issue likely to become an urgent problem in 1988. The disease beat out drug abuse, health care costs, the federal deficit and homelessness. 82% of those polled favored a substantial increase in funding for AIDS research. Even with those significant survey results, there is little sense of urgency in the general population or a rise of public pressure for solutions to the crisis.

So far, the candidates have managed to remain politically polite about the topic. They seem to have adopted the attitude of speaking only when directly queried about AIDS. Du Pont has put forth his solution to this health crisis by suggesting monogamy as the cure-all. Babbit thinks enough money has been allocated for research. George Bush tops all the candidates with the most unintelligible answer regarding AIDS. During the NBC presidential debate, Mr. Bush's partial response to a question about AIDS was, "I'd rather be watching *Jake and the Fatman*."

Basically, these candidates are treating the issue of AIDS as an unpleasant, unanswerable subject. We really wonder if this would be the candidate's attitude if the numbers of AIDS statistics in the U.S. suddenly were preceded with *hetero-* rather than *homo-*.



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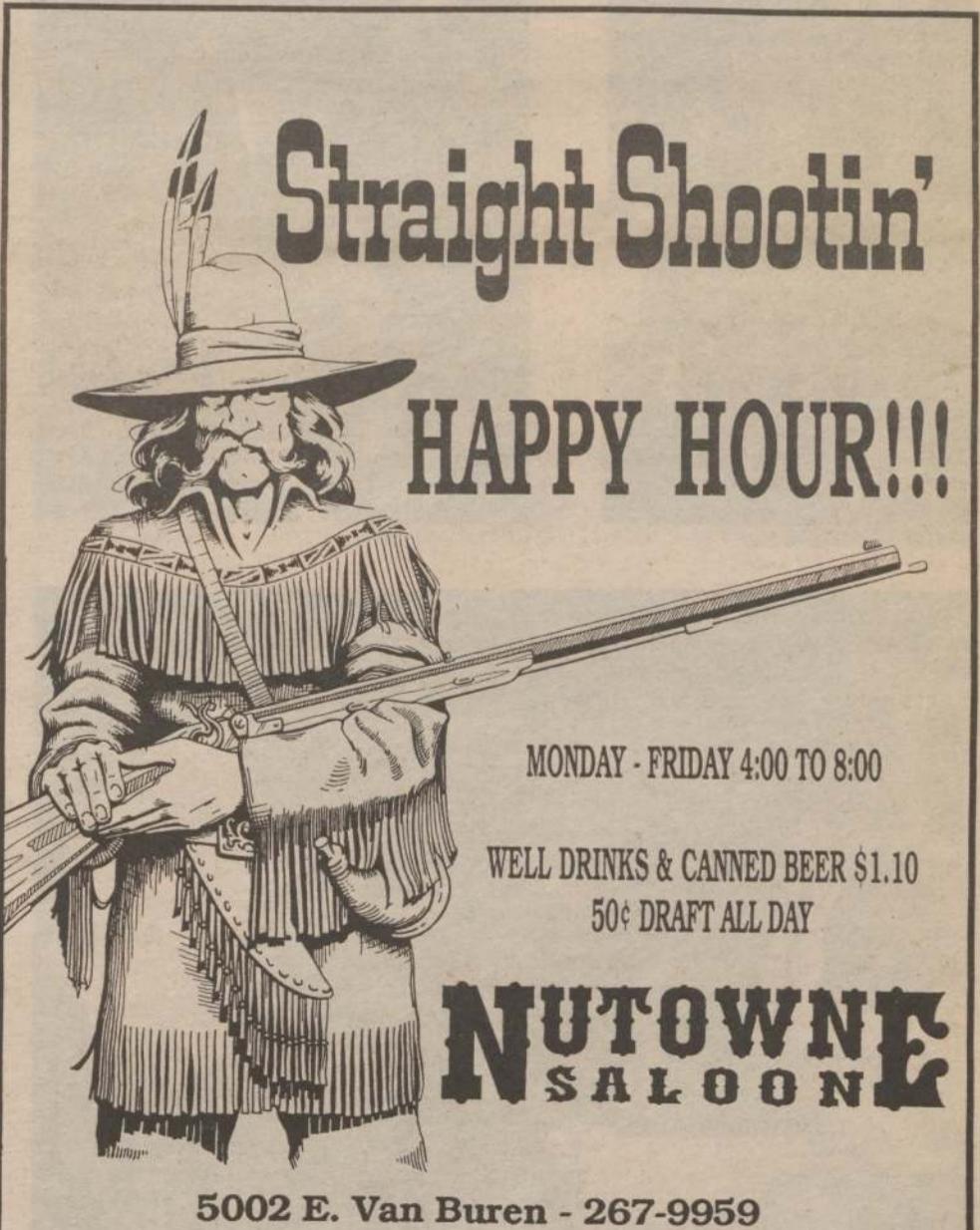
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*The stands are filled with spectators, and the smell in the air is a mixture of livestock, beer and burritos. The rodeo announcer wisecracks for the crowd, calling off the next event. A lanky blonde cowboy settles himself onto a bareback bronc, while two of his buddies in hats and spurs lean into the chute, barking instructions. Just before the blonde gives the nod, signaling for the gate to be opened and the timer to start, one of the men on the rail gives him a kiss on the cheek, a slap on the shoulder, and says, "stick with him, girl, and keep your heels down."*

The unusual scene described above was typical of many I witnessed as volunteer arena help at the Arizona Gay Rodeo, held January 15th, 16th and 17th at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds in Phoenix. The event this year was sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, in conjunction with the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association.

Before I had attended my first gay rodeo (in Phoenix last year), I thought I had a clear idea of what a rodeo was, and of what rodeo contestants were like. I also thought I knew what the limits of a gay athlete were; as one acquaintance of mine put it, when I asked if he'd attended last year, "What do they mean, 'Gay Rodeo?' is that some kind of joke?"

Watching AGRA's 1987 rodeo, I realized that gay athletic events are no joke, and that my own stereotypical ideas about what gay men and lesbian women could or could not do were dead wrong. It was obvious to even the most cynical spectator that those cowboys and girls took their fun very seriously.

