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Helms Agenda: Extremism As Usual

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A day after President Clinton called for an end to "bickering and extreme partisanship" in his inauguration speech, Sen. Jess Helms introduced a raft of bills demonstrating that he has no intention of heeding that call.

Helms, a North Carolina Republican, introduced bills assailing the administration's policies on abortion, school prayer and civil rights, and seeking yet again to abolish the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Council on the Arts.

"Senator Helms clearly has no plans to join the spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation that both the president and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott have voiced," said Winnie Stachelberg, Human Rights Campaign legislative director.

Among the bills Helms introduced was one disingenuously titled the Freedom of Speech, which is actually intended to eliminate policies instituted by Clinton to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in federal employment.

"Senator Helms continues to search for new legislative means to preserve a right to discriminate against and spread lies about Gay people," Stachelberg said. "This is not about free speech but about legalizing discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Plus, Senator Helms

has shamelessly filched a tactic that was used unsuccessfully by extremists who tried to block equal rights in Maine and Colorado with anti-Gay state ballot initiatives."

Voters in Maine rejected the ballot measure in 1995. Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court found the Colorado measure was unconstitutional.

The Helms would prohibit the federal government from providing protections to its employees against sexual orientation discrimination at work. Only those classes of individuals already included in federal law would be protected against discrimination in federal employment. Sexual orientation is not among those categories.

In his first term, Clinton instituted sexual orientation nondiscrimination policies for all Cabinet-level federal agencies, excluding the uniformed military.

However, it is still illegal in 41 states to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the workplace, something an overwhelming majority of Americans think is wrong. Polls show that between 70 percent and 85 percent of all Americans think such discrimination is wrong.

"So here's Jesse Helms, out of step with voters, out of step with the Supreme Court and out of step with America," Stachelberg said.

AIDS Patient Cleared For Suicide Aid

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (AP) - A Florida judge ruled that a man dying of AIDS has the right to commit suicide with the help of a doctor.

Circuit Judge Joseph Davis said his ruling applies only to 35-year-old Charles Hall, the lone survivor in a lawsuit seeking the right to have a doctor prescribe a lethal dose of drugs without interference from the state.

Hall "has a constitutional right to decide to terminate his suffering and determine the time and manner of his death," Davis said.

Hall's physician, Dr. Cecil McIver, who has agreed to write the prescription, cannot be prosecuted for his role in the death, the judge said.

"As an individual and a physician, he can determine his own ethical, religious, and moral beliefs in declining or agreeing to assist," Davos said. "Like Mr. Hall, he has the freedom of choice."

Davis' ruling marks the first time any state judge in the nation has supported doctor assisted suicide, said Douglas Kmiec, a constitutional law professor at Notre Dame. "I do expect more of the same," Kmiec said.

The state said it will appeal,

which would automatically stay the decision. The state has argued that doctor-assisted suicide is manslaughter, punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

"This is just the first step in the process of getting it to the Florida Supreme Court," said Assistant Attorney General Michael Gross.

McIver and the three patients argued in the lawsuit that a privacy provision in the state Constitution gives dying but mentally competent people the right to obtain a lethal prescription from a willing physician.

Hall, battling pneumonia, couldn't make it to the courthouse but listen by telephone hookup from his home in rural Beverly Hills on Florida's Gulf Coast. "I'm just a basket case," he said later, "I can't talk now."

His lawyer, Robert Rivas, argued that the ban on assisted suicide was enacted in 1868 for purely religious reasons and was a relic of a time when disease killed people much faster.

Hall said he contracted the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion in 1981. His complications over the years have included a brain cyst, hepatitis B and partial blindness.

Vice President Meets With Gays



WASHINGTON, DC - Vice President Al Gore listens to comments by Gay leaders in his White House office. From Gore's left, clockwise, are Jeff Trammell, Keith Boykin, Richard Socarides, Kerry Lobel, Roberta Achtenberg, Elizabeth Birch, Jeff Soref and Martin Ornelas-Quintero.

by Lou Chiabbo Jr.

WASHINGTON, DC (WB) - Vice President Al Gore told the leaders of five national Gay organizations that he will "continue to advocate" on behalf of Gay civil rights in the Clinton administration's second term, according to several people who attend the meeting.

Gore invited the heads of the Gay groups to meet with him in his office at the White House, three days before he and President Clinton were sworn in to a second term in office. The meeting was closed to the press.

Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said Gore reiterated the administration's support for a federal Gay civil rights bill and for programs to combat AIDS. But Lobel and others who attended the meeting said the vice president made no specific commitments other than to keep an open line of communication between the administration and the Gay community.

"Vice president Gore was warm and receptive to us and our issues," said Lobel.

"He welcomed our input," said Martin Ornelas-Quintero, executive director of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO). "But I don't feel we came out with any concrete outcome."

Keith Boykin, executive director of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum and a former official at the White House public affairs office, said Gore's decision to invite Gay leaders to meet with him in the White House on the weekend before the inauguration sends "an important symbolic message" that the vice president views Gay people as an important constituency.

Gore's status as the presumed frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination in the year 2000 was not dis-

cussed at the meeting, Boykin said. But Boykin said the possibility of a Gore presidential race and the roles Gays will play in the next presidential election was clearly on the minds of everyone who attended the meeting.

Among the issues the Gay leaders did talk about, Boykin and others who attended the meeting said, were the appointment of more qualified open Gays to various administration jobs and the possible promotion of openly Gay appointees who currently work for the administration to higher-level positions. Boykin and Lobel said the Gay officials also urged Gore to lobby Clinton to reinstate the position of White House liaison to the Gay community, a post that has remained vacant since the spring.

Other issues raised by the Gay leaders, Lobel said, were concerns that the administration is considering placing per capita "caps" on Medicaid benefits, a development that AIDS advocates could take away the only means some people with AIDS have for paying for lifesaving drugs. Lobel said the Gay leaders also urged Gore to push for federal approval of needle exchange programs to curtail the spread of AIDS among drug abusers.

On another front, Lobel said the group told Gore that anti-Gay groups, emboldened over their success in pushing through the anti-Gay Defense of Marriage Act, are expected to push for legislation to ban Gays from adopting children or from becoming foster parents.

Lobel said the Gay leaders also told Gore they expect opponents of Gay civil rights to continue to push for legislation to ban public schools from providing "factual, positive information on homosexuality." Lobel and Boykin said they urged Gore to help develop an administration strategy to oppose such efforts.

[Lou Chiabbo Jr. is a reporter for the Washington Blade, from which this article is reprinted.]

UPDATE

"Cancer In Two Voices" At UofA Feb. 13

TUCSON - YWCA Lesbian Cancer Project and the U of A Women's Studies present the illuminating film, "Cancer in Two Voices," February 13.

"I'm the first among our friends to have cancer, many of them will see their future in the way I handle mine," Barbara Rosenblum wrote after learning she had advanced breast cancer. For the three years Barbara had yet to live, she and her partner, Sandra Butler, documented their experience on video with courage and frankness.

In this illuminating film, the two women speak openly about the progression of Barbara's cancer, its impact upon their relationship and individual identities, and coming to terms with the prospect of death and loss while retaining a deep commitment to living.

The film will be shown, February 13, 7:00 P.M. A discussion will follow the film with Sandra Butler. This event takes place at the U of A Center for English As A Second Language, Room 103, on North Campus Drive just east of Park.

Reveille Plugs Parking Lot Sale Feb. 15

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will hold its semi-annual "Great Closet Clean-out Sale" in the Plug's parking lot from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Saturday, February 15.

Many items have been donated to the fund raiser including appliances, household items, clothing, sports gear, collectibles and much more! You're sure to find something you can't live without! Sale coordinator and RGMC Board member, Bryan Teske, is accepting donations for the vent, so if you have unwanted stuff taking up extra space that you just don't use anymore, call Bryan, 881-5904. RGMC will make arrangements to collect your donations and will provide a receipt for tax purposes.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is proud to be a part of Tucson's multi-faceted arts community. Though our members are of diverse backgrounds, professions

and interests, we are in many ways a family, united in the pride we take in our singing and our being Gay. As we sing, we hope that our audiences can also share in the unity and joy expressed through the common language of music.

RGMC is a non-profit organization and, as such, is dependant upon patron, and community, support. Thanks to Brian at The Plug for supporting this event again; you can help this unique Gay organization by coming out, Saturday, February 15, for the huge Parking Lot Sale, but get there early for best selection!

New Dart Tournament Begins Feb. 15 & 16

TUCSON - A Progressive Valentine Dart Tournament will take place February 15 & 16.

The tournament, 301 singles, double elimination is limited to 16 players. The entry fee is \$5. The prizes for the tournament are: First - \$70; Second - \$50; Third - \$20. First out at each stop gets \$5.

