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Art Lewis Saguaro Regional Rodeo 1996 Grand Marshall

Tucson Softball Tournament A Success



TUCSON - Over 200 players competed and had a wonderful time in the inaugural Old Pueblo Valentine's Softball Tournament (OPVST), held at the Sportsark complex, February 16-17.

To Golden Eagle Distributors, who helped sponsor the tournament by providing banners, player pins, raffle items and sponsorship money.

Eighteen teams competed in a three game round robin before the double elimination tournament began. Each of the four divisions awarded the top three teams with unique saguaro cut-glass trophies.

To all the advertisers in the program. TGSA stated they had over 30 advertisers in this year's program, and looks forward to their continued support.

The standings for each division are as follows:

To Marie Minor of Minor Miracle Photography, who participated in our event by taking photographs throughout the weekend. For details, contact Marie at 792-3714.

OPEN C DIVISION - COMPETITIVE. First Place - Winks, Phoenix. Second Place - Team Tucson. Third Place - The Zone, Los Angeles, California.

OPEN C DIVISION - RECREATIONAL. First Place - Posse, San Diego, California. Second Place - Las Memorias, Los Angeles, California. Third Place - Bad News, Los Angeles, California.

WOMEN'S DIVISION - COMPETITIVE. First Place - Ain't Nobody's Biz. Second Place - Bad Habits. Third Place - Dream Team Biz, Phoenix.

WOMEN'S DIVISION - RECREATIONAL. First Place - After Hours. Second Place - Diamond D's/Egg Garden. Third Place - Abstracts.

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY: IBTeasers. This award was voted on by the umpires.



Dave Huff (l) and Frank Schepis, owners of IBT's showoff their Sportsmanship Trophy presented to them by the Tucson Greater Softball Association.

The tournament featured 11 out of area teams. Four teams arrived from Phoenix, six teams from the greater Southern California area, (L.A. & San Diego), and one team from Columbus, Ohio, who made the long trip to sunny Tucson.

The OPVST committee is beginning to plan for another successful event. The tournament committee is looking to increase the number of teams participating in the 1997 tournament, as well as adding a "B" division to the event. The tournament committee is looking for volunteers and sponsors to help with the 1997 tournament.

The tournament committee expressed their thanks to Ain't Nobody's Biz, Hours, IBT's, Stonewall/Eagle, and the Venture-N for being host bars for the tournament players and spectators.

For more information contact Bertie Lozano or Irene Sheridan at 318-3415, or 327-8094, to share your ideas and comments.

Each establishment sponsored teams and offered drink specials throughout the tournament weekend. The tournament committee stated the establishment also hosted fund raisers prior to the tournament.

The tournament committee wishes to thank the following people and businesses:

To Crystal Abrams & Company, for being the official tournament drag queens. Crystal & Company assisted the tournament committee with each fund raiser and they were a big hit at the closing ceremonies.

**Gay Softball in
Tucson Starts On
March 3 At Udall Park
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More Information**

TUCSON - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) is getting ready to host the 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo March 15 through 17 at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. The group held a big Hoedown fundraiser last Sunday, Feb. 25 at Hours. At that event, AGRA announced their Grand Marshall for this year's event - Art Lewis. No stranger to the front page of Observer, Art is shown above wearing his official Grand Marshall Sash. He appeared on our front cover in January when he sold Tucson's oldest Gay operated bar - The Graduate. Art has been very active in the Tucson Gay community and with AGRA over the years. Congratulations Art on a job well done. For rodeo ticket information or those wishing to volunteer time for this year's rodeo call 323-0805.

Voters Object To GOP Gay Baiting;

HRC Slams Buchanan For Anti-Gay Diatribes

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Anti-Gay themes being sounded by the GOP presidential candidates aren't working with two-thirds of Republican and independent New Hampshire voters and are backfiring in the Republican Party, according to a poll released by the Human Rights Campaign.

"strongly disapprove" of rally, held last weekend in Iowa against same-sex marriage and of "mixing extreme religious views and politics."

"These desperate efforts by Republican candidates to win conservatives votes by Gay-baiting are failing miserably," Daniel Zingale, HRC's political director, said at a news conference. "The candidates need to wake up to the fact that voters are sick of hearing their discriminatory rhetoric."

The poll also found 32 percent of respondents would be "somewhat less supportive" or "much less supportive" of a candidate who signed a pledge opposing same-sex marriage. But the largest group, 45 percent of those polled, said it "makes no difference" to them whether a candidate signs such a pledge.

The poll, of 443 people who voted in the New Hampshire GOP primary, found that 31 percent of respondents felt it is "wrong to use Gays to score points." A total of 32 percent said they

On the question of whether HIV-positive service members should be kicked out of the military, 59 percent of those polled said no, agreeing with President Clinton and moderate Republicans in Congress.

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UPDATE

TLGA In Motion For 1996 Pride Events

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) '95 Pride Picnic planning committee met on February 22 to review last year's event and to plan for '96 events. A review of what went right and what went wrong gave us a good head start for this coming year.

However, TLGA is a committee for the community! It represents you and every Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual in Tucson. Therefore, TLGA needs to know what it is the community wants in order to represent you fairly. The best way to accomplish this is to invite anyone and everyone to our next TLGA meeting which will be held on Thursday, March 21, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan.

The focus of this meeting is to nominate and elect the Board of Directors. The Board consists of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Newly formed positions will be the Directors of: Event Planning, Community Affairs and Fund Raising.

It is critical that anyone who is interested in a position on the board do attend this meeting. General meeting will be held monthly and Board meeting will be held immediately following. If you have any interest in serving in any capacity, please attend the March 21 meeting. If you're unable to attend, leave a message on the OUTline, 622-3200.

Of note, TLGA has been again invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade here in Tucson. Last year, our community was represented by TLGA, PFLAG, Prime Timers and Wingspan. This year, hopefully more groups and organizations and individuals will help make our presence in Tucson known. Since the news of Gays and Lesbians participating in other festivities elsewhere in the U.S. has been negative, even to the point of lawsuits, please consider this a welcome opportunity for the Tucson community.

If you would like to participate in the parade, please call the OUTline, leave us a message with your name and number and we'll get back with you on the particulars of the event.

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Arizona GOP Cancels Phoenix Chorus Performance

PHOENIX - The Maricopa County Republican Party canceled a scheduled appearance of the Grand Canyon's Men Chorale at their annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

The group was canceled after party Chair Bernice Roberts took offense at a phrase in a song the group had planned to sing.

The song "Diversity" includes the lyrics, "We're Gay men, and we're here to sing for you."

Kerry Bedwell of the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale said in an interview that Roberts said when she read the lyrics she told him "No, we can't allow you to perform."

Roberts in an interview, claimed she had no problem with the group but that the "Diversity", song was out of order.

Bedwell said the group had been scheduled for months to perform at the GOP's annual Lincoln Day dinner. A committee was aware that the chorale is composed of Gay men, and funding had been arranged through the Log Cabin Club, a national GOP Gay and Lesbian organization.

Bedwell, a registered Republican, said the disappointment of the cancellation will not help the party's reputation. He reportedly told Roberts that by canceling the performance, it was only further supporting the fact that Republicans are seen as a group of narrow minded bigoted and petty people.

Quote and Out-Quote

NEW YORK, NY - Some more quotes from the famous and infamous from the March issue of Out Magazine.

"They're trying to write the Constitution on an Etch-A-Sketch." - Robin Williams, on Republicans in Washington.

"We do kiss in this thing. Okay, so we don't make out! There's no exchange of saliva! I'm sorry!" - Nathan Lane, on his work with Robin Williams in Mike Nichols' *The Bird Cage*.

"...I was already down one hurdle and was never going to be part of the boys' club anyway. I certainly didn't want to be one of those titless women who were trying to do that." - Talent agent Danielle Thomas, on her decision to "come out" in Hollywood.

"Do Betty Ford, take lots of pills, and drink, that's my career plan." - Actress Parker Posey, on her career goals.

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Men's Social Network Celebrates First Anniversary

TUCSON - An excited membership of 230 men in the Men's Social Network (MSN) anticipates a great month of celebration as they commemorate the first anniversary of the organization.

