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## Clinton To Offer Help To Military Discharged Because Of HIV; Bipartisan Effort To Repeal AIDS Discharge Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - An executive order ready for President Clinton's signature would provide family health care, disability pay and other benefits for people facing ouster from the armed forces because they have the AIDS virus.

Clinton is expected to issue the order next week at the same time he signs a \$265 billion dollar defense bill that contains a provision requiring the military to discharge service members with HIV. Clinton opposes that provision but support the overall bill.

"When the president signs the bill we will have in place ready to announce a set of actions ready to guarantee a full set of benefits for these individuals and their families," said a White House aide, speaking on condition of anonymity.

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, lawmakers are beginning a bipartisan repeal effort at striking out the HIV discharge requirement.

They have six months to act before the military discharges more than 1,000 uniformed enlistees and officers who have HIV. Rep. Peter Torklidsen, R-Mass., said he has filed legislation to repeal the provision in the 1996 defense authorization bill, which President Clinton is expected to sign into law next week.

"If Magic Johnson can play professional basketball after five years with HIV, then a dedicated American should be able to serve his or her country in a non-combat role," Torklidsen said.

Conservative Rep. Robert Dornan (R-CA), wrote the AIDS discharge provision into the bill. Current rules forbid those with the AIDS virus from being

deployed overseas or sent into combat, and Dornan argued that places an undue burden on military comrades who must take up the slack.

Dornan said that Gay rights advocates are leading opposition to his provision, and as many as half the service members with HIV are former drug addicts. "Nobody gets the special treatment that these people get," he said even as the military scales down by discharging healthy service members.

Opponents respond that thousands of service member with other serious ailments likewise are not allowed to be sent to foreign duty but are not covered by the Dornan amendment. Also, opponents say, people can become infected with the AIDS virus through no fault of their own.

Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, is working with fellow committee members Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and William Cohen, R-Maine, on legislation to repeal the Dornan measure. "We need to put a human face on these statistics," Nunn said.

The HIV provision gives the military six months to discharge the 1,049 military men and women who have tested positive for the virus. The figure represents less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the active duty military strength of 1.5 million. While discharged service members would receive veterans health care, family members would lose theirs.

The Human Rights Campaign, a group lobbying against the Dornan measure, estimates that roughly half the services members with the AIDS virus are married.

## Lesbian vs. Killer In Custody Battle

PENSACOLA, FL - Who should get custody of the child? The Lesbian mum of the convicted killer dad?

A judge who said he wanted the girl to grow up in a "non-Lesbian world" has already sided with the killer.

And now the mother is taking the battle to a state appeals court, contending sexual orientation shouldn't matter.

John Ward, who spent eight years in prison for killing his first wife, has had custody of his 11 year old daughter, Casey, since the judge's decision last August.

"I feel I can give her a better environment," Ward said in an interview. "I can my baby a home, and I think she deserves that."

His second wife, Mary Ward, initially was granted custody when the couple divorced in 1992. Though she has refused interviews, one of her lawyers from the National Center for Lesbians Rights said laws in Florida and most other states clearly say evidence must show a child has been harmed to change a custody order.

Circuit Judge Joseph Tarbuck granted the father's request for a custody change, citing the mother's sexual orientation. He gave Mary Ward standard visiting privileges.

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## \$300,000 In AIDS Grants Expected For Pima County; Application Deadline Feb. 12

TUCSON - Pima County is expecting more than \$300,000 in Ryan White funds to help people affected by AIDS.

Although the funding is still tentative, anyone who wants a grant for a program targeting people who have tested positive for HIV, those who have developed AIDS, or their friends and family, must apply for the money by February 12, say officials with the Tucson Community Foundation.

The Ryan White CARE Act was authorized by Congress for five years, ending this March. Officials with the Tucson Community Foundation are anticipating about \$330,000, although continuing funding under the act still needs congressional approval.

Ryan White, an Indiana teenager

died in April 1990 after a five and a half year battle with AIDS.

Ryan, a hemophiliac, had contracted AIDS from a tainted blood product. His family grabbed national headlines when they went to court to force a school in Kokomo, Indiana, to allow Ryan to attend.

Those applying for a grant should offer programs in the following areas: case management; medical services; in home health services; dental services and medications assistance.

Application guidelines are available at the Tucson Community Foundation, 6601 East Grant Road. Completed applications must be returned by 5 P.M., February 12.

## Hate Crimes Bill Passes Senate Rules; AIDS Education Program Bill Introduced

by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - The statewide hate crimes ordinance, which includes "sexual orientation", leapt another hurdle in the state legislature this past week. A bill to establish an HIV and AIDS education pilot programs was introduced and given a hearing date.

S.B. 1078, the statewide hate crimes ordinance was taken up by the Senate Rules Committee and approved this past Monday during their weekly meeting.

The Senate Rules Committee considers only whether the bill is constitutional and could with stand legal challenges.

The bill, would strength penalties from those convicted of crimes based on hate for various groups. One of the long list of groups is "sexual orientation."

The bill is sponsored by Tucson Senator Patti Noland (R). The bill had won approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee and now adds the Rules Committee to the hurdles that has been cleared.

Tucson Senator Ruth Solomon has said the bill has a good chance to get out of the State Senate. Senator Noland has reiterated that she will fight for the bill and keep the measure intact.

S.B. 1078 now goes to the Senate Committee of the Whole, which consists of the full Senate. The Committee meets tomorrow, but S.B. 1078 is not on the schedule. But according to capitol sources, the bill could be brought up for the second reading. A bill receives three readings when going through one of the houses of the legislature.

H.B. 2138, introduced by Tucson Representative Herschella Horton (D), would establish an HIV and AIDS education pilot programs, targeting school children, grades seven through twelve and their respective families.

Local southern Arizona Legislators who have signed on to the measure are Representatives Carmen Cajero (D-District 10), George Cunningham (D-District 13), Marion Pickens (D-District 14) and Senator Ruth Solomon (D-District 14).

H.B. 2138 was assigned to the House Health Committee, which the committee meets today and will consider the legislation.

Expected to testify for the measure are: Chris Brown from the Arizona Department of Health Services; Patti Jo Angelini of the Maricopa County Community AIDS Partnership, and representatives from the Tucson AIDS Service Organizations and the Pima County Health Department.

Rep. Horton urges readers to call 1-800-352-8404 and leave a message with the House Health Committee urging them to support the concept of this measure.

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# UPDATE

## One-In-Ten Fundraiser Feb. 17

TUCSON - The One In Ten Theater Company will be holding a fund raising rummage sale, Saturday, February 17.

The fund raiser will take place from 7 A.M. to 12 Noon, at the Historic "Y" Theater, 738 North Fifth Ave, Suite 131 in Tucson.

Items for sale include props, costumes, set pieces, and more. Donations of additional items to sell will be accepted at the theater on Friday, February 16, from noon to 4 P.M.

For more information call the One In Ten Theater Company at 770-9279.

## 13th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Scheduled For May 19

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The 13th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be observed worldwide on Sunday, May 19.

The event which began in San Francisco, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS, demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS, and mobilizes community based responses to HIV/AIDS.

"Our theme this year is 'AIDS Discrimination Is a Global Epidemic,'" Program Director Ben Carlson said.

Carlson went on, "Around the world, people with HIV and AIDS suffer discrimination caused by fear, ignorance, and misconception about the disease.

In the U.S., the Congress passed a Department of Defense bill that calls for all HIV positive service members to be discharged, regardless of their health, and denies them and their families the medical benefits available to those who receive medical discharges for other reasons. This is blatantly discriminatory."

Anyone interested in organizing a local observance of the 13th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization may call Mobilization Against AIDS at (415) 863-4676, or may register on-line through the program's Web site.

