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COLORADO AMENDMENT 2 IS 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL'

DENVER, Colo. (AP) - A voter approved initiative that outlawed Gay rights laws and provoked a nationwide boycott of the state's tourism industry was declared unconstitutional Tuesday.

Amendment 2 violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause by usurping "the fundamental right of an identifiable group to participate in the political process," State District Judge Jeffrey Bayless wrote.

Constitutional rights cannot be submitted to a vote, he said.

The state said it would appeal.

"It's a terrific ruling. The ruling is a strong affirmation of Gay and Lesbian civil rights," said Suzanne Goldberg, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

In a small victory for the state, Bayless said homosexuals don't need the special protections afforded minorities who have been victims of past discrimination.

The group Boycott Colorado, which had organized the protest against Colorado's huge tourism industry, announced it was lifting its boycott Tuesday.

The group claimed the boycott cost Colorado $119 million in canceled conventions, but state tourism officials have said the effect was negligible.

Amendment 2 would have banned state and local laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. It also would have canceled existing Gay rights ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

Eight states have initiatives pending that would outlaw passage of laws protecting Gays, and several cities have repealed anti-discrimination laws.

Mary Celeste, an attorney who challenged the amendment, said the ruling puts other cities and states on notice that "they'd better be careful not to step on the toes of fundamental rights."

Colorado's measure never took effect; Bayless issued a preliminary injunction in January, saying there was a strong likelihood it would be found unconstitutional. Both the Colorado Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld his injunction, and Tuesday's ruling made the ruling permanent.

Bayless, who presided over a two week trial on Amendment 2's constitutionality in October, issued his ruling without comment.

In defending Amendment 2, the state had attempted to show there were six compelling state interests that justified the initiative.

Bayless rejected four of them, including a claim "there is militant Gay aggression in this state which endangers the state's political functions."

The judge said only two compelling interests, promotion of religious freedom and family privacy, were supported by evidence.

"The religious belief urged by defendants is that homosexuals are condemned by Scripture and therefore discrimination based on that religious teaching is protected within freedom of religion," he wrote.

The judge also agreed that the state had an interest in preserving the privacy of the family, which the defendants had claimed was under assault by Gay rights activists.

But Bayless said Amendment 2 wasn't sufficiently narrow to achieve those ends without violating Gays' constitutional rights.

Bayless also said that homosexuals are not politically powerless so they don't need special protection afforded to minorities who are "especially vulnerable in society" and can show a history of discrimination.

"The court cannot conclude, that homosexuals and bisexuals remain vulnerable or politically powerless, and in need of extraordinary protection from the majoritarian political process in today's society," the judge wrote.

Celeste said that aspect of the ruling could be dealt with later.

"I think that there's always another day and another body of evidence to present," she said.

The state will appeal Bayless' decision to the state Supreme Court and, if necessary, to the U.S. Supreme Court, said Attorney General Gale Norton.

"This case still gives us the opportunity to have the important issues decided by appellate court,' Norton said.

The decision was the latest of several setbacks for Colorado for Family Values of Colorado Springs, the group that wrote the initiative approved by voters last year by a 53 percent to 47 percent margin.

During the trial, founder Will Perkins said his group had intended only to deny "protected class status" to homosexuals, not to deny them civil rights.

An October poll showed most Coloradans still support Amendment 2 and think it was aimed at preventing the spread of special treatment to another minority group. The poll also showed that 64 percent of those surveyed believe Gays are seeking acceptability more than rights; 26 percent disagreed.

Study Lowers Estimate Of AIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - About 40,000 Americans catch the AIDS virus each year, and probably about half a million in all are now infected, new research suggests.

This and other new work support the view that the rapid spread of the virus peaked in the mid-1980s and that the number of new cases has held relatively constant or perhaps even declined recently.

Almost since the start of the epidemic, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that about 1 million Americans are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus. However, this figure was based on mathematical projections, not on actual surveys of ordinary people.

For the first time, survey data are available on a randomly chosen cross section of Americans. Conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, it concludes that 550,00 Americans are actually infected.

However, the researchers cautioned that theirs is a conservative estimate, because it covered only people who live at home, not prisoners, the homeless or hospitalized patients. In addition, young men in the study were slightly less likely than other participants to allow their blood to be drawn for AIDS testing, and this, too, could have led to an underestimate of the infections.

Nonetheless, Dr. Geraldine McQuillan, who presented the analysis, said the statistical margin of error int he survey suggests that the true figure is probably between 300,000 and just over 1 million people.

"The real number might be a little under or a bit over" the longstanding CDC estimate, she said, "but it is not 10 million."

As of September 1 nearly 400,000 AIDS cases had been reported to the CDC since the epidemic began, and about 200,000 of them have died of the disease.

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President Signs "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Clinton quietly signed into law a bill that eases a half century of discrimination against Gay and Lesbian service members.

Clinton has been accused of mishandling the controversial issue, which may explain why the bill signing was announced in such a low key way.

The new law gives Defense Secretary Les Aspin 90 days, or until February 28, to house regulations required to overhaul recruiting procedures, discharge procedures and investigative practices affecting Gays in the 1.6 million member armed forces.

Pentagon officials said it could take that much time to complete the regulations required to implement the compromise "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy that Congress forced Clinton to accept.

Congress and the Joint Chiefs of Staff rebelled against Clinton's campaign promise to allow Gays and Lesbians to serve openly in the armed forces. The resistance forced him to shelve his campaign pledge to lift the ban by executive order shortly after his inauguration on January 20.

The White House, Congress and the Pentagon then brainstormed for six months before reaching a compromise.

The outcome was "not a perfect solution" and "not identical with some of my own goals," Clinton conceded when he announced his compromise on July 19. But he insisted that it was "an honorable compromise" and a "substantial advance" over previous restrictions.

Clinton said then that the Pentagon would issue a directive October 1 implementing the compromise.

But Congress intervened to put the compromise into statutory law, and in doing so attached more restrictive lan-

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UPDATE

AGRA Xmas Jamboree Sunday, Dec. 19

TUCSON - Free food! Cheap beer! And a helluva good time. Got your attention? Good! Join members of AGRA-Tucson for their 1993 Christmas Jamboree on Sunday, December 19, at The Graduate. Activities will begin at 6:00 p.m.

AGRA invites the entire Tucson Gay community to an evening of fun. There will be an all you can drink draft beer special with a bottomless mug for only $5.00. Free food, great entertainment from our local "stars of the stage" with shows at 7 and 9 p.m. There will also be games, raffles, and auctions throughout the evening.

For further information call the AGRA-Hotline at 323-0805.

AIDS Vaccine Effective Scientist Says

NEW DELHI, India (DPA) - Spurred by encouraging results in laboratory tests of a new AIDS vaccine, a French scientist said that large scale trials on humans may begin in the next two to three years.

Jean Claude Chermann, co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, said a new therapy using a combination of an anti-viral drug and the thymic hormone was proving effective in killing viral cells and boosting the immune system of affected persons.

The new vaccine had been developed using antigen proteins derived from the envelope surrounding the HIV virus.

Laboratory tests had shown it to be effective against two predominant strains, HIV-1 and HIV-2, as well as the Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV). Chermann said the next step was to test uninfected monkeys with the vaccine.

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First Fund Raiser For Phoenix Pride '94

PHOENIX - Arizona Central Pride (ACP) has announced its first fund raiser for the 1994 pride festival.

ACP, Harley's 155, and Dion (Trax Mr. Leather) will join forces to present a "slave auction" on Friday, December 17th, with proceeds to benefit "Stonewall 25: A Global Celebration of Pride" on June 4-5, 1993.

The event begins at 9:00 p.m., with bidding to commence at 10:00 p.m. Harley's 155 is located at 155 West Camelback Road in Phoenix. For more information, call ACP at 352-7165.

Win A Night For Two At Casa Luna B&B

TUCSON - Arizona Nude Dudes of Tucson (ANDES/Tucson), a non-sexual social nudist group for Gay and Bisexual men, is sponsoring two contests. One to design a logo for the organization and another to come up with a catchy and appropriate name for their newsletter. A prize of a night's stay for two at Tucson's elegant Casa Luna bed and breakfast in the foothills will be awarded to the winning entry in each contest. (Date of stay subject to availability.)

The logo should feature a nude male and be appropriate to symbolize Arizona Nude Dudes of Tucson. The newsletter name should be original and appropriate; such ideas as "The Bare Facts," and "Nudesletter" have already been used.

Deadline for both contests has been extended to December 31st. All entries should be mailed to ANDES/Tucson Contests, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, Arizona, 85728-4044.

ANDES/Tucson sponsors meetings and events each month at members' homes and provides a comfortable and secure environment for Gay and Bisexual male nudists to meet and socialize in a non-sexual context.

For information about ANDES/Tucson or the contests, contact Jim Farias at (602) 297-9816 or Wayne Wright at (602) 887-3115.

Play Safe!

Cracker Barrel Shareholders Vote For Discrimination

LEBANON, Tn., - Shareholders of Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores Inc. have voted down a resolution to adopt an official anti-discrimination policy at the 163 unit family restaurant chain.

However, the controversial proposal drew 14 percent of the shareholder's votes, a large enough voting bloc for the resolution to be included in next year's proxy statement.

The anti-discrimination policy was proposed by the New York City Employees Retirement System, one of the nation's largest institutional shareholders, who wanted Cracker Barrel to "implement non-discriminatory employment policies related to sexual orientation and add explicit prohibitions against such discrimination int he company's employee manual."

In a prepared statement, Cracker Barrel chairman Dan W. Evins called the vote a "resounding support of management."

Two years ago Cracker Barrel came under fire from national Gay organizations after it fired about 10 Gay employees, citing a policy that it would not hire employees who "failed to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." The chain later rescinded the policy.

Local Gay Cable Programming Update

TUCSON - Empty Closet, a local Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual cable television program, will cablecast one hour episodes twice a week, the programs began on November 22.

Tucson Community Cable will cablecast Empty Closet exclusively on Channel 62 Mondays at 4 p.m., and Sundays at 6 p.m., starting December 20th.

Empty Closet Productions is dedicated to serving the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community. Production goals are to support, educate, and entertain. For special events coverage, contact Tony at (602) 882-8120.

Shanti Christmas Food Drive

TUCSON - Shanti Foundation of Tucson has launched their annual Christmas Food Drive, and are asking the community to "make a difference to someone living with HIV/AIDS or other life threatening illnesses."

You can help by donating non-perishable food or toiletry items at the Shanti office, located at 602 North 4th Avenue, or at the Shanti boxes located at all of the Tucson bars.

For more information call 622-7107.

Study Lowers

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McQuillan's figures were based on a sample of 7,992 households surveyed between 1988 and 1991. They were presented at the National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections, sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology ard other organizations.