In March of last year, 45 people attended the first monthly social potluck. The six man steering committee (representing five decades of ages) which founded the group expressed a goal of having 60 members at the end of the first year. Each month of existence has seen numerous new members who are hearing about the organization and wanting to participate in the many social activities of the group.

As part of the celebration, MSN has scheduled at least one social activity for every day of this anniversary month of March. The group was developed to offer an alternative to the bars and to build a Gay men's family in Tucson.

The first weekend of March will be a weekend of festivities. The Saturday night social/potluck will offer excellent food and an evening of entertainment put together by and featuring members of the organization. The potluck will be held at the Jacobs YWCA on Fairview Avenue between Miracle Mile and Prince Avenues at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday March 2.

Sunday, March 3, there will be a picnic from Reid Park at Ramada #28 from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. As always, guests are welcome to all MSN events. We encourage potential members to check us out before joining.

Goals of the organization include encouraging members towards commitment, social, recreational, support and integration activities. The first year of activity has seen amazing success at accomplishing these goals. Comments from new members include "I've been in Tucson since 1980 and never have seen this kind of social opportunity". The founders of the group have felt greatly rewarded by the success of the group. Indeed, we have witnessed the building of an extended Gay family in Tucson.

Some members prefer to go to smaller group activities during the month where they can become better acquainted with other members. Activities have included short vacation trips, movies, videos, cards, bridge (including lessons), hikes, dinners out, mixers, pizza parties, video comedy series, "Oscar" nights, rodeo and other special events.

The steering committee recently decided upon dues of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple living together. The dues cover a 10 page monthly newsletter and calendar of events, table service at potlucks and gatherings. For more information about MSN, call Jerry at 790-9565.

Group To Release Local Report On Anti-Gay Violence

PHOENIX - The Anti-Violence Project (AVP), a program of the Valley of the Sun Gay & Lesbian Community Center will conduct a press conference to release its 1995 Report on Local & National Anti-Lesbian/Gay Violence.

The press conference will take place, Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 A.M. at the Valley of the Sun Gay & Lesbian Community Center. The Center is located at 3136 North Third Avenue (Third Avenue & Flower) in Phoenix.

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The following is a synopsis of a thesis that was submitted recently by a member of our community who is seeking his masters degree. Mr. Brown answers the question through historical records, and through anthropological, psychological, biological, theological plus contemporary views before coming to his conclusion. Because of the length of his paper, Observer will run it in at least three installments. Here then, is Part One which covers Brown's introduction with a brief historical premise.

PERSPECTIVE...

by K.H. Brown

Sexuality: Are Homosexual & Bisexual Relations Natural And Normal?

Erwin Haeblerle, a historian and philosopher of sexology, has pointed out that the concept of sexual orientation and the words homosexual and homosexuality did not exist until they were created by the Hungarian physician Benkert in 1869.

Throughout the ancient and medieval worlds, there were many terms for sexual relations between two persons of the same sex and for persons who might, at one time or another, engage in same-sex behavior, but there was no term to label a person by his or her sexual orientation. Benkert, like many of his medical colleagues, believed that an erotic attraction to a person of the same sex ".....was a mysterious condition characteristic of a very small group of people". This condition, he believed, set this minority apart from others.

Today, we know that Benkert was wrong on two grounds. Sexual orientation is a matter of degree rather than an either-or condition. Sexual orientation is not an exclusive label, as the experiences of bisexual persons prove. Life is too varied to support simplistic divisions like homosexual versus heterosexual, although we live in a culture that continues to label people as such.

In June 1969, the New York police raided the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village in one of their routine harassments of known Gay bars, only to be confronted by unexpected resistance. The Gay liberation movement was born, and American society began to face the reality of millions of Americans who are homosexually and bisexually oriented.

Since the Stonewall Inn Riot of 1969, homosexual men and women have increasingly and openly demanded their civil rights. They have worked for legal protection against discrimination and struggled to be recognized by the churches on an equal footing with heterosexual persons. These efforts have created major

and fundamental debates.

On one side are those who claim that our society and its churches should not acknowledge homosexuals or agree to demands for recognition because heterosexuality is the only natural, normal, and acceptable sexual orientation. Both the structure and the biological function of the sexual organs are obviously designed for heterosexual union.

Sex was obviously created and is designed for reproduction. Both nature and God have decreed that homosexual behavior and relationships are unnatural, and therefore sinful. Moreover, the acceptance of homosexuality has been a major factor leading to the downfall of many great cultures, such as ancient Greece and Rome.

Any acceptance of homosexuality and bisexuality would undermine the strength of the family, which is the whole basis of every society and culture.

On the other side are those who claim that sexual orientation is not a choice. Homosexuals are born, like heterosexuals, with a particular sexual orientation. Since they did not freely choose their orientation, discriminating against them is totally unjust and immoral. This argument cites anthropological and sociological evidence that homosexual and bisexual behavior and relations are an open part of everyday life in some cultures, present and past.

It also cites the possibilities suggested by some research data that homosexuality may be influenced by genetic or hormonal factors.

Although the mental health professions no longer consider homosexual and bisexual orientations pathological in themselves, this has not ended the debate over how our society should respond to sexual orientations and behaviors other than those that are strictly heterosexual.

Our moral and religious convictions influence how we respond to certain sexual behaviors.

When I have met resistance from well-meaning heterosexual people to accepting homosexual individuals as persons, the bottom line has usually been, "But homosexuality is just unnatural." I try to pursue the conversation in a reasoned manner by asking them to explain their statement and to define, as best they can, what they mean by the words "unnatural" and "natural".

Over the years, their explanations and definitions have been varied. I am convinced that people have unconsciously absorbed from the dominant culture a deep-seated feeling of antipathy toward homosexuality for which they have tried, usually unsuccessfully, to provide a semblance of rational argument.

But from meeting thousands of Lesbian and Gay people over the years, from reading reliable research in the field, and from reflecting on what it means to be natural, I am now convinced that homosexual and bisexual feelings and behaviors are just as natural as heterosexual ones.

I shall now present some of the reasons or arguments I have heard on both sides of the question. I shall examine what it means to be "natural" and in so doing, shall draw upon historical, anthropological, psychological, and biological evidence.

That the main stumbling block to my argument comes from theological and philosophical discourse demonstrates to me that these disciplines either have failed to keep abreast of scientific developments or have willfully ignored current findings in order to legitimate a preconceived notion of divine intent for the human order.

How can I say that bisexual and homosexual feelings are as natural as heterosexual ones? Let us consider the definition of the word from various disciplines.

HISTORY

Goethe once wrote that homosexuality and bisexuality can be considered natural because they are as old as the

