

COPE Center Celebrates Grand Opening To SRO Crowd

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - "All good things come to those who wait" is a statement that came true for Tucson this past Sunday.

The COPE/Project Team Center, a community center for those living with HIV/AIDS and affected by, celebrated their official grand opening with a festive gala to a standing room only crowd of over 75 persons.

Also present at the opening were



COPE PROJECT TEAM CENTER
DIRECTOR EDGAR RIVERA

representatives from Tucson's AIDS Service Organizations; Cicely d'Autremont, People With AIDS Coalition-Tucson (PACT for Life) Housing Director, and Ernie Perez and Marco Martinez from the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) Latino Men's Program. Representatives from Travelers Aid and Amity COPASA were in attendance as well.

The center, located at 732 North Stone, in Tucson, has been offering various activities and programs since early July, according to the center's director, Edgar Rivera.

The grand opening festivities kicked off with opening remarks from Pat Benchik, director of COPE, and Edgar Rivera, the center's director.

Those in attendance were then given a wonderfully prepared meal of tacos, enchiladas and tostadas prepared by the community's own Kenny the Caterer.

A show followed the dinner. The show was emceed by Tonie Anthony, who

regaled the audience with her sparkling wit and comedic routines.

Performing for the assembled audience was Christina De Alexis, former Miss Gay Tucson and Crystal, current Miss Gay West Coast. Both performed numbers as Bette Midler, Dolly Parton and Reba McInire.

Reaction to the opening and the center was swift.

Cicely d'Autremont of PACT called it, "A wonderful idea that has been long overdue. PACT had done client surveys and the overwhelming response from clients was for more social activities at minimal cost. The center should fill that need."

She continued, "The center will emphasize living well and that is something people can do for themselves."

Alan Cunningham of Tucson Travelers Aid, an advocacy group for the homeless said, "The Project Team center is something that is really needed, and will be very useful to all of Tucson. The center will benefit those people who use it."

Kenny Holder, manager of The Graduate commented, "The center is a great idea which will hopefully open the straight community up to the Gay community and to those living with HIV/AIDS."

Angela Guida, coordinator of the Insiders Program, which runs the Wellness Program, every Thursday at the center, said of the opening, "I'm personally glad to see the center getting a terrific response from the Gay, Lesbian, HIV/AIDS communities. We hope to work very closely with the AIDS Service Organizations in making the center a success for all of Tucson."

The center's director, Edgar Rivera said, "The center needs the whole community to support it, through any means for it to be long-lasting and successful."

Rivera added, "I'm very happy at the turnout for the grand opening. But I hope that we can get many volunteers so we can keep the vitality of the center going."

Three future fundraising events are planned: Oct. 7, "Lifting for Life" at World Gym; Oct. 21 "Desert Howl" Halloween Party at Udall Park and the Inaugural Mr. Gay Tucson contest, date and site still to be announced.

For more information or to volunteer call the COPE Center at 624-9818. For more information about the Wellness Program call 798-1772.

More photos of the COPE Center on page twenty.

Softball World Series Draws Thousands



by Cheryl Reid

SEATTLE, WA - Thousands of Gays and Lesbians converged on suburban Kent, Washington for the 1995 "Catch the Spirit" Gay Softball World Series.

Men and women's teams from across the United States and Canada played in last week series which ended on Saturday, Aug. 19. Two teams represented Tucson at the Series - IBTeasers and Biz Team #1. The competition was tough and although Tucson did not bring home a trophy, they did represent Tucson well and are anxious to go back next year and win the series.

For many of the players, the tournament marked their first visit to Washington. It was especially great weather for baseball according to the players who came from 100 degree heat to the cooler climate of Seattle. Many made a rush on local outlets for long-sleeved

shirts.

Tournament officials, players, police and the Parks and Recreation Department workers all reported a smooth, well-organized, controversy-free event.

Police reported that a total of three protesters showed up at the tournament. One, a Tennessee minister, flew in, spent a few hours quietly witnessing against the Gay lifestyle, then flew home. He told police he had been following the tournament for years.

At the Russell Road complex, the tournament's main site, tournament director Gail Britto said city workers have gone out of their way to be helpful. And she said local merchants have also put out the welcome mat.

"They've been great," Britto said. "The city's been great. Everyone's been great. That's why we're here."

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UofA Research Showing Promise In Delaying Onset Of AIDS

TUCSON - Research on mice at the University of Arizona has so far shown promise in delaying the onset of AIDS, and may hold hope for prolonging the lives of HIV infected people.

Through the use of amino acids, mice injected with a mouse AIDS virus were able to fight the damage to their immune systems, according to researcher, Ronald Watson, a professor of family and community medicine at the University.

He stressed that this potential new treatment is not a cure.

"(Mice) still are infected, and they still will die, but (the treatment) should be able to keep them alive longer," Watson said.

If HIV infected humans respond as well as the mice, the treatment might keep their immune systems healthy longer and ward off symptoms of AIDS, he

explained.

"This is a step and a half forward, but it's not the end of the story," he said.

Experiments on humans could be done now but are many dollars away, he said.

"I would love to go on to humans if we could get some funding," Watson said. "This animal model study is a light shining on what could be done in humans."

The treatment involves synthesizing a clump of body's amino acid (called a peptide), removing it and then reintroducing it into the bloodstream. This caused the overworking immune system to slow down because the peptide is disruptive.

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In Memoriam

Gay Young Men's First Workshop Friday, Aug. 25

TUCSON - "What Every Self-Respecting Gay Should Know" is the first in a series of workshops sponsored by the Gay Young Men's Project. This workshop will take place, this Friday, August 25, 6:30 P.M. at the Shanti Foundation offices. 300 East Sixth Street.

Subjects to be covered are: Music - We need more than just a beat, we need attitude! Hair - the absolute do's and don'ts sweeties! Movies - from Joan to Bette; they'll teach you to scratch someone's eyes out! History - Michaelangelo was, Rock was, Prince ??? The Bar Scene - What to do when that guy across the bar gives you the eye. Clothes - Without Claiborne and Calvin Klein, we would be naked.

For more information about the Gay Young Men's Project call 322-6226.

"House Of Tricks" Opening Sept. 20

TUCSON - Recent National Endowment for the Arts Fellow, Victor Lodato, returns to a.k.a. Theatre with a new play, entitled "House of Tricks".

This one man show, written and performed by Lodato, is an intense exploration of male sex-trade workers and the complex dynamics of Father/Son mythology. Based on a year of research and interviews, the play traces a single character's journey through the sexual underground. This emotionally charged drama examines prostitution, pyromania and spiritual redemption.

