

Observer To Go Online on World Wide Web Feb. 15

TUCSON - The Electronic version of Weekly Observer is currently under construction. It's true. The Observer is going electronic, and soon!

Beginning February 15, an expanded version of our weekly paper will debut on the World Wide Web. The Electronic Observer will have color photos and color ads and buttons to click that take you to other places. The Electronic Observer will have the full text of this paper which you will be able to search by sections or click on the headline list to see specific stories.

The Electronic Observer will have even more, with sections for folks who want to visit Tucson, the Electronic Classified Ads with response by e-mail or traditional means, a listing of Goods and Services by category with special links to those advertisers who have their own Homepages.

This will allow anyone with access to the World Wide Web access to the contents of the Observer. The Web currently has over 75 million log ons per week from all over the world.

The World Wide Web site of the Electronic Observer is being created by Anne Schmitt of The Compleat Cyber Aesthetic.

Schmitt said of this project, "When I first decided to undertake this project of putting the Observer on the Internet it looked fairly simple. Then I took a long look at what content is actually in the average issue of this paper.

National, State & Local News, Community Events & Stories, Sports, Religion, AIDS updates, wellness columns, Political Columns, Horoscopes, Arts & Entertainment, Classified Ads, Bar & Non-Bar Calendars and MORE! Add in the community businesses and organizations which advertise here and it becomes a huge undertaking, and I want it to look good."

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[For more information see Anne Schmitt's column, "Surfing With Cyber-Queers".]

State Senate Judiciary Committee Passes 'Hate Crimes Bill'

Governor Opposes; Sponsor Will Fight For Bill

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - S.B. 1078, a statewide hate crimes ordinance that includes "sexual orientation," leapt its first of many big hurdles this past week.

On Tuesday, the State Senate Judiciary Committee voted 7-1 to approved S.B. 1078. The bill's sponsor was St. Sen. Patti Noland (R-Tucson), the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The committee took up the bill this past Tuesday during their weekly meeting. The bill was amended, tightening up the language to make sure it was constitutional. The committee then heard testimony favoring the measure, no one spoke against the bill.

Those testifying were representatives from: the State Attorney General's Office; the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and the Hate Crimes Unit from the office; the Hate Crime Task Force; the NAACP; the American Psychologist Association. Also testifying was Mark Colledge representing many Gay and Lesbian groups and the Community Center in the Phoenix Area.

The committee then voted, with the following results: Yes - Noland (R), Kaites (R), Grant (R), Wettaw (R), Cumiskey (D), Goudinoff (D), and Solomon (D). No - Burns (R)

Reaction was swift. St. Sen. Christ Cumiskey (D-Phoenix) said "The need for this ordinance is evident, with the

statistics of hate crimes that have occurred and have been gathered by the Department of Public Safety for the past five years. The measure will add to the list of aggravating circumstances in sentencing."

The bill's sponsor, St. Sen Patti Noland (R-Tucson) said she was pleased, but expressed concerns. "No one spoke in opposition to the bill which causes me some concern. This past week the Governor expressed his opposition to the bill."

Governor Fife Symington III (R), in an interview stated his opposition to S.B. 1078. But Noland is not deterred.

"The Tucson and Phoenix community and business leaders support the bill," Noland said.

About its chances, "Prosecutors from the state and counties support the measure and that goes along way and help a lot in the fight to get S.B. 1078 passed," Noland added.

About the bill being watered down, Noland said, "I will fight to keep it intact."

The bill now goes to the State Senate Rules Committee, which will take up S.B. 1078 this upcoming Monday.

The Rules Committee can only look at the bill's language to make sure the legislation is constitutional and would hold up if challenged in court. If approved, the bill then goes to the full State Senate for consideration.

Gay Marriage Update; Lots Of Action Across U.S.

[The following is a series of stories which ran this past week on same-sex marriages, the trials and tribulations.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The city's Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a measure that gives Gay couples the right to a symbolic wedding ceremony beginning in April.

"San Francisco is once again illustrating that this is a humane, compassionate and equal opportunity city for all people who live here," said Supervisor Carole Migden, sponsor of the proposal.

The measure must have another reading next Monday, then becomes law March 21.

The civil ceremonies would recognize domestic partnerships, but would not be legal marriages. They would only solemnize the rights the city granted Gay couples since its domestic partnership law took effect on Valentine's Day in 1991.

The measure would not entitle partners to traditional benefits married

people get.

Only couples registered as domestic partners in San Francisco would be eligible for the ceremony. At least 3,000 unmarried couples, most of them Gay, already have filed for that designation, at a cost of \$35 a couple.

Weddings would be performed by the county clerk, or anyone else deputized by the clerk, and could be held anywhere from City Hall to churches, where clergy members agree to perform the ceremony.

California Gears Up To Fight Same-Sex Marriages

In Sacramento, California Assemblyman Peter Knight released amendments to his bill, AB 1982, which would prevent the state from recognizing same sex marriages.

During a press conference, Knight argued that traditional marriages are "baby factories," and as same sex couples cannot reproduce, "they must view marriage as just a reservoir of economic perks."

Knight has the support of the GOP caucus in the Assembly and 29 Republican co-sponsors. Current California law recognizes all U.S. marriages.

In response to the bill, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution opposing the measure.

In a unanimous decision, the Board voted in favor of the resolution, sponsored by Supervisor Angela Alioto.

Alioto called Knight's arguments absurd. "Marriage is not exclusively about procreation or tax breaks. If we believe Mr. Knight, all heterosexual couples without children would not qualify for legal marriage."

The bill is scheduled to go before the Judiciary Committee in the beginning of February.

South Dakota Gears To Ban Same-Sex Marriages

In Pierre, South Dakota Republican state legislator Roger Hunt, who last

year pushed an anti-Gay marriage bill through the state House, but could not get the bill onto the Senate calendar, will reintroduce the bill during the current legislative session.

Hunt's bill adds the words: "Any marriage between persons of the same gender is null and void from the beginning," and if passed, can be used as a tool to fight recognition of Hawaii marriages in South Dakota.

Losing Hawaiian Commission Members Cry To Courts

In Honolulu, two unhappy members of the seven person Hawaii Commission on Sexual Orientation went court and try and invalidate the commission report, which recently recommended that the state of Hawaii legalize same sex marriage. A circuit judge denied their request for a temporary order invalidating the report and the commission itself.

Lloyd Hochberg and Marie Shel-
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UPDATE

Boycott Backlash Brings Gay Paper New Support

AUSTIN, TX - A Gay newspaper under attack by the conservative American Family Association of Texas is getting support from clergy members and advocacy groups.

The American Family Association, which says the Texas Triangle has offensive content, has urged a boycott of businesses advertising in the weekly newspaper, and sent threatening letters to the paper's advertisers.

In response, the new Triangle supporters urged people to instead make a point of doing business with those advertisers.

"We need to work for a different climate, one that finds this kind of cruel and divisive activity unacceptable," said Cecile Richards, daughter of Democratic former Gov. Ann Richards and executive director of the Texas Freedom Network.

The network, which bills itself as "a mainstream alternative to the radical right," coordinated a news conference in front of a book store that advertises with the Triangle. Participants later planned to lunch at a restaurant that's an advertiser.

Among those attending were representatives of the clergy, Gray Panthers, Texas Family Planning Association, People for the American Way, the American Civil Liberties Union, Catholics for Free Choice, the disability rights group ADAPT and Texas AIDS Network.

Old Pueblo Valentines Softball Tournament Information

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association first tournament is just around the corner.