The tournament's schedule is as follows: Saturday - Stonewall/Eagle and The Graduate. Sunday - IBT's and The Plug.

More details next week. For info or to sign up, see Doc for details.

IBT's Softball Team Fundraiser Feb. 9

TUCSON - The IBT's Tucson Twisters Softball Team is having a Beer/Burger Bust Sunday, February 9, on the patio at IBT's.

Donations are \$5 for Beer and Burger Bust or \$2.50 for the Burger Bust only. The funds raised will be used for team entry fee for the Tucson Greater Softball Association Spring League as well as the Old Pueblo Classic Softball Tourney to be held, February 21-23.

Thanks to IBT's for donating the beer and burgers, side dishes will be supplied by team members. Come meet and support your team! If you are interested in joining the team, call Robert S., the coach, 296-2738, for more information.



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John H. Reed, who passed away January 28, 1997, had been a resident of Tucson for 24 years. He was born in Poolesville Maryland on September 20, 1916, and served in the U.S. Army in the Inspector Generals Department.

John owned beauty salons in Del Mar, California and Gaithersburg, Maryland with his life partner of 35 years, Rickey Ramos. They also owned and operated the Fleur De Lis in Tucson for 19 years.

He is survived by his brother Fred, his sister Eva Lynch of Maryland and his two sister-in-laws. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

John will surely be missed for his wonderful sense of humor and his great ability to tell stories and jokes. Rosary and burial services were held in Douglas, Arizona.

LYNN PAYNE MEMORIAL SERVICE

It has been announced that final arrangements have been made for a Memorial Service in memory of Lynn Payne, who passed away recently.

The Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 15, 2:00 P.M., in Phoenix. The address for the service is 1334 East State Avenue.

For further information or directions, please call 977-2411 in Phoenix or 623-4733 in Tucson.

GERALD L. ZAGST 4/22/45 - 1/21/97

Jerry was a part-time dweller in Tucson between his travels to National Parks to work and ply his art with pen and ink and camera. He ended his days here.

Two younger brothers, Tim and Bob, flew in from Jerry's native Buffalo, NY and made arrangements for cremation and left his ashes high in the Catalinas in the Southwest Jerry loved so much. Jerry had consented to an autopsy to further AIDS research.

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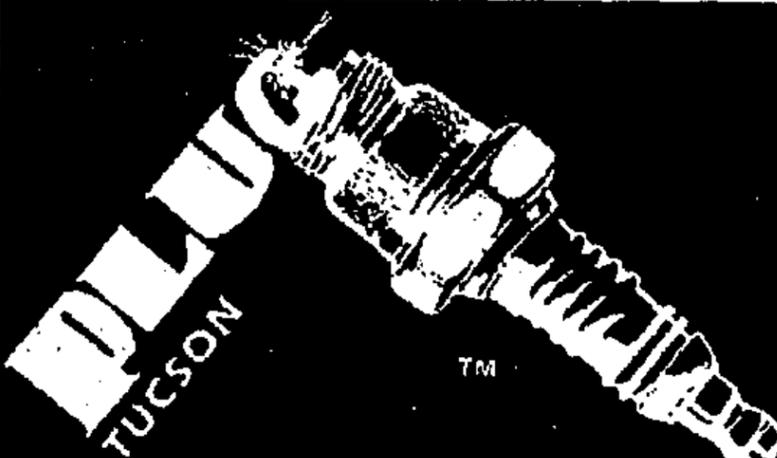
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by Anida Cowboy

Well, well, well! We only have 44 more days left to primp, prime and shine and put on a show. The 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo is fast approaching and it seems that we are all catching the "Rodeo Fever."

My opinion is that this year Tucson, these AGRA Cowboys and Cowgirls are going to put on one hell of a show! You can't seem to get a date with any of them, except Scott (he always's looking for a date!), without scheduling at least a week in advance. They are all busier than beavers in a California dam. All I know is they are planning so much to do in so little time and I'll say it again . . . Saguaro Regional Rodeo . . . If you have never been there . . . plan on it this year! We won't let you down.

Raul and the fund raising committee is hard at work planning and coordinating this year's "finale of fund raisers," Hoe Down 1997 at Hours! Since we have already got Lee committed to Grand Marshall for this year. We figured we would save her sanity and give her plenty of notice and schedule Hoe Down for Sunday, February 16, beginning at 2:00 P.M. and going till the last one drops. Lee, we appreciate your patience in helping us plan the event. I think I will let you borrow my crown to go with the Grand Marshall sash. You'll be flawless girl!

Back to Hoe Down, you got the date, and have we got the entertainment planned for you. We have plenty of live entertainment for you as well as our Casino Tables and the always fun AGRA Jail! Save your appetite too, Ms. Adrienne will be preparing her famous Frybread, burgers on the grill and \$2.00 Miller products. I get so excited writing about all of this fun! Can't wait to see you all there. FYI: Monday is President's Day so there is no excuse not to join us.

Has anyone ever heard of Ms. Raybelline? Well, apparently she blew back into town for a party this past weekend and caused quite a riot! She has been missing in action for a while now, but it is always great to see her. She is a number to contend with, and we though Chi-Chi LaRue was beautiful! Welcome back Ms.

Raybelline! Don't be a stranger! We miss you!

For my own safety, I needed to feed my dog the list of Rodeo-Dish. Threats of melting my crown to de-beading my favorite gown have caused me to "lose the list." We will be back with Tucson Rodeo Dish for sure. I need to make some bribes to friends who have nothing to lose by publishing the "dish." Stay tuned!

Attention singers or wannabees! Hours is now hosting Karaoke every Tuesday night. Also they will be starting Pool Tournaments every Wednesday starting at 6:00 P.M. and again on Sundays at 2:00 P.M.

Memo: AGRA-Tucson is accepting nominations for all AGRA Board Positions for 1997. If you have someone in mind that you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, nominations will be accepted at the next General Membership Meeting to be held at Hours in conjunction with Hoe Down, Sunday, February 16. If you have any questions regarding nominations, please feel free to contact the AGRA Hotline and we will be glad to answer your questions. It is a whole new year and there is no better way to be involved than to serve on the Board.

That's all I have for now! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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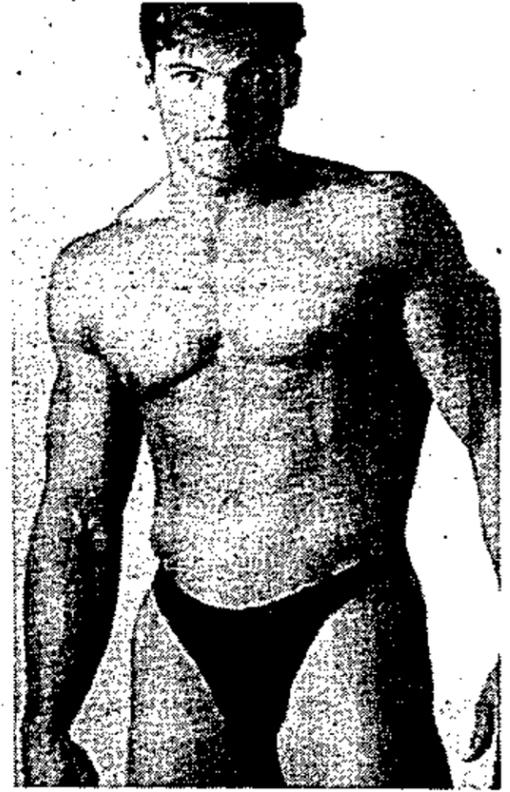
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The above question is directed to the Arizona Legislature, which another week has passed during their convoluted "43rd Road Tour." Case in point:

H.B. 2148, a medical bill dealing with tuberculosis control. With a rise of TB cases in Arizona, state Legislators drafted a measure to deal with the current problem.

Okay, but! H.B. 2148 is to be considered by the House Health Committee today. Capitol sources state that Rep. Debra Brimhall, R-Snowflake, one of three big homophobes in the Legislature, is rumored to be placing an amendment on the bill which would quarantine people who have AIDS.

David Hoover of the Pima County Health Department commented, "No law to quarantine people with AIDS has never been supported by any public health official in the United States."

Right David, but this rumored amendment comes from a person who has never sent their kids to a doctor. For that matter she probably doesn't know what the word health means.

H.B. 2244, an HIV/AIDS pilot education program was shot down, unceremoniously, by the chair of the House Health Committee.

In open session, H.B. 2244, was declared to be going nowhere and would be a waste of the committee's time, according to Rep. Herschella Horton, the bill sponsor. Oh well!

That's not all, two other measures were finally taken off the shelves.