So, it was at that time that I told myself I would participate in some way in 1988. I wanted an opportunity to experience first hand the comradery and sense of competition that developed among the contestants.

A few weeks before this year's rodeo, I called the folks at Charlie's (Phoenix Country Dance Bar and home base to the AGRA), to volunteer my help in the arena in January. "Arena help would be perfect," I thought. I'd be in a great spot for viewing much of the action, and I might learn a few things about my own inhibitions regarding athletic events by working so closely with the cowboys. "Besides," I figured, "it ought to be a lot of fun."

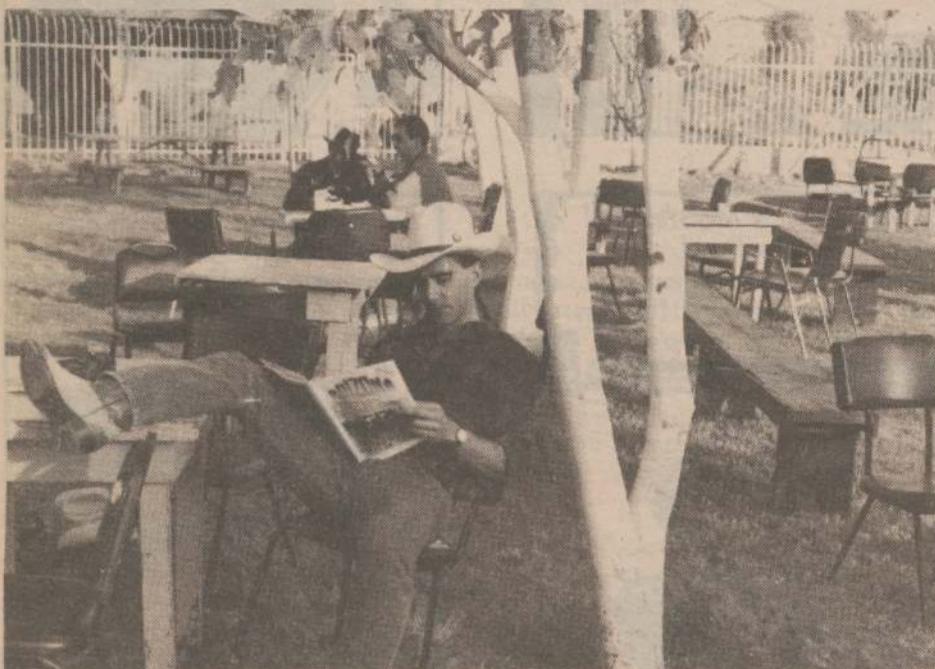
After the first volunteer sign-up meeting at Charlie's, however, I wasn't so sure. John King, Charlie's owner and director of the rodeo, had welcomed those of us volunteering with kind words and stern warnings. "It'll be hot, dirty, tiring and full of tension in that arena," he told us. It was the "tension" part that had me the most worried. I had signed up for chute-pulling, or opening the gate during the bareback and camp events. It was purported to be one of the more demanding jobs, and I almost had second thoughts when a contestant I knew told me after the meeting, "You're pulling chute? Well, try to have fun and don't get too upset when everybody yells at you. Good luck."

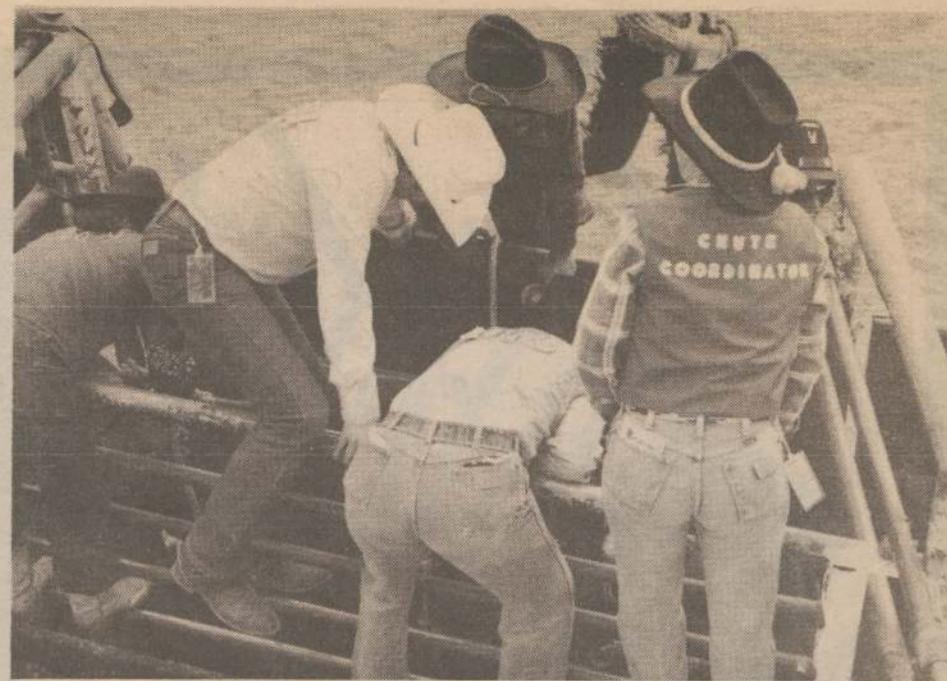
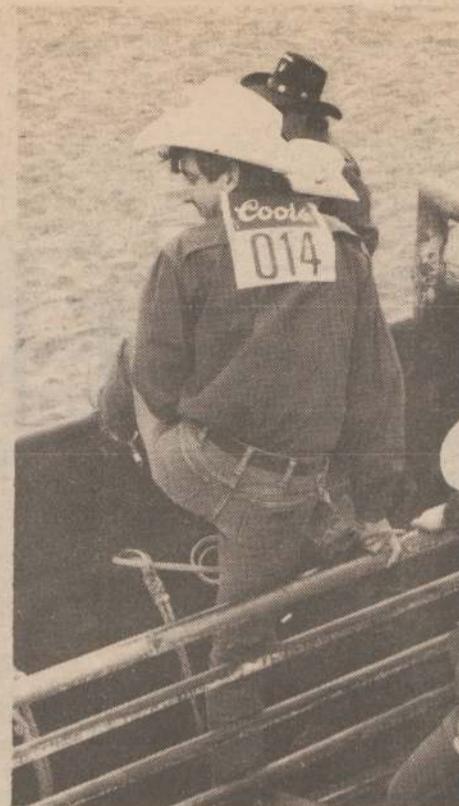
I drove home wondering what I had gotten myself into. Everyone seemed nice, and it would be fun to be around horses and arenas again; something I hadn't experienced since my last 4H horse show at about age 14 back in Michigan. Still, I felt out of place with all those cowboy types. I'm all heels and slides when it comes to the two-step, and I didn't even own a cowboy hat.