Of those tested, 29 people were found to carry HIV, the AIDS virus. This works out to just over one third of 1 percent of all Americans.

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POLITICS '93 by Mark Kerr

RECALL THIS ALAN & ED!

The National Organization for Women, Total Recall and the Pima County Green Party last week launched their recall of embattled Pima County Assessor Alan "I have Constitutional Rights!" Lang. The group Total Recall also launched their recall of Supervisor Ed Moore.

The first meeting, (training session), took place this past Wednesday at the headquarters of Total Recall, 1003 East Broadway. There were over 2 dozen persons in attendance.

The session was run by the Chair of Total Recall, former State Rep. John Kromko. He went over the procedures and guidelines for circulating recall petitions. Kromko also stated that their first drive would start at the 4th Avenue Street Fair, which took place this past weekend.

TOTALS SO FAR

The 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair was a gold mine for the recall campaigns. The 3 day effort garnered over 9,000 signatures on petitions to recall Lang, and over 2,000 signatures on Supervisor Ed Moore. The groups have 120 days to get a little over 60,000 valid petition signatures on Alan Lang, and a little over 11,000 valid signatures on Ed Moore to force a recall effort.

A QUICK KROMKO TALK

I had the chance to talk with the leader of Total Recall, former State Rep. John Kromko. Kromko stated that the Fair had produced a "gold mine" of signatures and that Lang and Moore "are toast." He urges all registered voters in Pima County should sign the Alan Lang recall petition and that registered voters in Sup. Dist. 3 should sign the petitions for Moore. He also added that the Total Recall office will be open soon with set hours. So leave a phone message and someone from the Recall will get back with you.

RECALL INFORMATION!

To sign an Alan Lang petition, you must be a current registered voter in Pima County. To sign a Ed Moore recall petition, you must be a registered voter in Supervisorial District 3. The District encompasses the far southwest and northwest sections of the county.

Here are the streets that encompass the border of District 3 (SW to NW): Duval Road to Old Nogales Highway to Los Reales Road to Santa Cruz River to Ajo Way to Kinney Road West to the city of Ajo. Ina Road to Camino de Oeste to Camino del Cerro to Sweetwater to Prince Road to Campbell to River Road to La Cholla to Orange Grove Road to Shannon to Ina Road back to La Cholla back to La Canada north to the towns of Catalina and Oracle. (Whew!)

So if you live within these boundaries please sign a recall petition against Ed Moore, he must go! And if you are a registered voter in Pima County, sign a petition to recall Alan Lang, (need I say more about him!).

ANOTHER RECALL TO TALK OF

There was another recall that was going on and the clock struck midnight this past Monday on this group. The group was trying to recall T.U.S.D. Board Member Joel "Don't keep promises to voters" Ireland.

This was the groups second attempt to recall the Board member. In 1992, the group launched a recall bid against Ireland, but had to suspend operations due to their petitions not conforming to statute.

The group had to get over 30,000 valid signatures to force a recall election of Ireland. A spokesperson for the group told me it looked like they would not get the signatures needed to force an election of Ireland. (DAMN!!!)

BASHA PROFILE

In the past, two Democratic gubernatorial wannabees have been in the news, profiled, etc. There is a third candidate, businessman Eddie Basha. Here is a brief profile of the third candidate:

He was born in Chandler, Arizona in 1937. He graduated from Chandler High School and attended Stanford University and graduated with a B.A. in History.

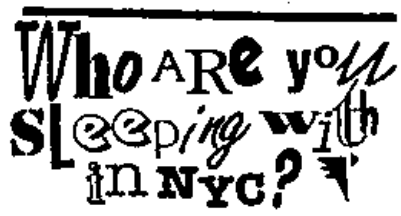
Basha went to work in the family business, a grocery store chain bearing the family's last name. He became C.E.O. when his father, who started the Basha chain, passed away.

Basha serves on the Arizona Board of Regents and the Arizona Commission of the Courts and has served on numerous government committees. Basha is a member of the United Way, Chamber of Commerce and numerous other groups, (too many to list!).

END NOTES

One thing to report. Phoenix insiders are stating that Congressman Sam Coppersmith (D-CD 1), will be announcing his candidacy soon for the Democratic nod for the U.S. Senate.

And so it goes!!!



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DEAR EDITOR:

Since AIDS Walk '93, which was held in early October, there has been a continuing whirlwind of gossip, false information and distorted facts circulating in our community. Often these "stories" have included statements, innuendos and implications of wrong doing on the part of the boards, directors and staffs of the Tucson based AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs). We, the members of the Board of Directors of the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, would like to take this opportunity to reply to recent statements made by Jim Toevs, the consultant for the Tucson AIDS Walk '93; statements he made in the October 20th issue of Echo Magazine and elsewhere.

For the past 18 months, the Tucson ASOs have been working to develop an atmosphere of cooperation between the four foundations. Relationships that often had been strained, have begun to ease and many fresh projects were developed that have taken advantage of this new attitude.

In the spirit of extending cooperation into the area of mutual fund raising, the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) approached the Board of Directors of the Shanti Foundation of Tucson last December, to ask if Shanti would be interested in taking part in the 1993 AIDS Walk. As in the past, the AIDS Walk was to remain a fund raising project of TAP (it was not proposed as a joint or community project). However, in 1993, for the first time, the three other Tucson based ASOs would share in the funds raised (70% to TAP and 30% divided equally among the other three ASOs). And because it was a TAP fund raising project, TAP was to do all the developmental and organizational work while the other three ASOs were asked to provide "walkers" and team captains.

Based upon the information presented to us at that meeting, plus some research we did ourselves with regard to how other communities in America conduct similar fund raisers, we agreed by consensus of the Board to accept the TAP offer and to participate in the AIDS Walk Project.

We did not then nor at any other time "vote" to hire Jim Toevs as the consultant; we were never asked to do that. We also did not "vote" on the salary of $40,000 or any other amount for that matter; again, we were not asked to be involved in that decision. Those decisions were made between Mr. Toevs and the Tucson AIDS Project before any invitation was extended to the other ASOs. Our only decision was whether or not to accept the ten percent of the proceeds offered to us.

We at Shanti look forward to continuing this recently developed spirit of cooperation and working with the other Tucson based ASOs. We honestly believe that better services will be provided as a result of cooperative efforts.

Additionally we would like to point out that the Shanti Foundation of Tucson has always had a policy of open communication with the members of the community on all issues of concern. We would encourage anyone wishing to address items of interest about Shanti, the current HIV/AIDS crisis or other similar matters to contact us. We encourage your participation.

Sincerely, The Board of Directors
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Sitting In The Dark

On Tuesday, darkness will give way to light.

Next week the sun will set on the shortest day of the year and we will wait through the longest night. This pivot point of the solar year signals the onset of winter, through which days lengthen into June. Yet the winter solstice means much more than the year's shortest day. The earth will begin the winter's rest, dreaming of spring's renewal.

Our ancestors feared that after the longest night of the year, the sun would not return. They developed rituals to entice the sun back from the long darkness.

Over time, we got more sophisticated in our knowledge about the solar system and had less fear of the sun staying away from us. We became more afraid of blowing up the earth in one shattered instant; the solstice seemed much less menacing. Yet we kept winter festivals.

The Druids welcomed winter by gathering mistletoe and draping it in garlands through their homes. The Romans celebrated Saturnalia on the winter solstice and *Natalis Solis Invicti*, the Birth of the Invincible Sun, on December 25. For reasons we won't go into here, these festivals fell out of favor in the fourth century.

For other reasons, in the sixteenth century, most European people agreed that January 1 was a good time to start the year. Before that, feudal (i.e., agricultural) society had timed the year from the sowing of crops in spring. New Year's Day had been April 1; those who continued to start their year in April came to be known as April fools.

Many people had political reasons to divert attention from the old religions and their agricultural holidays at solstices and equinoxes. The Church sidestepped the issue politically, starting the year at the onset of Advent and celebrating Jesus' *bris* on January 1.

Parenthetically, why do you suppose the Church chose to mark the occasion of Christ's circumcision, a practice they had abandoned as too Jewish?

ANYway, back to the solstice. The metaphor I am struggling toward (or away from) here is the return of light, the triumph over darkness.

As the days shorten and leave us in darkness more of the time, so our lives move through cycles of darkness and light.

This is the first year that I have acknowledged my pagan beliefs and chosen not to celebrate Christmas. While I do not miss the syrupy sales pitch in the least, looking at all the traditions and festivities from the outside feels a bit forlorn. I am dismayed at the degree to which my greedy little soul will miss the presents, but I am relieved to be free of the enforced gaiety.

When I was in tenth grade, my English teacher told me about her choice of chocolate. When she was young, she loved sweet milk chocolate. As she grew older, she came to prefer the bittersweet variety. She likened the change to her view of life: in youth, it seemed life was either all good or all bad. As she matured, she became more able to appreciate the nuances of pleasure and pain, good and bad, bitter and sweet, light and darkness.

That admixture of opposites seems more evident as I get older. Things that once seemed absolutely black or white have taken on shades of grey.

Last February, for example, when I moved out from my ex-lover, it was perfectly obvious to me that I was the aggrieved party and that he was a boor. Now, with time and distance, I can see that my behavior contributed to our unhappiness.

Then there was the first time I read about the "good side" of the AIDS epidemic. I thought the writer had to be nuts. What could be good about a disease that was killing beautiful young men? Yet because of AIDS, we have learned about what is really important. We have come to know and understand death and grief. We have deepened our bonds. We have learned to care for one another through the worst times. We have grown emotionally and politically as a result of this deadly visitor.

Even though we have not yet won equality in the armed forces of this country, we have forced them to admit that yes, we do exist in their ranks. Gay men and Lesbians of valor have stepped forward to ask why their service is unwelcome. Military homophobia (bad) is being exposed (good), just as military racism was shown to exist forty years ago.

Finally, there is the matter of the Christian right's onslaught against equal rights for queers and the separation of church and state. Since a woman's right to choose abortion is becoming settled law, the media Bible-thumpers need a new target, and we are it. This is bad news.

Still, there is a good side to this campaign of hatred. Though I am frankly afraid of the power and money wielded by these so-called "Christian" bigots, I have to believe that the majority of US citizens do not hold their extreme views. The Christian right's invention of "the Gay agenda" has in fact created a positive Lesbian and Gay agenda, along with a political power base and an identified bloc of supporters of our rights.

All these struggles weigh heavy on us. Sometimes I want to just hide my head and hope they will go away. At those times, it seems we are wandering in the darkness of the longest night of all. Still, as the sun will rise after winter's first and longest night, so our lives will be brightened by these struggles.

There is one difference, however: the sun travels through the universe no matter what we do. Our rights will not be won without work from each of us.

This is the best opportunity I will ever have to tell you my favorite joke:

Q: How many Jewish mothers does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: None, darling, I'll just sit here in the dark.

