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Over 2,000 March In Protest Of Local Hate Crime

Bill To Impeach Vermont High Court Over Marriage Decision Introduced



TUCSON - Pictured above is the lead group of some 2,000 people marching down Fourth Avenue on the way to a rally at the University of Arizona mall. The spirited march was a protest to the attempted murder of a University of Arizona student last weekend because he was Gay. That event ignited the Gay community as well as hundreds of straight Tucsonans to action. See story below. More photos in the centerfold.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - More than 2,000 people participated in a march along Fourth Avenue to the University of Arizona (UA) Mall, Sunday, Feb. 13, to protest the stabbing of a 20-year-old, Gay UA student.

Along the march route, which started at Catalina Park, men and women, Gay, Lesbian, straight, young and old carried signs, with slogans, such as "Hate is not a family value." Others waved flags. Some participants beat aluminum garbage can lids and chanted slogans as "Hey, hey, ho, ho, homophobia has to go." Participants had a message of their own: hate will not be tolerated in Tucson.

The two-mile march to the UA Mall wound through the streets, pausing at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Avenue, to drop flowers on the sidewalk.

A Gay, 20-year-old UA student was stabbed outside of the coffee house Sunday evening, Feb. 6, in what police and witnesses called a hate crime.

Witnesses reported that the student was stabbed, moments after he walked out to the patio area of the coffee house, by a man wielding a knife.

Gary Grayson, who gave a general delivery address in the police report, was identified by witnesses, as the man who stabbed the student in the back, shouting, "Jesus hates fags, and this is what all fags deserve." Police arrested Grayson Sunday

night, on Fourth Avenue near Seventh Street.

The student, who has asked to remain anonymous, was transported to University Medical Center, where he was admitted and treated. He was released from the hospital early Monday, Feb. 7, and is slowly recovering.

Singing and the honking horns of supportive motorists marked the procession to the UA. A wave of elation went through the formation as it reached the UA Mall, for the speak out. More than a dozen people took to the stage, during an open-microphone session, to share their personal experiences of homophobic violence with the crowd.

Before the speak out began, the stabbing victim took the podium and shared his thoughts on violence, fear, and overcoming them both.

"Hate affects all races, religions, genders and orientations," said the student. "With each show of discrimination, this world hurts."

"With all my fear, with all my sadness, I do not become a victim, I become a man," he said. "I am a man with fear as his companion, but never his master."

"Hate will not stop me," he added. "We shall not cower in the shadow of intolerance."

The student also said he was still

MONTPELIER, VT (NP) - A bill to impeach the entire Vermont Supreme Court was introduced in the state legislature, charging that the bench violated the constitutional separation of powers by ordering the legislature in December to create equal access to the benefits of marriage for same-gender couples.

State Representative Nancy Sheltra (R-Deerfield) read the bill to the full House on behalf of another dozen lawmakers, saying, "I feel very strongly that the power I have here was given to me by the people of the state of Vermont. The legislative branch is the people's voice and when the judicial branch tries to subvert that power in a decision they're overstepping their boundaries." The measure also calls on the legislature to "ignore the Supreme Court's usurpation of legislative authority" and to deny legal recognition to same-gender couples. Sheltra expects the bill to next be assigned to a committee.

Sheltra said, "I have a problem with the [Baker] decision. I have a problem with the usurpation of authority. And as a legislator I have a problem with the fact that they're trying to tell this branch of government what to do with this issue." She added that, "I personally do not equate this with civil rights. This is a choice of a lifestyle, it has nothing to do with race or creed." She said that she and other sponsors would call on the public to urge a hearing on impeachment. A number of citizens who testified at two public hearings are already eager for impeachment.

One of the few of her co-sponsors present for the announcement, Libertarian Representative Neil Randall of Bradford, told the Associated Press that, "What we have done is confuse rights with privileges."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Dick Sears was quick to disagree with the idea of impeaching the court and feared the move would create further divisiveness. He told WCAX that, "Had they ruled that we had to go with Gay marriage, or that the rules were descriptive, then maybe, but I think the ruling was appropriate on this issue."

A number of other bills are pending in the Vermont House and Senate relating to the Baker ruling, including: a bill to extend the marriage law to include Gay and Lesbian couples; a bill to prohibit same-gender marriage within the state and to deny legal recognition to Gay and Lesbian marriages another state may someday perform; a constitutional amendment to override the state high court's ruling; and

two bills to create domestic partnerships.

But the measure most likely to advance is the one being drafted by the House Judiciary Committee, which was given the assignment of responding to the Vermont Supreme Court ruling by agreement between the House and Senate. Its members refer to their draft as a "civil rights act for Gay and Lesbian families." All eleven members of that Committee affirm the Vermont Supreme Court's finding that the state constitution's Equal Benefits Clause requires that same-gender couples have access to the benefits of marriage. They have reached a preliminary agreement that they are creating a parallel registered partnership relationship rather than amending the existing marriage law to include Gay and Lesbian couples. The testimony that they've heard to prepare them to draft the bill has included consideration of registered partnerships in European countries as well as the impact on various state agencies. Among the provisions in their draft so far are, "Domestic partners shall have the same benefits, privileges and responsibilities under state law that are enjoyed by spouses in marriage. A domestic partner shall be included in any definition of use of the terms 'spouse,' 'family,' 'immediate family,' 'dependent' and other gender-specific terms to denote the spousal relationship as those terms are used throughout the law."

The Committee is targeting a full House vote in late February.

Time Magazine Discovers G/L Presence Online

NEW YORK, NY - Time Magazine quotes Internet demographers who confirm what Gay people have been saying anecdotally for several years, Gay people are big on the Web. In fact, they're huge.

According to estimates, 20 percent of AOL's 21 million subscribers are Gay, and at nearly all hours, the article says, men-for-men (M4M) chat rooms are full. Time notes a spot check in AOL's Town Square area found 140 of the first 200 chat rooms catering to Gay subscribers.

"Unless you're John McCain, you can't always look at someone's face and know they're Gay," online activist John Aravosis said, in a sly reference to the GOP candidate's professed ability to spot closeted Gay men. "The chat rooms are a place

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UPDATE

Freedom To Marry Day A Success

By Mike Pollack

TUCSON - The picture was one of happiness and love. February 12, 2000, Tucson's first annual Freedom to Marry Day Celebration, with attendance at over 150 people, was a wonderful success!

The Rev. Joyce Cook of MCC Water of Life Church performed an open blessing ceremony in which over fifteen couples participated. Desert Voices' performance was amazing, and the rose covered wedding cake by SundanSe Café was fabulous!

It was a moving and inspirational event with a powerful message: same-sex couples are wonderful and deserve marriage as a choice to validate and recognize their love. Speakers included: Jean Baker, Wingspan board member, GLSEN member, GLBT City Commission Education Subcommittee member and Chairperson of the AZAPA Gay and Lesbian Issues Committee; Amelia Craig Cramer, local attorney, GLBT City Commission member; David Hoover, Pima County Health Department STD/HIV Program Manager; and Ruben Grace III, QueerVoice Facilitator.

This reporter, who was one of the organizers of the event, said: "After two months of planning, I stood there watching this wonderful event unfold before my eyes. To see our community come together in such a strong and powerful way moved me beyond words. I feel privileged to be a part of such an active and vibrant community. Thank you all! I know that together we can effect change and create a healthier, safer and even more wonderful community."

