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Attorney General Reno Responds To Inquiry Into Lesbian Double Murder

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Attorney General Janet Reno has assured the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) that investigators are considering anti-Lesbian bias as a possible motivation in the slaying of Julianne Williams and Lollie Winans.

In a letter to NGLTF executive director Melinda Paras, Reno stated investigators are "...pursuing all motives, including the possibility that the crime was motivated by the sexual orientation of the victims."

Williams and Winans were found murdered in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park on June 1. Many in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and others familiar with the nature of hate crimes fear the killings could have been an anti-Lesbian hate crime.

This fear stems from the fact that the women, according to press reports and friends of the women, were Lesbians; robbery was not involved in the crime; and no other motive has apparently been established. Also, the Appalachian Trail was the site of the 1988 murder of Rebecca Wight. Wight was murdered, and her partner Claudia Brenner, was seriously injured after being shot because they were Lesbians.

The Task Force contact Attorney General Reno by letter on June 7 when concerns were raised that the possibility of a hate crime was not being seriously considered by investigators.

These concerns stemmed from a conversation with an FBI official involved in the case and from various statements to the press by investigators that indicated the possibility of anti-Lesbian bias was being prematurely dismissed. Executive Director Melinda Paras issued the following statement in response to the Attorney General's letter:

"We are gratified and relieved that the Justice Department is examining all possible motives in the tragic murder of Julieanne Williams and Lollie Winans. With Attorney General Reno's assurance that anti-Lesbian bias is being serious considered, the Task Force is now able to express confidence in the investigations to our community and all involved in the struggle against bias violence.

"NGLTF will, of course, continue to monitor the investigation with vigilance. The Task Force will continue to work with the Justice Department and the FBI and to educate the larger public about the nature of hate violence. We hope the Attorney General's letter will finally put an end to statements by investigators that have given the impression the possibility of anti-Lesbian bias is not being considered. Such statement are a disservice to all those working to solve this horrific crime and add to the misunderstandings of bias crime by the greater public.

"We don't know if Julie and

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Music Of Hope For HIV/AIDS

DALLAS, TX - Positive Voices, a chorus comprised solely of people who are HIV+, has recently released their debut recording, "Windows of Hope."

This chorus, currently consisting of over 25 men and one woman was founded by Jackson Myars in August, 1994 as part of the music program and the largest Gay/Lesbian congregation in the world, Dallas' Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church.

The purpose of this group is to make music of hope, strength, encouragement and faith for all those living with HIV/AIDS (whether infected or affected).

Jeffrey L. Newman, Music Critic for TWN News Magazine states, "Their exuberant debut, 'Windows of Hope,' is a gorgeous collection of invigorating and heroic songs sung with heartfelt passion. Never does the mood get somber. It remains continual upbeat and inspirational."

The music on the disc ranges from Barry Manilow's inspiring "One Voice" and Oleta Adam's title track to Myars' "Too Many Silent Nights." In total there are 12 tracks that provide 60 minutes of music to take the listener on an emotional and spiritual journey from the fear and despair of HIV/AIDS to the realities of courage and hope.

For more information regarding Positive Voices call Director Jackson Myars at (214) 351-1901, ext 202. "Windows of Hope" is available on CD and cassette formats. For wholesale or retail orders, call (800) 501-4673.

L.A. G/L Center Wins Landmark Asylum Case For Persecuted Russian Youth

LOS ANGELES, CA - A 23 year old Gay Russian man, beaten and jailed in his home country because of his sexual orientation, is now a free man living in West Hollywood, thanks to a landmark asylum case won by the Immigration Law Project of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center.

A native of a small town 400 miles northeast of Moscow, Sergey Fedetov was beaten, interrogated and/or jailed by police officials, and threatened by school officials on many occasions.

"They arrested me because they could tell I was Gay and they don't think we should be alive or in Russia," said Fedetov, through an interpreter. "Although the Russian government recently repealed the law outlawing homosexuality, this hasn't changed the mistreatment by the police and other Russian people. If anything, the increasing anarchy in my country has made it worse."

On one occasion, Fedetov and a friend were arrested by three officers because they were "obvious homosexuals." At the police station he was thrown around, slapped in the face, and hit on the back with a "demokratiser" (rubber baton) by an interrogator who ordered him to reveal the names of other Gay people. When he refused, he was jailed in a small cell with three other people for more than nine hours without food or water.

Upon his release, Fedetov was interrogated by officials at his high school, who learned he was Gay from the police. The school officials threatened to have him registered as a juvenile delinquent if he did not change his behavior.

Of the six times he was taken into custody by police, only once did he avoid a severe beating. On the occasions he was not arrested, he and his friends were taunted by the authorities, who would yell insults and demand the names of other Gay people. They would also make a scene, so as to let neighbors and passersby know he was Gay. The harassment of Gay people was too much for one of his friends, who ended his life by jumping from the ninth floor of a building.

The police also "warned" his mother of his behavior and surprised him at home once a month to intimidate him and demand information about other Gay people.

The abuse of Gay people was not unique to his hometown. After moving to Moscow in June 1994, to earn enough money to flee to the United States, he was stopped and detained by police officials on at least five occasions. On these occasions, however, the officers made it clear he could avoid a beating if he agreed to pay a bribe.

"It seemed impossible for me to hide the fact that I am Gay," said Fedetov, a dark haired, dark eyed, clean cut youth who was also victimized because of his half Armenian heritage and appearance. "I don't generally tell people that I'm Gay, but they seem to be able to tell from the way I dress in certain American blue jeans and T-shirts, from the way I carry myself and from other Gay friends I am often with."

"I had heard that in Los Angeles, Gay people can live free from persecution. It was my dream to come to the United States, where I could live freely."

After getting an exit visa for travel to Mexico, and working months to afford a plane ticket out of the country, he flew to Mexico City in December, 1995. From there he rode to Tijuana in a bus. Before he could enter the United States at San Ysidro, he was robbed of all his money.

Days later, while attempting to get to Los Angeles, he was capture by INS officials at the San Clemente checkpoint for entering without a via and transferred to their detention facility at Terminal Island. Expecting to be deported but looking for support during his confinement, he found a phone book ad for the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Youth Talkline. Counselors there, having difficulty communicating with him, referred him to a Russian Gay & Lesbian Support Group which put him in touch with the City of West Hollywood's Russian liaison, Eugene Alper.

Fedetov was unaware that persecution based on one's sexual orientation was grounds for asylum, but Alper suspected he had a good case. He quickly contacted the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Immigration Law Project which took the case.

According to attorney Cheryl Gertler, one of two volunteer attorneys who worked on the case, Fedetov was very reluctant to provide details about the extensive abuse he faced in Russia.

"During the course of our questioning him," said Gertler, "I was shocked and saddened to realize that Sergey had accepted as normal the beatings and harassment he had endured simply because he is Gay."

As compelling as Fedetov's case was, the Immigration Law Project Coordinator, Jeff Kim, and the other volunteer attorney, John Craig knew they were facing an uphill battle.

"Sexual orientation based asylum is extremely difficult to attain," said Kim. "Only 36 have been granted in the entire country and never had a judge awarded asylum to a Russian on this basis. When

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UPDATE

'Simply Equal Tucson' Launches First Drive

TUCSON - Simply Equal Tucson (SET), Tucson's newest Gay and Lesbian activist group launched its first campaign during their recent meeting.

SET is currently looking for persons within the Gay and Lesbian community to serve on the various City of Tucson's Citizen's Advisory Committees. SET announced during the meeting that two people have applied for two seats on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee.

SET reports that there are many openings on the two dozen committees that cover issues such as community development bonds to bicycle paths. If interested call SET at (520) 751-4652.

SET is in the midst of investigating two alleged "hate crimes" and police actions regarding the bookstores. For more information call (520) 751-4652 or write to SET, 2450 S. Camino Seco, Tucson, AZ 85710.

SET is holding another meeting this upcoming Saturday, details in next week's edition.

Quote Of The Week. . . . .

NEW YORK, NY - Just some more tidbits about Gays, Lesbians, and homophobes:

". . .Among the [Defense of Marriage] bill's co-sponsor is the former Presidential candidate, Bob "Mad Dog" Dornan . . . Mrs. Dornan's legal [divorce] documents, which she recanted during one of her husband's re-election campaigns more than a decade after filing them, charged the Congressman with having 'choked, struck, kicked, attacked, and harassed' her, according to The National Journal." - Frank Rich "I Got You Babe" commentary on same-sex marriage that ran in the New York Times.

'Rust On The Razor' Author In Tucson July 18

TUCSON - Mark Richard Zubro, author of nine Gay mystery novels, will be in Tucson promoting his new book Rust on the Razor, Thursday, July 18, 5 to 7 P.M. at Clues Unlimited Mystery Bookstore.

Rust on the Razor is the sixth book in the Tom Mason/Scott Carpenter series. These books are set in Chicago and feature as the sleuths a Gay high school teacher and his lover a professional baseball player. The new book revolves around the illness of Scott's father which calls upon the two men to hurry to Georgia to be at the father's side. While there, the local sheriff is found dead in their rent-a-car. The sensitive issues of being openly Gay to one's family and in the rural south are explored and commented upon.

Mark also has three books out in his Paul Turner series. These books are set in Chicago and feature a Gay police detective with two sons. Just out last month in paperback reprint is the most recent in this series Another Dead Teenager.

Presbyterians Choose Leader Open To Gay Ordinations

ALBUQUERQUE, NM (AP) - In a precursor to a vote on ordaining homosexuals, the Presbyterian Church (USA) had chosen as its leader a pastor who doesn't object to the idea.