H.B. 2182 is the Hate Crimes Bill. This measure has full criminal penalties. The bill also includes "sexual orientation" as one of the protected categories.

Sounds good, but the measure has



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been altered to appease Gov. Whitewash and the right-wingers. How was it changed? According to one of the bill sponsors, Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, H.B. 2182 would not allow "cause of action" lawsuits.

You can prosecute yes, but sue in civil court, no! Oh well, it's a start. The bill is being heard today by the House Judiciary Committee.

The Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act (AZENDA), H.B. 2431, is based on the federal ENDA, which was narrowly defeated in the U.S. Senate last year.

H.B. 2431 would bar discrimination based on sexual orientation. With the conservative bent of the Arizona Legislature, you'd expect this bill to just gather dust. Well, think again!

Capitol sources stated that the measure will be heard by the House Commerce Committee next Tuesday. The chair of the committee, Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, says there is a strong possibility that H.B. 2431 will get a hearing.

What about the four anti-Gay bills drafted by Frank Meliti and the radical right? Well, as of press time, using that lame excuse, the bills have not been assigned to committees.

The deadline for new House bills is Monday, February 10, the clock is ticking. The deadline for Senate bills have passed. Remember, these proposed hate bills could come up as "strike-everything" amendments in parliamentary procedure.

Of the four pretend measures, Rep. Dan Schottel, R-Tucson, the proponent of the two pretend bills that would ban G/L school clubs still hasn't answered the question, "How will the state make up the shortfall of funding when the federal government cuts funding if this hate legislation is passed." We're still waiting!

The Arizona State Legislature is prone to jump on political bandwagons, hot-bed issues, etcetera. A recent hot issue, affirmative action.

The Republican-dominated legislature drafted H.C.R. 2008, a proposed state constitutional amendment that would end affirmative action programs in Arizona, if there are any such things.

This measure was based on California's Proposition 187, that was passed by voters in 1996 and is now tied in courts and will be struck down. H.C.R. 2008 was sailing through the Legislature until this last week. The bill was pulled and is effectively dead.

Why? Maybe it got through legislators "dense-skulls" that this will cost big bucks as well!

A measure that rates up with the infamous "Dildo Bill," is S.B. 1408. This waste deals with sexually oriented business and the hours they can be opened. S.B. 1408 defines such important items as "Nude Nodel Studios," and "State of Nudity."

The bill also defines seminude as, "the showing of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola

at its highest point or the showing of the male and female buttocks." Even with that, women's cleavage is okay under this measure. Hooray!

My personal favorite of S.B. 1408 is the section dealing with perverted, simulated sex acts. To note this measure has not been assigned to any committee as of press time. Go figure!

So where is the return/refund counter?

So it goes for now kids!

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Queremos compartir con ustedes la invitación que nos ha llegado a través de nuestro amigo Enrique Lucero de Hermosillo, Sonora para la "CEREMONIA DE PRIMAVERA", esta ceremonia se lleva a cabo en las comunidades de Punta Chueca, municipio de Hermosillo y en Desemboque, municipio de Pitiquito. Estas comunidades pertenecen a la nación KUNKAAK, grupo étnico del Estado de Sonora. Habitan en las costas del Golfo de California, en la Isla Tiburón y Canal del Infernillo, geográficamente se hallan entre los paralelos 28°45' de latitud norte y los meridianos 112°00' y 112°30' de longitud oeste. Esta ceremonia se realiza durante el equinoccio de primavera y tiene una duración de 3 a 4 días. Es una reflexión de nosotros mismos, de nuestras debilidades y aciertos, así como el de renovar nuestro espíritu y fortaleza.

La primavera representa en la naturaleza la renovación del espíritu, después de un periodo de aletargamiento, la madre tierra se renueva donde nacen los brotos limpios y nuevos, se libera de los brazos secos y los pensamientos negativos, así como de temores y resentimientos que se venían arrastrando durante la vida pasada. La renovación antecedida por la meditación nos da la oportunidad de corregir nuestras conductas y metas para encauzar nuestras energías hacia lo

positivo, a lo recto y a lo constructivo.

El afecto, el respeto, la fraternidad y el trabajo para un bien común (comunidad-comunión comunicación). La naturaleza se renueva y por consiguiente la humanidad debe ejercitar su espíritu y renovarlo, si no los valores y el amor al prójimo se deterioran y nuestros destinos se confunden en una mañana de ideas desordenadas y ociosas. La primavera, de un color gris, transforma a las plantas en un color verde, vivo, de muchos tonos, lo cual lleva a dar flor y frutos que significan la nobleza de actuación y la ofrenda hacia la vida. Esta es una verdadera oportunidad para darle sanidad a nuestro ser (cuerpo-mente-espíritu). La ceremonia se realiza en territorio KUNKAAK con los representantes de la cultura ancestral: pescadores, artesanos, cantores, danzantes, gobernador y representantes de la tradición.

Si necesita información adicional, así como el contenido de las actividades a desarrollarse, por favor comunicarse conmigo y con mucho gusto le haré llegar copia del mencionado evento; o puede hacerlo directamente con el coordinador general; Carlos Ogarrío P. al teléfono 14-04-22 en la ciudad de Hermosillo, Sonora; o con Vicky Gómez al teléfono 19-57-99 y al FAX 12-22-26 también en Hermosillo, Sonora. NO hay cobro alguno para asistir a la Ceremonia...

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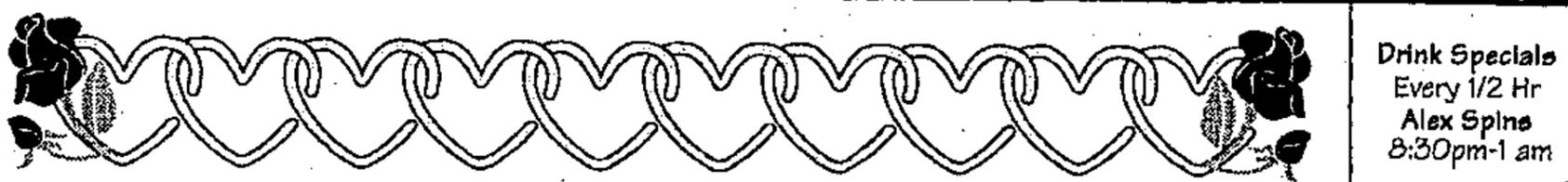
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GYM - GAY YOUNG MENS PROJECT

Secrets (Part 2) by Frank Terrero

(Continued from January 22, 1997 Issue #653)

Last week, at the Library of Congress, after someone showed him how to use the chat room stuff, he had started having a conversation with somebody.

Twice he had to ask the guy next to him, "What should I say? He wants to know my name. Should I give it to him?" He had been very nervous. There he was in a strange room with a whole bunch of Gay people his age that he didn't know, talking to someone out there in cyberspace who could be an ax murderer.

At the same time though, he had been more thrilled and pumped than he had ever been in his life. But, he decided not to tell the ax murderer his name. Right after that the guy that had been in charge said to everyone, "Remember the rules. We have to have safe cyber chat!" everyone had laughed.

"You can't give anyone your phone number or your address. Don't even give your last name. Or even your first name for that matter. Make it up. Dick is good made up name," again some people had laughed, some had giggled, and some had moaned. "If you want to meet someone that you talk to online then you have to meet them in a public place and you have to take someone from the group with you. Those are the rules! Anyone found breaking the rules will be left with those two drag queens over there for a complete makeover. And I will not be held responsible for the results!" A couple of guys had screamed in feigned horror and everyone else laughed, giggled, and then they all had turned back to the task at hand—the Internet.

He had been fascinated by the openness of everyone in the room. But the note on the computer screen had been holding his attention. This cyber conversation followed:

Ringy: So what is your name?
 QueerVoice: I don't think I am going to tel you.
 Ringy: OK. How old are you?
 QueerVoice: 15 almost 16. You? Ringy: 16. Just turned 16 last month. What school do you go to?
 QueerVoice: Desert View. You? Ringy: Amphi. So what do you look like?
 QueerVoice: I don't know what I look like. Why do you want to know?
 Ringy: How can you not know? That's weird.

They had chatted like this for about an hour. Mostly, it had been about nothing interesting or nothing important. Finally the ax murderer had asked the big question.

Ringy: So have you been with a guy before?
 QueerVoice: No. Have you? He had felt his stomach tighten as he waited for the answer from the great beyond. "This is wild," he had thought to himself. There he was talking about it to someone. There he was asking someone else if they had been with a guy. Then the ax murderer had answered. Ringy: Yes. Just one. We didn't do much. No sex. Lots of kissing, hugging and stuff. Do you want to?
 QueerVoice: I think so. I am not sure. Are you Gay?
 Ringy: Yes. Don't like labels though. You?
 QueerVoice: I am not sure. Still thinking.