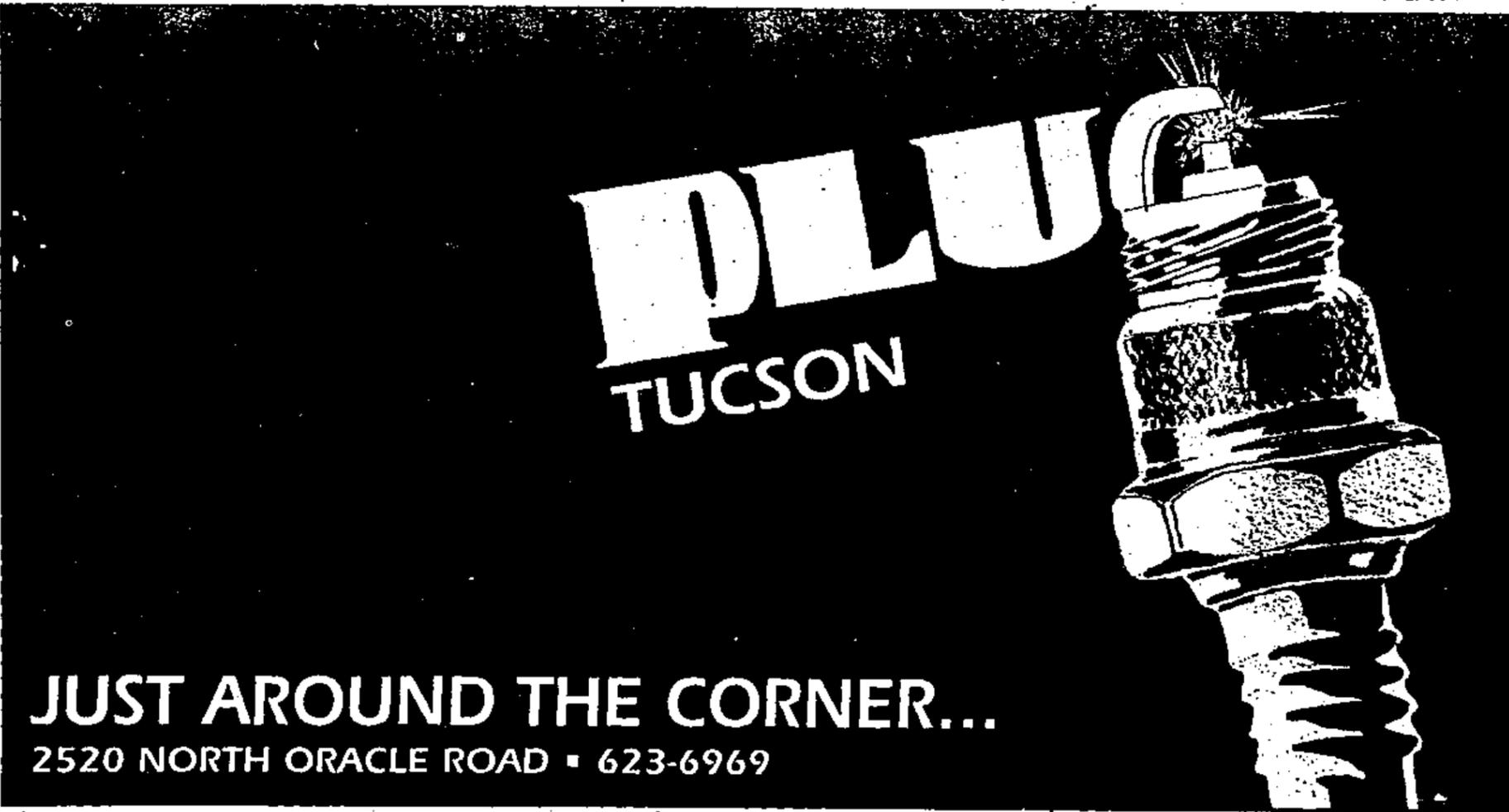
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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Raul Almeraz

Hello everyone! It was a great week for AGRA-Tucson. We were all very busy with planning and organizing Hoe-Down and now we're down to the final eighteen day countdown to the Saguaro Regional Rodeo on March 15, 16, and 17.

Hoe-Down was a great time and a big success. There was quite a turn out and everyone who was anyone was there. I would personally like to thank Champion Member Lee, of Hours for allowing us her bar to host this event. As usual Lee and her staff were quite accommodating and quite helpful in allowing us the run of her patio and dance floor. Thanks again.

The entertainment was great and quite a variety. We had a great showing of support from our friends in Phoenix. As usual Charlie's Renegades and the Sunburst Squares were big crowd pleasers. The live vocals along with our Royalty drag were also quite the show stoppers. The local talent was quite impressive also. Teresa Housely hosted and sang. We also had a few other local favorites like Lorie Lee and Jerry Herrul. It was great to see an event like this bring the community together and support a great cause. Thank you to all our great volunteers who helped with our many tasks. We couldn't have been successful without you.

Our monthly meeting was also held in the midst of Hoe-Down. At this time all the board members managed to give a short report. But most importantly we were proud to be able to present Art Lewis his sash for Grand Marshall of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo. "Poof!" You're now official, congratulations Art.

A special presentation was also made to our 1995 Champion Bar members. Those present were Lee of Hours, Bobby Harris of Club 2520 and Art Lewis of the Graduate. Each was presented with a plaque in appreciation for all their support through the past year. Those not present will be receiving their plaques shortly.

Some rodeo business announcements from Bryan Collins - Rodeo Events

Voters Object To GOP Gay Baiting;

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"Gay bashing in the GOP campaigns has reached an all-time high," David Smith, HRC's communications director, said at the news conference. He noted that at the anti-Gay rally, was attended by Pat Buchanan, Alan Keyes and Phil Gramm, who has since dropped out of the race. Bob Dole did not attend but sent organizers a letter saying their "Marriage Protection Resolution" did not go far enough. All the other leading GOP contenders signed this "resolution", which HRC dubbed an anti-Gay pronouncement masquerading as a pledge to reserve the institution of marriage for people of opposite sexes.

"Buchanan's remarks about Gay people have been particularly despicable, but this is not surprising from the man who declared a cultural war on us at the 1992 GOP," Smith said. "Patrick Buchanan is a walking hate crime."

On a recent "Meet the Press" that, if elected, Buchanan stated he would not appoint openly Gay people in his administration. And, he said "I do not believe this is a valid, legitimate, moral lifestyle, period, paragraph."

Director. He is at this time in need of 200 pounds of flour. I know, I asked the same question, "What for?". Seems it's used to line and make ground markings in the arena for various events. Also is need are 200 pounds of rabbit food pellets and 25-30 white five gallon buckets. Again, same question. Answer, "to hold the poles for flag racing." Silly me, I just thought he had a very large pet. "Nice bunny rabbit". If anyone can supply or give a great deal or even direct us to a contact person, it would be a great help. And yes Cheryl of Texas, Bryan does know who his livestock contractor is, Duh!

Also in the announcement category. Shelly O'Brien is looking for anyone who would like to become a "Friend of the Rodeo" for this years program. There will be a designated for this and the cost is only \$10.00. Our volunteer coordinators Cindy Chamberlain and Sherry Taylor are actively seeking volunteers for the rodeo. If you would like to volunteer four hours of your time that weekend, it will allow you into the rodeo and the host hotel dance free of charge. Please contact Cindy and Sherry through the AGRA hotline or you may page Cindy at pager/voice mail number, 629-6869. Volunteers are greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

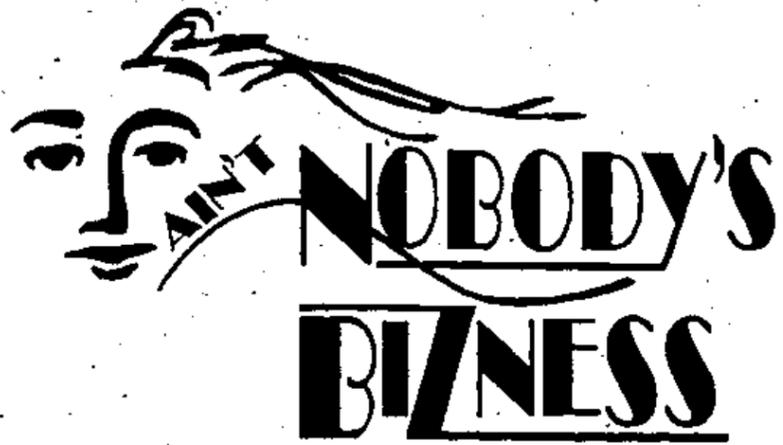
Now on a different note, seems a group of our local softball league was out and about at a local pizza joint (we won't mention any names, but the uniforms had The Biz written on them), whooping, hollering, dancing in the isles and just out having a great time. You go girls!

Did all of you meet or see some of the new boys hanging out this weekend? Let's see, there was Brett and his brother David and their friend David. On Saturday there was Robert or Bo as some refer to him and also Joe. Hope to see more of this new talent out and about.

That is all I have for now. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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Lo que quiero compartir con ustedes es acerca de los nuevos tratamientos que algunos de ustedes ya han oído o han leído... Se trata del 3TC aprobado recientemente por la FDA (Food and Drug Administration) siglas en inglés... Es un medicamento fabricado por Glaxo Wellcome Lab. quién fabrica el ya conocido AZT y se habla de un tratamiento o terapia combinada sobre todo con AZT. El AZT es una droga que se ha venido utilizando desde 1987. La terapia combinada parece ser que trabaja mucho mejor en pacientes que nunca han tomado el AZT. Glaxo Wellcome, asegura que el precio al combinar ambas drogas será de \$12.67 a \$13.96 por dosis diarias (precio al mayoreo) esto sería de \$4,600 a \$5,109 al año. El nombre comercial será Eпивir o Lamivudine (3TC). Esta es la 5a droga que se utilizará como una proteína que incapacitará la reproducción del VIH. En los estudios que se utilizaron, coincidieron que cuando pacientes desarrollan resistencia al 3TC ellos tampoco han repondido a tratamientos alternativos con DDI (Didanosin) y DDC (Zalcitabine). Estos estudios fueron hechos por el Dr. Joseph J. Eron, Jr. de la Universidad de Carolina del Norte, escuela de Medicina... Mientras siguen los ensayos sobre tratamientos, nuestro consejo es recordarles que el uso del condón es una buena consideración en lo que respecta a prevención, y no solo del SIDA sino para otras enfermedades que se transmiten por relaciones sexuales así como embarazos no deseados. La primera vez que se utiliza

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un condón la situación puede verse un poco torpe y embarazosa. Lo cual se remedia con el uso constante e imaginativo del condón, el masturbarse con condón. Algunas veces no se usa el condón porque se cree que "el amor y la confianza" son suficientes para protegerse, pero no es así pues precisamente por el amor, la confianza, el respeto y la protección del ser amado es por lo que debemos utilizar el condón.