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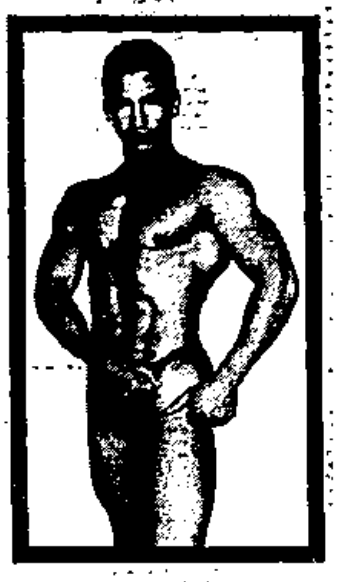

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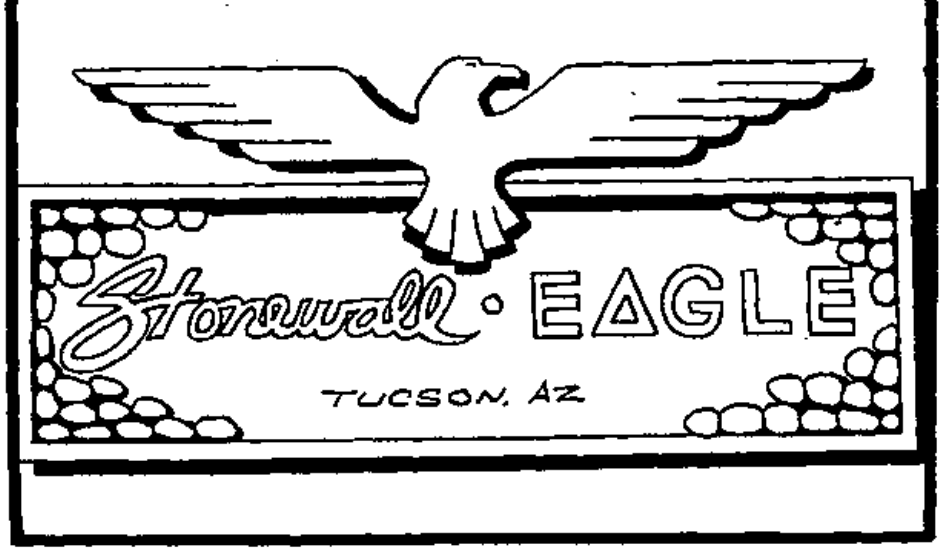

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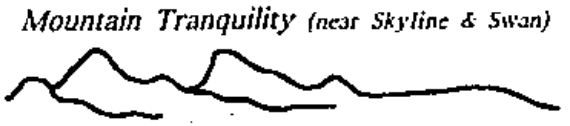

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The Bowling Beat *by Mark Rosenbaum*

The holidays are upon us and as such, this will be the final week of league play before the holiday break for the Tucson Desert Coyotes and Tucson LAMBDA Lizards. Both leagues will have two weeks off, with the Coyotes resuming play on Wednesday, January 5th and the Lizards on Friday, January 7th.

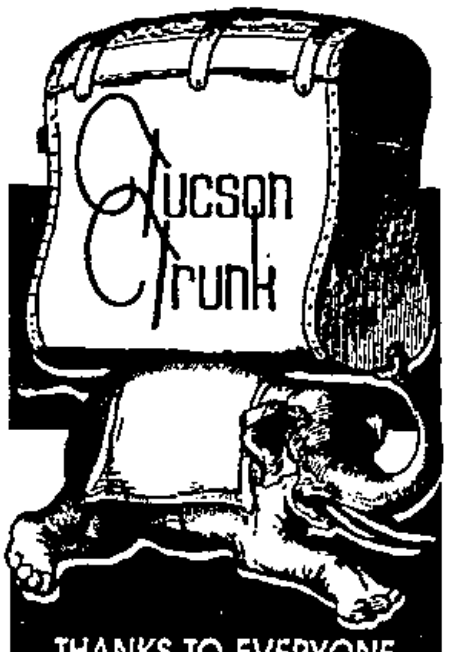
Of Course, it wouldn't be the holidays without a party so the Halloween InvitationalTournament-Tucson(H.I.T.T.) is sponsoring a Holiday Party for the members of both leagues in appreciation for the leagues' on going support. The party will take place next Wednesday, December 22nd and will be held in conjunction with IBT's Christmas Party.

We will be giving away bottles of cheer (courtesy of Golden Pin Lanes) and other special prizes, along with a special "Merry Christmas" 50/50 cash raffle. The evening will feature hors devours, music and dancing followed by IBT's own fabulous Glamazons in a Special Christmas Show. It all gets underway around 7:30 p.m. at IBT's, 616 North Fourth Avenue. Come celebrate with us.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

As noted earlier, both leagues will return to weekly plan immediately following New Year's. And you can become a part of Tucson's growing Gay /Lesbian bowling family. There are available slots on existing teams in both leagues and also a few team slots also available and we're seeking new bowlers to join us for the second half of the 93 - 94 season. We bowl Wednesdays at 9:00 pm and Fridays at 6:15 pm, so pick the schedule that's best for you. Both leagues are mixed (men and women) and do not require any specific level of experience.

The members of both leagues would like to invite all prospective new members to join us for our Holiday Party on the 22nd. This will be a great opportunity to meet the bowlers and get more information (more information is also available by calling Geoffery Wilcox at 884-8443).



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As I See It *by Clark*

Are You Ready for the GAYMES?

WHAT'S UP DOC???

Not that anyone needs to be reminded but, you had better get on the ball, Christmas is only 10 more shopping days away. Yes, I'm sure there are still some of you out there that haven't quite finished as of yet, but everyone who hasn't will be making those mad rushes from one store to another, picking up those last few special gifts.

And, this coming Saturday, all of those RED jars that you have been asked to support, TKO's Make-A-Wish benefit jars, will be picked up and delivered to the Graduate. The contents of all will be dumped into one jar, for drawings later in the evening, during this year's Benefit Show.

All festivities will begin (hopefully) at 8 PM. Knowing track records on some of the different shows here in Tucson, maybe I should tack "ISH" after the 8, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

This year's show is being directed by Neil C., who will also be the speaker for the evening, and those of us, over the past years, who have worked under his direction, know he is a stickler for starting on time. I know he has rounded up a fantastic group to be in the show, including himself, so again I stress, show up early to be sure of good seating.

And, making a special appearance at this show, Tucson's Fiesta De Mayo Queen - Candas. She will be the auctioneer for the evening so be careful how you raise your hands during each auction, you just may unknowingly bid on the particular item up for auction.

Again I mention, You do not have to be present to win the different advertised raffle items. For all other items that will be auctioned off and those special little gifts that will be under the Wishbone Tree, you will have to be on site. Besides, if you really want to see a special Christmas show, you better arrive early so that you can get good seating.

Last Saturday, TKO while decorating the Wishbone/Tree, was filmed for later broadcast. The TV crew will again be present during the show, also for filming. I'm not at this time sure when all the filming will be aired but if I find out in time, either I'll let you know in this column or place a notice on the bulletin board at the Graduate.

Also, during these final two weeks before Christmas, in your travels around Tucson, be sure to support the Christmas Tree rings, DL's benefit, and bring nonperishable items for the Shanti boxes located at all the bars. Both are worthy of everyone's support.

It will be interesting at the Graduate next Saturday. Not only will there be the show in the evening, but Partners will be having their beer bust during the afternoon. I wonder if Ben has himself a new earring for the occasion? And, present at each of their beer bust, MCC will have a bunch of baked goods for sale. Time to pick up those Christmas goodies then or you are going to have to bake them yourself, if you plan on having any parties.

Well, I gave everyone a chance to send a message to Santa Claus and from the results, I guess everyone already has everything they have ever wanted. Below is the short list of special request that I've received. Of course, I've added a couple special ones that only my sick humor mind could dream up.

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With that I'll close for this week. May all those letters written to Santa bring everyone the BALLS wished for.

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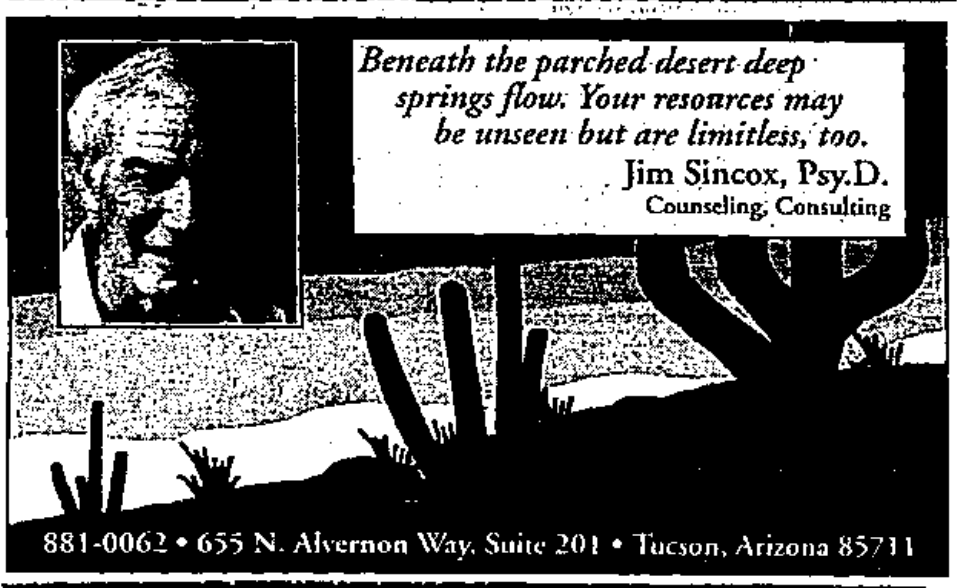

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Straight From The Hip

by Kenny Jacobs

News Flash! Judge Bayless is Colorado ruled that Amendment 2 violates the state Constitution there. Colorado for Family Values has vowed to appeal any decision to the end (read Supreme Court). The appeals process could take a year to reach the Colorado Supreme Court. Because there have been other votes both pro and con around the country the issue raised by Amendment 2 will probably wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court. Is the current Court significantly different than the Court that wrote the Hardwick decision? Yes, but not different enough. Hopefully Chief Justice Rehnquist will bring to fruition the rumors circulating D.C. that he will resign after this session. Justice Blackmum is a friend of the LesBi-Gay community but is older than dirt. Will he hang on for another year? Will there be two more Clinton appointments between now and our D-Day? What about the justice that is rumored to be a "homosexual"? We do know that "Don't ask, Don't tell" will be decided by then, perhaps there should be some clues then.

What does this apparent first round knock down mean for Arizona? It's a little early but we do know this. Arizona criminalizes our consensual relationships, does not recognize our families, and discriminates against "our" children. (I say "our" because if we don't fight for the interests of young LesBiGays then who will?) There is enough "right things to do" here if we don't have to assume a sandbag defense posture against a flood of intolerance and ignorance.