On Sunday, a week before the rodeo, the volunteers met with John and with Jim McAllister, arena director, at the grounds in order to get a feel for the arena and to practice our jobs.

Chute pulling, it turned out, was a matter of timing more than anything else: a two person team waits outside the chute, watching the rider for a signal. One throws the latch, while the other jerks a cotton rope, swinging open the metal door to the chute and starting the contestant's ride. I'd have to pay attention, move quickly and think even more quickly. And I'd have to do it over one hundred times a day.

Following opening ceremonies and a dance on Friday night, Saturday January





16th arrived cold and damp. It was the first day of arena events, and I headed for the rodeo grounds at 8:00am in a pair of hand-me-down boots and a hat I'd borrowed that was too big for me.

I felt a little silly in my costume that morning, but once the clouds had burned off and the events began, there was no time for feeling silly. In fact, I soon realized that there would be no time for much of anything but the job at hand.

As the Grand Entry Parade began, I remembered what it was that had inspired me to become involved with the rodeo in the first place. Flags from all fifty states were marched into the arena, followed by eighty-six contestants from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas. The contestants were joined by dance groups, rodeo association board members, banner carriers representing several gay bars throughout the west, and the "Mr., Ms., and Miss AGRA" title winners.

As the United States flag was galloped before the stands on horseback, and the band struck up the National Anthem, I began to feel moved in a way that surprised me. I'm usually the last person to get choked up at an athletic event, but this one was different. During the invocation I scanned the full grandstand, and felt an incredible swell of gay pride.

How great it was to be involved in something that draws so many people together in the spirit of fun and community; to be outside, in full sunlight, with hundreds of other gay men and women, laughing and cheering while sharing the spirit of athletic competition. "There are too few events like this one available to us," I thought at the time, "far too few."

Suddenly, the bareback bronc competition was under way, and it was time to start pulling chute. The events of the first day went about as I'd expected. The job was everything King had said it would be, and more. It was sweaty, tiring, dirty and smelly. I was nervous. I made a few mistakes and people did yell. But it was also rewarding, challenging and fun. People yelled more to make themselves heard over the constant din than because they were angry; they also laughed, hugged and soothed each other as the day wore on.

I was so tired that I barely remember undressing for bed Saturday night, I only know that I went to bed sober and early, and slept soundly 'til morning.

Eight O'clock seemed to come earlier than usual on Sunday. Despite rainier, windier weather, the events ran smoother than on the previous day! The contestants were more sure of themselves, the livestock more settled, and the volunteer arena crew members had a better grasp of what we were supposed to be doing.

I watched the contestants more closely that second day. They'd all come there to accomplish something, to try to reach a goal they had set for themselves. I looked at the faces of the men and women who had good rides, who made their time. I also watched the competitors who didn't make the buzzer, who failed to throw the steer or missed the bucket in the flag race. Even the worst performances brought cheers from the crowd, and the contestant's attitudes never seemed to slip for more than a few seconds.

I had always been afraid of athletic competition, because I was afraid I'd fail in front of people. I learned at the rodeo that there is often more value in a worthy attempt than in an easy victory, and that even though a lot of people may technically have "failed", at least they all had the guts to try. I began to feel a bit envious.

Sunday's events closed with a dance and an awards ceremony. I later learned that despite the drizzly weather, over 2800 people had attended throughout both days. The AGRA and NMGRA had pulled off a big success, a rodeo everyone involved with could be proud of.

I'll admit I was feeling somewhat proud of myself, too, as I relaxed with a beer at the dance Sunday evening. Friends in the stands said I'd looked like I had known what I was doing from where they had been sitting, and a few complimented me on how I looked in my new cowboy hat.

On Sunday morning, before the rodeo started, I'd decided I needed a hat that fit, so I broke down and bought myself one from one of the vendors on the grounds. I'm not sure if it was a wise purchase, because even though it did help me to feel less out of place on Sunday, it was fairly expensive and I don't know where I'll ever wear it again! I do enjoy the country and western bars every now and then, but wearing a cowboy hat for a night of drinking and dancing isn't really my style. I guess it's destined to just sit, next to the boots, in a corner of my room.

Unless, of course, I were to buy a lariat this spring and learn to rope. There's a stump in the backyard that's about right, and the next rodeo is a few months away, so there would be plenty of time to practice...who knows?; maybe next year, I'll be looking at the chute from the inside. ▼



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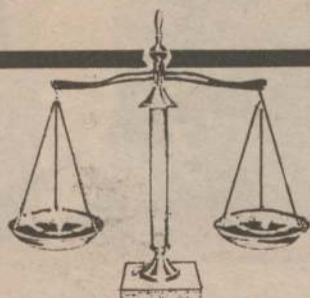
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I just heard about a guy who'd been seeing a therapist for six months and never brought up the subject of being gay. That's like having a dripping dick but telling the doctor you have a hangnail—or going to the dentist with a toothache and refusing to open your mouth. What's he afraid of—getting cured, having his head shrunk, facing reality, facing himself? Deception is part of our lives—we learned it early—but the last person you want to deceive is your therapist.