Organizers expressed their thanks to the event donors, sponsors and volunteers: Wingspan, SAAF, QueerVoice, Desert Voices, Americorp., Ann Novakowski, Ruben Grace III, BJ and Penny, Tim & Quinton, Art Boehm and Jeff Ramos, Shiri Djenté, Rev. Joyce Cook; MCC Water of Life, Rev. Rada; Cornerstone Fellowship, OutLoud!, Trader Joes, SundanSe Café, Wild Oats Market, Fascinations, Tucson-Pima Public Library, Rubyfruit Journal, the Weekly Observer and The Aroma Tree.

If you would like more information on the event or to get involved for next year, please call Mike Pollack at (520) 628-7223.

MCC To Host Interfaith Service

TUCSON - This Saturday, February 19, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church will be hosting the Rainbow Interfaith Community service at 5:30 p.m. R.I.C. is a group of affirming and welcoming Tucson churches united in reaching out to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people.

Services are held at different churches several times throughout the year to allow the community to experience each congregation.

Rev. Joyce Cook, Pastor, invites everyone to come and be a part of showing our interfaith community who Water of Life is. The church facility is located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., just north of Fort Lowell Road and 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.

Community Forum On Hate Crimes Feb. 16

TUCSON - A panel of community experts will speak at a public educational forum on hate crimes being planned for 7:00 P.M., Wed., Feb. 16.

This event is being held in response to the Feb. 6 incident that took place at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 N. 4th Ave. Set to appear are:

Kathi Mayer from the Pima County Attorney's Office, Judge Pro Tempore Kathleen Williamson, the Rev. Joyce Cook of MCC-Tucson and members of the GLBT Commission and from the Tucson Police.

For more information, call Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

SAAF Positions Available

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought for half time, (20 hrs./wk) position to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communications skills. Salary range: \$8,500 to \$10,500.

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To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at 375 South Euclid Avenue, or call (520) 628-7223 to have them faxed to you. Open until filled. AA/EOE.

SAAF Benefit Cancelled

TUCSON - The concert titled "Caprice, Whimsy & Romance," schedule for Friday, Feb. 25, 7:30 P.M., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by the group, Whisper, Muse!, has been canceled.

Treasures For TIHAN

TUCSON - The third annual Treasures for TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network), will take place Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Phillip's in the Hills, (River Road and Campbell).

A preview/silent auction will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., and a live auction will take place from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. A buffet and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The suggested donation is \$10.

For more information, call TIHAN at (520) 299-6647.

Sex Workshop To Be Offered

TUCSON - Merryl Sloane, a speaker and teacher who has been leading who has been leading sexuality classes and seminars since 1992, will present a workshop called "Great Sex & Secret Desires: Exploring Erotic Possibilities" at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, Tuesday, Feb. 29, 7:00 P.M.

Nonjudgmental, knowledgeable, and practically unshockable, Merryl encourages open discussion, provides accurate information (from the basic to the exotic) and gives candid answers to questions in an accepting, upbeat, fun presentation.

Adults of all genders and sexual orientations are welcome. The cost is \$5. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

GMHP Forum Announced

TUCSON - Gay Men's Health Project is sponsoring a forum for the next six weeks: "Finding True Love In A Man Eat Man World" to be held at the Coffee Xchange on the NW corner of Grant and Campbell in a private meeting room

The first session will take place Thursday, February 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Just bring your two cents worth because GMHP is picking up the tab.

The forum is based on a book by the same name. Find answers to subjects such as how to jump into the dating pool and not bellyflop; How to build healthy relationships from the ground up; and how about the rewards of ending a date with a 'good night' and not a 'good morning'.

Watch for future forum dates. For more info call SAAF at 628-7223 ext. 232.

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experiencing pain from the injury to his back, which he said worsens every day. However, he said he was enduring. "It's nothing I can't handle," he said.

The student said the support of the crowd moved him and strengthened his resolve. "It does make me want to cry, but I meant what I said when it is in their love that I grow stronger," he said.

Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup told those assembled that hate crimes will continue to be dealt with swiftly and severely. "We're not going to stand for this in Tucson," Walkup added.

One by one, people who had experienced or witnessed anti Gay violence then stood at the microphone set up on the Mall stage and shared their stories.

A man told the crowd about a car that purposely rammed his car head-on because of the Gay pride symbols on his car windows. He then showed the crowd the scars on his face that will be reconstructed with plastic surgery.

Another woman talked about how she was threatened into silence after coming out as a teen-ager. She said she was chased and abused by classmates, causing her to go back "into the closet" for three years. She said she was also threatened with violence by a former boyfriend.

"But I consider myself one of the lucky ones," she added, saying she had never faced the kind of violence that brought the marchers to the Mall, the stabbing of the Gay, UA student.

One gentleman told the crowd the story of a Gay man, being transported to the hospital. While restrained in the back of the ambulance, the attending paramedic took the opportunity to beat him up for just being Gay.

Some speakers spoke to the crowd, spreading a message of empowerment and hope.

A man said he would never bow to pressure to stifle his public affection for his boyfriend, and his love for his partner won't be controlled by people who oppose Gays and Lesbians.

One of the organizers of the event, assistant UA English professor David Rob-

inson, stated that he hoped that those assembled and others who either hear, see or read about it get four things from the march and speak out:

"How widespread homophobic violence is."

"That it is part of and caused by a much larger climate of discrimination against, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people."

"To become motivated to take further action to fight homophobia, and"

"To call the Pima County Attorney to have Gary Grayson prosecuted for attempted murder."

"This office [Pima County Attorney] takes hate crimes very seriously and will prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the law," Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall said. The County Attorney's office couldn't comment on the specifics of this case.

Gary Grayson is being held in Pima County Jail. The Pima County Attorney's office will reportedly present their case Thursday, Feb. 17, before a Grand Jury.

In addition, he could receive a tougher penalty under provisions of Arizona's hate crimes statute. The law, passed by the Legislature in 1997, allows judges to impose harsher sentences if a crime victim was targeted because of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Mercury enters intuitive Pisces and makes our thought processes more dreamy and creamy. This is not a bad thing if we are delving into creative outlets, but it could lead us astray if we delve into knuckle crunching analysis. Forewarned is forearmed, cousins! Read ahead to see how Mercury in Pisces bobs through your sign.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Rainbow Rams get a case of the self-analyzing jitters when Mercury treads into Pisces. While a little introspection is good for the soul, don't waste time contemplating your own navel. Community service is in the stars for you as Mercury encourages volunteerism and self service. Get Out there bubble; Who knows whose navel you'll soon be contemplating?

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Friends and social contacts are on your mind when Mercury dances into Pisces. Proud Bulls become extraordinarily adept social directors, planning get togethers and events that become the envious talk of the town. You're usually a stabilizing influence, but this mystical Piscean energy may have you walking the edge to achieve the greatest effect. Go for it you hooper you.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Mercury in woolly Pisces brings out the creative strategist in you. If professional goals have proved to be elusive, try a different approach now. Meetings with authority figures can serve as fresh opportunities to stake your claim for the advancement that you so richly deserve. A word of advice: Keep your thoughts focused. Pink Twins often scatter (and weaken) their best ideas.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If your claws are itching to travel and reach Out, Mercury in Pisces makes it possible to plan a fabulous adventure. Higher education is also highlighted for queer Crabs itching to learn a thing or two. Scratch both urges by connecting to our global community either in person or over the Internet. Don't crawl into your shell - the world beckons and you must heed the call.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Are you daydreaming or doing? Insightful Mercury in foggy Pisces can tempt you to daydream your life away. Fight the temptation! Use this planetary energy to forge deeper, more spiritual attachments. Blend body and mind with another to form a cohesive, indestructible whole. Sex is part of the equation, Gay Leo, but Pisces demands that you multiply it.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Relationships take on a dreamy, romanticized hue now that Mercury has moved into idealizing Pisces. You tend to overlook partners' fatal flaws, resigning yourself to a life of mistreatment or neglect. Drop these Piscean illusions! Gay Virgos are the most service oriented signs in the zodiac but don't be a doormat. Pride means self-respect. Make necessary assessments now.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Separate the wheat from the chaff in your job. Try not to hold on to any delusions about what you can and cannot accomplish