The inaugural Old Pueblo Valentines Softball Tournament will take place on Friday February 16, through Sunday, February 18.

The proposed size of the tournament will be 46 teams on a first come, first serve basis.

The format will consist of double elimination among the four divisions. All games will be held at Sportspark, a 6 field facility.

Registration is \$275 per team. For more information call (520) 318-3415.

Shanti Fundraiser Feb. 11

TUCSON - It's time once again for the battle of the lovebirds, the "Gaylywed Game" will be held at IBT's, 7:30 P.M., Sunday, February 11. The game will be hosted by none other than Miss Gilda Fatale.

The infamous couples for the event will be: Annie Schmitt & Jaime Ball; Ernie Gutierrez & Richard Nicholas; Alex Sierra & Scott Sayer...aka Miss Gay Tucson, Electra Bleu; David Lefton and Larry Moore, aka Lucinda Holliday, the Queen of Comedy.

Keep your eyes open and support your favorite team. Proceeds to benefit the Shanti Food Pantry. The "Gaylywed Game" is a fund raiser that works when you pledge money on behalf of your favorite team.

Dutch Government To Aid Gays In Emerging Countries

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - Believing that Gay rights are human rights, Dutch government officials said that they plan to offer financial support to Gay and Lesbian organizations in developing countries.

The Ministry of Development Cooperation will instruct Dutch embassies in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean to keep an eye out for local groups needing financial or other assistance.

Quote...Unquote

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - What would a week be without some quotes from notables. Here are some more:

"When I was a little boy, I wanted to become a drag racer. Instead, I became a drag queen." - RuPaul

"If you really want to hurt your parents and you don't have enough nerve to be homosexual, the least you can do is go into the arts." - Kurt Vonnegut

"She's so flat you can iron her blouse when she's wearing it." - Joan Rivers commenting on model Claudia Schiffer's build.

"The main difference between American and Thai sexuality is that in America you can only talk about it but you can't do it, but in Thailand you can't talk about it, you can only do it." - Thai author Somtow Sucharitkul, whose work is slowly being introduced into Thailand from his new home in the U.S.

In Memoriam



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"Death is only painful to the living. Life is sometimes filled with pain, and loneliness. We all seek the small pleasures, that life can bring. In our search for those pleasures, we often find we have exposed our self to the very thing that will eventually kill us.

"In the short span of time Steven was on this earth, he met and touched many wonderful people. On January 16, 1996, Steven passed from this life, and began his journey into the next. Dance with the angels and tell those who have past before us. I say hi. We, your earthly brothers and sisters love you and miss you. Until we see each other face to face again, I love you, till death are we joined once again."

Love, Dana, Mike, James, Kary, Harold, Mom and Dad. Forever in our hearts and minds.

Miller Beer Boycott Yields Results In Kentucky

by Kristina Campbell

LOUISVILLE, KY - The president of a beverage distributing company recently after months of pressure from Gay activists and others who were upset at his wife's public anti-Gay positions.

David Shedd resigned his position as head of a Miller Beer distributing company, River City Distributing Co., after a coalition formed in August to protest the high profile anti-Gay work of his wife, Donna Shedd. The Louisville Courier-Journal reported that David Shedd would not say why he resigned.

Donna Shedd, an officer with conservative Eagle Forum in Kentucky and a Republican activist, is not employed by the company and does not hold stock in it. However, one of the boycott activists said she benefits from the company financially that, therefore, the group is entitled to direct its anger at the company.

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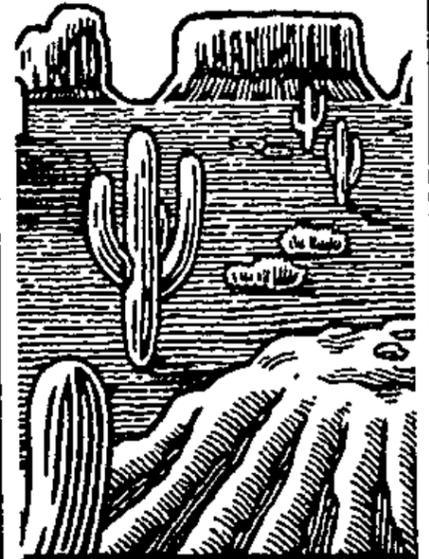
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WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - A triple punch combination of an experimental new AIDS drug and two others already on the market is by far the most potent treatment yet for the people infected with the deadly virus, researchers reported.

The therapy does not cure AIDS. At best, it will slow and perhaps stall the disease for long periods. Even this could be a significant advance, since currently available virus medicines do little to extend AIDS patients' lives.

The treatment involves one of a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors and is still in early stages of human testing. Nevertheless, AIDS researchers who have seen many promising initial results go sour in the past are enthusiastic about the latest findings.

New Tool Is Best AIDS Fighter Yet

"It's wonderfully exciting. It's a milestone," said Dr. Gerald Friedland of Yale University.

The key to the new combination is indinavir, a still experimental protease inhibitor developed by Merck & Co. It is combined with the standard AIDS medicines AZT and 3TC.

Dr. Roy Gulick and colleagues from New York University gave the combination to 26 patients. After six months, they could find no measurable trace of the AIDS virus in 24 of them. Their treatment is continuing, but researchers say it is still too soon to know how long this effect will last.

Gulick planned to present his

results at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, an AIDS meeting sponsored by the Infectious Disease Society of America.

"This is the best response of any anti-viral therapy that has been seen to date," said Gulick, and several other AIDS experts at the meeting agreed.

"We all share the excitement of the moment that long term suppression of this virus is real," said Dr. Paul Volberding of the University of California at San Francisco.

The first protease inhibitor to reach the market was saquinavir, a Hoffman-LaRoche drug approved last month by the U.S. Food and Drug Administra-

tion. However, experts believe that indinavir and ritonavir, another protease inhibitor being tested by Abbott Laboratories, are considerably more powerful.

Like other AIDS drugs, protease inhibitors attempt to short circuit HIV, the AIDS virus, by disrupting its life cycle. They block production of protease, an enzyme crucial to the virus' survival.

Other AIDS drugs on the market work by intercepting the virus at a different stage in its reproduction. These standard medicines can inhibit the virus briefly but quickly lose their punch as mutant forms of HIV evolve that are immune to their effects.

A major question is whether, and how quickly, HIV will become resistant to protease inhibitors, too.

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In order to underwrite this endeavor, sponsors must be lined up. I will be contacting all current Observer advertisers concerning this (but feel free to call me if I haven't gotten to you yet.) And since lots of folks don't understand a word I say after I utter the word "Internet" I must take time with each person to help understand what a wonderful, monumental step this is for the whole Tucson Gay and Lesbian community.

Next I began looking at the Electronic Classifieds and how they can be viable for everyone, including those without e-mail, computers & modems. By adding a code to each listing I will be able to receive e-mail responses for you, print them out and you can pick up your e-mail in a real envelope without missing communication from other parts of the world. (You can put regular phone and address information in also so that folks have the option to contact you that way.) There will be more to come in this area...please be patient while I work out the lumps.

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Circle Pool Tourney Winners



TUCSON - Shown above are the winners in the last of the pool tournaments held last Sunday at the Stonewall/Eagle. On the right is the big winner, Robert DC who won the trophy he is holding as well as \$50. Second place was David WW, in the center who won \$30 and third place on the left is Tim LL who won \$20. Robert's win puts him in the tournament of champions to be held at the Stonewall/Eagle.

