

State Hate Crimes Gets Hearings AIDS Education Program Dead; Just Say No Homos Held Up

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX - A statewide hate crimes bill survives; AIDS education is dead; the answer to sex education, "just say no homos". Yes, just another week in the session of the forty-second Arizona State Legislature.

S.B. 1078, the statewide hate crimes ordinance, with full criminal penalties, had passed the State Senate by the remarkable margin of 21-9. The bill, which includes "sexual orientation" as one of the many categories to be protected by the measure was sent to the House of Representatives.

After a scheduling delay, House Speaker Mark Killian (R-Mesa) assigned the bill to two committees, the House Judiciary and House States Rights & Mandates. This assignment to two committees was an unprecedented move by the Speaker.

But, one of the committees, House Judiciary, is chaired by Republican State Representative Tom Smith. Smith, a conservative Republican had killed a similar measure last year by not letting that bill out of the House Judiciary. But, time, common sense, or other factors, Rep. Smith has scheduled hearings for S.B. 1078, which take place today before the Judiciary Committee.

Capitol sources state that Rep. Smith will hear the bill as written, and not offer amendments to change the language. Which means for the time being, "sexual orientation" will remain as one of the many categories of people S.B. 1078 would protect.

Sources state that one of the reasons Smith is hearing the bill, is that he made a promise to the bill's initial sponsor, Tucson State Senator Patti Noland (R). Also mentioned is the proposed state wide initiative by Phoenix Senator Chris Cumiskey (D), which will force the Legislature to hear more bills, instead of sitting on them for no apparent reason. Capitol sources state the Republican leadership is terrified of the measure, and are trying to stop it by implementing some of the initiative's provisions.

Reaction to the bill's hearing was swift: Tucson State Representative Elaine Richardson said, "S.B. 1078 is a very a good step in the right direction. Personally I am very pleased to see the measure in the State House of Representatives. It is something that is long overdue to be addressed. I hope it will get out of the House, but it will be a tough fight."

In an interview, Tucson Democratic State Senator Ruth Solomon said that School students, 37, from McGee Elementary, were studying S.B. 1078, and that after reviewing the bill, "33 out of 37 supported it." Solomon went on, "If the Representatives and Senators had the sense as these kids do, the bill would be at the Governor's office."

When it comes to HIV and AIDS, the Legislature believes in testing not educating. That came to fruition with the death of H.B. 2138, the AIDS Pilot Education Program Proposal.

H.B. 2138, sponsored by Tucson State Representative Herschella Horton, would have set up AIDS education programs for students, K-12, and their families. The bill had passed the House Health Committee by a vote of 7-4.

H.B. 2138 was then assigned to House Appropriations Committee. But the Committee Chair, Glendale Republican Rep., Bob Burns, would not schedule the bill for a hearing, and the deadline for consideration of House bills, passed last week.

Horton stated that she could not convince Rep. Burns to hear the bill, or that several other Representatives could not either. "The state has an obligation to students. The state has got to deal with HIV/AIDS, it will not just go away," Horton added.

Horton stated that if she plans to reintroduce the measure next year, in the forty third session, and that if she won a big lottery, she fund the program herself. Horton added, "I will come and fight and win on this proposal."

"Just say no homos" is fast becoming the new teaching doctrine for sex education in the state.

H.B. 2202, the religious right's attempt at sex education is now in the State Senate for consideration. The bill, which would misinform the youth of the state about abstinence, the two person family, marriage, sexuality, and condoms, had narrowly passed the House, by a vote of 31-28, and was sent to the State Senate for consideration.

The bill was assigned to the Senate Education Committee, which is chaired by Phoenix Republican, Sen. John Huppenthal. The bill was assigned to be heard this past week, but Huppenthal held up four of six bills that were to be considered. It's not known when the bill will be placed on the calendar for hearings. But,

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Bartenders For MPS Benefit Underway



TUCSON - A total of ten original cocktail recipes were entered by local bartenders in this contest to benefit the national MPS Society. Pictured above are eight of the ten who are participating in this unique benefit.

In the back row, left to right, Mark (Venture-N); Tim [Vanna] (Eagle); Jeff (IBT's); and Roland (IBT's). Front row: Corrine (Biz); Darren (Graduate); Bert (Venture-N) holding Woody our MPS child and Rodney [Gilda] (IBT's). Missing from the photo are Peter from the Eagle and Carén from the Biz.

It is very obvious that each of these bartenders are night people. Their eyes had to be shielded from the afternoon sun.

Beginning this Wednesday, March 6 and every Wednesday for the next five weeks, two of the original recipes will be featured at the participating bars.

This week's recipes are "Cozmo" by Tim 'Vanna' Barth of the Stonewall/Eagle and "Day of Rest" by Carén DeTore of Ain't Nobody's Biz. Customers who purchase these featured beverages will judge them on provided rating forms.

Customers may also purchase special "Taste Tester" buttons for a \$5 donation which entitles them to a \$1.00 discount with each featured cocktail purchase. Just wear the button and get \$1 off each Wednesday night.

Good luck and thanks to the bartenders for their support of the MPS Society.

This week's cocktails contain: COZMO: 1 oz vodka, dash of lime and sweet & sour, 2 dashes of cranberry, dash of Orange Juice. Shake well, pour in rocks glass, no ice. Suggested price: \$2.00. DAY OF REST: 1 count each of vodka, rum and triple sec, dash of sweet & sour, orange juice and grenadine. Mix in glass and pour over ice in tall glass. Suggested price \$3.50.

Electronic Observer Hit By Hackers

by Anne Schmitt

TUCSON - Beware of JAVA APPLETS! Do not download JAVA APPLETS! NAVIGATOR 2.0 problem!

I got hacked! I just spent a couple weeks wondering what was going on with my computer and being naive never suspected I was being attacked from the outside.

I had been coming home and finding my computer logged to the internet without me doing it. It even did it while I was on the computer working. But on Monday, when I opened up one of the pages I have on the web I was greeted, not

by the graphics I had put there, but by a strange graphic bearing the words "INFOBAHN OFF RAMP".

Now for the strange part...this picture didn't exist when I printed it. It didn't exist when I went to the same page from another computer. It was the "signature" of the hacker who had spent a lot of time and effort screwing my system up to where everything I did caused it to bomb and all the pages I had authored were corrupted when I went to them from my machine. (This is a simplified tale of a nightmare.) So I began to contact all my computer pals, my internet provider, and Netscape, the company who made the Web

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UPDATE

FDA Okays Second In New Class Of AIDS Drugs In Record Time

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration has approved a powerful new AIDS drug that has been shown to prolong, at least slightly, the lives of severely ill patients.

Ritonavir, approved with record speed, becomes the second in a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors that kill HIV in a different manner than most AIDS medicines sold.

"This drug provides real hope for patients with AIDS. Patients will live longer," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

The approval came in a record 72 days, and less than 24 hours after outside advisers told the FDA the drug should be sold for advanced patients. The panel also said manufacturer Abbott Laboratories should prove its effectiveness in healthier HIV infected people.

The panel also recommended approval of a third protease inhibitor, Merck & Co.'s indinavir, after hearing evidence that the drug virtually wiped HIV out of blood cells of at least 40 percent of the patients taking it. Kessler suggested approval could come by early April.

In conjunction with the FDA's approval of ritonavir, President Clinton has asked Congress for an additional \$52 million for the Ryan White Act to help AIDS patients but the increasingly expensive drugs they need.

Abbott has not announced the price of its drug, but the first protease inhibitor, Hoffman La-Roche's saquinavir, approved in December, costs \$5,8000 a year. Other drugs often are prescribed in combination. The standard among them, AZT, costs \$2,300 a year.

After the advisory panel had made its recommendation, Kessler worked quickly with Abbott scientists to line up a study so ritonavir would be eligible for a special FDA program that allows drugs for killer diseases to be sold before final results are in. Those negotiations meant ritonavir also can be sold to people earlier in HIV infection as well as to advanced patients.

Abbott said the drug would be on pharmacy shelves within two weeks.

The approval was based on a study of 1,090 advanced patients, half of whom took ritonavir and half placebos. All continued taking their regular drugs as well. The ritonavir patients had a 40 percent lower death rate and cut in half their risk of worsening AIDS.

A study of healthier patients found they experienced a jump in vital immune cells and about a 90 percent drop in the amount of HIV in their blood cells. But that study lasted just six months.

Ritonavir must be used with caution, doctors warned. It interacts dangerously with other common medicines, from heart drugs to allergy relievers. Abbott will give patients a wallet-size card that list 23 medicines to avoid when taking ritonavir, sold under the brand name Norvir.

Protease inhibitors kill HIV by

cripling an enzyme crucial to its survival, a different mechanism than most AIDS drugs.

In the case of Merck's indinavir, doctors could find no trace of HIV in the blood cells of 40 percent of the patients who took it.

French Bishops Contradict Pope On Condoms

PARIS, France (AP) - The French Bishops Conference has stated that use of condoms is necessary to prevent AIDS from spreading. The stance contradicts Vatican doctrine against artificial birth control.