in a day. This is the task that Mercury in Pisces has assigned for all Gay Libras. As with the job, health issues can also be addressed now. Reduce stress through meditation or yoga. Try homeopathic remedies or something a bit more back to earth and see if it helps.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Mercury in Pisces offers both the good and the bad. The good part is that you may experience a burst of creativity and derive great enjoyment from fun and relaxing hobbies. The bad side is that, as a true queer Scorp, you may not know when enough is enough. Pisces is delusional and Mercury will whisper sweet nothings in your ear. The mystical voice prods you on - will you drift off course?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers are great world travellers but Mercury in Pisces tempts you to hang around the house with a sultry and mystical pull. Good! Use this time to create a comfortable and romantic home environment in preparation for a feisty Valentine's Day. A few creative touches will really spice up the old place; Walls may look very nice in shades of lavender.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Practical Gay Caps have trouble reining in their thoughts when contemplative Mercury arrives in foggy Pisces. It is not a bad thing to let your thoughts run wild every so often; there is little chance of you taking any major risks anytime soon. In fact, trying a more creative and offbeat approach to seemingly intractable issues may recruit the skeptics to your way of thinking.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

What are you worth? Mercury in Pisces offers Aquarians a new perspective on investments and expensive knickknacks. Life becomes for than dollars and cents when money is directed to more spiritual goals, but don't go the extreme on this. There is a danger of blowing your wad on wasteful, disappointing ventures. Naive Pisces can lead you astray. Dream but don't spend it yet!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Mercury in your own sign can be empowering, if you feel confident enough to act on your visions. The planets offer rainbow Fish opportunities for gaining the advantage in first meetings and in new projects. Take a courageous leap out there and muster the inner strength to really make it work for you. Use this energy to ascertain the underlying agenda and swim the rapids to success.

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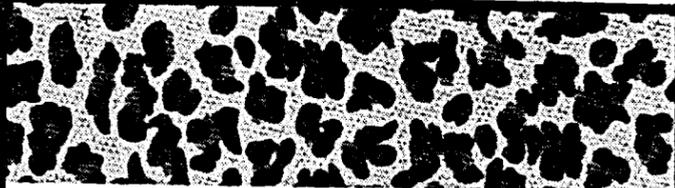
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Craig Nelson's book "Finding True Love in a Man-Eat-Man World" will be discussed over the next six weeks.

Call SAAF at 628.7223 ext.232 or email gmhp@saaf.org for more info.

Gay Men's Health Project



Gay Men's Health Project is a collaborative effort of Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Pima County Health Dept., and Wingspan.

POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kern

"They Could Try But It Probably Won't Happen"

Responded the reporter, for the local afternoon daily newspaper, who covered the stabbing of the Gay UA student, Feb. 6, on whether the perpetrator, Gary Grayson, would face more charges in connection with the hate crime.

This reporter, as well as the local morning daily newspaper, the television news stations stated that Grayson was charged with just "aggravated assault" in the attack.

Case closed?

Not quite, according to the Pima County Attorney's office

Grayson was arrested Sunday, Feb. 6. He made his initial appearance before a judge on Monday, Feb. 7, as was accused of aggravated assault, with bail set at \$10,000.

This was done so they could keep the individual in jail, since Grayson, who gave a general delivery address to police, couldn't make bail.

With the initial appearance completed. The Tucson Police Department (TPD), according to Dan Benevidez of the Pima County Attorney's office, said investigators have ten calendar days to complete their investigation and the subsequent paperwork.

After the ten days, Benevidez said, prosecutors can seek an indictment. In Pima County, prosecutors will call for a Grand Jury, which the County Attorney's office will reportedly make their case in the attack, on Thursday, Feb. 17.

According to Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, "This office takes hate crimes very seriously and will prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the law." ...

At the Arizona Legislature, it's back to the drawing board since proposed legislation dealing with archaic laws, HIV/AIDS and other issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians were shot down through parliamentary maneuvers by the radical right.

During the legislative session, proposals can come back, again and again. That is the possibility for progressive legislation, through the strike everything amendment.

A bill, going through the legislative process, is gutted of the language and the new language (the striker) is inserted as the new bill.

Capital sources stated that will happen soon with some germane measures.

The City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Commission held their first meeting with all 13 members on board. The last of the members were approved, just recently, by the Tucson Mayor and Council.

According to noted Tucson attorney and Commission member, Amelia Craig Cramer, the GLBT Commission did the following:

Started the process to plan a budget for the next 12 to 24 months.

Discussed to set up a system to gather information about hate crimes that are not reported to the Tucson Police Department (TPD), especially incidents dealing involving Transgender individuals.

The commission, according to Cramer, will also go over the recent survey of officers, conducted by TPD Chief Richard Miranda, on how officers handle situation concern GLBT Tucsonans.

Setting up a hate crimes awareness week with the Hate Crimes Task Force, the City of Tucson Human Relations Commission and other groups.

Talked about getting more people involved with the Legal, Social Services and Education Subcommittees and attending the Commission meetings. ...

So it goes for now kids!

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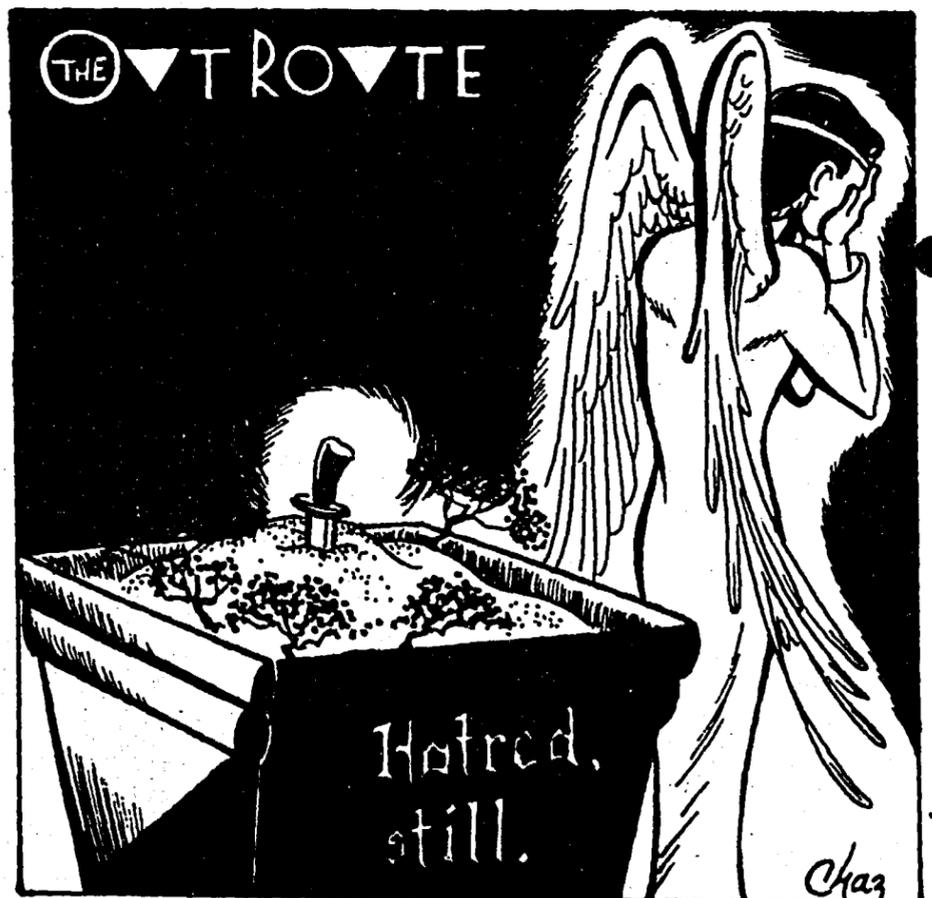
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POOKS - Happy Valentines Day. I love you with all my heart and soul. Love, Scooby *****