## Brenda & Wanda Henson From Camp Sister Spirit To Speak in Phoenix

PHOENIX - Brenda and Wanda Henson of Camp Sister Spirit, a feminist education retreat in Ovette, Mississippi, will be in Phoenix for a speaking schedule to help raise awareness of their struggle against the radical right.

Over the past year and a half, Brenda and Wanda Henson have been a national target of the Religious Right which is trying to cultivate and sustain a culture of hate and harassment against them because they are Lesbians.

They have been targets of verbal and physical harassment and intimidation from the local community in Ovette.

Here is their speaking schedule: Sunday, February 25, Lesbian Resource Project Annual Dinner; Tuesday, February 27, Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. \$5.00; Wednesday, February 28, ASU Memorial Union, Second Floor, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

## 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.



## Test Can Tell AIDS Survival Time

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A single blood test can predict which people with the AIDS virus are likely to sicken and die quickly and which have good odds of becoming long term survivors, researchers said.

The test measures levels of virus in the blood stream. And it allows a much earlier, more accurate disease forecast than older tests, tests that count key immune cells the virus kills, say scientists at the third Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

"It takes a lot of the mystery out of the disease," said Dr. John Mellors of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "We can look into the future surprisingly far."

Scientists have long known that some people infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, get sick quickly, while others stay healthy for many years.

Mellors and colleagues used the new test on 181 men who had just been diagnosed as HIV positive. They did not know how long the men were infected before the diagnoses.

The researchers divided the men into four groups, by the amount of viral genetic material detected in their plasma.

They found:

No one in the group with the lowest counts died within five years, but 65 percent of those with the highest counts did.

The test also predicted how soon the men got AIDS, with eight years typical in the low count group and 2.5 years typical in the high count group.

The results are "impressive" and prove that such viral measurements are important, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

But he said patients should know that some with high viral counts "do very well," despite apparently low odds.

Several companies are developing tests like the one used in the study. None are yet approved for widespread use.

## Old Pueblo Valentines Softball Tournament Information

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

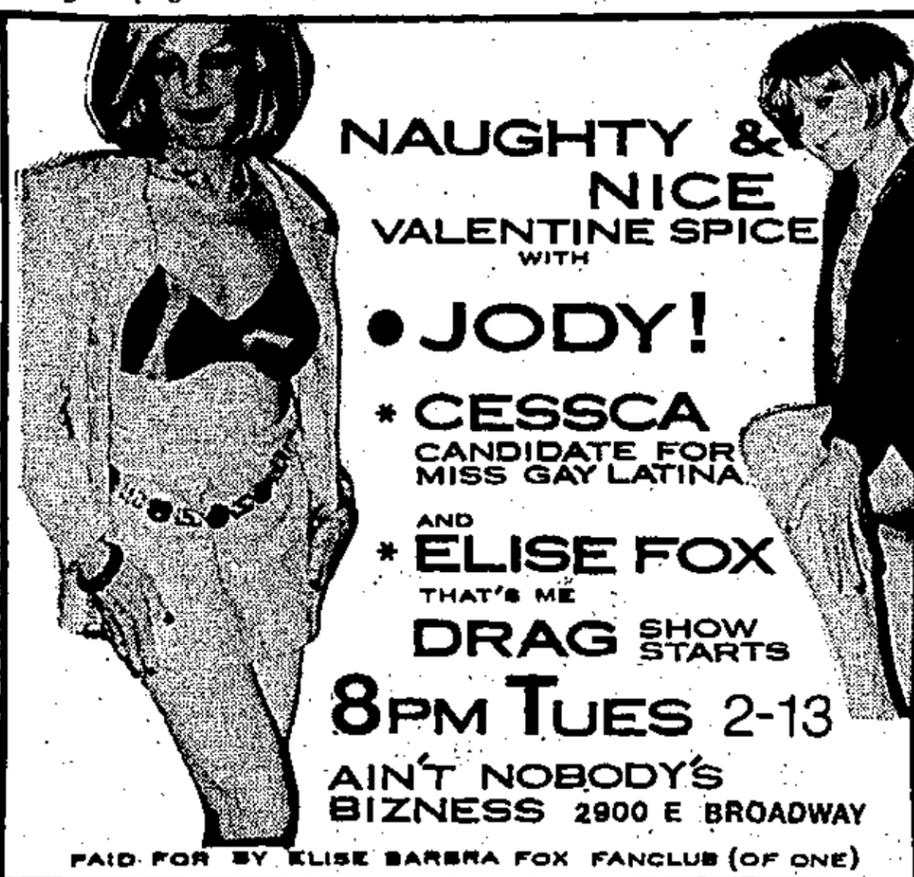
The inaugural Old Pueblo Valentines Softball Tournament will take place on Friday February 16, through Sunday, February 18.

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.





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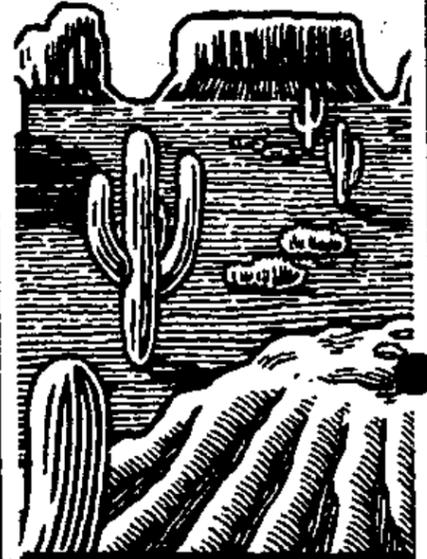
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## NJ Homicide Case Leads Police Into Back Streets Of Cyberspace

EAST WINDSOR, NJ (AP) - They met and got to know each other through an on-line chat room, an electronic gathering place for Gay men. In time, they agreed to move from computer screens to a face-to-face encounter. But their off line meeting turned deadly, police say, when George Hemenway shot Jesse Unger in the head, as a 15 year old boy looked on.

The last homicide in this Trenton suburb of 22,000, was 10 years ago and stemmed from a homosexual "street encounter," police say.

This time, the investigation led to the back streets of the Internet. America Online complied with a search warrant and gave authorities computer files and copies of electronic mail between the two men.

That set off lively, occasionally profane debate on the Internet about privacy rights. But experts say on line correspondents should not expect privacy and predict electronic communications eventually will be routinely examined by every-

one from government officials to attorneys and direct marketers.

"As we become more computerized...I'm afraid it's inevitable that absent a high degree of legal intervention, more and more information will be available, not only to law enforcement but also private people," said noted First Amendment attorney Floyd Abrams of New York. "For people who haven't done anything, it's a serious danger for their privacy."

"Most people...don't realize that when they delete e-mail it doesn't necessarily go away," added David Banisar, spokesman for the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington. Computer users should not expect to hide "what you buy, what you read, where you've been, who you've talked to," or even sexual orientation and fetishes, from those who seek that information. "I think you're going to start seeing the use of on-line records in divorce proceedings," Banisar said.

Authorities already used computers to track child pornography, credit card fraud and embezzlement over the Internet, but this is the first time police obtained an on-line service's computer files for a murder investigation.

Local authorities called in a computer expert to examine both the AOL files and those in five "state of the art" personal computers, three seized from the murder site, the house Hemenway shared with his father; and one each from the nearby homes of the 15 year old and of Unger.

The boy claims "both the victim and the accused had molested him on prior occasions," said police Lt. John T. Funda. "We're investigating that as a motive."

The boy had communicated regularly with Hemenway and Unger in an AOL chat room called "NJ4M," or "New Jersey men for men," where up to two dozen people type comments back and forth as if one a written conference call.

Hemenway remains in jail, charged with murder and weapons offenses. Police say he has confessed. The public defender representing him wouldn't discuss whether he will plead innocent or seek a plea bargain.