¿Como proponer a la pareja sexual el uso del condón?

- No te preocupes, yo siempre utilizo el condón, soy un experto. (Lo importante es en verdad tener mucha experiencia en esto, recuerda que la práctica hace al maestro, a las personas les da mucha tranquilidad saber que la otra persona "sabe hacerlo bien" con condón.)

- Yo siempre lo hago con condón, es muy divertido y más erótico.

- Hoy en día quién no utiliza condón está fuera de onda.

- Es tan "cachondo" utilizar condón que te invito "a cachondearnos."

- En verdad para negociar el uso del condón hay que tener imaginación, creatividad, audacia y sobre todo práctica. Cada uno descubrirá sus facultades para convencer a los y a las otras de utilizar el condón, al hacerlo como parte del juego, de la conquista y de la relación sexual.

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PAST OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

HOW DID SAN FRANCISCO BECOME SO GAY?

Americans who know little else about homosexuality know that San Francisco has a lot of Gays; an ice cream shop where I grew up had a shake called "the San Francisco" - it was filled with fruits. Some of this reputation is overblown; San Francisco has plenty of straight people, of course. But the political power and unusual visibility of San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian community is no myth, and deserves explanation.

The Gold Rush of the late 1840s and 1850s turned a small town into an important city, and most of the newcomers to San Francisco were single men seeking their fortunes. These men lived together, drank together - even danced together. While the gender imbalance was not permanent, some variation of an all-male social world has existed in San Francisco since the mid-19th century. We also have evidence of Lesbian prostitutes and women who "passed" as men in this period.

By the 20th century, the city had gained enough of a reputation for homosexuality and other vices that the massive 1906 earthquake was blamed by many ministers on the moral excesses of what they called "Sodom by the Sea." This reputation was not due to an open, politically active Gay and Lesbian community; rather, Gay life in early 20th century San Francisco consisted mostly of private parties, furtive encounters and discreet relationships.

The Second World War represented a sea change in San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian life. Most Pacific-bound sailors and soldiers came through San Francisco, many of them eager to sow their wild oats before risking their lives against Japan. Opportunities abounded, from prostitutes to girlie bars. For soldiers seeking same-sex company there were a growing number of bars and lounges - The Black Cat, the Silver Dollar, the Subway - in which they could meet civilians who might offer a place to spend the night.

During and after the war, the military discharged thousands of Gay men and Lesbians, often sending humiliated soldiers and sailors back to the mainland through San Francisco. Many of these personnel were too ashamed or uncomfortable to face their families and hometowns with a "blue" (anti-Gay) discharge, so they stayed in the port city which held often held fond memories of pre-war flings.

In the postwar period, San Francisco saw an increase in both Gay bars and Gay bards - as "Beat" poets such as Allen Ginsberg drew attention to the relative florescence of Gay life in San Francisco. Equally significant was the founding of

social and political organizations. In 1953 the Mattachine Society came to San Francisco, followed two years later by the founding chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, America's first Lesbian social and political organization. Many of those organizing for social change were veterans who had been forced into seeing their sexuality as political by their discharge from the military. By 1960 San Francisco was one of three major nodes of Gay and Lesbian organizing, along with New York and Los Angeles.

In the 1960s, San Francisco saw events that were unthinkable elsewhere, from a drag queen running for city supervisor in 1961 to a Gay dance sponsored by heterosexual ministers in 1964. By the end of the decade, San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury had become the center of the hippie movement, and homosexuality was but one of many deviations in an atmosphere of free love.

Gay and Lesbian immigration to San Francisco heavily accelerated in the 1970s, providing neighborhoods such as the Castro and Noe Valley with heavy concentrations of Gay men and Lesbians. The Gay community's political strength could be seen in the election of Harvey Milk as a city supervisor in 1977 and a widely praised coordinated public response to the AIDS crisis beginning in the early 1980s. Today, San Francisco continues to be a pioneer - three of the city supervisors are openly Gay or Lesbian, and San Francisco City College is the only place in the country where a college student can major in Gay and Lesbian studies.

WHAT ARE "BOSTON MARRIAGES"?

The term "Boston Marriage" refers to a pair of women who set up same-sex households, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th century. Some of these couplings were among teachers and students in women's schools on the East Coast - including the most celebrated example in Henry James' novel *The Bostonians*. Often the women were thought of as two unlucky spinsters who were unable to find husbands (and undoubtedly this was sometimes the case), but we have plenty of evidence that many of these relationships had a romantic and a sexual component.

The irony of the term, though, is that while many who used it were gently poking fun at the women involved, these women had the last laugh. They were able to live together, share expenses, sleep in the same bed, and even publicly treat one another as husband and wife - all with the tacit implication that the pair couldn't possibly be actual lesbians.

But most were actual Lesbians, usually members of the middle and upper classes, and many of their stories are quite remarkable - for example, M. Carey Thomas, the president of Bryn Mawr College, lived in a Boston Marriage with one of the school's largest donors, philanthropist Mary Garrett.

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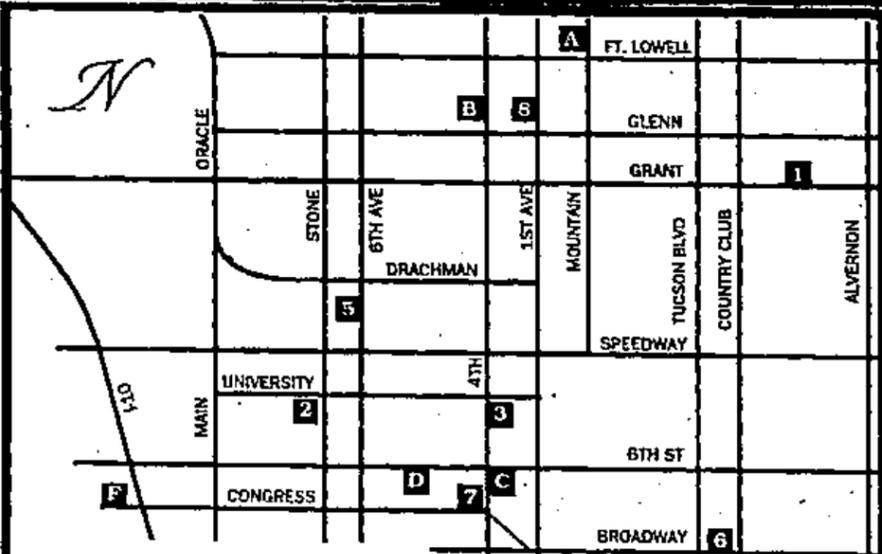
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BY DR. BOB

Sexual Self-Love

Let me jump right in here: I'm a firm believer that, if everybody masturbated more honestly, more lovingly, and more expertly, this society would be a much saner and more peaceful place in which to live. Masturbation is such a basic way that we relate to ourselves, to give ourselves pleasure, that it is silly to surround it with secrecy, as if it were a great crime.

Shame and hypocrisy around masturbation inhibits joy and sexual fulfillment. Masturbation is the key to your sexuality, and you hold the key in your hand! You can learn how to make your masturbation sessions a source of self-confidence, love, joy, and sexual energy in your life. These qualities will then spill over into your sexual relating to others.

Love is the most important thing in this universe, and all love starts with self-love. There is no such thing as somebody who hates himself and loves others, who is stingy with himself and generous with others. You treat others the way you treat yourself, because your basic energy is either loving or it isn't.