CHRYSAL - Happy Valentines Day to the most beautiful Mom in the world. Love, Jon & Sean *****

LOUIE ORTIZ - Happy Valentines Day! Love ya. Your cousin, Trixie *****

GARY at V - You look marvelous in our jeans. Guess *****

JERRY ORR - I dig you. Love always, your girl Lori Renee Bouchett (Bridgett) xoxoxox *****

BOO & MIKEY - We love you guys. Xoxoxoxoxoxo, Jon and Jayson *****

BOB C. - Happy Valentines Day. I love you. Mark A. *****

LUCINDA HOLLIDAY - Happy V-Day. Love ya, Tiffany St. Thomas *****

BONNIE - I will be right beside you - Always! Thanks a million! Cece Putman *****

To my JONBOI G. - These five years have been the best. I will love you forever. Your Rooboi! *****

ADAM - My Valentine Always, Maurice *****

MAY-RA - xoxoxoxo Thanks for your friendship. You mean the world to me. Love forever and a day, Bridge *****

ACE - You're my complete package. My best friend. Lynda *****

KATHLEEN - My Sweetheart, Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Sal *****

AJIA SIMONE - I've said it before, but it bears repeating: You are spun gold. I truly love you. Charles. *****

GUS's SOFTBALL TEAM - Hope you guys are all doing naughty things! Mary *****

To our sister LUIS - You look fabulous. Love, your x-roomies J&J *****

CELESTE & TRACY - Admiration and love to you both. Mary *****

SANDY my NY'er - There are no words. Scarface *****

RICHARD, my sister. Happy Valentines. Maurice *****

RICK - Happy V-Day. Rick *****

DAVE, FRANK & ENTIRE STAFF AT IBT'S & WOODY'S - I love and miss you all! Happy Valentines Day, Sean *****

NY from DEL. Forever! *****

GENE - I love you, Bucky *****

HAL - I'll love you the whole 21st century. Professor *****

JOHN Mc - Let's swing sexy thing! Roy *****

RAYMUNDO - I only have eyes for U! Rogerio *****

BIG JIM - Love you and miss you. Rog *****

KEVIN HOWARD - "I love you". Only three words can express my sincerity, gratitude and security. And that, my love, is what we have. Love you forever. Eddy Galvez *****

HEATHER - You rock! I really miss you girl. I wish we could have coffee and chat. Happy Valentines. Dave *****

REYES - It's good to see you happy. Michael make sure you keep him happy. Be good. Love, your Bro. Vidal *****

OSITO MIO - Yes, I'm still in love with you! C & A por vida. Love, "Babe" *****

BIG JIM AND THE GOOD MEN OF VENTURE-N - Thanks for all the bawdy laughs and caring, warm embraces. May Cupid's arrow tickle you in all your favorite places! xxoo JD *****

RICHARD CORDOVA - Shake it with love. Lionel and Tony *****

Happy Valentine to the Community Scribe. Guess who *****

MIKE - Happy V-Day. Reyes *****

TO ALL MY CONCHINAS - Tia Julia *****

GARY CLARK - Thanks for being you. 25 years and still ticking. Love ya. Bob *****

Happy Valentine Pig of the Year. The group *****

KELLY BALLEY - Happy Valentine Day. I love you. Willie *****

RANDY - My partner, my friend, my equal, my love. And we've just begun. Love, Vidal *****

TO A SPECIAL FRIEND from Pocatello, Idaho, visiting Tucson. Happy Valentines, Bart *****

SCHNOOKY - Thanks for close to 2 wonderful years of great memories ... Poms over there!!! Love you lots, Roger Rabbit *****

MICHAEL - As we celebrate 16 years together, I pray everyday for 16 more years with you. You are my life. I'll love you always. Steven *****

ESTEFAN - Words cannot describe how you make me feel when you walk into the room and brighten the day with your smile. MR *****

FRANK - Love you. Thanks for 23 great years. Dave *****

FOFI - You complete my life and the person I am! Thank you for being my lover, my partner and my best friend! You are my true love now, forever and always! Remember, if you jump, I jump! Happy Valentine's Day my love! Sean *****

MCC - Happy Valentines Day to the "Dark Lady" of trivia! Thank you for your friendship. I love you lots. SMR *****

ALYSSA - With a new year ad a new life, we wish you all our love. Tuma *****

To all my big brothers at Stonewall. Lots of love. Thanks for the good times. Luv, Beth *****

To my DRAGON LADY - I love you mind, body and spirit. Sam *****

MARCUS - Sometimes when you touch me I can't help myself. Desires makes me weak. Love, Frank *****

To Bryan - The man I love. Love, Brian *****

MAMA & STELLA - Thanks for an exceptional friendship. Lionel and Tony *****

PATRICIA - I love you so very much. Your kindness, support and love are unequaled. I have enjoyed our almost 5 years together and look forward to many more. I love you sweetheart. Love, Shannon *****

SHANNON - Amoris Extremis, Baby! Patricia xoxoxoxox *****

JILL - I do love you!! You're killin' me!! "Smalls" *****

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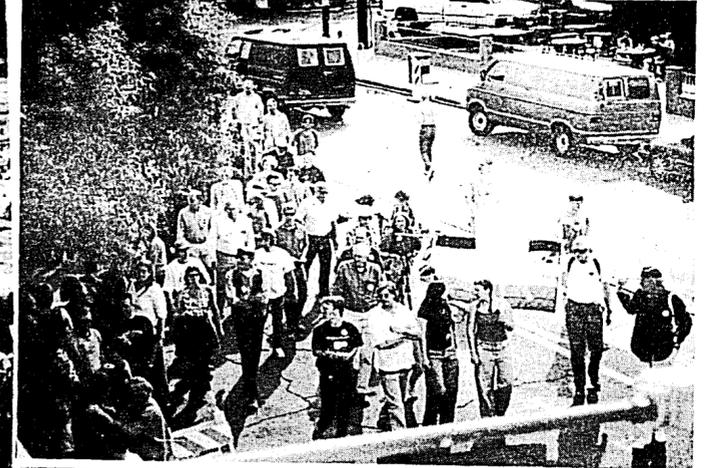
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DONNA my love -
The first time I met
you, I loved you. It
keeps getting
deeper. All my love,
Allyson

Dear YRMA - Te
Quiero. Felix dia de
Valentino. Happy
Valentine's Day mi
amor. Te amo, Jill

DANNY - Happy
Valentine's Day.
Together forever.
Rick 2000

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Love you all. Dave
and Frank

Dear KEVIN - I am
proud and privileged
to have your love.
Charles

To My Baby - Happy
Valentine's Day.
Thank you for a
wonderful 6 months.
I love you! Love,
your Schnookums

KEN - I have been
searching all my life
for someone as
wonderful as you. I
thank God every day
that I found you.
The day I married
you was the
happiest day of my
life. I love you with
all my heart and look
forward to our many
lifetimes together!
Love Damien

**MARIE, GRACE and
ALEXIS** - Happy
Valentine's Day.
Your amigo, Louie

YOGIE - My main
Cowboy! Love you.
Boo Boo

**IBT'S BARBACK
JERRY** - You're a
whirling wonder on
the dance floor.
Thank you for the
front row seat to
your amazing talent.
All my hopes you
find all the love you
can hold. Charles

Happy Valentine's
Day to Mother in
Bismarck, North
Dakota. Love,
David

VIDAL & RANDY -
Happy 2nd year.
Love, Reyes

DENVER - Where
are you? Tia Julia

DJQ - By your
untiring example, I
have learned the
meaning and
practice of
"Professional
Performer". Thank
you for the tuition.
Charles

MARK - Dreams do
come true. Love,
RE

To all my customers
at the V-N, Thank
You. Love, Buck

M.E. - To a bright
future together.
E.M.