Pope John Paul II has insisted that abstinence outside marriage and fidelity within marriage are the only legitimate weapons against the sexual transmission of AIDS. The Vatican had no immediate comment on what apparently is the first time a bishops' conference had contradicted the pope's teachings on the subject.

"Many competent doctors affirm that a condom of good quality is currently the only method of prevention. In that respect, it is necessary," the bishops' conference said in "AIDS: Society in Question," a 235 page report.

"Those responsible for public health, legitimately worried about the spread of AIDS and the cost of treating it, support the use (of condoms)," the report said. "The church, suspected of being totally opposed to their use, sees itself accused of working in favor of death."

The report was written by the conference's social committee. A spokesman for the conference said the report reflects the official policy of the French Catholic Church.

Marc Gentilini, the president of a committee of Catholic French doctors, said the church "cannot be against the use of condoms, a method that prevents the transmission of death."

European Ethnic Fair March 9

TUCSON - Park Mall will be hosting the EMAT (European Multi-ethnic Alliance of Tucson), European Ethnic Fair on March 9-10, from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The Ethnic Fair will kick off its festivities with the Parade of Flags at 10:00 A.M. In addition, the fair features some of the best in ethnic food and entertainment under one roof.

Performance will include the U of A Balalaika Orchestra, Panathenian Dancers, Club Espana Flamenco Dancers, the Tucson Scots and various European Dance Ensembles such as Ukrainian, Croatian, Hungarian, Leikarring and Edelweiss, will perform during the weekend.

Booths representing each club will provide informational and educational materials as well as souvenirs. Miniature replicas of festive costumes from many countries will be on display at the main entrance of the mall.

For more information, contact Susan Kregar at 747-7575.

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Jeff made his transition peacefully Friday February 23, in the arms of his partner Mark Muchmore, surrounded by his daughters Stefanie and Carolyn and friend Diane. He is also survived by his sister Norma, his mother Miriam and long time friend Steve.

Jeff was a pioneer in the Private Television industry. After graduating with a masters degree from New York University, he entered the infant corporate and educational television industry in the late 1960's, and during the next two decades, contributed immensely to the growth and development of thousands of video professionals throughout the United States.

In 1971, Jeff founded the Video Utilization Services, the educational division of the Sony Corporation of America. As a teacher, video producer and consultant to countless corporations, universities, school systems and major industry, Jeff's expertise and counsel guided the direction and innovation of professional video communication producers and directors here and abroad.

In 1980 he co-wrote Progressive Video Programming, a text book outlining his video production philosophy. As one of television's early innovators, Jeff introduced the idea of electronic field production for use in non-commercial television. His textbook is in current use at over 2,500 high school, colleges, universities and corporations here and in Europe. As a writer/director, he produced in excess of 300 live and videotaped information programs and designed and implemented many successful pilot programs for Fortune 500 companies. Jeff also created and managed a federally funded training program to teach video production skills to young and underprivileged adults and high school seniors.

In 1980, Jeff co-founded the Sony Institute of Applied Video Technology at the company's request and became its national manager. The Sony Institute enjoyed an international reputation as an innovative and important force in the training of thousands of videographers. In 1981, Jeff was awarded the distinguished

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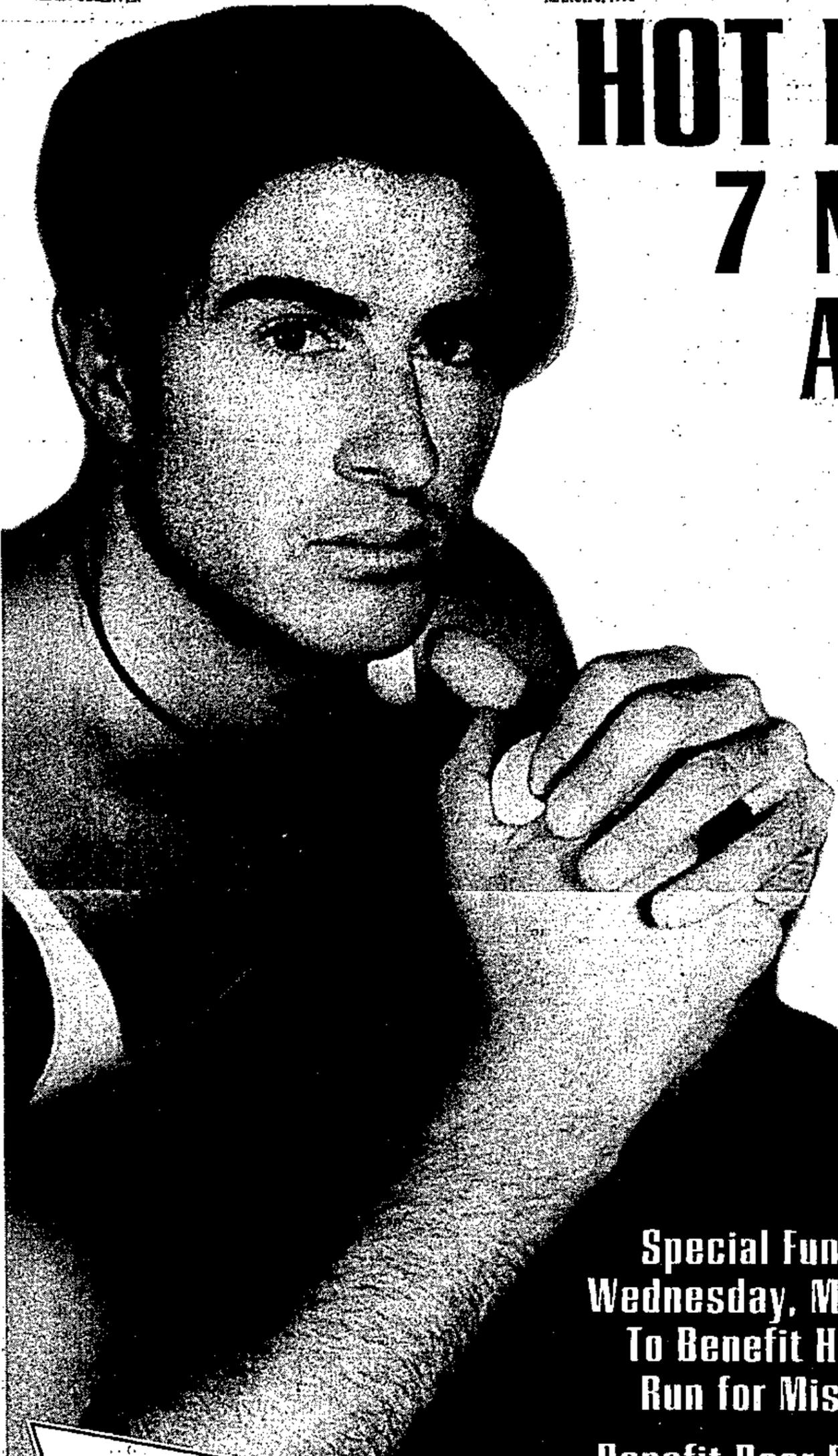
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The following is part two of the synopsis of a thesis that was submitted recently by a member of our community who is seeking his masters degree. Mr. Brown answers the question "Are Homosexual & Bisexual Relations Natural and Normal" through historical 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 one more installment. Here then, is Part Two which covers the anthropological and psychological portions of his thesis.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Not only have bisexual and homosexual individuals existed at all times throughout history, but they have also existed in almost all cultures which anthropologists have studied. In those cultures where homosexuality or bisexuality has not been observed, anthropologists point out that language and communication problems may have obscured evidence of them. Moreover, those societies in which no homosexual behavior is evident are very sparsely populated ones, such as the Alorese in the mountains of Timor.

We would expect that in such close knit groupings it would be difficult for individuals to engage in relationships disapproved of by the group. Not only were bisexual and homosexual practices condoned and even encouraged among the ancient Greeks and Romans, but also the ancient Celts, Scandinavians, Egyptians, Etruscans, Cretans, Carthaginians, and Sumerians accepted same-sex behavior. The greatest approval of homosexuality in ancient times came from the lands surrounding the Tigris-Euphrates and the Nile Rivers and the Mediterranean Sea. With the exception of the Hebrews and perhaps the Assyrians, the ancient cultures of the Mediterranean did not restrain the homosexual instincts of their people.

In the past, the Far East also tolerated homosexuality and bisexuality. From ancient to modern times same-sex behavior has been acceptable in China and Japan. In China, where male brothels were common, boys were trained for prostitution by their parents. In Japan during the feudal period, male homosexual love was considered more "manly" than

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by K.H. Brown

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PART TWO

heterosexual love. Male geishas in tea houses were prevalent until the middle of the nineteenth century and still existed until they were suppressed at the end of World War II by the American occupation forces. Today homosexuality and bisexuality in both Japan and China remain more hidden.

In some cultures, homosexuality is identified with sex-role stereotyping. Among the Koniag of Alaska, the Largo of East Africa, the Tanala of Madagascar, and the Chukchee of Siberia, some males are raised from early childhood to perform female tasks and to dress as females. Known as the "berdache", such a male often becomes the "wife" of an important man in the community and lives with him, but the berdache may have heterosexual affairs with a mistress and father children.