Trooper Michael Geraghty of the New Jersey State Police Technical Assistance Unit is going through every file on the seized computers along with hundreds of computer disks and data tapes and cartridges. Geraghty has yet to tackle the AOL files and may not find much when he does. Because those weren't sought until two weeks after the killing and AOL computers automatically delete e-mail five days after it's read, Geraghty said the files will contain only unread e-mail, which is retained for 25 days.

The case is being watched by organizations that monitor computer privacy and free speech.

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**HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON**

by Raul-Almeraz

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is doing well. It has been a very busy week and it's only going to get busier.

The AGRA-Tucson Board is very busy planning the Saguaro Regional Rodeo to be held this March 15-17. We do need everyone's support in this event so if you would like to volunteer for any area, please by all means don't wait to be invited to help out. Get your friends together and volunteer as a team. It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people and make friends from all over.

There is one special announcement. We the AGRA Board would like to take this opportunity to announce our grand marshal for the 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. This person has been a pillar of strength. Not only as a Champion Member of AGRA for many years but he has also been a businessman in our community. He has served as Treasurer for AGRA and served on many committees in assisting with past rodeos. Ladies and gentlemen, we announce to you, Art Lewis. Grand Marshall for the 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Congratulations!

The Rodeo Romance Sweetheart Dance is the Friday, February 9, at 8:00 P.M. and will go on till 1:00 A.M. Advanced ticket sales are \$10.00 from any board member of can be purchased at the door the night of the dance for the same \$10.00. There will lots of entertainment from surrounding areas including Phoenix, New Mexico, California and Colorado. There will also be plenty of great door prizes and lots of dancing for many different tastes in music. From what I have heard the music will range from Country to Dance to Mexican. So if you're a bit tired of the bar scene and would like to enjoy a pleasant but yet fun filled evening, join us at the Southwest Center for music. Dress attire will range from jeans and boots to tuxedo jackets and cowboy hats. Dress in what makes you comfortable. It's going to be a fabulous night!

The next event after Rodeo Romance will be Hoe-Down. This event will take place Sunday, February 25, at Hours. The board meeting will be held at the

Shanti offices on Sixth Street at 1:00 P.M. The general membership meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M. and immediately following will be Hoe-Down which will last till closing. There will be plenty more entertainment as well for this event. Remember that this will be our last fund raiser before the rodeo in March. So come on out and help us raise the funds needed to put on a great rodeo for our community in Tucson.

For those of you who may know of vendors who may be interested in a vendor space for the rodeo please contact me through the AGRA office. We will send you a vendor packet immediately. Deadline for vendor applications to be received back at the AGRA office is March 1. There is still space available at both the rodeo grounds and the ballroom at the Quality Inn Downtown which is the host hotel. On the same note, anyone interested in being listed as a "Friend of the Rodeo" in this years program should also contact the AGRA office. Advertising space is still available for all you business persons out there. What a better way to advertise your Gay friendly business than in the Saguaro Regional Rodeo program.

There are still prize buckles available for sponsorship. Get a few of your friends and sponsor a buckle. Many events still available. Once again, contact the AGRA office. Ask for Bill.

AGRA is currently looking for two pieces of heavy equipment. One being a water truck and the other a tractor. These items are very high in price to rent so if anyone out there knows anyone who would loans us these pieces of rent them to us very reasonably, please give us a call.

Now, here is some interesting bits and pieces. Did any of you catch Steve trying on the pair of leather chaps? I'll have to admit he did look pretty yummy. I here he also wants a pair of stirrups. I'm not sure where about there going to be in his bedroom. Steve, don't you think your Nana will be upset if you

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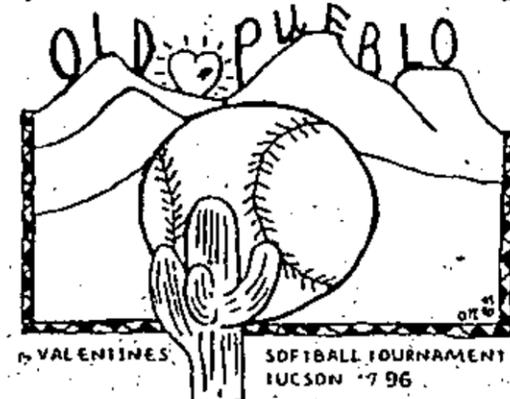
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by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Con un gran placer dentro de mis objetivos personales como profesionales, agradezco al Sr. Bob Ellis por esta oportunidad que nos da tener este espacio para empezar a informar y sobre todo el de compartir diferentes topicos a nuestra comunidad hispana. Además quiero ser específico, qué, como columna abierta se esta invitando a la comunidad a que la utilice en la mejor forma posible, ya que hemos recibido apoyo de Sr. Director del OBSERVER para mantener este espacio cada edición

Asi es que la invitación es para todos los que tengan algo que compartir o comentar en relación a la comunidad entera; y empezamos por que nos escriban y sugieran que nombre le pondremos a esta columna, así que esperamos su sugerencias/comentarios para el nombre que les gustaria y lo más importante el porque de tal nombre. Asi es que COLUMNA ABIERTA será abierta a partir de esta edición. Sus sugerencias las pueden enviar al Sr. Ernesto Pérez a TAP o a su servidor a la dirección que se da la final, así como sus comentarios o artículos que les gustaria compartir...

Empezaré expresando un gran reconocimiento para Ernie Pérez por su gran entusiasmo con el que siempre ha estado trabajando para nuestra comunidad. Lleva años haciéndolo y siempre con

ánimo de buscar nuevas ideas y programas en pro de los hispanos. Felicitaciones Ernie, y a tus ayudantes fieles como son tantos que sería difícil mencionar a cada uno, pero sí es necesario nombrar a Marco Martínez entre ellos...

Gran éxito tuvo la apertura de las noches de musica latina el pasado 30 de enero en el Stonewall con esto se hace constar que ese lugar, Stonewall, siempre será considerado el lugar para Hispanos como lo fue cuando fue J.T.'s en el pasado, ya que se llegó a esa consideración a nivel nacional e internacional dado a la asistencia Hispana que siempre se ha dado cita para pasar un tiempo alegre...

Recordemos los 80's que inclusive en libros de información sobre lugares gays siempre se le puso como lugar donde se reúnen gran número de hispanos; verdad Trini, Mini, Frank, Lourdes, Ana, Lupita, Rosie, etc., etc! Y podriamos gastar todo el espacio nada más mencionando nombres que lo pueden comprobar...

Recuerden que toda la correspondencia que se envíe debe ser firmada por el responsable de ella y se debe enviar antes de los dias lunes de cada semana para ser revisada y corregida en caso necesario y será dada el OBSERVER los dias martes por la mañana para su edición de los dias miercoles... Así es que la invitación está hecha hay que buscarle un nombre a esta columna OK?

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2) El 21% de la población total en el Condado Pima es hispana y el 20% de los casos totales de VIH/SIDA en este mismo condado corresponden a hispanos?

3) Que en México la relación entre hombres y mujeres se ha medido en forma dramática; en 1985 era de 30 hombres por una mujer y hasta diciembre 1995 es de 6 hombres para 1 mujer?