The term "shrink," besides conjuring up images of South American savages with bones in their nose, gives the wrong impression. The therapist's job, simply put, is to help you grow, gain insight and guide you in the establishment of new behavior patterns. Will he cure you? No. Will he change you? No. Will he make you into something you don't want to be or take control of your mind? No. Let's accept as a given that the reason you've decided to seek counseling is because there's something going on in your life that doesn't please you or is creating stress. An example: inappropriate behavior patterns. They might have served you well when you were young, but now that you're older, going into snits, getting into funks, and throwing everybody else out of the sandbox, just doesn't cut it. And let's not overlook midlife crisis. Believe me—it's real and can make you do very strange things. That, more than any aspect of our adult lives, will cause perfectly sane, "nothing wrong with me" type people to consider therapy. I know—I've been there. So let's understand something right away: what I'm about to recommend comes only from my own experience, from reading, interviewing and a couple of years of being a dedicated shrinkie. Take it for what it's worth.

The most critical aspect of therapy is the relationship between you and the therapist. If you don't feel totally comfortable and are unable to be completely open and honest with a particular therapist, go to another and another and another until you find one with whom the chemistry is right. The reason is simple. If therapy is to be successful you will, in time, grow to love and respect your therapist. In turn, your therapist must care for and respect you in a way that enables him or her to accept you unconditionally and without the imposition of any judgemental values. Your goal is to develop new ways of dealing with the world. You will try those ways out on your therapist first. If you can't be open, honest—yes, even be angry—with your therapist, you'll not be able to do it with anyone else. Also, if you're expecting to pop into the office once a week and come out a couple months later "cured", forget it. No therapist cures anyone. If any change is to take place, you're going to make the changes and be prepared to work at it. Therapy is by no means a passive endeavor. Plan on reading, studying, examining, questioning and, most of all, being scared. When you begin to recognize the behavior patterns you've used all your life are no longer effective—even though deep in your gut you've been denying it all along—it's time to create new ones. In time, you'll go through a period, let's call it processing, when you've removed some of your body armor but haven't as yet created more appropriate behavior patterns. During the interim you'll feel vulnerable as hell and scared shitless. That's the point where many people quit. Don't. Hang in there—you will get past it. The therapist can guide, clarify and direct your thinking process, serve as a catalyst and a support system—but he cannot cure you. Will he change you? He won't even try. You're there because there are things about yourself that you're just not happy with. You will initiate the change. All the therapist does is smooth out the rough spots and help you make the transition.

It's been my experience, so far, that the most effective therapist for a gay man is a woman. I'll explain. Remember, I said you'll begin to feel an emotional attachment for your therapist as time goes on. It's a required part of the process. I don't care how open and progressive your straight male therapist is—start throwing some genuine emotion his way (and believe me, you will)—his homophobia will ooze out of every pore and there's no way he'll be able to give you back what you need. A gay male therapist is better—because he's been there. No ethical therapist would make a move on you, but knowing that he is gay coupled with your growing feeling could create a touchy situation...particularly if there's a couch in the room.

Therapy, in many ways, is a process of reparenting: taking you back to when you were a kid, examining where those old behavior patterns came from and helping you establish new ones. Since most of us developed those patterns with the help of dear old Mum, who better to go back and correct past mistakes with than another female? A new mother figure, one who understands and accepts you as the original one never did, and whose job it is to bring you up to be happy and content with yourself. Besides, it's easier to let your butch down and cry in front of a lady. She'll handle it better than a man.

Final suggestion—check out your county mental health association. I believe they're more dedicated, and they're paid a salary. They'll not keep you around any longer than necessary. As for cost, most county agencies work on a sliding scale; you'll pay according to what you can afford.

This subject can go on for days and I've barely ruffled the surface. Just remember—if there's something about your life that's not right, it doesn't mean you're nutso—well maybe just a little—but you don't have to live with it forever! It's your life—take charge of it.