The berdache often enjoys a considerable amount of social prestige and assumes a position of power in the community. He usually becomes a shaman, a kind of priest, medicine man or religious figure, who is believed to possess supernatural powers which may be transmitted by sexual relations. An example of socially expected and approved bisexuality involving a large segment of the male population is found among the Siwans of Africa. Both married and unmarried men are expected to have bisexual affairs and those males who do not engage in same-sex behavior are considered odd.

In a number of cultures, such as the Keraki of New Guinea and the Kiwai, homosexual behavior is sanctioned as part of male puberty rites. In a detailed study of cultural data from 76 societies, 64% of the cultures surveyed approved of some form of homosexual behavior and considered it normal and socially acceptable for at least some members of the community.

So it seems to be clear from

historical and anthropological data that homosexuality is natural if "natural" is defined to be existence over time and place. But there are other ways to consider the meaning of the word "natural".

PSYCHOLOGY

A second approach involves what is psychologically instinctive. From a psychological perspective, an action is considered natural if it originates from an impulse or drive; an involuntary want or need coming from within an organism is natural to that organism. If such an instinctive urge is not impeded, an individual will seek to satisfy the inclination.

A substantial minority of human beings have an instinctive tendency to fulfill same-sex desires. The sex drive itself is innate and instinctive. In most people, this sex drive is directed primarily toward the same gender; for still others, their sexual attractions are equally strong in intensity and frequency toward both genders. As a conservative estimate, approximately 7% of women and 15% of men are strictly bisexual or predominantly or exclusively homosexual in orientation and behavior.

Until the last decade or so, thousands of lesbian and gay persons sought out psychiatrists and other therapists to help them to change their same-sex feelings. Unfortunately, thousands of these individuals wasted their time and money as the experts now believe that a change in orientation, i.e., in desire and attraction, is not possible.

The helping professions have failed in their long attempt to reverse sexual behavior in homosexual people. For example, Masters and Johnson presented only one actual case of reversion or conversion to heterosexual functioning among 54 male subjects, and this

individual was identified as bisexual at the outset. In another study of 106 homosexual men, only 29 became exclusively heterosexual in behavior and this change was not known to have lasted beyond two years.

More than half of these men were initially bisexual and most of the subjects required 350 or more hours of therapy. Thus, even with a high degree of motivation, an expenditure of much time and money, and an existing predisposition to bisexuality, the possibility of actually altering behavior is extremely low, costly, time consuming and short lived.

These reports concern alteration of sexual behavior. There is no known documentation of permanent alteration of same-sex feelings, attractions and desires. If it is virtually impossible to modify a homosexual orientation, then these same-sex feelings must be very deeply ingrained in the person's psychological makeup.

The psychologist Frank A. Beach once claimed, "Various social goals and ethical laws are violated by the homosexual individual but to describe that behavior as 'unnatural' is to depart from strict accuracy". While same-sex genital behavior may indeed be the natural psychological result of same-sex love and attractions, strong social sanctions imposed in many cultures have frequently inhibited such innate responses to same-sex stimuli and have conditioned people to respond to heterosexual stimuli.

Despite strong social taboos, countless individuals persist in expressing these desires and feelings of love for their own gender. If, as some would claim, only heterosexuality is psychologically natural, i.e. instinctively imprinted within an individual's personality structure, how can heterosexuality be obliterated or obscured in millions and millions of people? If, then, "natural" is defined as that which is instinctive and freely acted on without restraint, same-sex feelings and attractions do indeed seem to be quite natural for a significant proportion of the human population.



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AZSHAM: Yes, the \$4 million dollar taxpayer waste of money finally took place. Arizona's foray into the national spotlight is over, and yes the state is having the proverbial cigarette after the act.

Republican elected officials, were buoyed by the turnout of an underwhelming 30 percent of Republicans. Remember Democrats and Libertarians and other registered voters could not participate, because the Republican dominated legislature rammed through their date for the primary, to help Texas Senator Phil "Fifth place and \$16 mil!" Gramm's bid for the GOP nomination. But, Phil got lost somewhere between Cedar Rapids and Dubuque. Yes, Arizona Republicans, they sure know how to pick 'em!

But that didn't matter, Republican elected officials were happy. So happy in fact, they made stupid statements like, "It was better than the Super Bowl!", and "Arizona is a major player in presidential politics." Frankly, I surprised one of the nitwits, from Phoenix of course, didn't say, "It was better than sex!"

Well to the results, as mentioned above, it was stated that Arizona is a major player in presidential politics. If that's true, the winner of AZSHAM would be the Republican nominee, since we're a major player. Right?

Well, the winner of the "beauty" contest was none other than multi-zillionaire publisher Steve "I'm friends with Liz Taylor" Forbes with 33 percent of the vote. Steve was so happy at his victory party in Phoenix, his emotions ranged from A to B! Wool!

First runner up was Kansas Senator Bob "Older than dirt" Dole, despite the national's media erroneous projections



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By MARK R. KERR

"It's Not About Sex, But We Like The Title!"

[See lower item] of a third place finish, did come in second with a "mandate" of 30 percent. Second runner up was the homophobic, social fascist, television commentator Pat "God, Guns & Seal the Borders!" Buchanan with 27 percent. It looks like Arizona's right wing just didn't think Pat was extreme enough!

Former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander's rag time bid, hit a sour note and mustered a pathetic fourth place finish, with a whopping seven percent. The rest of the field trailed badly. Of course, as per the rules, fourth place on down gets a years supply of El Parador Salsa and a lifetime subscription to Arizona Highways for such lame performances in the talent and swimsuit portion of AZSHAM.

MEDIA MUSH: Of course, with an election in Arizona, something has to go wrong? And I'm not talking about how those election workers took their time counting the votes, especially Pima County, taking all night to count a third of the vote from Republicans! It was the national and the local media that screwed up big this time. So what else is new.

The three television networks, ABC, CNN and CBS admitted this past Wednesday that they had screwed up when they predicted a Forbes, Buchanan, and Dole finish. Only NBC had the sense to hold back on making such a daft prediction.

To prevent a screw up, the networks and Associated Press formed a

consortium called Voters News Service, to gather the results so that cost are cut, and no mistakes are made. I had the opportunity to work for VNS during the primary. Imagine my surprise when AP, and ABC had called it, despite the fact we had only called in one of the fourteen voting areas, and with less than 25 percent of the statewide vote counted!

The networks blamed Buchanan for this. They said Buchanan supporters actively sought out takers voter polls so that election would have a favorable bias to Buchanan. If that's their excuse, so be it. But, I don't buy it! What gets me though is the local stations, except KVOA's Eyewitness Snooze, who did the right thing for once, drunk this up like the cheap booze served at Drew Barrymore's Sweet Sixteen party.

Hasn't the "local seasoned professionals", who have been through numerous statewide elections, realize that the only way to settle the election, is by counting the ballots. What about Evan Mecham in 1986, Eddie Basa and Sam Coppersmith in 1994? These races weren't decided on polls or exit polls, they were decided after counting all the ballots.

Arizona was in the national spotlight, and again the state was made a laughing stock by another screw-up. Well it's over end.

DEMO DOINGS: On Saturday, March 9, the Arizona Democratic party will be holding their presidential caucuses.

The party is conducting the election to pick delegates to go to their national convention, to be held in Chicago. The delegates will select their party's standard-bearer in the upcoming presidential election. This just makes you wonder who its gonna be!

For more information about polling locations, call the Pima County Democratic party at 326-3716.

MISGUIDED FIFE: Our overdone, long-running soap, starring Arizona Governor J. Fife "I like Dole now!" Whitewash (R-Mercado) continues...

The soap shifted back into the courtroom with the bankruptcy hearing and our hero and his beleaguered wife, (Played by Teri Garr), suffered another setback by the writers of this screwy story.

The federal bankruptcy judge, George Neilsen Jr., has given creditors permission to view Ann Whitewash's financial records. The judge said, the creditors should not have to accept the couple's word that they have maintained separate finances. Right, like we really believed that!

Depending on what the financial records contain, it could put Ann Whitewash and her considerable assets at risk for paying of some of her husband's debts, over his terrific business acumen, and real estate debacles.

The heat is on, and our story continues....

BILLS! A quick update on state legislation of concern. S.B. 1078 [See accompanying story], the state wide hate crimes ordinance, with full criminal penal-
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First off, let me start by emphasizing the need for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, you must contact the volunteer coordinator Cindy Chamberlain through the AGRA office. There is plenty of volunteer space available and if you volunteer four hours of your time during that weekend, you will be admitted free into the rodeo and the dances at the host hotel. Walk-in volunteer sign up can be done Friday, March 15, beginning at 6 P.M. at the Quality Inn Downtown.

To give everyone a rundown of the rodeo weekend agenda, here are some highlights that may interest you:

Volunteer and contestant registration will begin at 6 P.M. at the host hotel.

Friday night's Dancefest '96 will begin at 8 P.M. with both AGRA and IGRA Royalty performing for your enjoyment.