The Rev. John Buchanan of Chicago was voted in as moderator of the three million-member church over a candidate who strongly opposes Gay ordination and another who firmly supports it.

Buchanan was elected by commissioners to the church's 208th General Assembly, who in turn will decide this week whether to permit homosexual ordination.

Ryan White Title II Funding Prioritization Workshop

TUCSON - The Tucson HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium and the Tucson Community Foundation is your helping in determining Ryan White Title II funding allocations.

They will accomplish this through a prioritization workshop to take place Tuesday, July 9, 5 to 8 P.M., at the Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue.

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act provides medical and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS. More than $310,000 in various services has already been funded in our community. The Consortium and Tucson Community Foundation anticipate an additional $200,000 will be available for services this year.

Attend the prioritization workshop and give your input in how these important funds should be spent in our community. For more information, contact David Hoover at the Pima County Health Department, 740-8554 or Angela Guida at the COPE Insider's Program at 798-1772.

Gay Volleyball Summer Changes In Tucson

TUCSON - For those who've been participating in the Gay Volleyball league which takes place on Saturdays at Himmel Park, some changes to report.

For the summer, the time that the volleyball begins will be at 5 P.M. The location has also moved for the summer to the northwest corner of Himmel Park.

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Female Condom Grows In Popularity Among Gay Men

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Despite the fact it's steadily gaining favor among Gay men and doctors and clinicians agree it would slow the spread of HIV, it's unlikely the Reality condom, a "female" condom, will soon be officially offered to Gay men as a potentially life saving AIDS prevention alternative.

The Female Health Co., the small manufacturer of Reality, has been steadily losing money since start-up and has spent the last year in reorganization. The company has so far been unable to begin advertising the condom for women, much less Gay men. Gaining approval for men would be "a political basketball," company president Mary Ann L[illegible] said. "We're too small. We couldn't survive that," she said.

The company fears marketing the product to Gay men would spark a national free-for-all on the legality of promoting a product which, when used as directed, breaks sodomy laws in 25 states.

Gay men who have used the condom say though its appearance is a bit disconcerting (its a 7" x 3" pouch) and its use requires some practice, its eventually favored over traditional condoms.

AIDS activist Michael Petrelis waged a one-man campaign with the San Francisco Health Department this spring and finally persuaded the city to give away the Reality condom to Gay men at public health clinics. And Carol Rofers of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health has been distributing Reality condoms to women and Gay men for more than a year. "We've had a lot of response from men who have sex with men and they like it very much," she said.

In the early 1990's, Female Health had hoped to market a version of the product to Gay men called Aegis, names for the shield worn by the Greek god Zeus. But Leper said she was later told by the FDA it would never approve

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

This week Lisa Alcala, CMSW, PACT Housing Services Coordinator, and Bunny Wadsworth, PACT Interim Housing Director, reports on the Stephenson Place Grand Opening.

The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) is moving ahead swiftly with the establishment and settling in at Stephenson Place, the new 24 unit housing complex built to serve people disabled with AIDS and other degenerative diseases.

The dedication on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, as truly a memorable moment for more than 150 people who witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony. Jerôme Beillard, the founder of PACT for Life, had worked tirelessly during the last years of his life to make the dream of Stephenson Place come true before he died of AIDS in the fall of 1995.

Presiding over the ribbon cutting ceremony was Blanton Byrd of the American Society of Interior Designers, who read a letter from President Clinton in support of those people infected and affected by HIV. He was joined by Mrs. Lysiane Haesler, mother of Jerôme Beillard, who spoke of Stephenson Place as the "crowing achievement of Jerôme's dream."

Cicely d'Autremont, PACT's Housing Director, talked about feeling Jerôme "on her shoulders" as she gave the final push on the completion of the project. With a special pair of golden scissors, a red ribbon was proudly snipped by Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Haesler, Ms. d'Autremont, and architect Stephenson Robinson. And now the project has really begun.

Stephenson Place is not an ordinary square building. It is built in a zigzag motif consisting of twelve single units and a community room. The remaining units are separated into groups of four. One unit has four single bedroom units, the other two units contain two and three bedroom family units and the manager's unit.

The complex is truly unique to see. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, the complex is designed especially for residents with all different levels of functioning. Each unit is on ground level and is wheelchair accessible, and one unit is specially equipped for a hearing or visually impaired resident.

PACT is grateful to ASID for their many hours of work, the generous donations, and the gift of themselves that went into Stephenson Place. Special kudos to Steve Robinson-Architect and to T.A. Construction-General Contractor.

PACT would also like to acknowledge the following for their support in making Jerôme's dream a reality:

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If you have not yet seen Stephenson Place, please feel free to stop by and share in a dream come true!

I leave you with this in mind, "A loving heart is the truest wisdom." - Charles Dickens

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."
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Results of a Closed-Door Session With International HIV Researchers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The eradication of HIV from infected individuals may soon be within our grasp. This was the optimistic view of the world's leading AIDS scientists who convened for an urgent summit meeting on HIV treatment strategy.

"We're at a point in the disease where we can ask if drugs are potent enough to eradicate the virus," said Dr. Robert Schooley, Head of the Infectious Disease Division at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

Counter to popular expectations, the eradication of HIV appears unlikely to come from a single breakthrough - a new drug, a vaccine or some other more radical approach - but from clever combination of existing and new treatments. In particular, it appears that nucleoside analogues, such as AZT, 3TC and ddI, will continue to form a foundation upon which newer drugs, such as the protease inhibitors and the non-nucleoside analogue, nevarapine will be added to produce the cocktail.

The concept of complete eradication, unthinkable just six months ago, has become more likely based on findings from recent drug trials. In preliminary trials, combinations of two and three antiretroviral drugs dramatically reduced the amount of HIV in the bloodstream of infected people to levels to measure using even the most sophisticated technologies available.

Stimulated by these promising, a "think tank" of renowned HIV/AIDS researchers gathered to weigh the optimism building around these recent and anticipated treatment advances.

"There is now evidence that with a number of regimens, in a number of patient populations, of the possibility to completely suppress HIV replication," said conference chairman, Dr. Douglas Richman, University of California-San Diego. "The purpose of this meeting was to address how to apply these regimens to optimize the process and determine if HIV can be eradicated."

The meeting, co-hosted by the scientific journal, *Antiviral Therapy* and the University of Amsterdam was designed to address the issues raised by the exciting possibility of eradicating HIV. Among topics discussed:

Experimental techniques that are able to map the course of HIV disease from initial infection to death. These enable scientists to determine how and where HIV is replicating in the body. Studies indicated that some drugs may only eradicate virus from the blood, but not from other parts of the body either because isn't distributed to these tissues, or the virus hides undetected and only becomes active after a long period of latency. A practical example of this is that it appears AZT will continue to play a central role in the treatment of HIV because, to date, it's the treatment which penetrates the brain most efficiently and has a well-established track record against AIDS related dementia.

The danger associated with patients' non-compliance with therapy that can lead to the rapid emergence of drug resistant virus. It appears that when therapy is restarted, the drug is then ineffective against this new resistant virus.

The eradication of HIV infection in children was also discussed. In Europe, approximately 10-20% of children born to HIV infected women, if untreated, also become infected with HIV. Because of the nature of the infection in these children,

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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by J.D. Wrangler

Howdy ya'll. The year is half over and the countdown to the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo continues, only 207 days left.

The poster contest deadline is fast approaching as well. July 21 at 5 P.M. is it. You can mail your entry to the AGRA post office box or bring it to the July meetings. There will be a $100 prize for the winning entry. Entries can not be signed by the artist on the front for the judging. The winning entry can be signed after the selection.

If you have any questions regarding the poster contest feel free to contact our lovely PR Director, Cindy Chamberlain at the AGRA hotline, (520) 323-0805.

On a more sterling note we have some news about our upcoming rodeo buckles. The cost should not exceed $200 for each buckle. The design is going to be in brass this year with sterling accents, get it? If anyone is interested in sponsoring an event buckle, contact Shelly O'-Brien who can give you more information on the buckles still available and how to reserve yours before they're all gone.

July is a month of celebration, with the AGRA-Tucson Anniversary party, July 14, at Hours. Starting at 2 P.M., there will be food, fun, AGRA Blackjack and entertainment for everyone. There will be a buckle and a 50/50 raffle. Come join the party and ring in another great year for AGRA-Tucson. All are invited and the more the merrier, bring a friend or two or three. See you there!

Upcoming events: July Board and General Membership meetings are July 21, 3 and 5 P.M. respectively. at The Venture-N. The August meetings are on August 18, same times, at the Stonewall-Eagle.

The AIDS Walk for Life is in October. You'll get further information on the walk by calling PACT at 770-1710. Let's get a large showing from AGRA-Tucson.

The Fourth of July celebration went off as planned. Lots of fun and $100 was raised from the 50/50 raffle. Thanks to IBT's for hosting the event.

Welcome back to all who went to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. None of my reporters checked in this week so no dirt from the Great White North. Well this week, no dirt from the Great White North.

Well that's about it for this week. Keep the chutes in site and watch out for those horns! Until next week, have fun and be safe.

[AGRA-Tucson, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805.]

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DEAR EDITOR:

I think I have a complaint. I work with the GYM Project and we do a lot for the young Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian community. I feel frustrated with a certain issue.

The GYM Project had a meeting a few months ago and we reviewed some pictures to be put up on a downtown shop in Tucson as a mural. Then the project coordinator met with the manager of the store and proposed our ideas for a mural. The manager then told us that we could put the mural up on the building. We then put things into action. We hired an artist and some other things for the mural. The manager then backed out. Mind you, the mural had already been approved. This is when I started to see a problem.