Then the guy in charge had screamed out, "You guys have about 15 more minutes before we have to leave. So finish up. If you want anything on disk do it now. Remember, I would like you to sign up with your name a number so we can call you for the next event."

QueerVoice: I have to go soon.
 Ringy: Wait, you didn't tell me your name.
 QueerVoice: It is Dick. Yours?
 Ringy: I am Matthew. QueerVoice: Hi Matthew. Ringy: Can we meet? To talk?
 QueerVoice: I don't know if I should.
 Ringy: We could meet in public or something. For coffee?

QueerVoice: I don't drink coffee.
 Ringy: Well you could have anything that you want.
 QueerVoice: Where would we meet?
 How about the Gay coffee house? He had thought to himself, "What is a Gay coffee house? A Gay coffee house?"
 QueerVoice: Where is it?
 Ringy: On Fourth Ave. It is called the Rainbow Planet Cafe.

QueerVoice: When?
 Ringy: How about Monday?
 QueerVoice: Can't. My dad is off on Monday. I couldn't. His heart was racing then. There he was, in front of a computer, talking to an ax murderer, and even thinking about meeting him. He had been seriously considering it. He had thought, "What if I get caught? What if I don't like this guy? What would happen if he I know him or something?. Or maybe he is some guy who wants to beat up guys like me."

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AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK



Gone Fasching

The Tube: A local cable television service provider recently raised subscriber's hackles when it announced it was changing its lineup of offerings. Several popular channels were dropped and replaced by others of dubious public interest.

With the advent of cable TV and satellite transmission the list of available channels with specialized programming has mushroomed. If you don't like the recent replacements just remember it could be worse. Here are a few of the channels

IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY

that you could be watching right now but were passed over.

THE FRUIT AND VEGGIE CHANNEL: You'll never turn up your nose at a rutabaga again after you see this channel's primetime special "Tubers!, Tubers!, Tubers!". It's everything you ever wanted to know about the exciting world of root vegetables - how they live,

love, laugh and cope with life underground.

Then there's "The Magical World of Melons". Filmed over an entire growing season, this docu-drama special follows the day-to-day life of a typical Kansas cantaloupe from conception to maturity as it struggles to find its place in the patch. This program is rated PG due

to frank and graphic scenes of cross-pollination.

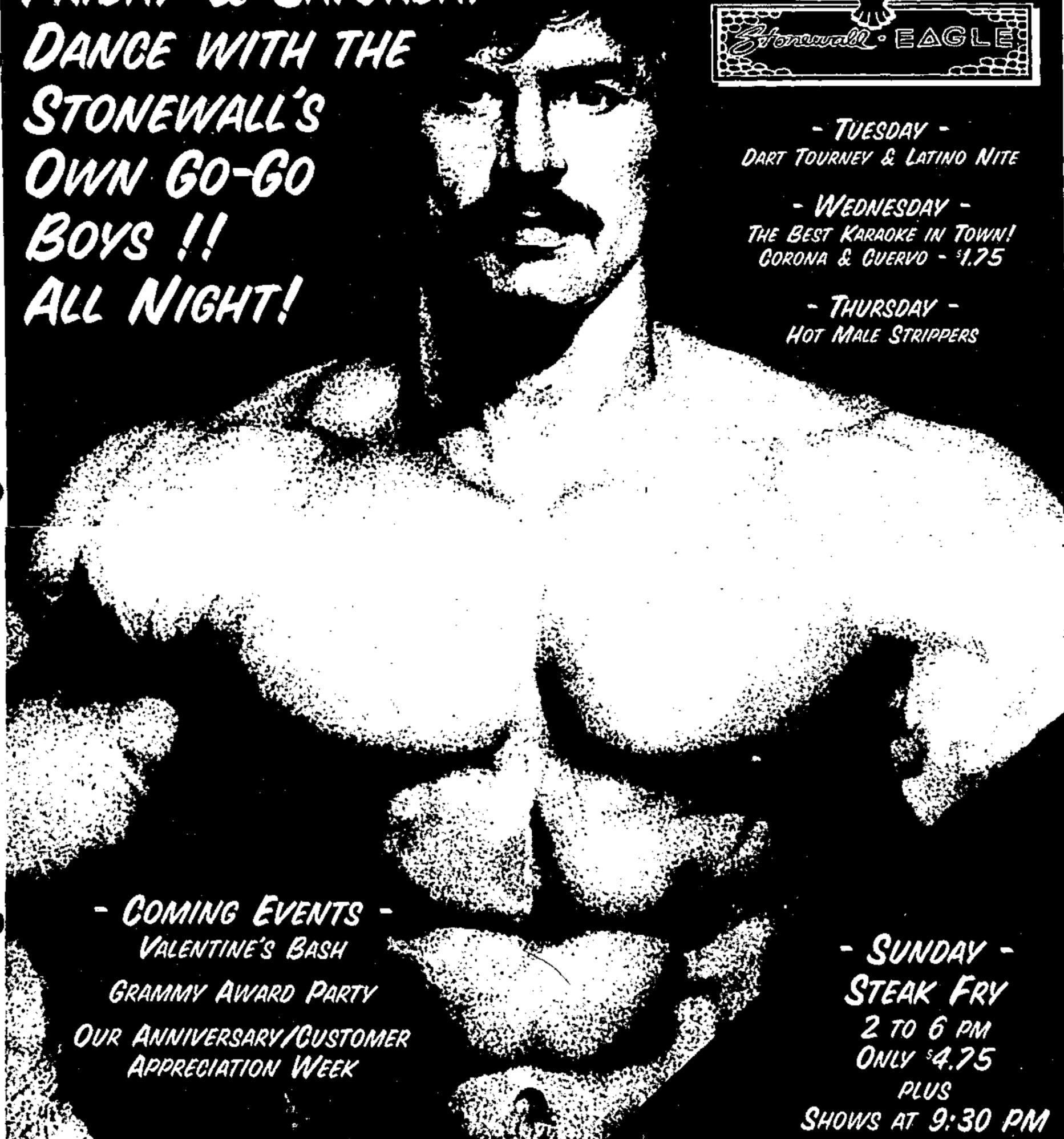
"The Adventures of the Spuds" is a light hearted drama about family life starring Mr. Potato Head, Mrs. Potato Head, and the Tater Tots as their high spirited children Chip and Gratince'. In the pilot episode Chip falls down on a stick and pokes out an eye but everything turns out well when they realize he still has 11 more.

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ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

Feeling Your Feelings

Everybody has emotions, but few people know how to handle them. Most of us have a big "slush fund" of unprocessed emotions inside. Ever since childhood, when we learned to hide our feelings, we've been building up the fund. Unresolved anger, fear, guilt, joy, sexual feeling, and more, swirl around down there in our hearts and guts. This is the cause of depression, unexplained angry outbursts, and the chronic fear that keeps up back from doing what we want to with our lives. Is there a way of dealing with emotions productively, allowing them to power our lives for the good?

Gay men, even in the relatively permissive 90's, have special difficulties with emotion, sometimes even more than straight people. We've had to stuff our deepest feelings inside, warping them, for a long time. Our sexual feelings for the same gender are beautiful and powerful, like all our feelings. But we've grown up in a society that says we are wrong for feeling that way. So on top of the stuffed anger, fear, and joy that everybody has inside, we gay people also have unexpressed sexual feelings and guilt. No wonder so many of us are casualties in the battle for emotional health. No wonder so many of us opt for numbing those unwanted feelings with alcohol, sex, or other drugs.

What is the healthy way to deal with our emotions? It's to allow ourselves to feel them fully. What most people don't understand is that an emotion is not a thing, but a process, like a wave on the ocean. Anger, for example, is not some monster caged up in the deep recesses of our souls, waiting for a chance to come up and put on a tantrum. Anger is a wave of feeling, in movement towards balance. If someone comes up to you and punches you, you will feel anger, the mobilization of your energy for fighting back. If you can successfully fight back, you will feel relief and return to balance. Sexual feeling is another good example. When you feel lusty, you seek out a sexual release. When you've gotten the sexual release, you come back to balance. Every emotion is like that. An emotion is a mobilization of energy within the body to go towards a certain goal. When the goal is reached, you return to equilibrium. This is the natural, healthy mechanism of emotion. Without emotions, we would be unable to deal with the challenges of life.

The problems arise when we block the movement of emotion toward its goal. We learn to do this as children, when we are taught that certain emotions are "bad" or "not nice." For example, many of us were told, "Big boys don't cry." This is a stifling of the natural release of crying. When we are in pain, the natural thing to do is to cry. It's the way your body deals with being in pain. After a good cry, you return to normal and you can deal with whatever it was that made you cry. When you don't allow yourself that release of crying, you've got some repressed pain inside. If you do that enough, you will be depressed, that is, you will feel sad for no apparent reason, because you have repressed your memory of all the times you were in pain and didn't cry.