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by Raul Almeraz

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The gates at the rodeo grounds will open officially for business, Saturday, 9 A.M. to kick off the rodeo weekend. Grand entry will be scheduled at 12 noon sharp. If anyone is interested in doing grand entry, you will need to sign up early Saturday morning. There will be vendors at the rodeo grounds as well and contestant events will be going all day till the afternoon. Back at the hotel that evening, the partying and fun will begin at 8 P.M. and continue till 1 A.M. Don't miss out on meeting some great people from all over the country.

Sunday will continue with the rodeo arena gates opening at 9 A.M. and continuing till afternoon. The awards presentations will begin at 8 P.M. and the final night of dancing and entertainment will end at 1 A.M.

Tickets are on sale. \$10 per day in advance or \$12 at the gate. Your ticket for that day at the rodeo will also get you into the dance at the hotel.

This Saturday, the Tucson, Phoenix and State AGRA Boards will be meeting at Charlie's in Phoenix at 6 P.M. There is much to discuss and straighten so all the AGRA chapters can be consistent and same in all aspects. Hopefully, we will be finished in time to have some fun while we are up there anyway.

At the last AGRA-Tucson meeting, which was held at Hours during Hoe-Down, nominations were open and we started taking the nominations for our new board members for the 1996-97 year.

Those nominated so far for the following offices are: President: George Pientzas; Vice President: Shelley O'Brien; Fund Raising: Raul Almeraz; Dance & Entertainment: Addison McDorman; Rodeo Events: Bryan Collins; State Board Chapter Reps.: Tommy Ragan and Bill Darnell.

The positions with no nominations are: Secretary, Mobility and Logistics, Corresponding Secretary, and Public Relations. The Treasurer is a board appointed position. Nominations will be accepted at the next general membership meeting on March 24, and be voted on at the April meeting. Stay tuned.

Not much happened this week as far as gossip and trash. Boy, you all need to get out there and make my writing this article a bit more interesting.

Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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Surfing with Cyber-Queers

by Anne C. Schmitt

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Okay, I missed getting a column together for last week's issue. I was totally overwhelmed by the forces of nature and therefore unable to construct a sentence. I'll try to avoid such errant behavior in the future.

ELECTRONIC OBSERVER UPDATE:

<http://bonzo.com/observer> is the address. The domain name finally became solid last week and you can tell anyone you wish.

Last week, a couple pages were added including "Goods & Services" resource list. It is based on the ongoing notices section of the Observer and is only as complete and up to date as you make it. If the information need to be changed or if you have an internet address, please let me know.

This can be an important resource for our community and in the near future will be broken into subject headings and look a lot more inviting. We can link directly to your web site or e-mail address from your listing if you get me the address.

The other new page last week was "The Best of Clark". Digging through the archives of many years of cartoons brought up lots of memories. So, every week we'll have a blast from the past. Random snippets of history through the cartoons of Clark. (Who knows what this can stir up!)

This week you will find the beginning of a "Visit Tucson" page and lots of links both from articles and just for the heck of it. We also are adding a "Guest Book" for folks to sign in, tell us where they're from and what they think. As the

responses come back I'll share the juicy ones with you.

I'm happy to hear that lots of you are stopping by these pages. Let our advertisers know you saw them on the Internet.

Now that we have our permanent address, the Electronic Observer is listed with the major search engines so the world can easily find us. Next is to begin exchanging links with other sites so that even more people can get a feel for what's happening in Tucson.

IBTs has the distinction of being our first satellite page. You can get there by clicking on their logo or going directly to:

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As their page gets rolling you can check in to find their calendar of events and some fun online features you'll not want to miss.

The current schedule for the Electronic Observer is that the text will change by Thursday around midnight. Pictures, ads and special features will change Friday through Sunday. Its an on going project that can and may change daily.

To everyone who has cornered me over a beer to discuss computers, the Internet and life in general. Keep it up! Good things are happening and we'll be the first to find out!

See ya on the Net!

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Fire Guts Historic Madison Wisconsin Hotel And Gay Bars

by Meg Jones

MADISON, WI - Patrons of Madison's landmark turn-of-the-century Hotel Washington mourned the loss of the eclectic building that was home to music fans, drag queens, travelers and the hungry.

A fire destroyed the fixture, which was the center of Madison's Gay nightlife. In addition to the hotel and several apartments, the building was home to a restaurant, hair salon, several bars, a Gay disco and an espresso shop.

Madison fire officials had not determined the cause of the fire that had swept through the three story brick building. Arson investigator were still poking through the wreckage. Damage was estimated at \$2 million dollars.

"This is obviously one of the most serious, awful fires we've ever had in the history of this city," Madison Mayor Paul Soglin said at the scene of the fire.

In a city known for its acceptance of alternative lifestyles, the Hotel Washington may have been the most accepting place, said Rachel Blado, of Madison. "It's Madison's most unique place for younger people who are just different from everyone. It's a place where they could just be themselves," Blado added.

The hotel had been featured in a lengthy Madison newspaper story recently, which portrayed it as Madison's premier Gay hangout. But police would not speculate if the fire had been deliberately set or whether the hotel might have been targeted because it catered to Gays.

"It had a real down-to-earth, almost down-in-the-gutter charm," said Peter Jacobson of Madison. "It was the center of Gay culture, and sported a rainbow of flags from the top and several Gay bars. It was a real neat place to be."

Other businesses destroyed in the fire included Gay bars Rod's and the New Bar; and the Barber's Closet bar, known for its door disguised as a mirrored shelf with barber's wares.

No injuries were reported and 12 residents and hotel guest in the building were evacuated.

[Meg Jones is a reporter for the Madison Journal Sentinel, from which this article is reprinted.]



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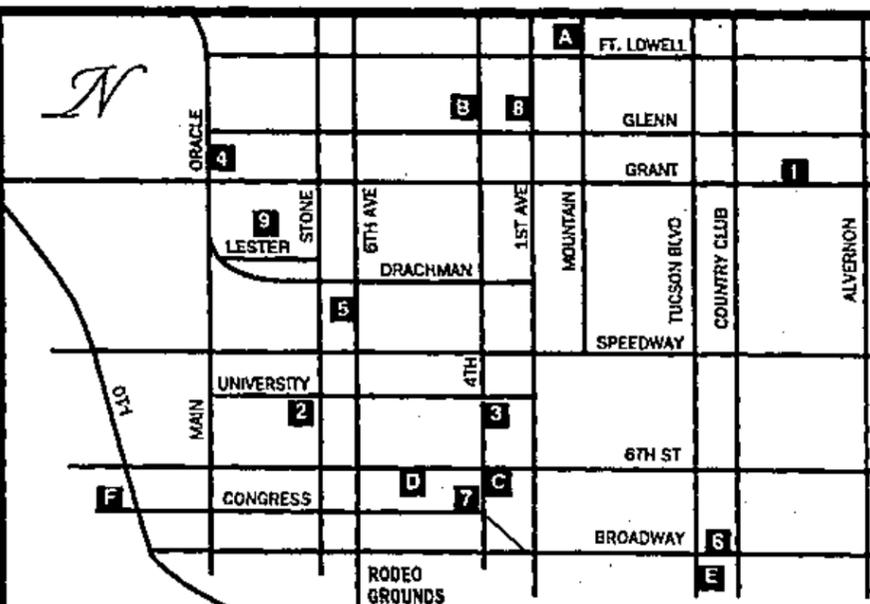
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by Clark

TO THE READERS:

I'd never thought within the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community that a scene from the 1950 movie, "All About Eve", when Eve Harrington, portrayed by Anne Baxter, accepts an award not destined for her, would come true.

But it has. Case in point, the Tucson Gay and Lesbian television program, "The G Word" now called "GTV"; an endeavor I had devoted two years of my life too; won an Oasis Cable T.V. Award for the best opening credits for a program. The introduction I had produced, developed and created.

Personally, I was pleased that an aspect of the "G Word" show was recognized as a segment of excellence in local public access television program. But as mentioned above, an individual took credit where credit was not due!

The "producer", quoting a local periodical, said of winning the award, being nearly in tears, "I'm so overwhelmed, thank you." Frankly, so was I. But tears were not my strongest suit, setting the record straight is.

First, the opening credits were an eight minute segment from the film, "Before Stonewall". This was my original source, and of which came from mine and Mr. Bob Ellis' video library, consisting of 434 videos.

Second, the music accompanying the award winning video was the song, "Waltz at Maxim's", that came from the motion picture soundtrack record of "Gigi." Lyrics by Alan J. Lerner, and music by Frederick Loewe. The Arthur Freed production won the Academy Award for Best Motion Picture for 1958.

The song from the motion picture soundtrack record came from the extensive collection of records from mine and Mr. Bob Ellis' record library.

Third, the "producer" convinced me to do Gay television, after six months of ceaseless prodding, and personal misgivings. The "producer" then asked me to come up with the concept of an opening for the television program.

After many hours of viewing potential video material, and listening to countless musical recordings, the concept was born, for which I had given birth to.

So, the film was edited, by myself and the "producer". The musical soundtrack was added, thus the award winning opening introduction was created. Then began two seasons of programming for the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community.