DAVE & FRANK -
Well another year
has passed and I'm
still here. Not sure if
that's good or bad,
but I'm still as proud
as a peacock to be a
part of our team.
Cleaning is not easy,
but somebody has to
do it. KW of KKK

GRACE (Pola) -
You're the love of
my life. You fulfill
my every desire,
dream and fantasy.
Happy Valentine's
Day. Love, Marie R.

DENNIS - Hope to
get to know you.
Boo

Happy Valentine's
Day and thank you
to all of you who
have joined our
family at Woody's.
Dave & Frank

JIM - I think I loved
you before I met you
and I know I will still
love you forever.
Tim

LITTLE RICHARD -
Happy hearts day.
Hugs and kisses.
Annie

GUSTAVO - You are
the love of my life.
Chiquito

MORBIE - U and Me
4 Ever. Tomas

To my Chuckie -
Sometimes we love,
Sometimes we don't.
With help from
above, Lose you I
won't. Jim

JEFF - Better luck
next time. Rick

STEVE J. SMITH -
Happy Valentine's to
my friend, lover and
soul mate. Thank
you for all your love,
trust and hope. Love
you always. Charles
Prevado

BRAD - Our second
Valentine's Day
together. I love you
lots and can't wait
until year 3 at
Riverside Crossing!
Love you, Scott

To my JI - You're
HOT! Harley Shival
VB

RANDY - My love is
yours always. Vidal

NUKES - Happy
Valentine's to my
one true love!!!
Punkin

KATHY K. - I love
you very much.
Love, Jo-rdan

MARCY & LE ROY -
True love always

I Vogt for Glen.
Happy Heart. J.

MARCUS - Even
though we just met,
my whole world
stopped when our
eyes met. I just
wanted to see if
you'd be my
Valentine. Tony

Para **ALBERTO M.** -
To amo en un modo
que nadien sabe te
cones primero en
las montañas. Rob

BREADY & ALBERT
- We love you.
Lionel & Tony

TAMMY - Thank you
for the crazy two and
a half days we had
together. I had a
blast. Let's do it
again soon. Be my
Valentine. Always,
Virginia F.

MATT - You've filled
my life with joy,
happiness and love.
I consider myself
very lucky to be a
part of your life. Let
me be there for you.
I won't let you down.
I love you, Rick

Happy Valentine's
Day to Sal and the
gang at Caruso's

KEVIN - Happy
Valentines Day.
Hope that the last
year has been as
good for you as it
was for me. Look
forward to many
more. Terry

Ooooh! **AUE-ANNA**
- Your buddy loves
you! Happy V-Day.
Love ya, Bridge
xoxoxox

I remember when I
had the chance to
hear about your life.
For you to share
your highs and lows,
your happiness and
strife. Dancing with
illusions of hopeless
fanasy throughout
the day, my mind
drifts into wreckless
abandon. I'm
foolishly passionate
that way. A I think
of you and contem-
plate, I script this
dangerous prose. I
look across my field
of trees and green
grass that is my life,
and see an
unwitherd rose. K.

Desert Vision by Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D.

Feelings; Nothing More Than Feelings

What is it about feelings? Did you ever notice how they have a way of getting us into trouble? We get angry. We yell or do something extreme to express the anger. Afterward, we have to apologize. Or, perhaps, we get angry and because we don't want to hurt anyone or look foolish to others, we do what we can to suppress the anger. But in time, we feel the effects of suppressing the anger that results in stress.

how we are made.

Emotions are part of our make-up. Not only is that true for humans, but it's true for dogs, cats, and other mammals. The brains of mammals produce the chemicals that result in the feelings known as emotions. Unlike many other mammals, humans possess an upper level of brain development that allows us to reason and make choices.

Love. Now that's a feeling that causes trouble. You fall in love and those feelings get started and everything seems to be turned up side down. You want to tell someone that you love him or her. The tension in doing that! But what if they don't feel the same way? Oh, no! The person just said they don't feel the same way. More feelings! Embarrassment! Rejection! What do I do now?

Culturally, we've been taught that anything painful or uncomfortable is bad and should be stopped. Our feelings sometimes make us feel bad and often make us uncomfortable. So, we do what we can to stop them. We try to cut them off by our own will power. When that doesn't work, we use drugs, alcohol, food, or anything else to either dull the pain or to create an escape from the feeling. That works for a while. For example, a shy person goes to a bar to meet someone. The shy person has a few drinks and no longer feels "shy." Since the alcohol killed the emotional sensation of shyness, the person is much freer to meet someone. It works. But there are several downsides to this solution. The shy person may have to drink so much to deaden those feelings that the shy person ends-up sloppy drunk. If the shy person uses this as a solution long enough, dependency develop. Over more time, the shy person becomes an addict and is focused more on drinking. Meeting people becomes irrelevant.

Feelings! What good are they! Mr. Spock in the original Star Trek knew they were illogical. Then, in Star Trek Next Generation, Mr. Data, the android, does everything he can to develop feelings. Isn't that the way we are? When we have the feelings, we don't want them. But when we can't have them, nothing becomes more important.

Feelings or more correctly, emotions are very confusing for most people. We all have them. But few of us know how to use them well.

Over the last thirty years or so, psychologists have been telling people to express their feelings. In the sixties, we let it all hang out. In the seventies, we let it out with a primal scream. In the eighties, we paid attention to other's feelings. In the nineties, we learned that what we did in the eighties was co-dependent. We learned to guard our boundaries so as to not let others disrupt our personal space and comfort zone. Now, it's a new decade, century, and millennium! Is there a chance that we can understand our emotions in a way that works?

Wouldn't it be easier just to learn about emotions? Rather than avoid emotions because they are either painful or unpleasant, since we have to have them, doesn't it make sense to learn to use them? Of course it does! But that takes time and some work. Most of us opt for the easier solution of avoidance rather than learning to use our emotions as the important ally they are.

We all know the problems our feelings can cause. For those who are ready to start learning how to benefit from their emotions rather than cut them off, next time I'm going to share some observations and suggestions. Stay tuned.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Did you know that miracles still happen? They're not just a thing of the past that God used to get support and followers. No. Miracles are an outpouring of His love and compassion for His people and are to be seen a gifts not ploys. And how do I know that miracles still occur? Well, a friend just phoned and told me of one.

today his test results showed "no trace of the virus!"

My friend has been HIV positive for many years now and even suffered with full blown AIDS for the last few of those years. He's tried seemingly every medication, taken his meds as prescribed, and worked through the feeling worse before feeling better part of taking what was prescribed. My friend felt sick for years straight because of side effects of the medicines and last year decided to stop taking them all together. But when his counts went alarmingly low last summer he reluctantly began his protocol once again. So where's the miracle? Well here it comes. He just phoned me to say that at his doctor appointment

Oh you can argue all you want that there's been a mistake or that the medication in this particular case has eradicated the virus from my friend. But I know it is a miracle. You see, my friend is a Christian too and he believes in miracles. He knows that nothing happens in his life that is not part of God's plan and that healing as well as illness is always a possibility with God.