I think that (being in the under 21 crowd) there is enough censorship with us Gays as it is. Some may say that our mural is a little controversial but we like controversy. My whole life I have been raised to think that children are the future. Well how in the hell are we the future if we cannot make a statement in "our" present?

If we keep censoring our mural then we are not getting our point across! I just wanted to express my feeling and let some of you people think about what I am saying.

Sincerely, Robert Williams

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THE WHOLE MAN
BY DR. BOB

Top and Bottom

In the 90's, everybody has heard about the basic principles of pop psychology, if only through watching the occasional Oprah: codependence, emotional abuse, dysfunctional families, the inner child or child within. But how about some concepts that deal directly with our experiences as Gay men?

For Gay men, I often work with the inner Top and the inner Bottom within each of us. The psychology of top and bottom is fascinating, and at least the outlines of it are familiar to those of us who have been out of the closet for awhile. The top is not merely the one who is penetrative in the act of sex. Being the top is a whole mindset. It is about commanding and dominating your partner, taking control. The bottom is the one who submits, who allows himself to be controlled, who willingly surrenders control. A "versatile" man, who can play both roles flexibly, may just be the most fortunate of all.

Every relationship involves some aspect of this top/bottom role-playing. This is because every relationship involves power. Where there is power being exercised, there are power dynamics, and there is an economy of power. It is in everybody's best interests to become conscious of the power dynamics in their relationships (especially their relationship with themselves!).

Now, much of being psychologically healthy is simply a matter of being aware of what happens in your experience moment to moment. The average person is blocked and clumsy in his self-awareness. We were trained as children to be this way. Every time a child is commanded to eat everything on his plate, regardless of whether there's too much food or something on the plate disgusts him, he is being trained to ignore his own inner signals. In many other ways, the child's natural self-awareness is taken from him, and is replaced by a rote version of what the parent wants him to be. This is what creates neurosis, that inability to be yourself that haunts us all.

If you begin to listen carefully to your inner thoughts as they arise, you will find that there are two primary voices. One of these voices is trying to take control of your behavior; we'll call him the Top Within (modeled after your parents). The Top Within–the superego or conscience–is usually righteous and authoritarian. He knows best. The Top Within is a bully, and works with "You should" and "You shouldn't." The Top Within manipulates with demands and threats of catastrophe, such as, "If you don't, then you won't be loved, you won't get to heaven, you'll die," etc.

The Bottom Within (modeled after the child) manipulates with being defensive, apologetic, wheedling, playing the cry-baby, and such. The Bottom, on the surface of things, has no power. But it's a mistake to think that the bottom is simply passive. The Bottom gets his way by saying, "Mañana." "I'm trying my best." "I can't help it if I fail." "I can't help it if I forgot your birthday." "I have such good intentions." So you see the Inner Bottom is cunning, and usually gets the better of the Inner Top, because the Bottom is not as primitive as the Top. The Top is all blustery he-man, and the Bottom is more crafty precisely because he doesn't have the power–on the surface. But overall, the Inner Bottom is usually in control of the personality. And you can see in your own relationships and those of your friends, that in general, the bottom generally calls the shots.

For example, the Top Within may issue a command such as, "Quit smoking! You will die of lung cancer if you keep that up! How weak are you, that you can't stop a simple little thing like that?" The Bottom Within may respond by saying, "Oh, I can't help it. I'm trying to quit. I'm cutting down. See how good my intentions are? You can't blame me for not being perfect." (You can actually hear this dialogue in your own head, if you listen!) In this manner, the two can go on struggling forever, and this wastes a lot of energy that could be put into constructive efforts. The personality is divided. You can see how it parallels the top and bottom in Gay relationships. The above conversation could just as well be between two lovers as between two parts of the self.

The problem is when the Top and Bottom, instead of being in love, struggle for control and manipulate each other. The cure is for the two to be able to express themselves and listen to each other. The problem is that neither is usually interested in listening to the other, just in getting his way. This is the basis for the famous self-torture game, so beloved to all us neurotics. The Inner Top makes some kind of perfectionistic demand, and tortures the bottom with it. "You should be..." The Inner Bottom defends himself by saying he's trying so hard. There's a stalemate, and there's no end to the self-nagging, the self-torture. It hides under the mask of "self-improvement." But it never works.

The best way to resolve a Top/Bottom conflict (for example, whether to quit smoking, whether to move to another city, whether to change jobs) is to give each of them a voice by alternating between two different chairs. Sit in one chair and play the Top, giving your commands, threats, and ultimatums. Then switch chairs and answer as the Bottom, manipulating, claiming weakness, flattering the top, etc. Switch a few times, and really listen to both sides. See if there isn't room for compromise. Allow all emotions to be expressed fully. If you set aside a half-hour to do this, you will find there is progress toward a solution. You will begin to be more sensitive to the inner voices of Top and Bottom. Perhaps these two parts of you can fall in love instead of being in conflict all the time. Then nothing could stop you!

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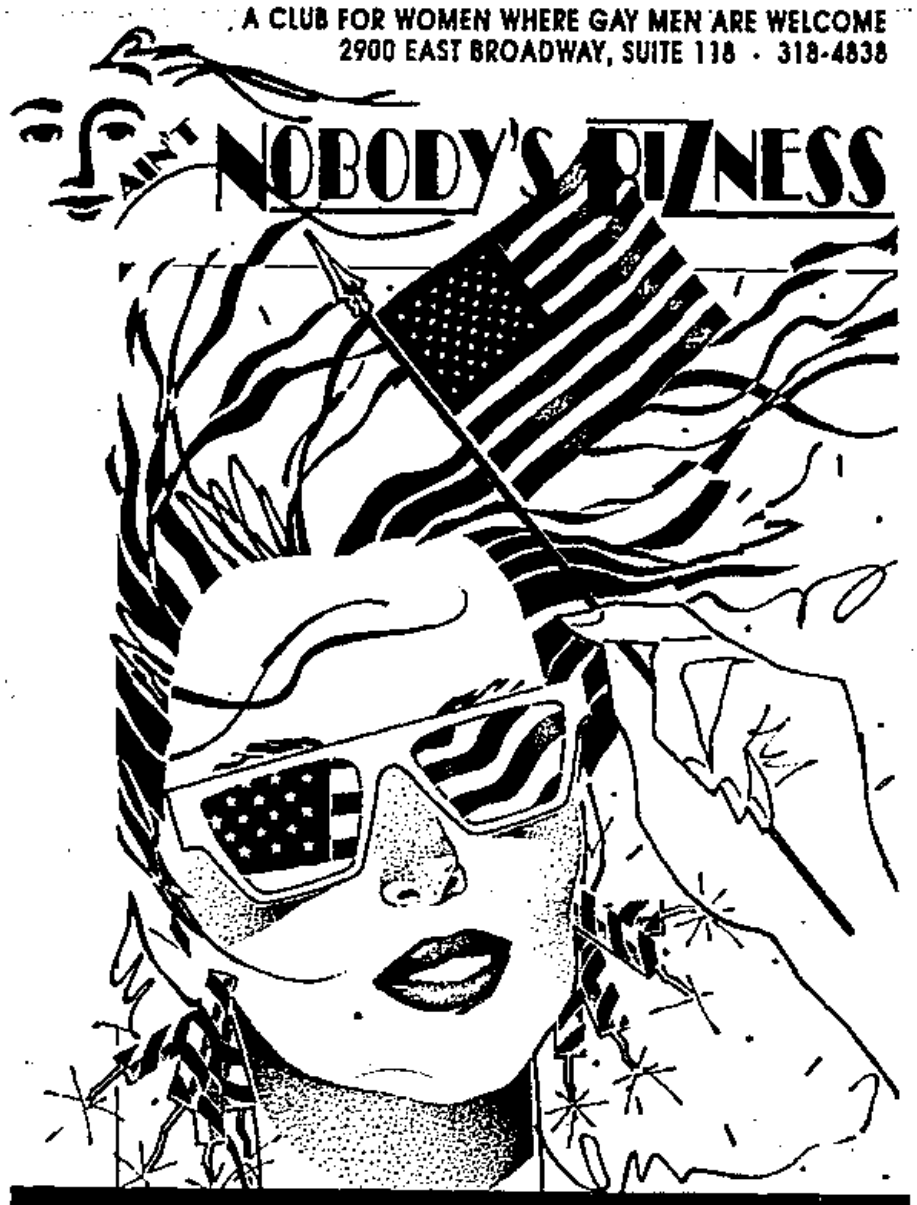

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Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Here are winners of the recent pool tournaments held in Tucson:

Stonewall/Eagle. 6/30. First - Larry LL, $45. Second - John CS, $25. Third - Mike WC, $20.

