

Gay Teen Hospitalized After Attack; Community Reacts To Brutal Assault

NOVATO, CA (WS) — Seventeen-year-old Adam Colton was savagely attacked outside his school on Friday in what authorities are pursuing as a possible anti-Gay hate crime. The attack was the second Colton has suffered since the start of the school year.

The openly Gay senior was badly bruised and cut on his face, chest, abdomen and back. On his forearm and abdomen, someone had carved the epithet "fag" into his flesh with a pen. "When I woke up in the hospital, the first thing I thought was that I'd had a diabetic emergency or was in a car accident," Colton said from home. "Yesterday as a whole was pretty cloudy for me."

The last thing Colton is able to recall is getting into his car for school. Police found his locked car in the school parking lot, "which makes it a strong possibility that I was beaten up on campus," he said. Authorities believe the trauma of the attack has blotted the teen's memory of events directly proceeding it.

Colton's parents said they are convinced it was a hate crime and are asking members of the community to come forward to help identify the attacker or attackers. "There must be a witness. This happened in the middle of the day," said Jerry Colton, Adam's father. "I just urge parents, the community and the student body at large to step forward. If we don't, and if we allow these types of situations to take place, it will only cause further injury."

School officials were reportedly not available for comment.

Colton has been the target of a series of anti-Gay incidents and physical attacks, and the object of almost nearly constant verbal harassment and ridicule. On September 15, he was set upon by three unidentified teens off-campus. He was not able to identify his assailants. The attack only contributed to a growing sense of unease. "I love going to school, but I was really starting to hate it," Colton said.

"Our son has had to reduce his class load at that school because it is difficult for him to walk down the hallway without some individual or some group of individuals saying something derogatory to him," Jerry Colton said. "It is certainly not a place where someone with even the most basic needs feels safe."

Colton is hoping he recovers some memory of the incident. In the meantime, school officials are looking into who was absent from class at the time he was beaten. "Now that this has happened, I'm not sure that I'll be going back to San Marin when school resumes," Colton said. "I don't feel comfortable on campus..."

The attack has promoted expres-

sions of anger and sadness among his classmates and adult residents in this northern California town.

That in a city less than a half-hour's drive from San Francisco and renown as something of a "hippie-haven," the attacks on the Gay student are profoundly upsetting. That such attacks are not new makes that realization especially hard, residents say.

The parents of four black students announced they were suing the Novato school district over a racial incident that occurred last February at a varsity basketball game at San Marin. White students watching the game applied face paint and wigs and chanted racial epithets, according to the complaint.

Bias-related attacks have become semi-annual occurrences in Marin County for the past several years. In addition to earlier attacks on Colton, Asians have been assaulted resulting in at least one felony hate crime conviction in the county, and students at San Marin High have been repeatedly disciplined for racially insensitive acts that have given the school an unfortunate reputation for racial intolerance.

Some students have attempted to redress this wrong by organizing outreach groups and programs, similar to the Gay-Straight Alliance announced by Colton. Diversity Core Group and Other People's Cultures are two of the groups formed to help familiarize students with racial issues.

More than 1,000 San Marin students and faculty staged a walk-out in a show of support for Colton and to show pride in tolerance, themselves and their school.

Rod Wood, Novato's city manager, said despite widespread community remorse, there remains a small group of socially maladjusted individuals who cling to their bigoted views. "Where this attitude comes from, particularly in San Marin, I don't know," Wood said. "The community itself is really hurt and outraged by the events. God help the kids who hurt Mr. Colton, because when we find them, they're going to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Rudy Tassano, the San Marin principal the Coltons criticized for not responding more forcefully against anti-Gay violence after an earlier attack on Colton, has been reassigned to a district office and will no longer lead the school.

Only the most motivated braved a driving rain the next day, to attend a community rally protesting the Gay-bashing and other bias-motivated incidents. The event was organized by the Gay and Lesbian group Spectrum, the area's chapter of

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AHRF Benefit Tuesday, March 16 Tucson Mayor George Miller To Be Honored

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — On Tuesday, March 16, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M., the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) will be holding an event at the Tucson Botanical Gardens.

An event? Not just such for Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group, but more:

Tucson's Mayor, George Miller, and his staff will be honored by AHRF, for forming the Mayor's Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues. The Task Force was instrumental in the updating of the language, increasing of the penalties and enforcement powers of Tucson's 21-year-old anti discrimination ordinance.

Improving the ordinance is not all the Task Force is doing. Meetings have taken place with the Superintendents of the school districts in Pima County and with the Education Subcommittee of the Task Force to make the schools more responsive to the needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youth. A survey of social agencies by the Social Services Subcommittee of the Task Force is ongoing, to see if these organizations are meeting the needs of the GLBT community.

A get-together of members of AHRF, prospective new members, and people concerned with GLBT issues in Arizona will also take place at the Botanical Gardens. Amelia Craig Cramer, a Tucson attorney and Board member of the group, said this event will mark the beginning of the 1999 campaign to expand the membership rosters. She added the group consists of more than 700 people across the state. Cramer went on to say that this is the

Religious Conservatives To Launch Campaign For 'Homosexual Content' Warning Label For TV

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) — A group of religious conservatives are launching a campaign to force network and cable stations to post advisories warning viewers of Gay or Lesbian content on television.

"Members of our organization have become increasingly disgusted with the amount of homosexuality in television programming," Christian Action Network (CAN) President Martin Mawyer said.

More than two dozen Gay characters are portrayed weekly on network TV shows alone, Martin said. At least half of those shows are on NBC, he said.

People For the American Way Foundation decried the proposal as tantamount to placing a "scarlet letter" on television shows in "an obvious attempt to stigmatize an entire group of Americans."

"It's an inhumane proposal that

first of many events to get AHRF qualified as a super-PAC (Political Action Committee).

If AHRF gets more than 500 people to sign up as PAC members, the organization qualifies for state matching funds. These funds can be given to candidates with views supportive of the GLBT community, and to defeat elected officials, such as state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, and state Representative Barbara Blewster, R-Flagstaff, for example. Currently, AHRF has 400 persons signed up as PAC members, which leads to the inevitable.

Fund raising, something no political event would be without. To join as a member of Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group, Cramer said a person just needs to write out a \$15 check to AHRF. An additional, separate check for \$10, made out to AHRF-PAC, Cramer added, would be needed if a person wants to join the PAC. She went on to say that the one requirement is the person's occupation must be listed, so the group qualifies for the PAC matching funding.

To RSVP for the event, call AHRF at: (602) 650-0900.

What can a person do if they just want more information or to join AHRF, but can't make the event? According to Cramer, people can still call AHRF or E-mail at AHRF@aol.com for more information. If they want to join AHRF and/or AHRF-PAC, she added, send two separate checks, (\$15 for the group, \$10 for the PAC) and listing their occupation to: AHRF, POB 25044, Phoenix, Arizona 85002-5044.

should be ignored," said Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, the industry group that administers the self-imposed movie ratings system.

In addition to shows like NBC's Friends, Mad About You and Veronica's Closet, Mawyer said he was shocked at a recent episode on Fox's "The '70s Show" that showed two teenage boys kissing and was offended by an upcoming HBO production called "The Sissy Duckling" which, according to an HBO release, is about a "fuzzy little yellow bird who learns he's Gay."

Mawyer also cited a short film called "Cowboy Jesus" shown on a public access cable channel in Arlington, Virginia. The movie depicted Jesus as a black Lesbian who has sex with Mary Magdalene,

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TLGA Calls For People To March In St. Patrick's Day Parade

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is gearing up for 1999, and what better way to get started than to march in the city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

TLGA is also calling Tucson's fabulous, Gay community to join us as we walk together with our fellow Tucsonans.

Gay Tucsonans are very fortunate that the city of Tucson doesn't make a fuss over who or what is in the parade like other cities do. TLGA would like to encourage Gay community to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to walk together as a community to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17. See you there!

Ending Homophobia In Tucson Schools

TUCSON — The Tucson Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) has been officially chartered.

It is the only official chapter of this national organization in Arizona. GLSEN strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of sexual orientation.

GLSEN-Tucson's three principal goals are: addressing anti Gay bias in schools, changing school policies and developing programs for use in the classroom. Currently GLSEN is working with Tucson Mayor, George Miller's Task Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Task Force, in the Education Subcommittee.

GLSEN is seeking members who share our philosophy. GLSEN meets on the first Thursday of each month, 4:30 P.M., at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street. For further information, call (520) 743-4800.

Arizona Bishop Calls For Inclusiveness

PHOENIX — Episcopal bishop Robert Reed Shahan, who heads the Episcopal Church in Arizona, issued a public statement over the weekend calling for the ordination of openly Gay clergy and for same-sex union ceremonies.

In the statement, also on videotape, titled "The Epistle," Shahan notes that the Episcopal diocese prohibits both. "I am not going to be disobedient," he said. "What I am going to do is call the people to a higher road. It's about what it means to be a church."

Priests showed the videotaped statement to parishioners this month, and the January-February issue of the diocese newsletter contained the full text of the statement and a letter from the bishop. Reaction has been most supportive, according to the diocese, parish priests and parishioners.

The Episcopal Church has more than 2.5 million members in the United States. Integrity, the organization of Gay and Lesbian Episcopalians, has about 3,000 members.

'Light Up The Sky' Extends Closing Date

TUCSON — Desert Players Theater announced that they have extended their run of the Moss Hart comedy, "Light Up The Sky."

Extra performance are scheduled for: Friday, February 26, 8:00 P.M. Saturday, February 27, 8:00 P.M. Sunday, February 28, 2:00 P.M., at the Tucson Center for Performing Arts, 408 S. Sixth Avenue.

For reservations, call (520) 733-0733.

Southern Arizona Community Foundation Receives Large Grant

NEW YORK, NY — The National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership (the Partnership) recently awarded two-year matching grants, totaling more than \$300,000 to the Community Foundations in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, located in Tucson.