The experience of doing television for the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community, live to boot, was good, thrilling and sometimes overwhelming. It was most gratifying when I and a talented, terrific individual, Mark Kerr, helped to produce the second season of programming when the "producer" was "incapacitated."

I hope Gay and Lesbian television programming is a successful endeavor, one that will unite the community and not divide us. I fully enjoyed my experience and I hope my legacy in this endeavor is one of a pioneer.

Personally I felt, and the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community should feel cheated, degraded, disappointed, and let down by a "producer" and individuals who use this potentially unifying medium for our community for their personal gain and aggrandizement.

As far as I am concerned, I will always have an on & off button on my television remote.

Sincerely, Gary Neal Clark



When did American Gays and Lesbians first wear pink triangles as a political statement?

The pink triangle - originally a cloth patch the Nazis forced homosexual men to wear in German concentration camps - is now the most prominent symbol of the Gay and Lesbian community in America.

The Holocaust was a repeated metaphor in Gay and Lesbian rhetoric in the decades following the Second World War, with early Gay rights organizations consciously comparing American homophobia to that of Nazi Germany, and 1970 gay liberationists screaming "genocide!" at psychologists who advocated aversion therapy for homosexuality.

But the pink triangle was not widely worn as a political statement until 1975, when the emblem was chosen as the symbol of the campaign by Gay and straight New Yorkers to pass a city-wide ban on anti-Gay discrimination. Ira Glasser - a heterosexual Jew who now serves as executive director of the ACLU - led a coalition of groups which lobbied the city council. He wrote an impassioned and frequently reprinted op-ed piece in the New York Times which evoked the memory of the Danish King wearing a yellow star in solidarity with the besieged Jewish citizens of his country (this never happened, by the way). Glasser went on to point out that the Nazis killed nearly a quarter million homosexuals (an exaggeration by at least a power of ten) who were forced to wear pink triangles. Glasser then urged that Gay and straight New Yorkers wear pink triangles in solidarity with the Gay civil rights bill.

The use of the pink triangle spread to other political campaigns, particularly those against Anita Bryant's crusade to "save our children" from Gays and Lesbians. Most of Bryant's battles were fought in Florida, and activists there made a conscious decision to highlight the pink triangle as their symbol in an attempt to win Florida's large Jewish vote by an appeal to shared persecution in the Nazi era.

In the late 1980s, ACT UP inverted the pink triangle and combined it with the Holocaust-conscious slogan "Silence = Death" to create one of the most powerful visual symbols of the fight against AIDS and the social conditions that allowed it to spread.

Any cursory glance at a Gay newspaper or parade reveals the central place of the pink triangle as a community symbol. There is a "Triangle Inn" catering to Gays vacationing in Palm Springs; gift shops in Gay neighborhoods sell "Pinky," a plush pink triangle with arms, legs, and eyes; and "Pride Personal Lubricant" features a large pink triangle on its label - all of which demonstrate just how far the symbol has come from its original meaning.

If Hawaii's Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage, will other states have to recognize Gay and Lesbian couples who were married in the Aloha State? Not necessarily. The "Full Faith and Credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution does require that states recognize the "public acts, records, and judicial proceedings" of the other states. In cases regarding divergent state laws on issues such as

easy divorce or interracial marriage, the U.S. Supreme Court has consistently held that states must recognize each other's marriages and divorces.

However, same-sex marriage represents untested waters. Already legislators in several states are moving to bar their state governments from recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states. While any such rule would seem to violate the Full Faith and Credit clause, our current Supreme Court has given mixed signals on Gay and Lesbian issues. A majority to overturn a state ban on same-sex marriage is by no means assured. But even if the courts require states to recognize same-sex marriages performed in Hawaii, there is ample precedent for the federal government to stop Hawaii from approving of such marriages in the first place. Perhaps the best example of the federal government interfering in the unusual marriage practices of a given state is Utah, which was not admitted as a state until the Mormon church banned polygamy and the state wrote a Constitution which codified that ban.

The ultimate trump card held by the opponents of Gay marriage, however, is a constitutional amendment. Already the idea of an amendment which limits marriage to opposite-sex couples is circulating among right-wing publications and politicians. While the hurdles to a constitutional amendment are high - a two-thirds majority in each house of Congress, plus a majority of 38 state legislatures - many opponents of same-sex marriage think a constitutional amendment could pass. Surveys of the American public have consistently shown only scant support for extending marriage to same-sex couples, and many politicians (including President Clinton) who support other Gay rights issues balk at this one.

Nonetheless, any "lag time" between the expected approval of same-sex marriages in Hawaii later this year and the inevitable backlash may be a valuable opportunity for the Gay and Lesbian movement to educate the public about Gay couples, as the media will undoubtedly focus on the unprecedented spectacle of women who are legally married to other women in the United States, and wedding vows with the force of law that now pronounce a couple "husband and husband."

David Bianco, M.A., teaches Gay and Lesbian history and politics at the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. If there's anything about the history of Gays and/or Lesbians you've always wondered about, contact him care of this newspaper or through his E-mail address: ariabianco@aol.com.

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INCOME

Grants	\$91,393(44% of revenue)
Individuals	\$61,080(29%)
Events	\$49,133(23%)
Organizations	\$ 4,560(2%)
Trng Fees/Sales	\$ 3,808(2%)

TOTAL \$209,974

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$90,494
ERE	\$10,376
Rent	\$11,500
Utilities	\$ 1,776
Bldg. Maint.	\$,627
Equip. Lease	\$,942
Insurance	\$ 2,004
Audit	\$ 3,100
Office Supplies	\$ 2,042
Subscript/Dues	\$ 1,309
Fund Raising	\$17,590
Advertising	\$,933
Print/Postage	\$ 5,280

Newsletter	\$ 1,890
Telephone	\$ 4,014
Travel	\$ 1,215
Client Trnsprt.	\$11,171
Consultants	\$,745
PACT Cont.	\$ 9,858
Staff Training	\$,252
Food Pantry	\$ 5,228
Client Fin. Aid	\$12,017
Safe Havens	\$,931
Volunteer Exp.	\$ 1,432
Training Exp.	\$ 1,451
General Exp.	\$ 1,697
Depreciation	\$ 2,700

TOTAL \$202,574

1996 PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$136,475
ERE Benefits (15%)	\$ 20,471
SUBTOTAL	\$156,946
Rent	\$ 12,000
Utilities	\$ 1,700
Bldg. Maint.	\$,700
Equipment	\$ 1,000
Equipment Lease	\$ 1,200
Insurance	\$ 1,800
Audit	\$ 3,500
Office Supplies	\$ 2,300
Training Expense	\$ 3,000
TORCH	\$,300
Subscriptions/Fees	\$,800
Fund Raising Expense	\$10,000
Advertising	\$,750
Printing	\$ 1,700
Newsletter	\$ 2,000
Postage	\$ 1,800
Telephone	\$ 5,000
Staff Travel	\$ 1,500
Staff Training	\$,700
Consultants	\$ 1,500
Client Financial Asst.	\$ 9,000
Food Pantry	\$ 5,000
Client Transportation	\$16,000
Volunteer Expense	\$ 1,200
General Expense	\$,600

SUBTOTAL EXPENDITURES \$241,996

INCOME

Grants	\$139,000
Individuals	\$ 42,000
Benefits	\$ 40,000
Client Financial Asst.	\$ 9,000
Fund Raising Income	\$10,000
Sales/Fees	\$ 2,500

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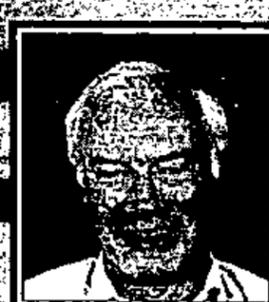
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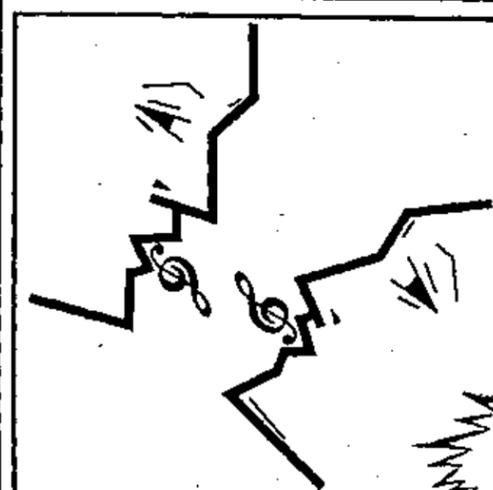


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I Was A Teenage Sissyfag!

I was fourteen years old, a good little Catholic boy, attending a Jesuit high school in Cincinnati, Ohio. I had been taught to be loving and obedient, non-aggressive and non-sexual in order to please God, although my classmates didn't seem to take this stuff half as seriously as I did. I knew I was shy and more submissive than the rest of the guys. Somehow, when the nuns and priests talked about sex and love, the other guys had a way of mouthing consent without being taken in by it. I, on the other hand, took it very seriously.