Yours truly has become a Concerned Woman for America (CWA), and I didn't even have to borrow an outfit from Gilda Fatale. Here's the deal, if you call 1-800-458-8797 and ask the nice operator for the free three month subscription they will take your name, phone number and address. Tell them you heard it on KVOI radio. That's all it takes. It costs you nothing and costs CWA three issues of their magazine. Have your friends join and help local recycling efforts, or line your bird cage. (Not recommended for older birds or birds with a heart condition). Please help zap the CWA by calling 1-800-458-8797.

It's time for holiday shopping and time for a reminder. The Rotten Fish List is a good guide for what not to buy. Please try to buy from our LesBiGay and LesBiGay friendly merchants. You vote for yourself with every dollar you spend, so spend like your life depends on it. It does.

[Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome. Kenny Jacobs c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, Arizona 85703.]

Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

AGRA CALENDAR

Sunday, December 19: AGRA Board Meeting, 3 p.m., The Graduate. General meeting follows at 5 p.m. The Christmas Jamboree begins at 6 p.m., and continues throughout the evening at The Graduate, the public is welcome!

Wednesday, December 22: Fund raiser for Gilda Fatale, candidate for Miss AGRA. Featuring "The Glamazons" to benefit T.H.R.C., 9 p.m., IBT's.

January 14-16, Phoenix "Road Runner Regional" Rodeo, Corona Arena, Phoenix.

February 18-20, Chicago Gay Rodeo, International Amphitheater, Chicago, Illinois. Call (312) 883-1880 for information.

March 18-20, Tucson's "Saguaro Regional Rodeo." Details TBA.

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What more could you want for a Sunday evening? AGRA Christmas Jamboree begins Sunday, January 19, at 6 p.m. at The Graduate and promises to be a great way to cope with a boring Sunday. Come on down! Finish up your Christmas shopping early and make plans to join us! And if pre-holiday blues are setting in, this is a great way to get out of the house and hang out with a great crowd of folks. We invite the entire Gay community to join AGRA for a fun evening!

Our beer bust special will be a "bottomless cup" for all you can drink draft beer for only $5.00! What a gonga! And you can use that beer to wash down free while you enjoy the entertainment (shows at 7 & 9 p.m.) and all the fun we'll have waiting for you. And most important of all, we need you attendance and support as this is a fund raiser for our 1994 rodeo. It's not cheap to put on a rodeo! Please help!

Our current raffle for 6 pairs of Morris Air tickets (donated by Compass Travel) will take place at the Jamboree. Rob your piggy banks and bring some money so you can buy lots of tickets and maybe one of the six winners.

MCC-Tucson invites all AGRA members and friends for Christmas Dinner and open house, 1-3 p.m., December 25. Call 292-9151 for details.

Tom Maza, one of AGRA most dedicated and dependable members, is going to assist the fund raising director by acting as a volunteer coordinator so that all of our fund raising activities and events are well staffed and that goals are accomplished. Tom will have a phone committee to assist in effectiveness. Please, AGRA members, when you receive a phone call requesting your help, do your best to pitch in. There's not a single person on earth who can't find a couple of free hours. Thanks Tom!

AGRA members, very important! If you have news items of interest to AGRA and the community it is your responsibility to have them included in the column. Contact Michael Allison (Public Relations) at 791-0333, days from 9 to 5.

by Bruce Fowler

Review - Desert Voices Concert

With a chorus of 50 plus people, a feeling of excitement in the air, some crisp new material, and a sold out house, the Desert Voices performed their annual holiday concert Saturday, December 4 at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts.

Very amply conducted by artistic director, James H. Gall, the chorus again demonstrated their ability to be musical ambassadors of the Tucson Gay & Lesbian community. With a repertoire as diverse as any group in town, this five year old chorus confidently approached such challenging choral pieces as "Glory to God in the Highest" (Pergolesi), "Mi Y'Mallel" (Gall) and the quartet and Shepherd's chorus from "Amahl and the Night Visitors" (Menotti) and they did so with style, precision, spirit and balance that demonstrates just how far this group has come in the past five years.

James Gall, as artistic director of the group, has worked hard since being appointed to his post in the spring of 1992. He has developed this group of 50 plus singers into a highly reputable and professional sounding chorus. He's obviously done so with great compassion and care for individual chorus members; his popularity with the chorus is strong - he is well liked and yet, at the same time, he has their respect. An ideal relationship between any chorus and director.

Whereas, Mr. Gall had lead this group into a sense of high spirited unity with a strong sense of performance panache by last summer's very popular concert, the chorus as a whole still lacked a real sense of solid musicianship. This fall things have changed. We now see the emergence of a chorus well founded in virtuoso musicianship as well. And this combination of strong stage presence and developing musical professionalism at the individual level, is about to catapult this group of singers into the lime light as one of the up and coming *major* choruses in Arizona. This is no longer just a "nice" choir of Lesbians and Gays singing for their brothers and sisters. No, this choir of Gays and Lesbians is well on it's way to becoming a highly respected professional chorus and in doing that, they also are on their way to being an ambassador of the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community that will make the community proud.

But getting back to last Saturday night's concert: The first half of the program included the more classical selections for the evening. Opening with Benjamin Britten's "Alleluia/Hymn to the Virgin", the chorus quickly established itself as a unit of coordinated musical talent with strong staging ability as we were treated to an interesting echo effect caused when the main chorus performed on the stage and the Solo Octet performed from mid-way in the audience. Unfortunately, the lighting director, provided by the college, didn't seem to know what to do about providing light and we were left with first lowered house lights, then raised, then lowered.

Later in the performance, we were treated to several solos and duets. All were sung with great commitment and some were truly outstanding. Of particular note was alto, Dorothea Nobile and soprano, Lucy Johnson who performed the duet for "Glory to God in the Highest" in a delightful and talented manner. Terry Long, bass (baritone), performed solo, singing the French carol "Oh, Holy Night", which was pleasant, at times nearly electrifying, but the piece did not fully evolve because of the lower and upper limits of Mr. Long's still developing voice.

Without a doubt to this reviewer, the outstanding solo performance was turned in by Ron Eldridge, tenor, and he was especially strong in "Mi Y'Mallel" - a tribute to Hanukkah. His full, rich, controlled voice offered to us Gentiles, a view of a Jewish cantor unlike anything most of us had seen or heard before.

Darren Connell's interpretation, in full drag, of "Santa Baby" nearly brought the house down. And Patty Sundburg, together with Nancy Holder both gave fine performances with Paul Stookey's, "Noel", complete with candles and glasses of wine.

After the intermission, the whole chorus gave a spirited presentation of a group of "fractured" Christmas Carols - popular carols, reworded to underscore Gay and Lesbian Pride. For example, sung to the melody of "Joy to the World", the following excerpt is taken:

"Joy to the world, the Queers are out!
We won't go back again.
We'll come out to our sisters,
We'll come out to our brothers...."

...Well, you get the idea. A great spirit booster, in which many in the audience joined in. These reworded musical selections, sung in praise of Lesbian and Gay pride, have become a hallmark of Desert Voices' performances.

The Desert Voices, a member of GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) - an international alliance of over 100 choruses, has two more concerts planned for spring of 1994. One will be March 26th and the second on June 18th.

If you haven't seen and heard the Voices perform in a year or so, now is the time to take another look. Something special is happening here in Tucson, a professional Lesbian and Gay Chorus is about to emerge. A chorus in which the Arizona Gay and Lesbian Communities can take special pride.

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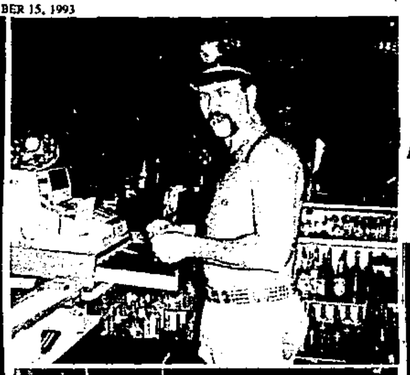

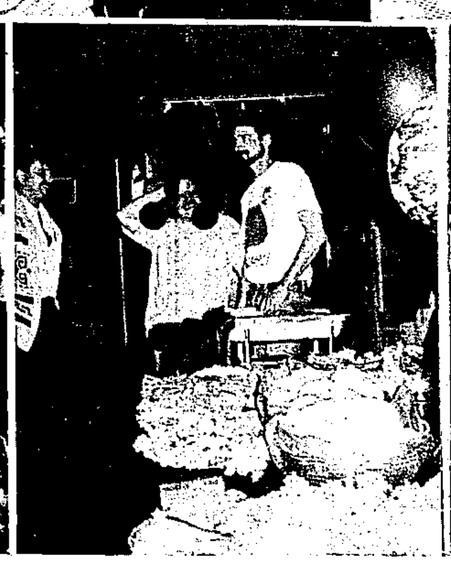

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

GRADUATE - Partners' Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. followed by the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) annual Make-A-Wish benefit-show-auction-raffle here beginning at 9:00 p.m. This benefit will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation that grants the wishes of children who are terminally ill. What better benefit at this time of year. TKO will also raffle their $100 Xmas tree as well as several other prizes. See Doc's column for full info. It's gonna be a great time.

HOURS - Christmas Show beginning at 8:00 p.m. starring the live vocal talents of Mis. Teresa Housley.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

GRADUATE Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will hold their Christmas Jamboree here. General membership meeting at 4:00 p.m. Plenty of food and Beer Bust beginning at 5:00 p.m. Raffles with prizes including Airline Tickets. Come join in the fun y'all. Benefit for the rodeo folks.

RUMORZ - Fabulous Falsies in a special Christmas benefit show for PWAs 9 p.m. sharp! Show features Mr. Dani Reid, Mma Reyña, and Adreanne Alexander with newcomers to the group Paris St. Clair and former Miss Gay Tucson Raven. Tatiana Lanandova will be guest star.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

CLUB 2520 - Big Dance Contest Night here with contests for cash prizes going on in the Country Western barroom and on the Disco side too. Cash prizes of $50 first place and $25 for second place with contestants being judged by Country/Western or Disco appearance and stage presence. Win some Christmas cash or come on by and enjoy the fun.

IBT'S - IBT's joins with HITT for an extra special Christmas party with raffles, prizes and food starting at 7:30 p.m. Plus a special Glamazon Christmas Show at 9:00 p.m. starring Miss Gay Tucson, Madame X, Gilda Fatalé, Lucinda Holliday, Angelica West and Blaze.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 (XMAS DAY)

HOURS - Come join the gang at Hours Christmas Party starting at 6:00 p.m. Deck the Halls!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)

GRADUATE - Food fun and favors with complimentary champagne of course. Celebrate and drive safely!