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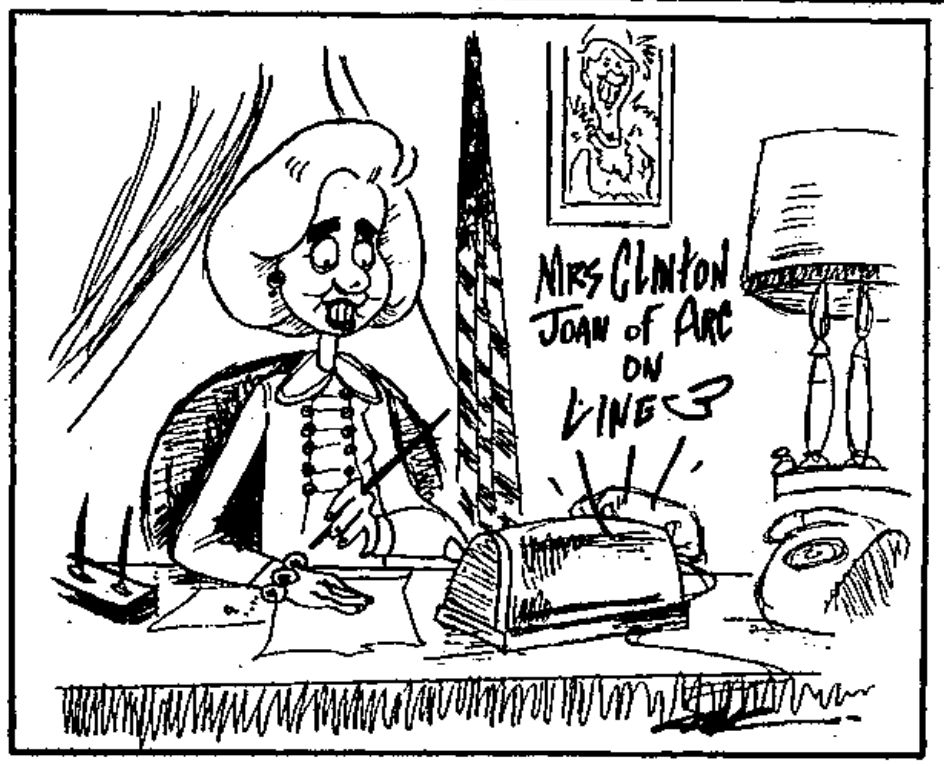

Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludandoles de nuevo con el mismo propósito de que encuentren en ésta COLUMNA ABIERTA la información y comentarios que les interese, y de nuevo les invitamos para que nos hagan llegar sus comentarios y sugerencias en relación a la misma.

Una alentadora y buena noticia que nos llega a través del NOTI COCEF es que el gobierno federal de México, dará apoyo financiero para el proyecto de Nogales, Sonora, el apoyo será de 70 millones de pesos para solucionar los problemas de abastecimiento de agua. Con los recursos anunciados por el Presidente Zedillo y de ser aprobado el financiamiento del Banco de Desarrollo de América del Norte por otros 70 millones de pesos, se podrá iniciar las obras este mismo año, en tanto sigue el proceso de gestión de recursos adicionales, para continuar y terminar las obras en 1997. Las obras comprenden la reparación de la red de agua potable que sufre fugas del 40% y la construcción de una magna red primaria de distribución conocida como acuaférico de 33 kilómetros de longitud y la construcción de tanques elevados. El proyecto permitirá optimizar el servicio, garantizar la dotación de agua potable al 100% de la población, las 24 horas del día, actualizar su padrón de usuarios y substituir pozos de extracción. Esperamos que así sea...

Otra muy buena noticia es del Infectious Disease News, sobre el nuevo equipo para efectuar el examen del VIH en casa; la Administración de Drogas y Alimentos (FDA) recientemente aprovó la elaboración y ya está a la venta en los estados de Texas y Florida con un costo apróximado de $40.00 y se llama Confide y es subsidiario de Johnson & Johnson. El equipo incluye, consejos previos al examen y material informativo elaborados por el Cirujano General C. Everett Koop. Algunos oficiales de la compañía dicen que el examen es igual de eficiente al que se ofrece en clínicas y oficinas médicas; las personas podrán obtener sus resultados al hacer una llamada telefonica marcando un número personal de identificación y así se mantendrá la anonimidad. Algunos oficiales de salud pública tienen algunos desacuendos en relación a este nuevo equipo, ya que se perderá el contacto y la consejeria de persona a persona. Aunque los fabricantes dicen que ellos proveeran consejeria uno a uno así como servicios de referencia.

Otro tema de me solicitaron fué en relación a la nutrición y el VIH.

Se ha comprobado que la desnutrición es una de las complicaciones máximas en la infección por VIH: 80 % de los enfermos la padecen en un nivel más o menos avanzado de su enfermedad; es una de las causas más comunes de deceso, independientemente afecta profundamente la calidad de vida de los pacientes.

Son varios los factores que aparecen como causantes de desnutrición, algunos se conocen todavía mal, otros se explican con mayor facilidad. En la actualidad, cerca de 20% de las personas que viven con VIH mueren de caquexia, es decir, de un estado de adelgazamiento y deterioro extremo del cuerpo. Con los avances en los nuevos tratamientos y la prolongación de la supervivencia, la incidencia de la caquexia es cada vez menor. Se notan así a menudo pérdidas de peso considerables ocasionadas por infecciones oportunistas, y una recuperación al menos parcial una vez que dichas infecciones han sido controladas. Quedan sin embargo las pérdidas de peso crónicas, no relacionadas con enfermedades oportunistas, y que indican entónces la instalación en el organismo de un estado de desnutrición y la evolución hacia la caquexia.

La intervención nutricional debe enfrentar importantes factores patológicos y sicológicos que limitan la ingestión de alimentos, como las diarreas, las candidiasis orales y/o de esófago, la anorexia, las náuseas, las interacciones entre diversas terapias con medicamentos, etc. También se ha demostrado con claridad que la infección por VIH está relacionada con la aparición de un estado de hipermetabolismo desde las primeras etapas de la infección. En una palabra, el organismo infectado por el VIH quema más energía que un organismo no infectado. De esto se desprende que para el seropositivo los requerimientos energéticos son más elevados.

La desnutrición ligada a la infección por VIH sólo puede combatirse con una alimentación que tome en cuenta todos los factores antes citados. Se debe asimismo considerar la necesidad de un suministro proteínico elevado para luchar contra el desgaste de la masa delgada y favorecer al mismo tiempo el ejercicio físico para lograr una ganancia real de la masa muscular. No deben olvidarse las vitaminas y minerales ya que contribuyen al buen funcionamiento del organismo y también se ven muy afectados por la infección por VIH. Se recomienda en ocaciones forzar el apetito, y que los pacientes tomen conciencia de la importancia de alimentarse bién; desconfiar de los consejos provenientes de los medios o de los amigos, quienes a menudo proponen nuevos métodos de alimentación que puedan representar riesgos de infección o de carencia alimentaria, entre otros. Finalmente, es preciso sensibilizar a la gente respecto a la necesidad de una higiene alimentaria estricta.

Y continuando con el tema del SIDA, la Licenciada Estela Guzmán, coordinadora del programa Sedesol de Oaxaca, a través de su red de promotores en ese estado, señaló: "El Sida ha llegado al campo, ha llegado a los campos indígenas, tendiendo a convertir los siglos de olvido, pobreza, miseria y opresión, así como la lucha por sus derechos, en situaciones catastróficas. Por esta razón las Naciones Unidas señala que el SIDA debe asumirse no sólo como un problema de salud pública, sino como un problema de desarrollo". Las condiciones culturales que caracterizan a las comunidades indígenas revelan la poca realidad comunicativa de la práctica sexual. En este sentido, y como un fenómeno asociado al sexo, el SIDA aún no es tema de reflexión en el contexto de las relaciones interpersonales. Esta dificultad se acentúa aún más por el tipo de relación prevaleciente entre hombres y mujeres, el cual por lo general, excluye el intercambio de información relacionada a la experiencia sexual. Más aún, la violación de esta norma cultural puede ocacionar el aislamiento del individuo y, en algunos casos, el destierro definitivo. En esta perspectiva, la situación de las mujeres indígenas frente al SIDA adquiere rasgos alarmantes. Se encuentran en una situación social totalmente desfavorable para comprender el problema y emprender su protección. No solamente viven la opresión de ser mujeres, sino también la de ser indígenas, en su mayoría monolingües, jornaleras, y además migrantes. Están en total desventaja respecto a su percepción de riesgo de infección y la atención de la enfermedad.

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

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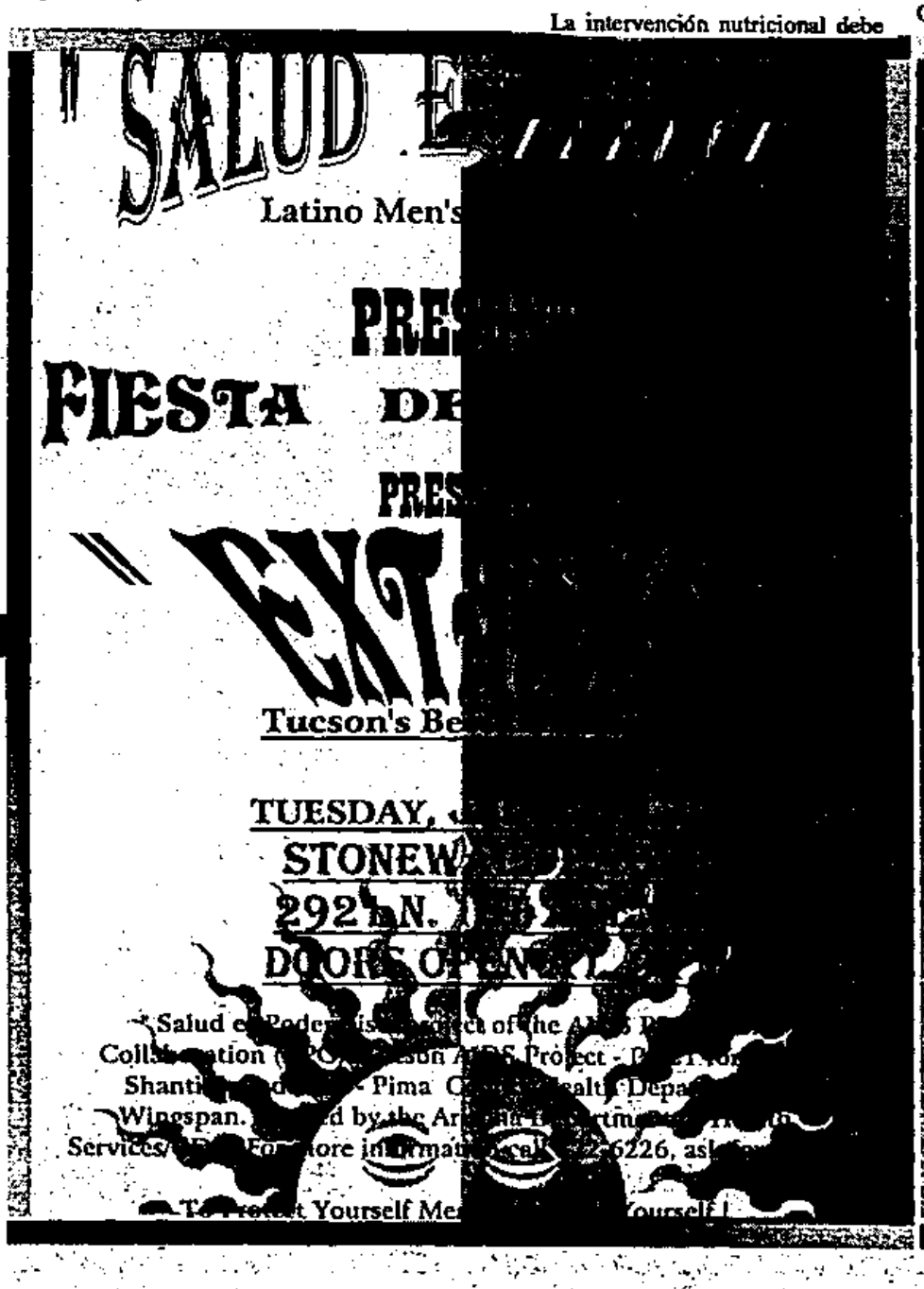