Still, I knew I enjoyed the other guys' bodies in gym class, I fantasized about their genitals, I wanted to be the closest of friends, like David and Jonathan, with another sensitive boy who would want my body and soul the way I wanted his. This seemed completely consistent with the idea of sex expressing love, as the teachers said, although they never mentioned the possibility of two boys having sex together. People seemed vaguely aware of the possibility, but only as a sin and a horror.

My grandmother had told me, "If another boy ever tries to touch you in the shower, hit him." I wondered where this gratuitous piece of violent advice was coming from.

I remember having a casual conversation with an acquaintance in which the topic of "homosexuals" came up. He said, "I think those fags ought to be all lined up and shot," the first time I had heard this ugly phrase. I objected that that was not a Christian thought at all, and let it drop.

All that evening, I thought about what he had said. I reeled in shock that that kind of hatred was possible, and that it was directed at what, apparently, I was: a boy who wanted to have sex with other boys. Why the hatred? Why the violence? I wept that people would want to kill me for the way the love-sex impulse was arising within my body.

I became very close friends with a guy named Matt. We would stay after school, waiting for his dad to pick him up after work, playing cards, talking, taking walks. We got very close emotionally over a year's time. Finally, he invited me over to spend the night on a Friday evening. In the student lounge that afternoon, he said, "I'm wondering what it would be like to have sex with you." My jaw dropped.

I had never thought that he might have the same desires I had. I was in heaven. That night, we jacked each other off, with much love and affection, and took romantic walks in the woods arm in arm. He would French kiss me with passion in dark corners of the hallways after school, in daring defiance of the fag-hating regime. We jacked each other off regularly, and the emotional connection of this act was so intense that we seemed bonded for life.

Yet once, after making love in this way, he had a mysterious anxiety attack, shaking uncontrollably and curling up in a fetal position. I held him and wondered what was happening. I had no idea, at that time, of the mysterious, poisonous power of internalized homophobia. It was guilt causing him to shake and suffer so. I held him and soothed him.

We would take walks in the woods behind the school, after class let out. One day, we were in a fine mood, walking briskly, hand in hand. Suddenly, from around a corner in the trail, the cross country team appeared. They caught us before we could unlock hands. They felt the love between us. They ran by, but didn't forget.

In the halls between classes, one boy in particular felt it his right and his duty to come up to me and yell, "FAG! This guy is a faggot!" Again my terror and bewilderment that two guys holding hands could evoke such unreasoning hostility. I felt totally alone and exposed, with no support, not wanting to be beaten up or kicked out of school or whatever might have happened to me.

Matt's parents thought I was such a good influence on him. They loved me almost like a second son. But I had written Matt some love poems. It turned out that he had put them in his underwear drawer. When his mother came along to put clean underwear away, she found the poems. The proverbial shit hit the fan.

Matt wasn't in school the next day. When I called to see if he needed any help with missed assignments, his mother answered and said, "How could you do this to my son? May God have mercy on your soul!" and hung up. I was devastated. I ran to a counselor's office and burst into tears. He gave me no understanding.

Matt's parents would not let me speak to him, despite my repeated pleas. They directed him never to talk to me again, which he obeyed, after one last conversation in which he wept openly in the student lounge while I touched his arm. His parents hauled him off to "therapy," and after a year or two, he was "cured." He never married and had only tumultuous relationships with women. Today, he refuses my phone calls. He is "straight."

I was left to deal with my emotions totally alone. Matt's dad had told my dad that we were having a sexual relationship. My dad asked me how far we had gone sexually, and seemed somewhat relieved that we had only masturbated each other.

When I asked what else we could have done, he said he didn't want to give me any other ideas! He asked, "How could you think that what you did wasn't a mortal sin?" He told me to play football and learn how to feel competitive with other boys. That would take care of this sick feeling I had.

He sent me to a shrink, whose opening gambit was to say scornfully, "So I suppose you're going to tell me that Plato said love between two men is the noblest form of love." I never went back.

That's the context in which my awakening sexuality was bashed, mutilated, condemned, humiliated. I was alone. I didn't know what a Gay bar was till a few years later. Gays weren't in the media (this was 1973). There wasn't a single Gay-supportive voice in my environment.

Looking back, I feel empathy for my fifteen year old self. I thank myself now for not committing suicide. Some-

Columnia Abierta..... by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludandoles con el mismo entusiasmo de siempre, aunque "con la cola entre las patas" por la "regañada" que nos envió el Sr. F. Dereck desde Phoenix por los gravísimos errores gramaticales y ortográficos que nos señaló; pero como usted pudo darse cuenta estimado Sr. Derek en su misma carta - evaluación que me envió trae algunos errores mecanográficos, tal vez por lo que usted menciona que ni siquiera con los palillos pudo mantener abierto los párpados, pero para que vea que "al mejor cocinero se le quema la sopa." De todas maneras muchísimas gracias por su desvelo al enviarnos su "regañada..." Y a la vez le invito a que forme parte del grupo que intentamos formar, y sobre todo le afirmo no soy escritor pero si me gustaría contar con su colaboración para hacer de esta COLUMNA ABIERTA un documento más formal (en lo que cabe) y más aceptable sobre todo ante personas polí-lingüas como usted... La invitación y la disculpa esta hecha...

Pues tal como les comenté la señora Méndez estuvo en el carnaval de Guaymas, Sonora disfrutando al máximo la temperatura y sobre todo el ambiente de carnaval aunque lo que más le pudo - refiere la señora Méndez - es que no pudo asistir a la elección del certamen Miss Gay Carnaval por motivos de coordinación con las personas que estuvieron visitando... Pero ya tendremos mas comentarios sobre el evento por otras personas y se los pasaré en la oportunidad que se presente... Lo que si es necesario mencionar son las ganas con que continúa Ernie Pérez organizando cada martes las noches latinas en el Stonewall... Si no han tenido oportunidad, les invitamos a que se den una "escapadita" y visiten el mencionado lugar los martes...

Patricia Gallegos, coordinadora de programa de la clínica El Rio nos da buenos creditos sobre la oportunidad de tener esta COLUMNA ABIERTA y quedo

pendiente de compartir con nosotros algo de lo que esta haciendo su programa para la comunidad Hispana, así que esperamos a Patricia y a Erick con la información que queremos hacerles llegar...

Esta semana no hay mucho que ampliar en esta COLUMNA ABIERTA, por tal motivo sigue la invitación para que nos hagan llegar sus comentarios y sobre todo lo que ustedes desean compartir por medio de esta columna...

Les recordamos que si salen durante el período de "Spring Break," tengan sus precauciones y sobre todo la moderación al ingerir bebidas alcohólicas y demás estimulantes al momento de estar de fiesta y sobre todo incluyan condones en el equipaje o en "el equipo de pezca" como algunos amigos lo refieren... Y hasta la próxima semana D.M.

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

VITAMINS IN HIV: Mary Romeyn, an internist on the staff at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, has just published a book entitled Nutrition and HIV: A New Model For Treatment. Several excerpts from this book are published in the September 1995 issue of BETA.

Judging from the segments published in BETA, the writing is very accessible and the information practical. The reprint in BETA gives a thorough overview of vitamins, minerals, and trace elements that are and are not frequently deficient in HIV, anti-oxidant vitamins, and suggested vitamin regimens. It's worth checking out.

In order to maintain the body's structure and function, chemical reactions are constantly taking place in the body, reactions that require specific substances obtained from vitamins and minerals. In people with HIV, actual vitamin deficiencies are common, apparently for three reasons:

1) It's hard to eat well when you feel sick;

2) the body may absorb nutrients less efficiently, and

3) your body is under stress and may need more nutrients than normal.

Dr. Romeyn points out the U.S. RDA (Recommended Daily Allowance) quoted on food packaging is a minimum standard for a healthy person. The needs of a person with HIV are typically much higher.

Obviously, the first step is to eat a consistently healthy diet. However, supplementation is critical. The HIV virus benefits from the many deficiencies that allow it to replicate more quickly, and taking one multivitamin pill daily has been associated with longer delay in progression from HIV to AIDS.

The simplest daily regimen Dr. Romeyn suggests is: 1) one multivitamin without iron; 2) one trace element supplement; and 3) one antioxidant supplement.

I leave you with this in mind, "The greatest of all love is sacrifice, not with gifts, but with the heart." - Laura Mauk.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Did you ever wonder where you were or where you were going? Maybe you have come to a fork in the road and weren't sure just which way to go. You probably looked on a map to see which way your destination seemed to be from the place where you were. Maybe you didn't have a map so you looked down one road, then the other. One road looked rocky and narrow, but the other looked as clear as far as you could see. It was a pretty easy decision. You choose the smooth road, but soon there were many hairpin turns and it became very bumpy. The road seemed like it would be good when you first saw it, but it became a treacherous and hazardous way to go. You began to tense up, but then you noticed that the road ahead was clear and wide. What a relief! Your trip now would be a breeze! You continued, and after two and a half hours you finally came to a small town. You stopped in the gas station to get gas and a soda and to use the restroom. On the way out, you asked the attendant about the town you needed to find. His reply was, "Well, I'm not sure, but I think it's about 75 miles up the road here." You traveled for about an hour and 45 minutes more and now you are sure that your destination is just up ahead. You continue, although you are tired, because it can't be much longer. Finally after about a half hour more, you come upon a small town. Your adrenalin is now flowing because you have reached your destination! You find a gas station and ask the attendant how to get to the street you are looking for. She replies that you missed the turn for the town and you've gone about 200 miles out of your way! You need to go back to the "Y" in the road or she thinks that there is a road

that is a shortcut to the correct road. Now you have the choice of going the way that takes longer but is a sure bet, or the shortcut that will possibly get you to your destination. Which way do you go?