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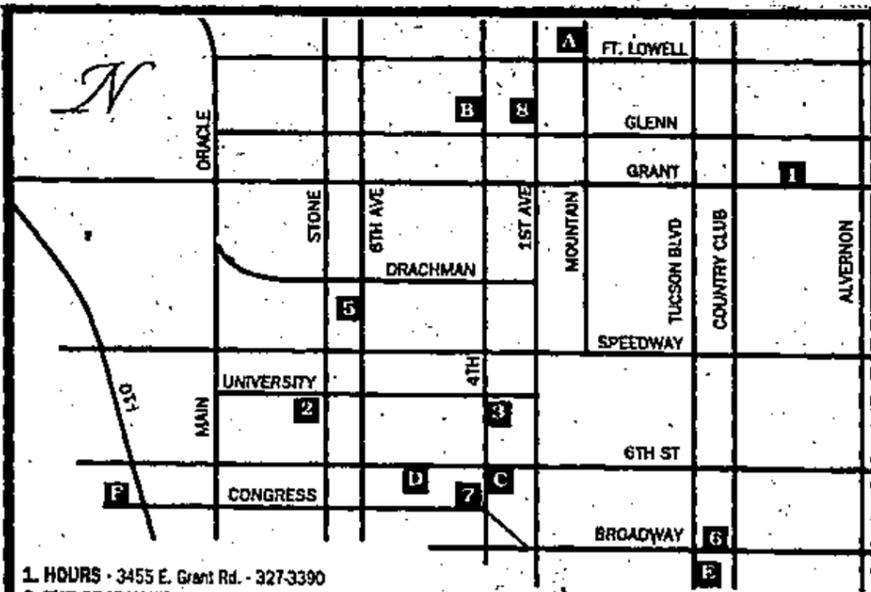
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**MISGUIDED FIFE!:** Our long running soap opera, starring our hero, the beleaguered Arizona Governor J. Fife "We're Negotiating" Whitewash III (R-Mercado) continues:

This week's episode opens with another plot twist by the writers, Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods, [portrayed by William Devane], is investigating whether Whitewash has violated state campaign finance laws. [Really, just that!]

Woods said he has obtained copies of finance reports from the governor's 1994 re-election campaign and from an exploratory committee created for a possible bid by "His Fifeness" for a third term bid in 1998. [No, anything but that!]

The reports showed that all of the \$152,698 raised under the banner of a 1998 campaign was loaned to the 1994 committee to pay off old debts. Woods said he wants to see whether the transaction violated laws limiting how much individuals and political action committees can contribute.

[Can we say yes! But, what about the \$1.7 mil in back taxes, and the \$11 mil to the union pension funds for the ill-fated real estate debacle? Remember Whitewash is "negotiating" on these items! Of course the taxpayers will get stuck with the bill!]

This past week, in a news conference, Whitewash said that his personal problems and his dropping popularity can be blamed on one source. [Can we guess the answer?] "His Fifeness" said that the media is too blame for all his troubles, and that you can believe what the media puts on and out. [The Fifester blaming others for his problems. We should trust Whitewash just as the union pension funds did with the Mercado project!]

The story continues...

**BILLS, BILLS!:** H.R. 2138 would establish a statewide HIV and AIDS



**POLITICS**

**1996**

By MARK R. KERR

**"Excessive Hand Gestures  
Can Be Deadly!"**

education pilot programs for school children, grades seven through twelve and their families. [See accompanying story.] The bill is sponsored by one of our friends, Rep. Herschella Horton (D-Tucson).

Tucson Representatives and Senators signed on are: Reps. George Cunningham (D), Carmen Cajero (D), and Marion Pickens (D). Senator Ruth Solomon (D).

The cost of the six year project program would be \$1.1 million dollars. The bill goes before the House Health & Committee which meets today.

Herschella Horton feels the chances are slim to get it out of committee, but hopes the hearing will force legislators to deal with AIDS by forcing them to hear the testimony. [You go Herschella!]

Herschella urges readers to call 1-800-352-8404 and leave a message with House Health Committee urging them to support the concept.

S.B. 1078, the statewide hate crimes ordinance that includes "sexual orientation", [See accompanying story.] leapt another hurdle this past week.

The bill was before the Senate Rules Committee, which took up consideration on the measure this past Monday and voted to approve S.B. 1078.

S.B. 1078 now goes before the Committee of the Whole, the full Senate for consideration. The Committee of the Whole meets tomorrow, but the bill was not on the schedule. The bill could still

be brought up or added this week.

**CANDIDATES!:** State Rep. Elaine Richardson (D-District 11), one of the best friends and strongest supporters the Gay and Lesbian community has, announced her candidacy this past Monday for the State Senate for the seat being vacated by retiring Senator Peter Gouinoff. Elaine with face fellow Rep. Jorge Luis Garcia, an AZMA fave, in the Democratic primary. [She's good, he's not!]

In the "third times a charm perhaps" department, in District 10, retired nurse and community activist, Betty Liggins, is running again for the State House of Representatives.

Liggins will run against incumbent Democrats Phil "Lobbyists paid for his wedding" Hubbard and Carmen "A car in every garage and a fruitcake as a door-stop" Cajero. Liggins has run twice before and lost in 1992 and 1994.

The big question in District 13 is "Who's gonna run, Andy or George?" Incumbent Democratic Representatives Andy "HB 2085" Nichols, and George Cunningham are battling it out [Just like Bette and Joan in "Baby Jane"!] to see who will run for the open State Senate seat, being vacated by retiring Republican, Patti Noland.

Capitol sources have told this reporter that the two have developed a "secret plan" to decide who will run. [Let me guess, it is the same plan that "Tricky Dick" had to end the Vietnam War!]

Rumors are flying in District 14. It seems that Sharon "Miss Soundbite"

Collins, the failed Republican mayoral candidate will make a bid for the State House of Representatives. She'll run in the District which has an advantage in registration to the Democrats, who hold the two House and Senate seats.

**MEDIA MANURE!:** What would a week be without something from our favorite television station, KOLD at their new digs, La Facilidad de Hank Hubbard in Mammy Yokumville!

First, on the Monday, January 29 broadcast of their 5:00 P.M. news. Our favorite anchor, Bud Foster "And His Hair", said the following, "At a closed door meeting that was held behind closed doors." [Emmy material here for writing and for the acting!]

On this past Monday broadcast of the news, a piece of tripe was passed off as story. Celeste "Can't talk her way out of paper bag" Gonzalez reported that a recent poll shows that President Clinton could win Arizona in the upcoming Presidential election.

Gonzalez, excessive hand waving and all, didn't bother to state the percentages of those surveyed, who did the poll and when the poll was conducted.

The "alleged story" continued with her interview with DNC Committee member Martin, "The Martinizer" Bacal about the mysterious poll. Bacal talked about a future Clinton campaign stop in the "Evil City of the North". [Can we say a fix here!]

The story continues with her interview of someone purported to be a Republican for their response, [all three seconds] and did not bother to identify who they were. [Good journalism here!]

Lastly, the station which airs reruns of the comedy "Seinfeld" is running a promotional gig for the show. The grand prize for this farce is a trip for two, to Hollywood to attend a taping of a new episode of "Seinfeld". That episode will air on KVOA, the local NBC affiliate. [Right, the lowest rated t.v. station promoting the highest! That's KOLD!]

So it goes for now kids!

# Independently Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

## A Room Of Our Own

There is much talk of the American Gay and Lesbian "community". But just what is "it"? We have no real national leadership, and the national political organizations supposedly representing "us" are not accomplishing much, except trying to raise money and then spending it as quickly as they get it. We are in mortal danger from the religious right, and little is being done by these organizations to counter this except empty rhetoric and posturing. We have neither a central institution nor a national journal to serve as rallying points.

What then is the American Gay and Lesbian "community"? An ephemeral figment of the imagination of both our enemies and the national groups who claim to represent us? Perhaps there is no national Gay and Lesbian "community", but many "communities" across the country.

The question is in the process of being answered, and not by holding the usual and endless caucuses to arrive at some consensus definition. While I am no fan of creating more national Gay groups, there is a new one that is actually on to something. And while it needs to raise its profile, the grassroots clamor for its services may soon prove advertisement enough. It is uninterested in a grandiose notion of political coalitions, which too often prove short-lived. Its plan is to give American Lesbians and Gay men roots in their own communities and rooms of their own.

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers (NALGCC) was born late last year to "encourage development of new Lesbian and Gay community centers" in cities across the country. Its founders recognized a crucial truth. With Gay communities already thriving in cities across the nation, we are more plural than singular, and our strength is more potent locally than nationally.