Let's face the fact that the "normal" person is full of such unprocessed feelings. The unprocessed feelings are what make people so unpredictable. Why does a lover suddenly start beating up his mate, for the flimsiest of reasons? Be-

cause of unprocessed anger from earlier in his life, when he didn't allow himself to get angry when there was good reason to be. Why is someone else afraid of things that seem harmless to most other people? Because he didn't allow himself to feel his fear at some very scary things, usually in childhood. For example, his father might have been in the habit of raging around the house, and if the little boy showed fear, he was more likely to be the target of his father's anger. So the boy pretended to be calm, or hid in his room. But these things are usually not in the conscious awareness of the person later on. He simply finds himself afraid "for no reason."

One of the best ways to experiment with your own blocked feelings is to, first, find some private time when you are alone in your home. Then, you can imagine that a certain family member from the past is present with you in the room. You can choose anyone who comes to mind, somebody with whom you have some unfinished business, some unexpressed emotion. It often helps to visualize him or her sitting in an empty chair. The exercise consists of speaking aloud to this person about your feelings. You can allow yourself to express all the feelings that you didn't allow yourself earlier in life. After all, you are grown up now, and you don't really have to follow the rules of anybody else. You can have all your feelings, feel them fully, and get a great sense of relief afterwards. Yes, you can do this all by yourself, by speaking to emotionally important people as if they were there in the empty chair.

A few guidelines for the exercise: tell yourself ahead of time that you have the right to feel and express any emotion that comes up. Remind yourself that you are in private and that nobody else can see or hear you. Really visualize the person (mother, father, older sibling, ex-lover) vividly sitting in the chair. Look them in the eye and imagine that you can say anything you want to, and don't worry about hurting their feelings or about them getting back at you. Start as many sentences as you can with the words "I feel..." and follow that up with an emotion word, such as, happy, sad, guilty, afraid, angry, mad, resentful, etc. Tell them what it's like to feel that emotion. Is it like having a lead ball inside? Is it like being trapped inside a box? Is it like wanting to hurt someone, but not knowing how? Allow your body to become charged with emotional energy and keep talking until you feel some discharge. If you need to cry, cry. If you need to yell, yell. If you need to shiver with fear, shiver. Stay with it for awhile. You are safe in this exercise.

You will probably notice how difficult it is to really perform this exercise. Most of us have a hard time concentrating, or else we change the subject, or suddenly remember something important we have to do. We have a million ways of avoiding this important work. That's where a personal coach (a therapist or counselor) comes in. A good personal coach can help you to work these emotions out to a good conclusion, and he can be like a mirror in which you can see how you avoid your genuine emotions. He can also give you guidance in other areas of your life, and suggest ways to make your life work a lot better than it ever has. However, you can experiment safely with this exercise on your own. If strong

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Perspective

by Alan L. Storm, Ph.D.

Don't Get Glad, Get Mad!

I have been reading with disbelief and disgust the various articles in both the Tucson and Phoenix newspapers since December 24 that have stated that some legislators, working along with Frank Meliti, intend to push for legislation that will ban schools (public and university) from allowing Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual students a place to meet, banning any discussion of sexuality, etc.

I find it somewhat ironic that the same types of religious organizations that pushed for the Equal Access Amendment in the early 1980's so that their children could have a place to meet, pray, discuss religion, etc., are the same groups that would now deny the same equal access right to students who wish to meet and discuss their difficulties with normal adolescent development, sexuality, etc. I continue to be amazed, embarrassed, and ashamed that such overt hatred and discrimination is still rampant in this State.

Many schools are making a concerted effort to educate students and staff about valuing and appreciating the diversity of all people, helping them to develop cultural competence. While we are actively working to away with discrimination of any kind, we have legislators who are willing to sanction such discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta recognizes bias, violence, and hate crimes based on discrimination as a "serious illness" and has made a number of grants available to schools and other public agencies in their attempts to educate people about such discrimination.

Yet, some legislators in Arizona seek to perpetrate more hatred on young men and women for who they are and how they were born.

These various bills that people such as Karen Johnson, Dan Schottel, and Frank Meliti are pushing in order to ban Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual groups as well as other bills dealing with sexuality are ill-conceived, mean-spirited, and blatantly discriminatory. They are an affront to those of us who truly care about and appreciate all people for who and what they are!

I am also concerned about the apparent apathy that I see when I speak with Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual people about this. Most of the people with whom I have spoken in both Tucson and Phoenix seem to think that if we just ignore this, it will all go away. I have seen many, many times over the past few years when late-night, last-minute legislation was tagged onto some other piece of legislation, and people were not aware that it had been done till it was signed into law. We cannot allow this to happen!

I hope that a great number of people will become as angry over this as I am and will begin a letter writing and telephone campaigns to these bigoted legislators who would have us believe that it is right and just to denigrate and hate a group of people because how they were created. Please get a group of people together and begin letter-writing and telephoning. There are 90 legislators. If a group of 9 people got together and wrote letters, each could take 10 letters to mail, and it would only cost each individual \$3.20 in postage. I'm attaching a list of the 90 legislators. The address for all of them is: State Capitol Building, 1700

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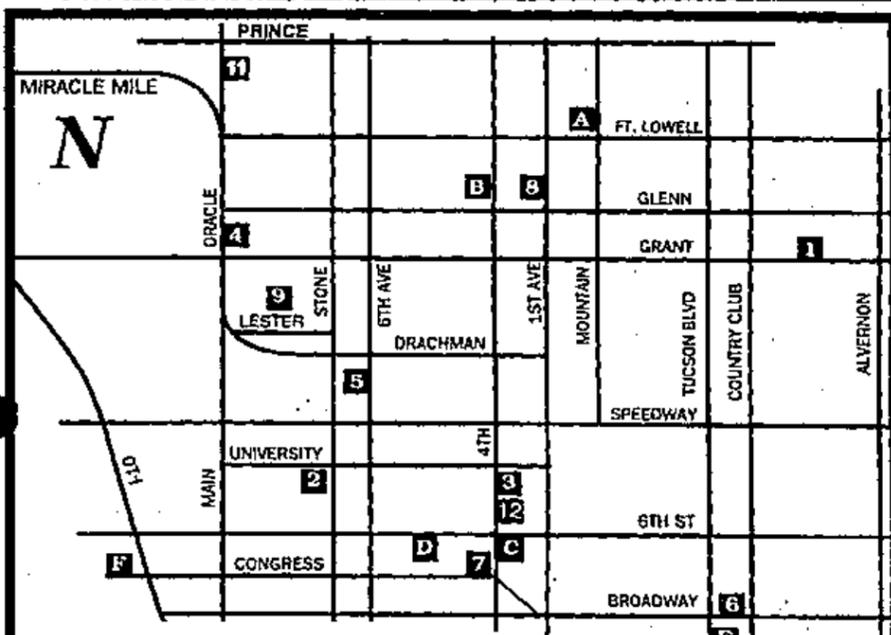
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Whew! Well folks it's been a week since La Fiesta de Los Osos 1997 wrapped up and I'm ending my self-imposed exile/break from my secretarial duties to pass a big thank you and warm hugs to all those who made this, our first national bear event a huge success!

anyone who I might have missed! This event's heart was in your dedication and love for our bear family and it showed, take a bow guys! To be sure this was the first of many Fiestas to come, we've already received back several RSVP's for the 1998 event! Thanks Tucson!

All total we had over 90 participants for the weekend including bears and buddies from three countries, and over a dozen states! Beginning with the welcome dinner on Friday, January 17 through the trip to Nogales and Tubac on Monday, January 20, the Bears of the Old Pueblo were host to some wonderful guests who really enjoyed themselves and our fair city. All of our participants left with great memories of their time in Tucson.

Bear Events for February: Saturday, February 8, 3:00 - 7:00 P.M., Bears Beer Bust at the Venture-N. 50 cent beer, soda and chili. All donations to the tip jar go to Wingspan so come on our and support our Community Center and meet the bears! Friday, February 14 at 7:30 P.M. we have our next general meeting and potluck. This month it's hosted by Bob D. Call the infoline for directions.

Response to the event has been unanimously positive with the most heard comments being: "Tucson is really a beautiful city and you have some wonderful citizens." "You (The Bears of the Old Pueblo) are just the friendliest bunch of guys out there." "What a great time, you'd think that you've been running this event for years!"

If you'd like more information on the club you can call the Bears Information Hotline and get a current listing of events for the month and leave a message for one of the officers or you can write to us or visit copy of our newsletter or answer any questions you might have about the Hugs and Snuzzles!