The three cities join other 18 community foundations throughout the country as local partners in this national funding collaborative, receiving close to \$1.8 million in grants and has been matched by \$2 million at the local level.

"While the grants awarded will have significant impact, perhaps the more important result of the Partnership is the community-building that is taking place across the country," states Nancy Cunningham, Executive Director of the Partnership. "The impact is particularly evident in the smaller cities where coalition are forming and relationships are developing both within the Lesbian and Gay communities and between the Lesbian and Gay communities and the heterosexual community."

Established in 1993 as a collaborative funding initiative between national funders and local community foundations, the Partnership is designed to encourage foundations and corporate giving programs nationwide to support programs serving Lesbian and Gay men.

Southern Baptist Rift In Disney Boycott

ORLANDO, FL (WS) — The Southern Baptist boycott of Walt Disney Company has hit an embarrassing bump.

Baptist newspapers in North Carolina and Virginia have run ads for a youth event at Walt Disney World that could "provide the ultimate learning institute for your church group." The editors of the newspapers defended the ad, paid for by Passport Inc.

The Southern Baptist Convention voted in 1997 to boycott Disney because of its pro-Gay policies.

'Lesbian Looks' 7th Annual Film & Video Series

TUCSON — The Seventh Annual Lesbian Looks Film and Video concludes Saturday, February 27, with five short films about romantic relationships.

Laurie Schmidt's "Sleep, Come Free Me" (1998, USA), features a woman whose lurid sexual fantasies constantly impinge on her boring job. Best Short Film at the 1998 San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. "Twisted Sheets" (Chris Deacon, 1996, Canada) is a 90's take on the classic love triangle. When Sue dashes to the store in her nightgown, she doesn't count on running in to her ex-boyfriend and his appealing new girlfriend. "Chance to Seal Our Love," (Beate Kunath, 1997, Germany) is a love story from the former East Germany (in German, with English subtitles).

Also being screened: "The Tragedy of Samantha Biggle and the Twins" (Lauren Himmel, 1998, USA) and "Why I'll Never Trust You (Caasandra Nicolau, 1995, Canada).

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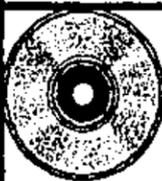
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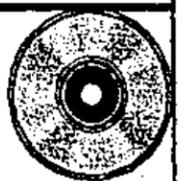


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By Ron Passarelli and Kirk Baxter

PHOENIX — On the front page of The Arizona Republic on Thursday, February 4, 1999, Arizona State Representative Karen Johnson of Mesa was quoted, saying: "Homosexuality is at the lower end of the behavioral spectrum... Sexually promiscuous sex threatens to undermine the very values and institutions, especially the family, upon which a stable and vital society is built." Arizona State Representative Barbara Blewster of Dewey compared homosexuality to "bestiality, human sacrifice and cannibalism".

The civil and human rights of Arizona citizens who happen to be Gay or Lesbian are under siege at the state legislature. The rights of citizens to personal liberty & personal privacy are at stake! Thomas Jefferson said "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." WE ARE CALLED TO BE VIGILANT NOW!!

Through a grant from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, made possible by the generosity of the Gill Foundation of Colorado, the Arizona Human Rights Fund, serving as fiscal agent, has joined with other Arizona organizations and community leaders to create an Arizona response to a nationwide call to action. This fifty state coordinated action is called EQUALITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Equality Begins At Home was launched by NGLTF at its annual Creating Change Conference in Pittsburgh in November 1998. It is intended to be an annual national grassroots organizing campaign to mobilize the Federation of Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgender organizations for political action state by state. The goals of the effort are: 1) To broaden the base of existing state organizations to include more of the community; and 2) To focus more directly on key state legislative initiatives.

Equality Begins At Home Arizona is focusing on a concentrated lobbying effort by members of AHRF and other participating groups and our supporters during the week of March 21-27, 1999. We are asking YOU to help that week by contacting your state representatives and senator to request that they respect your rights as a citizen. You can do this in several ways:

Before Monday, March 22, mail a letter to each of your two Representatives and to your State Senator. There is a suggested - sample - letter enclosed that hits the important points to make. We encourage you to put the letters in your own words, but always be respectful, especially when you know they disagree with you.

On Tuesday, March 23, at 6:00 P.M., attend a one hour Lobbying Workshop at the Community Center, 24 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85013. The Workshop will discuss the following day's activities and give volunteers a chance to meet each other and discuss logistics.

On Wednesday, March 24, at 11:00 A.M., attend the session of the House of Representatives as a group to show the entire house our strength and our determination to protect and defend our personal liberties and our rights as full and equal citizens.

On Thursday, March 25, call your legislators to reinforce the message expressed in the petitions, in the personal letters you've sent, and in the personal contacts we will have made on Wednesday. Please make these calls even if - especially

if - you were not able to lobby in person on Wednesday. Call 1-800-352-8404 to leave a message.

Our foes have always been able to muster their forces in support of anti-Gay legislation or policy initiatives. The most recent example was on Wednesday, February 3 in the House Committee on Government Reform during consideration of Karen Johnson's bill to outlaw personnel benefits for domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees in state county or municipal jobs. We had only three people present while she had ten times that number attending! We have to do better than that, if we expect to protect the human rights of Gay and Lesbian citizens. YOU CAN DO YOUR PART.

Participate in Equality Begins At Home during the week of March 21 - 27. If you have time to volunteer before then, we can use your help! Please call (602) 650-0900, write to Equality Begins At Home, 24 W. Camelback Road, Suite C, Phoenix, Arizona, 85013 or E-e mail us at AHRF@aol.com. We can make this a truly historic event, if each of us does our part. We can build on the momentum of this year's effort to construct an effective network to protect our rights now and in the future.

Thank you for doing your part.

[Kirk Baxter is a Alumni Board Member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Ron Passarelli is a Board Member of the Arizona Human Rights Fund.]

SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR LEGISLATORS

The Honorable _____, Member, Arizona State House of Representatives or The Honorable _____, Member, Arizona State Senate

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Dear Representative (or Senator)

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The excuse often used to defend these attempts at directing public policy or creating laws is that all homosexuals are promiscuous, destructive, and a threat to society by virtue of who they are and whom they love. The authority cited is always religious belief. But not all faith communities support these teachings. Many religious congregations welcome and affirm Gay and Lesbian members, as reported recently in news accounts about Methodist, Church of Christ, and Reform Jewish Congregations. The Constitutions of the U.S. and Arizona protect all citizens' personal religious beliefs. They also protect believers of differing faiths, and non-believers, from the imposition of religious beliefs on them through civil law. To do otherwise is just plain Un-American. [Please add helpful information regarding your personal religious affiliation and/or your committed relationship, if appropriate.]

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Jenny Jones Lawyer Blasts Family Of Murder Victim

DEARBORN, MI (WS) — Lawyers for the "Jenny Jones Show" are reportedly mounting a highly aggressive defense strategy aimed at derailing the \$50 million lawsuit brought against the show's producers by the family of Scott Amedure.

Amedure was murdered less than a week after appearing on the "Jenny Jones Show" and divulging his attraction to Jonathan Schmitz before a live studio audience. The episode on "Secret Crushes" was never broadcast.

Warner Bros., the company being sued by Amedure's family, will attempt to prove that the blame for Amedure's murder is Schmitz's alone. Lawyers are also wasting no time in attacking the motives of Amedure's family.

"The civil trial is about a family trying to make money off the tragic murder of their son," said Jim Paratore, president of Telepictures Productions, the Warner Bros. unit that produces "The Jenny Jones Show." "These are people [who] want to sue a big company that they think has deep pockets."

Warner Bros. filed a surprise motion asking that the court admit into evidence a statement attributed to Scott Amedure shortly before he was killed. Amedure is said to have told his mother that he had had sex with Schmitz after the taping of the "Jenny Jones Show." Lawyers want the opportunity to convince a jury that Schmitz killed Amedure because of guilt over a sexual encounter, not embarrassment by what was said on the daytime talk show.

Schmitz was convicted of second-degree murder in the fatal shotgun shooting of Amedure in March 1995, but his conviction was overturned on a technicality. Pre-trial motions are set to get underway on March 2 - his criminal retrial should be underway a few weeks after that. Schmitz's lawyers are hopeful they can reduce his conviction to manslaughter.

Schmitz's retrial will likely overlap with the civil trial, filed originally by Amedure's family in August 1995 against Telepictures Productions and Warner Bros. Television Distribution, syndicator of "The Jenny Jones Show." The family accuses the entertainment giant of setting the stage for Scott's murder.

Charges Against Amnesiac Are Dropped

MONTREAL, Canada (NP) — Canadian authorities have decided not to prosecute the Gay man who turned up without a memory in Montreal; though back home now, he still remembers little.

There's good news and bad news for Gay Matthew Honeycutt, the Tennessee who says he woke up naked in a parking lot in Montreal in mid-October with no idea of how he got there or of who he was — except that he is Gay. The good news is that charges against him in Canada have been dropped; the bad news is that even now that he's back in Tennessee with his family, very little of his memory has come back to him.

Honeycutt spent his first weeks in Canada undergoing extensive testing at Montreal General Hospital that led to an unusual diagnosis of dissociative amnesia, probably brought on by a trauma. Volunteers from Montreal's Gay Hotline assisted him after that. It was only when his story

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was broadcast on "Hard Copy" on January 5 that his family and friends identified him. His family said he had a long history of schizophrenia including hospitalizations.

The identification resulted in his immediate arrest for malicious mischief and obstruction of justice, because he'd apparently entered Canada using a driver's license with his brother's name and Montreal police did not believe his amnesia story. A hearing had been scheduled, but those charges were dropped. Prosecutors cited humanitarian grounds, but Honeycutt's attorney had predicted the outcome in the belief that the Crown had no case, and he's even contemplating a complaint or lawsuit against the police.