The new group already has a head start. There are now 65 Gay and Lesbian

community centers throughout the country, employing over 300 people with combined budgets exceeding \$38 million. The two largest centers are in Los Angeles and New York, with Chicago, Minneapolis, San Diego, and Dallas close behind. There are smaller centers in such places as Fort Wayne, Indiana; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Boise, Idaho. Some of our major cities have no centers, including Boston, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. Their absence makes local political and social action fragmented and renders our efforts weaker.

In trying to increase these numbers by creating more centers, the NALGCC faces one reality and one key problem. The reality is that causes and movements such as ours need a launching pad, a safe place in which to plan and strategize. Without a center of some sort, groups aspiring to change the world too often end up forced to change their meeting place, repeatedly, until the inconvenience prove too much, and participation diminishes. The civil rights and anti-war movements of the 60's and 70's had classrooms and churches. Today, the religious right had enormous resources. Gay and Lesbian communities, too, need rooms of our own.

The major problem which community center organizers faces is that Gay men and Lesbians are far from the unified entity hawked by those who speak of a national "community." Although we share a common experience and a common enemy, rarely do we integrate. Lesbians hang out with Lesbians; Gay men with other Gay men. There is a gulf between Lesbians and Gay men in America which is bridged only sporadically, in rallies and marches, political campaigns, religious services, or fund raisers for various enterprises important to us. We can weep together for our dead, from AIDS, breast cancer, and hate violence, but we laugh together far too little.

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TUCSON: Tucson's Friday Gay and Lesbian bowling league, the Lambda Lizards, is looking for bowlers.

The Lambda Lizards bowl on Friday's, 6:25 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes. The league consists of five person teams, which bowls three games per week. The cost to bowl is just \$9.

For more information about the league call 798-1549.

The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards bowling leagues are fielding an all Gay and Lesbian team in the upcoming 52nd Annual Tucson City Tournament.

The team, called "Four Swigs & A Swallow" consists of Ray Appleman, Ann Richardson, Mark Rosenbaum, Mark Kerr and Jack Stockslager. They will bowl the team event at Tucson Bowl, and the singles and doubles at Golden Pin Lanes, their home house. Good luck to the team!

The Halloween Invitation Tournament Tucson (HITT) recently gave four checks of \$400 each to the three Tucson AIDS Service Organizations and the Desert Leatherman Condom Fund.

The proceeds were raised through numerous fund raising activities which took place at the 1995 HITT Tournament staged over Halloween Weekend.

### Shootin Around Town

by Wayne Steele

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

Tournament of Champions. Stonewall/Eagle. First Place - Rosa MA, \$50, Pool Cue & Trophy. Second Place - Cowboy Bob, \$30 & Trophy. Third Place - Steve AD, \$20 & Trophy. First Out - Robert DC.

The Graduate. First Place - Mike WC, \$25. Second Place - Larry LL, \$15. Third Place - Robert DC, \$10.

The Biz. First Place - Karen, \$32.00. Second Place - Rosa MA, \$13.00. Third Place - Loren, \$9.00.

### Desert Coyotes Bowling League Third Quarter

	W	L	Pins
Two Tall/Wide	7	1	30931
Twelve	7	1	30206
Tres Amigos	6	2	31970
Triple T	6	2	30918
Baker's Dozen	4	4	30956
2 Peas & A Pod	4	4	30268
Stray Cats	4	4	30162
Seaweeds	4	4	28714
Pin Me Down	4	4	27274
Rubber Queens	3	5	32737
Noizy Poisons	3	5	30937
HITT'ers	2	6	29331
Double Stuff	1	7	29669
Bee Bytes	1	7	28216

High Average: April D., 150; Mark K., 209; 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., 521; 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!	25	15	60781
Looney Tunes	24	16	60135
Pigs R Us	22	18	59892
High Rollers	19	21	59621
Too Much	15	25	60345
PACT Rats	15	25	55352

High Average: Ann R., 178; Mark K., 202; Ooh Sh\*t!, 815.

High Game SCR: Ann R., 256; Ray A., 288; Ooh Sh\*t!, 1027.

High Game HC: Ann R., 276; Ray A., 303; Ooh Sh\*t!, 1165.

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### As I See It

by Clark





# Surfing with Cyber-Queers

by Anne C. Schmitt

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Oh what a week it's been. I am up to my carioles getting The Observer ready to go on-line and researching links to make it a worthwhile experience for the web-surfers who will land there.

It is all progressing very well even through the rather blurry eyes of this computer geek (nothing like a little eye strain to fog the monitor.)

I have talked to lots of you around town and by e-mail. What I hear is the mixture I expected with some greetings of techno excitement at the mere mention of the Internet and others saying that it sounds great but that they have no idea what I'm talking about. Bear with me, you will understand more and more as time goes by.

As soon as the Electronic Observer is launched I will begin a series of articles on some of the beginning aspects of enjoying the Internet (not just the World Wide Web) and let you know some of the pros and cons about different Internet services available to you. There are lots of acronyms like ISP, CGI, WWW, FTP, PPP, LAN, DOS and on and on. They really do mean something and I'll help you not only with the definitions but with the "meaning" of how they relate you to what you are doing.

And, then there will be some lighter moments with my "Weird Page of the Week". These will be hard to pin down since I see lots of them in the nearly 40 hours a week I stare at this screen. But I think it is important to keep the humor alive when we cover some serious topics.

Some of the things I have been finding out in cyberspace lately are real brain bruizers. The passing of the telecommunications bill, the discussion of net-censorship by politicians who have never been on the Internet, the unfortunate censorship of certain words by certain Internet Service Providers which greatly effects how the Gay community can and cannot communicate within the walls of their service. I was going to save that until later but I think I'll throw it here so that those of you who are on AOL can take notice.

AOL has banned certain words and phrases from their discussion groups. I have hear that they have slammed shut the accounts of folks who crossed the great verbal divide and used these censored words.

Originally the word "breast" was one of naughties until the American Cancer Society and lots of breast cancer survivors raised a fuss about having their discussion group removed from service. But they did not rescind the ban on the words or phrases "bondage", "douche", "sexual devices", "submissive", "transvestite", or "urination". Now, tell me which part of their groups this might limit!!! So, if you chat on AOL, be aware that the Smut Patrol is watching.

AOL also removed Gay video titles from its shopping section and replaced it with AOL approved titles. Short of removing the entire Gay video selection they seem to be trying to make this Gay video merchant leave on his own free will so they can't be blamed for throwing him out...hmmmm...I smell something funny! (Go to <http://ATKOL.com/video> to see the

complete list of what they won't allow on AOL.)

Next week I will have this paper online. I may not sleep much until that point, so don't expect me to make any sense next week. See ya in cyberspace.

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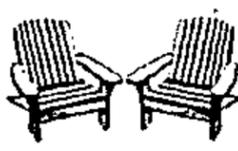
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## Sex And Love

A lot of guys talk to me about sex and love, that being my business: to help men get in touch with their bodies, their erotic energy, and their capacity to love in a Gay fashion. Most of us are out of touch with our bodies, our sexuality, and our lovingness. My work is to heal some of this brokenness, this alienation from self. And there is healing, no matter how long or how much a man has suffered.

As Gay men, we face a special set of challenges, as we attempt to heal in the midst of homophobia, a lack of clear models for who we are, and the AIDS epidemic. Yes, these are trying times. And yet, we can heal. I have seen it time and time again: Gay men moving from self-hate to self-acceptance, in community. Not that it happens overnight, but the process of growth is exhilarating all by itself. And that's all we should wish for: the experience of growing, moving, healing, rather than feeling stuck, self-hating, and isolated.