I write of this in hopes of encouraging someone. No I am not about to say that if you become a Christian you will be healed of AIDS or any other illness. The Bible makes no such promises. But I am saying that if you give your life over to Jesus, you life will change. Even if it be God's will to allow your suffering, you will have a renewed strength to face the chal-

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Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?, deseándole mejor de lo mejor, apreciable lector, y para esta edición ya estaremos "al corriente" con nuestra Columna Abierta, ya que desde la anterior edición "estrenamos" sistema para hacerle llegar estos espacios, utilizando el sistema e-mail que es lo de moda... Así es que esperamos que si nos funciona... Sobre todo que ya nos encontramos descansados de tanto festejo por el Día de San Valentín; y a la vez arrepentido por haberme perdido la "pachanga" que tuvieron Nora y Alma, donde cerca de 50 personas disfrutaron del Día del Amor y de las atenciones que suelen dar Nora y Alma cada reunión que hacen, según los comentarios hasta cerca de la mañana! Y que "hubo mucho de mucho" dijo José M., estaremos pendientes de la siguiente!...

Se llevará a cabo la tercera reunión del grupo de promotores en salud de Douglas y Agua Prieta, para el día 3 de marzo en aquella ciudad fronteriza donde se plantearán los avances, logros y barreras al incorporar la información/educación en lo que respecta al Cáncer del Seno que el mencionado grupo ha estado trabajando. No cabe duda que este grupo será modelo para otros proyectos fronterizos ya que han logrado la atención de cerca de 3000 mujeres en las comunidades vecinas de Douglas, Ambos Nacos, Bisbee, Elfrida, Willcox y lo que ha dado a éste trabajo, éxito; son las horas extras que han trabajado los empleados del Centro de Salud de Agua Prieta, ya que están ofreciendo sus servicios los días sábados para aquellas señoras que trabajan de lunes a viernes, de verdad que ha sido un trabajo maravilloso y felicidades a todas las personas que han hecho posibles estos resultados! Y sigan adelante...

En lo que respecta a; SIDA al DIA: En junio de 1981 se informó del primer caso de Síndrome de Inmunodeficiencia Adquirida (SIDA). En la actualidad, la infección por el VIH continúa propagándose rápida e inexorablemente, especialmente en el hemisferio sur. En 1982 se produjo el primer caso de SIDA pediátrico adquirido mediante una transfusión por vía vertical. El SIDA es actualmente la octava causa de mortalidad infantil en Estados Unidos. Se estima que, aproximadamente, dos mil niños nacen infectados cada año. La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) afirma que a finales de 1992 un millón de niños habían sido infectados por el VIH y se calcula que en el año 2000 diez millones de niños nacerán infectados, por lo que la mortalidad aumentará en un 30%. La prevalencia de niños VIH+ continúa aumentando debido al incremento de casos de mujeres infectadas en edad reproductiva, siendo éste un problema de salud pública a nivel mundial. Los estudios

epidemiológicos indican que la sangre, el semen, y las secreciones vaginales son los vehículos más importantes del VIH, siendo tres las vías de transmisión: las relaciones sexuales homo o heterosexuales (sin protección), la transfusión de sangre o de productos sanguíneos y el contagio perinatal, de madre a hijo, durante y poco después del parto.

En los niños, la infección por el VIH se adquiere por transmisión vertical, de madre a hijo, o por transmisión horizontal. La transmisión madre a hijo ocurre en cualquier periodo del embarazo (a través de la placenta), durante el trabajo de parto (transfusión de líquidos orgánicos infectados por el VIH presentes en el canal del parto o en el periodo postnatal (ingesta de leche materna). Según las últimas evidencias, la transmisión transplacentaria tardía y la intraparto, que en un comienzo se pensó que eran poco importantes, son responsables de un 50-70% de las infecciones adquiridas por transmisión vertical, la efectuada durante el embarazo de un 30-50%, mientras que la postnatal es poco frecuente. La transmisión horizontal ocurre por transmisión de sangre o hemoderivados contaminados y, menos frecuentemente, por otros mecanismos como el trasplante de órganos infectados, el abuso sexual y otros. En Chile, la transmisión perinatal significa algo más del 2% de los casos de SIDA declarados hasta la fecha. Hasta el 30 de marzo de 1999, la transmisión del VIH de madres seropositivas a sus hijos alcanza un 28% en dicho país.

Se cree que el periodo en que la madre fue infectada y el estado sistémico de ésta tienen un importante papel en la transmisión del virus al feto. Los factores de riesgo para que esta transmisión ocurra y para que el niño infectado evolucione en forma rápidamente progresiva son: 1.- Que la embarazada esté clínicamente enferma (con enfermedad aguda retroviral o con SIDA), 2.- Que tenga menos de 400 linfocitos T CD-4 por mL. y, 3.- Título bajo o ausencia de anticuerpos, especialmente contra la glicoproteína de envoltura 120. Todos estos factores significan una mayor carga viral para el feto.

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

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View From The Rock

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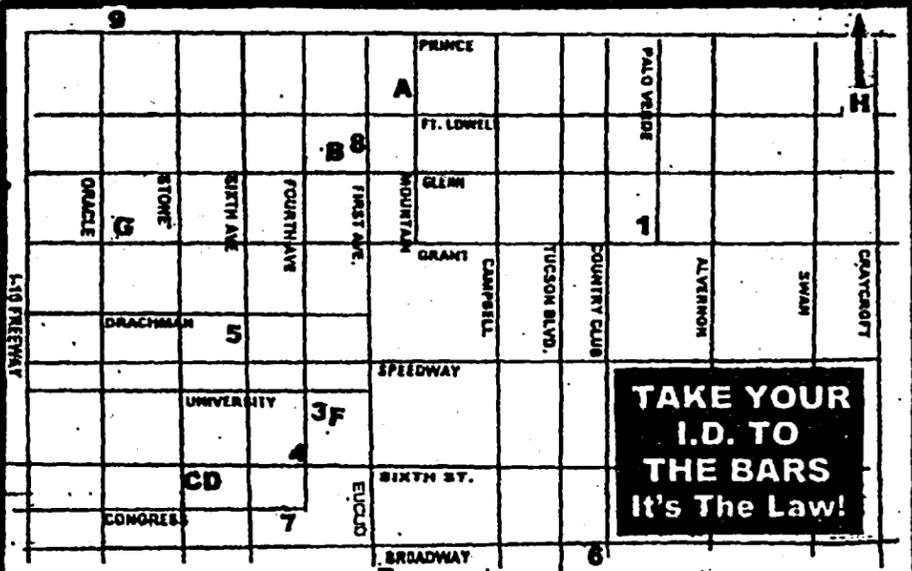
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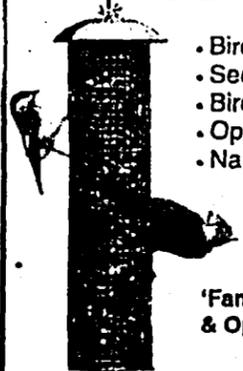
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BOOGIE - Love you always. Boog *****

To JOHN, JASON, LOUIS and MIKIE - Thank you for everything. I love you guys. You're my family. Love ya. Boo *****

TOMMY - My dearest, I love you with all my heart, always. Adrienne *****

JW - Thank for your friendship and love! It's nice to know you're always watching out for me! I love you very much. Sean *****