Since Honeycutt returned to Tennessee in late January, he's been visiting with relatives and exploring LaFollette in hopes that someone or something will help to recover his memories. Sadly, according to his brother, so far he remembers only his dog, a couple of cousins, and a few small things. He's living with his mother and resuming therapy.

Huge Upsurge In Companies Providing G/L Benefits

DENVER, CO — The human rights organization Common Ground has issued a report asserting the number of government agencies and private businesses offering domestic partnership benefits has increased dramatically in the United States over the last several years.

"There's been a 100 percent increase in the number of organizations with such partner benefits each year since 1996," Common Ground's Liz Winfield said. She added her firm has documented more than 2,000 businesses nationally that grant health and other benefits to the spouses of Gay, Lesbian and unmarried straight employees. Many tracking agencies put that figure far higher.

Virtually all of the 12,000 active vendors that do business with the city and county government of San Francisco comply with an ordinance mandating partner benefits for employees in nontraditional

relationships. Fewer than 12 have stopped doing business with the city on ideological grounds since that law took effect June 1, 1997, said Cynthia Goldstein, San Francisco's contract compliance officer.

"Most companies felt this was a fairly easy thing to do and doesn't increase their benefits cost in any significant way," Goldstein said. "Benefits are not just to Gay and Lesbian employees but also to people in opposite sex relationships who are not married and who make up the bulk of beneficiaries."

Kim Mills, education director of the Human Rights Campaign, said the upswing was "market driven," largely the result of a highly competitive labor market and robust economy. "There's low unemployment so corporations are finding they've got to offer a strong package of benefits to attract and retain good employees," she said.

Mills said employers are recognizing that Gay and Lesbian workers have been "unfairly deprived of benefits worth thousands of dollars annually" because of their inability to marry. "However they feel about homosexuality generally," she said, "most people believe in fair treatment of Gay people in the workplace."

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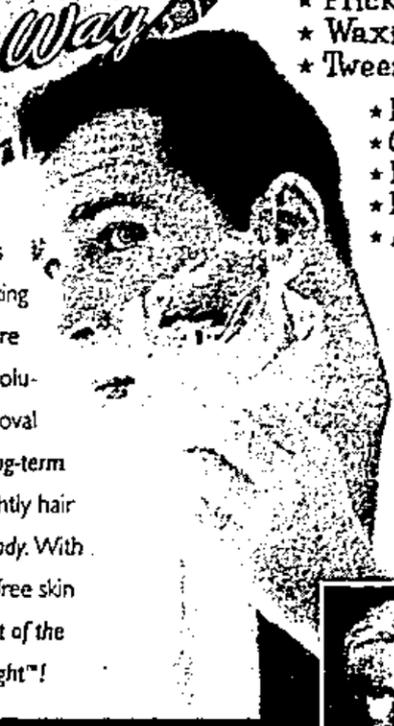
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EDITOR:

A long overdue "thank you" to our many members of our community and the many people outside community for their continued support.

Scott Blades
Executive Director
Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS
Network

TO THE COMMUNITY:

Sunday, February 14, (Girls Just Wanna Have Fun II) was truly a dream come true for me.

I have so many wonderful people to thank for its success. David Zinke and the staff at Stonewall/Eagle really out did themselves again. Not only did they stay late the night before, getting everything ready, they let us turn their bar into a nut house for 12 hours. There were countless volunteers far to many to mention here (Mr. Ellis said I had to keep this under 10,000 words). The teens that helped with set up and ran the BBQ, the adults that helped with security and the many volunteers at Queer Voice and Wingspan. Without you, this would have never happened, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The teen show was fabulous, it was a great afternoon of fun and entertainment. Jane, you never cease to amaze me, I am so fortunate to have you for a friend. You got the teens together and organized, even had them to your place for practice. You should be very proud of yourself girl, you went way above the call of drag to make this happen. Thank you so very much, I could not have done it without you. To the other performers in the day show, Kings and Queens, I love each and everyone of you. If I never got to do another thing in drag, seeing you all come out on stage, loud and proud like you did, would last me a lifetime. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Then there was the night show, and wow what a show it was. Christina, you were too sick to even be walking, yet you showed up and helped emcee the show. I will always love you. Alotta, if you were any more fun, they would make you illegal. Miss Jody, you drove down from Phoenix and wowed the crowd just because I said I needed you. You are my definition of a Diva. Bunny Fu-Fu, the energy you give to the crowd is truly awe inspiring and a real pleasure to watch. Adrian, what can I say dear you and DJ'd both shows, stopping long enough to get on stage and do a double, you are amazing. Victoria, I didn't know you were coming, but I and everyone else were very glad you did. You sure do make that crown look good. Alyssa, you did a lot better than you think you did, I had a least a dozen boys ask if I could get your number for them. (kick)

Regina, you bring such joy to the stage with you. It will be a great loss to us all when you move. Faith, you really are an angel. Every time I have need you, you were there and I am blessed to call you sister. Cappy, thanks for the improv, you were great.

Well, I think that it is everybody, except for the most important thank you. The thank you to the people that came and let us entertain you. Without you none of this would have been possible.

Sincerely,
Daniel Ferguson
a.k.a. Dani Bordello

DEAR OBSERVER & COMMUNITY:

It is with much gratitude that I submit this report to the community at large. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS

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To David Z. and staff at Stonewall/Eagle, for allowing the Rodeo Romance event, February 13. Thanks as well to the live vocals of Billy Dee, Vangie and the beautiful performers, emcee Victoria DuPuis, Tammy Caprice, Victoria London, Ms. & Miss AGRA Phoenix.

To the many fine dancers and those that attended our evening of country music & dance. And, of course, the volunteers for their tireless efforts: Henry W., Ray R., Bill C., Scott W., Purtel, Wes C., and Bobbie P.

Again, to David Z and staff for allowing us to take over the Stonewall for country music and dancing after our meeting, February 20. Hopefully, we may continue this trend every third Saturday of each month after our AGRA member meetings.

And finally, to Adrian, our DJ, for manning the sound system and playing our country music (although not a country music love himself), he was gracious, never complained about anyone or what he had to do. With all due respect and thank you, Adrian!

What's happening? In the works for a possible rodeo in November '99.

An early reminder, next AGRA member meeting will be held at the Stonewall/Eagle, Saturday, March 20. Please plan to attend. Share your ideas or any input to better our rodeo. Come early, the Eagle snack bar serves delicious sandwiches. Put on your western wear and stay for country music and dance.

Not to forget, Lee at Hours and the management and staff at the Biz, the Venture-N and the Graduate for allowing us to display flyers and posters at their clubs, and of course, The Observer, for their patience and support!

We have elected a P.R., so hopefully, acknowledgments will be made public in a timely manner. Many thanks to one and all!

Gil Leon
AGRA-Tucson Chapter

DEAR OBSERVER AND COMMUNITY:

I would like to convey our thanks to Mamma Reyna for designating TIHAN as the beneficiary of her special birthday show at the Stonewall/Eagle.

With gratitude, we accept the \$144.50 raised at the show, and want to send our thanks to all the performers and support staff: Marci Phillips, Jacqueline de Savoy, Lady Chablis, Crystal Abrams, Jade, Allota Whoremoans, Victor Paoline, and, of course, Mamma Reyna!

Thank you to the Stonewall staff, and to all who attended to celebrate the birthday. Happy birthday, Mamma Reyna, and thank you for your generosity!

With love and appreciation,

State Representative Linda Gray, R-Glendale, is reviving HB 2051, a proposal that would ban Gay and Lesbian support clubs from public school campuses. According to sources, Gray will be gutting the language, and inserting a proposal to lower the legal alcohol limit from .10 to .08. Gray has been telling her fellow legislators not to worry, when they again see this bill.

Worry? This is the Arizona Legislature! Some examples of why to be.

In the last fiscal year, the state government provided funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for the first time in the history of the AIDS epidemic. ADAP provides medications and services to people living with HIV/AIDS. Will there be a "check in the mail" this time for ADAP for the upcoming fiscal year, and if so, how much?

Governor Jane Hull proposed \$1.7 million in her budget be earmarked for ADAP. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) proposed only \$1 million for ADAP. JLBC's reasoning is that the state can reduce its funding of the program due to Arizona getting more funding from the federal Ryan White Care Act.

The state House Appropriations Committee had approved the JLBC proposal and sent it to their Senate counterparts for consideration. Meeting last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee had requested more information from the state Department of Health Services (DHS), on the need for the \$1.7 million request for ADAP.

Despite the DHS information and a projected, quarter-billion dollar state surplus, state Senator Herb Guenther, D-Yuma, said the Senate Appropriations Committee will approve the JLBC proposal,

POLITICS 1999

by Mark R. Kerr

'Sine Die'

but with an amendment "for adjustments" in the funding, for the state program. One AIDS activist commented that the Legislature was creating a potential for another shortfall as the state went through in 1997 and 1998 when ADAP ran out of funds.

Another cause for alarm is HB 2524, sponsored by state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa. Johnson's bill would ban the extension of health and accident coverage to the employee's domestic partner benefits by the State, a community college district, or a university. Counties, cities, towns or any other political subdivisions in Arizona, under HB 2524, would be prohibited from offering health and accident coverage for domestic partners of its employees, unless approved by a vote of the people in that domain. "Domestic Partners," would be defined as "any non-married, cohabitating persons except parents and their children."

HB 2524 had been approved by the House Government Reform Committee and received the "Constitutional and Proper" okay from the House Rules Committee. HB 2524 went before the House Committee of the Whole (COW). Johnson's bill was assigned for consideration Monday, February 15, but was pulled state House Speaker, Jeff Grascost, R-Mesa, according to sources, for not having the votes for passage.

On Monday, February 22, HB 2524 was put on the COW calendar again by the Speaker, but the bill was never taken up by the committee. So when will HB 2524 be heard by House COW? A week? A month? It is expected that HB 2524 will

be considered this week by House COW, and is expected to be defeated.