Most human beings are looking for a way of being sexually whole. Sex implies the vulnerability of being naked with another, allowing your most intimate parts to be touched by another, penetration of one body by another. These are intense, light-filled things, not things to be stuffed in a dark corner of our lives. Sex fills me with a sense of wonder and joy, yes, Gay sex, despite what others may think. Men can connect, men can share their bodies and sexual energies, men can love each other, and these are beautiful things.

It seems that most young Gay men start out with a romantic ideal. There's nothing more beautiful than a young Gay man in love for the first time, perhaps thinking he has found his life partner, full of admiration and surrender for his lover. What happens very often, however, is that his lover deceives him by having sex with others behind his back. He wants to have his cake and eat it, too. He wants the security of a monogamous relationship, but the "variety" and "freedom" of promiscuity. So, he figures, what my trusting boyfriend doesn't know won't hurt him. How wrong that is! Often, the cheating lover is a bit older and more experienced than his boyfriend, having already been through this bit of petty betrayal, from the opposite direction, himself.

When the young romantic finds out that his lover has been unfaithful, a deep depression comes over him. He is in pain. He is angry. In the next relationship, he is not so trusting, and may cheat on his next boyfriend first in order to protect himself from ever having to feel the pain of having his open heart crushed again. (If two men define their relationship as including sex with others, that's fine: there's no deception there. I'm talking about men who lead their partner to believe that they are being monogamous, while secretly having sex with others.)

My point is that the way a young Gay man first approaches sex is very different from the way he approaches sex a few years later, after he has felt the sting of betrayal a few times. The cynical, heartless attitude toward sex and love we find in many Gay men is not our natural attitude. It is a reaction to betrayal, it is a form of self-protection. The people who

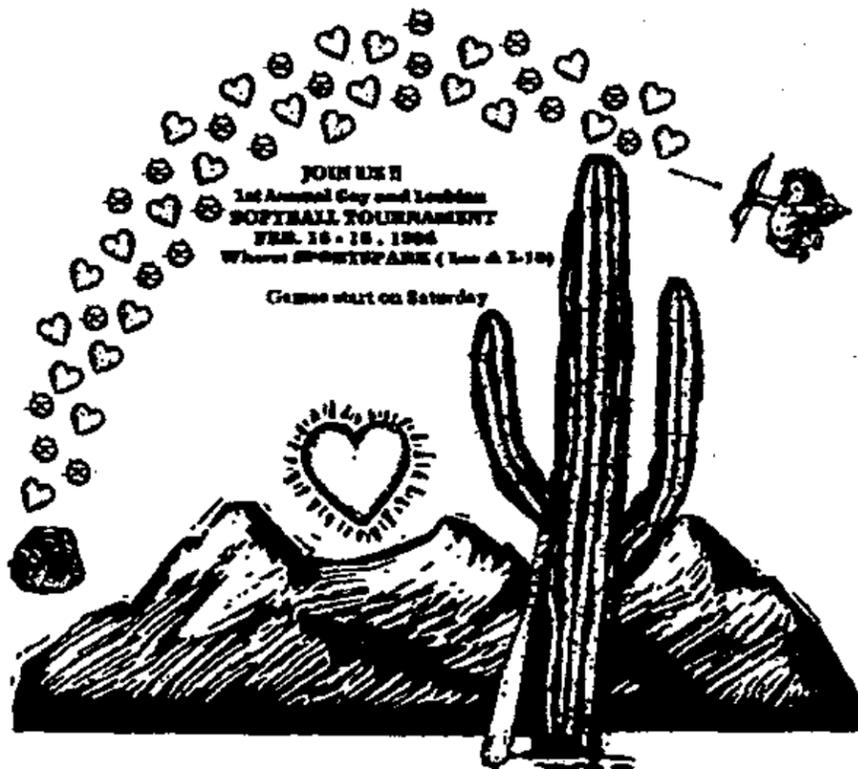
are the most jaded are probably the ones who started out the most idealistic. Gay men are, on average, very emotionally sensitive. We start out very much wanting to bond in a trusting, loving way with another man. Later, we build a shell.

I'm thinking of the oft-heard cliché, "I used to think that sex and love were the same. Now I finally realize that sex and love are two separate things." When someone says that to me, I hear it in the context of what I've been saying here. I hear this person saying, "Once I loved openly, trustingly, believing and knowing that Gay sex was a beautiful, sacred thing. Then I got hurt really badly by the betrayal of my lover. He seemed to think that sex was something you did for fun, that it had nothing to do with love, that it meant nothing sacred. He took my love and stomped on it. Now I too have learned to have loveless sex, and while it might seem empty in a way, it sure beats the lacerating pain of betrayal I feel when I let myself love."

And so we create a Gay culture (with the help of advertisers) that celebrates the impersonal, treating each other as mere objects of pleasure like a steak or an ice cream cone. And we pretend to like it! I'm not saying that a traditional, monogamous relationship is the only loving way to relate to other men. I'm simply saying that sex is naturally connected to our emotions, and it takes a lot of doing to make it otherwise. Sex should be in the context of mutual respect and honoring, even if it is relatively casual sex. The test is whether the way we express our sexuality makes us feel good about ourselves as people.

We can recover our original loving natures. I have developed an integrated path of healing for Gay men that includes bodywork, Gestalt therapy, meditation, and, very importantly, an emphasis on community or tribe. The Gay tribe we are can be a powerful force for healing. We only have to let it happen.

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



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"Side effects from fluconazole are rare and usually are minor. Stomach upset and rashes are the most common. There are significant drug interactions however. One is that fluconazole will increase blood concentrations of rifabutin (a drug prescribed to prevent MAC) to toxic levels. Be sure to review with your doctor all the medications you are taking for possible interactions.

"How can I lower my risk of getting valley fever? The valley fever fungus lives in uncultivated native desert soil rather than urban areas. There is no evidence that activities like gardening in the city or even hiking in the desert will increase your risk. Dr. Ampel strongly encourages his patients to continue their normal outdoor activities.

"It is a common sense precaution to avoid freshly disturbed desert soil. In the general population, for example, valley fever is common among archaeologists on a dig. So four wheeling in a washing or walking around a rural construction site is unwise."

Next week will feature the conclusion to this series.

I leave you with this in mind. "You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club." - Jack London.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**IBT'S** - "The Edwards Twins" 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 fund raiser dance for Lesbians Latinas de Tucson. 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. There will be a raffle for gift certificates. This live band always packs the house. \$5.00 cover.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Bear Chest Night here and they start taking their shirts off around 11:00 p.m. Get here early to sign up. Cash prize.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Rare Breed plays Tijuano, Cumbias, and Country from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover.

**IBT'S** - Beer Bust and BBQ to benefit Shanti 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then, at 7:30 p.m., it's time once again for the Battle of the Lovebirds - "The Gayly Wed 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.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Free and anonymous HIV testing from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. It's Latin Nite and the Latino Men's Health Project will present a "Sweetheart Dance" here from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There will be door prizes too!

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

**HOURS** - Valentine Day show starring Crystal Abrams and special guests beginning at 8:30. Raffles, drink specials, fun. Request your special sweetheart song and dance with your sweetie all night long.

**IBT'S** - Special Valentine's Day "Girle Show" hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring Helena Bubbles and some special guests. Don't miss it.

**PARAGON** - Crystal Waters and her hot dance entourage is on her 100% Pure Love Tour will perform at 11:00 p.m. Check it out! 144 E. Lester.

## 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 Corridos, 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

## NOW PLAYING

One In Ten Theater Company will present Lanford Wilson's "Fifth of July" through Feb. 17 at the Historic "Y" Theater, 730 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 Owen 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 muddle on 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.

## 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

Gay 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. Gerontina, 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/Lez Man Hiking Club will conduct a difficult 4 mile round-trip hike to Peacho Peak. It's a very steep trail with excellent views. Call Dave 328-8540 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. Les 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 Lumberlost 7:00 p.m. 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.