HOURS - New Years Eve Party starting at 8:00 p.m. Complimentary Party Favors, Buffet and Champagne at Midnight. No Cover!

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Last Meeting Men Party will begin at 7 p.m. It is an easy, creative ways to meet other men. The purpose is to enhance relationships, communication and intimacy. Call Marc for details at 881-4582.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Lambda Car Club will be touring Winterhaven after dinner. For details call Bill James, 622-3808.

Sandlot volleyball at St. Francis in the Foothills, Swan and River Road sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual support group. All men and women are welcome - all skill levels. The group plays for fun every Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. The meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are invited to attend at St. Francis in the Foothills, River & Swan, Room 31. A play area is provided for children adjacent to the meeting room. Call Craig at 318-9348 or Lisa at 624-7376 for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Cornerstone Fellowship presents a free Christmas Repast at 4:40 p.m. followed by 6 p.m. by a free Christmas Pageant Everyone invited. 2902 N. Geronimo, corner Geronimo & Laguna. 622-4626

1-In-10 Theatre Company will hold auditions for the world premiere production of "Invitation to the Wedding" by William L. Ladd. 1-In-10 presents the first in its New Playwrights Series with this groundbreaking piece. From supportive friends to less-than-thrilled parents, this is one wedding you won't want to miss. Auditions at noon. "Invitation to the Wedding" has a cast of 5 men and 4 women. Four of the male characters are in their 30s, the other is aged 50-60. One female character is in her 30s, two are 40-50 and the fourth is 60+. One in Ten Theatre encourages the participation of all persons regardless of sexual or ethnic identification. Call 770-9279 and leave a message. A member of the publicity team will return your call.

Lesbian and Gay Catholics and friends will celebrate their lives at Picture Rocks Retreat with a mass and Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m. For directions call Picture Rocks Retreat 744-3400.

A Men's Massage Workshop and Sensual Awareness seminar will be from 2-5 p.m. This is a great way to learn to communicate with other men non-verbally. Fee. Call Marc to register at 881-4582.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

One-In-Ten Theatre Company will present "Hannah Free", a benefit performance for P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) beginning at 8 p.m. at the troupes Historic "Y" Theatre. Get your tickets early and make this a sell-out performance with proceeds to our mom's and dad's. For ticket information or reservations call Priscilla Walker, 883-7383.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink $5. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm - All Short Well Drinks $1.00.

4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11am - 2pm; Tea Dance with Ron Rios 2:30-6:30 and then a live band from 7:30 to 11:30pm (usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Rock 'n Roll dancing to music.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6pm. Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 am. 301 Dart Tournament 4pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 5-7pm, B-B-Q 5-7pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 well 8-1 + Mount Madonna "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm all short well drinks $1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7, also, 8pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow Jazz Monday with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1pm until 8pm $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8 to closing, Domestic Beer $1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8pm to close. $2.50 Pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8 to 10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well $1.00

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps .75¢ 7pm to close

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. White Thursday - all wines well drinks $1.00 from open to close. 25¢ extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.25 domestic beer & well $1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 1:00pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. $1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Fabios show at 9:30pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50¢ off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30.

CLUB CONGRESS - Rod Perron's 'Queer Extravaganza' here from 8pm to 1am, featuring caged dancers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25, 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Disco music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Mann, 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salsa Nite 9 to close. $1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fixx" salsa.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches pot.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well $1.00

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25, Heineken or Corona $1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1. - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30, High Tech Music follows with VJ/DJ Linda.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 8pm - 1am

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 hamburgers 4-7, GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with $1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Jeff Strickler 9 to 1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9pm, all short well drinks $1.00. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. $1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Pirdale VJ/DJ 10-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 5pm.

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by Big John

"There's something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear. Battle lines are being drawn, Nobody's right, if everybody's wrong." Stephen Stills

This promises to be a very lengthy column with a lot of information not yet shared with my readers, so please, please, read this issue in it's entirety, and I thank Mr. Ellis for indulging me.

I'm sorry to report that through no effort of my own Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) has proven to be, and continues to be, an insurmountable self serving "sacred cow". After having a wonderful "let's do lunch" meeting with three Board members just before Thanksgiving, and given the opportunity to voice my concerns about the way they do business, the only thing accomplished since then is their forced willingness to have "open" Board meetings, which several of us attended on December 7th. One down - too many to count - left to go. A full text of the "requests" made by TLGA to the TAP Board follows, and you can decide for yourself if any of the requests were unreasonable:

TLGA REQUESTS TO TAP BOARD MEMBERS

Presented 11/23/93

(1) A formal apology is expected by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) for the treatment of members of our community who were exercising their rights as members of TAP or TLGA to attend a publicly announced Board of Directors meeting on November 2nd, 1993, and who were summarily dismissed after a six minute opportunity to be heard.

(2) It is expected that the TAP Board of Directors will conduct meetings in an open forum, especially after advertising such meetings in the Calendar of TAP events in the On TAP newsletter. Also, the TAP by-laws, recently adopted in July 1993, make no mention of Board meetings being conducted in private, and these by-laws are the governing documents of any Arizona non-profit corporation pursuant to Title 10 of Arizona Revised Statutes. Attached are two Arizona Attorney Generals' Opinions reflecting the belief that while Title 38 (Open Meeting Law) does not apply to non-profit corporations, it is proper and appropriate to conduct meetings in a public forum. (See AG opinions 188-055 and 189-010).

(3) The TLGA expects a discussion in an open forum regarding the Jim Toevs contract for AIDS Walk '93, and the role of the TAP Board in these events. This discussion may take place at the next Board meeting, or at a time and place to be set as soon as possible. We have been asking for "facts" regarding Mr. Toevs and the Walk since late September and have not yet received adequate answers about the role of the Board and Mr. Snow as of yet. We would also like to know if Mr. Snow has discretionary spending power at the agency, and what the maximum spending limit is.

(4) Pursuant to the Griffin motion that was given at the October 5th Board meeting (where there was no quorum), TLGA would still like to see a $40,000 donation or "restricted fund" account set up at TAP from the proceeds of AIDS Walk '93 to take care of the direct client needs of persons with AIDS and HIV. Documents from TAP auditors indicate that in recent years the direct client assistance payments were only $14,578 (1992) and $10,764 (1991), and in these same years between $200,000 and $300,000 was raised yearly from non-governmental community sources; when the total agency budget was between $660,000 and $775,000. We believe TAP's extraordinary focus on prevention and case management has caused many persons with AIDS in our community to go without food, medical care, rent assistance, and other day-to-day needs, which could be met out of the $40,000 set-aside account.

(5) A written response is expected for any and all requests made to TAP pursuant to ARS 10-1025, where members are specifically granted access to books and records of an Arizona non-profit corporation, such as TAP. A reasonable response time is considered to be thirty days from the receipt of any request, and it will be appropriate to notify us in writing if this schedule is impossible to maintain - and an appropriate explanation will be expected. Such information is still awaited from Mr. Craig Snow, dating back to October 26th, for $54,000. of "space" at TAP and other questions related to Mr. Jim Toevs.

ME AGAIN...

Well, it's time to get down and dirty and let you folks in on a plethora of unanswered questions and facts presented to TAP from me and vice versa, so that perhaps more people will get involved in the challenge of getting questions answered. Carol Zimmerman, one of the "Board" directors who we "lunched" with, made it quite clear at their last meeting that TAP had no intention of answering the questions in the letter to Craig Snow dated October 26, 1993, and mailed again 15 days later with a signed receipt, and finally, hand delivered to Ms. Zimmerman on November 23rd.

Ms. Zimmerman's response, given at the last Board meeting, was that they don't have the staff or budget to put the data together, and on a subsequent phone conversation with one of my associates, said it was also because they weren't quite sure what my agenda is or how I would use the information. Title 10 of Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) regulates non-profit corporations, and ARS 10-1025 states that members of a non-profit have a right to access "books and records" of any corporation to which they belong as members. I get all of TAP's mailers and the ON TAP newsletter, therefore I consider myself a member. As stated above, TAP is required by law to provide this access to its members, and can be assessed a fine of not more than $500 for each failure to comply with the law (ARS 10-1025).

How will I use the information I get from or about TAP? It is quite obvious that I will deliver it to you the readers of this paper, and thereby the members of our Gay community. "If" there is something wrong with what they are doing at TAP, the public must be the judge - not me! I'm just exercising my rights (or attempting to) as a "member" of TAP to get legal access to the information I have a right to access under Arizona law. By not providing me with information, they seem to give the appearance of acting guilty of something - other than simple bad judgement over the Toevs affair.

Now, I share with you all the letter of "fear" that was mailed to Craig Snow twice, and also given to Ms. Zimm-

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Last Sunday, MCC-Tucson celebrated the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the church. On December 12, 1970, a small group of men gathered at the Ramada Inn, had an informal service and formed the core of a new church of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church. This small group had a mission and a vision that has withstood many trials and tribulations, many joys and blessings and has grown to be one of the leaders in the Tucson community.

In less than two weeks Christmas will be celebrated. On Friday, December 24th, starting at 11:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Vigil will be held at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue. Everyone is invited to join with us as we reverently observe the birth of Jesus Christ in worship, praise and adoration.

On Christmas Day, MCC-Tucson will host a Christmas Dinner for the community. Dinner will be served from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the church. Transportation will be available to and from homes of those unable to attend the dinner. Please call the church at 292-9151 for more information, if you need transportation or if you would like a meal delivered.

We were pleased to have with us at last Sunday's worship service, Bill and June Willey, parents of our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey. Deacon June is a Deacon of MCC-Tucson and is a leader of a church in Skowhegan, Maine, which is a missionary outreach of MCC-Tucson. We are happy to have Bill and June with us for a while this winter here in Tucson.

Thought for the week: Always try to be a little kinder than is necessary. James M. Barrie.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I hate Christmas! There are just too many things to do and too little time to do them in! There are special Christmas goodies that I make each year. There is fudge and toffee and 7 layer cookies, as well as new recipes that I just must try! There are boxes and boxes of Christmas decorations to be displayed in just the right place all over the house, and of course there is the tree to put up, and the lights, which never work the first time they are plugged in! Then there are Christmas cards to send. Every year I vow that I am not going to send any, and every year when I start getting them in the mail I feel guilty and decide that maybe I had better send just a few!

Every year it seems that the stores get out their Christmas displays earlier. This year some of the stores were having Labor Day sales and pre-Christmas sales at the same time! By the time I am ready to go Christmas shopping I feel that all the best bargains are gone, and I am so tired of hearing "Here Comes Santa Claus" over all the stores' PA systems that I think if I see Santa Claus I will choke him!