This production will run for three weeks, September 20 through October 7 (Wednesday through Sunday evenings). "House of Tricks" is Lodato's seventh original work to open in Tucson.

Local Outreach for Lesbian Breast & Cervical Cancer

TUCSON - The YWCA of Tucson has received a small grant to develop an effective outreach program to Lesbians on breast and cervical cancer. We need Lesbians and Bisexual women to assist us in developing the program by participating in focus groups.

During the focus group, participants will be asked about their feelings and experiences with health care providers, and for ideas on how to reach Lesbians with health care information. The focus groups will last an hour and a half. Participants will be paid a small amount of money.

The YWCA particularly needs Lesbians and Bisexual women over 45 and African American, Mexican American and Native American women.

Call Aileen Jacinta McMurrer at the YWCA, 884-7810 to sign up or for more information.

Wingspan September Art Exhibit Announced

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community center is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibit of clay masks by Eric Cuesta-Thompson, starting September 2.

Mr. Cuesta-Thompson will be the featured artists at the Wingspan Gallery during the month of September. The clay mask works are entitled, "Reflections: Relapse and Recovery."

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Saturday, September 2 at the Wingspan Gallery from 7 to 9 P.M. For more information call Bob McMahon at 622-1779.



THOMAS R. HAYES

Tom Hayes, 46, passed away August 13, 1995. He is survived by his partner of 13 years, Douglas George; his father, Frank Hayes of New Jersey; daughters Tracy, Shannon and Amy; brothers Skip and Bobby and numerous aunts and uncles in New Jersey.

A memorial service was held in Tucson on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Donations in Tom's name may be made to Camp Heartland, 4565 N. Green Bay Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53209. Camp Heartland is a camp for HIV+ and AIDS children.

Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Listed below are the winners of the most recent pool tournaments:

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Action Alert! Equal Rights, Local Control In Parenting Threatened

Radical right political groups are attacking a longstanding policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in adoption and foster parenting decisions in Washington D.C.

Groups like Concerned Women for America are preying upon the most repugnant myths about Gay people and children to try to scare Congress into mandating that local governments place personal prejudice ahead of the best interest of the child. The first action on this will probably occur in the D.C. Appropriations Committee of U.S. House of Representatives.

Decisions on foster and adoptive parenting have traditionally left for states and cities. There is no reason for Congress to change that now. Any action Congress takes to discriminate against Lesbian and Gay foster and adoptive par-

ents in the District of Columbia will affect all Lesbian and Gay Americans opposed to discrimination in parenting.

As Human Rights Campaign Fund staffers lobby Congress to reject federally mandated discrimination, your lawmakers need to hear from you.

ACTION: Urge your senators and representative to oppose discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men in adoptive parenting. See the sample letter (below) as a guide for what to say.

Call them, dial the U.S. Capitol at (202) 224-3121. If you are not sure who your senators and representative are, just ask the switchboard operator.

Fax and e-mail them. Call and ask for their fax numbers. Some Members of Congress have gone on-line, so ask for their e-mail addresses as well.

Write to them. Include your name and address, and send your politely worded letter to: The Honorable Jon Kyl/John McCain, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. The Honorable Jim Kolbe/Ed Pastor, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Here is the sample letter:

Dear Representative (Or Senator) _____:

I urge you to oppose any attempt to undermine local control and single out Lesbians and Gay men for discrimination in foster and adoptive parenting.

Radical right political groups are attacking a longstanding Washington, D.C. policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in adoption and foster care. These groups are preying upon the most repugnant myths about Gay people and children to try to scare Congress into mandating that states and cities

place personal prejudice ahead of basic parental rights.

Decisions on foster and adoptive parenting have traditionally been left for state and local jurisdictions to determine what is in the best interest of the child. This Congress, which has placed so much emphasis on returning power to the states, should not create a new federal mandate in an area where none existed before.

It would be incredibly anti-family for Congress to threaten local control and trample on basic parental rights by imposing a federal mandate telling parents who can and cannot adopt children. Please oppose any attempt to undermine local control and single out any group of Americans for discrimination in adoptive and foster parenting decisions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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by Frank E.G. Gallego

Sunday, August 20, Tucson's three AIDS Service Organizations were brought together by the clients they serve for an evening of thanks and recognition for the work, outreach, and effort they have selflessly contributed to our community, particularly to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Sincerest congratulations to Anne Maley, executive director of the Shanti Foundation, to Craig Snow, executive director of Tucson AIDS Project, and to Jerome Beillard, executive director of People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson. These three individuals have done much to impact the needs and issues that demand attention from all of us.

The evening's event was held as a benefit for all three ASO's and was chaired by Reginald Robinson, a.k.a. Miss Jody, who guided the organization of this first annual event to a roaring success. Flowers presented to the guests of honor came from the corp of grateful clients and given by Raymond McIntosh, Clifford Watterson, and Phillip Parker. Awards presented to the three Directors were given by Miss Gay Tucson, Annie Richie, and John Haase.

Heading the evening's entertainment was Ms. Meikel Berry who read poetry she had written. A fashion show included designs from Ruth Danbery, Diane Conrad, Amy Fisherman-Weills, Garry Fowlkes, Edie Lamkin, Adrienne Sneed. Models included Electra Bleu, Garry Fowlkes, Miss Jody, Myah, Clifford Watterson. Song numbers were provided by Electra Bleu, Elise Barabara Fox, Jasmine, Myah, Chabria Sinclair, Diamond Mystique and Miss Jody.

Additional support came from Kelly, Adrienne Sneed and Ammie Carpenter. Thanks also go to Chris from Hospice for Security and to Susan Matthews for admissions booth.

PACT announces our latest addition to our staff. Welcome to Dan Rodrigues in his role as our new volunteer coordinator. Persons interested in volunteering may contact Dan at 770-1710 or stop by our office at 801 West Congress on Mondays between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for interviews and intakes.

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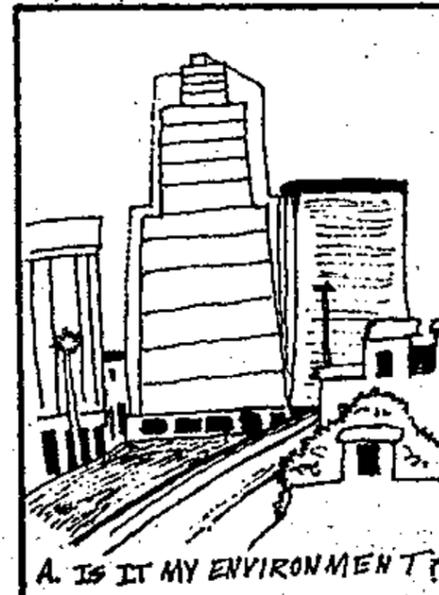


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PACT Housing Emergency Assistance Update

by Cicely d'Autremont
PACT Housing Director

TUCSON - Last time this article talked about the growth of the PACT Housing Program in terms of actual living quarters. This week the theme turns to other housing options, with the emphasis on helping people stay in their own homes.