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Third Quarter

	W	L	Pins
Tres Amigos	3	1	30089
Baker's Dozen	3	1	29180
Noisy Poisons	3	1	29170
Two Tall/Wide	3	1	29162
Stray Cats	3	1	28539
Twelve	3	1	28463
Rubber Queens	2	2	31107
Triple T	2	2	29079
2 Peas & A Pod	1	3	28478
Double Stuff	1	3	28060
HITT'ers	1	3	27602
Seaweeds	1	3	26972
Bee Bytes	1	3	26609
Pin Me Down	1	3	25512

High Average: April D., 148; Mark K., 210; Rubber Queens, 541.
 High Game SCR: April D., 200; Mark K. & Jeff T., 279; Triple T, 658.
 High Game HC: April D., 259; Mark K., 298; Triple T., 733.
 High Series SCR: April D., 510; Mark K., 726; Rubber Queens, 1866.
 High Series HC: April D., 687; Mark K., 762; Rubber Queens 2028.

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Second Round

	W	L	Pins
Ooh Sh*t!	22	14	57933
Looney Tunes	21	15	57218
Pigs R Us	21	15	57072
High Rollers	16	20	56669
Too Much	14	22	57457
PACT Rats	14	22	52440

High Average: Ann R., 175; Mark K., 202; Ooh Sh*t!, 815.
 High Game SCR: Ann R., 224; Ray A., 288; Ooh Sh*t!, 1027.
 High Game HC: Jackie M., 256; Ray A., 303; Ooh Sh*t!, 1165.
 High Series SCR: Ann R., 577; Mark K., 674; Ooh Sh*t!, 2663.
 High Series HC: Fran K., 647; Ray A., 693; Ooh Sh*t!, 3077

Desert Coyotes Need Bowlers; Tucson Scores Well In IGBO Tournament

TUCSON: Tucson's Wednesday Gay and Lesbian bowling league, the Desert Coyotes, is still looking for bowlers.

The Desert Coyotes bowl on Wednesday's, 9:15 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes. The league is a trio's league which bowls three games per week. The cost to bowl is just \$8.

Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues scored well in the IGBO January Mail In Tournament, which had over 300 bowlers participated in.

Mark Kerr of the Desert Coyotes League finished fifth in the tournament, with a score of 744. Randy Bilbro of the Desert Coyotes came in twenty fourth with a score of 693. Mark Rosenbaum of the Lambda Lizards came in forty seventh with a score of 675. Good bowling all!

Shootin Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments in the Old Pueblo:

Winners Circle Tournament, Stonewall/Eagle. First Place - Robert DC, \$50.00. Second Place - David WW, \$30.00. Third Place - Tim LL, \$20.00.

Robert DC also won a spot in the Tournament of Champions, (\$5.00 entry, First Place Winners Only). He took the sixteenth spot in the tourney. The players invited are: Bob LR, Steve DJ, Jim PH, Cliff AD, Ruth EL, Wayne CS, Nikki N, Ryan KR, Curtis JP, Larry LL, John CS, Mike WC, Cindy MD, Rosa MA, Robert DC.

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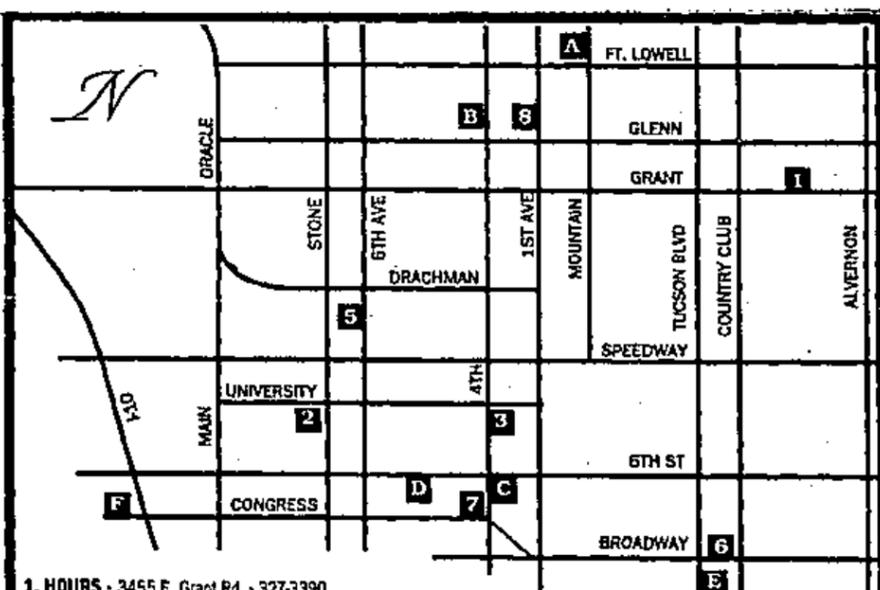
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Plain Talk About HIV

For the past fifteen years, the Gay community has been terrorized by a killer virus now called HIV. Many thousands of us have suffered and died, many more thousands are infected, and even more thousands have lost loved ones to this virus. We are in a state of shock and, too often, denial about this epidemic.

But even with a nightmare of these ghastly and overwhelming proportions, our best chance of coping with it is to keep our eyes open to reality, keep our hearts open to each other, and do the best we can. Denial only creates a cloak of darkness under which the virus can do its damage undetected.

The existence of a sexually transmissible, life-threatening virus creates moral issues on top of the usual moral issues involved in sexual relationships. For example, we've all heard stories of people who have HIV and have indiscriminately given the virus to many other sexual partners through unsafe sex. Some of these are legends, no doubt, but many are documented. Some few people who are HIV-infected try to cope with their feelings of rage, fear, and powerlessness by purposely infecting others.

The other side of the coin, of course, is that many HIV-negative men have unsafe sex, against all reason and sanity. Young men may have unsafe sex because they associate AIDS with an older generation of Gay men, and think (falsely!) they can't get the virus from someone under, say, 25. Some young Gay men may feel that their lives aren't worth living anyway, and they may as well enjoy their sex for awhile, even if it means dying young and miserably from AIDS. Others feel that, if they are in love, this grants a kind of immunity from the virus. Wrong! The man you love, wonderful as he is, is almost certainly not a virgin.

I remember when I was in my early twenties, just before the first nationally publicized AIDS cases. My friends were mostly smoking, drinking, and drugging themselves to death. Many of my friends said to me that they didn't expect to live past 30, based on their self-indulgence and fast-lane living (we didn't yet know about AIDS). I think this expresses a fairly common suicidal tendency among Gay men. Living as rejects from society, not having stable relationships, we don't find our lives worth preserving.

It's the responsibility of older (30+!) Gay men to help the younger generation find ways of being Gay that give them a reason to live full, long lives. This comes down to self-respect: we should exercise our sexuality in ways that make us feel good about ourselves as people.

I think the first responsibility we have is to protect ourselves from exposure to the virus, whether we are HIV-negative or positive. (Even if a man already has the virus, he shouldn't re-expose himself to it, because that can certainly lead to an earlier transition to full-blown AIDS, and increased severity of symptoms.) The few HIV-positive people who are purposely infecting others can't do that unless there are men who will have unsafe sex with them!

YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT EVERYONE YOU HAVE SEX WITH IS

HIV-POSITIVE, AND PROTECT YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY. PERIOD. (The only exception is two people who are willing to bet their lives that their partner is honest, who are monogamous, and have each been tested at Time A and Time A-plus-three-months, and have each tested negative both times.)