Have thoughts such as these being going through your mind in the last few weeks? It's very easy to get so caught up with all the Christmas trappings that we forget what Christmas really is all about. It's not about Christmas goodies or trees or lights or cards or even about presents, in spite of those who say that the Wise Men started the tradition of giving gifts at Christmas!

When I start getting the "Christmas grouches" I just stop and think for a few minutes about what is really important at this time of the year. Why do we celebrate Christmas? Christmas is about love, God's love for us. John 3:16 reminds us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV) At Christmas time we are reminded that Jesus came into this world not as a mighty conqueror, but as a tiny baby. He gave up the glory he had in Heaven to live on earth as a human being for 33 years, and then he died a painful death. Why did he do this? He did it because he loved us so much that he wanted each one of us to be able to live in Heaven with him some day. He paid the price for our sins so that we could have his gift of eternal, heavenly life.

If it looks like your Christmas is going to be just another frantic season, why not accept God's gift of love to you? Then, no matter how overwhelmed you get with baking and buying and decorating, you can have the peace of Christmas which only Jesus can bring.

Each reader is invited to take some time from the Christmas rush to come to Cornerstone Fellowship on Sunday, December 19. We will be having our second annual Christmas Repast at 4:30, with a light supper and Christmas goodies. At 6:00 p.m. we will present our Christmas pageant, "Voice of Christmas Present". This promise to be our best pageant ever! Hope to see you then!

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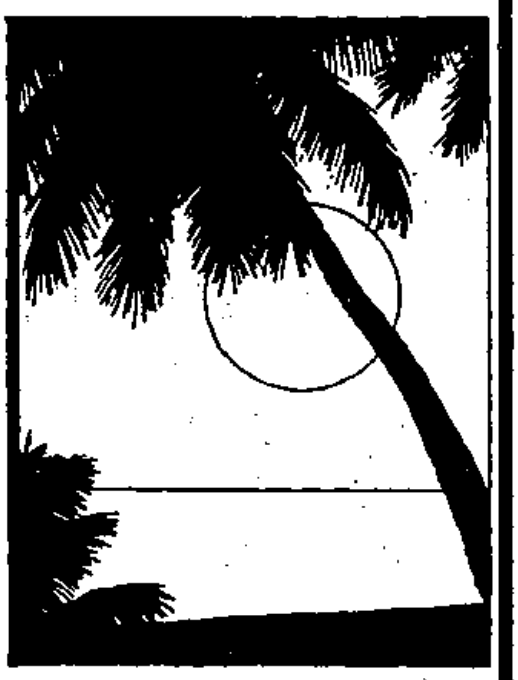

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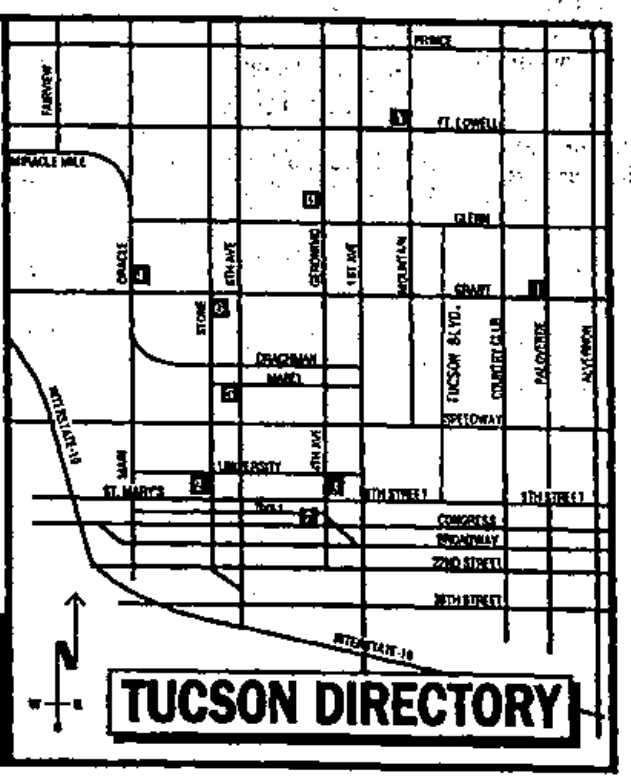

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erman of the Board. And I have proof that Craig received it! Here is the letter:

October 26, 1993

Mr. Craig Bradford Snow
Tucson AIDS Project (TAP)
151 N. Tucson Blvd., #252
Tucson, AZ 85716

Dear Mr. Snow:

Again, pursuant to the last sentence in Tim Janes letter in the Observer (Oct. 6th), I would like to "ask you" regarding some information that I'd like to receive from TAP. While I have some of this information already, I want to be sure it is accurate...and I need it in a timely fashion!

First, regarding Mr. Toevs:

(#1) Who recommended him to your agency?

(#2) Please list his previous experience in corporate fund-raising.

(#3) Please send me a copy of his resume or any documentation regarding qualifications used to make a decision to hire him as the AIDS Walk '93 coordinator.

(#4) Also, indicate how many of the 9 or 10 months of his contract that he was supervised by you personally; how frequently he was supervised (daily, weekly, etc.); and if you were aware if he was actually in the City of Tucson for the duration of his contract period.

(#5) Next, I noticed in the TAP "Summary of Projected Expenses for Fiscal 1993" that you allocate $56,369 for "space." What space is this in reference to? Please provide me with a list of all space held by TAP, with full address, for any and all leases, whether paid for or donated to TAP, for the years 1991 through 1993. Next to each address, please list the cost of any rented space (none=donated), and whether the space is (or was) used for office or personal use, and please also give the square footage of each donated or leased space.

(#6) Lastly, please indicate whether you personally use any space donated to, or leased by TAP; if you receive "space" in lieu of salary; or if you sublease space from TAP at a discount or at full retail cost.

Sincerely, Big John Haase
Tucson, AZ 85711

ME AGAIN...

Well, aside from the obvious reasons that we as a community should like points #1, 2 and 3 addressed, question #4 was asked because it was reported by reliable sources that good ol' Jim Toevs was allegedly in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Nashville, Tennessee, Key West, Florida; and according to TAP insiders, was not supervised at all. Without these questions being asked and answered, we can only surmise that TAP made an outright "donation" to a Gay man who ran for U.S. Congress, failed, and may have had unpaid campaign bills to pay and friends at TAP. This kind of "political contribution," especially one to the tune of $40,000, is illegal for any non-profit 501(c)3 agency to make, and the IRS could revoke the agency's non-profit status if evidence of this surfaced.

Question #5 relates to the fact that TAP's rent was only $9,884 in 1988, just over $15,000 in 1989, and my data is missing for 1990. But then "rent" became "space" on their books for 1991, and it was around $29,000 worth, then $44,800 worth in 1992, and finally $56,000 for 1993. This is a frightening financial arrangement for "space" since they haven't moved anywhere since 1988, so a jump from $9,884 to $56,000 in just five years is damn "scary" money management.

Also, pertaining to requests for information... Pam Shack told David Zinke earlier this week that she didn't recall any mention of the "town meeting" in the Observer. WHAT!!! Save these ARS Title 10 references. File a complaint! Do not pass "GO"! Collect $500 for each violation! Force these people to play by the rules that Arizona lawmakers set up to protect us. The more the merrier - certainly everyone who signed the Observer letter should complain individually. Make your requests in writing - not verbal. Please document everything. Send letters "Certified" with a green postal card as your receipt.

In the next couple of weeks, I hope to take a close look at TAP's newly released "Bigger Budget for Fiscal 1994," as well as some very timely information regarding another ARS law that specifically regulates "Fund Raising in Arizona." Both are quite impressive to see, and may explain why TAP "desperately" wants to forget about AIDS Walk 1993 - so I'll share it all with you. Happy Holidays and Bon Appetite!

Closet Door

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With apologies to Jews and mothers everywhere, I use that story to make a point: while we cannot change the sun's progression through the sky, we can, and must, enlighten ourselves and others.

One person at a time, we must come out to those we love and to our friends and co-workers. We can shed light on their misconceptions of who Lesbians and Gays are, what we're like, what we do, and what we want for ourselves and our country.

Queers have been shoved into the darkness for too many centuries. So "let your light so shine before men," and await the triumph of light over darkness.

Oh, one more thing: sometimes when we think we're sitting in darkness, it's because our eyes are closed.

Have a serene solstice.

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ARIZONA

N. phoenix **DADDY TYPE** : looking to meet yng guys who are looking for daddy type, leave msg & I'll get back. ¤ 1123

Phoenix **I LIKE OLDER MEN:** 19 y/o, 135lbs, 6', looking for serious people for good times/friendship/rel/ prefer 35-48, dark hair, & facial hair. ¤ 1742

Arizona **GROUP FUN:** 33 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, avg/med. build, seeking gwm, 25-37 for poss. get togethers/group fun, like outdoors, movies, all the usual stuff, call anytime. ¤ 4109

Tucson **WILDCAT:** 24 y/o, college guy . really looking to have fun. ¤ 6247

AZ **PUMPING IRON:** looking for builders for massages. ¤ 7064

Phoenix **YOUNG AND BUILT:** 19 Y/O gbm, 6'2, 170lbs, enjoy sports, running, working out, seeking gwm, 18-23, well built & nice personality, if interested call for pager number. ¤ 8665

AZ **ARIZONA MAN:** 39 y/o, 160lbs, 6'2, blond, blue, mod. hairy, interested in dancing, darts, cycling, looking for any oge or older, (prefer hairy) ¤ 1627

Mesa **HEY BI- GUY:** looking for bi-guys call anytime betwn 6pm-10pm. ¤ 8375

Scotsdale **CUTE:** 21 y/o, pre-med senior, 145lbs, 5'9, enjoy roller blading ¤ 8398

AZ **ARIZONA LATINO:** 24 goodlkg, latino, french/spanish seeking white tp 20-30 for fun times. ¤ 1418

AZ **ROMANTIC:** attrac. gbm, enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, quiet evenings, seeking other romantic types. ¤ 1577

AZ **DESERT FOX:** 6', 250lbs, dark brw hair & eyes, smooth body, intell, humorous, seeking blonds 18-28, around 5'8, 180lbs, for long term., monogamous rel. ¤ 1841

AZ **JUST COMING OUT:** 21, animal lover, looking for very open minded guy 21-25 (preferably fit, attrac, wm) ¤ 1902

AZ **BRIT/AMER:** 29, 170lbs, 6', into sports, tennis, soccer, basketball, looking for someone into sports, building, music, travel, please leave msg. ¤ 1921

Phoenix **NO WEIRDOS:** 18 y/o, new to area, seeks 18-25 y/o for fun times. ¤ 2764

AZ **EASY GOING:** Are you looking for laid back male? Fun loving, gbm,195lbs, searching for that right one. ¤ 2906

AZ **TREAT ME LIKE A LADY:** looking for guy or guys who can treat me like a lady (very subm.) I enjoy lingerie and lots of fun things. ¤ 2932