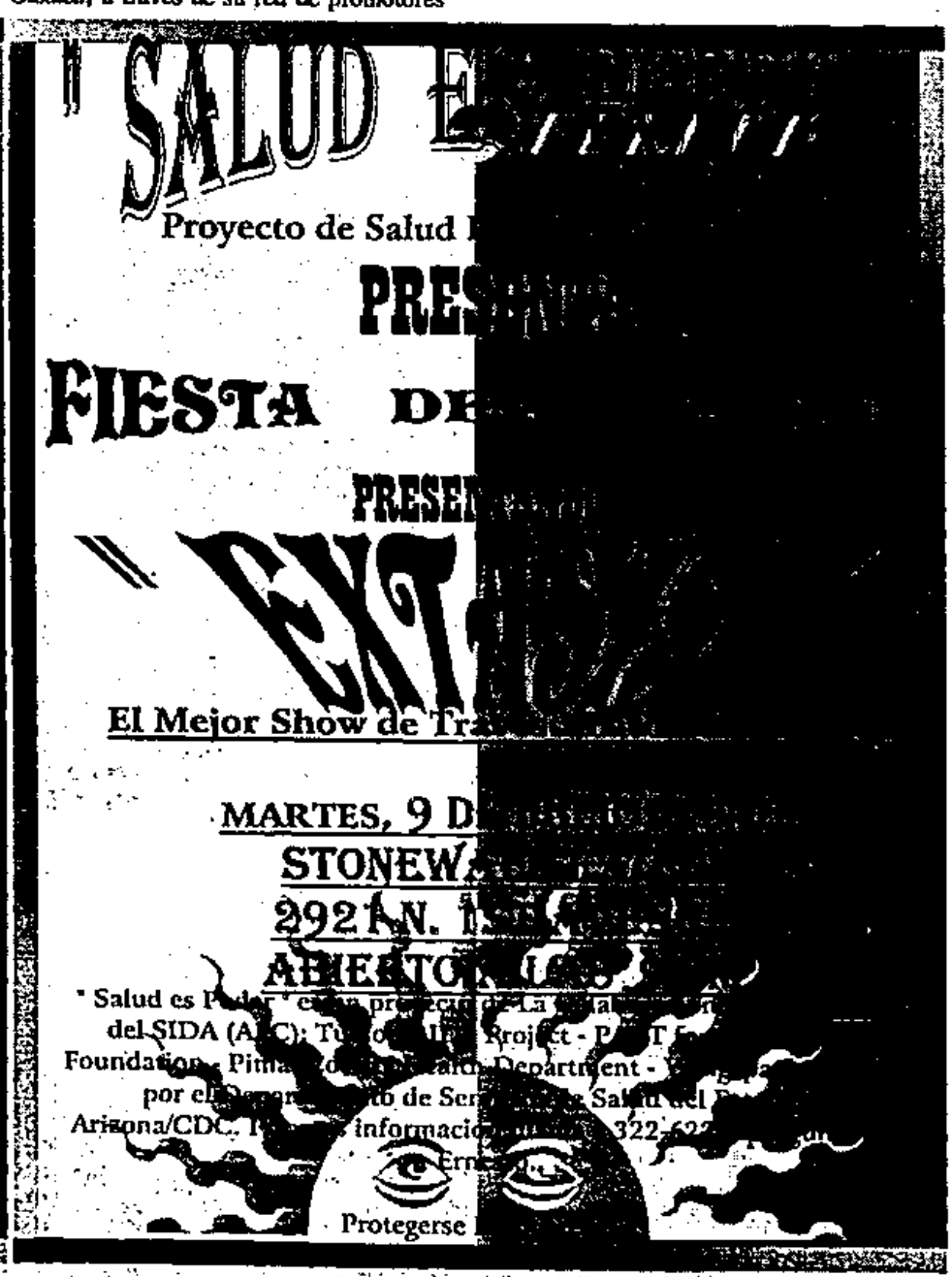

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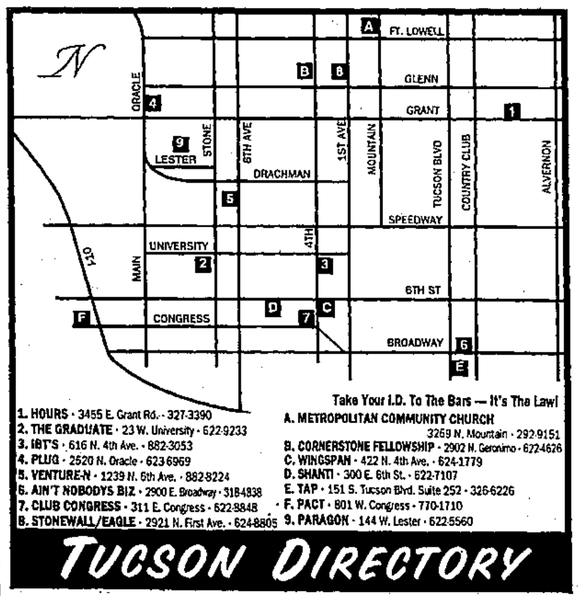

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GRADUATE - July 4th "Weenie Roast" party 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Game Room now air conditioned.

HOURS - 2:00 p.m., Annual 4th of July Bar-B-Que and Adrienne's Indian Fry Bread. Then dance the night away to your favorite country music.

IBT'S - Happy 4th of July Picnic and Party - Picnic from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wet Shorts Contest at 9:30 p.m. $100 first place. Underwear Thursday. $1.25 Well, $1.50 Domestic for those in their underwear.

VENTURE-N - All-American Grill for you hungry ones will be open 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hortonand Hill will play live muisic from 7 to9 p.m. Cover is only $2.00. Come hear these ladies as they always rock the house.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

PLUG - Summer Heat White Party here from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. Featuring hors d'oeuvres, drink specials, sexy dancers, fabulous hosts, wet underwear contest, free t-shirts. Hosted by the Gay Men's Health Project. This is a project of the AIDS Prevention Collaboration of Tucson. Wear White Clothes!

VENTURE-N - Steak Fry Benefit for Pet Watch from 5 to 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Felice Renard will doa benefit drag show. The showwill benefit the Shanti Food Pantry and the cover is only #2.00. Bring in a non-perishible item and you get in free! Come outand support a great show and cause.

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit P.A.C.T. for Life.

MONDAY, JULY 8

IBT'S - Retro 80's - Tucson's hoteest dance party with your DJ Chris Shannon and you bartender Mike 9 p.m. to closing.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" Starring Lucionda Holliday with Bulemia Dehavilland, Felice Renard and Christina de Alexis.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

HOURS - 2:00 p.m. AGRA's Anniversary Party. More info later!

TUESDAY, JULY 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Jodi will appear herefrom 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This show will benefit the Jodi Awards. Come out and enjoy the evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz is proud to present "La Onda De Tucson". They will play live Tex-Mex from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cover is only $3.00. This band will rock the house. Come out and enjoy the music. $1.25 pitchers 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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Borderlands Theatre in residency at Pima Community College is presenting "Deporting The Divas" by Guillermo Reyes, July 3-21 at the PCC Center for the Arts BlackBox Theatre, 2202 N. Anklam Road. "Deporting the Divas" is a zany comedy that narrates the story of Michael, a befuddled Border Patrol agent, bound by duty and honor to job and family, who wrestles with his wild fantasies of wigs, queens and femme fatales. The play is rich with themes that intertwine, producing a tapestry of sub-plots within plots. Previews will be July 3 & 4 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $8.00 for general admission and seniors, $6.00 students. Opening night is Friday, July 5 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 General or $15 Celebracion which includes the performance and a reception following and a Diva look-alike contest. Regular performances July 6, 10-13 and 17-20. 8:00 p.m. curtain. Matinees 7-14-21 with curtain at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 6th Street.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 3 p.m. into the night. (Food served about 6 p.m.). Pool party, cookout, and board games at Jerry & Les' home. Celebrate the holiday with an All American Cook Out provided by the hosts. Just bring your swim suit. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservation and directions.Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Potluck social gathering and auction. Located at the Scottish Rite Hall, 160 S. Scott Ave. (Scott & Ochoa), Ochoa Room. Bring your favorite dish to share and an item for the auction. Be prepared to bid and bring cash or checks for your purchases. Membership now has surpassed 250 men. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and information. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650. Guests always welcome. MSN - 6 p.m. Ice cream social at Ray's house. Bring your favorite ice cream and join your brothers for a "sweet" social visit. Toppings and cones provided. Call Ray at 797-6648 for reservations and directions. Guests welcome.