If a man knows he is HIV-positive, does he have an obligation to tell that to every man he has sex with? I don't think so, as a rule. I do think it's his responsibility not to have unsafe sex with anyone, even if the partner is willing. But it's a shared responsibility: everybody is responsible for protecting himself. Still, condoms break and leak, and oral sex (even without ejaculation) is not 100% safe, so there are gray areas here.

One way of reducing risk from anal intercourse is to use condoms AND for the insertive partner to withdraw before ejaculating. If a condom breaks or leaks, the receptive partner should douche with vinegar and water as soon as possible.

To reduce risk from oral sex, the insertive partner should certainly not ejaculate in the partner's mouth, and the receptive partner can gargle with Listerine or vinegar-and-water after sex. Masturbation, mutual masturbation, and watching and being watched are completely safe, and underrated, ways to express sexuality.

The suicidal and homicidal sexual behavior that some Gay men engage in comes down to a lack of hope and a lack of self-respect. HIV-negative men need to understand that they can effectively protect themselves from the virus by educating themselves about safer sex and sticking to it with a will. They need to respect themselves enough, and value their Gay lives enough, to care.

HIV-positive men need to understand that they can delay the onset of symptoms through healthy living habits and good medical care, that the AIDS service organizations (TAP, PACT, and Shanti) have help available; and that they don't have to face their condition alone. HIV-positive men can still have sexual relationships.

Years of quality living can lie ahead for HIV-positive people, especially with emotional support (friends, therapists) and good medical care. Men with full-blown AIDS can still contribute to the lives of those around them, often mightily. But this is much more likely if they seek help, get support, and don't try to face the issue alone.

If you have the virus, call TAP, PACT, or Shanti today. They have support groups, buddy systems, and access to the best medical care and information. If you're not sure whether you have the virus, consider getting tested. For example, Wingspan has free, anonymous, confidential testing every fourth Friday of the month. If you're negative, commit yourself to staying that way. As Gay men, we are valuable and loveable. Value queer lives!

(Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker for the Gay community. He offers group, couple, and individual sessions. For more information, call Dr. Bob at 623-1732.)



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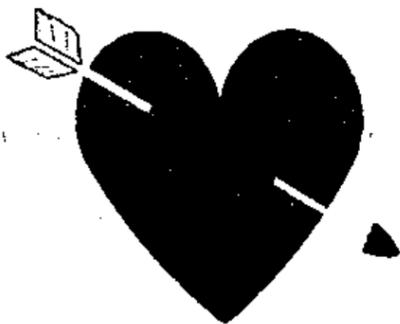
HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
by Raul Almeraz

Howdy! How 'bout them Cow-boys! How is everyone doing after this wonderful Super Bowl weekend? Did everyone see enough television footage all week long to finally want this past week to be over? I know I sure did.

I would like to start off by letting everyone how appreciative Bryan Collins is with everyone's well wishes while Addison McDorman has been in ICU. Visitors are limited, so if you would like to know how he is doing or wish him well please contact the AGRA office and we will be more than happy forward everyone's thoughts.

A reminder to everyone. The "Rodeo Romance" sweetheart dance is fast approaching. Tickets are available and can be purchased by any AGRA Board member. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance per person or \$12.00 at the door. The night will begin at 8 P.M. on Friday, February 9, and so till 1 A.M. It is sure to be a great time with entertainment and lots of dancing for everyone who attends. All your local bars have posters advertising the events, so check them out for details. Get out those sequins and dust off those tails and make plans to be there.

Next on the agenda is the "How down" at Hours on Sunday, February 25. It will begin immediately after the general membership meeting that day also at



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A note from our Public Relations Director, Shelly O'Brien. If anyone would like to be mentioned as a "Friend Of The Rodeo" in this years program please contact Shelly through the AGRA hotline. The cost is \$10.00 and the money is used to help absorb some of the costs in printing our programs.

To all vendors and craftspersons, vendor space is still available but is filling at a steady rate. If anyone is interested in vendors space please contact me through the AGRA number and a vendor packet will be sent out to you immediately.

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who has offered to help us in our time of struggle with their assistance. It is great to know that we can count on many of you to pull through when needed. Again, thank you!

Life this past week for many of us involved has been spent in the waiting room at the hospital. We try to keep ourselves entertained without getting into any trouble. But as usual, we forget where we are and start to get a bit delirious after about six or more hours. Amazing what we can get into. Between re-arranging the ICU waiting room furniture, restocking the cupboards and wanting to bring in a Cappucino bar, we were running out of space. If they would have only let us knock down that connecting wall to the classroom and allow us to hook up a surround sound system, that waiting would have been perfect. We're not fags, we're just creative.

Well guess what? She's back. Raybelline is back from Texas. They packed her bags, loaded them up on a Ryder truck and sent her back. Wig and all. Rumor has it he wouldn't put out. The boss was probably female.

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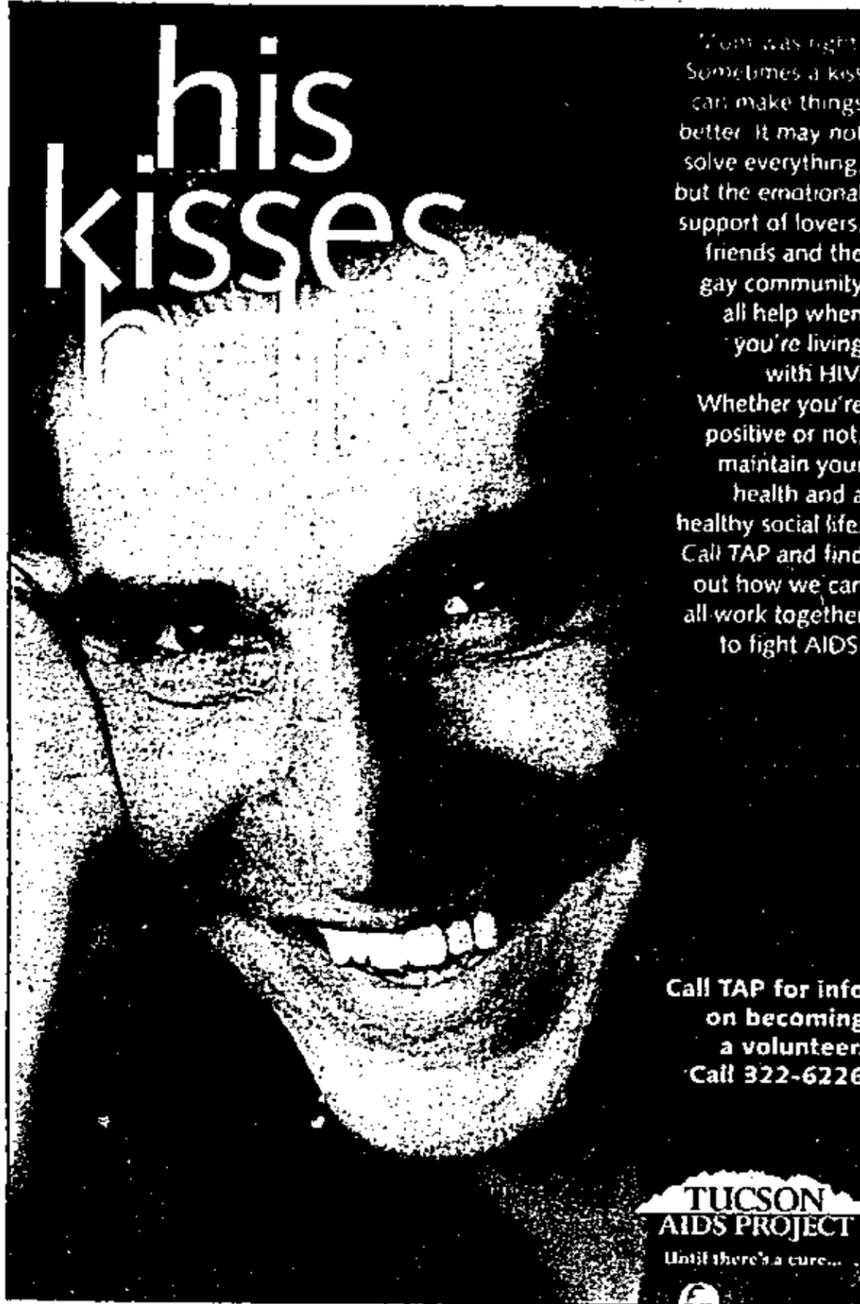
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POLITICS 1996
By MARK K. KERR