AZ **PISCES MAN:** seeking dom. tp scorpio ¤ 1507

Tempe **BLACKBOARD:** 18 y/o, bm, seeks white or hispanic males in area for good times. ¤ 4661

AZ **INTO LEATHER:** 23 y/o, looking for lt leather types, please call today. ¤ 3319

AZ **HARD BODY:** 19 Y/O, blond, hard body, into racquet ball, all sports, I'm open minded & willing to learn. ¤ 3589

GOODLKG: 27, wm, 5'10, 175lbs, well built, goodlkg, v. subm, looking for trainer, for whatever you have in mind. ¤6018

PROFESSIONAL GAY WHITE COUPLE: 28 & 31 seeking houseboy to be part of the family. Call to see if there's a fit. ¤4541

ATTN: MILITARY OR FIREMEN: 26 y/o, gwm, 5'10, 165lbs, military reserv, prof. fireman discreet, honest, seeks same for friends & more. ¤6320

NO INHIBITIONS PLEASE: blue eyed 20 YR OLD, 5'10, 150lbs, w/brw hair, goodlkg, seeking my aged or little older for un inhibited fun times. ¤6605

32 y/o, 5'8, 155lbs, looking for gwm, 24-37 for group get together, call for more information. ¤2769

Flagstaff, **TAME ME:** masc. 6'1, 180lbs, brw hair, stached, good shape, seeking masc. hairy dark haired male. ¤3784

Phoenix, **TWO STEPPIN' DADDY TYPE:** 46 ,6', grey hair, attrac., like rodeos & dancin', seeking intimacy w/o immed. commitment. ¤7652

Phoenix, **FOOTBALL PLAYER BUILD:** old fashion 6'1, 200lbs, brw hair & eyes, seeks rel. ¤4708

Phoenix, **LET'S PARTY!** 34 y/o, 6'2, tp, 170lbs, gwm, looking for party types/group fun. ¤4800

Phoenix, **VERZATILE:** gwm, 31 y/o, brw hair, eyes, 6', 250lbs, vers., btm, seeks gwm, 18-30 for poss. rel. ¤7996

Tucson, **WM** Prof, hiv -, tp, UR clean cut discreet masc btm seeking caring? (inexper ok ¤4865

Tucson, **LOVE TO WORK OUT:** 6'2, W/ brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, tattooed, seeking attract guys under 25, new comers a real plus, I'm N2 just about anything w/the right guy. ¤3263

Tucson, **B-HISPANIC:** 31, 6'3, discreet, seeks workout partner, ¤2035

Tucson, **DOM. TALL MALE:** 6'3, 185lbs, tp, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy, seeking subm. males, in tuscon area. ¤7990

Tucson, **VERY CUTE:** 31, seeks muscle men for workout partner, any race, live alone, enjoy sunsets, evening together. ¤6663

Tucson, **BODYBUILDER N2 LTHER:** seeks man 30-35 I appreciate most scenes so call. ¤7071

Farmington, **26, 155LBS,** hazel eyes, 32" waist, enjoy long walks/talks/madonna/cuddling, rainy days/fire places. ¤6607

Farmington, **GOT ANY SECRET FANTASIES?** 20 YR OLD, would like to meet you & talk about it. OK? ¤5797

Arizona, **32, GWM,** 5'11, 160lbs, into travel, computers, & goodtimes, seekin guys 28-48 ¤6747

Arizona, **YOUNG LOOKING,** 45, clean, safe & honest, not into bars, lookin to meet guy 21-30, ¤7356

Arizona, **MAKE MINE BLACK:** WM seeks BM: 5'9, 165lbs, regular guy, masc. acting, into shooting pool, having fun. ¤3357

Arizona, **GETTING OFF CAMPUS:** 22 y/o, college student, new to area,looking for other guys my age to go out for a social drink or whatever. ¤2018

Arizona, **46 INCH CHEST:** 25, college student, 6'2, sandy blond, 200lbs, 46" chest, seeking bodybuilding enthusiasts around my age. ¤4843

Phoenix, **BLACK TOP 30,** seeks btm, 20-35, attrac. & in excellent shape, w/hairy bodies, if this is you please respond. ¤6919

Scottsdale, **FILL MY PRESCRIPTION:** 5'8, 150lbs, blond/blue, into anything & everything & love to have fun, the wilder the better. ¤1945

Tucson, **MACHO MAN WNTED:** 6'5, 180lbs, blue eyes, dark hair, work out, seeking hockey type guy for good times, macho types only please. ¤1078

Arizona **GROUP/GROPE:** 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg. built, dark hair, looking for avg. kinda guys 26-38 for group get togethers. Call anytime. ¤5672

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Arizona **TALK ABOUT WHATEVER:** want to talk to young smooth bodied guys, let me know you're out there. ¤5794

Arizona **OPEN TO ALL:** Interested in getting together for rel.? leave msg in my box. ¤6338

Tucson **PERSONAL TRAINER SOUGHT: HISPANIC** ,5'10, 180LBS, brw hair, love racquet sports, looking for guy who likes to work out & have fun. ¤6367

Arizona **V. STRONG GBM, 31, DESIRES** similar or hispanic for rel., if serious call. (you'll be surprised by the results.) ¤1817

Tucson **NEWCOMERS WELCOME:** 6'2, 210lbs, brw hair, blue eyes, hairy chest, look for inexperienced guys and anyone curious enuf to call. ¤3263

Phoenix **WE TALK WE MEET...** the chemistry's great! Yng Smooth good shaped, 5'11, 160lbs, new for Chicago, desiring the above mentioned. Call my box. ¤2844

Arizona **ATHLETIC 31,** hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, muscle, goodlkg, educated, masc, seeks fit WM, ¤4231

Phoenix **SHY BOY:** longing for others into the comforts of swimwear, & lingerie, call for my address, espec. if you match my interests. ¤4071

Tucson **RIGHT STUFF:** 33, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, looking for men 25-35, who keep themselves in good shape, like to stay on top of a good time. ¤4318

Tucson **YNG ATTRAC. HISPANIC: 19 YR OLD:** 5'8, 130lbs, blk hair, enjoy shopping, cruising, going out, cuddling up, seeks guy 19-24 for my area, ¤4580

Beaulhead City **ANYONE** with a **PULSE: 6'4,** dark hair, turquoise eyes, looking for anyone alive, call for hm # (prefer WM). ¤3171

Phoenix **B AND DEVOTEE:** dynamic 44, 5'10, hairy, w/black hair, seeks, exceptional yng man for sub. times. ¤3688

Tucson **SELF-EMPLOYED: CUTE** hairy, 38, 5'10, blond,-170lbs, enjoy C & W, camping, just wanna have fun, (no co-da's pls.) ¤3827

Phoenix **ALL EXPENSES PAID:** for right travel partner: 38, prof. GWM, seeks 18-25 yr old, to travel with at no expense. Call for details. ¤3861

Arizona **OVER 35?** 28, brw hair, hairy, 6'1, 180lbs, looking for guys over 35, for fun no matter when. ¤3887

Arizona **WE SHOULD MEET:** 28 yr old, 5'6, 150lbs, blond blue eyed, hairy chest, seeks friendship/rel./male bonding. ¤5049

Tucson **EXOTIC 21 YR OLD ASIAN MALE:** 5'5, 130lbs, seeking someone 18-25 for friendship maybe more. ¤5131

Phoenix **I PREFER HISPANIC MEN,** & long haired guys too. I'm fun, attentive and a connoisseur in all rooms of the house. ¤5183

Bowlhead **STILL LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT!:** 6'4, 185lbs, where are you WM? dying for your call! give a call. A Call is worth a thousand words. ¤3171

Tucson **CURRENT AFFAIR:** 6', 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, hairy chest, looking for indoor xciter't & discreet times during the daytime. ¤4547

Arizona **OPEN ENDED REL.:** 5'8, 155lbs, clean shaven, avg, built, want to get together on monthly basis w/ guys for regular get togethers. ¤3413

Phoenix **RU NICE & HUNKY?** Versatile, nice looking 34, 6', blue eyed sandy blond, seeks local or visiting hunky guys who would like to have a good time. ¤2782

TUCSON, JUST DESSERTS. GBM 23, masc. athletic, interested in meeting guys mid-30's who are masc. attrac. into good times. Give a call. ¤2766

PHOENIX, STOP GUYS! LET'S GET SERIOUS! GM 30, 6', 230#, masc. husky, attrac, tired of being alone sks White or Latin close to my age or younger, serious, trusting, stable, attrac, wt/ht prop. If your tired of bars and searching ads, call me. ¤2908

TUCSON, ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS. Airforce veteran GBM 35, thin, 160#, 6'3", prof. clean-cut, HIV-, like cars, music, radio scanners, sks GWM 25-40, mil. vet, for friendship/relationship. No drugs or fml impersonators. ¤2902

PHOENIX, FRIENDS ARE A RARE FIND. GWM 20, Bln/Blu, 5'11", 31w, looking for friends. Please call and get my hm number. ¤3167

PHOENIX, FOR GOODTIME FUN. Very gdlkg GM 33, 5'11", 155#, Brn/Blu, moust. & masc., looking for masc. man early 20's. Give me a call! You won't be sorry. ¤4274

PHOENIX, UNBREAKABLE BODY. GM 28, 6'2", 185#, Blu/Lt. Brn, smooth body, workout 5 days wk, looking for other guys in the area for fun. Into sports, the outdoors. Thanks. ¤4597

CONSTANTLY WORKING OUT! GM Ital/Span. 29yrs., 5'9", 160#, Grn/Dk Brn, very attrac., 43c, 29w, sensitive. Looking forward to hearing from you. Let's get some good hardbody fun going. ¤4683

FLAGSTAFF, PREFER HAIRY, FOREIGN A PLUS! Grad student at NAU, 6', 175#, Br/Blu, interested in safe fun with disc. educated male. Looking for friendship, like travel, outdoors, computers, good conversation and good fun. ¤5097

TUCSON, COUNTRY LIVING AND LOVING. Good-looking cowboy looking for muscular guys in the area. Give me a call. ¤5251