[Bears of the Old Pueblo, 1830 E. Broadway, #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85719. Bears Information Hotline: (52) 733-9409 (24 hrs/7 days) WWW: <http://www.csn-net/~jls2/bop>. Email: smokey@bearhug.bearclan.com]

It's News To Me

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In Memoriam: San Francisco and the world is a little less vibrant with the passing of San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen this past week. Herb's column recorded the profound and the profane in "Baghdad by the Bay" for many decades. His lively compact reporting style brightened each morning for legions of Bay Area readers. He was a great friend and supporter to all residents of "The City" including the Gay and Lesbian community and will be greatly missed.

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No small thanks are due to our members, volunteers and community leaders who worked so hard to make this weekend a success. A very special thanks goes to Bert Hoop, Jim Dondson and the Venture-N for all their support and hard work. Bert saw to it that all the little details and needs we had for the events at the bar (the welcome supper, the two breakfasts, the beer bust, the Mr. Venture-N Cub & Bear contest, and the Bears Do Bert Burgers) were taken care of and we couldn't have done it without him. Thanks buddy, we owe you and your fantastic staff a great debt of thanks and to be sure we'll be back next year!

We'd like to publicly thank T.A.-L.L. for switching beer bust weekends with us, big hugs and thanks! To Lee Ridinger and Tuff Stuff Too thanks for all the little gifts for our guests, your support, encouragement, and ideas! To TAP and Alan Nyitray thanks for everything! To the Phoenix Bears who came down in force to participate with us and provided security for the patio at the Venture-N and hosted the breakfast on Saturday, big kudos and hugs from your brother bruises down south!

Within our club we'd like to thank first and foremost Bob Bowers our Fiesta Coordinator. Bob put in hundreds of hours of his own time over the last year getting the event together and really should be commended for his dedication and skill. It was a pleasure working with you buddy and you should be very proud! To Bob Rowe, our fearless leader, for the inspiration and guidance, this was all your idea pal! To Ralph Geror, our Treasurer for graciously putting up with so much bank and financial work! To Steve Finch our vice president, for being liaison for the club in so much of the organizing and for putting up with my neurotic behavior during the hectic last weeks before the event, love ya babe!

To our fine members and associates who worked so tirelessly and enthusiastically for us and were such great examples of our community to our guests. We'd like to pass on big bear hugs (in no particular order) to Roy W., Scott D., David B., Mike R., Webster H., Don G., Frank F., Dave M., Mark R., Bob D., Ed McK., John F., Randy T., Alan N., Jimmie H., Arnie K., Russell S., Jack D. and

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Ten years ago my brother was diagnosed with a terminal kidney disease. This disease had no treatment, medication, or cure. There was no possibility of kidney transplant because his disease would somehow be transferred to the new kidney. His life expectancy was unknown, but he hoped to be able to live until his daughter graduated from high school, which she did last year. His physical condition kept slowly deteriorating until about a month ago, when he had to be hospitalized because it appeared his kidneys just quit working. He is presently in the process of getting prepared for dialysis.

However, he discovered that medical science has improved in the last ten years so that now he may be a kidney transplant candidate. He has gathered information about the transplant process which I find very intriguing. For the transplant recipient the operation is rather simple. An incision is made in the patient's abdomen, the donor kidney is implanted and attached to blood vessels, and the incision is closed. The patient is up and walking the next day and back to work within a week or two. The process for the donor, however, is much more complicated. For some reason it is necessary to extract the kidney through the back. Some ribs must be broken and muscles must be cut. Due to the extensive cutting the recovery time is far greater for the one donating the kidney than for the one receiving it.

In spite of the obvious painfulness of being a kidney donor, I have already told my brother that I am willing to donate one of my kidneys if we are a match. After all, he is my brother!

The moment each of us is born

we have an incurable disease. This disease is called sin, and the result of this disease in each of us is death. But there is a donor for each of us, someone who can provide a cure for this disease called sin! His name is Jesus! Jesus came to earth to provide a cure for our sins through his death. A kidney donor experiences some pain in order to give someone else life, but Jesus experienced death in order that all who receive him might have eternal life! His sacrificial death was foretold by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah when he said, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

What if my brother was not willing to accept a donor kidney? What if he said, "I don't need that. I am doing quite well on my own, thank you." The truth of the situation is that without medical intervention, my brother will die very shortly.

What happens to those who say, "I don't need Jesus' sacrifice for my sins. I am a good person. I think that God will weigh my good deeds against my bad deeds and take me to heaven?" The truth of the situation is that with Jesus' intervention, that person will experience eternal death, separated from God eternally. "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." (James 2:10)

Because of the advances in medical science in the past ten years, my brother has the opportunity to live many more productive years. Because of Jesus' sacrifice for you, you have the opportunity to live eternally. Will you accept him today?

 **The Shanti Corner**

Each week we have been updating you on the Share Bear program, which provides direct aid to low income people living with HIV/AIDS.

As you may know, 100% of donations made to Share Bears go directly to clients. Shanti is pleased to announce that The Plug will now be participating in Share Bears. We would like to thank the staff at The Plug and its patrons for making your first Share Bear night this past Saturday, February 1st, a successful one.

We are truly glad you have become a part of this wonderful program. Thank you to Willie, Dave, David and

Bill, Shanti volunteers who spent their Saturday night collecting donations. Thank you to IBT's, The Plug, Stonewall and Venture-N for having us and supporting Share Bears.

And of course, sincere thanks to the community and the patrons for your generous donations and on going support. If you would like to volunteer for Share Bears, please call the Shanti office for further information.

Shanti is located at 300 East Sixth Street, one block west of Fourth Avenue. Office hours: M-F 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Phone: 622-7107. Fax: 622-1554.

NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.
 by Frank E.G. Gallego

In 1992 in the U.S., heterosexual contact replaced injection drug use as the leading source of HIV infection for women. Male to female transmission is much more likely than female to male; in 1993 37% of women contracted HIV through heterosexual contact as opposed to 4% of men. Reasons for this are two-fold: there are more men than women in the U.S. infected with HIV, which increased the likelihood that women would have an infected sex partner; HIV is more easily transmitted from men to women due to greater exposed surface area in the female genital tract.

The annual number of women aged 20-29 with heterosexually acquired

AIDS has increased by 96.7% since 1988. The majority of these women were infected as adolescents or young adults.

Women can protect themselves from HIV infection if behavioral barriers to HIV protection as well as physical barriers are addressed. In general, women do not wear condoms. For women to protect themselves from HIV infection, they must not only rely on their own skills, attitudes and behavior regarding condom use, but also on their ability to convince sexual partners to use condoms.

HIV prevention strategies must
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target both men and women in heterosexual couples and address gender norms in sexual decision-making.

For additional information about HIV/AIDS prevention or to schedule a presentation for your group, please call Donna Harris at the American Red Cross, 318-6563.

I leave you with this in mind, "... if your life is going to be one long emergency, it's a good idea to have good friends." - Elizabeth Wurtzel

Secrets Continued from Page Eight

Ringy: Maybe on Friday then. QueerVoice: OK Friday. What time? He had been astonished with himself. He had agreed to meet this guy on Friday. He hadn't known of anyone to take with him either. "Who is going to go with me?" He thought.

Then he had looked around the room. Everyone had been talking to each other. A couple of guys near the window had danced around with cigarettes in their mouths and laughing. Two other guys had been huddled over a computer and were laughing and screaming at what they saw. He had heard them say, "Ooh, look at that! Get me some. I want some!" and, "Let me show you what to do with those Calvin Kleins!" He couldn't have asked any of those guys. They would of thought he was dumb or something.

Ringy: How about after school. I can be there around 3:30 P.M. QueerVoice: OK. 3:30 P.M. Ringy: What do you look like. How will I know it is you? He hadn't thought about that. He looked around at his stuff on the floor. He could

say that he had a purple back pack. No that was stupid. Maybe he could wear his leather coat. But, if was hot he would look stupid. He thought hard but couldn't think of what to say. How would he stand out? He needed to say the right thing. Finally he decided.

QueerVoice: I have a purple back pack. Ringy: Mine is green. I am about 5'7". Blond hair. We'll see you there. QueerVoice: OK. What if you don't show up? Ringy: I'll be there. What about you? QueerVoice: I'll be there. But I want to say one last thing. Ringy: OK then, I am waiting. QueerVoice: My name. It isn't really Dick. My name is... (To be continued next week)

Dr. Bob Continued from Page Ten

feelings come up that feel unfamiliar, call a supportive friend and touch base with reality through the kindness of their voice.