"Bar Lighting Makes Him Look Just Awful"

DEFENSE THIS! President Clinton this past week, signed the Defense Funding Bill, re-drawn by both Houses of Congress because the first measure was vetoed [A rarity!] by the President. So what's the point you ask? [The answer is priorities stupid!]

Clinton stated he had vetoed the measure for numerous reasons, one of which was the amendment, sponsored by homophobic Rep. Bob Dornan (R-John Wayneville), that calls for the mandatory discharge of service members who test positive for HIV.

So the Congress, controlled by the "pachyderms and salamanders", re-wrote the bill, and of course left in "Dornan's diatribe". The bill went to the president's desk and he signed it. [Why?]

The administration, in a press release said it will try to think of way of getting around the anti-Gay, anti-HIV/AIDS mandated discrimination, which takes effect in six months.

[Gee, first thing comes to my little mind is an Executive Order! Yes, its 1996, and we're slipping off the Top Ten Priorities list!]

ELEPHANT DROPPINGS: Multi-zillionaire and "debutramp" Steve "I'm friends with Liz!" Forbes is rising in the polls with Flat Tax elixir, and not being a Washington politician. Forbes purports to be a fiscal conservative with an open mind when it comes to social issues.

But, we wonder about this when it has come to light that the ad firm who is doing his television "spots" was the same firm who has worked for homophobic North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms!

[I can't wait to see what happens when Liz finds out about this!]

AZSHAM: Yes, it's less than a month away and the champagne is on ice at the "restricted" country clubs across the state for the "party" which a few can attend, and everyone is paying for. Guess what, the "debutramp" has made it a race against the "Kansas tornado".

In the most recent KAET-TV poll, Steve Forbes and Kansas Senator Bob Dole are tied with 28 percent of dislikely voters. Coming in third place is Texas Senator Phil "This is what Arizona's Republican elected officials support can get me!" Gramm, with a whopping five percent of those surveyed. [Yes, like we have a choice here? NOT!]

[So does this mean the campaign of Clyde Staggs, a Tempe resident whose name is on the ballot is gathering the big "mo"?]

C.D. 2: State Senator Jim Buster (R-Yuma), the favorite of homophobes across the state has decided to run for Congress from C.D. 2, and challenge the Democratic incumbent, and a strong supporter of the Gay and Lesbian community, Ed Pastor.

[In C.D. 2, Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than a two to one margin, so it looks like we are getting rid of a 'phobe. Let us hope!]

MISGUIDED FIFE: Here's a recap of our continuing soap opera starring our own beleaguered Governor, J. Fife Whitewash III:

Everybody is investigating Whitewash. The purported federal grand jury is going full tilt into his real-estate dealings. The union pension funds are going into high gear over Fifenesses trusts. Now, a new plot twist!

It appears that the governor's former corporation owes back taxes to both the state and the federal government to the tune of over \$2 million dollars. A lien has been placed on the Corporation. Whitewash's response, "It's not personal, it's the corporation's fault." [Placing blame on others. Tisk, tisk!]

The "people" in our soap are beginning to react. According to a survey by O'Neil Associates, 42 percent of those surveyed believe Whitewash should resign as Governor.

The story continues...

LEGIS RUMBLINGS: State Rep. Jorge Luis Garcia, (D-District 11), a friend of AZMA, announced his intentions to run for the State Senate, for the seat being vacated by Peter Goudinoff.

How is his track record on issues of concern to us? Not good, of four bills that have come up, he has voted "not our way", 75 percent of the time! It is expected that State Rep. Elaine Richardson, a good friend and strong supporter of the Community, will run. [Vote Elaine in 1996!]

BILLS: H.B. 2202, the religious right's attempt to force their views of AIDS education on school children is stalled before the House Education Committee, with no hearing date given as of press time. [Hooray!]

S.B. 1078, the hate crimes ordinance with full criminal penalties passed the Senate Judiciary Committee (See accompanying story) by a vote of seven to one. The bill now goes to the Rules Committee for consideration, which looks only at the language of the bill, making sure it's constitutional. [Maybe there is hope!]

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! Yes, its 1996 and its election time. A big election time with president and congress down to dog catcher up for election.

One office up for consideration is the Pima County Board of Supervisors. All five seats are up and one of those to note is Dan Eckstrom, Democrat from District 2, and what a good friend the Gay and Lesbian community has, and why he must stay on the Board:

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PERSPECTIVE....

by Dr. John D'Emilio

Family Matters

What is a family? According to opinion polls, a majority of Americans understand family as a group of people who love one another and take care of each other in good times and bad.

What is a family? In the hands of the radical Christian right, it has become a symbol and a weapon. A symbol of an imagined past when everything was just fine. A weapon that divides people into categories of good or bad, moral or immoral, productive citizen or irresponsible parasite. The allegedly "pro-family" rhetoric of the radical right is deeply homophobic and antifeminist, and exploits historically powerful racist stereotypes.

What is a family? For Lesbians and Gay men, family has become the frontier issue in our struggle for freedom, justice, and respect. Everywhere we look, family issues are surfacing, in the courts, in state legislatures, in workplaces, in the schools, in communities of faith, in the activities of our community centers and other organizations. Sometimes, picking up a copy of a Gay newspaper, nothing but family issues of one sort or another seem to fill its pages.

It wasn't always so. When I was first coming out in the late sixties, as a college student influenced by the hippie counterculture and the first wave of radical feminist theory, "family" was something I could do without. It seemed that my only choices were to have a family, which meant my family of origin, or to be Gay, which meant exile and escape from the constrictions of a heterosexist institution.

So why does family seem so important to us in the 1990s? Is the concern for family simply a defensive, reactive move on our part, a knee jerk response to the "traditional family values" rhetoric of the Radical Christian Right? Or does the rise of family issues tell us something about how we have changed and what we want?

I think it's the latter. There are good reasons growing out of the history of our movement and communities that have pushed family issues to the front burner.

One has to do with the growing diversity of the public face of our movement and our community organizations. Lesbians, for instance, have often taken the lead in campaigns involving custody, adoption, and our right to be parents. Lesbians and Gays of color have spoken and written passionately of the importance of strong extended family ties for the survival of their home communities in the face of racism, and of their unwillingness to have to choose between family ties or their sexual identity. As Gays and Lesbians in smaller communities come out of the closet and organize for change, family is something just around the corner, not something to escape from.