Life is kind of like this story. We travel many, many roads to reach our goals. Sometimes we reach them and sometimes we take side trips, detours, or shortcuts. On our way through life, we sometimes use our maps, sometimes use our resources, and sometimes just make choices to go our own ways.

The Bible is the map which tells us the way to Heaven. Jesus once told his followers, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life (in Heaven) and only a few find it...I am the way." (Matthew 7:13,14, John 14:6) We can stop at stations along our way and ask people how to get where we're going, but we get so many answers. How do we know which answer is the correct one? How do we know if the road a person tells us about is the one that leads to our destination? We need to look at the map! Heaven is the destination and God is in charge of the Chamber of Commerce there! We need to call upon him to give us the correct directions. We need to use the map he has given us, the Bible. There are two roads with many side roads (distractions) in our lives. We can enter the right road at any point in our lives, but it has to be while our car is still moving! The choice of Heaven or Hell can only be made here. After we crash it's too late to make any more choices.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away"

Henry David Thoreau

Choose today which road to take. If you're not sure, don't have a map, or don't know how to understand the map, call us at 622-4626. Pastor Rada or one of the Elders would be delighted to share the map with you! Remember that God wants all people to get to Heaven. May God bless you and may you follow his directions.

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Desert Coyotes Bowling League Third Quarter

	Won	Lost	Pins
Two Tall/Wide	18	6	37953
Triple T	17	7	37887
Tres Amigos	16	8	39157
Noisy Poisons	16	8	37889
Twelve	14	10	37134
HITT'ers	14	10	36414
2 Peas & A Pod	12	12	37017
Rubber Queens	11	13	39951
Double Stuff	9	15	36395
Seaweeds	9	15	35409
Bee Bytes	9	15	34780
Baker's Dozen	8	16	37656
Stray Cats	7	17	36631
Pin Me Down	7	17	30537

High Avg - April D., 149; Mark K., 208; Rubber Queens, 538.
 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 Third Round

	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	11	1	71954
Too Much	9	3	71877
Pigs R Us	7	5	71395
Ooh Sh*t!	4	8	72345
High Rollers	3	9	70842
PACT Rats	2	6	63969

High Avg - Ann R., 180; Mark K., 201; Ooh Sh*t!, 813.
 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.
 High Series SCR - Ann R., 624; Mark K., 674; Ooh Sh*t!, 2663.
 High Series HC - Ann R., 683; Brian P., 734; Ooh Sh*t!, 3077.

Shootin Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Listed below are the listings of the Pool Tournaments, winners and standings:

Ain't Nobody's #1, 2/27/96. Pot: \$ 48.00. First place - Babe, \$29.00. Second place - Karen, \$ 12.00. Third place - Patricia. "Mongoose", \$7.00

Stonewall / Eagle, 3/3/96. Pot - \$ 100.00. First Place - Mike WC, \$50.00. Second Place - Jim PH, \$30.00. Third Place - Larry LL, \$20.00

The results of the "GRIPE" meeting votes are as follows:

Passed issue #1 - Do you agree cigarettes, cigars, etc. should not be allowed at the pool table, along with drinks or beer? Y-12, N-0.

Passed issue #2 - changing starting times to 2 instead of 3 p.m.? Y-9, N-3.

Passed issue #3 - Change the one rail rule? Y-11, N-1.

Passed issue #4 - Changing the open table rule? Y-9, N-3.

Passed issue #5 - Increasing the entry fee to \$4 to help cover the cost & prizes. (This will be put into a separate fund). Y-8, N-4.

The tournament will be starting at 2 P.M. so watch for details! Until then they will remain at 3 P.M. Remember the entry fee was increased to \$ 4.00, to help cover the costs of the awards in the past.

Lambda Lizards Still Need Two

TUCSON - Tucson's Friday Gay and Lesbian League, the Lambda Lizards, just has only two spots left on the league roster.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

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

SATURDAY MARCH 9

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls monthly Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pool tourney at 2:00 also.

SUNDAY MARCH 10

GRADUATE - Special Graduate show hosted by Christina de Alexis and starring Felice Renard, Kristin and Misti Malone. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

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

TUESDAY MARCH 12

IBT'S - Tattoo Toosday returns. Drink specials for those with tattoos. Tattoos available.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

IBT'S - Special fundraiser show to benefit Helena Bubbles run for Miss Gay Tucson. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

FRI. SAT. SUN. MARCH 15-16-17

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Three-Day Rodeo Party. Tons 'O Surprises. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY MARCH 16

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Cowboy Bare Chest Contest. 22:00 p.m. First Prizew \$75. (Just for fun!!)

FRIDAY MARCH 29

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - The best of the Biz-y Bodies with special guest Melinda Brown. Watch for details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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.

Men's Social Network (MSN) Video Movie "The Priest" 7:00 p.m. Call Les 690-9565 for more information. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY MARCH 7

Men's Social Network. Gay men of all ages RV Video Nite, 7:00 p.m. "Absolutely Fabulous". Call Loren or Stephen at 790-4416 for reservations and directions.

FRIDAY MARCH 8

Men's Social Network (MSN) Book Club will be discussing "American Studies" by Mark Meritts, beginning at 7 p.m. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

SATURDAY MARCH 9

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Hiking Club and Men's Social Network (MSN) will host a joint hike to Mt. Guthrie in the Catalina Mountains. It's a moderately steep climb to a very scenic ridge. 7 miles round-trip with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Call Larry 795-9125 for directions and instructions.

Cronies Social Club Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Pot Luck. Visitors welcome.

MSN Card Game Night at Bob's. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations.

SUNDAY MARCH 10

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

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages) host a beginner's hike to Molina Basin. Call Larry at 795-9125 for directions

MONDAY MARCH 11

MSN Beginner's Bridge Night 7:00 p.m. Bridge lessons for beginners taught by GI. Call Jerry 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY MARCH 12

Men's Social Network, (MSN) Social/Conversation Mixer at Ray's. This is a chance to get to know your MSN brothers better on an informal basis. Call Ray at 797-6648 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

One In Ten Theatre Company present Lillian Hellman's "Children's Hour. Play runs through Saturday, March 30. (Performances are Wednesday through Sunday except for the final weekend). All performances are at the Historic "Y" Theatre, 738 8th Ave., Suite 131. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door. Reservations may be made by calling the theater at 770-9279. Advance tickets at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

MSN Dinner Out 7:00 p.m. at Blue Mountain Cafe, 1802 W. Grant. Call Steve, 795-6718 for reservations. There may be limited reservations. Guests always welcome.

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 66). If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

MSN Discussion Nite 7:00 p.m. Toby leads the discussion about AIDS preventing hygiene. Call Toby at 884-1137 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

FRI. SAT. SUN. MARCH 15-16-17

Annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo hosted by the Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. For ticket information call 323-8805. Be sure to attend the rodeo events on Saturday and Sunday.

FRIDAY MARCH 15

MSN Pizza Party 7:00 p.m. at Jerry And Les' home. Bring \$2.00 to help purchase pizza's and enjoy an evening of conversation over pizza. Call Jerry 690-9565.

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. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners, and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-8348 for more information.

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will hold a pleasant exploratory hike along Cochise Trail in the Degeon Mountains with lots of history. It's a moderate 6 mile r/h hike with an elevation gain of 1,100 ft. Depart at 6:30 a.m. Call Dave, 318-0640 for info.

Men's Social Network (MSN) 11:00 a.m., MSN day at the Gay rodeo. Call Rudy at 797-6648 for information.

SUNDAY MARCH 17

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tantric Massage Workshop. Learn how to give and receive a complete Tantric massage. For more information call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

THURSDAY MARCH 21

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner 6:30 p.m. Mandarin Restaurant. Call Richard for R5VP. 578-0640

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Beedy Marys and Screws \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 9-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1. IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close. STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. 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 50c draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bart Burgers 5-7, Turf 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 \$5/week, taught by Stacey. Karaoke 8 to 11 pm.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 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. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 9pm to midnight, \$1.50 J2az pitchers. Metro 80z with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 6-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75c 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 Bizi Non-Primum Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 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 tattoos. 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 75c 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. Tax Mex music and dancing. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, \$1.25 pitchers, 75c Glass.

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c 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 Sex 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. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun Draft Beer 75c 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 9pm-close. Turf 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 Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Helvetic or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear 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 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun Draft Beer 75c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 9pm to close. Backside open open 9pm-close. Turf 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 Hot D'Ouvres

GRADUATE - Open Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c

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. Party Bar with Lassy 9-1. Dance Party 8 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hers d'Ouvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

VENTURE-N - Open Sun. Draft Beer 75c 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 9pm-close. Turf 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 Sun. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. 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. Party Bar with Lassy 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. Bitches & Begets w/81 Beedy Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 9pm-close. Turf Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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Both Mercury and Venus changes signs this week heralding in new mental and amorous targets for our relentless quests. Mercury in mystical Pisces adds a dash of sentimentality to voluptuous Venus in sensuous Taurus. What else can I say but hang on kids and enjoy the ride.