MJW - Darling, you are a fabulous, wonderful individual and remember I love you! Your friendship continues to bless and amaze my life! Happy Valentines Day. Egypt here we come!! Sean *****

MS. CUBANA - Will always miss those parties on N. Sahuara, not to mention the view. 4-ever friends. Love, P.R. *****

Dear Partner - Gotta love ya, but then again, I stay heavily medicated. Will you be my Valentine? Love, your girlfriend, Linda. *****

Best Buddys 4-ever. Meet ya at Rocky Point. I'll lead while you sing! Love, Just Me. *****

TONY (Kat) - It's been great knowing, learning and loving someone like you. Lionel *****

To whom this concerns: You know who you are. Phrases like, "It can't be done", are our cues to prove. (Within reason . . . of course!) *****

B.J. - I love you with all my heart. P.J. *****

BULLDOG - Hugs & Kisses. Wuv, Woof, Woof *****

All my Fans - I love you tender. Elvis *****

STEVE & MIKE - You guys are the coolest and I love you - stoners. Brett *****

CARLOS & DAVID - May you live in harmony forever. *****

ROXANNE - I let you see it, but you can't touch it. Love ya. B.S. *****

CHARLES S. - The morning sun rose that Saturday, and we didn't know it. And wished the curtains stay closed and the clock stop operating. We never should have gotten up - just stayed there watching each other sleep. If there was one thing I could ask for, I'd ask for that night not to end. For Saturday not to start. Let's have another night like that, but let's make it extra special when we both can say "I love you". I love you Charles, Happy Valentine's Day. Kevin James Steele. *****

To My POOH POOH BUTT - I will love you forever. ♡ *****

DANIEL COLLINS, BRYANT RIDGEWAY, ANTONIA RODRIGUEZ - I love you all. Friends-4-ever. Love, Brian Stark *****

To all my recovery friends - and you too BRIAN. Love, Don *****

LORRI LYNNE - My Princess charming. I am so glad you have come into my life... All yours! Amy Dawn *****

BOSWELL - I love you truly, madly and deeply. Love, Lisa *****

PAULUO - Happy Valentine's Day roomy. Love Daviduo *****

TREAT - Please call or write. Miss you. Levi *****

DANIEL - I love you sweet cakes. Your wuv pie, Christine *****

BETH - I love you infinitely. . . . unconditionally. Happy Valentines's Day. Natalie *****

V. - Roses are red, violets are blue. This is year number 2 and I will always love only you. R. *****

FRANK & DAVE - Your support cannot be acknowledged sufficiently... but from our hearts to yours... more love than you know. Natalie & Beth & Family. *****

DARLA - I want 692 baby! I love you now and always. Lisa *****

KATHY & SAL - Welcome to Tucson! The Stonewall has never looked better. Happy Valentines to you both and good luck. Bill Watkins *****

TO OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT IBT'S - Thanks for all the good times. Dave and Frank *****

"FAMILY" - Happy Valentine's to you all. Individual recognition is impossible... we'd take the whole paper, but you know who you are. We love you. Natalie, Beth, Erin, Matt and Woody. *****

MICHAEL R. - My soulmate, I love your smile.. Conley *****

GUSTAVO - Be mine forever. Pat *****

BILL & DAVID - Start 12 years. Love you! Babe Homeo *****

ZACK - We love you. The staff at Rainbow Planet *****

EDWARD E. - Be mine sweet heart. Love, Enrique *****

JOSIE - Luv U honey. We are the old school girls. Have a happy V-Day. Moosha Moosha *****

WES - This is our first Valentine Day.. Many more. Don *****

MICHAEL SANDAVOL - Pray for me and I'll pray for you. Love. Brian Stark *****

To Valentina's DJ, ADRIAN - Happy Valentines Day. Love you always. Scooby Doo! *****

TJ - Let's Meet for coffee some day soon. I miss you in the Rainbow Room. Brian *****

To my son RYAN PAUL - You're the best Valentine of all. Love you soooo much! Me Mammy Mona alias (Bridgett) *****

PAUL TUZINOWSKI - The sun, the moon, the stars shine in your eyes. I hold gold in my hand when I hold your hand. Conley *****

CRAIG - Happy Valentines to my adorable husband. ♡ Jaisen *****

"CHUCKLES" - Happy Valentines to my other adorable husband. ♡ Jaisen *****

BUCKY - I know you don't much like mushy things, but I can't help myself. You are one of the greatest friends I've ever known and I know I'll love you forever. KW of KKK *****

TRIXIE - Happy Valentines! We've had lots of good times recently, more to come!! Your Cuz, Louie O. *****

Trampa GALLARDO - Settle your crazy ass down. Trampas *****

DANNY H. - Glad you're home. Love, David *****

GENE - I miss you very much. Bucky *****

LIONEL - Quiro mucho! Te amo! Tu tienes mi corazon! Hoy, mañana y siempre! Love, Tony *****

JUAN - I hope we can get to know each other more. You're so hot! Brian *****

BRIAN STARCK - Your efforts are truly appreciated and guess who will always love you? i.e.b. *****

Aloha LYNN - Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. ♡ Love, Aunt B *****

BOBBY & JESS - My good friends, let's partie! Kelli *****

DAVID C. - Happy Valentines mon cheri. Kelli *****

Happy Valentines to my favorite bar and bartenders. Kelli *****

PRINCESS - I am still trying to figure out what I have done to deserve someone as wonderful as you in my life. Love you always. Rulie *****

BRIDGETT - My sweet Lori Rene' Douchee. Thank you for finding me and bringing me into your life. Thank you for the lessons, especially the hard ones. Happy Valentines Day. I love you. Jerry *****

TIM - A friendship such as ours will live forever! Love, Tazz *****

REYES & 7 BEER QUEEN - Wishing you both the best today, tomorrow and forever. Lionel and Tony *****

BABY - Thank you for the last year. It has been great. Daddy *****

K.C. - Love you with all my heart and together forever. Love you! Randy *****

RANDY - I wish you all the joy and happiness this world has to offer. Love, K.C. *****

ERNIE - Thank you for being my crutch when I needed the support. I am deeply in debt to you. Love, Jim *****

STACY & ARTURO - True love always *****

ROBERT - I look forward to our 35TH Anniversary in April. Love, Glen *****

MIKE (Daddy) - I enjoyed our time together and I love the thought of spending a lifetime with you. Rosie *****

GREY EAGLE - Happy Valentine's Day spinhead. Love, David Ross *****

To my beloved JEREMY - You are the best birthday present one could have ever asked for. May you always be confident in who you are and in everything you do! Luv ya! Spike *****

ROBERT, REG, ROSA, MANNY, GLENN and to the community - You have helped me become more realistic. Wayne Steele *****

Girl RYAN - Where are you? Please call me. I miss you. Love, Bridgett *****

Sister Fizzdale - Happy Valentines Day. Love, brother David Ross *****

PATRICK - I love you very, very much. Thank you for being in my life. Love always, your honey A.B. *****

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Wider Mainstream Acceptance For G/L Americans Found

NEW YORK, NY - A national poll conducted last month finds that while a majority of Americans voice tolerance for Gay people and general support for anti discrimination laws, most are still opposed to Gay marriage and Gay adoption.

A nationwide Harris poll of 1,010 adults conducted from Jan. 6-10 found 56 percent favored expansion of current laws banning discrimination based on race, age, disability, religion, and gender to include sexual orientation. Opposition to such an expansion fell from 41 percent two years ago to 36 percent today.