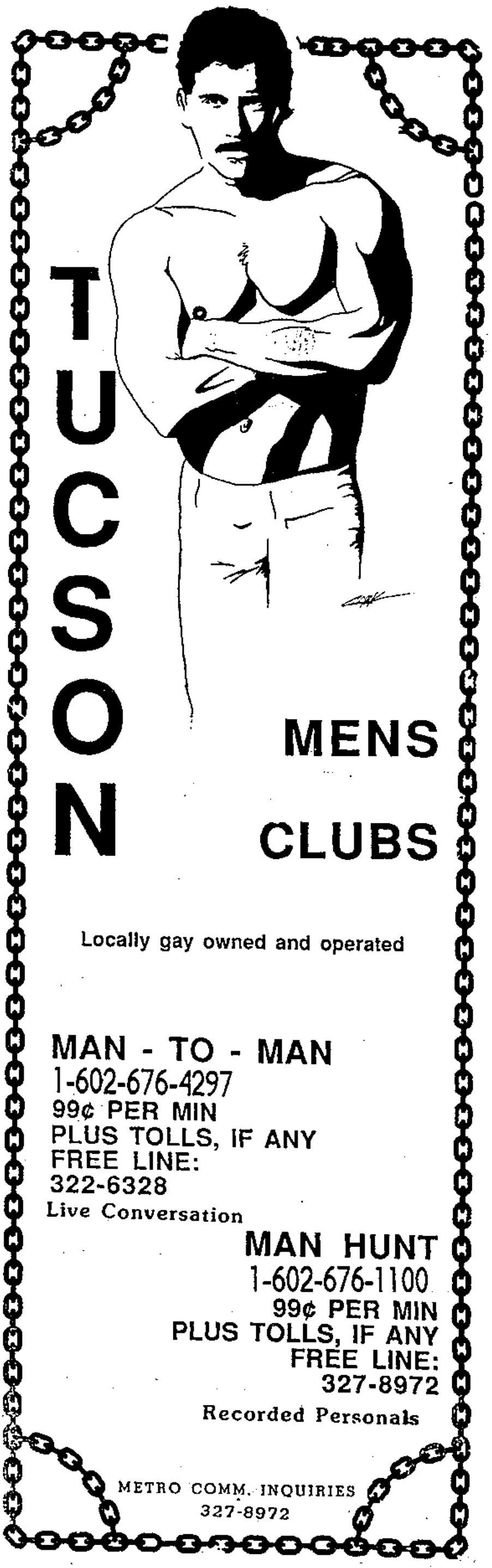
BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES A PLUS! GM recently moved to area 21yrs., 6'5", college student interested in seeking soulmate relationship with someone my age. ¤2025

DON'T WANT YOUR EMOTIONS, BUT I DO WANT YOUR MUSCLE! Looking for studs under 30, smooth, long hair, to come over and turn and burn! I'm 28, Br/Br, ready to rock & roll! ¤2072

TUCSON, JUST OUT FOR FRIENDS. Give me a call, looking for other Bi males in the area. Give me a call, get my hm number. ¤5363

TUCSON, BIG ARMS! THE BETTER TO HOLD YOU. Irish-American 36, young-looking, 5'8", 180#, Brn/Blu, clean-cut, clean-shaven, stocky, muscular, lot of weight training. Looking to meet guys in area, especially dom. ¤4824

PHOENIX, ALL YOU JOCKS WITH SWEATY SOCKS! I'm a good-looking well-built GWM. If you're 18-35, also in very good shape, muscular, ¤1563



HOROSCOPES by Daryl

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIl 19

Good sense concerning your expenses is clarified by a friend. You can always depend on this person for great suggestions. In the short run you'll find that this foresight will free up some cash for holiday spending or future ideas.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Some very earthshaking events will take place in your life this week. Bouncing your viewpoints off a good friend will help diminish the cloud the cosmos has put on your activities. Realistically, you are usually able to comprehend all this but, not when bombarded.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Spiritually speaking you are blossoming. Be sure to praise the forces that be. All good things happen for a reason. You may want to jot some of the events down on paper that stick out during you cheer.

CANCER
JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Circumstances that occur early in the week shape the rest of it for you. Romance gets a happy boost and socially you may do a little climbing while enjoying these high times.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Someone has been getting on your nerves in a persistent manner. Best to distance yourself from someone who saps your power. Ultimately you prefer those who share similar ideas. Romance leaves a bit to be desired this week.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Aim for the sky! Doors open and you travel avenues that lead to all the things that you have been planning towards. Family and children play key roles in our social activities.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

This week is good for extending invitations to friends. Financial gain could be a part of your picture concerning business. Communication with a loved one helps in making some changes. Priorities undergo reorganization.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

It just could be love at first sight this week. New acquaintances produce high people, in high places. Someone who knows you well improves your life or surroundings, for this, your gratitude is everlasting.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You will need to have tunnel vision this week to continue with a happy medium. Communications buy phone or letter are helpful along these lines. Problems try to surface concerning health or finances and this creates tension for you.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

To prevent troubled waters you may have to back down from being right to allow for happiness to prevail. Your creative abilities lie in being able to bring all the right people together for the common interest of all concerned. Key word: finances. Make it work!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Time to close in the scope and aim at a single target. Too many fingers in too many pies will distract you and diffuse your energies. material things are to be put on the back burner to allow time for spiritual rejuvenation.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Goals achieved by children in some aspect of your life please you greatly. Gratitude is in order for all the little things that have been occurring as of late. Finally a few things have come full circle and you welcome the rush of rebirth.

BEARS of the Old Pueblo

by Rich G.

The gathering of Bears and Friends at Lindsay and David's house was fun. Those two hosted our Christmas party. I have been over to their place at least once before but they really decorated it up in the holiday spirit. I liked it. This was a potluck affair and everyone was asked to bring some food, either a side dish or dessert. The main courses were put on one table and the desserts on another. Guess which had more? I'd say that most of our Bears have a large sweet tooth. That night was rather warm and we spent most of the time out on the patio talking and meeting.

The party at the Venture-N last Thursday was great! Jim sure knows how to throw a bash! I got there later and meet many friends that I had not seen in some time. I eventually gathered with some other Bears out on the patio. The rest of the evening was enjoyable. Since it was Thursday, it was also Leather Night. I saw more leather outfits there than I had seen in awhile. I particularly remember a nice set of chaps (and the person in them of course!). It reminded me of the party that Jim had for the hides of March.

In the upcoming weeks there will be more Christmas parties and things to do. I hope to gather a group to walk through Winterhaven to see the lights. I hope that Santa makes it to each of your homes and you get what you want.

In other business, the Bear Survey will still be available to fill out. Contact me (579-9175) or Brad S. if you still need one. We will take them for awhile longer. The whole purpose of these surveys is to figure out what direction this club will move and what you'd like to do. The next General Meeting is on January 6th at the Venture-N. We will be doing a turnover of officers and beginning a membership drive. There will be some changes in becoming a member for 1994. I have the details. Take care and plenty of warm hugs! Rich

Play Safe!

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TEN PERCENT meets every Wednesday on the UofA campus in the Student Union room 281 at 6 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual members of the community are invited.

RESTORATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF ALL LATTER DAY SAINTS - SOUTHWEST - Don't give up your religious beliefs and principles. Be with brothers and sisters of *RLDS, LDS Mormon* faith. For more information call 325-7668 or 1-800-755-2928. Sacrament Meeting Sundays 1-2 (social after). Mondays family home evening 7-9 p.m. All welcome. Bring a friend.

UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3935. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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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, Corturo, AZ 85652.

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

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

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Trains to help others in giving emotional support to persons with *life*-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 622-7707. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 11 am & 6:30 pm. Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies 7 pm. Tuesday, women's Rap Group 7 pm. Coming out issues couple counseling provided. For appointment Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

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For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 577-6018 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

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PERSPECTIVE by David L. Kirp

AIDS, Unsafe Sex and Deadly Denial

TV news shows in San Francisco have been airing footage of the sexual goings-on at several San Francisco Gay sex clubs. Beyond the "sex at 10 o'clock" titillation of these back room videos and the ratings wars that they feed, the stories bring a message that badly needs to be heard.

More than a decade after the first AIDS cases were reported, more than 110,000 American lives later, and still counting, unsafe sex remains all too commonplace among San Francisco's Gay men. In a city where an estimated half of all Gay men carry the virus, that behavior is like playing Russian roulette with a gun that has a bullet in every other chamber.

The response to the telecasts should have been a call to do something, but instead the strategy has been damage control. Local Gay newspapers emphasized the sensationalism of the media coverage. Using hidden cameras represents less than responsible journalism, but that doesn't alter the substance of what was disclosed.

A spokesman for the city's Health Department has rushed to the defense of most sex clubs as providing "an atmosphere where people learn about and are encouraged to have safe sex." I hate to break the news, but many of these places aren't sex education 101. They're in the sex business.

The real reason for this reluctance to talk about unsafe sex is simple enough, and understandable, fear that the disclosures will be used to punish the Gay community. The TV coverage of the sex clubs recalled the unhappy days of 1984, when the Health Department padlocked the Gay bathhouses amid a firestorm of publicity and a threatened public referendum.

Since the early years of AIDS, it has been said that San Francisco's Gay men took up safe sex in order to keep themselves and the Gay community alive, a shift in behavior unparalleled in the annals of public health.

That account is true, and consistent with the image of Gay men as responsible citizens. It's also history. If this is no longer the whole story, if unsafe sex is back, the homophobes can rejoice. That news gives ammunition to evangelical right wingers like the Rev. Lou Sheldon, whose Family Values Coalition has started to spread hate-Gays gospel in San Francisco.

It consoles the bully boys who seize upon the flimsiest excuse for Gay bashing.

In trying to suppress accounts of black-on-black violence, black leaders have made an analogous argument, the community's dirty linen shouldn't be laundered publicly because that gives ammunition to racists. But Jesse Jackson's response applies equally well in this context. The biggest threat is neither scapegoating by the bigots nor street violence, but the literally deadly denial.

In San Francisco and elsewhere, unsafe sex is claiming new lives every day. While the city's sex clubs are the flashiest venue for AIDS transmission, the ways in which sex is practiced in people's bedrooms matter much more.

The Lou Sheldons of the world, the gospelers of bigotry, have it very wrong. The point is not to blame but to understand, and to do something. The generation of Gay men in their 30s has lived through a huge accumulation of loss, grief, anxiety and depression, guilt, too, over having survived while friends and lovers died. "A lot of people," said one participant in a focus group discussion of the issue, "are afraid to be the last one left."

Younger Gay men who grew up in the shadow of AIDS are the fastest growing risk group. A city survey reports that 30 percent of those under age 22 practice unsafe sex.

Like adolescents everywhere, they think they're immortal. Who can reach them with the news that, tragically, they are wrong? Unsafe sex has become the Gay closet issue of our times. The rallying cry made famous by the AIDS activist group ACT-UP is truer than ever: "Silence equals death."

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guage to the measure, which is part of the fiscal 1994 Defense Appropriations Bill that cleared Congress.

The law's four page section on Gays only slightly eases the ban on their serving in the armed forces, which dates back to World War II. it allows Gay GI's to continue serving as long as they keep their sexual orientation secret and do not engage in homosexual activity.

The law signed by Clinton declares that homosexuals have "no constitutional right to serve in the armed service," that the ban on homosexual conduct "continues to be necessary," and that "persons who demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" pose "an unacceptable risk" to battlefield effectiveness.

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