The Emergency Assistance portion of PACT Housing is funded by federal money through Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and allows us to help with overdue mortgage and rent, and utilities in danger of being disconnected. No telephone bills, alas, but if we pay your electric bill, perhaps the phone bill will hurt less.

Part of this grant, which is something we want very much to emphasize today because there is some confusion about it, is services. No, not room service, but almost as good if it's something one needs.

This money can buy eyeglasses; drug/alcohol treatment, varying from methadone to limited inpatient time; psychological counseling; dental care; attendant care; water purifiers; and durable medical equipment, which means stuff ranging from shower chairs to walkers.

It has taken months to negotiate these services through various bureaucratic layers, including our own, but the process has been a great learning experience in matching community needs with available resources. Part of all this was learning what people really needed, and when we find it, to tell them that we have it.

The funds are available to, in federal speak, "low income people living with HIV/AIDS". This means that any single individual earning less than \$20,050 per year and HIV positive is eligible, so it covers many of us. Family members, positive or not, are eligible to benefit, though not to apply directly if they are not positive. The income criterion increases with the number of people in the household, so it's always worth asking.

The process is to come in to see Gladys, Lisa or myself, in that order please, unless you have a preference, with a few pieces of paper (remember, it's federal money). The needed documentation is: proof of income, proof of HIV status, and documentation of need. Examples are award letters or pay stubs; anything that indicates seropositivity, and an eviction or disconnect notice.

The program does not allow for responsible planning ahead, but it does work. For those of you who may already be PACT clients, most of that should be on file, so check with us if you're not sure what to bring.

We will advocate with landlords or utility companies, and we're so good we don't divulge status for those who prefer we not. The checks will be sent directly to landlord or provider within three days in most cases. Especially now that we have the very competent Gladys to follow through. We will work with you on a financial plan to avoid the same situation in a month or two, but we're quite creative about this, and believe it to be useful.

The twist to this program, right

now, is that we have been so careful about husbanding this windfall, that we find ourselves in the extraordinary position of having to spend a fair amount of money in a few months. Now, never let it be said that PACT's Housing Director would encourage anyone to deliberately be fiscally irresponsible; but if you think you have a legitimate need, please call us. And tell your friends.

If anyone has any thought about PACT services or policy they'd like to read about, please let me know.

UofA Research

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Watson explained that when the HIV virus is in the body, the immune system fights its constantly, eventually breaking down from overuse, a key cause of AIDS.

This treatment appears to be able to slow the immune system's fighting response so that it last longer, delaying mouse AIDS, he said.

Watson used this analogy: When the immune system is overworking, it's like pushing the gas pedal on an idling car until the car is damaged or the gas is used up. This treatment is the equivalent of releasing the gas pedal.

"This peptide must be used to prevent further damage (to immune systems), rather than restoring damage," he said.



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Gay men have an unusual relationship with the mental health professions. Until the 1970's, our very being was officially considered a severe mental illness by the American Psychological Association. As a result of Gay activism, this was changed.

The official psychiatric stance today is that homosexual orientation per se is not an illness. Some fringe therapists (almost all in sinister collusion with fundamentalists Christians) try to change a Gay person's orientation. Psychologists have administered electric shock to Gay men as they looked at pictures of nude men as a way of trying to change our orientation. Perhaps these kind of things help to explain why some of us are a bit wary of psychotherapy.

The philosophy of most therapies would say something like this: "If you want to be whole, you have to feel the pain of your life fully, admit the underlying feelings come from your childhood, feel your anger and your pain; then if you want to truly grow, you have to learn to esteem yourself even if no one else does, have a sex life that involves emotional intimacy, and learn how to be a constructive member of a larger group. To do this, you have to come to me once a week, pay me \$870 an hour, and maybe in a year or two we'll see some progress."

Whereas for many of us, our idea of therapy is to simply say to ourselves, when we feel depressed, "Get over it, girl! I'm ready to party tonight!" But all too often, the depression gets worse and worse, alone with the addiction to substances or sex itself, and the increasing sense of loneliness and emptiness, the rejection by family and society. As if all this weren't enough, the AIDS pandemic

Gay Men and Mental Health

by Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D.

Confessions Of An Ex-Therapist

Part One

puts the ultimate stress on every Gay man: how to protect myself from AIDS (or cope with it, if one has contracted the virus) and deal with the fear, anger, and grief of losing many close friends to this illness?

In light of all this, I have a great deal of respect for all my Gay brothers, just for being alive. We're all heroes in my book. Gay life isn't just straight life with a twist. Gay life involves a very different set of stressors, and a different set of opportunities, than straight life. (Just look at your straight brother's or sister's life compared to your own.)

We need the technologies of modern psychology for attaining emotional strength and health, but we need them in a different form, a less traditional form, than straight people do. For us, it's do or die. It's either creatively shape our own destinies or be in the gutter of society. But I can tell you, internalized homophobia is poison. Closets are not friendly places.

You see, I used to be a psycho-therapist. I used to specialize in "treating" Gay men. I used to listen to Gay men's pain, in detail. Here's what I learned: Gay men in the 90's deal with death in way that straight people don't until they are elderly. Gay men have to think about HIV every time they have sex, entwining sex and death and fear and grief in a very unusual way.

Gay men have to forge a health non-straight identity for themselves, since family and society are usually not too helpful in this regard, and the Gay culture can be wounding as well. Gay men have the opportunity to form non-traditional relationships with each other, not bound by society's rules about marriage and monogamy. Many Gay men are extremely talented, but the stress of Gay life prevents many of us from manifesting that.

We have an undreamed of potential for new forms of social and sexual relationship, based on each man being whole unto himself, instead of the straight world's notion that a man is only half a person, and needs "his other half" to be complete. Many Gay men feel a strong connection to nature, a brilliant creative streak, an ability to empathize with others and make peace.

Gradually, I became disillusioned with my role as a therapist to Gay men. I realized that, by posing as a "healer of the psyche," I was simply encouraging people to play sick and helpless, just when they needed to see their own strength. I observed the insurance companies gaining more and more control over what I did, demanding reports full of confidential information about my clients' lives before they would consider paying for sessions.