That basic energy is then reflected towards both yourself and those around you. So if you want to be more loving, start by loving yourself more. A person who is well-loved by himself is attractive to others, sexually and every other way.

How do you practice loving yourself? For one thing, you can speak lovingly to yourself inside your head. Speak to yourself the way a really good friend would speak to you. Also, you can develop habits of living that are nourishing and sustaining, not self-destructive. And you can love yourself sexually.

"Masturbation" is an inadequate word for the process of sexual self-loving. It sounds dirty and clinical. Joe Kramer, founder of the Body Electric School, invented the word "soloving" as a contraction of "solo-loving."

I learned a lot from my personal study with him a few years ago. He has devoted a lot of energy to learning the ancient knowledge about genital strokes and erotic trigger points and whole-body orgasms. There is so much more to our eroticism than we know!

Whatever we call it, solo loving is very important. Everybody does it, but very few do it well! Most people will put a lot more energy and attention into the pleasure they give another than they will into the pleasure they give themselves. Are you not worth as much attention as your other sex partners?! Your answer to this question reflects your sexual self-esteem.

Many men consider masturbation a kind of disgrace, an admission that they couldn't find a sex partner and have to bring themselves off. Do you think a masturbation session with that kind of thinking will be very glorious? It will be more of a self-rape than self-love, in which a man merely manhandles his cock until it spits up. It will be over quickly, it will be done without delight, it will taste of guilt and shame. It will be a mere tension-reliever, like blowing your nose when it's stuffed up. So much for the average man's sexual self-love!

The beautiful thing is that sexual self-love can be so much more. A guy who wants to get the most out of his

sexual self-love will put some time and care into it. He will acknowledge that he knows his own body better than anyone else can. He is his own best-lover, in a sense. He will cultivate a feeling of love and respect for his whole body.

Masturbation will be a sacrament of self-honoring, a way of honoring his sexual organs and the energy flowing within them. He will amplify his sexual energy by the way he touches his cock. He will feel no shame about touching and pleasuring himself. He will take his time, he will breathe fully, he will watch himself, he will savor himself.

Everyone masturbates in one form or another, but few people acknowledge it, few put as much thought into it as they put into cooking or watching TV. In other words, we feel too guilty about it to admit how important masturbation is. Therefore, our masturbation is impoverished.

If a man begins to expand his masturbation skills, he immediately feels richer and more alive. The better he knows his own body, the more relaxed and comfortable he feels within it. He knows more about his partners' sexuality as well, since a lot of things are common to all guys.

He sheds guilt about sexuality, knowing that it is a gift that he can use in any responsible way he wants. He learns how to come quickly, slowly, or not at all, depending on what he wants at that time. He can learn how to skillfully caress his whole body, from head to toe. He may involve his anal area in his self-touch.

This can represent a huge breakthrough, since shedding shame around the asshole is like putting down a 150-pound weight that you've been unknowingly carrying around your whole life! His sex partner(s) are happy, because he can apply his knowledge of his own body to his partner's body. He becomes a sexual expert.

A big part of good sex, like any other art, is to have enough experience with it to relax, and enough open-mindedness to explore. Masturbation gives you the opportunity to relax with sex, since there's no partner to impress, and a chance to explore new things at your own leisure.

There's a whole body of knowledge about masturbation secrets, which enhance pleasure, prolong ecstasy, and increase satisfaction. Many of these secrets are ancient, passed down from generation to generation, as in the Tantric tradition. This knowledge is valuable, and I am open to sharing it with a select group of seriously interested men.

You can have absolutely ecstatic experiences with yourself, given the right approach, good coaching, and some instruction about philosophy and technique. Once you've had this ecstasy for yourself, you'll want to give your partner(s) the same experience. And they will be, let's just say, filled with gratitude!

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By MARK R. KERR

"Gits!"

AZSHAM: Yes, Arizona's Presidential Primary for Republicans only, no Democrats or others, [A violation of the Voting and Civil Rights Acts!], and costing all taxpayers a cool \$4 million took place this past Tuesday.

Republican turnout was an underwhelming 25 percent. The "select few" jumped into their Range Rovers, Lincoln Continentals and Rolls Royce's and bopped to their Country Clubs to cast their votes for their preference in this waste of time, and money!

The winner, crowned Miss Grand Canyon, "The Big Hole", will take all 39 delegates for Arizona to the national convention.

As of press time, with over 50 percent of the votes counted, multizillionaire and friend of Liz, Steve Forbes was first, Pat Buchanan was second, and Bob Dole was third. Full results next week.

The rest of the field will get a year's supply of El Parador Salsa and a subscription to Arizona Highways for doing so poorly.

H.R. 2959: The bill to repeal the requirement enacted in the National Defense Authorization Act for 1996 for the mandatory discharge or retirement of any member of the Armed Forces who tests HIV positive, has made some progress to note.

H.R. 2959 has been assigned to the House Committee on National Security, committee hearings are expected soon on the bill. Recently, the Clinton administration has come out in support of the bill, and has directed the Justice Department not to defend the discriminatory provision.

The provision was added to the 1996 Defense Budget as an amendment by homophobic California Congressman, Rep. Robert "Shut Up Fag!" Dornan (R-Attila the Hun City). At present, the measure has 100 co-sponsors, and more members of the House are expected to sign on.

[To note: Neither Southern Arizona Congressmen, Reps. Jim Kolbe (R-CD 5), and Ed Pastor (D-CD 2) have not signed on as co-sponsors. We need to let them know to sign on.]

Here are their local phone num-

bers to call and leave messages urging them to sign on to H.R. 2959:

Rep. Jim Kolbe (520) 881-3588.
Rep. Ed Pastor (520) 624-9986.

STATE BILLS!: S.B. 1078, as reported (Observer 605), passed the State Senate last week and faced an uncertain future in the State House. But, the bill, which has already leapt many hurdles, got half way over it's biggest hurdle this past week.

However, House Speaker Mark Killian has made an unprecedented move by assigning S.B. 1078 to two committees: House States Rights Committee and House Judiciary Committee.

We need to let House Speaker Killian know that he needs to remove S.B. 1078 from the States Rights Committee and let S.B. 1078 be heard in the House Judiciary Committee.

Call House Speaker Mark Killian at (800) 352-8404, ext. 5729.

S.B. 1392, which would allow potential foster parents to arbitrarily test foster children for HIV passed the State Senate by a vote of 25-4, with one Senator not voting.

The bill now goes to the State House for consideration. As of press time, S.B. 1392 had not been assigned to a committee for consideration.

H.B. 2201, mandating all incoming prisoners in the Department of Public Safety be tested for HIV, passed the House this past week. H.B. 2201 was approved by a vote of 40-17.

Southern Arizona Representatives voted as follows:

YES - Preble and McGibbon (LD 9); Hershberger and Schottel (LD 12).

NO - Hubbard (LD 10); Garcia (LD 11); Nichols and Cunningham (LD 13); Horton and Pickens (LD 14).

NOT VOTING - Cajero (LD 10), Richardson (LD 11).

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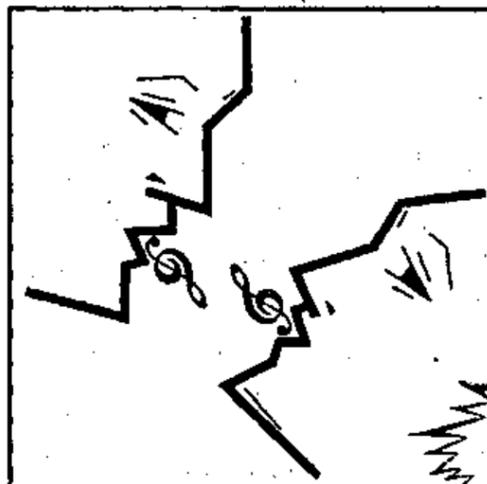


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From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lunden

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Another idiot has gone and done what you and I would probably consider unthinkable, and I might also add, we believe it's unthinkable, that what has done is something which could never happen to us. We do not believe we could become a fatal victim of some crazed idiot.