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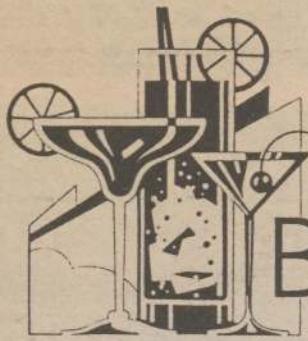
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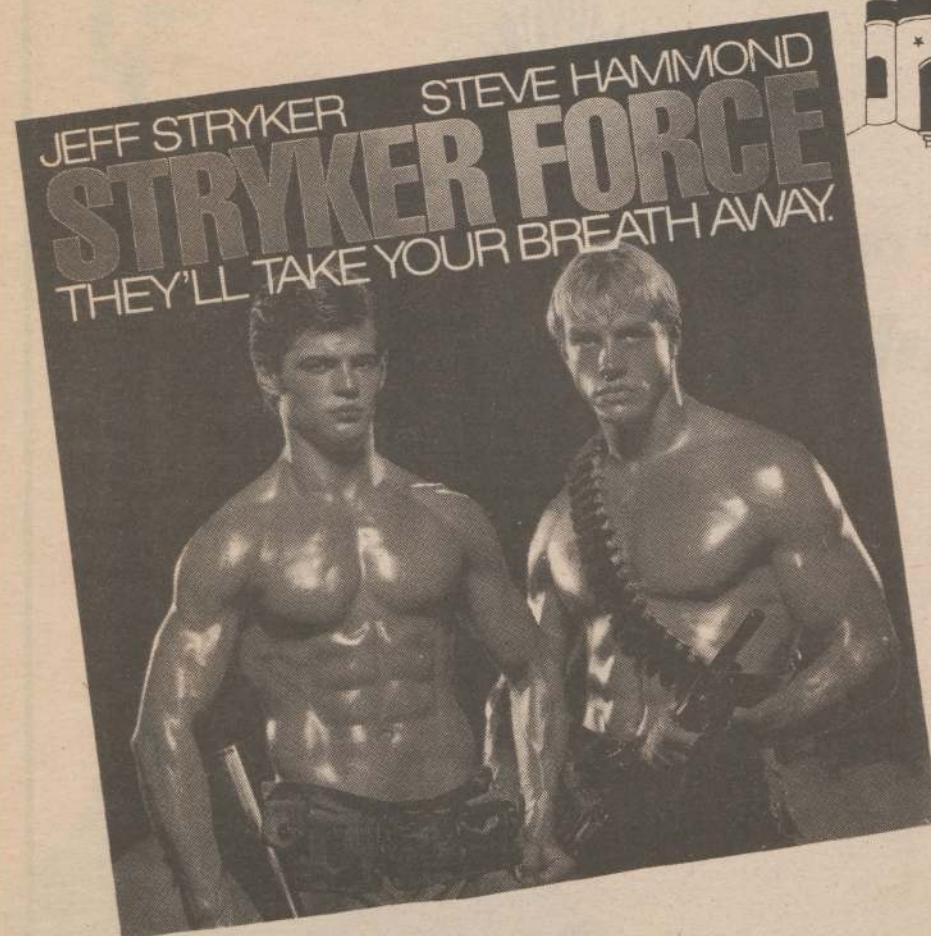
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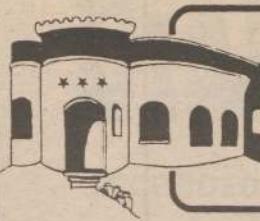
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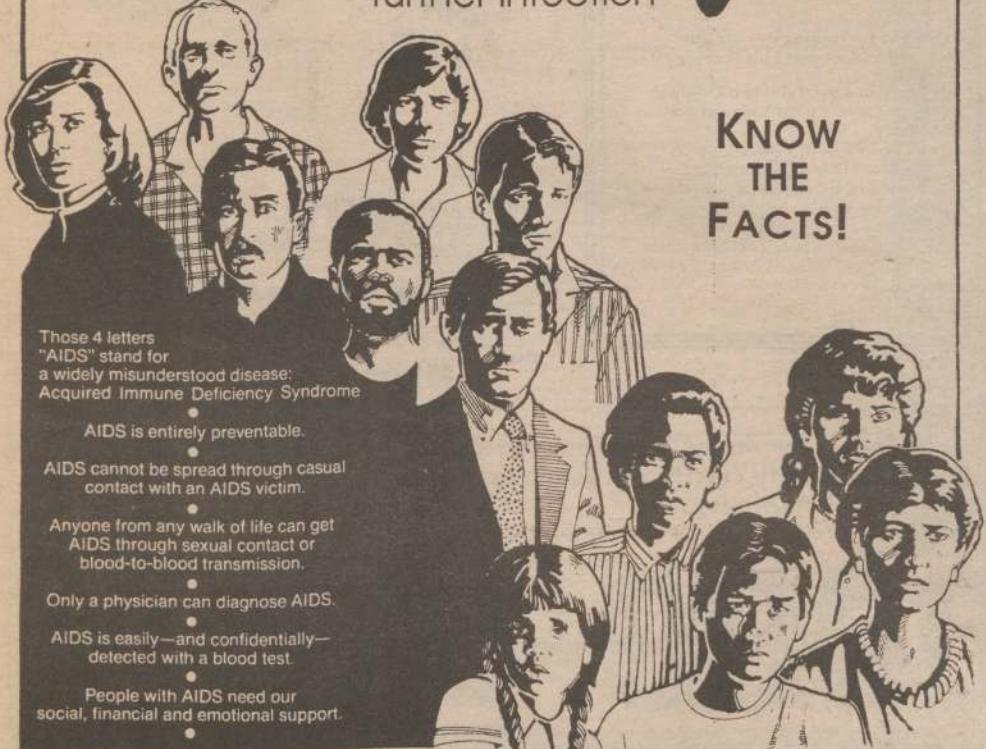
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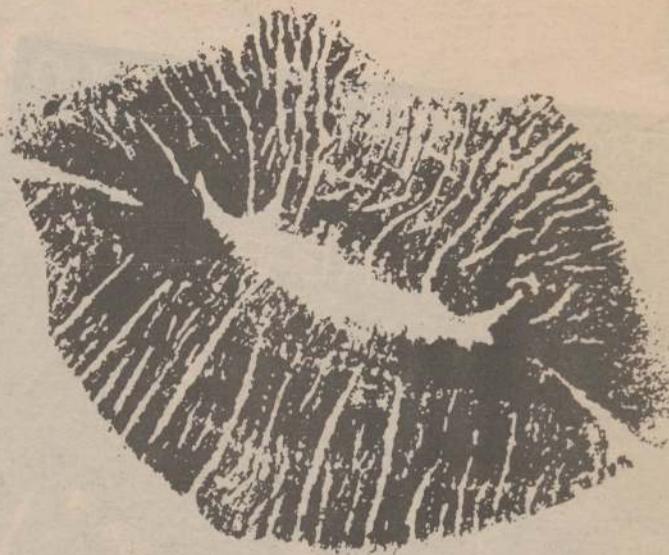