MONDAY, JULY 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for persons who want to refresh their bridge skills. Table talk learning. Call Perry at 321-4387. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7:00 ish p.m. Evening movie out at a first run theater. Call Chris at 887-3478 after Friday, July 5 to get movie choice and directions. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

High Praise Ministry featuring Karen Ann Edwards, evangelist and singer, will be performing a free concert at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship. A love offering will be taken. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626 for more information

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Dinner out at the La Indita restaurant. Mexican and traditional American food. Call Steve at 795-6718 by Monday, July 8 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) will meet for their regular information exchange supper at 5:30 p.m. atWingspan, 422 N.4th Ave. Thismeeting will be hosted by P-FLAG. All Gay, Lesbian and HIV groups are welcome. For more information call David at 323-7943.

GTV" - All-live Gay cablecast program #21 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56) . If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. The MSN Book Club will be discussing Mel White's memoir Stranger at the Gate. A former ghostwriter for the far right fundamentalists writes about his long battle as a closeted homosexual before coming out. How to be gay and Christian. Call Les or Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Video movie "Deathtrap" starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve. A 1982 comedy. For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650. Guests always welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 3pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 5-6 pm. Country Dance Music 6 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. BeneFit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm. BBQ 'Bohica' with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 6pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Dart Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karoke 9 to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Open 6am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

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

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 6pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Canopy movies with Moose 6pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. $1.50 Longnecks 9pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Spaghetti Feed 6-8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz! 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 8 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 6am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.75 well 8pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Boogie Night. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 7-11pm - $1.25 pitchers.

GRADUATE - Open 6am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles $3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 8pm - 1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9pm to close.2

GRADUATE - Open 6am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

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 $1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and $1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9pm-close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Martini Jazz Hour 4-9pm. $1.50 well martinis; $2.25 call martinis.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Beer specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

friday

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

GRADUATE - Open 6am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Country Western Music 6-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. - Patio Bar with Loosey 5-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with Candies. $1 schnapps all the time. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backsideopen 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

GRADUATE - Open 6am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Country/Western Music 6-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 5-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to8pm. Free Pool noon to 5pm. On 3 tables. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 8pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

POLITICS 1996

By MARK R. KERR

"I Don't Want Anything Green With Bananas In It That Wiggles!"

It's one week until "our hero," indicted Arizona Governor J. Fife Whitewash III, R-The Big House, faces his first initial court hearing, July 10, in the "Evil City of the North" on his twenty-three count federal indictment.

The Fifester will enter his plea on the indictment. Can we guess what that'll be?! Whitewash will then have a judge assigned to the case, and the initial hearing date will be scheduled.

Also on that glorious day, Fiferama will be fingerprinted, photographed and booked. But some disappointing news, Fifester's photo will not be available to the public, according to the Fed's. Since Whitewash hasn't been arrested they don't release the photos. Boy, what a cute Christmas card it would have made!

Yes, just seven days until Arizona goes through another shameful chapter called "politics". Now, will the trial be televised on Court-TV? Will Judge Lance Ito be brought in? Will Robert Shapiro be the defense counsel? Will the prosecution screw up this case, despite having a mountain of evidence? Will Geraldo Rivera dwell on this case on his two T.V. shows for the next seven hundred years? Somebody help us please! . . .

As reported, Whitewash and former, impeached Governor, Evan Mecham & his Hair had a "kissy face and make up session" showing more emotion and overacting than in an old "Facts of Life" episode. Yes the two "kids" have bonded and found they had a lot in common:

Both were not completely truthful in the legally required financial disclosure statements for their campaign. Both had the same problem, a loan of several hundred thousand dollars.

In 1986 and 1990, filing a false financial-disclosure statement was against the law. Both attempted to dance around the issue, and their troubles could be linked to a member of their family, brother and wife respectively.

When reporters persisted in investigating and writing about their problems, Mecham and Whitewash both claimed to be the victim of partisan politics and a biased news media.

Lastly, both have been indicted. Mecham by a state grand jury, and Fiferama by a federal grand jury. But Fife will soon have something else in common with Ev & his Hair. Both will be out of office. . . .

Some entertainment news to report. After Monday's embarrassing performance by the Tucson Mayor and Council in the production, "Removal of City Manager Mike Brown," closing notices were posted. But don't shed a tear kids, the bigwigs at Monogram Pictures in Hollyweird were watching Tucson's elected officials in action and have signed them all for the remake of the 1971 classic film, "The Gang Who Couldn't Shoot Straight." Go break a leg! . . .

Run for your life, " Godzil Rodan" have come to reign t rror (Yes, that part of the electoral pro..., comparable to a bad Japanese monster movie, poor dubbing and all has come. The deadline for filing petitions for the various and mind-numbing elected offices passed last week. Gasp!

Yes, a small group of citizens of the "Big Hole" state will vote for President all the way down to Constable. Or is it the other way around?

For President, Bill "Files?" Clinton will be on the ballot, as well as that "hater of milk" Bob Dole, and the "Texas Napoleon" Ross Perot's Reform Party, and the Libertarian's have Harry Browne running.

For Congress, the two incumbents for Tucson, Reps. Ed Pastor (D-CD 2) and Jim Kolbe (R-CD 5) are running and face alleged opposition. More on that later if something significant turns up.

In the GOP dominated state legislature, some contested races of note. [Wake up!] In the District 9 House race where Republicans are the only choice, Harold Vangilder is challenging the incumbent homophobes, "Nurse Ratchet" Preble and "Beef Boy" McGibbon.

In District 10, Democratic incumbent Phil "Give me!" Hubbard is running again. Four others are running for the seat being vacated by Carmen Cajero, who failed in her last election promise to provide a "fruit cake for every doorstop in the District." The contests are Ramon Valadez, Betty Liggins, Marilyn Venne and Sally Ann Gonzales.

In District 11. Democratic Reps. Elaine Richardson and Jorge Luis-Garcia are vying for the vacated Senate seat. With that, all hell has broken lose in the House race. For the Democrats, Carmine Cardimone, Martin Douglas, Deborah Norris, Charlie Salaz, and perennial candidate Mike Price! For the Republicans you have former Marana Mayor Ora "Mammy Yokum" Harn and Steve Benefield.

In District 12, where the Democrat's have as much chance as the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series. Republican Steve Huffman is challenging incumbent GOP Representatives Freddy Herschberger and that phobe, Dan Schottel.

In District 13, where Patti's leaving and Democratic Rep. George Cunningham is running for the vacated Senate seat has caused upheaval in the House race. For the Democrats, incumbent Dr. Andy Nichols is running, as well as Colette Phillip and Brian Fagin. The GOP's contests are Shane Wikfors and Scott Kirtley.

In the "Starship Enterprise" District 14 race, the incumbents are being challenged. Our heroines, Democratic Sen. Ruth Solomon, and Reps. Herschella Horton and Marion Pickens face Sharon Collins & her sound bites, and perennial candidate for anything, Chuck Josephson.

All the County Board of Supes face opposition of sorts. Gee go figure!

Mike Boyd, deciding he is a Republican is running, he'll face an Ev clone, Sally Slosser. The winner faces a Democratic opponent. More on that race later if something turns up. Dan Eckstrom

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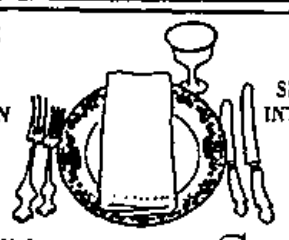
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

My computer is hopelessly outdated! I say this for several reasons. First of all, this is a computer which has to be "booted up" every time I use it. And when I boot it up, it displays the date of the computer program as 1986! Another way I can tell that my computer is obsolete is the fact that none of the computer programs which are sold in stores will run on it! It doesn't have enough memory to support them. Of course I am unable to use a mouse with my computer, if I wanted to play any games on it I would have to use a joystick, remember them? The final reason I know that my computer is a dinosaur is that my honey tells me this regularly! So far I have resisted all efforts to purchase a new one. I imagine that if we're to get a new one this year, it would be out-of-date within a year or two, so for now I am content to stay with my current obsolete computer rather than spend big bucks for a new one which will be just as antiquated within a short time!

What are you hanging on to that appears to others to be archaic? Perhaps it's a vehicle which continued to perform adequately even though it doesn't have the style of the newer models. Maybe it's your choice of music, which was popular when you were a teen-ager but makes younger folks laugh when they hear it! Or it might be some favorite article of clothing which has special memories attached to it, even though you wouldn't dare wear it out in public!

In this ever-changing world of ours, do you sometimes wonder if there is anything which remains the same? If you do, I have some good news for you!

In the last book of the Old Testament we're told, "I the Lord don't change..." (Malachi 3:6) What a comforting statement! This means that everything that we learn about God from his word, the Bible, is just as true today as it was thousands of years ago! He doesn't change to conform to modern standards, or attract people with new ideas, or for any other reason. He is the one constant which we can all hold on when it seems that everything around us is shifting minute by minute!