Even if HB 2524 is voted down in the legislature, Johnson's proposal to ban the extension of medical benefits to the domestic partners of government employees in Arizona, could still become law.

Legislators can use the state budget, going through the JLBC to carry out their proposals, in a directive, through budgetary footnotes. These footnotes can direct how state moneys are spent.

Can this parliamentary procedure be stopped? Only in the Legislature. If the Legislature approves the budget, with such a directive in the footnotes, Governor Jane Hull can't use her line-item veto on such a directive, since it doesn't involve an actual state appropriation of moneys.

There is a glimmer of hope. The problem of the directive being germane to the portion of the budget it is attached would arise, according to Francie Noyes, Governor Hull's press secretary. She added that the matter would go to the state Attorneys General office for review.

Being in an auto accident could wreck your life, if HB 2496 passes. This bill would force mandatory HIV testing or the release of HIV medical information of an accident victim to a "third party," primarily a public safety employee, in which a "significant exposure" of blood took place. HB 2496's primary proponents are the state's fire fighter unions. Questions have arisen over the vagueness in the legislation

dealing with what happens to the records after the "third party" has obtained them. According to Capitol sources, the fire fighter's unions and HIV/AIDS groups have met once to try resolve this, but to no avail.

Even though all sides on the issue have called the legislation "badly written," HB 2496 went to the state House Federal Mandates and State Rights Committee for consideration, and was approved by a 5-0-1 vote. Representatives Blewster, Brimhall, Griffin, Cardanone and Jarrett voted yes. Representative Brotherton was absent. This bill now goes to the House Rules Committee for consideration, and hasn't been scheduled for a hearing as of press time.

Will health and accident benefits be extended to the domestic partners of state employees? Not this year. State Representative Christine Weason, D-Phoenix, had introduced a measure, HB 2644, to extend health and accident coverage for the domestic partners of state employees, its departments and agencies.

HB 2644 was assigned to the House Government Reform Committee, and the House Human Services Committee. No hearings were ever scheduled by either committee on the bill, and with the deadline to hear bills within their respective chamber passing, February 19, Weason's bill is basically dead for this session.

So HB 2051 is dead? HB 2524 is on the way to defeat? Is HB 2644 buried? Not quite. The only way we are all home free is when those magic words are uttered in both chambers of the Arizona Legislature, "Sine Die." "Sine Die" is Latin for "that's all folks," marking the end of the state legislative session.

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Home On The Range WITH AGRA / TUCSON
 By Darrin Land

Well here we are again I would like to thank the AGRA Tucson membership for putting me back in the saddle for the 1999-2000 season as Public Relations Director. Over the course of the upcoming year, we will try to put the spunk back in the cowboys and cowgirls. A wake up call, so to speak.

There will be no Rodeo in March as most of you may know, but the board and the membership are getting ready for the 2000 season that starts in November with Texas. We are asking those interested in the poster contest to start those rough drafts and stay tuned for details.

Wow this weekend's meetings were more than a mouth full as the AGRA State Board met before the Tucson Board and then it was all about the Tucson Membership meeting. Tucson Membership meetings are now held on the third Saturday of each month at the Stonewall, at 5:00 P.M. The board meets before the membership, so if you need anything brought up at the Membership meeting, see a board member to put it on the agenda. The next meeting will be March 20, 5:00 P.M., at the Stonewall, and will be followed by a night of country dancing and socializing.

It was nice to see those sexy cowboys and cowgirls from Phoenix at the meeting, sharing info and having fun in the Old Pueblo. Anyone visiting Phoenix for PRIDE, April 17, should join AGRA Phoenix and Tucson in the parade (there's gonna be a float) with streamers and screamers. Contact AGRA to help Arizona Central Pride with selling beer scripts and get into the Festival free.

tions to the Tucson chapter for the Rodeo Romance Valentine's Dance. It raised a chunk of money and was a great success. If anyone has any ideas for fund raising, contact the AGRA office or grab a board member and pass it on.

Other business this past weekend included adding boarding members to the list of dedicated members. The board is as follows: President - Scott W., Vice-President - Bill D., Secretary - Wes C., Treasurer - TBA, Fund Raising - Gil L., Public Relations - Darrin L., Mobility & Logistics, Ray R., Chapter Representative - Jeri W. We have a Dance & Entertainment position open for anyone willing to dedicate time and energy, should contact AGRA-Tucson for details.

A special thank you to the Stonewall staff and management for helping us have each such a blast Saturday night, and to all who came over just to dance a little with us. Those of us involved with AGRA are constantly looking for new ideas and new ways of outreach and fund raising to better serve the Tucson community.

Although sometimes labeled as a clique, we listen and respect what the community has to say and we are open to hear from you to find out what we can do different or better. We invite you to pick up the phone or just drop us a memo with your suggestions and remember, we can't do this alone, we need your help.

Until next time. Starch the pants, wipe off the boots and hold on to your hats cause this Rodeo's a hoot!

It's time for the annual slot frenzy you know as the Vegas Rodeo, March 5-7. We're going to play and pay, so if you want to join us, contact the AGRA-Tucson office, (520) 323-0805, for details. Congratula-



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COCHISE	105,671	60	64	70	39	51	52	53	4
COCONINO	108,381	47	48	55	31	35	34	37	3
GILA	42,845	11	11	13	7	5	5	6	1
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PIMA	751,311	1187	1250	1305	798	849	889	928	69
PINAL	128,820	78	82	87	53	49	49	50	8
SANTA CRUZ	33,340	16	16	17	8	1	2	2	0
YAVAPAI	123,894	64	64	65	37	47	48	54	4
YUMA	120,827	64	66	69	35	57	58	61	9
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Desert Vision by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Morning Beyond The Crainess

Last week, I shared with you a little bit about my friend Scott. You may recall that he's dating a man he believes may be an alcoholic. After telling me about what was happening in the relationship, Scott, exasperated by it all, asked, "Is everyone I date crazy?"

In response to Scott's question, I reflected that that Gay men and Lesbians as a group have higher levels of addictions and are more often survivors of childhood abuse and trauma than the general population. These statistical realities often mean that many Gay men and Lesbians have a limited capacity for intimacy. Many of us have learned to numb the pain of life through addictions or simply cut off the pain and, as a result, our other emotions. As tempting as it may be to conclude that yes, everyone really is crazy, I would suggest that's jumping to the wrong conclusion.

It's my belief that in the context of all these hurts and traumas in life, Gay men and Lesbians, as a group, are creative survivors. In the face of what many of us have experienced, we find the inner strength and courage to come-out, affirm who we are, and celebrate our lives with pride.

In that context, I'd like to consider what the reality of the rate of addictions, childhood abuse, homophobia, and violence mean for dating and building health relationships among Gay men and Lesbians.

While it is true that many of us have been hurt badly in life and cope with the pain in ways that may seem effective for a time, coping with life's pain by compulsively using alcohol, drugs, food or sex, are not helpful to us in the long run. These solutions leave us worse off and only give us more pain to sort through. In terms of relationships, addicted individual's already have established a primary, long term relationship in their lives: the addictive substance. That means that the alcoholic, for example, already has a primary live partner: alcohol. The alcoholic will do whatever it takes to be spend time drinking. Other relationships take second or third place.

Those of us addicted and those of us attempting to date people who are addicted to alcohol, drugs, food, sex, or gambling need to face this reality. The only way a healthy relationship can occur is when the cycle of addiction is broken and both the addict and the loved one are actively working to build a healthy relation-

ship.

Actively working to build a healthy relationship? What does that mean? It doesn't mean that any of us are perfect, whole, integrated people. Because of the hurt's and trauma's most of us experience in life, we all walk with a limp of one kind or another. Over time, we may learn to get further and further past these limitations. But we're all limited. That's simply part of what it means to be human. Building a healthy relationship requires that we face and accept both our own limitations and the limitations of our partners. In healthy relationships, couples find ways to negotiate solutions to those limitations so that each person can be who they are while also finding the support and love we expect from our relationships.

Communication about those limitations is often necessary. But communication is a funny thing. It's easier to get it wrong than right. My experience is that couples either don't talk enough and misunderstand what's going on with each other. Or they talk too much and zap the relationship of any enjoyment that's there. It's a trick to find a balance between talking things through and enjoying life together. Often, working with a counselor is helpful in this regard.

Balance is one of the keys of relationships. There needs to be balance in the amount of time being together and the amount of time being separate; between talking of serious things and laughing and enjoying each other; between sharing intimately and enjoying unique interests.

Finding that balance in a relationship while also finding what we're really looking for in a relationship will be our discussion for next time. Then I will begin to respond to some of the interesting comments I've received from readers on the topic of relationships.

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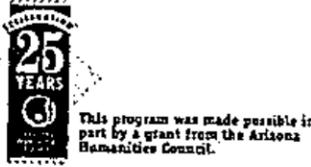
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In our growing and colorful communities, we have provided leadership in breaking silences about orientation, gender identity, safe sex, sex (in all forms and practices) civil and human rights. We can talk about being a hated, marginalized, silenced, and hidden minority with sophistication and passion. I believe it is time to talk about the realities and barriers in regards to money: philanthropic and financial support that provides a solid foundation to grow our community visions, preserve our history and culture, expand our social change efforts, and provide relevant and sensitive services.

In Tucson, we have the Northwest Neighborhood Center (for African-Americans), El Rio Neighbor Center (serving the Hispanic populations), the Pan-Asian Community Center, the Jewish Community Center, and our own Wingspan Community Center. Our community center has survived because of generous donors and generous, committed volunteer time and energy. The truth is that our potential is stunted for lack of money. There is no paid, experienced staff at Wingspan. The inner structure or organizational core is unstable. All the effort that is being put into providing us with a great and useful community center is matched with frustration. Simply put, we lack the financial resources to increase our capacity to serve our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-

IN FLIGHT

By Lavina E. Tomer

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Another Taboo Subject Out Of The Closet: Money!

gender (LGBT) communities. How are other centers thriving? They access local, state and federal funding, foundations nationwide, corporate funding, foundations and funds formed for their specific communities, as well as small and large donations from individuals.