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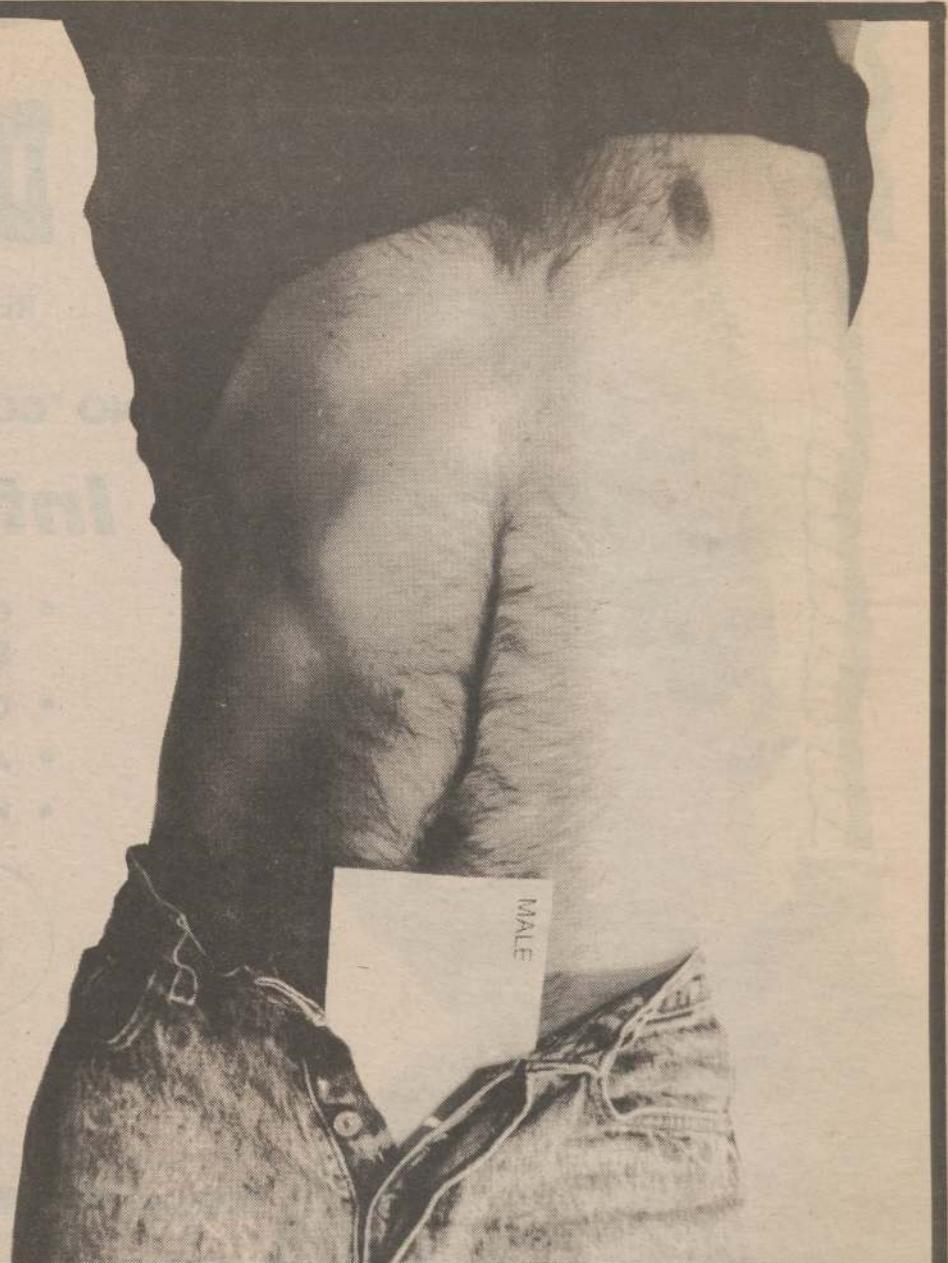
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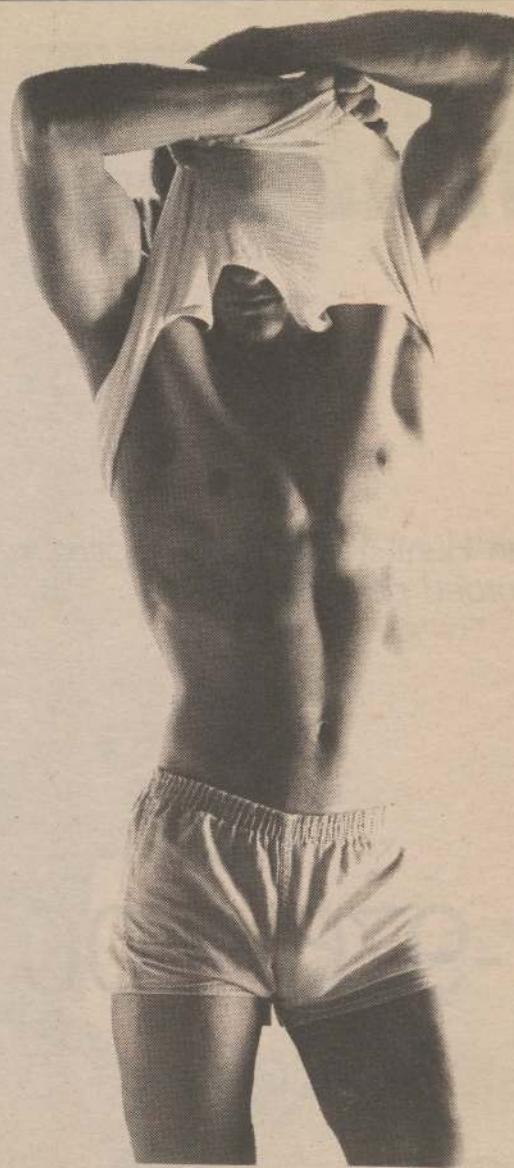
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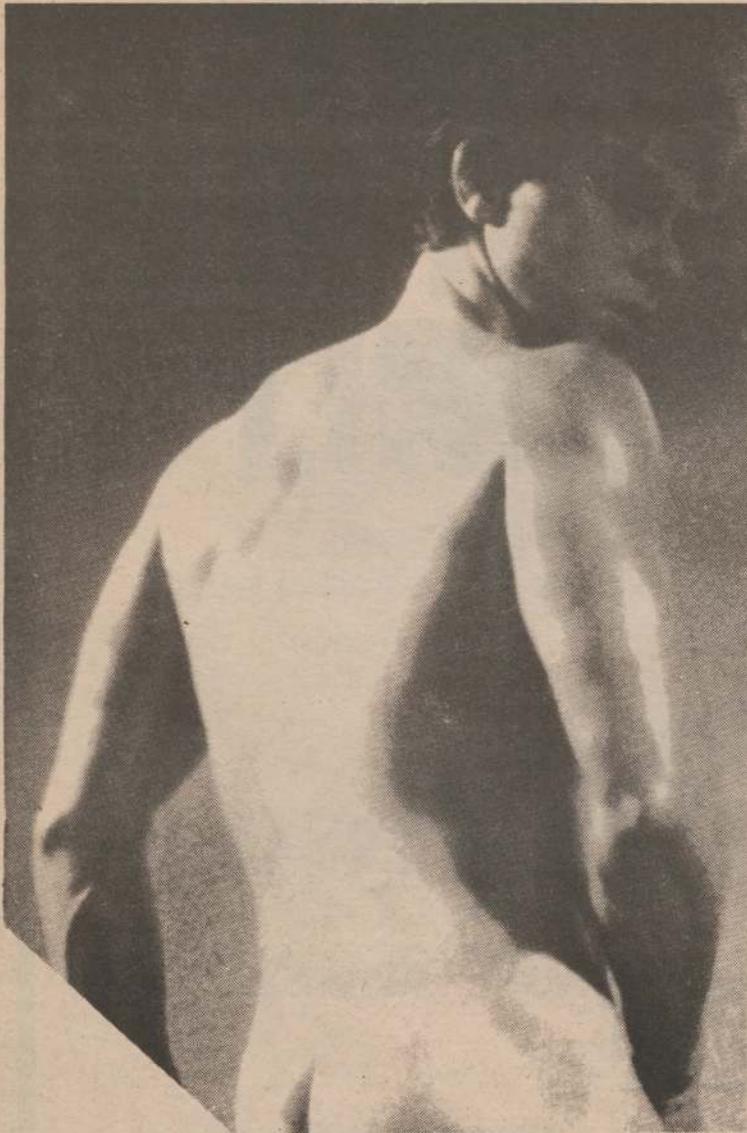
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1/22-24, 29-31  
AAP: Emotional Support Training. Friday 6:30-10, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 11-6. Call for application and details. 277-1929.