One of God's unchanging ways is his willingness to answer our prayers. He challenges us in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to me and I will answer you." It doesn't get much clearer than that! If you're one of his children and you pray to him about something, he guarantees that he will answer! Of course, the answer may not be what you were expecting! We have an inside joke at Cornerstone that you need to be careful what you pray for because God just might give it to you, much to your discomfort later on!

Does God promise to answer the prayers of every person, even those who don't believe in him? Common sense tells us the answer to that question is no; imagine the chaos which would result if every prisoner prayed for all jail doors to unlock! But there is one prayer which he will always answer, the one recorded in Luke 18:13, "'...God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

Have you ever prayed the "sinner's prayer" and become a child of God? You have our unchanging God's promise that he will answer that prayer! If you're a Christian, are you availing yourself of the wonderful privilege of prayer? In this ever changing world, what peace and joy can be yours when you keep in touch with our unchanging God!

Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita — From MCC Tucson

Greetings and salutations! Another week has sped by us again. My how time flies. I am glad to have you reading my article again or for the first time.

The anniversary of the USA's independence from England will be celebrated tomorrow. However you plan to celebrate it, I hope you will be careful and use designated drivers as appropriate. Some of us here are planning to have a tail-gate party (as close to "A" mountain as possible). I regret that these plans were not set until this past week, after publication of last week's Observer. I will try to keep on top of these things on a better timeline. This way I can keep you informed and perhaps if you do not have other plans, you may call and join us in our celebrations.

Remember that next week, Wednesday, July 10, 7 P.M., here at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue there will be a buffet dinner and concert. The food will be provided by the congregants. The concert will feature Karen Ann Edwards. The dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 P.M. The concert will begin at 7 P.M. and end at approximately 8:30 P.M.

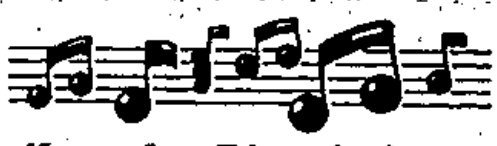
There is no fee for the food nor the concert. A "Love Offering" is received during the concert (you may wish to contribute or not, that is totally up to you. Also, if finances are running tight, you don't have to pay a cover charge, etc.). All of the "Love Offering" goes directly to Karen Ann Edwards, none of it stays here in the local church. We simply want you to come, enjoy the food, fellowship and concert.

Please note that this facility is alcohol-free. Please don't bring beer or other alcoholic beverages on the premises, thank you.

Remember, the third Saturday of each month we have Bingo games! These are designed so that anyone may come and share in lots of fun, laughter and maybe get lucky when winning a game, to receive a nice "prize." The way it's set up, there are no cash prizes. We provide several small "prizes" and the big, final, cover-all "prize." We ask players to bring a small "prize" valued at $1-$2 average, and or a snack to share. This is not a requirement! Please feel free to come, join us as we have an evening of entertainment at little or no cost. The next game is July 20, 6 P.M.

Please feel free to call us if we can be of any assistance to you. If no one answers the phone, we may be physically away from the phone, but still on the premises. Leave a message and tell us when the best time is for us to return your call. We will do our best to accommodate your time schedule and requests.

Remember to share as many hugs as possible. No one can ever get too many, and they do have a healing quality that medicines cannot begin to touch.



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Some will say, "It was just a coincidence." I know better. That is part of my/our faith. We cannot explain or make any scientific evidence of the power of prayer; all I know is that it works, every day in each of our lives. There is the chorus of a song: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. For God is on the throne. Though you've prayed till it seems that your heart would break. That they sow in tears shall reap in joy!" (Family of God hymnal, pg. 46).

There will be a Memorial Service here in the sanctuary for Larry Owens, around July 12 or 13. This is being done so that those of you who missed the service held at Cornerstone Fellowship, can come together to begin working through your grief process. Date and time will be in the next issue.

Until next week, be kind to yourself and others.

Reno Responds

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Lollie were killed because they were Lesbians. We do know, unfortunately, such a possibility is all too real. We also know it is important that all hate crimes be identified accurately and honestly by the media and the criminal justice system. Silence about such crimes feeds the apathy and ignorance that often surrounds them. Silence around hate violence and the possibility of such violence also ignores the other victims of these crimes, whole communities who live in fear and danger as a result of individual anti-Gay attacks.

"The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is grateful for Attorney General Reno's understanding and response to our concerns and the DOJ's commitment to a comprehensive investigation. It's our hope that future statements to the press by investigating officials will enhance our confidence in the investigation, not undermine it. It's our hope that the killer or killers of Julie and Lollie are found quickly and brought to justice and our questions about the nature of these killings are finally answered."

Russian Youth

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the judge deported three people prior to Sergey's hearing, we were very nervous."

"We were successful only through the combination of Sergey's compelling account of persecution, the dedicated teamwork of extraordinary volunteer attorneys, top-notch expert testimony, and able assistance from the City of West Hollywood's Russian community liaison and the San Francisco based International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission."

"Since I fled the country, I know that I would have faced even more severe persecution by governmental authorities if I were returned to Russia," said Fedetov. "I'm very grateful to the Gay & Lesbian Center, my attorneys, Eugene and all those who've been kind to me. I believe they saved my life."

Though Fedetov has his freedom now, he has little else. The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Immigration Law Project is in the process of getting him a work permit, but meanwhile he is need of basic items such as clothing, toiletries, shoes and money.

For information on how you can help, call 213-860-7350.

Female Condom

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the product for Gay sex, so the idea was dropped.

FDA spokesman Don McLearn acknowledged the agency had concerns about the idea in 1991 but said there is now no reason to block its approval for men, as long as someone (a private company, research facility, or University) submits tests proving it works.

Memorable Quotes...

NEW YORK, NY - Here are some more quotes said by the famous and infamous:

"The national mood [against Gay marriage] has already taken its toll in the general reluctance of politicians at every level of government to go to bat for us. But maybe that is not so bad. Maybe that will force us to go to bat for ourselves." - Editorial in the Baltimore Alternative, a Gay monthly.

"I was brought up to be honest. And as soon as I had been, I felt reborn. I am now a Gay man who is happy to acknowledge on any occasion, to anyone in the world, his sexuality. And once you can say that, there is nobody in the world you mind knowing you are free." - British actor/activist Sir Ian McKellan to London's Gay Times.

"Gay men are known for being the best comic audiences across the board. They are more willing to not be P.C. [politically correct], let go and just laugh and scream it out. Gay women are getting better and better. They have gotten more and more into it. There are so many Gay women comics and I think there are getting looser." - Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhofer to Ohio's Stonewall Journal.

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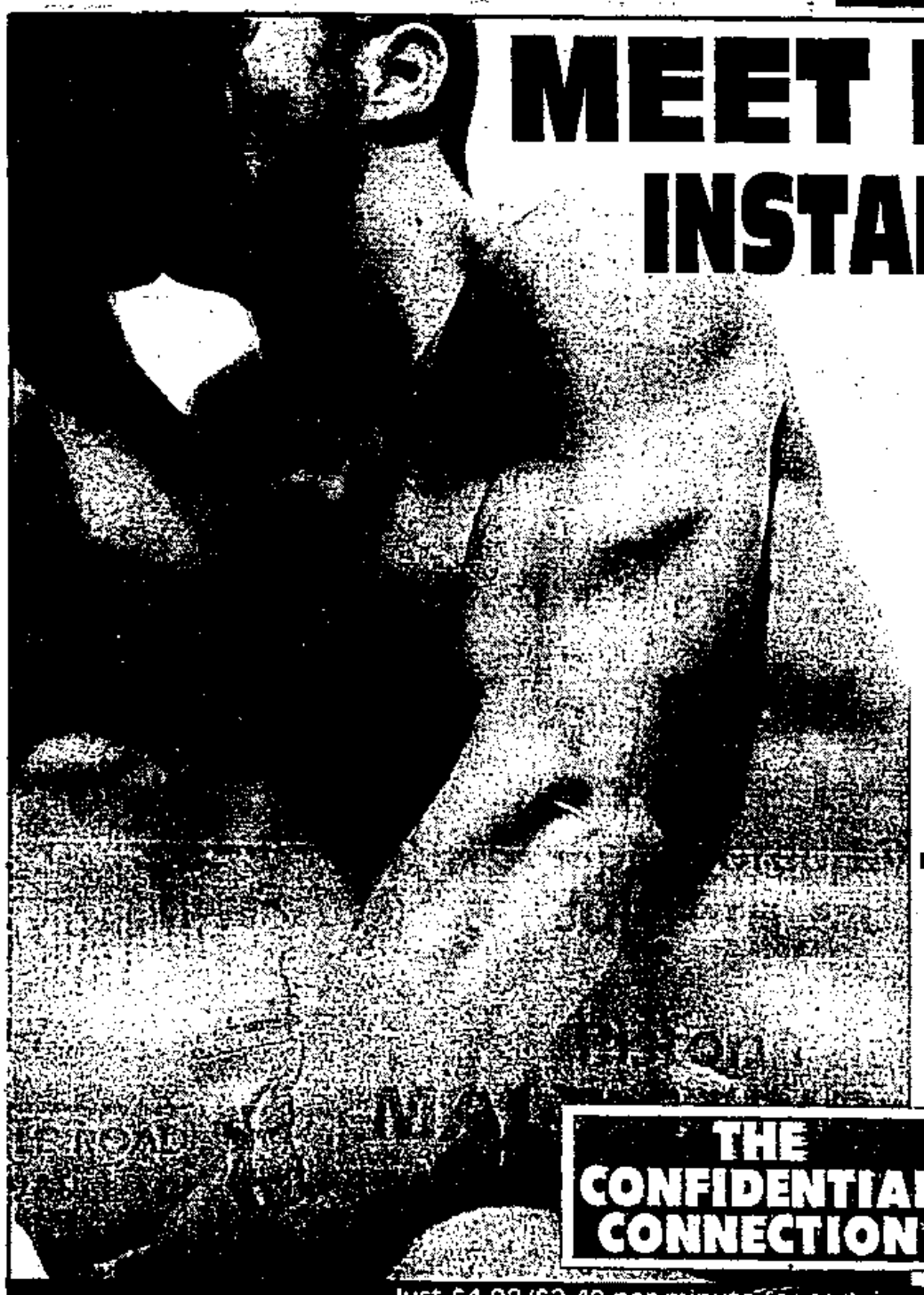
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POLITICS

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will face Republican Ray Clark. More later if anything turns up. Raul Grijalva faces the "Developers Choice" Susan Chambers Casteloes in the Democratic primary. Paul Marsh is running again, facing John Even in the GOP primary. Both are bankrolled by developer Don Diamond. Some choice huh?