We also never think we could perpetrate such an act of idiocy. Wrong on both beliefs. To think that we could become the victim of some deranged psychotic, some homophobe or religious zealot may seem like insanity, but we live on an over crowded planet. And, it's even more insane to think that we might possibly become a killer ourselves, but we live on an over-crowded planet. Consider the rats in a cage where two many co-exist but eight is more than enough!



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knowledge or education and thus living with lies and/or rumors. Straight baiting is similar.

It must never be forgotten we are an animal species and each of us very capable of brutality, jealousy, hating, greed, prejudice, and yes, even murder. We don't have to choose any of these negatives in our life. For those who do, there is hope through early recognition and medical help and therapy.

I suppose it behooves us to think about what we are thinking about just to see how far out we might be at any given time. It also behooves us to make out lives count as Roxanne and Michelle were doing; just in case some idiot with a hard-on of the brain thinks we are homosexual and wants to "help" God cleanse his world.

CHANNEL CHANGE: I have a wonderful old friend from way back in our College days. We've matured a bunch over the past forty years. He's straight and I'm Gay but we don't hold it against each other for being who we are.

He's a "born-againer" and loves his Lord very much. Me? I don't know what to call myself. I only know I love my creator and his creations more than any words I'd ever express. Somehow or other I think the love my friend and I have had for one another over the years has brought us both to greater heights of love than we even dared dream about. The following poem he recently wrote shows me that love can even conquer philosophical/religious chasms. Thank God!

It all boils down to the fact that whether or not the killer was a Gay basher, just plain nuts, or a crazed religious zealot, someone did a dastardly deed in taking the lives of two of our sisters. They will be sorely missed on the horizons of all the Rights they fought for so daringly in their day to day lives. They never prepared to be the victim of a madman any more than your or I prepare for such.

A definite fact this bizarre incident proves, which date not be overlooked, is that Roxanne and Michelle, thank god!, did not live their lives in vain even though they may not have prepared for this insane act happening to them.

There aren't a hell of a lot of us who could say that. Their lives counted! They counted because they had chosen the high road in life where they lived not for what they could get but for what they could contribute. And we are all the better for their efforts.

Now also, as unthinkable as it may be that we could become a victim, it must be recognized that we too might be as idiotic as the-killer of our two sister. Insanity is not something inherited, however, it is chosen by any human who may wish to escape reality. Psychotic behavior also may result as choices are made in life or it may also be due to chemical imbalances in one's system. Gay bashing is chosen; usually as a result of lack of

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by Frank E.G. Gallego

Volunteering one's time, energy, and efforts is one of the best ways to give to our community. These selfless acts benefit many who cannot help themselves and gratefully appreciate your interest.

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson has many volunteer opportunities that encompass a wide field of areas for service. It is not necessary to feel that in order to "volunteer" you will have to spend many hours of your time helping others. Arranging time, days, and frequency is the easiest part of volunteering.

Daniel Rodrigues is PACT's Volunteer Coordinator and is also an Early Intervention Peer Counselor. To become a volunteer, take a few minutes and call Daniel at 770-1710, Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., or stop by at 801 West Congress, two blocks west of I-10, pick up an application form. Intake interviews are made by appoint-

ment. The following is a list of areas your assistance will greatly help: Front office-reception, clerical, filing, telephone switchboard, mailing; Housing (transitional and permanent)-maintenance, land scaping, cleaning, painting, moving furniture, equipment; Food For LIFE meals-food preparation, meal delivery; the Coalition News-news letter support; Buyer's Club-Dan Nunez is the Coordinator and may be contacted for volunteer information is his department; Fund raising events-ticket sales, set up, break down, information tables, auctions support.

Make a difference in '96, volunteer!

I leave you with this in mind, "The heart is the toughest part of the body. Tenderness is in the hands." - Carolyn Forché.

A View From The Rock A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Just recently I had occasion to use my automobile insurance. Since Arizona law requires all vehicles which are registered in the state to carry insurance. I have had car insurance since I moved here over 15 years ago. However, it isn't something which I ever wanted to use! In fact several years ago I had another occasion to use my insurance, which ended up costing me in increased insurance premiums more than twice what I would have paid, had I paid for the repairs myself! With that experience in my recent past, you can understand why I was very reluctant to report the latest fender-bender to my insurance company! I fully intended to pay for the damages myself, until I found out that they were more extensive than I had anticipated! Then, with some misgiving, I called my insurance agent to inquire how much my premium would be increased if I reported this latest accident and had the insurance company pay the damages. It was a very pleasant surprise to discover that since I had changed companies after the first accident my increase in premium would be less than what I would have had to pay out-of-pocket to repair the damages myself! Needless to say, I decided to go ahead and let the insurance company take care of the repair bills!

Don't you think it is interesting to have something which you hope you will never have to use? Many people treat their faith in Jesus Christ the same way! They accept Jesus as their savior and receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life and then just put him on a shelf. There is nothing in their lives to indicate that they even know who he is, and they certainly never allow him to have a part in what they do or the decisions they make. It is almost like they are afraid that if Jesus becomes part of their lives, the price will be too high, just like I was afraid to use the insurance I had purchased for fear my premium would sky rocket!

If I had chosen not to use my insurance, who would have suffered? I would have, for I would be out more money than my premium will be raised. What about those who do not "use" their faith? What about those who never ask the Lord for guidance when making an important decision? What about those who do not turn to the Lord for comfort in times of sorrow? What about those who do not rely on God's strength when going through difficult times? In all of these instances, who is the loser?

When people accept Jesus as their savior they receive eternal life, but that is not something which is supposed to be put on hold for the time when they leave this world for Heaven! Eternal life is not pie-in-the-sky by and by! Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10 KJV) This abundant life begins the minute a person accepts the gift of salvation and continues forever! But just like I had to contact my insurance agent to get full usage from my car insurance, so believers have to "contact" the Lord to receive full benefits from salvation. I contacted my agent by phone; believers contact the Lord through prayer.

If you are a Christian, why don't you try asking the Lord for strength, or comfort, or guidance, the next time you are in need. He is waiting to lavish you with the benefits of your salvation. And he has already paid the price with his blood for all these benefits! And if you are not yet a believer, "...behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Corinthians 6:2 KJV)

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You left us peacefully February 19th across the Rainbow Bridge to run and play forever and a day. Enjoy, my pookie girl. We miss you and love you. Shine bright with love till I see you again.

After spending her first couple of formative years at Michael's with family and friends, it's no wonder she turned out so wacky, yet so cool! Thanks so much to all Melissa's friends and her special pals.

Memorial services pending! In lieu of flowers, please donate to the AIDS service organizations of your choice.

Love Always, Michael.



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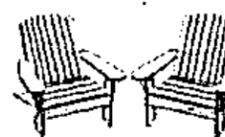
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SPORTS

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Third Round

	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	7	1	69049
Too Much	5	3	68994
Pigs R Us	4	4	68380
Ooh Sh*t!	3	5	69433
High Rollers	3	5	68098
PACT Rats	2	6	63969

TGSA Softball Season Begins March 2; Fundraiser March 3

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) will kick off its third season, Sunday, March 3. All games will be played at Udall Park (Tanque Verde @ Sabino Canyon), softball fields 1 and 2.

Each Sunday, the games will begin at 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. There will be two games played on adjacent fields in each time slot. In an effort to beat the heat, we're starting earlier and should conclude our season and playoffs in late May or early June.

TGSA will match last year's total of ten teams, and can accommodate a couple more. If you're interested in playing and/or coaching, please contact Bertie L., 318-3415 for more information.

TGSA will have a kickoff burger/beer bust fund raiser on March 3 at IBT's, from 2:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Specifics are still being worked out as of press time.

Come and meet the players, and support your favorite team. Proceeds will go to help send one lucky team to the Gay World Series Tournament, to be held in Minneapolis this August.

TGSA looks forward to your support at our games and fund raisers. Look for weekly updates in the Observer. Game schedules will be posted at our sponsors in the near future.

Tucson Bowlers Score At P.R.I.T.T.; Lambda Lizards Still Need Two Bowlers

TUCSON - A bowling team consisting of the Board of Directors from the Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson (HITT), scored well at the annual Phoenix Regional Invitational Tournament (PRIT).

The team, Everett Sears, Randy Patch, Randy Bilbro and of course, the irrepressible Mike Mahynske, who bowl in the Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards leagues, finished in sixth place for the team event, with 2640.