The benefits of feeling all your old, unprocessed feelings are many. It gives you a kind of emotional balance, a groundedness that is hard to shake. It makes you more courageous in facing life. It makes you more creative in dealing with the challenges of your life. It gives you more energy, since all the energy that was blocked in the repressions is now available for you to use. The most important thing in life is to be yourself fully. The fully feeling you is the real you. Trust yourself!

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker specializing in service to the Gay community. He welcomes feedback on his ideas. For more information about his services, please call 623-1732 or email: bob-by@azstarnet.com.]

New Catholic G/L Support Group

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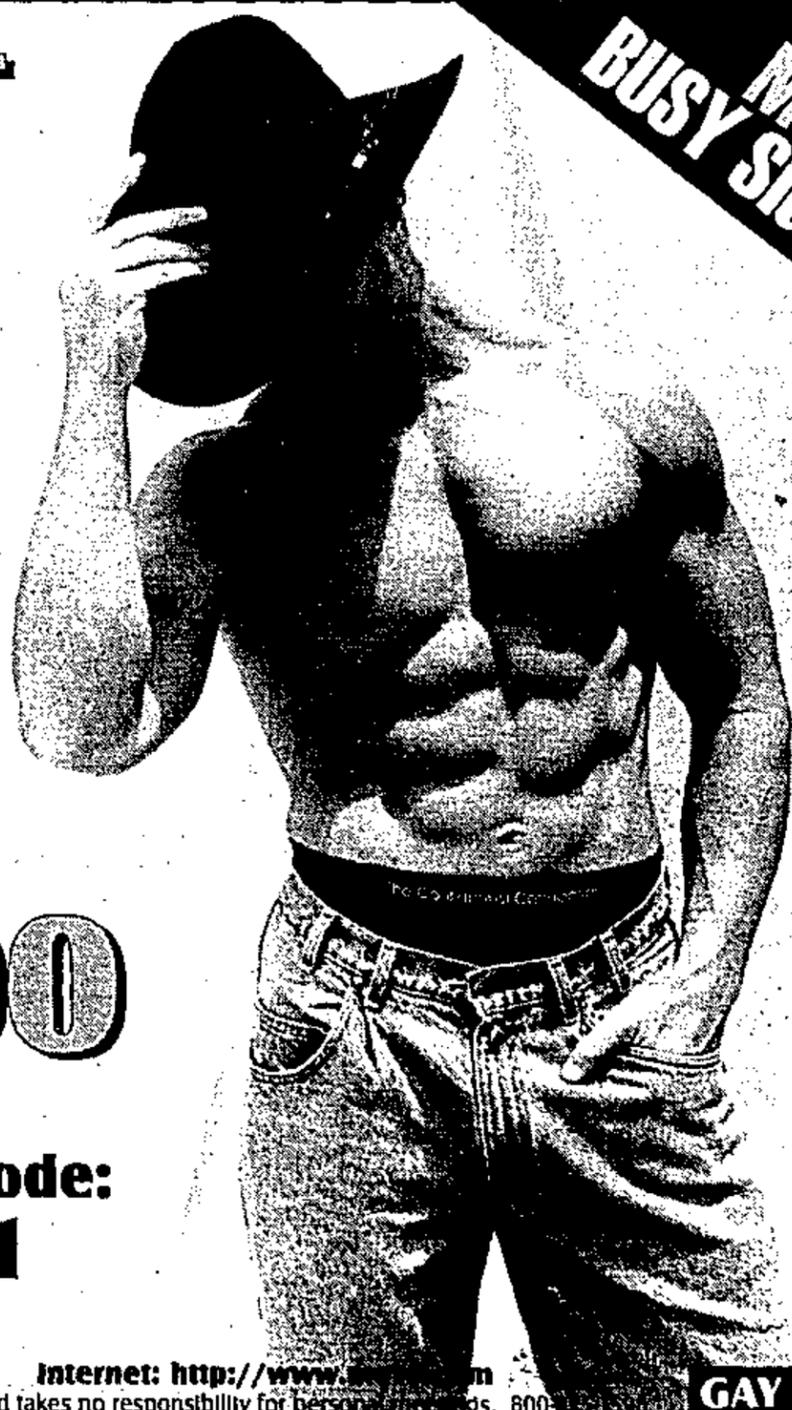
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Kenneth Blake's Birthday Show begins at 9:00 p.m. Starring Lucinda Holliday, Felice Renard and, of course, Mr. Kenneth Blake with special guest Bobbie Roberts. It will all take place on the Eagle side, so turn left as you enter the bar!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. plus the regular 2:00 p.m. pool tournament (pot matched)

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

IBT'S - Mark your calendars. Special appearance by male film star Dallas Taylor tonight! Beside his strip act, he will also host the wet shorts contest in which the winner will get \$75.00!

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

IBT'S - "Last Chance to Sin Party" 9:00 to closing. 2 for 1 well drinks and you pick the sin of your choice (Long Islands, bourbon & coke, etc.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

IBT'S - Special Valentine's Show to benefit the Shanti Food Pantry. Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Miss Gay Tucson, Felice Renard and featuring Sandy, Truly Fabu and Bobbi Roberts.

VENTURE-N - Aquarius Party tonight beginning at 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

HOURS - Special Valentine's Fundraiser and Show with Lucinda Holliday and Felice Renard 9:00 p.m. It's all for the Shanti Food Pantry.

IBT'S - Valentine's Party with special give-aways and dance all night.

PLUG - Sweethearts Dance. "Passionate Screws" \$2.25.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

PLUG - Rare Breed in the Alternator Room. Live salsa band. "They really cook!" Cover charge.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

HOURS - Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) Rodeo 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Entertainment, Casino Games, Now AGRA Jail, Adrienne's Fry Bread and Hamburgers. Plus a whole lot more. **IBT'S - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que** to benefit IBT's Softball Team from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

HOURS - Free and anonymous HIV testing from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

PLUG - Avitar will be performing in the Alternator Room. \$4.00 cover. A fabulous "Santana" style band not to be missed. Avitar was the opening act for Freddie Fender.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Mandarin Grill, 505 E. Grant Rd. (West end of Fry's shopping center, 1st and Grant). 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

One In Ten Theater Company presents "Remember My Name" by David Lemos at the Temple of Music & Art Cabaret Theater, 330 S. Scott Ave. At 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door or at Anigone Books Proceeds benefit the Shanti Foundation. To reserve tickets, call 293-5397. Leave message. Performances tonight, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7-8 and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 12-13-14. Curtain 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Wonder Boys, by Michael Chabon. Next month: Giovanni's Room. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Steve at 388-4849.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our video for the night is "All About Eve." This classic 1950 movie is about a seemingly innocent young woman actress and her relationship with an established actress. Bette Davis and Anne Baxter star. For reservations and directions, please call Jeffrey at 781-9674.

Arizona Girth and Mirth social at Country Club Bar & Grill in Phoenix 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. A Topic of Discussion about "The Essence of the Power of the Heart" is sponsored by the Triangle Tribe, an awareness group which meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1850 for reservations and directions.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out will be at Chad's at the corner of Swan & Ft. Lowell. They are well known for their steaks, but they offer many different items on their menu. Please call Bill by 2/8 at 615-0979 for details and directions.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The YWCA Lesbian Cancer Project and the UofA Women's Studies will present the illuminating film, "Cancer in Two Voices" at 7:30 p.m. at the UofA Center for English As A Second Language Bldg., Room 103, on North Campus Drive just east of Park.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris (C.W.) at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join MSN for a Game Night. Board games or card games. There are lots of games to choose from, but you're also encouraged to bring one of your favorites to teach and play with others. For reservations and directions, call Les at 890-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will hold its semi-annual "Great Closet Clean-Out Sale" in the Plug parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tucson Arts District "Downtown Saturday Night" 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet 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 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Chili Supper is hosted by Bill. He supplies the chili, you bring the appetite. From past experience we know he's a good cook, so call early to be sure you have a reservation. For details and directions, please call Bill at 296-7861.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Have Sunday Brunch with the MSN guys. Everyone brings a dish to share at this relaxed, casual meal. Please call Steve at 388-4849 to reserve your space and inquire what dish might be needed to round out the meal, and he'll even give you directions!

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Sunday is sweet and simple. Just bring your favorite pint or quart of ice cream to share with others. Toppings are provided. Be creative and have fun. For reservations and directions, please call Ray or David at 787-6648.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The **Pride Law Center** will operate tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Wingspan Community Center, 4322 N. 4th Ave.. The Law Center provides Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people a safe place to discuss their legal problems and receive free legal advice. The center provides legal advice, not representation. Should you require additional legal services, the Center will refer you to a Gay or Gay-friendly attorney. The Center is now on an appointment-only schedule and no longer serves walk-ins. Call the Pride Law Center's confidential voice mail at 832-8676 and leave a brief message, including your name, phone number and nature of your legal issue. Please state if you are calling solely for the Pride Center attorney referral service. A law student will return your call within 24 hours.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 521-4387.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Topic of Discussion about "Life at 50."