Are you aware that currently less than 0.3% of all philanthropic dollars are awarded annually to LGBT issues? Government funding is negligible and City and County funds are shrinking for all causes. Corporate donations for LGBT issues are infrequent in Tucson. In our community, a significant barrier to accessing individual donations is the unique fact that a huge percentage of us are invisible. Statistics tell us that LGBT people make up about five to 10% of the population. In greater Tucson, we can estimate that there are 35,000 to 70,000 of us living here. I estimate that 12,000 to 15,000 of us are visible, if that.

Our local foundations are providing us with the best news. The Amazon

Foundation, the Southern Arizona Women's Fund and now the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona are acting as strong allies for us in the philanthropic and foundation arena. In fact, the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona just received a matching grant of \$100,000 from the National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership. The grant was one of three given nationwide and will provide funding for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender issues over the next two years. A local foundation has pledged to match \$50,000 of \$100,000 match, and two prominent community members have committed to assisting the Community Foundation raise the additional \$50,000 needed for the grant. During the next two years, a total of \$200,000 will be available for grant making and building an endowment for LGBT issues. A community advisory committee will be formed to determine grant guidelines and to oversee the distribution of funds. Yes, more money will be circulating in our community in the near future. We have a guaranteed \$50,000 a year that

will be available for two years. What an outstanding opportunity we have to take our place in the Tucson community.

The fact remains, however, that is also up to us to generate more financial giving. The Community Foundation Endowment Fund for LGBT is now open to our donations. We can have \$500,000 circulating each year to support (Why not provide 100% of more than one organization's budget?) and finance the outstanding efforts of people volunteering to provide us with: a Community Center, an annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival, Choirs, Domestic Violence Services and Education, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, The Mayor's Task Force on LGBT Issues, Churches, Youth Leadership and Support, A Radio Show, Lesbian Health and Cancer Project, HIV/AIDS Services, Lesbian and Gay Pride Week, Film Festivals, Library Resources, Publications, a Rodeo and more. We are a dynamic and proactive community. It is imperative that we think more about directing money into the vitality of our community. Financial support, in all amounts, would reflect back how important we believe our culture, needs, and efforts to promote justice and equality for all truly are.

Here are some strategic ideas:

Make copies of this article and give it to people who are less visible or less connected to LGBT activities and encourage them to donate.

Send a generous donation (in any amount) to the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona for their endowment fund for LGBT issues; 6601 East Grant Road, Suite 111, Tucson, AZ 85715. If anonymity is important to you, make that clear. Donating money does not mean you have to come out.

Send a generous donation (in any amount) to Wingspan Community Center for their paid staff fund; 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705. If anonymity is important to you, make that clear.

Consider a monthly pledge of \$5 to \$100 to either fund. (Arrange for an automatic deposit).

For any money you contribute to causes that are not LGBT related, consider donating 10% of that amount to the LGBT community.

If you are a member of an organized social or business group, encourage philanthropic giving to the LGBT community as one mission of your coming together.

Be proactive if you work for a corporation. Encourage them to give some of their dollars to LGBT causes via the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.

Place this article in your upcoming newsletters to spread the word.

We are making a difference. Potentially, we can be more and do more on our own behalf. Money is a key factor to our success. Talk about it amongst yourselves!

[Lavina E. Tomer is the Chair of the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project]



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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun changes signs from cold, clear Aqueerius to dreamy, creamy Pisces this week. Wild and woolly dreams move to the top of the priority list. Wishes take precedence over realities. This is not necessarily a bad thing, compadres. Sometimes when you wish upon a star, yada yada yada.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams should participate in community Outreach when the generous Sun enters mystical Pisces. Even meager efforts produce ample results and who can't use ample results?? This is an especially prescient time for you as well; divine something or someone divine, you divining thing. Don't be surprised if a closely held secret is set loose. You can run but you can't hide!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Something wild is percolating in your social circles. Proud Bulls can harness the group think and turn it into something fabulous and fun when jolly Sun steps into creative Pisces. Be careful of falling back into the herd; experiment with a little rugged individualism and leadership now. I see you as the leader of the pride march. Storm the barricades, or the nearest bar!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Queer Twins can impress those in authority when the optimistic Sun enters flattering Pisces. You have the natural gift of charm and gab. Now use this ability to grease the way to professional success and navigate the shark filled waters. You become a more astute corporate player and a force for change. How about instituting partnership benefits, comrade?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Steamy Gay Crabs are advised to get Out of their shell when the energetic Sun tangos in flighty Pisces. This is a superb time to plan a fabulous vacation or quick getaway. The past few months have been stressful and intense. Now do anything you can do to recharge your batteries even if it means locking yourself away with an exotic array of delicacies. No names please!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The hot Sun in romantic Pisces encourages all Gay Lions to let loose sexually. You exude charisma and vitality during this transit. Show your true pride colors, cousin and demonstrate to the world why regal Leos deserve the very best out of life. But remember to wear a bathing cap when you dive head first into that boiling hot tub. Swimsuits, as usual, are optional.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Proud Virgins turn their attention to part-

nerships when the zesty Sun enters dreamy Pisces. Turn on the bubble machine and expose your spouse to your considerable charms. Or maybe you should simply expose yourself and see where things go. For those Virgos still on the loose, use this time to lasso someone special. If they are truly special, hogtie them instead.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Slothful Gay Libras may be content to let the lethargic Piscean energy waft through their day to day job. Projects are put off and agendas shelved. But don't be lulled into complacency, cousin; The easy way is tempting but consider the backlog that you'll inevitably face when the Sun moves on next month. You'll be left with a teaspoon to dig out of a mountain of muck.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Party! The jolly Sun in delusional Pisces can set rambunctious queer Scorps off on a wild rampage. Have fun but park your butt where others can monitor it now. The woolly and undisciplined piscean energy is unable to set personal limits on addictive outlets such as alcohol. Sex however, is another thing; You can never have too much, you wobbly thing you.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers can lean back and enjoy their home surroundings and even their immediate family when the glorious Sun travels through happy Pisces. Disagreements can be patched up and you can forge alliances where none were possible before. Invite a few kindred souls over for a great Gay night of fun and mirth. A couple of beers and some cold cuts couldn't hurt either.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

When Gay Goats talk, peop.: listen. At least that's true when the majestic Sun parks in spiritual Pisces. You really sound like you know your stuff. Use this fortuitous time to express your opinions and carry the rainbow banner a giant step forward. We need a balanced and astute spokesperson and you have been elected. I hear that you are unimpeachable.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Wise Aqueerians will keep their eye on the bottom line when the feisty Sun enters impractical Pisces. You're tempted to spend your hard earned dough on dreamy, romantic, impractical things. This may not be a bad thing if you are fiscally stable. However, I suggest that you rein in your overhead lest you squander your bucks on some worthless buckaroo.

PISCES

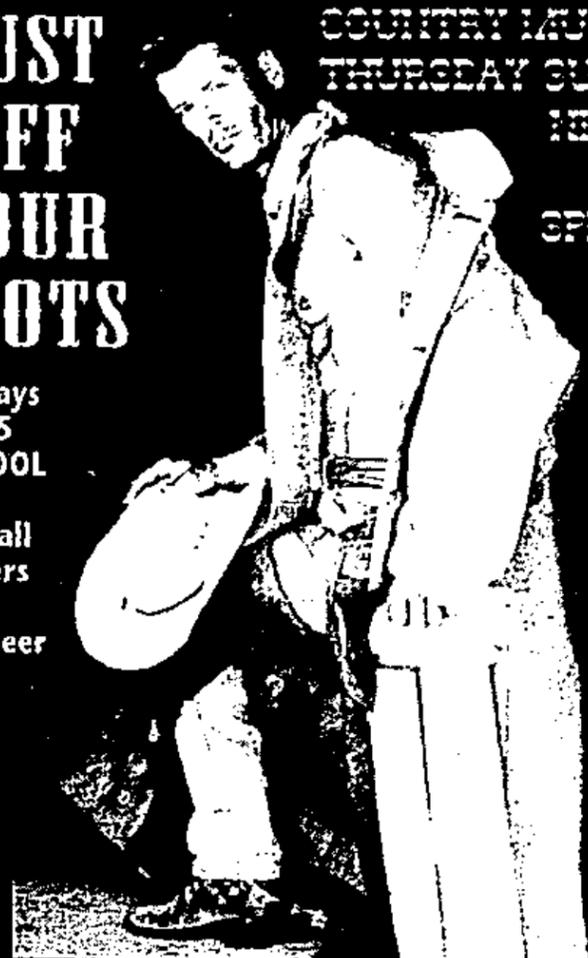
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Birthday Fish can't help but feel in the pink when the magnanimous Sun enters their own sign. This is the perfect time to begin new projects, launch new ideas and meet new folks. You can make a fabulous first impression so don't sit home alone. Swim in a new school and see who takes the bait. Who knows who you can reel in? I hear that rainbow trout is on the menu.

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NYC Denies Permit For ILGO To March In Parade

NEW YORK CITY, NY (WS) — New York City's Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization for the fifth consecutive year has been denied a permit to demonstrate protesting its exclusion from the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

The right of parade organizers to exclude groups they feel detract from their message was previously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Boston's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. New York City's permit process faced several challenges in 1998 and was found by a federal court to be unconstitutional.

ILGO is filing a lawsuit of its own seeking both permission for its demonstration and damages from the city.

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.



SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Standings - Third Quarter

	Won	Lost	Pct
Three Way	12.0	4.0	.750
Helen	11.0	5.0	.688
Low Ballers	11.0	5.0	.688
Tres Amigos	10.5	5.5	.656
Poppin Fresh	10.0	6.0	.625
Curious George	9.0	7.0	.563
Two	9.0	7.0	.563
FourKneeCatorz	9.0	7.0	.563
Damn It II	9.0	7.0	.563
Looney Toones	9.0	7.0	.563
Just Throw It	8.5	7.5	.532
It's In Da Hole	8.0	8.0	.500
Miracles Happen	6.0	10.0	.375
Cocktails for 17	6.0	10.0	.375
Pretty Balls	5.0	11.0	.313
Eat at Ed's	4.0	12.0	.250
Ooops	4.0	12.0	.250
Erratica III	3.0	13.0	.188

First Quarter Champions - Looney Toones.
Second Quarter Champions - Four-Knee-Catorz.

High Average - Just Throw It, 507; Ken M., 198; Heather H., 159.

High Game Scratch - Fran K., 223; Ken M., 267; Just Throw It, 641.

High Series Scratch - Heather H., 542; Ken M., 728; Just Throw It, 1755.

High Game Handicap - Kevin D., 288; Fran K., 269; Miracles Happen, 752.

High Series Handicap - Ken M., 743; Heather H., 677; Just Throw It/Four-Knee-Catorz, 2019.

Desert Coyotes Looking For Bowlers

TUCSON (ON) — Tired of watching "Must See TV?" Seen the "female impersonators," once too often? Nothing to do on Wednesday evenings? Try Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league.

The Desert Coyotes have a couple of openings on teams in their league, which bowls Wednesdays, 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

Skill is not important, having fun is the only requirement for the league. The cost is only \$10 a week (plus a one-time sanction fee).

If you want to join Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league, just show up a few minutes prior to the 9:00 P.M. start time on Wednesdays. For more information, call (520) 628-7834.

Warning Label For TV

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he said. "The shock value of this program speaks for itself," Mawyer said. "But even more shocking is that this program was aired without any warning whatsoever."

Mawyer sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman William Kennard asking for a meeting to discuss putting a "HC" warning label on television shows with Gay and Lesbian content.

"Parents have a right to be warned about programs depicting acts of homosexuality on television," Mawyer said. "TV broadcasts - including network, cable and satellite - already place warning labels on programs containing violence, sex and adult language. Now it's time to warn parents about homosexual sex as well."

"Unless these producers are trying to promote a secret agenda," said Mawyer, "they should have no problems alerting parents that their programs contain homosexual content."

An FCC spokesman said current warning labels are voluntary under the Telecommunications Act. Carole Shields, president of the liberal People for the America Way, said the proposal seeks to put a "slanderous smear" on Gay people. "The sad fact that groups on the fringe of American politics would seek to target Gay and Lesbian TV characters in this manner points out how far we still have to go to achieve the American dream of justice," she said.

CAN's campaign comes just 10 days after a newspaper published by Rev. Jerry Falwell claimed that PBS' "Teletubbies" included a homosexual character. Falwell's group claims that "Tinky Winky" is Gay because it wears a purple costume and sports a triangle-shaped antenna. The newspaper claimed that triangles and the color purple are emblems of homosexuals.

Gay Teen

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Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) and some 13 other civil rights groups; about 100 people turned out for more than an hour despite the bad weather.

Common messages of a series speakers ranging from politicians to students included needs for federal hate crimes laws protecting Gays and Lesbians, for school Gay-straight alliance groups (like the one Colton helped found at San Marin), and for people to speak out against bigoted "jokes" and attitudes.

Several groups have stated that people reading this article should send cards and letters of support to Adam and to show the school that people do care. Write to: Adam Colton, c/o San Marin High School, 15 San Marin Drive, Novato, CA 94945-1197

Upsurge In G/L Benefits

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A national telephone survey made last November for HRC of 800 voters found that 61 percent thought that employers should "provide health care benefits to Gay partners."

Mills said corporate lawyers feel that an equitable benefits package is probably the best way to avoid lawsuits in the future. Dawn Alexander, an associate law professor at the University of Georgia, agreed. Some employers, she said, extend benefits because they think "it's the more enlightened thing to do. But more of it is to avoid legal liability," she said.



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NEWS FROM WATER OF LIFE MCC

Tinky Winky Comes To MCC-Tucson

TUCSON — Tinky Winky, of the now infamous Teletubby television series, made an appearance at the opening of Pastor Cook's sermon at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) on Sunday, February 21, at the 11:15 A.M. worship service, as Rev. Cook began her sermon series on "Homosexuality and the Scriptures," subtitled "The Truth Will Set You Free."

Utilizing Tinky Winky as a visual aid, Rev. Cook spoke about the need to learn the truth regarding the Scriptures, and exhorted the congregation to exemplify Gandhi and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in the on-going struggle for truth and justice.

Pastor Cook, in opening the six-week sermon series on Homosexuality and the Scriptures, is reviewing those Scripture texts that have traditionally been interpreted to disenfranchise the Gay-Les-Bi-Trans population from Christian churches. She is continuing her discussion of the texts as they were originally recorded and will offer insight into the original language and modern day interpretation. Her analysis will also include cross-references to other Scripture texts that clarify the original meaning of those Scrip-

tures. In that context, Pastor Cook will document that indeed there is nothing in the traditional Christian Scriptures that condemns homosexuality and the queer community. Pastor Cook's dissection of the Scriptures will amaze you by how the original writings have been twisted and perverted against the Gay-Les-Bi-Trans community! The sermon series will also include information about Scriptures that affirm same-sex relationships and will document that the Bible is indeed Gay/Lesbian friendly — those Scriptures that they never told you about in Sunday School or Christian Education classes.

Pastor Joyce Cook is inviting everyone to come hear the truth about the Christian Scriptures regarding Homosexuality. The sermon series will continue each Sunday through March 28. This is an exciting and dynamic series that will be life transforming! Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road. The church offers two worship services each Sunday, at 9:15 A.M. and at 11:15 A.M. For further information, please contact the local church office at 520-292-9151 or e-mail WOLMCC@aol.com.



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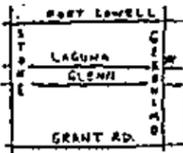
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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What is one thing in your life that you need often, and expect to receive often, yet are frugal about giving out? Got any guesses yet? Well, there may be more than one answer to that question but I'm thinking of "forgiveness."

Isn't forgiveness a curious creature? We all are in daily need of forgiveness... from God, our family, our friends. Each day we offend someone it seems and so we in our repentive state seek that which only the offended person can give. Its almost laughable how much we desire to have our slate cleaned with individuals and yet are so quick to condemn them when we've been offended.

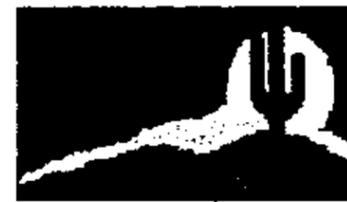
I think there are several reasons why we are so slow in granting forgiveness to one who has harmed us in some way. One, we are prideful people and when offended we want the offender to get his/her due. We see withholding forgiveness as a just punishment for the pain we ourselves have incurred. Secondly, we are vindictive people. If someone has hurt us we somehow feel it only just to make them suffer equally so. How sad that we are that way.

But there is hope for even the likes of us! Jesus Christ came to earth to be a sacrifice for us and our sins. According to the Bible His death was seen as payment in full for our sins by God the Father. So when we develop a person relationship with Jesus we too benefit from his forgiveness of us. Jesus also lived as a man to show us how to get along with one another, how to love even those who seem unlovable, and how to offer forgiveness.

So how can we change our ways and not continue to be hardened against those who cause us pain? We can start by realizing that Jesus Christ forgives us our sins each time confess them to him and ask. Secondly we can remind ourselves of how often and how desperately seek forgiveness, perhaps that will give us more empathy for the person asking ours.

Yes, life with Jesus is the key and yet our own efforts will undoubtedly not go unnoticed by those who will be on the receiving end of our forgiveness. We're all in this together so why not grant a little of something we ourselves are mass consumers of?

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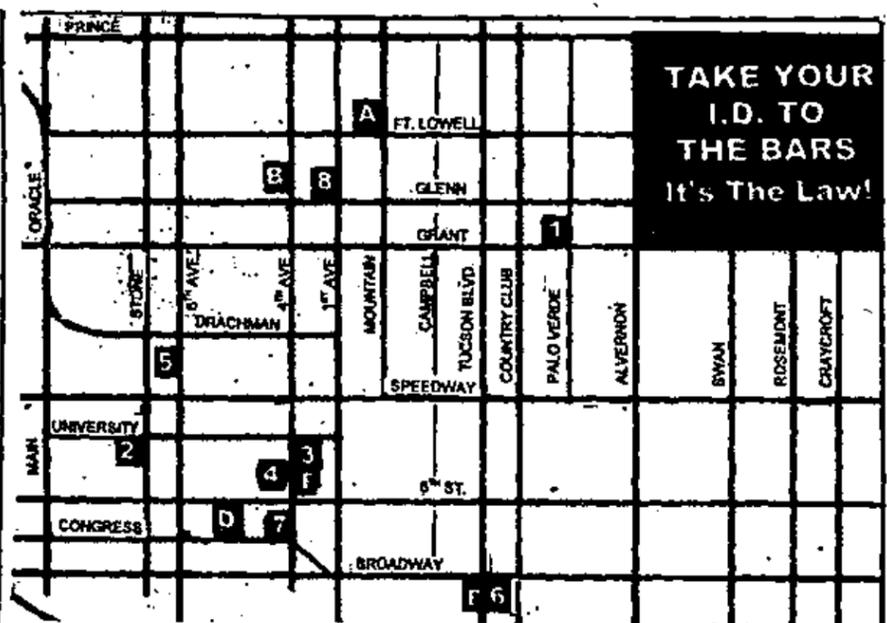


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GO IN GOOD HEALTH
BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This time, my dear, queer family, I would like to talk about the importance of compassion. Compassion is among the noblest of human virtues. We need not be a Saint to practice compassion in our lives. As Gay Men, as Lesbian Women, or Bi (or Transgendered), we are sometimes the brunt of persecution and of homophobic ridicule. Yet there are many elements in society also that are beginning to accept us as Gay.