Randy Bilbro stated the team was the early round leaders, but "that the last squads overtook our score." Bilbro went on to say that it was a team from San Diego that knocked them from the top spot. The winning score for the team event was 2704. Randy Patch won several side pots for his individual bowling. Good bowling guys!

Tucson's Friday Gay and Lesbian League, the Lambda Lizards, just has only two spots left on the league roster. The cost to bowl is only \$9 a week! The league bowls at Golden Pin Lanes at 6:25 PM. For more information call 798-1549.

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Third Quarter

	Won	Lost	Pins
Two Tall/Wide	16	4	36302
Noizy Poizons	14	6	36224
Triple T	13	7	36052
Twelve	13	7	35425
Tres Amigos	12	8	37267
HITT'ers	11	9	34677
Seaweeds	9	11	33791
Bee Bytes	9	11	33146
Baker's Dozen	8	12	36016
2 Peas & A Pod	8	12	35234
Double Stuff	8	12	34765
Rubber Queens	7	13	38034
Stray Cats	7	13	35140
Pin Me Down	4	16	28867

High Avg - April D., 150; Mark K., 207; Rubber Queens, 537.

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., 521; Mark K., 726; Rubber Queens, 1866.

High Series HC - April D., 687; Mark K., 762; Rubber Queens, 2028.

Gay Scuba Club Forming in Phoenix

PHOENIX - An organizational meeting for the Gay Scuba Club will be held on March 15, at Jerry's Restaurant, 2323 East Thomas Road in Phoenix. There is a dinner at 6:00 P.M. with the meeting starting after at 7:30 P.M.

This club is intended for both men and women interested in scuba diving and those already certified divers.

For more information call Bill: Phoenix - 957-9399. Digital pager in Tucson - 291-9602.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., Reveille Gay Men's Chorus variety show and fundraiser. Hosted by Guilda Fatalé and featuring members of the chorus.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

IBT'S - Special "Leap Year Party". \$1.29 Well Drinks open to close. 29¢ Hamburgers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Underwear Thursday 9:00 p.m. to close.

VENTURE-N - The gang is having a party so big, it can only happen every four years! Leap Year Party here tonight. Check it out.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Bare Chest Contest night in the Eagle 11:00 p.m. First prize \$75. Sign-up starts at 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que for Tucson Gay Softball Association 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Beer Bust 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Girlie Show" starring Lucinda Holliday, Helena Bubbles, Felice Renard and special guest, Miss Gay Tucson, Elcertra Bleu

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Best Of The Biz-y Bodies with special guest, Melinda Brown! 7:30 p.m.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Saner Sex Group for Gay and Bisexual men. 7:00 p.m. Learn about ways to have more satisfying sexual relationships! Professionally led, university area. Call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Men's Social Network (MSN) Discussion Night. Second "Free Form" without a specific topic. Call Jerry 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

GTV - all-live Gay cablecast program #11 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or 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, MARCH 1

MSN - Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m. Oscar nominee video movie "Apollo 13" starring Tom Hanks. Call Jerry or Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Hiking Club will hike Wasson Peak in the Tucson Mountains a scenic desert by day and return by moonlight. This is a difficult 7 mile round trip hike with 1,800 foot elevation change. Call Dave at 318-0540.

Bring the kids! Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parent's network, watches the UofA Women's Basketball game today. Meet at McHale ticket sales office at 6:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents and family members are welcome. Call Mary at 690-1634 for more information.

MSN - Men's Social Network 7:00 p.m. First year anniversary potluck/social with entertainment at the Jacobs YMCA. Join your Gay family in Tucson for a gala celebration. Bring your favorite dish to share. Meet new people. Temporary location. Call Jerry 690-9565 for directions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Tucson G/L Hiking Club will sponsor a strenuous 5 mile r/h hike to Pusch Peak in the Catalina Mountains. This is a very steep trail with great views and maybe sheep. The elevation gain is 1,800 ft. Call Les at 326-3521.

MSN Celebration Picnic to celebrate MSN's first anniversary as a group with 225+ members. Meat, buns, beverages and dessert will be provided, and the rest will be pot luck, so bring a side dish to share with friends. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Reid Park, Ramada #28. Call Jerry at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

MSN Bridge Night 7:00 p.m. Open to all bridge players. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. New location for March. Guests welcome.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m. Video short entitled "The Straight Agenda". This is a clever take responding to the infamous "Gay Agenda" which was sponsored by the religious right. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Free talk on Tantric Eroticism by Dr. Bob. Call 623-1732.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

GTV - all-live Gay cablecast program #12 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet today at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the foothills Church, at River and Swan, Room 31.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Batsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.25 Draft Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Meady Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 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 D-E-G and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint open 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 3-6pm 50¢ 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 \$15/mo. or \$3/week, taught by Stacy. Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
GRADUATE - Open Bar. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No prof 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. 5pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 60s with DJ Jonathan 8pm-1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spagetti Feed 6-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-MRO Dance Music. Party with Stephen.
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. Boys Nite Out At The 8th Non-Profum Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.
GRADUATE - Open Bar. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.25. Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.
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 Bar. Happy Hour 4-6pm 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 Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Carols 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 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

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 Bar. Happy Hour 4-6pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hanken or Corona \$2.00 8pm 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 8pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 8pm-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 Bar. Happy Hour 4-6pm, 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. Patie Bar with Looney 8-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

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

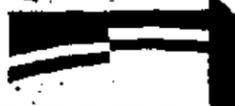
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by Doc and Ben



As we mentioned in our return column, this would not be a duplication of Juicy Lucy, hopefully. Well, as it turns out there is a lot going on out in this world and no matter where you go, there is always someone from Tucson around who thinks they can get away from this little big mouth. Didn't you Jake?

It was certainly nice to get out of town for a weekend and see how the rest of the world is doing. Last weekend, I was able to join Copperstate Leathermen on their Leatherfest XII at Fosters.

What a "joyous" weekend that turned out to be. Of course, as T.J. said when we ran into each other, "You try to get out of town and find some new faces and what do you get, a bunch of these tired Tucson faces." I'm sure that he wasn't referring to me as he looked straight into my face and said it.

Lee of Tuff Stuff at the Venture-N was with T.J., I told Lee that the new leather jock I had purchased from him last week for Leatherfest fit perfectly except the pouch was a little small and that I was hanging out on both sides. Well! The only comment I got was, "In your wildest dreams." Talk about customer satisfaction at Tuff Stuff!

Phil of D.L. was also there as a judge. And from the way Phil was observing, both during and in between the contest, I was afraid that there would be more than just one Mr. Leatherfest named for 1996.

And of course, there was Annie setting up her receiving line. She did have to go to the "Ladies" room during the evening. She came back to her stool at the bar quite frustration. She said that there were a couple of guys in the restroom, one was helping the other into his leather harness. But she settled down a bit after she got to kiss them both before leaving, it turned out they were two of the bartenders at Fosters.

Speaking of bartenders at Fosters, Rob took my breath away. He was made a full member of Copperstate during the weekend and I am looking forward to more functions with Copperstate. And no, Bruce, I don't need to be introduced, I did that already.

And, speaking of someone taking your breath away, there was Jake! He was his usual quiet self. He was observed dropping his pants and bending over out on the back patio on Sunday afternoon and then had the gall to complain that his pants were getting torn in the crotch and in the seat. The way that one was carrying on, he was lucky if he got back to Tucson with any pants at all.

While we are on the subject of dropping pants in public. Tim, (of Stonewall) you should not be dropping your pants at The Graduate when we're around. It's not only immoral, it's exciting.