Family issues challenge homophobia in new and important ways. One of the most destructive and persistent stereotypes used to perpetuate hatred against us and keep us isolated and separate is the claim that we are a danger to children. The Gay man who molests children, or the Lesbian teacher who corrupts her students, have been common cultural myths. As more and more parents come out of the closet and assert their right to keep their children, as more and more of us choose

to have children even after coming out, we force the issue of queers and children in proactive ways.

Parents are becoming front line activists in institutions that reach into the lives of most Americans. Take the public schools, for instance. As the children of openly Gay and Lesbian parents make their way through the public schools, these parents have to confront the insidious effects of homophobia in compelling ways. Will the schools, through their curriculum, be teaching these children to hate their parents? Will these children be the targets of ridicule, ostracism, and harassment? What must parents do to protect the integrity of their family relationships and to keep their children from harm? The actions they take, whether at parent-teachers conferences, at PTA meetings, or in one-on-one conversations with the parents of their children's friends is the stuff of permanent grassroots social change.

Family issues matter. Whether it be the public rituals we create to celebrate our committed relationships or our decisions to have children in our lives, the articulation of a Lesbian and Gay "family politics" has the power to move our freedom struggle forward.

[Dr. John D'Emilio is the Director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.]

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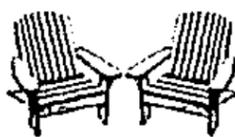
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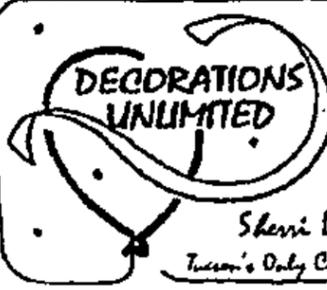
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Most people at one time or another in their lives reflect upon why they exist. They contemplate what they see in this world and wonder if anyone is really in control of this mass of humanity of which we are a part. They feel happy at times but never truly fulfilled.

I personally find great comfort in the knowledge that there is an almighty God in control of all things. He is a person God who loves and cares for each of his creations, yet he had given each one of us humans the free will either to follow him or to reject him. He had a plan for humanity and it will be done according to his will, with or without your or my cooperation, but he loves us and wants us to be with him in this life and throughout eternity.

In the book of Isaiah the Lord tells us, "From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." (Isaiah 46:11)

Would you try to weed your garden with your lawn mower? Of course not! It might chop off the top of a few weeds, but it wasn't made for that purpose. So it's with human beings who haven't sought the direction of God in their lives. The Lord gave you your life, established your purpose, and will give you the means to achieve fulfillment in your life through him. The apostle Paul tells us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

If you were to buy a new Canon camera and wanted to know all of its capabilities, would you ask a Minolta dealer? Of course not! If your Ford pick up was not performing properly, would you take it to a Honda dealership? Of course not! Then why do so many people seek answers for their lives in everything and everyone except God? Unlike man made products with a multitude of manufacturers, there is only one God of creation, and he is the only one true source with all the answers that you seek.

When you accept the Son of God, Jesus Christ, as your personal savior and Lord, you are endowed with at least one gift of the Holy Spirit to help you achieve the purpose for which you were created. You receive guidance in all things from the Holy Spirit of the Lord, and you feel fulfilled in what you are doing, because it is what you were meant to do. The apostle Paul states, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

If you really want to know why you exist, go to the source, you creator, almighty God. We at Cornerstone Fellowship would like to help you and encourage you in finding the answers for your life through the Lord. You are welcome to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 A.M., or join us for Bible study at 9:00 A.M. Sunday mornings or 7:00 P.M. Wednesday evenings. Let us share our joy with you!

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candidates, and elected officials as well. At these events, Dan is just his usual likeable self, he doesn't act like most, who want the support, but are fearful, and shows. Dan has brought the Community into contact with our respective elected bodies.

Eckstrom is a strong believer in the Statement of Principles of Arizonans for Fairness, and has signed the pledge to uphold. The Statement reads:

"We believe that no one should be discriminated against in any way in employment, housing or public accommodations on the basis of heterosexual or homosexual orientation. We recognize that existing Arizona state law does not provide any such protection. We support guaranteeing such protection under Arizona or United States law and urge our elected representatives to move quickly to extend the full protection of the law to all persons. No person's fundamental civil rights should be decided by a ballot initiative or by any other means."

Dan has always had an open door policy for all constituents, who he cares greatly about. Dan is a great man, who I can call a good friend. For those fortunate enough to live in District 2, vote for Dan Eckstrom, he is a strong supporter and must be there for the Community, and the County.

So it goes for now kids!



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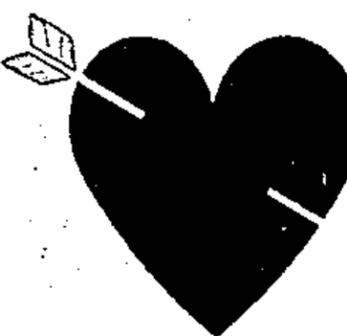
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a whole lot of strokes worth on the east wall of the Venture-N.

The five pieces of stimulating fare on display are being auctioned to raise money to benefit Desert Leathermen's Condom Fund. It's a silent auction, sealed bids are submitted to the bartender and the highest bid on each work is posted beside it weekly. On February 14, the winning bids will be announced and five lucky and generous individuals will be proud owners of some fine specimens of homoerotic art.

A bevy of talent local artists including: Al Bardock, Moose, John Dubs, the estate of Terry Lea, have donated their work for this worthy cause. All pieces are beautifully matted and/or framed and ready for immediate enjoyment.

Even if you are unable to participate in the bidding, please stop by and check out the gallery, it's great to see the level of creativity, talent and imagination we have in our own community.

And why not stop by this Saturday, February 3, and hang out with the Desert Leathermen on the patio from 3 to 7 P.M. as we party our way through our monthly beer and soda bust. In addition to the 50 cent per glass beer and soda, we now have pitchers of beer and soda available for \$1.50 and also Schnapps Shooters (any flavor of your choice) for 75 cents each. So come out and give us a try, you'll be glad you did.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

IBT S - The Girlie Show at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring Helena Bubbles, Bulemia Dehavaltsind, special guest Felice Reynard and Miss Gay Tucson Electra Ilcu.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Horton and Hill play live music from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you haven't heard them, you're missing a great duo. Cover \$2.00.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

IBT S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Shanti.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - New Alternative Music Showcase. Performing bands include Beauz Domineaux Device with special guest Fear Cult. The bands will perform live Rock, Tehano, Punk, Ska, Gothic and Pop. Show starts at 8:00p.m. Suggested donation \$3.00 and all proceeds to benefit the Humane Society of Tucson.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

IBT S - The Edwards Twins 1 Live! Look and sound alike! Impersonations of Bette Midler, Elton John, Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond. Direct from Las Vegas.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Rare Breed does a benefit show here from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. This live band always packs the house. Cover.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Rare Breed plays Tijano, Cumbias, and Country from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover.

IBT S - It's time once again for the Battle of the Lovebirds - The GayWed Game 7:30 p.m. A benefit for the Shanti Foundation. Hosted by Miss Gilda Fatale. Couples include Annie Schmitt & Jaime Ball; Ernie Gutierrez & Richard Nicholas; Alex Sierra & Scott Sayer (aka Miss Gay Tucson); Electra Bleu & Larry Moore (aka Queen of Comedy Lucinda Holiday). Get your pledges in to your favorite couple. This fundraiser benefits the Shanti Food Pantry.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Jodie will be doing a drag show from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. No Cover.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - 2nd Annual Lez-B-Wed Show. If you've seen the old Newlywed show, then you'll love this. Starts at 8:00 p.m. No Cover.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Comedy comes back to the Biz with Mimi Freed. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Sure to sell out! Get your tickets now!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Rare Breed appears at the club playing hot Corridas, Tejano and Country. Starts at 6:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover.