What this means for us personally is that whether or not people accept us as Gay, we should have compassion for all people wherever they are, in all walks of life. They need not be Gay for us to love them. We must not allow ourselves to feel the need to lash out or to "fight back" on the level of hatred or anger, even when our detractors stoop to the lowest levels of bad behavior. We can fight for our legal rights without being ourselves hateful towards those who oppose us.

I am fully of the anti Gay venom the religious right throws our way, while claiming to do the "will of God." Even the most evil among them who make war on us in the name of what is decent and just still has a soul in there somewhere.

When we are hurt by others, it is easy to retaliate. What is not so easy is to forgive. Instead of getting even for wrongs done us, we forgive through the Power of Mercy. Mercy is a divine quality. The Buddhists of the Oriental lands such as China and Tibet have a Goddess of Compassion, Kuan Yin. She is such a Goddess of Mercy for all the people, she was regarded as a goddess for thieves and prostitutes, and as a Healer.

Such a being is the perfect symbol of what I am referring to as the essence of true compassion. She was of such a nature that her Mercy and Love were greater than any evil. She was said to be the Goddess of Mindfulness. That simply means to be ever mindful in all that we say and do.

What effect will our words and actions have on others? Will the catty gossip we repeat to another serve to make our friends laugh, are we trying to repeat a hurtful truth (or half-truth, which can be far more damaging) just to hurt someone else? Why do we feel the need to engage in malicious gossip? Will breaking up an ex-lover with his (or her) current partner make us feel better?

Do we need to get even with all who have ever hurt us? In the end, we will learn that revenge is self-defeating. I do not mean that if you were robbed or raped, the criminal should not be brought to justice. Nor do I mean that if you are in a situation of domestic violence that you should not leave if the perpetrator will not seek help and counseling to end the violent, destructive behavior.

However, once we free ourselves from that bad situation, or that painful relationship, we need to move on. We can and do have the power to heal ourselves of the pain of our pasts.

Compassion is a quality we can extend to all around us. We can reach out to comfort someone who is hurting, care for a sick friend, do a favor for someone in need, perform an act of kindness. I just love that bumper sticker that reads "Perform Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty." What kind of world would we live in if a lot more people lived life that way?

Compassion is not doing a favor for a favor, or performing a good deed to be praised or to gain social standing. We do not act out of compassion expecting a reward. The universe itself, God/Goddess, the All That Is, will reward us for our goodness. What we send out, comes back to us threefold. When we send out good in our lives, we get good back. But when we do evil, it comes back too. That is what that old saying "What comes around, goes around" really means.

What can we, as Gay/Lesbian, Bi and Transgendered people do to be more compassionate? First of all, we have all probably heard so much about AIDS and HIV we are becoming numb to it. Some of us even shy away from those who are infected. Why? This health epidemic is among us, and we need to open our hearts and care more.

Rather than gossip about someone and say "well that slut got what he deserved for sleeping around," which is a judgement many have passed on others, we should instead look beyond the private life of the person in question, and send love their way. We can and should reach out to others and send our love and our caring to them.

As a healer and an herbalist, I feel deep sympathy and compassion for all suffering with AIDS, and command those who are still struggling with this virus. I just learned a friend of mind who I had not seen in some time died over a year ago from AIDS, and that really made me think. I have lost several dear friends to this illness now. Someone I knew in high school died of it not long ago.

I care. I really do. If I had the power I would pour it forth to everyone suffering out there and heal them all, now, and forever. If I had that kind of power believe me honey AIDS would be a bad memory, nothing more. But in the meantime I feel for all who are suffering, not just with AIDS, but with all illnesses.

So if you don't have the time to volunteer for an AIDS service foundation, drop a few coins in a collection jar. Tithe a little money to the causes that count. I think about that sometimes when I see jars for money for cancer or muscular dystrophy or whatever. What would it hurt me to drop a few coins in?

Speaking of compassion, a New Age Healer named Nicki Scully created a meditation tape, The Cauldron Journey for Healing, and offers it free of charge to anyone suffering with AIDS or who works as a healer with AIDS patients. She normally sells this and other tapes, but as a compassionate act, offers it free of charge to those who want it. To contact Nicki Scully, send a letter to Nicki Scully, P.O. Box 5026, Eugene, OR 97405.

We will find in the practice of compassion that we enrich our own spirit when we live life with a heart filled with love, and with a mindful attitude, and live our lives according to the gentle path of mercy. And that can only be for the highest good of all concerned.

Till next time, "Go in Good Health."
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Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal? Agradeciéndoles las llamadas para preguntar las razones del porqué no hemos estado editando esta Columna Abierta regularmente; y la razón ha sido motivos de trabajo y sobre todo que hemos estado fuera de la oficina por los mismos... Pero con el mismo deseo de siempre...

Un proyecto nuevo que hemos empezado es el de Educación Médica Continua para el Condado de Cochise y del Noroeste de Sonora en coordinación con el Departamento de Salud y Servicios del mismo Condado de Cochise y la Oficina de Salud Rural de la Universidad de Arizona y empezaremos con dos excelentes temas como lo es; Diabetes y Depresión para el sábado 6 de marzo; si necesita información adicional por favor comunicarse conmigo o al (520) 432-9472 en Bisbee Arizona...

desde le comienzo de la epidemia del VIH a finales de la década de 1970 hasta años recientes, la infección por el VIH/ SIDA afectó primordialmente a hombres homosexuales de raza blanca que residían en países industrializados. Sin embargo, dicha asociación epidemiológica no es válida actualmente ya que, desde hace 5-6 años la infección por el VIH es multifactorial, se observa sobre todo en personas heterosexuales que usan drogas por vía intravenosa y se ha extendido en forma alarmante por amplias zonas de Africa y Asia. En Estados Unidos, los individuos que pertenecen a grupos étnicos y minoritarios, sobre todo los hispanos, son actualmente el grupo más afectado, sobrepasando con mucho a los caucásicos. Y el uso de drogas por vía intravenosa constituye el segundo factor de riesgo de infección por el VIH y desarrollo del SIDA. Por ello, es importante divulgar los índices epidemiológicos actuales que están relacionados con la infección por el VIH/SIDA, a partir de los cuales se podrán desarrollar intervenciones preventivas dirigidas a controlar la infección por el VIH y el SIDA. Entre los casos de VIH/SIDA reportados hasta hace un año, el 49% pertenecían a la raza blanca, el 32% a la raza negra y el 18% eran de origen hispano. Entre los casos pediátricos de VIH/SIDA la situación es aún peor, ya que el 58% de los niños que padecen VIH/SIDA son negros, el 23% hispanos y el 18% blancos.

En lo que respecta a SIDA al Día;

Respecto a la prevención de la infección por el VIH/SIDA, dos estudios demuestran que existen ciertos factores etnoculturales que podrían utilizarse para prevenir el uso de drogas ilícitas. En el primer estudio, se halló que el nivel de uso de drogas entre los adolescentes era mucho mayor en México-americanos que en mexicanos. Esto hace pensar que existen factores culturales que hacen que los adolescentes México-americanos sean más vulnerables a la farmacodependencia que los mexicanos. El segundo estudio halló que el nivel de uso ilícito de drogas entre los adolescentes puertorriqueños nacidos y criados en Puerto Rico era el 6%.

Como conclusión; la epidemia del VIH/SIDA durante los últimos 20 años ha sido devastadora a nivel mundial y, muy especialmente, en Estados Unidos; la farmacodependencia, sobre todo por vía intravenosa, juega actualmente un papel central en la transmisión del VIH/SIDA.

Se les recuerda que Salud es Poder está aceptando aplicaciones para la posición de Trabajador de Campo con el mismo proyecto y también acepta voluntarios para las diferentes actividades a desarrollarse; por favor comunicarse con Ernie Pérez coordinador del mencionado proyecto al (520) 322-6226.

Por hoy es todo, hasta la próxima semana D.M.

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School Training Session Canceled

MESQUITE, TX (DMN) — Pressure from religious conservatives forced the Mesquite, Texas Independent School District to cancel an in-service training for its middle school counselors on responding to Gay and Lesbian youth.

District spokesperson Katherine Cernosek said the training would be provided in the future by more "neutral" sources than those which had been scheduled — the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance and Oak Lawn Community Services.

Bruce Bishop, an executive committee member of the Republican Party of Texas, claimed credit for urging several ministers to complain to the district, after Christian Coalition members had read about the training in the Gay press. Bishop's notion was that a "balanced" course would include presentation of homosexuality as sinful and of ministries purporting to change homosexual orientation — even though the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association have both denounced such "change" programs as ineffective and harmful.

Perspective

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The other dishonest and misguided rationalization for discriminating against Gay people is that Gay sex is illegal, by virtue of Arizona's archaic sodomy law. This is simply NOT true — the sodomy law does NOT prohibit Gay sex. Rather, it prohibits two particular sex acts: oral and anal intercourse. Other expressions of physical intimacy in Gay relationships are NOT ILLEGAL. Indeed, case law in Arizona indicates that Lesbians cannot commit sodomy because sodomy is defined to require active male participation. Moreover, under Arizona's sodomy law, oral and anal sex are illegal for heterosexuals as well — including married couples. National surveys and statistics have provided evidence that about 90% of heterosexuals engage in sodomy — oral sex.

These facts support two conclusions. First, Gay and Lesbian citizens are not by definition "criminals" — the sodomy laws are violated by certain common heterosexual practices and we don't brand straight people as criminals. Gay and Lesbian citizens are entitled to the same presumption of innocence. Second, the sodomy laws are an archaic invasion of the privacy of all Arizona citizens, Gay and straight, and should be abolished.