The insurance companies also demanded that psychiatric diagnoses be

made, diagnoses that would go into a person's permanent record, possibly affecting future job applications and more. (Clients are often not told about this.) Moreover, I saw that, by blaming the client's upbringing for his ills, I was communicating that the client need not take responsibility for his life, but that others were responsible for his happiness or unhappiness.

I gradually decided to leave the profession and do something different, something that would allow Gay men to benefit from the insights of modern psychology, but that wouldn't force them to label themselves as sick in order to get some help. I wanted to create something for my fellow Gay men that was more alive than psychotherapy, something that would address the actual realities of Gay life in a forceful way. As a first step, I moved to the desert, to connect with the primeval power available here. (Continued next week).

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Review Of Jane Austen Letters Stirs Tempest

by Jim Puzanghera

PALO ALTO, CA - Stanford English Professor Terry Castle has set Great Britain abuzz about whether famed 19th century novelist Jane Austen and her older sister were lovers.

Castle says she has not idea if the two were Lesbians. All she believes is that the sisters' close relationship had "unconscious homoerotic dimensions", something she says was common in middle and upper-class English Victorian society.

So she is furious that the London Review of Books slapped the headline "Was Jane Austen Gay?" on the cover of its August issue to promote her review of a new volume of letters Austen wrote to her sister Cassandra and other relatives. And Castle is just as upset that the publication trumpeted her review with a press release titled "Jane and Cassandra - Did They Or Didn't They?" which promised the review would be "a belated outing" of one of Britain's most revered female writers.

It all could be a sequel to Austen's acclaimed 1811 novel, "Sense and Sensibility," the story of two sisters and their unfortunate romances with men. Call the 1990s version of "Incest and Sensationalism."

The British media, in its deep summer lull with Parliament out of session, jumped on the story as if it were a royal scandal. "It Wasn't Incest, Just Sisterly Love," blared the Daily Telegraph. One Austen expert, quoted in the Independent, said, "I think it's about as likely Jane Austen was Gay as that she was found out to be a man."

And no less than the chairman of the Jane Austen Society and Castle knew nothing about life in 18th and 19th century Britain, a stinging charge for a Stanford scholar of literature from that period.

Now Castle is firing back.

"My comments have been grotesquely, indeed almost comically, distorted," she writes in a statement to be published in the London Review of Books' next issue. "Nowhere in my essay did I state that Jane Austen was a Lesbian, certainly not in the modern clinical sense of the word, or that she had sex of some sort with her sister."

Castle, who has written a book about Lesbianism in literature, said in an interview that she is well versed in Victorian life, and that the British media, revved up by a racy press release, completely misinterpreted her review.

"They're reacting in a very primitive way to what literary critics and social historians have been saying for a long time, that a lot of culture is homoerotic," Castle said. "They really slanted it in a certain direction. I used the phrase 'unconscious homoerotic dimensions' that this played a part in Austen's relationship with her sister, and it's as though people couldn't understand that phrase. Something might be homoerotic, but might not be expressed in a conscious way. It's as though people couldn't understand the difference between homoerotic and homosexual."

Ann Geneva, a spokeswoman for the London Review of Books, said she had not intended the press release to be sensational. "I certainly tried to go with the spirit of the article," Geneva said.

Castle's problems might have started with the first sentence of her review: "It is impossible for the lover of Jane Austen, and lover is the operative word here, to have anything but mixed feelings about Austen's older sister Cassandra."

The essay goes on to discuss, through letters from Austen, the close relationship between the two sisters. It notes that neither ever married, and that they lived together and slept in the same bed all their lives. It also says the Austen's letters to her sister often began "flirtatiously" and contained long passages about clothing that "may have provided the necessary screen behind which both women acted out unconscious narcissistic or homoerotic imperatives."

At points in the 5,000 word review, Castle talks about homosexual references in Austen's letters to other women and in her novels, in which "so many of the final happy marriages seem designed not so much to bring about a union between hero and heroine as be-

tween the heroine and the hero's sister."

The British reaction to her scholarly essay was hysterical, Castle said.

"I just thought I was relating to Austen certain ideas that have been floating around about female relationships in the 19th century, but it touched a nerve much more than I anticipated," she said.

One Austen scholar seized on Stanford's location to argue that Castle could not understand that relatives often slept together to stay warm in Victorian England because "a Californian can't

possibly have a conception of how cold an English bedroom can be in midwinter."

"Of course, I know that," Castle shot back.

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STRANGE BEDFELLOWS:

California Governor Pete "Close the Border" Wilson (R), the anti-immigrant, anti-Gay/Lesbian adoption and anti-affirmative action presidential candidate was in Tucson for a event at the Doubletree, which turned out to be not so typical.

Accompanying the "California panderer" was Southern Arizona congressman Jim "NAFTA" Kolbe, who announced his support of Wilson and was named to head Wilson's Arizona campaign.

The event was to have been a "staged" q & a with audience members turned into a loud demonstration of Wilson's policies as Governor: with 40 persons protesting his appearance.

[Jim Kolbe, who believes in opening the borders for trade is supporting a man who believes the borders should be walled up and sealed off. Politics do make strange, even kinky bedfellows!]

ENDA UPDATE: No movements to report on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. S.932 and H.R. 1863 are still stuck in their respective sub-committees.

[Remember, next month we have the Newt & Lou Sheldon hearings on the evils of homosexuality in education!]

VEGGIE PROTEST: This past week a dozen members of the animal rights group, Voices for Animals protested the "Veggie Hate Crime" Act in front of the State Building in downtown Tucson.

Protestors stated the bill violates

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by Mark R. Kerr

free speech and the consumers right to know what has pesticides have been used on the produce. The bill's sponsor, Glendale Rep. Becky Jordan responded by stating that the bill is just misunderstood.

Yes, Vegetables have more rights than some Arizonans, like us, that is misunderstood. And people wonder why the state has such a dubious reputation.

YES, BUT!: Former Pima County elections director Larry Bahill, was offered his old job back, and has tentatively accept with conditions. These are:

1) A pay raise to \$62,000. 2) To be included in the merit system, the civil service protection without a probationary period. 3) That the Board of Supervisors of any of their employees can't retaliate against him.

[I'm surprised Bahill hasn't asked for the GOP majority on the Board, who ousted him, to apologize to him before each Board meeting!]

FINALLY!: Charges against former State Rep. John Kromko for failing to file petitions in his ill-fated attempt to recall Stupidvisor "Mr. Ed" Moore last year have been dropped.

This occurred last week in Judge Castillo's chambers. According to county attorney David "The Cane" White, the reason was that the state legislature had repealed the law making this a crime.

[Yes, justice is very slow. For proof just look at the O.J. trial, a.k.a. "The Circus."]