ARIES**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Mercury in Pisces had you all hot and bothered about secrets and other stuff that is either hidden or suppressed. Thank goodness Venus in delightful Taurus brings in the bucks and takes a bit of the pressure off that mental closeted garbage. Rather than risk migraines, use this rather serviceable mercurial energy to plan out charitable efforts on behalf of our community. Be part of the tribe than apart from the tribe.

TAURUS**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Proud Bulls begin to think about friendships and the greater group effort when quick witted Mercury enters Pisces. Interestingly, Venus in Taurus turns up the spotlight and makes any grand entrance even grander. Why not combine the two energies and take your show to your friends for the ultimate review? Do what you can to advance the group's goals and gather a little glory for yourself along the way.

GEMINI**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins can't help but turn their nervous thoughts to career twists and turns with Mercury in Pisces, but thankfully Venus in Taurus blasts a wave of good vibes on your most hidden secrets. Plot and plan your professional plight, if you must, but don't sweat it too much. Take heart dear, queer Gemini; nothing that you hide can possible hurt or embarrass you. It's the act of hiding that's hurting.

CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Join the great group effort when delightful Venus sweeps into Taurus. Forget your frets and frowns; it's time to be agreeable and supportive. Adding mental fuel to the friendly fire is Mercury in Pisces which energizes a desire to learn new abstract ideas. If you're fortunate enough to combine these two planetary forces you'll not only earn an "A" on merit alone but seduce the professor as well.

LEO**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

You can either touch yourself or get in touch with yourself (I forget which) with feisty Mercury in Pisces. You may feel inclined to dwell on deep, intense issues which can be beneficial in moderation but ghastly in excess. Venus in Taurus on the other hand cuts you a wide swath in career matters. You're quite the charmer, kid, so go, for the gold professional ring while it dangles tantalizingly in front of you. Balance, darling, is everything!

VIRGO**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Meticulous pink Virgins are in their mental element when Mercury dances into Pisces. Partnership issues can be discussed, dissected and resolved with little emotional fallout. Pull out that old petri dish and analyze away! Venus, on the other hand, expands your view and tempts you with international travel and exotic company. Why not carry your partner away on some romantic vacation or search for that perfect someone in some far away venue?

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LIBRA**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Thank Mercury in Pisces for being the shining light in a field of darkness. Even the most scatterbrained Libras have the mental acuity they need to plan out the most detailed tasks and job assignments. But all work and no play makes queer Libra a dull sign. Let Venus in sensuous Taurus turn on the sexual spigot and make you one very happy pink pup. Heck, you deserve it!

SCORPIO**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

If you ever had a mind for fun and frolic, it must have involved Mercury in dreamy, creamy Pisces. Play hard dear, queer Scorp' and show the world how inventive you can be when you're inspired. Add Venus in zesty Taurus to the mix and you can entice and cajole partners (or partners to be) into one glorious cocktail. Stir or shake, spice to taste and enjoy in moderation.

SAGITTARIUS**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Thoughts turn homeward. What can you do to make your private quarters more enjoyable and comfortable? Mercury in mystical Pisces may offer you some advice on physical changes (like redecorating ideas) or emotional changes (like changing roommates or reconciling nasty family issues). Venus in Taurus gives you the best results that exercise can provide. Think swimsuit season.

CAPRICORN**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

It's now time for all proud Caps to take pen to paper or hand to keyboard and fire off a compelling and affirming letter to the editor. Mercury in Pisces brings emotional issues to the fore and you have just been elected Gay spokesperson of the week. It's not all strum and drang, though dearest; remember that Venus in Taurus can sure show you a good time. Party hearty honey, life is far too short to scrimp.

AQUARIUS**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Although Aquorians are not the most practical of folks, Mercury in Pisces sets some thoughts flying in the direction of money and general financial well being. Maybe it's the direction of money and general financial well being. Maybe it's because Venus in Taurus makes you so darn comfortable around your house that you have finally decided to fortify and enhance your surroundings or plan for future retirement. That, of course, takes cash. Dream on darling. Plan now, paint later.

PISCES**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Mercury in your own sign helps you set the course for personal achievement and accelerate into first gear in first impressions. Meet and greet sweetheart and show the world what you're all out about. Venus in Taurus even adds a little sugar to your speech and you can charm the dickens out of just about anyone. Why not generously spread the bon mots around to advance our cause a step or two?

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NOTICES

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Mineral Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3553

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

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 822-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 30264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 785-7268.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 p.m. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1779.

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadway Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 9-5. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 8:00 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), 8:00 p.m. Information 824-1779.

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

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 824-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meeting and activities. Call 791-7946 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, an informal group using inner guidance, mind power and universal law. Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills. (River & Swan). Web 318-0540.

ARIZONA-SONORA PROJECT, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 862-3933. 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 ROBOE ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 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. 322-8655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9243, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tamers 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 \$48 to: Tucson Tamers, P.O. Box 84-0, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 816, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5581. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 870-0027

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

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a Hot Call 783-3448 / 290-1738. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mosty Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 874-2272.

"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 pm at Lambda Center, 2040 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elie 381-8830 or Ronn 968-2384.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 886-7264. Call CRONIES 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Leguina). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (320)782-9135.

SUN COUNTRY NATURALISTS, Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturalists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 880-7288.

TUCSON HIKING CLUB. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol-free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAlan, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

MALE MEN: 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. Philips in the Hill Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

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

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

DEBERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9862.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3601 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 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 890-8585 for information and a newsletter. 358

TQSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary D. 770-9970

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 322-6228.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 791-7948

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. RR or better players only. Ball court Southwest corner Himmel Park 2:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Paul X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pa Deciso in the Music Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Enrie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

PERSONALS

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres expandir y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, Busca para una entrevista exclusivamente confidencial al 322-6228 y programa por Gracete. 810

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browser I use.

On Tuesday morning of this week, Netscape announced that it has a "potential security vulnerability in Netscape 2.0" and with typical corporate aplomb stated. "This research reported a potential vulnerability, not the actual theft of customer information." Wrong! I have e-mailed them about the problem and await a response.

Until then I strongly recommend that if you have Netscape 2.0 that you take precaution if you intend to continue to use it. (They are making an upgrade as we speak that is supposed to fix this problem.) I opt for using an old version of Netscape Navigator 1.0 which does not allow applets and therefore doesn't have the Java Applet Security Manager, (this is where the problem is).

Do not download any JAVA APPLET! NOT ANY! This is how the hackers get their hands on your IP address and through a weakness in the Domain Name Service can do what is called "spoofing" and connect to your computer.

If you leave the room for a bit or go run errand and usually leave your computer on, TURN IT OFF! Once they have the magic address they can connect to your computer if it is powered up. If they do this while you are sitting there you will know it. Stop the transfer if you can. If not then crash your system and shut it down while they are connecting. It is easier to fix a crash than to find everything they have messed up during the time they are in your system.

If you experience any strange behavior using Navigator 2.0 Let me know (I'm curious) and contact Netscape online so they can do something about it. My E Mail address is:

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Video Service Educational Award by the National Association of Video Dealers and Manufacturers for outstanding contribution to industrial video education. He was listed in Video's Who's Who and retired from the Sony Corporation in 1990.

In 1994-95 Jeff helped to create the Wellness Program at PACT and helped to re-organize the Buyer's Club.

Memorial services will be held at the Arizona Inn, in the Arizona room on March 15 at 4 P.M. Those sending flowers please contact Richard at Casa Adobes. In lieu of flowers, at Jeff's request, all donations should be made to Shanti Foundation.

Hate Crimes

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sources expect action on the measure soon.

Senate reaction to H.B. 2202 was swift. Tucson Democratic State Senator Ruth Solomon said, "It's a terrible bill, and a personal affront to all citizens of the state of Arizona."

H.B. 2201, which would require mandatory HIV of all Arizona state prisoner, passed the State House, and was sent to the Senate for consideration. The bill was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee. As of press time, the measure had not been placed on the calendar for consideration.

S.B. 1392, which would allow parents to arbitrarily test their foster children for HIV, passed the State Senate by a vote of 24-5. The bill has been sent to the House, but has not been assigned to a committee as of press time.

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ties will be heard this week by the House Judiciary Committee. H.B. 2201, the mandatory HIV testing of all prisoners has not received a hearing date yet by the Senate Judiciary Committee. H.B. 2202, the "Just Say No Homos" piece of tripe is held up in the Senate Education Committee.

So it goes for now kids!

Dr. Bob

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how, self-love won out (at times only by a hair) over self-destruction. My bravery, and the bravery of all of you reading this, is a truly noble and powerful thing. Because I know, dear readers, that each of you can tell a similar story.

Our collective strength, if we ever bonded together beyond internalized homophobia, would be a truly mighty thing.

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