HOURS - AGRA 4th Annual Hoedown begins at 2:00 p.m. Fun, food, dancing and more. Check it out!! More details later.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

AIN T NOBODY S BIZ - Jodie does her second show this month. No cover. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

One In Ten Theatre Company will present Ianford Wilson's "Fifth Of July" Jan. 31 through Feb. 17 at the Historic "Y" Theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave., Suite 131. This is one of Wilson's cycle of plays about the Talley family. Ken and his lover Jed are visited in their Missouri farmhouse by Ken's hippie friends Gwen and John, his uptight sister June and her daughter Shirley and their eccentric Aunt Sally, who would scatter her husband's ashes in the river if she could find them. With wit, humor and genuinely charming emotion, the Talley family must come to terms with the endless possibilities that real commitment can bring. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday except for the final weekend. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$8 for seniors and students with ID. Reservations may be made by calling the theater at 770-9279. Advance tickets are available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

MSN 8 p.m. Theatre Night at 1 in 10 Gay/Lesbian theater for "The Fifth Of July" Call H10 at 770-9279 to reserve your seat or pick up at Antigone Book. Or call Jerry 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 a.m. the Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will conduct a moderate 8 mile round-trip hike through the scenic desert canyon La Milagrosa/Agua Caliente with an elevation gain of only 800feet. Call 795-9125 for more info or write to the Tucson G/L Hiking Club, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

MSN (Men's Social Network) monthly potluck at 7 p.m. at Jacobs YMCA at the corner of Lind and Fairview between Miracle Mile and Prince Ave. NOTE: This is a new location for two months. Bring favorite dish to share. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for more info.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Sponsored by the Men's Social Network, the Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will conduct a moonlight hike in Sabino Canyon & Phone Linn. This is an easy 8.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 800feet. Departure time is 4:00 p.m. so pack your supper. Call Larry at 795-9125 for more info.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

MSN Bridge Nite 7 p.m. Open to all bridge players. Call GI 690-0601

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MSN evening Movie out at the inexpensive (\$1.50 theater. Call Larry at 795-9125 (after Feb. 2) for location and name of movie. Guests always welcome at all Men's Social Network events.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to the first monthly dinner at Athens on Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) Join over 30 other Gay and Lesbian groups for this month's supper hosted by Cornerstone Fellowship. The supper starts at 5:30 p.m. at 2902 N. Ceronimo, two blocks west of 1st Ave., and one block north of Glenn. To R.S.V.P. call david at 323-7943. Let us hear about your group.

MSN (Men's Social Network) TV Video Nite 7 p.m. showing of "The Black Adder" outrageous British TV comedy series. Call Loren or Stephen 790-4416. Limited Space. Guests always welcome.

"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #9 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (for cable Ready TV's try channel 56). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MSN Book Club will be discussing "A Member of the Family: Gay Men Write About Their Families". This is an engaging collection of short memoirs by Gay authors. Jerry 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will conduct a difficult 4 mile round-trip hike to Pico Peak. It's a very steep trail with excellent views. Call Dave 328-0540 for more info or write to the Tucson G/L Hiking Club, P.O. 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532. \$2 fee to cover park fees.

Men's Social Network (MSN) has three events today. 9 a.m. hike in Ventana Canyon. Call Leo at 796-6648. 11 a.m. Valentine Basket preparation for people with AIDS. Call Bill or Steve 647-3436 for reservations and directions. Space is limited. 7 p.m. Video movie "Torch Song Trilogy" based on Harvey Fierstein's play about a drag queen and his relationships with the people who pass through his life. See 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MSN hike for beginners. 3 mile maximum hike in Sabino Canyon to enjoy beautiful scenery and good company. Larry 795-9125.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Men's Social Network (MSN) - Gay men of all ages, 7 p.m. Beginners Bridge Night. Bridge lessons for beginners taught by GI. Call him at 690-0601 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MSN Valentine Dinner at Mandarin Restaurant, Oracle and Lambert 7:00pm. Enjoy dinner with your brothers. Call Steve 795-6718 for reservations (important). Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

MSN Theater Nite 6:30 p.m. at ATC. Enjoy the Gay and Lesbian Theater Mixer and the play "Candida". Call Steve 795-6718.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

MSN Card Game Night 7 p.m. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Ray 795-6648. Guests always welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Steady Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 60¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Sign language lessons 7-8pm. Cost is \$13/mo. or \$5/week, taught by Steacy, Karoka 8 to 11 pm.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 2oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nit. Spaghetti Feed 6-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ERG Dance Music. Party with Stephen, your bartender.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Well and Out At The Mill Non-Premium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25. Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoos Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-ERG dance music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Tex Mex music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, \$1.25 Pitchers. 75¢ Glass.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Mts. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Trash Disco. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 6:30pm.

thursday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heinekun or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-6pm. Peter special all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

friday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 3 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 4pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/Hi Moody Marys. Commonnoon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

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"Some people, particularly people with t-helper cell counts below 200, will develop a very serious systemic infection. In these cases, the fungus passes from the lungs into the bloodstream and can infect other internal organs. This form of valley fever can be confused with PCP, particularly because the lungs are completely white on X-ray. Immediate hospitalization and treatment are very important because the death rate from this form is 70% within a month.

"Treatment for valley fever. The milder form of valley fever is treated with one of three "azole" drugs: ketoconazole, itraconazole, or fluconazole. Of the three, fluconazole, is generally preferred because it is well absorbed in the body, and there are fewer side effects and drug interactions. The disadvantage of fluconazole is that it is very expensive, the minimum dose costs \$30 a day!

"Dr. Ampel, a nationally recognized expert on valley fever, recommends that anyone with HIV who shows a positive skin test should be treated with fluconazole, even if he/she has no symptoms.

False positive tests are rare, and experience has shown that most people with HIV who have a positive skin test eventually will develop active valley fever.

"The serious, systemic form of valley fever is treated with intravenous (IV) amphotericin B. This is very powerful, toxic drug, but the treatment is necessary because this form of valley fever is so deadly."

I leave you with this - be kind to yourself and to one another.

New York Times Will Print The Word 'Lover'

NEW YORK, NY - The New York Times has agreed to use the word "lover" in their paid death notices, reversing a standing policy under which the newspaper substituted phrases like "life partner" or "long time companion."

The change was triggered by a letter to the publisher from Robert Woodworth, Deputy Director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York. When Woodworth's lover Noli died December 8, the New York Times refused to print the word "lover" in the obituary text.

After Woodworth's letter, the Times changes its mind and reprinted the original death notice as written. Richard Burns, Executive Director of the Center called the Times policy "homophobic and insulting."