HE AIN'T!: Tucson Unified School Board deposed dictator, Generalissimo, Joel "The Catalina High School Thing" Ireland, announced he will not be seeking another term on the Board.

Generalissimo Ireland cited, "The Catalina High School Thing" and that the Board has become politicized for his reasons for not running.

[Can we say, "Yes! And good riddance!"]

THEY'RE OFF!: According to the City Clerk's Office, a total of over 2,000 request for absentee ballots have come in, with Tucsonans taking advantage of the city's more relaxed voting policy.

For more information about the absentee voting, call the Tucson City Clerk's office at 791-4213.

ATTACK OF THE KILLER CAMPAIGN SIGNS: Like a bad case of acne, this past weekend campaign signs for city candidates have sprouted up. A review of those signs:

George Miller for Mayor. (a.k.a. Miller Mayor signs) Mayor "Moneybags" has raised a gazillion dollars and is using rehashed material. Is Miller trying to make us forget the last four years of his inaction?

Bruce Wheeler for Mayor. It has bold print! It has bold colors, red and orange(?) The signs are made of wood! [How exciting, I'll just have to by extra June Allison bladder pants just for this!]

Jean Wilkins for Ward 4 Council. Green is just not your color dear! Too drab!

Luis Gonzales for Ward 1 Council. So Southwestern and so chic! But why does he have a sign planted right in front of his headquarters which is clearly marked?!

END NOTES: Last Thursday, the Arizona Daily Snooze and the Citizen ran stories about the Nucleus Club scandal, which was reported here 3 weeks prior (Observer 576-578).

Simple, for the political dish, read it here first!

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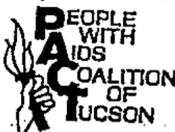
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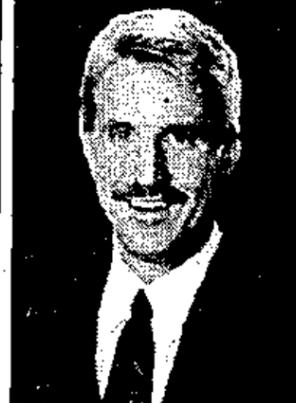
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By Raul Almeraz

Howdy, cowboys and cowgirls! Hope everyone is well and enjoying this great and well needed rain.

This past weekend there was an AGRA Membership Meeting held at IBT's with the Board Meeting held prior at the TCC. There were a few guest and royalty in attendance.

Theresa and Sherry both candidates for Ms. AGRA and Andy Anaya who is well known for his accomplishments in the Gay Rodeo Circuits was also in town for the calf roping workshop. Welcome and hope you enjoyed yourselves.

The meeting was productive and was led by George Placentas who was filling in for Bill Nugent and Richard Girardi who were unable to attend the General Membership meeting. George you did a great job!

The calf roping workshop was held on Saturday, August 19. Once the rain stopped, it was a lot of fun and a great turnout. A very special thanks goes out to Sandra and Andy Anaya for taking time out of their busy schedules to clinic this workshop. Bryan, great job organizing this event as well as the great shish-kabobs at the cookout following.

Don't forget the poster contest is underway and the deadline is fast approaching. Regulations are as follows, with one addition:

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So sharpen those pencils, get to those drawing boards and start those creative juices flowing.

This past weekend, AGRA Member Kevin Alexander Van Polen passed away. Our deepest thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to his lover Tom, Kevin's family and friends.

If you have any concerns, ideas or questions, please call the AGRA Hotline.

That is all I have for now until next time, have fun and play safe.

[AGRA-Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone number, (520) 323-0805.]

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If my tickets were big winners you would probably think I was being more than a little foolish to procrastinate in claiming my winnings, especially if I had won a million dollars or more! But there are many of you reading this who are entitled to something even more valuable than a million dollars, and you haven't bothered to collect your prize, for whatever reason! I am talking about those of you who have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as your savior. The New Testament tells us in Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Because you, and I, have sinned, we have earned our wages, which is death, eternal separation from God. But the good news is that God has a gift for each one of us who will accept it! We do not have to go through this life, living in anticipation of the time when we will collect our wages, dying to this life and being separated from

God for all eternity! Because of Christ, because he suffered your death, my death, of separation from God on the cross, I can be assured that my death will bring me eternal life with God in his beautiful, glorious Heaven! How can I say this? I have accepted the gift of God spoken about in this scripture.

What about you? By reading this article you have been made aware that God has a wonderful gift for you, just waiting for you to claim it. Maybe you think that for some reason this gift cannot be for you. If you look further in the book of Romans you will read, "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile (Gay and straight, male and female, black and white, young and old), the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Romans 10:12, 13) I added the words in parentheses to remind us that "...there is no respect of persons with God." (Romans 2:11 KJV) God has not promised his gift of eternal life to only a favored few, but to all who will receive it. So I ask again, what about you? If my lottery tickets were worth big bucks you would call me foolish, or worse, for neglecting to take whatever steps were necessary to obtain my prize. If you have never accepted Jesus as your savior, you are neglecting a far greater prize than anything this world has to offer. Maybe like me you have said that you intend to become a Christian some day, when you have more time or aren't so busy. If I never turn my lottery tickets in, I will have missed only \$6.00, but if you never accept the gift waiting for you, you will have missed all the blessings God has for his children. Do you dare take that chance?

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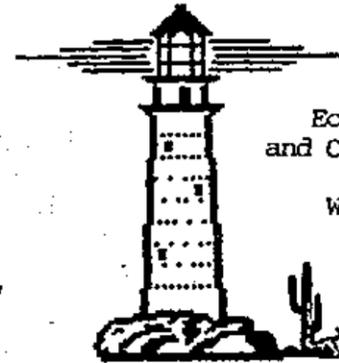
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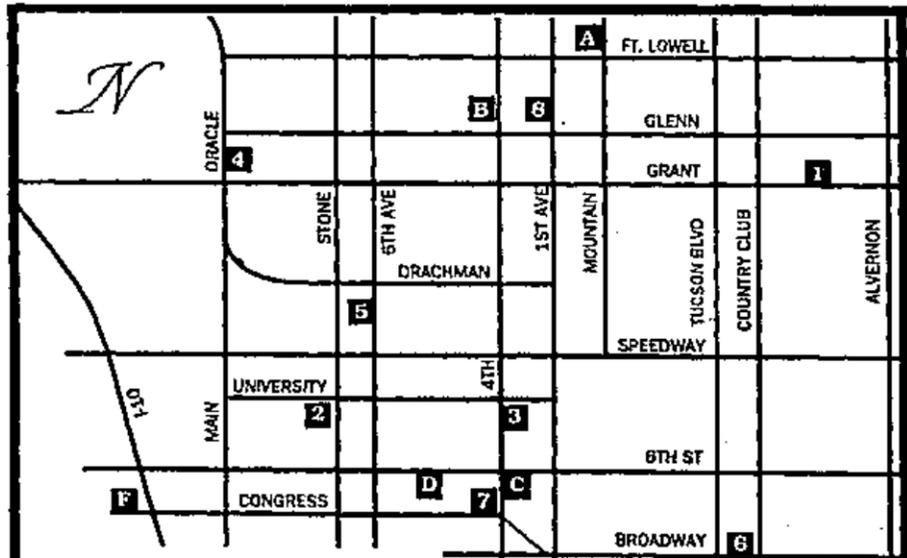
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Pluto, the nasty planet of volcanic change goes on a rampage this week with aspects to Neptune (delusions), Uranus (surprises) and Saturn (that stern task master). But don't panic kids, these aspects are favorable. We may not always like changes but often times change is exactly what we need to break down the barriers holding us back from success. Let's see how Pluto deconstructs your own personal prisons...