## FRI-SAT-SUN, FEB. 16-17-18

1st Annual Old Pueblo Valentine's Softball Tournament will be held at SportsPark (I-18 and Ina Road). For more info call Emmett 291-0632, Irene 327-8094 or Bertie 318-3415.

## 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.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Men's Social Network - MSN (Gay men of all ages) 7 p.m. Board Game Night. All sorts of board games available. Easy learning for beginners. Call Les 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests welcome.

Tucson G/L Hiking Club will sponsor a car camping trip and you can choose one or two nights. Washington's Birthday is celebrated Monday for those of you who will have the day off. The group will spend the daytime hours exploring the Organ Pipe National Forest and will be joined by the Hiking Club from Phoenix for the event. Call Ed Thursday afternoon at 722-4712. There will be a \$15 fee to cover park costs and gas. For more info on the club write: P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Tucson Prime Timers will have their regular monthly meeting at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave from 4 to 6 p.m. Following the meeting the group adjourns to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronos Social Club are welcome, as are all mature Gay men.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

"GTV" - all-live Gay cablecast program #10 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.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

"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.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. 4:30 Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

**HOURS** - Moody 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. Bonetti 8-8-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-Q and Beer Bust. Backside opens at 8pm with High Energy Music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 2-4pm 50¢ draft. 301 Seat Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert 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 to \$1500. or \$5/week. taught by Stacy. Marks 8 to 11 p.m.  
**GRADUATE** - Open Sun. 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. Open to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s w/ Jonathan 9pm-1am.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 8-9pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NEO Dance Music. Party with Stephen, your bartender.

**VENTURE-N** - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm.

## tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Happy Hour 2-7 2fort well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The 821 Non-Prankster Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.  
**GRADUATE** - Open Sun. 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. 8 pm to close Tuff Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tuffies. Prizes and surprises.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

**VENTURE-N** - Open Sun to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am-8pm.

## wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - 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 Sun. 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 Nite: 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 Sex Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50  
**VENTURE-N** - Open Sun Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 9pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

## thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Maraca 8pm to close.  
**GRADUATE** - Open Sun. 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 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 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Pter special all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

**VENTURE-N** - Open Sun Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 9pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

## friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2fort well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hots B'Deuvres  
**GRADUATE** - Open Sun. 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 Leassy 9-1. Dance Party 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hots & Deuces 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-shirt and get happy hour price all evening long.

**VENTURE-N** - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 9pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

## saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ** - Pool Tournament 8 pm. Pot matched, 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%  
**GRADUATE** - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, 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 Leassy 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 Sun. Mitches & Bagels w/BI Beady Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 9pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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### Independently Speaking

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between Lesbians and Gay men is a problem which community centers are uniquely equipped to face. In the cities where such centers already exist, enormous progress has been made. A common space fuels interactions of all kinds, deeper and more enduring than those which flourish in rallies or campaigns. Meeting and interacting with each other, outside the closet like environments of jobs and even religious congregations, means dispensing with the pantomime of distance. It also offers an option from the stultifying bar scene.

From an old organizer, here's a cheer for the NALGCC. I will be watching closely for the signs of its success. It will be registered not merely in the numbers of new rooms for our local communi-

ties, some erected, some restored. It will most of all be manifested in the substance of our interaction with each other, both men and women. Out of the many communities may finally come the solidarity and strength of one valid Lesbian and Gay American community.

For more information on the NALGCC, write or telephone Benjamin Stilt at 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011. (212) 620-7310.

### NJ Homicide

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"Many American Online users may have a sense they're being misled and that their privacy is being invaded" because their files could be turned over to others, said Mike Godwin, staff counsel of the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco.

### AGRA

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start drilling holes in the ceiling? Well, as I mentioned last week, Raybelline is back. She's been back all of one week and is stirring up so much havoc. That's okay Danny, your secret is safe with us.

I am very please to announce that Addison is doing so much better and should be well enough to leave the hospital in a few more days. It will be a long recovery before he is up to speed. But in any case, we're all just glad your doing so well. Love you.

Well, there you have. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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Venus is the planet of the week for its wild tete a tete with taskmaster Saturn and delusional Neptune. Then if life wasn't complicated enough, Venus changes signs from sensitive Pisces to rambunctious Aries. Whoever said love was easy never experienced this feisty Venus-tango. Let's resolve to put all affairs of the heart on the back burner this week, friends. Read ahead to see how to apply a warm handshake on a hot patoot:

## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Venus' face off with Saturn only makes secretive and foggy situations more treacherous, but thanks to the generally good aspect with Neptune, the fates have a way of turning all nasty goblins to lovely cherubs. If your closet door swings wide open, it's because the planets have decided to finally liberate you. Be happy and live life to its fullest. Venus' next move cranks up the charisma.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Friends may prove to be more trouble than they're worth this week with Venus conjunct Saturn. But take heart proud Bull, Venus' aspect to Neptune leads you to lovely pastures where you can schmooze, relax and recharge. The real challenge is to accept pals warts and all and turn your attention to loftier goals when Venus enters Aries. Do good deeds for any of our charities and causes.

## GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gay Twins get a professional jolt when Venus conjunct Saturn. If you have been diligently farming and tending your career, a reward may be yours for the grabbing. If you flow along and allow the fates to rule you professionally, you may be pushed onto a better path. Neptune's influence adds a bit of spice; the planet dreams up a lover who may just be your spiritual soulmate.

## CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs thrive by experiencing so get out there and see what's what. Venus conjunct Saturn spans the globe to mix pleasure with learning while Venus' aspect to Neptune makes partnerships appear more mystical and enthralling. May I suggest a spur of the moment romantic and exotic vacation? Pack your bags now; as Venus moves on, your sights will be set on career advancement.

## LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Sex has a stern and disciplined twist to it with taskmaster Saturn conjunct Venus. You never know what may whip you up into a lusty frenzy now so lace into it and enjoy. Neptune may lure you through drink or drugs, but if I know proud Lions, they cannot be forced into doing something against their will while under the influence. Let's just say that any wild actions will be your own decisive choice.

## VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If relationships are giving you a lung cold eye, wait until Venus conjunct Saturn when the curtain lifts and the sun shines in. Proud Virgos are sometimes too proud to admit mistakes and shortcomings in themselves and too eager to point them out in others. (Hey, I know you are only trying to help...) This aspect provides you with the necessary give and take to make a success of it. Just avoid excessive partying and don't tire yourself out.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

All work and no play makes pink Libra and enriched individual. That is of course what happens when lovely Venus conjunct Saturn. Any work you do now will be delightfully rewarding so use this special time wisely. Neptune also stirs up the simmering embers at home when you yearn to have your household as harmony with your inner self. Karma is everything.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Leave it to Gay Scorps to use fun constructively. Now, with severe Saturn conjunct Venus, anything creative, beautiful and playful has a serious, successful application. Adding Neptune to the party will enable you to preach to the masses. Your communication has a mystical, alluring power. Why not use this gift in pushing our agenda and converting recalcitrants to the rainbow?

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The empowering aspect of Venus conjunct Saturn encourages you to carefully and clearly declare your lifestyle choice to relatives and let the chips fall where they may. In fact, this planetary combination will liberate you and bring about an understanding. Less so with money and possessions; Neptune asks that you reconsider what is and is not important to you for financial security.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

It is now possible to sugarcoat your words so that they pack a powerful, but alluring punch. Lucky Gay Goats are masters of their fate this week and can communicate very effectively. Put in a good word for us as long as you're blowing the air. Neptune adds a bit of unexplainable charisma, you may attract folks with a je ne sais quois pull. Why ask why? Just enjoy!

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

If you have been a good, practical Aquarian, the Venus/Saturn face-off will reward you monetarily. If you have frittered away your finances on wine, play things and song, Venus will find a way to forgive and forge. Ain't life grand, kids? Maybe it's because Neptune's happy placement gives you intuitive oomph to enable you to avoid the nastier aspects of abject poverty.

## PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

With the Venus/Saturn conjunction occurring in your own sign, pink Fish find that the most uncomfortable public situations turn out to be the most delightful and most successful. The secret is, of course, to be prepared for anything and to maintain that confidence and aplomb. Even if you can't, Neptune insures that friends are there to help you cope with your success.

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**FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson**, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (6-7 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 575-8890 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

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**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, 9-5. 322-8226. AIDS Hotline: 325-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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

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

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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 5200 N. Oracle Rd, 885, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Feathills Lodge Clubhouse.

**GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1738. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Merty Books, 1001 N. Winnet.

**TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE** Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

**LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rich 318-0540.

**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. 886-8800 or Room 988-2364.

NOTICES

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 983, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-4102

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-72847. Call CRONIES 888-7284.

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Greenline (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-8135.

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**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** meets at St. Phillips in the Holy 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.

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**DESERT VOICES**, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson with Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

**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 690-8583 for information and a newsletter.536

**TOSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association**, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8313 or Mary O. 770-9879

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**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 322-8226.

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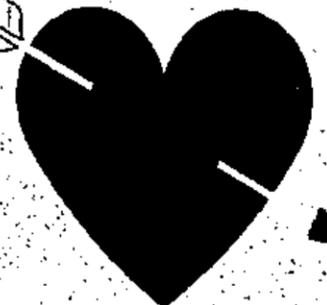
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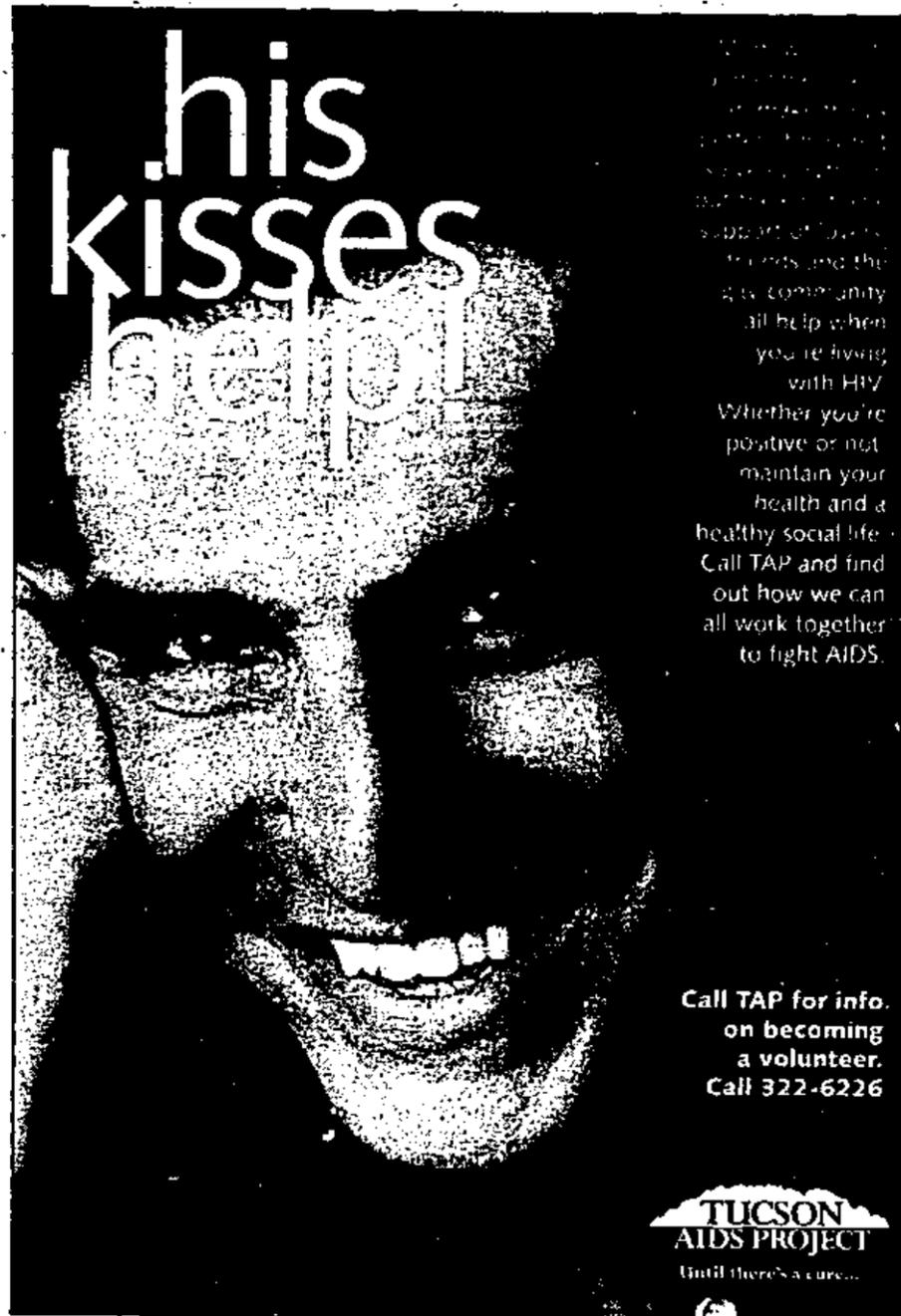
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## IN MEMORIAM

### Bob Stockslager

"Smooth!"

By Mark Kerr

TUCSON - It has been said that the world is a "stage" and that life is a "play". With that, the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community is saddened by the closing of a wonderful production of the life of Bob Stockslager. Bob "crossed the bridge" after a long battle with cancer.

And what a life! It began in 1921 with his birth in Vandalia, Ohio, known as the "Crossroads of America." In 1940, Bob married his childhood sweetheart, the indefatigable Betty, the "Queen Mother" of the Gay and Lesbian bowling community.

Bob and Betty had two wonderful children, Judy and Jack. Jack Stockslager is the long-time community activist, bowler, and former chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, and was one of the people who was instrumental getting Pride Week going in the Old Pueblo.

Bob and Betty supported Jack in this by attending the picnic, and helping out whenever possible. Something we in the community rarely have seen, supportive parents, and Bob was 100 percent.

Bob served in the Army during WWII. After the war, Bob went to work for General Motors, helping to develop new models of automobiles. Bob retired in 1976 at 55 and moved to Green Valley joining their children. GM as we know went down hill after '76 and we know why, their best employee left.

Bob bowled in the Community Mixed League, the first Gay and Lesbian

bowling league, with Jack and Betty. Bob and Betty were fixtures at the league, always there bowling, and making it a weekly pleasure for all who participated.

When Gays and Lesbian bowlers fought for better accommodations, Bob helped in that fight. When part of the Community Mixed moved to another bowling center, he joined the new league to support equal rights for all!

Bob also helped to get Tucson on the Gay and Lesbian bowling map by being one of the first Tucsonans to cash in a Gay and Lesbian tournament, held in Phoenix in 1989. Bob was on many successful teams that went to various tournaments on the G/L bowling circuit.

This reporter was honored to have known him and bowled with him. Bob touched the lives of many people and accepted everyone as they are. Something so rare to find.

His Ohio wit, his intelligence, his compassion, his big smile, his big laugh and his love of people were legendary. The physical being of Bob Stockslager maybe gone, but there is a part of Bob within everyone he met. He touched the lives of so many people.



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- because your partner says she is sorry or ashamed afterwards does not change the harm done or the danger you may be in.
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- been called names, or been blamed and humiliated either privately or publicly.
- been unjustly accused of having affairs.
- changed your decisions about your activities, social/family contacts in anticipation of your partner's wants, needs or reactions.
- found yourself feeling ashamed of or responsible for your partner's behavior when you have been treated badly.
- been kicked, hit, shoved or had things thrown at you or around you.
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