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Let's check out February this week. The month gets off to a roaring start with the Sun in humanitarian Aquarius. We forge ahead in our various areas of need seeking truth and justice and maybe a nice warm handshake. Don't worry about Valentines Day though, dear friends. Wait until the Sun enters sensitive, romantic Pisces. Justice be damned! Love conquers all!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Outer directed Rams get the jump on other signs this month by concentrating more on friendships and self improvement through the warm comfort and support of the rainbow group effort. Can you possibly improve on perfection? Of course! Welcome all views, not matter how wildly divergent and (pretend to) listen to all sides. You'll be hailed as the great Gay conciliator.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Career inroads are possible. Keep a keen eye out for political opportunity. Demand what is rightfully yours. On the other hand, keep friends at arm's length of you'll fall under the yoke of the old adage, "A friend in need is a pest". Proud Bulls should use this month to examine inner needs and motivations. How can you best get along with others without draining yourself.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Career progress may hit a snag or you may be told that you need more training before you can advance. That's okay; listen to the advice of bosses, compromise and do what you must to succeed. Relationships however are in for a major overhaul or transformation. You will reap what you have sown with partners. I hope you like what's sprouting, honey.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Feisty Gay Crabs feel their oats this valentines month when sexual energy is high. Enjoy the heat and try to channel this impressive energy into more areas of your life, such as work and travel. Your job may change tremendously but this is good as long as you keep your eyes open and your outlook flexible. You'll successfully overcome any psychological barriers.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Partnerships take on added importance this month as the planets heighten any one to one relationship. Proud Lions thrive with a significant other and are in a position to make partners very happy and fulfilled. Return to creative pursuits now and expand your artistic horizons. Immense opportunity will serendipitously channel through these efforts.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Work may be much busier than usual but you won't mind; the planets give you ample energy to get the job done efficiently and easily. Focus more of your attention to relationships. Try to untangle any problems there, especially those that have to do with family mandates and restrictions. A new broom will sweep the closet clean and you will feel refreshed and affirmed!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Words take on an entirely new hue so think before you speak or take the heat. No matter what you say, fun is mandatory so visit Party, USA and send us a postcard. All play and no work makes pink Libra a bad child so be sure to take of stuff on the job as well as maintain diet

HOROSCOPES

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and exercise regiments. Sassy Scales have their work cut out for them this valentines month.

cial changes. Money matters take on a decidedly lucky turn. Don't spend it all in one place!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Closeted Scorps are in for a change of perspective. Family schlock hits the fan this month, but you are well prepared to do what needs to be done to inspire, convince and reunite. Once the dust has settled, you be able to truly enjoy yourself and apply your talents to something artistic and creative. Inspired Scorp, try writing that great American Gay novel!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Queer Sags are never shy about asking for what they want. Now you may even get what you ask for. (May I suggest that you ask for the perfect valentine?) Home related problems bubble to the surface but if you can restrain your temper and frustration, you'll make necessary and benefi-

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even demure Caps command center stage this month with grace and aplomb. Your part is meant to be played for an Oscar. Get ready for your close up! Bank on your considerable charisma to meet the right people at the right time to make the right first impression. Intuitive ideas can be karmically transforming. Try volunteering for one of our charities. You won't regret it.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friendships can transform the working patterns of your life and help you energize any social scene you launch into right now. Watch out for gusty winds though by zipping the lip off the cuff remarks have a way of scuttling the ship. You can

make already iffy situations things worse by speaking out. Let pals do the work for you. Just keep quiet, relax and enjoy!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish continue to suffer from an unfounded lack of confidence, but don't sell yourself short! You have plenty of spunk and wherewithal to make people sit up and take notice of your many accomplishments. Career opportunities open up; take advantage of the sage advice of superiors, the kindness of strangers and the lucky advice of friends. Grab your success!

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

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

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

WATERGATE FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 687-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 325-AIDS.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-6855. Leave message.

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Hat "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send BASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #85, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3485 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Neatly Books, 1001 N. Wilmet.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 883, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 885-7264? Call CRONIES 888-7264.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more info.

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

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Box 9152. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson Write Awareness Project, 3861 N. Campbell Ave. 8565, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

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

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary O. 770-9879

DREAM GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men meets every Thursday at 7pm. Bring a dream and learn about your deepest self and that of others. Call Robert Feldhaus, PhD 623-1732

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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

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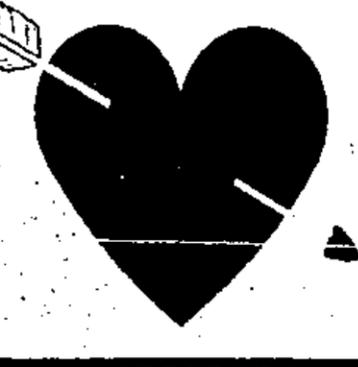
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Gay Marriage

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don, strong opponents both of same sex marriage and domestic partnership, said the majority members deleted material from their minority report and showed contempt for the law and public opinion.

After months of investigation, the five member commission majority concluded that legal marriage is a bundle of over 450 specific rights and benefits, and that the same sex couples should not be excluded from those rights. While the constitutionality of prohibiting same sex marriage in the state will be determined by the state supreme court, the commission reports adds significant political support to the fight for marriage.

"It's the first time in any jurisdiction that a body has come together and agreed to the legal benefits of marriage," said commission member Robert Stauffer.

"The commission's report further strengthens our court challenge, said Tom Ramsey, Co-Chair of the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project, "[it] clearly illustrates that the state has no 'compelling reason' to deny same gender couples the freedom to marry."

"The Economist" Argues For Same-Sex Marriages

The London, England based Economist magazine, one of the most respected sources of news and opinion in the world, published a reasoned and logical analysis in support of same sex marriage in a recent issue.

"For society, the real choice is between homosexual marriage and homo-

sexual alienation. No social interest is served by choosing the latter.

"To this principle of social policy, add a principle of government. Barring a compelling reason, governments should not discriminate between classes of citizens..."

"If marriage is to fulfill its aspirations, it must be defined by the commitment of one to another, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, not by the people it excludes."

AIDS Fighter

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Dr. Douglas Richman of the University of California at San Diego, speculated that because the combination so sharply suppresses growth of the virus, it will hold down the evolution of resistant strains of HIV, as well.

Richman agreed the latest work appears to be a significant advance but added, "Although it may be a home run, there are a lot of details that need to be worked out."

Particularly, doctors need assurance that suppression of the AIDS virus will last. While only longer testing will prove this, Emini said there are hints. One patient who has received indinavir alone has been healthy and apparently free of the virus for two years.

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Indiana School Board Adopts Measure Attacking Gays

NEW HAVEN, IN - The school board in East Allen County, Indiana, last month approved a resolution that denounces activities that do not "contribute to and improve the stability of families." Included in a list of denounced things was "Gay and Lesbian behavior."

The Fort Wayne News Sentinel reported that the resolution stemmed from the East Allen County School Board's opposition to a resolution passed by the National Education Association in July of last year.

The NEA resolution recognized October as Lesbian and Gay History Month and called for sexual orientation training programs for teachers, accurate portrayals of Gay contributions to history, raising awareness of sexual stereotyping and acceptance of sexual orientation diversity, and elimination of name calling and jokes related to sexual orientation in the classroom.

The final resolution passed by the East Allen County School Board did not include mention of the NEA resolution, although an initial draft was aimed specifically at the NEA resolution.

The anti-Gay resolution said, "We resolve to strongly support and value those things which contribute to and improve the stability of families. This is a denunciation of activities such as drug use, premarital sex, violence, or Gay and Lesbian behavior or the support of such activities."

Steve Gordon, the board member who initiated the resolution, said he did

not intend to deprive any students of a full education.

"I want to make it very clear here that I'm not opposed to individuals receiving a complete education," Gordon explained. "I'm opposed to the behavior that's separate from the individual."

John Brown, a speaker at the school board meeting, spoke harshly against the NEA's resolution in support of a Gay history month. "We have no business setting aside a month to honor sexual perversion," Brown said.

But one parent, Mark Lese, urged the school board to consider a different angle. "If you can save one life, isn't it worth it to have a counselor trained to deal with the issues of Gay students?" he said.

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