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 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit 8-8-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.
PLUG - Open Noon. 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-8.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. 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 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bar! Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8 to 1 am.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80's with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.50 Well all day and all night.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ENERGY Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music from 8:30 to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.
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)
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 8-close.
PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with "The Smed" 9pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Horz D'Ouvertes. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.
GRADUATE - Open 9am-8pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
PLUG - Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Hi-Energy Dance music at 9pm.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Horz d'Ouvertes 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

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



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Five	3-1-0	1759
Eleven	1-3-0	1838
Three's Company	1-3-0	1730
Four	1-3-0	1663
Two	0-4-0	1750
Smokin Bears	0-4-0	1665
Garfield & Girls	0-4-0	1637

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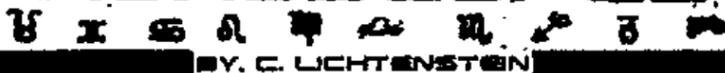
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Let's take a look at February this week. Do you have a heart on? This Valentine's month is bound to be exciting. Maybe it's because the Sun enters spiritual and romantic Pisces on February 19. Or maybe it's because aggressive Mars goes madly retrograde on February 6. The planets advise us to choose our Valentines wisely and then go for the gusto. Have your cocktails stirred and not shaken.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams may be strangely lacking in the self confidence department, but don't worry about being wallpaper this February. Expect fireworks as retro Mars finds ways to roil partners (so be well warned . . .) but the rest of the planets brings loads of jolly Gay friends to the rescue. If romance and harmony are not in the stars, maybe sob sisters with a few beers are.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Stand back, friends; the proud Bull is unleashed and in the China shop! With planets heating up global and professional outings, this is obviously not the time to stay at home and grind that snout on the treadmill. (Mars would stub your hoof anyway.) Keep a wide eye on the big picture cousin and don't sweat the small stuff. Take it to the streets. Heck, take it to the world.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gay Twins enjoy a festive party or three, but February brings more mishaps in the fun department than it's worth. Blame retro Mars if you must and settle for entertainment that's more relaxing. Console yourself with knowing that this month brings more spice than sugar. Sexual cuisine is best savored in some faraway cove, all expenses paid. Check your spice rack.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Home renovations should be put on hold until Mars gets back on track in March. Actions around the home have unintended impact; Knocking down a wall could bring down the roof. Fixing a leak could flood the basement. Pink Crabs are advised to renovate relationships instead. All is possible to a willing heart, dear queer friend. Open the spigot and see what happens.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions are not above belting out a roar when they feel neglected. In February however, your bellows come back to bite you. Why not mellow out and concentrate on spoiling your partner silly this Valentine's month? Happy surprises are in store for the generous Leo lover. If you're still searching for your dreamboat, cruise the party scene and see who washes ashore.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pink Virgins feel closeted and unsure this month, but don't hide. Consider this temporary lapse of confidence a learning experience and go forward. Discover the true meaning of the word Pride this February. It couldn't hurt to get yourself a personal trainer and hone that bod, but avoid spending more than you can afford. What price wholesale beauty?

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras have a way of bursting on the scene this February. Be careful not to knock over the scenery! This may not be the best month to meet new people, your first impression will be memorable to others and regrettably forgettable to you.

Still, it's possible to have a good time this month if you allow your creativity to run free in familiar surroundings.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Even the most generous of charitable efforts can have an unintended, overbearing effect this February. Your heart is in the right place but Mars is not. No matter dear, queer Scorp; if you turn your attention to home based projects you can't go wrong. How about a Valentine's tete a tete? If you can't get a couple of tetes together, try a bubble bath and a good book instead.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The transforming process continues in February as Gay Archers strive to reinvent themselves. If you have an itch to dye your hair lavender and don a pair of puce bloomers, you must scratch away! But you may be strutting the boulevards alone

as friends cross to the other side of the street. No matter cousin, you have to be you not matter how much the colors clash.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

All the clever calculating in your career could hit a roadblock in February as even the lightest political touch weighs like a sledgehammer. I suggest that Gay Caps spend more time counting their pennies and surrounding themselves with beautiful object d'art instead of sharks in pinstripes. Invest wisely now and retirement may be closer than you think.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians find that travel is more trouble than it's worth this February when great plans run amok and luggage goes astray. But it's still possible to have a robust birthday celebration and enjoy being the center of attention before the Sun moves into Pisces on February 19. Party hearty while you can cousin but don't overdo.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Passion plays aren't in the stars this Valentine's month. Your best laid sexual plans don't get lucky. Who cares? Pink Fish can expect rainbow karma to shine and good fortune to come their chaste way. Charitable actions lead to huge rewards so volunteer for a worthy Gay cause (is there any other?) and prepare for a festive birthday celebration at the end of the month.

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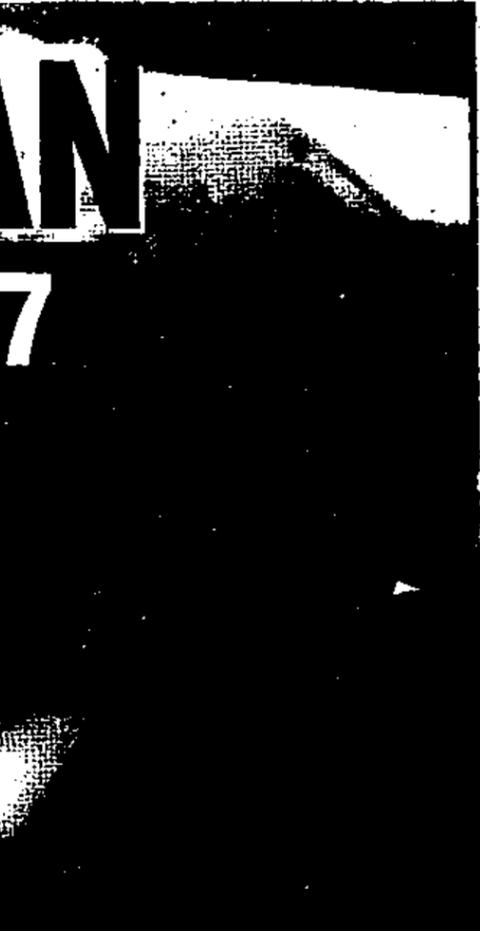
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SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, P.O. at 870-0027 for more.

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prey their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)733-8408, write 1810 E. Broadway #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85718, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

LAMBDA CAR CLUB. A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 288-8454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2840 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellis 541-8250 or Home 968-2348.

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

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 888-7284.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2802 N. Gerardo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)782-8135.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more information.

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

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

DESBY YOKES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 781-9882.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #325, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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

MENT'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social/political gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 890-9585 for information and a newsletter \$38

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9970 or Marie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Inreach 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 288-8083.

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BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 320-1310.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play, BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MESSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, singly, and with the art of storytelling (ouch). There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marie at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

DR. BOB FELDHAUS GESTALT GROUP FOR GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN. Learn to connect more powerfully with your own inner wisdom and with other men. Coming out issues, HIV issues, developing a healthy Gay identity, and more. A path of personal growth tailored especially for Gay and Bisexual men! For more information call Dr. Bob Feldhaus, 823-1732.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Plus X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pro Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Erin 672-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 825-3572.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8133 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 5 weeks. 894-7083.

TINAM, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV+ sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 298-8847.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 787-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-8478 or 670-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 781-7878.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (FACT ForLife), 801 W. Congress. Office hours M-W-F 8am to 5pm, Tu-Thu 7pm-7pm. Th. Noon - 8pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1710 for more information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 8th Street, 822-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

F.F.L.A.O. - 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 575-8880 or write P.O. Box 34294, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 786-7286.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

NOTICES

YOUNG AND GAY

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1778.

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 887-7483 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 E. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-8226. AIDS Hotline: 328-4228.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1784 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services. Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8877 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space, Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 824-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 288-8063 for information.

LACEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rainbow Journal available at Antelope Books, 411 E. 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. 824-1778.

L.S.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1318 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1208 for more info.

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-4856. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85642.

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THE JOHN HARTER MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Marys Perse and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or Jane Part at 326-8577.

PERSONALS

BE IT KNOWN that the name of Joe L. Kirk, formerly of Tucson, was on the 18th day of March, 1993, for all legal, personal and practical purposes changed to Coyote Benjamin Hundt, in Superior Court of Pima County, State of Washington. The name of Joe L. Kirk no longer exists in any form. Any matters pertaining to said person should be directed to P.O. Box 84041, Seattle, WA 98124. 855

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