The big race of note involves "Mr. Ed" Moore, who's running as an independent. Moore stated he's doing to avoid a cash draining primary. Gee, where's he going to get the money, he's pissed off the Democrats, Republicans, business, developers and everybody else. A GOP candidate, Vicki Cox-Golder was right on with her assessment, "He's chicken."

Other county races of note: Barbara La Wall, Richard Gonzales, and the candidate who gets beat up by old men, David White are vying to succeed outgoing County Attorney Steve "Kiwi Bound" Neely. The man who jacked up property values, Democrat Assessor Rick Lyons is running again, so is Republican Rex Waite, who jacked up his credentials. What a choice!

My favorite local race, former State Democratic Rep. John Kromko, who has spent a lot time before a judge, is running for judge, Justice of the Peace. Oh the irony!

So it goes for now kids!

Eradicated

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and the fact that the infection is identified early in the course of disease before there has been significant damage to the immune system, it's hoped that use of very potent combinations of drugs will reduce virus to a level at which the immune system may be able to clear residual virus.

The use of a potent triple combination regime of AZT, 3TC and indinavir was described as being very cost effective because of the likely long-term cost benefit in delaying or preventing symptomatic disease. The vast majority of patients taking this regime were shown to have virus reduced to undetectable levels in the blood.

There was unanimous agreement that the clinical significance of complete virus load suppression was now beyond doubt. And that the goal of antiviral therapy should be to "hit early and hit hard." The rationale for early aggressive therapy was further reinforced from studies of immune function in those treated later in the course of HIV disease.

A presentation described a study designed to address this problem. Due to begin shortly, the study will use transplanted thymus tissue to improve T-cell reconstitution in patients whose thymus has been irreversibly damaged by HIV. The technique has already proved to be successful in non-HIV infected children born with severe immune dysfunction.

In theory, therefore, aggressive drug therapy early on in HIV infection may reduce the amount of HIV to a level that the still intact immune system can mop-up. The result is the focus that future promising tests and treatment strategies be made available as soon as possible.

The meeting closed on an extremely positive note with a future conference designed to address other critical issues in the management and treatment of HIV infection already being planned.

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Sultry July gets going hot and heavy this week with a plethora of personal planets winging through Gemini to Cancer. This means that the world will still keep turning from left to right even as we dance our merry way in any old direction. Let us resolve to dance to our own tune, or to the beat of a different drummer.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

If home life and family relationships have had frustrations, at least you'll be able to talk it out now. It doesn't mean that everything will be peaches and cream, but queer Rams always feel a bit better letting off steam. All these personal planets wending their merry way through Gemini to Cancer help put thoughts into action. Don't let them say you didn't warn them.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Proud Bulls should use this serviceable personal planet energy to plot and plan their way to financial success. The idea is to gather all relevant information and take calculated action. Talk to financial advisors and take notes! I know that the temptation is to enjoy life to the fullest, great wine, sex and food, and why not? But if you save a little for a rainy day, you won't be sorry.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The foray of all personal planets from your own sign into Cancer could ultimately rain on your pride parade. In early July you may feel like queen of the ball but, after the dance is over, you'll be reexamining your value system. What is and isn't important, dear heart? Only you can answer these questions. It's an excellent time to rearrange your deck chairs for a better view.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs may exhibit a spark of intuitive prowess in early July, but as all these planets move into your own sign, there is less fog and more glare. Its center stage or bust for all birthday Crabs. Charisma quotient is high and why not? Get out there and strut your stuff; you have the ear and attention of all and sundry. Begin new projects now, you have the year to see them grow and develop.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions can use this fabulous personal planet energy to command the group dynamic. Never the shy one, these regal and dramatic folks become the tour de force of the social scene. Heck, it's summer so gather the tribe and do something energizing, fun and meaningful. Maybe that means a nude pool party, but I think we can be a little more altruistic, can't we? Don't forget the sunscreen.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Career aspirations become a little more focused with all these personal planets hovering in Gemini. And, if you can put your professional thoughts into action, you'll be fit social company by the end of the month. They say you get by with a little help from friends but sometimes pals do a lot more than have you "get by." Trust your circle and, at the very least, ask their advice.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Take a vacation. It may be a trip to the moon (or to Fire Island) on gossamer wings in early July but the planets will move on and so must you. Think career dear queer Libra and see what all these personal planets can do for the professional you. It may be that you have done some careful and considerable strategic planning for your next corporate ascent, but if not, do so now.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Make hay while the sun shines. What the heck does that mean? Well, those personal planets in Gemini poke queer Scorps' embers of passion in all the right places. That's just for starters. By the end of July, you may be carrying your sexual prey off to parts unknown. (Or is it exploring parts unknown with your sexual prey?) Whatever you decide to do, have a sensuous July!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers should put more effort into partnerships. Whether that means that you must now seek out a significant other or give more attention to the partnership at hand, is entirely up to you. The personal planets moving from Cancer to Gemini make all these exercises worth the effort as sex becomes the be all and end all at the end of July. Summer is not the time to be the odd one out.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

All the work that you put into making that seemingly fabulous body even more fab will not go unappreciated. All your personal planets moving from Gemini to Cancer will highlight work, exercise and diet as it eventually affects partnerships. Take care of yourself, eat sensibly and take full advantage of swimsuit season to show off the results. Partners appreciate the effort.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

All work and now play makes Aqueerians dull signs so live it up in early July and make the most of gathering your rosebuds. The interesting thing is, with personal planets from moving from Gemini to Cancer, you may find that all play and no work wears a little thin. The mind turns to the job, lucky you, and by the end of the month you'll be rarin' to get your nose to the grindstone.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Home is where your heart is this July so do what needs to be done to make home, security and sense of personal worth a little more in tune with the real you. Whether it means you need to redecorate or relocate is up to you. Maybe it's time to be out loud proud with family. Do what you heart tells you and prepare for a Gay celebration by the end of the month. Party!

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, ucson, 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. 322-6455. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 844, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)733-0409, write 1830 E. Broadway #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85719, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 674-2272.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call Rich 318-0540.

LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 881-4450 or Ronn 966-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.? Call CRONIES 888-7264.

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MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 221, Station E, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P0C4

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. No meetings in July or August.. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3061 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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.

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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 573-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7206.

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

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

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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 887-7403 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.

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

NOTICES

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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.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 791-7946 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1204 for more info.

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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 690-0565 for information and a newsletter.536

TGSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary O. 770-9979

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-0063.

DR. BOB'S EROTIC DISCUSSION GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. A confidential setting in which to discuss all aspects of our erotic lives, from safer sex to masturbation to monogamy to. . . Many heads are better than one! Wednesday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus at 623-1732.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson AIDS Project at 322-6226.

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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 8:00 p.m. Check it out!

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

DR. BOB'S INTIMACY SKILLS GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men. If you want more closeness in your life, you need to learn the skills that allow for intimacy. This group is a place to learn and grow quickly! Monday nights. Call Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. at 623-1732.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hellman 577-4333 for more info.

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

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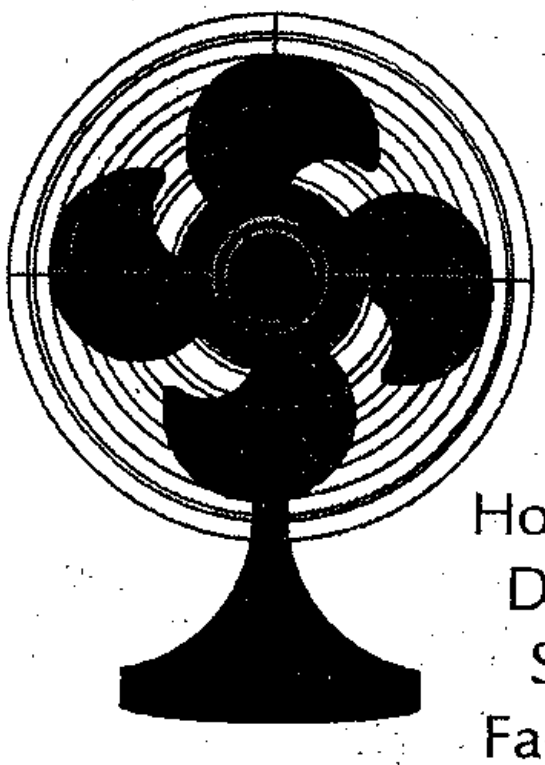

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