1/23  
OASIS MCC: Mesenger Series workshops on networking, faith, healing, spiritual growth. \$7.50. Including banquet to follow, \$17.50. Call Rev. Charlotte at 437-2629.

1/24  
SHANTI: Open Forum. "What Do You Do With Your Feelings?", with Eloise Cole. 7pm-9pm at the Phoenix Indian Hospital classroom building, 16th Street and Indian School. 265-3884.

1/30  
VALLEY MCCs: AIDS Vigil. 7pm-8pm at South Mountain, Las Ramadas.

2/1-2  
JANUS: Auditions for LIFE OF THE PARTY. 7pm at 3302 N. 7th Street, formerly the Indian Family Center. 956-4940.

2/6  
COUPLES: Meeting. "Legal Forum for Lesbian and Gay Couples". Learn the ins and outs of your rights. 1pm at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th Street and Virginia. 831-5920.

2/7  
OASIS MCC: Membership/inquirers class. 1pm/ 4229 S. 36th Place (off Broadway). 437-2629.

2/19  
SHANTI: Seminar with Louise Hay. 7pm-9pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive. 265-3884.

2/20  
HOUSE OF THE DAWN: Self-hypnosis workshop w/Cal. 9:30am. Bring lunch. 267-1203.

2/21  
COUPLES: A jaunt to the botanical gardens. Call Beth and Mary for details. 831-5920.

2/22-23  
JANUS: Auditions for The Ritz. 7pm at 3302 N. 7th Street. 956-4940.

### ONGOING:

AAP: Surviving Partners Support Group. Tuesdays, 7-9.  
PWA/PWARC Support Group. Tuesdays, 2-4. Support for families, friends, significant others. Wednesdays, 7-9. HLT3 test positive Support Group, Sundays, 4-6.

AZ GAY YOUTH: Meets Mondays at 7:30pm.

AFFIRMATION: Family home evenings. 2nd & 4th Mondays.

BOWLING: Squaw Peak Lanes, 32nd St. & Indian School, Mondays, 9pm.  
Thunderbird Lanes, Indian School and Black Canyon, Sundays, 10am.

CBPA: Meets 1st Fridays, mornings, and 3rd Thursdays, evenings. 244-1658/899-6298.

DESERT VALLEY SQUARES: Meets Sunday evenings at Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th Street and Virginia. "Fun Nights" alternate Thursdays at STIXX!!!!!!

GAY ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA): Meets Sundays at 8pm, Humanspace Books, 1617 N. 32nd Street. 220-4419.

HOUSE OF THE DAWN: "Lessons with Nikola Tesla" - continuing series, Tuesdays at 8:30. Videos and discussions Mondays at 7:30. Phone for info.

LGCS & AAIL: AIDS Information Outreach w/video presentation, Wednesdays, 6pm, at Chuck's, The Bar at the Flex Complex. Presentation also available by request—contact R. Hegyi, 234-2752/2753.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES:  
OASIS: Sundays at 11am. 4229 S. 36th Pl. (off Broadway). Socials, 3rd Saturdays; 1st & 3rd Wednesday Service, 7:30pm.  
GENTLE SHEPHERD: Sundays at 10:30am. 7655 E. Redfield, Sctsd. Talk Line: 998-2421.  
CASA DE CRISTO: Sundays at 8:30, 10:30, and 7pm. Turney east of 7th St.

PFLAG: Meets 3rd Mondays, Mount of Olives Church, 3546 E. Thomas, 7pm.

PHOENIX GAY AND MARRIED MEN'S ASSOCIATION (GAMMA): Meets 1st Thursdays. 435-0828.

PHOENIX SHANTI: Reaching for Alternatives (a "Loving" Support group for PWAs), Wednesdays at 7pm. Women & AIDS, alternate Wednesdays at 7pm. Family, friends, and significant others support group, Wednesdays, 7-9. HLT3 "test positive" support group, Sundays at 7pm. Call for info. regarding Welcome Wagon visitation/help line for PWAs.

RELATIONSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP: Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7pm. Unitarian Universalist. 4027 E. Lincoln Drive. 870-9597.

WELLNESS GROUP: Mondays. Contact Gerrie Mayer-Gibbons through AAP or SHANTI.

Phone individual organizations for specifics.