Federal law does not bar employers from firing workers, or landlords from refusing to rent to people because they are Gay and the majority of states do not ban anti-Gay discrimination.

On the subject of Gay marriage only 15 percent of Harris survey respondents approved of legalizing marriage between two men and only 16 percent supported it for two women. A commanding 57 percent of those polled disapproved of Gay marriage for men and 55 percent rejected it for women. Significantly, 25 percent voiced no strong opinion.

While the increase was slight, the numbers approving of same-sex marriage were up about 50 percent from four years ago, pollsters report, when only 11 percent supported it for women and 10 percent for men.

Mainstream support for Gay adoption was also measured. A strong majority, between 55 and 57 disapproved of adoption by same-sex couples with 21 to 22 percent voicing approval. As in marriage, there are stronger negative feelings toward male couples than toward female couples.

Sentiment on the "nurture vs nature" argument as to the origins of homosexuality showed movement away from "lifestyle choice." A slim majority 52 percent thought it stemmed from learning and experience, and 35 percent said it was genetic. This is a fairly significant change from 65 percent learned vs. 29 percent genetic in 1995.

Opinion was split on whether Gay people could change their sexual orientation. Of those polled, 46 percent said they felt sexual orientation "can be changed through will power, therapy or religious conviction," 44 percent said it could not be changed. Just under half of people responding to the poll, 48 percent, said they have either close personal friends or relatives who are Gay.

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The Eagles	6.0	6.0	.500
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Gruntz	4.5	7.5	.375
That's Us!	4.0	8.0	.333
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Helen	4.0	8.0	.333
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for the MSN Premiere of "Men of the Year". This gentle mockumentary is about a Playgirl man of the year who happens to be Gay (what a shock!). For directions and reservations, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

POZ Cafe Monthly Luncheon - providing a delicious free dinner, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - lunch is served at noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. Reservations requested. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, February 14.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, February 18 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

TIHAN the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, will hold its 3rd annual Treasures for TIHAN Auction at St. Phillip's in the Hills Episcopal Church located at River and Campbell. The auction will feature original works by local artists, treasures donated by friends of TIHAN, gift certificates and much more. Items to be auctioned will be on display beginning at 5:30 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The bidding begins at 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun, pick up some bargains and help raise funds for an organization that makes a difference in the lives of many people. For more info call TIHAN at 299-6647.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Robert and Bob as they host a Singles Party. Here's an opportunity to meet new men in a safe, fun atmosphere. For reservations and directions call Robert at 408-7114, or Bob at 888-2725.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Trick", a charming 1999 movie about 2 guys trying to find a place to consummate their relationship. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24-27

4 Day Youth Retreat sponsored by Queer Voice. The retreat is for queer youth 23 and under. It's free. All you need to bring is sleeping gear, clothes and toiletries. Topics include Coming Out; Homophobia; Dating and Communication; Sex and Sexuality; Drugs and Alcohol; Activism and Leadership. To sign up or for more information call Mike or Robyn at 628-7223 or 410-4512. Queer Voice is a program of SAAF, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host Game Night. Whether it's card games or board games, you'll be able to find someone willing to have fun. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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, FEBRUARY 28

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 Perry at 321-4387.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. Miss Gay Tucson Pre-Pageant Show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Tori Steele, Barbara Seville, Veronica Lake, Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels and Deora Le Blanc.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

IBTS - 8:00 p.m. Special Miss Gay Tucson-America Pre-Pageant Show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Mr. Kenneth Blaka, Tori Steele, Electra Bleu, Tiffany St. Thomas and Barbara Seville.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

IBTS - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust will go to Revelé Gay Men's Chorus from 5:30 to 8:00 .m. along with Karaoke on the patio from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Naomi Knight, Diana K. Shane and Faith Michaels.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

IBTS - Gay Men's Health Project will host a special "Male Box Nite" from 9:00 p.m. to closing along with the regular Underwear Party. Happy Hour Prices to those in their underwear.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

IBTS - Mardi Gras Party is set herewith more details following. Check it out.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

IBTS - St. Patrick's Day and the party is being planned. Get set for the Corned Beef and Cabbage and maybe some green beer too. Watch for details.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 17-18-19

VENTURE-N - The annual Hides of March takes place here with three fun packed days and nights including drink specials, food, beer busts, body wash, Village People show and much more. It's Southern Arizona's hottest leather celebration. Come on down!

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 24-25-26

IBTS - This is home base for the 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair. Watch for more details.



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Time Magazine Discovers G/L Presence Online

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 where people can be relaxed and reach out without fear."

The 'Time piece was something of a quick pass, laying out for readers how AOL's M4M chat rooms are organized, how members scan for profiles and how they use the information to arrange a meeting. But what was so extraordinary about Time's coverage is not what was included in the piece but what was left out.

For instance, while AOL offers a great many rooms for Gay people and their diverse interests, the geographically arranged M4M chat rooms in particular, cater to far more prurient designs on the part of the users. To borrow a phrase, AOL M4M chat is less about looking for Mr. Right, than looking for Mr. Right Now.

Time makes mention of an incident back in October that Aravosis and others say indicated anti-Gay bias on the part of AOL staff members responsible for enforcing company Terms of Service (TOC) guidelines. Specifically, a Gay AOL subscriber in Texas described himself as a "bottom," which the company said was a violation of TOC guidelines prohibiting sexual language.

A far more telling example might have been an incident that took place in San Francisco last August when the city's Department of Public Health traced an outbreak of syphilis to AOL's San Francisco Men 4 Men (SFM4M) chat room.

Health officials said at the time it was the first recorded instance of a disease cluster being traced to cyberspace

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.
 IBTS - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. 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 - Bar open Noon. Scrimoff Sundays make your own Bloody Marys bar. Flashback Sundays in the Dance Club. Open 8pm. Well drinks \$1 from 8-9pm. Music of the 70s and 80s with DJ Rob. Billy Dee Karaoke in the bar 9pm to close.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boil maker specials. BBQ (\$2.50 & \$5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.
 VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (not matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender.

Monday

ANT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.
 IBTS - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 8pm. All well drinks \$1.00 in dance club 8-9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ Rob.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-9pm. Big screen sporting events. All request DJ 9pm to closing.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

ANT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 bnquets for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starzee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.
 IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBTS T-shirt get happy hour prices \$ to close, or buy an IBTS T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Eduardo. \$1.00 well drinks in Dance Club til 9pm.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-oke (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTH per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

ANT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.
 IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Rob and his hot mix. All well drinks in Dance Club \$1.00 til 9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm til close in the bar.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm (pot matched). Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cueno Gold \$2 and Cueno 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

ANT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.
 IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 8pm with \$1 well drinks from 8-9. Dance with DJ Eduardo.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-1sh. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTH per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

ANT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour
 IBTS - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 8pm with \$1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Girlz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

ANT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.
 IBTS - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 8pm with \$1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by 'Crystal Abrams'. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



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NOTICES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, 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 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

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 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

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 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (eveiten@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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 802-279-4805.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, or http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5086

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 615-1887.

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 Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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 civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (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.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 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 293-8624.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuaz@worldnet.att.net

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 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 AI-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 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 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 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 Thursday (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.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

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

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-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

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.

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 proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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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. Elie 681-8850 or Rom 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, 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.

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 628-7223.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 629-7542 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 622-3200.

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. 694-7063.

HOUSING/FOR RENT

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40 & UP GWM TO SHARE 2BR, 1BA APT. FURNISHED. Grant/Craycroft area. Should be a non smoker, no drugs or drink. Cat Lover. Please write only to 5651 E. Edison, #318, Tucson, AZ 85712 813

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