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You have not been as focused as you should be in your career, allowing lesser mortals to stab you in the back whenever they damn pleased. Enough is enough, says Pluto. It's time to reach into that deep psychological well of yours and drag up a counter offensive or two. Pluto clears the fog from the corporate battle around and enables you, the proud battering Ram, to get your career on track once and for all.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Pluto's mere presence in your house of relationships is bound to change a few things between the two of you (which may not be a bad thing...). Now, with a collection of outer planets aspecting the volcanic master, relationships will play a greater role in defining who you are in the global community and within our own social circles. Come Out and play, dear Bull, you never had greater support.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

This is a crucial time not only on the day to day job, but also for your entire career path. Expect changes galore, some frightening and fretful, but all ultimately necessary. Pluto takes no prisoners, but can also be fabulously liberating. Now, aspects to Neptune, Uranus and Saturn serve to reinforce that you have cooled your heels too-long on the assembly line and have become psychologically dry. Get wet.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pluto's effect on your horoscope for the next few years will be delightfully creative and wildly romantic. Consider enrolling in a class or two in the arts to shake up and rouse your resident muse. In the meantime, I see all the ingredients for a lucky trip of a lifetime. Pluto's aspects to Saturn, Neptune and Uranus blend happy times, travel and partnerships into one fabulous cocktail. Spice to taste.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

It's hard to give out a good roar when you feel sooo totally off track on the job. Take heart, proud Lion, Pluto is there to rescue you from psychological damage by refocusing your energies where it's needed, at home. Expect changes; perhaps you'll move, or a pipe or five will burst and cause you to totally redecorate. Maybe smelly family baggage falls out of your closet with a thud. Just wait for Pluto.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If you feel the need to express your opinions and state your needs, expect major transformations in partnerships, thanks to Pluto and it's planetary co-horts. Let's be frank dear, Virgos enjoy carping. A day isn't complete without a complaint. Now though, Pluto gives all your words tremendous impact so don't waste those pearls of wisdom on swine. Use your gift to push our agenda and make the world a gayer place.

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LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

You never had much aptitude for money management, but, truth to tell, you've never had that much money to manage anyway. Pluto and it's merry band changes things, but will still give what you ultimately deserve. Check your stocking for any pieces of coal before putting a down payment on anything. Are you doing the best job you can? Are you treating your body like the shrine it is?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Pluto sits relatively comfortably in your own sign signifying personal transformations involving new beginnings and new people. Now, Pluto's interactions with Neptune. Uranus and Saturn turn your communication into mesmerizing compost. (Be sure to spread it around to get the fullest effect.) Become a major rainbow flag bearer; your words help bring the Cause forward.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

It's time for a cosmic cleansing of the pipes, a vacuuming of the closet and a vanquishing of all the dirty demons lurking within. The volcanic master and it's minions only ask that you watch the bottom line on any vast karmic expenditure. (In other words, donate generously to our charities, but only what you can reasonably afford.) You can have fun and still learn a thing or two.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

If friends take you by the hand and lead you astray, don't panic. It may just be the effect of Pluto's aspect to Neptune and Uranus that causes you to pause absent mindedly on center stage. Further complicating matters is Saturn's impact on your communications. You sound wise and practical, but your wild pantaloons are showing. I like that; it keeps the straight and narrow world on its toes.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Expect a few monumental changes in your career before the week is over. You're less able to discern friend from foe through the cosmic cloud; it may be best for you to lie low until the Pluto/Uranus/Neptune dance card is played out. Saturn meanwhile turns the financial screws. If you've been a cautious Aqueerian, take pride in your monetary security. If not, start saving now.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Travel has a way of bringing about monumental changes in your life. This is Pluto's way of leading you to where you should be, no matter how exotic. Develop a global Gay perspective and draw your friends and social groups near; they give you the affirming support you need to confidently go forward and begin new projects. Individually is paramount though, don't get lost in the crowd.

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TLGA UPDATE

Welcome back, students! Some of you are away from home for the first time, some of you have started opening up to your families back home. And there are some who need some support before comprehending such a move. Tucson has some valuable and helpful resources for you and your friends. TLGA is one of them. We urge you to visit Wingspan, your community center to find out about some of the many strengths Tucson has to offer Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual people and their friends. Wingspan is at 422 North 4th Avenue, just a few blocks south of IBT's between the Food Conspiracy and Berky's. Wingspan's phone number is 624-1779. Or call TLGA voice mail, the OUTline at 622-3200.

OUToberFEST '95 is picking up momentum, not as much as Windows '95, just more tasteful.

With slightly more than seven weeks to go, things are coming together quickly. TLGA is proud to host OUToberFEST '95, Silence to Celebration, for Tucson and all of Arizona.

The souvenir program advertising and vendor packets are in the mail. If you would like one and have not received yours by Saturday, August 26, please call the OUTline voice mail at 622-3200 and leave your name, address, and telephone and we will fax or mail one to you.

If you are interested in helping to produce OUToberFEST '95, Silence to Celebration, it only takes a couple hours a week, or 2 or more hours on the day of the event (October 14). We urgently need volunteers to assist; call the OUTline and leave your number.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

IBT'S - Tonight! Male Box Nite! 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tucson's best party. Meet that man and prizes too!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

CLUB 2520 - 100 tickets to be given away to a movie preview of "Wong Foo" on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Then at 9:30 p.m. it's Dave Silver and his Men of Muscle taking it off for your viewing pleasure.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Comedienne Georgia Ragdale 8:00 p.m. You've seen her in films and on HBO, now see her live at the Biz. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. This show will sell out soon!