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PHOENIX RESOURCE/OUTLINES

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## RESOURCE

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

A.I.D.S. Info Line  
234-2752

AIDS Referral,  
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502 W. 10th St.  
Mesa 85201  
461-2205

Alanon  
6829 N. 21st Ave.  
Phoenix, 85015  
249-1257

Arizona AIDS Project  
738 E. Flynn  
Phoenix, 85014  
277-1929

Arizona Gay Rodeo  
Assoc.  
PO Box 16363  
Phoenix 85011  
268-5827 938-3932

Arizona Rangers  
P.O. Box 13074  
Phoenix 85002  
252-7035

AZ Gay Youth  
Artie Michals  
938-3932

Camelback Business &  
Professional Assn.  
P.O. Box 2097  
Phoenix 85001  
244-1658 or 899-6298

Copperstate  
Leathermen  
P.O. Box 44051  
Phoenix, 85064

Couples of Arizona  
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Phoenix, 85011  
831-5920

Desert Adventures  
PO Box 2008  
Phoenix 85001  
995-5021

Desert Overture  
PO Box 26772  
Phoenix 85030  
381-1311

Desert Sky Singers  
P.O. Box 16383  
Phoenix, 85011

Desert Valley Squares  
P.O. Box 34615  
Phoenix, 85067  
978-3273

Independent Tavern  
Owners  
of Arizona (I.T.A.)  
Contact I.T.A. Members

Janus Theatre  
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Phoenix 85018  
956-4940

Lesbian & Gay Academic  
Union  
A.S.U.  
Tempe 85287  
969-1913

Lesbian & Gay  
Community Switchboard  
234-2752

Los Amigos Del Sol  
(LADS)  
P.O. Box 27335  
Phoenix, 85030

Parr of Arizona  
4532 N. 7th St.  
Phoenix, 85012  
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Picture  
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Phoenix

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Chandler, 85224  
963-2133

Parents & Friends of  
Lesbians  
& Gays  
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Phoenix, 85064  
939-7807 or 942-0417

Phoenix Gamma  
PO Box 47811  
Phoenix 85068  
435-0828

Phoenix Older/Younger  
Men's  
Social Organization  
P.O. Box 10423  
Phoenix, 85064

Phoenix Shanti Group  
P.O. Box 17618  
Phoenix, 95011  
265-3884

Relationship Discussion  
Group  
870-9597

Sons of Apollo  
P.O. Box 7281  
Phoenix 85011  
277-9373

Arcadia Flowers  
4835 E. Indian School  
840-3750

Bill's Thrift Shop  
4422 N. 7th Ave.  
Phoenix 85014  
279-5246

Castle Bookstore  
5501 E. Washington  
231-9837

The Framing Center  
2701 N. 24th St.  
Phoenix, 85006  
957-0877

Heritage Hatters  
15035 N. Cave Creek  
Rd.  
1617 N. 32nd St.  
Phoenix, 85008  
220-4419

Humanspace Books  
1617 N. 32nd St.  
Phoenix, 85008  
252-4191 Res.

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Cleaning  
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954-3060

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Phoenix, 85015  
342-3450

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#4  
Phoenix, 85014  
274-2331

Parr of Arizona  
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Phoenix, 85012  
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Desert Typographers  
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Phoenix, 85014  
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#A-160  
Phoenix 85051  
Brian Robertson  
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997-9433

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Phoenix, 85014  
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Gay Roommate Service  
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Scottsdale  
945-5072

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Scottsdale 85258  
948-0900

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Roomate Service  
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Phoenix 85080  
582-3868

RELIGIOUS  
ORGANIZATIONS

Affirmation  
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Mesa, 85201

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Mennonites  
Council)  
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Glendale, 85312

Casa De Cristo (MCC)  
1029 E. Turney  
Phoenix, 85014  
265-2831

Dignity  
P.O. Box 21091  
Phoenix, 85036

Gentle Shepard M.C.C.  
P.O. Box 6261  
Scottsdale, 85261  
998-2421

House of Dawn  
2141 E. Palm Ln  
Phoenix 85010  
267-1203

Lutherans Concerned  
P.O. Box 7519  
Phoenix, 85011  
258-0071

Mishpachat Ar  
Congregation of Lesbian  
& Gay Jews  
P.O. Box 39127  
Phoenix, 85069  
966-5001

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Phoenix, 85040  
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## NOTICES

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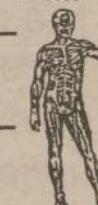


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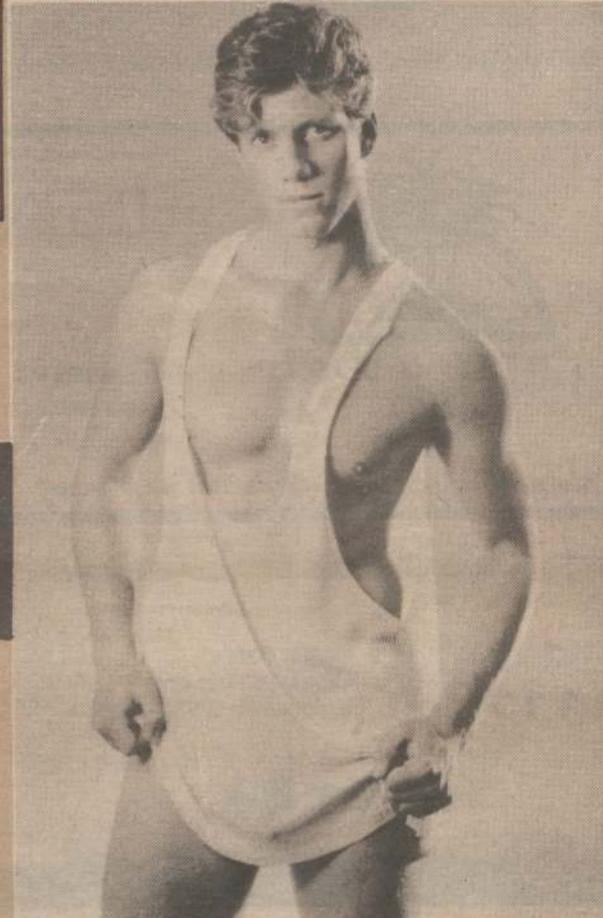
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