Oh, by the way, we have already had a few volunteer stool pigeons come

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The Sun changes signs and runs into a couple of nasty aspects to energetic Mars and volcanic Pluto. Thankfully this kick in the pants is short, swift and relatively painless. A kick, however, is still a kick and we must be prepared to review our best laid plans before they fall to ruin. Read ahead to see how each sign compares what they want with what they get.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Take a broom to that disreputable closet of yours and clean it out. The Sun/Mars conjunction is no holds barred and demands attention and obedience. Add the Pluto square to the mix and you can transform your global outlook along with your lifestyle. It's also possible that any charitable pursuits in our community will catapult you to the front of the pride parade. Dress appropriately, darling!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The trade off this week is the transforming power of sex versus platonic commitments. The Sun, Mars and Pluto trika weaves a pattern of friends and lovers that may clash with your wardrobe. It may be that you finally realize that "the gang" no longer fits your lifestyle or you may decide to overthrow the group think and impose your own benevolent dictatorship. Whatever happens, be true to yourself.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your best professional maneuvers may cause a crash and burn in relationships. Take the Mars, Sun, Pluto face off slow, steady and carefully. There is no sense ruining a perfectly adequate partnership on the kaka of career so cool your jets with the corporate sharks. On the other hand, if relationships are in for an overhaul, this may be the transformative opportunity for which you have been waiting.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs are in for a grand global adventure with the aggressive push of the Sun conjunct Mars. Don't be surprised if Pluto adds a little explosion on the job. It's not everyday that you have the urge to take your act on the road, darling and the workplace has to adjust to your new outlook. It's also a wise idea not to excess in the exercise department. A slow, steady regime will have a better effect.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Heat up the frying pan. Dot, this proud Lion on a sexual tear. The Sun/Mars conjunction makes mince meat of lesser signs, but Leos are raring to go with just about anyone and usually gets their way. Add the Pluto square to this feeding frenzy and you may just experience the party of a lifetime. Leisure activities have a way of transforming your life so strive to become Miss Congeniality and not Miss Behavior.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The trade off this week is between privacy and partners (current and potential). The Sun and Mars conjunction heats up issues relating to the give and take of partnerships and Pluto changes the landscape at home. The only relationships that really count will be the ones for which will give up everything personal and proprietary in your life. Oh well, isn't that what makes life so terribly interesting?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Extra work on the job results in, much more work. If you feel like a mangy rat on a treadmill, blame it on the conspiracy between the Sun, Mars, and Pluto. The

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most important thing to remember is that the more work you volunteer to do, the more you will get without any personal benefit. Do you enjoy being part of the grubby workers of the world? Wouldn't you rather be queen?

and play to the crowd will serve you well. Be prepared to be rocked to your foundation as all that you hold near and dear is open to examination. Don't worry, as usual, you will emerge fabulous victorious.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Simple fun and games take on far more serious and profitable hue when the Sun, Mars and Pluto get together. Queer Scorps seems to take everything seriously, so it is no surprise that now you can literally bank on creative pursuits to provide extra income or a raison d'etre in your complicated value system. And to think that there are those fools who have accused you of taking life too seriously!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If you wish that you had kept your big mouth shut, blame the fall out on the angles between the Sun, Mars and Pluto. What you say could blow the lid off your closet so be prepared to play to scene to its fullest effect. Recalcitrant queer Caps tend to play their cards close to the deck but to what ultimate purpose? Isn't it better to breathe a sigh of relief and live your life openly and comfortably?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers possess a tremendous amount of internal transformative power. Now, with the face off between the Sun, Mars and Pluto, your ability to shed your skin

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are not shy about waving their money around, but now, with the planetary collisions of the Sun, Mars and Pluto, money and friends may crash. Take a

clear and calculating look at what you truly value and take it out for a test run. Friends may prove to be a powerful influence on your life for good or not, but take heart, the planets will separate the fair from the foul.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Aggressive over compensation may be the words of the day for all pink Fish. The Sun conjunct Mars and square Pluto places greater emphasis on how you appear to others, especially in professional arenas. The temptation is to show the world what you and only you alone can do, but don't bite that apple! Your best laid antics will wind up scrambled on your plate, courtesy of the powers that be.

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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.

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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 573-8880 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS 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 795-7268.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 681-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 21 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 p.m. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jam. \$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 867-7493 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.

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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), 8:00 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 8:30 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/SONORA PROYECTO, S.L.O.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0605 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, 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. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 8543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-6, Cortaro, AZ 85692.

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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.

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

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

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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 680-6065 for information and a newsletter.558

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[EDITOR NOTE: The following letter was written by a Polish-Hungarian citizen, who is visiting in the United States. Henry explains that his English speaking and writing abilities are poor. This is an exact transcription of the letter.]

DEAR SIR!

I am Polish-Hungarian citizen from Europe visiting my American friends around Chicago and Illinois state.

But, this is one more place here in the U.S. which I would really love to see, before my trip back to Europe this summer. It is Arizona state and Grand Canyon and all desert with cacti, which I can't find in Europe at all.

Can I ask you a special favor. If is it possible to run ad with my P.O. Box for correspondence, I can't speak fluently English.

I would really like to find special American guy, friend, guide, who can to show me some interesting parts of Arizona state, soon.

I am 30 years old, 6'3" tall, 175 lbs weight, sensitive, tender, romantic, honest, shy guy.

HENRY, P.O. Box 182, Joliet, IL, 60434.

I would really love to visit for short trip Arizona state and can to find some friends.

I can speak fluently, Polish, Russian, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian.

Sorry, my English is poor, I was learn by myself.

I will be grateful and appreciate for your help.

Thanks a lot, wish all the best,
Henry
Bye....

Politics

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H.B. 2201 now goes to the State Senate. As of press time, the bill has not been assigned to a committee for consideration.

H.B. 2138, the measure that would set up a state wide AIDS pilot education program is stuck in the House Appropriations Committee. We need to let the chair of the committee, Rep. Bob Burns, know that H.B. 2138 should be heard.

Call Rep. Bob Burns at (800) 352-8404, ext. 5872.

So it goes for now kids!

Cruisin'

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forward. However, we will only report what has been authenticated and will only reveal the stool pigeon when absolutely necessary, being the threat of loss of life or limb. It was reported that Jim Smith recently took up Bungee Jumping but had to postpone further tests, something about his condom stretching too far. And I thought you used ropes for Bungee jumping.

My, oh, my, what a piece of news we have here. And this is straight from the "horse's rear end". It seems that Doc had to run over to the Sixth Street Pub to wish Skip a fond farewell and before Doc could even get started on his

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first brew those nasty words came forth, "You're 86ed." Just a word of wisdom to all of you other bartenders out there, watch Doc's attitude among other things.

Well, dear readers that about closes my big mouth for this week. Just keep it up, having fun that is, and we'll let you be the big headline next time.

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human race itself. Some people, such as Goethe, would say that something is natural if it has existed and continues to exist over time and place. This is a definition of "natural" which I have heard among a number of professors in academic circles.

Historical knowledge would certainly affirm Goethe's belief. It is fairly well known that particular societies at different historical times socially approved of homosexual and bisexual liaisons. Between the eighth and second centuries before the Christian era, Greek art and literature assumed that virtually everyone responded at different time both to homosexual and to heterosexual stimuli.

Such an attitude was implicit in the non philosophical writings as well as in the philosophy of the time. In Plato's *Symposium*, the guests at a dinner party take turns delivering speeches in praise of Eros, the god of love. Most of the examples used by the speakers are homosexual.

In expounding his own view of eras in the work, Plato describes a male responding to the beauty of another male, and not to a female, as the starting point of his philosophical understanding of ideal beauty. Probably because homosexual relations were so commonly accepted, Plutarch, another Greek writer, in his *Dialogue on Love*, had to argue passionately in defense of the naturalness of heterosexual love.

The Renaissance genius, Leonardo de Vinci, wrote that heterosexual intercourse was "so ugly that, if it were not for the beauty of faces and the liberation of the spirit, the species would lose its humanity", i.e. the human race would cease to propagate.

At age 24, the reserved and aristocratic de Vinci was accused of having sex with a 17 year-old male and imprisoned for two months. More withdrawn and mysterious than ever after his release, de Vinci engaged a "graceful and beautiful", irresistible youth as an apprentice and taught him to paint.

Although the youth stole from his master as well as from his master's clients, de Vinci overlooked his faults because of his strong attachment to the youth. As with other tragic love stories, the man left de Vinci but the master painter was to find happiness in the devotion of another man who remained faithful to him until de Vinci's death.

Although a host of eminent historical figures were homosexual, most of those known to us are male because most of our religious, literary and political information has been written by men about men and for other men to read.

Only in more modern times have women produced historical records of themselves. Despite this significant handicap, historical data do indicate that Lesbian women have existed, though certainly more hidden, throughout the ages.

The word Lesbian derives from the ancient Greek poetess Sappho who lived on the island of Lesbos with her community of female admirers.