Therefore, I urge you to support the repeal of Arizona's archaic sodomy laws.

Arizona case law has held that there are no protections for Gay and Lesbian citizens from work place discrimination solely on the basis of their being Gay or Lesbian. Therefore, I urge you to support passage of the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which applies only to State employees.

Representative Karen Johnson's bill to prohibit state, county, and municipal jurisdictions from offering personnel benefits to the domestic partners of their own employees is punitive and unconstitutional in that we have Charter, home-rule cities in Arizona, so the legislature cannot regulate how they spend local tax dollars. Therefore, I urge you to vote against that measure.

Please let me know your thoughts on these issues of particular interest to me.

Signature

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Network held Treasures for TIHAN, Saturday, February 20, at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church.

This auction, fund raiser, brought in over \$6,000 for our organization. These dollars will be used to continue to provide programs and services in our community.

Due to deadline constraints, a more detailed thank you will follow in next week's Observer.

With much love and gratitude,
Bertie Lozano and Myron Morris
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Desert Players Theatre continues its production of "Light Up The Sky" at the Tucson Center for Performing Arts, 405 S. 6th Ave. Moss Hart's Comedy, a backstage look at what happens when a cast of a wide diverse group of characters re pushed to the boiling point. This hysterical comedy will be performed Feb. 26 & 27 at 8:00 p.m. with a matinee performance Feb. 28 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased one hour before curtain for the performance for \$8.00 general admission and \$7.00 for student senior military or group. For reservations and more information call 733-0733.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:15 a.m. Join Will (a retired ethno-botanist) as he leads a nature hike through the Sabino Basin. You'll learn about the various flora of the region as Will shares his knowledge with us. Space is limited. Please call Will at 298-9454, for reservations and details.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Picasso's, First and River. Call 584-0280 for information.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Blessing of the animals service at MCC in the church's parking lot at 2:00 p.m. 3269 N. Mountain. Dr. Kayla Boyer, DVM, of Speedway Veterinary Hospital will vaccinate cats and dogs for \$8.00 per vaccination. The Rev. Joyce Cook will begin the Blessing of All Animals at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. For more information call 321-4235.

The 7th annual "Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series" continues tonight with five short films about romantic relationships, featuring Laurie Schmidt's "Sleep, Come Free Me" concerning a woman whose lurid sexual fantasies constantly impinge on her boring job. Best short film of the 1998 San Francisco Film Festival. Other films tonight are "Twisted Sheets"; "Chance To Seal Our Love"; "The Tragedy Of Samantha Biggle And The Twins" and "Why I'll Never Trust You". The free screening begins at 7:00 p.m. in the newly remodeled Modern Language Auditorium on the U. of A. campus. For more information call Beverly Seckinger at 621-1239.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an older movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "Mister Roberts" starring Henry Fonda, Jack Lemmon, and James Cagney. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9585.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). TBA Our monthly hike will be held somewhere hikeable today. For details, please call Ron at 327-1052.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Just in time for the Oscars later this month, we'll run "In & Out" again. The movie stars Kevin Kline & Tom Selleck, with Kline playing a teacher outed on the Oscar telecast. Funny to the end-but be sure to see "how to be a man." For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9585.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Gays and Lesbians United will meet at Wingspan, 300 E. 5th Street at 6:00 p.m. Supper provided by TLGA. All Lesbian, Gay and AIDS groups welcome. Special feature will be a viewing of a video of the sock puppet "Life of Harvey Milk" from the Gay Pride Picnic.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Mysteriae of Tofu revealed! Tucson personality, Meridith Little, will entertain at Antigone Books, 411 4th Avenue. With a live (and lively) demonstration from her new book "Taming Tofu: Easy and Delicious" (Little, \$14.00). The feisty cookbook shows a myriad of ways to use tofu in everything from "Cilantro Goddess Dip" to "Pizza from Down Under". If you've been uncertain how to get started with tofu, or if you just need to sprinkle some new recipes into your culinary life, don't miss this event. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Topic of Discussion on how to find a healthy relationship. For reservations and directions, call Jerry or Les at 690-9585.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Queer Voice Youth Program Improv. Group Auditions 1:00 p.m. RSYF with Mike 798-0151. 5:00 p.m. Cafe Chal at Rainbow Planet Coffee House on 4th Avenue.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for 4th Anniversary of our monthly potluck as we all down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 6601 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5-7 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz brings in a unique drag show! It's Fe-Male drag - that's women to men! Show begins at 7:30 p.m. No cover. Lots of fun!

IBT'S - "Puttin' On The Lips" Lip-sinc Contest hosted by Victoria Du Puls and Bunny FuFu. 8:00 p.m. \$50 first place prize.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - It's Latin Friday. The house gets packed so come early. No cover.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

IBT'S - Sunday benefit Bar-B-Que and 16oz Beer Bust will benefit PFLAG and is goes from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Taste Mom's home cooking!!! Her at 9:00 p.m. 'Naughty Bodies' Male Revue is back by popular demand and hotter than ever. Get here early for good seating.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Goddess" show starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander, Veronica Lake with special guest from Phoenix, Phaedra. 10:00 p.m. Experience the fantasy.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

The **Girlie Show** at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Barbara Seville, Phaedra, Didra Le Blanc and Faith Michaels.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latin Dance Party with Eduardo begins at 9:00 p.m. Fuaza Latina Traavesti Show at 10:30.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

IBT'S - Arizona Angeles baseball team Bar-B-Que and show. Watch for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz has Latin Fridays twice a month, so double your pleasure and remember the second and last Friday of each month are Latin nights. No cover. Drink specials.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Desert La Cage" starring Crystal Abrams, Jalissa Michaels, Jacqueline De Savoi. 10:00 p.m. showtime.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

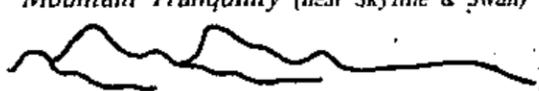
IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day Party and Show. Watch for ill!

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Live Bands Kickoff! Featuring tonight "The Annie Hawkins Band". Call for details and reservations. 624-8805.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Mitch at 328-3555.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit the Metropolitan Grill on North Oracle. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for Game Night. Play a favorite card game or board game--the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 321-4387.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Queer Voice Youth Program Boyz 'n Girlz Nite Out at Arthur's House. For directions call Mike 798-0151.

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join Phil as he leads a hiking trip in southern Arizona. For reservations and details, please call Phil at 625-3204.

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ MHL 9-1. Show specials all night.

GRADUATE - Sunday Beer Bust and Food Bag 4-7pm. 60¢, \$1.50 small pitchers. BBQ Beef Sandwich with Cheese & Potato Salad \$1.50. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. 32 Steady Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers till 3pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour 12-7pm. BBQ 2-4. Hot dance music. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (not matched). Booz Burgers 5-7pm. Hides Leather Goods opens at 7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm-close. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT'S - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50/32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 12-7pm. Party with Chuck in the evening. Doc's Dart Tournament 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Pool tournament 7:30pm. \$3 entry, not matched. \$1 longnecks for pool players. Funby disco w/DJ Starline & DJ Botha Fly 9-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. \$2 one/24 large pitchers, Karaoke Night 9pm.

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 12-7pm. Eight Ball pool tournament, warm-up 8pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance music with DJ Stephanie 8pm-1am.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tournament. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Prohibit Special 8 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour 12-7pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest dance music in town. Snack bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30 pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1600 \$2.25 Open to close.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2Hour Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. Wicremy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rosa.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. \$2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 8pm

IBT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (past check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 12-7pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 8pm to close. Bluebird Travesti Show 10:30pm. Snackbar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Patio Bar open 3pm. Footers Bottles \$1.75 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-10h. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Hides Leather shop opens at 8:30

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ MHL. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dukes of York 5-8pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open Noon Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 12-7pm. T.G.I.F. Free mchls 4:30-8pm The hottest dance music in town 9pm to close in the Stonewall. Snack Bar opens at Noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.75 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-12:30pm. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 3pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Dance music w/DJ MHL 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-8. Country Western Music all night.

IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dances 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. Beer Bust & Happy Hour 12-7pm. Free Pool noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens 3pm. The hottest dance music in town. Snack Bar opens at noon.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 60¢ draft 3-7pm. Hides Leather Store opens at 8:30pm. Partnership Cribbet Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

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NOTICES

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhell, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

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, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellis 581-8850 or Rona 968-2384.

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

CROZES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marlo at 889-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gertrude (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to AR! Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adriana at 889-7298.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9652.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

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

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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 pre-judging - 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 322-6226.

"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 at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 8:30 p.m. 748-0497.

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, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 11 a.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 massage touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hoffman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 822-3200.

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 6 weeks. 684-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-9647.

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 797-3118 for more information and a membership fee.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-0676 or 327-4283.

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 791-7878.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-9800.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9020, Est. 448 or Ernest 322-9057 (evolvere@ix.netcom.com)

NOTICES

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail lyon@thehrv.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-9010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-8659 or send email to: monkeydykes@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4580

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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 areas and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0200, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human services organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-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 psychological facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 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, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO 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. 322-5655. 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 84-0, Cortez, AZ 85652.

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TUCSON'S RAINBOW RADIO is now on the air. Operating on 100.1 MHz Stereo FM. Hours of operation 3:00 p.m. to midnight. Jobs up for services in the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community.

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 613-1887.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirte Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

NOTICES

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and CORRECTIONS Officers and others working within these agencies. Website: http://members.aapsp.com/AAPSP or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9658 (Tucson) or Kim (807)634-6218 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, 743-4800.

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL VETERANS meet at Wingspan every fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call Mique I Gutman, 889-4076 or pager 448-5123.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6824.

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Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 760

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