CLUB 2520 - 100 tickets to be given away to the movie preview of "To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar" on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

IBT'S - Pete's Birthday Party 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join IBT's in wishing Pete a Happy Birthday!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - It's Bucky's 9th anniversary slinging drinks behind the bar and he is ready to celebrate - or something. Join the crowd at 6:00 p.m. for a complimentary buffet and some fun with Bucky!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

CLUB 2520 - 100 tickets to be given away to the movie preview of "To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything" Julie Newmar" on Tuesday, August 29 at the El Dorado theatre.

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen monthly Beer Bust and Dinner. It all begins at 2 p.m. along with the regular Cash Pool Tourney.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed live! 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Salsa Sunday.

CLUB 2520 - The Girlsque Revue starring Raven, Felicia Renard, Holly Boo and a special appearance by Devina follows the regular Western Steak Fry. Make it!

IBT'S - Beer Bust/Bar-B-Que to benefit the COPE Project Team. 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. with Tucson's only afternoon DJ from 4 to 8 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

IBT'S - New Monday Retro 80's with your DJ Jonathan from 9:00 to close.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

IBT'S - The Girlie Show hosted by Felice Renard, and starring Kristin and Veronica Lake with a special guest.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

IBT'S - The return of the Men From New York Centerfold. 9:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

GRADUATE - Monday Morning Madness and a meal. Show will feature Aviva Diamond, Electra Bleu and some surprise guest stars. A great way to start Labor Day 1995.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Borderlands Theatre production of "Lonely Planet" through September 3. In Steven Dietz's award-winning play, empty chairs become symbolic of the legacy of friends who have died prematurely of AIDS complications. Pima Community College Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre. For reservations 882-7406.

Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center will be showing an eclectic collection of mixed media pieces by artist Jerry Sampson through August 30. Artist's reception on Sunday, Aug. 5th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Wingspan Gallery 622 N. 4th Ave. Admission free. Gallery hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-5 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 1-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

All HIV+ persons and their families are invited to attend the God's Love In Action (GLIA) dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner will be followed by Bingo. Great Prizes. For ride or more info call 622-8860

Dream Group for Gay and Bisexual Men meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Dreams are the royal road to personal growth. Bring a dream to share and experience the dreams of other Gay and Bisexual men. Not therapy, something better. For more information call Dr. Bob 623-1732.

Cronies Social Club. Tubing down the Salt River. Watch for 2 for 1 coupons in local papers. Call 749-1142 for more info.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Men's Social network (Gay men of all ages). 6:30 p.m. Board game night II. All sorts of board games from which to choose. easy learning for first timers. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Extra potluck to host members of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church, from whom we rent the social hall for our monthly potlucks. Cornerstone Fellowship Church Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northeast corner of Laguna and Geronimo - north of Glenn between 1st and Stone). Bring our favorite dish to share with friends as we meet one of our goals of integrating with other Gay, Bi and Lesbian groups in Tucson. Call Jerry at 690-9565 if additional information is needed. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 2 p.m. water Volleyball in Bob's pool. An afternoon of fun and togetherness in the water. No skill required. Call Bob at 577-6008 or Glenn at 290-4266. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

SALSA Group (Self-Awareness Leading to Self-Acceptance) for Gay and Bisexual men, meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Explore and discover yourself in a group of men under expert guidance. Not therapy - something better. More info call Dr. Bob 623-1732.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Return engagement showing of "Spetters", a Dutch film with subtitles and sexual content stronger than American movies. Shown at the home of Jerry and Les. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Thursday Night Tucson Art Walk, a self-guided tour of downtown art sponsored by Tucson Arts District Partnership. Call 624-9977 for brochure. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) "Lucky Diner Night" at Mandarin Restaurant, 4177 N. Oracle Rd. near Limberlost at 6 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Tucson Chapter of Prime Timers International please join us. member of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

All day SALSA Group 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Spend a day with fellow Gay and Bisexual men exploring personal growth and awareness. A powerful way to become a stronger you, gain pride in your Gay identity, and build connection with other Gay men. This will be a clothes-on experience. For more info call Dr. Bob, 623-1732.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Tucson's Lesbian and Gay square dance club, T-Squares, will be hosting a Newcomers' Party & Hoedown at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Glenn). Come join the fun in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. All ages are invited to attend. For more information call Judith or Joanne at 624-5247 or Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Western Steak Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance Lessons & Line Dance Jam 8-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8-1 GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Bloody Marys and Servos \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. All energy dancing with DJ Clint 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50c draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Bergers 5-7, Tuff Staff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. *Card Club* 7-9pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moon and Bruce Madams \$1.50 well and shot specials 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No puns please!)

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-11pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Trash Disco site.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside opens 5pm - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bit!

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Cumbia/Salsa Mania & progressive dance music 8-1

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Bad cans \$1. Stonewall opens at 9pm Trash Disco.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside opens 5pm - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 8pm. Schnapps Shots \$1.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50c off well and domestic 8pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Nite: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bad Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Casavo Gold \$1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Casavo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside opens 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool opens 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Mica's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c shots of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tourney 8pm \$2, bar matches pot.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm. Hot male strippers.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside opens 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool opens 8:30pm

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8pm to close.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. C/W dance 8-1

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside opens 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot match, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee, pot match.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Colada \$3. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.

IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 6pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon to 7pm Princes Margarita Special: \$1 glass, \$3 pitchers. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Regals w/ \$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside opens 5pm-close. Tuff Staff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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

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LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

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

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

YOUNG AND GAY

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4131 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jan. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

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

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON

Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swiss and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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AFFIRMATION Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormons and ex-Mormons. For information write P.O. Box 78461, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call 791-7946. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday 5-7pm at St. Francis in the Foothills. Anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 885-1208 for more info.

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Maverick, Box 9543, Sam Pe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tamers 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 Tamers, P.O. Box 84-G, Oroquieta, AZ 85632.

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PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberdorf, Ph.D. 570-0027

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #83, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Monty Books, 1001 N. Wilson.

NOTICES

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE
Men and women both welcome. Office 574-3772.

***LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, Grand Canyon Region for information about membership or activities call Rich, 318-0540 Tucson.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 493, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Betty Walters, (602)371-1102

ARE YOU A MAN who enjoys fun and fellowship with Gay men? Call CRONITS 888-7264 - A social group for Gay men.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Christa's Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Germaine (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-9135.

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

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

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

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

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Long and short fiction workshop at 7:00 p.m. fourth Friday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 323-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Km #162. For information call 791-9662.

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

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

A young Lesbian and Bisexual women's Support Group at Wingspan. Ages 14-23 only. Group will meet every Sunday at Noon. Call Wingspan for info.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. 558

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DREAM GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men meets every Thursday at 7pm. Bring a dream and learn about your deepest self and that of others. Call Robert Feldman, PhD 623-1732

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary caregivers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

CATALINA CUNCLAVE - Outreach for Transsexuals, transgendered and others desiring to explore the mystery of the gender, and our pagan heritage. Call Julia for more information, 825-0767.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL THERAPY GROUP now forming at UMC Department of Psychiatry. This is a general process group, open to all interested. For a free individual interview, call Randy Brazier, M.D. at 628-6294. 580

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GARY - Have 'em lookin' at you babe! Happy Birthday. Love you in the oceanfold and everywhere else. Looking forward to the U-Word in September. Love, Bob

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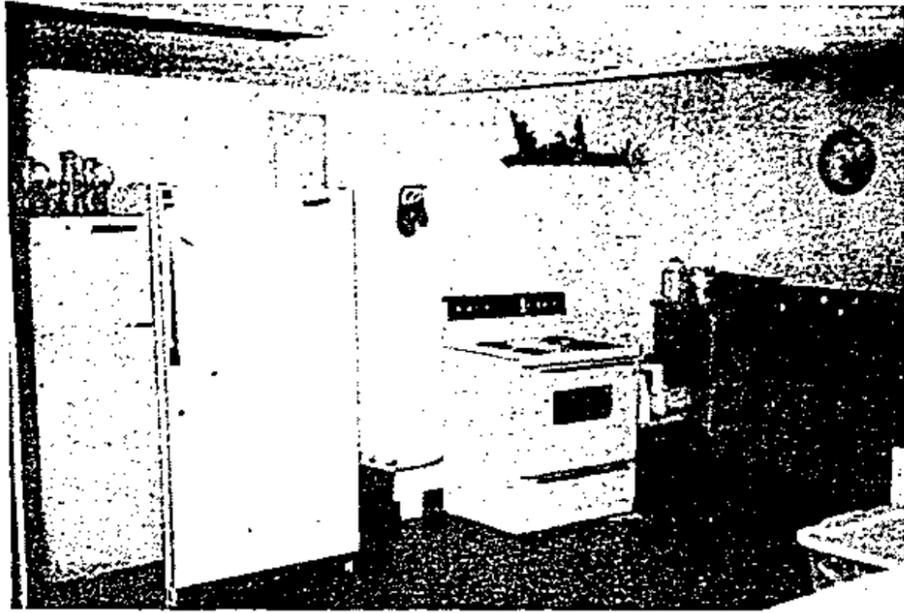
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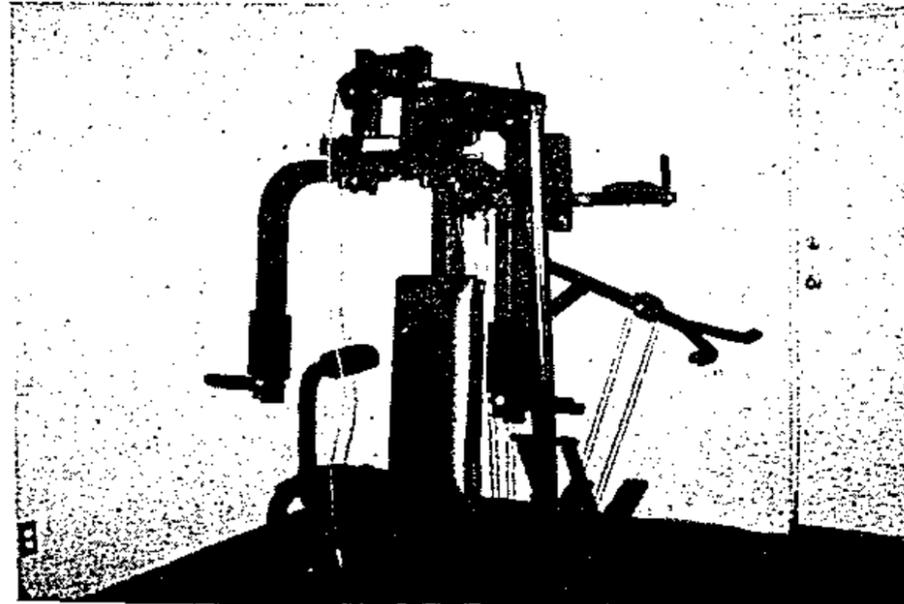
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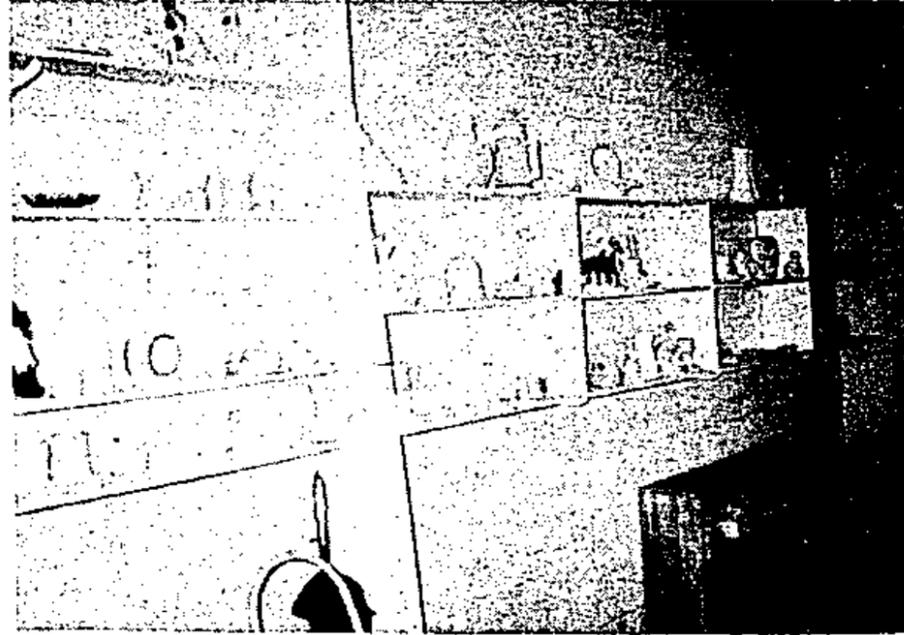
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- B. You cannot keep it from happening again no matter how much you try to change.
- C. Because they are sorry or ashamed afterwards does not change the harm done or the danger you may be in.
- D. What is done in the privacy of the home must be agreeable with both people.
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