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Tzabaco Catalog Launches $100,000 Safe Schools Initiative

WASHINGTON, DC - Tzabvaco Catalog Lesbian and Gay Community Fund $25,000 award presentation to Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN). Shown above (l-r): Jamie Nabozny, Kevin Jennings, Executive Directors of GLSTN; Morless Griswold, Tzabaco VP of Marketing; David Ring, Tzabaco Chairman and CEO. See story below.

WASHINGTON, DC - In a comprehensive effort to address homophobia in our schools, the leading Lesbian and Gay at-home shopping company, the Tzabaco Catalog, announced it will donate $100,000 to fund its new Safe Schools Initiative.

In addition to providing cash grants to community organizations, the Initiative will make use of the Catalog's direct response channels to raise awareness of the topic with its millions of readers.

"Lesbian and Gay youth struggle every day, not just with issues of 'fitting in,' but with unrelenting verbal, emotional and physical abuse. Almost half of all Gay and Lesbian teens experience anti-Gay violence during high school," said David H. Ring, Tzabaco's Chairman and CEO.

"For the first time, there is a network of agencies and organizations that are working to make the education system a secure environment for all students! The Tzabaco Safe Schools Initiative will provide valuable resources to these organizations, which have a wealth of talent, spirit and commitment, but virtually no money," Ring went on to say.

At a reception in Washington, DC during the Inaugural activities, Ring presented a check for $25,000 to the Safe Schools Initiative's first beneficiary, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN). Tzabaco recognized GLSTN's outstanding track record of creating constructive dialogue on issues of sexual orientation between parents, school boards and students.

Jamie Nabozny, the Wisconsin high school student who won the landmark sexual orientation discrimination suit in 1996, was a special guest at the event.

"This gift is so important because it represents the first major corporate contribution to the national effort to support safe schools for Lesbian and Gay youth," said Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSTN.

Jennings added, "These funds will help underwrite the costs of our national and regional conferences and training institutes over the next two years."

Other activities already planned for the Initiative include support for the distribution and screening of "It's Elementary," the new film by Academy Award winning director Debra Chasnoff, in which elementary school children talk about Gay people.

Nationally, Tzabaco will sponsor Back to School '97, a GLSTN campaign of letter-writing by Gay adults to old high school teachers urging them to "come it" in support of making schools a safe place for this current generation of kids. Locally, the Initiative will make additional grants to community-based groups working on the issue.

Throughout the year, Tzabaco will educate customers on the subject through the pages of the Catalog and will provide assistance to participating organizations in their outreach and fund raising efforts. In addition, each fulfilled order of Tzabaco merchandise will be accompanied by printed materials informing people across the nation how they can help.

Tzabaco's own in-bound telemarketing will also collect donations to these agencies, with Tzabaco and other sponsors providing matching funds during specified pledge drives.

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Biz/Tucson and Obelisk/Phoenix Top Winners In Softball Tournament

by Robert Serrano

TUCSON - The Second Annual Old Pueblo Softball Tournament was held this past weekend, February 22-23 at Sportspark. Aside from the cold weather Saturday morning, it was a Chamber of Commerce event, everything was perfect.

In the Women's Division, Team Tucson placed Third after losing to the Cafe from Boston, 13-10.

In the championship game, Ain't Nobody's Bizness, "The Biz" scored five runs in the top of the seventh and then held on for a 10-7 victory over the Cafe.

In the Open Division, a determined Los Angeles Batboys team routed Wink's from Phoenix 14-2 to advance to the championship game. In the Open Division championship, Phoenix Obelisk used an 8-run fifth inning to take an 8-5 lead on it's way to a 12-7 victory over the L.A. Batboys.

A brief trophy presentation was held after the games were completed. The Sportsmanship Award went to the Cafe Team from Boston.

In the Open Division, rounding out the field were the Unknown's from Los Angeles, Charlie's Angels (Complete with theme music from the 70's hit TV series) from Long Beach, California. Phoenix was also represented by Wink's Juniors and Roscoe's. Local participants were the Arizona Aces and the IBT's Twisters.

Many thanks to the Tournament Committee and sponsors for a job well done. The Tournament Committee would like to extend an invitation to our community to get involved in planning next year's event so it can be even better. For more info, call Bertie L., 318-3415.

Atlanta Lesbian/Gay Bar Bombed; Two Groups Claim Responsibility; Gay Community Reacts With Fear And Outrage

ATLANTA, GA (WS) - The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community in Atlanta became the latest victim of a terrorist explosion in the U.S. last weekend. Investigators believe a popular bar may have been targeted by the bomber(s) of Olympic Park and a women's health clinic.

As assault against a Lesbian and Gay bar, with no fatalities, five people injured, and less-than-life threatening surgery required in only one case, would typically get little attention. However, the attack on The Otherside Lounge has drawn massive attention from not only the national media, but the federal government because it was a bombing in Atlanta, Georgia, scene of the unsolved Olympic Park and Northside Planning Services explosions.

At 10:00 P.M. on Friday of last week, the popular club was crowded with 100 to 150 people when a bomb exploded on the patio in the back sending 3" and 4" long nails flying. One pierced the arm of a female patron, requiring surgery, while a handful of other people were treated for minor injuries and for ear and headache pain from the blast itself.

Police discovered a second bomb in the parking lot inside a backpack. They closed the area for several blocks around for the investigation. Otherside management say they've had no previous problems in 7 years of operation.

SIMILARITIES WITH CLINIC AND OLYMPIC BOMBINGS

Police were particularly interested how the details of the method might relate to the two prior bombings last summer during an Olympics celebration and last month at a women's health care clinic.

An examination of the bombs that exploded revealed some similarities. FBI spokesperson Jay Spadafore cautioned, however, that authorities have not yet concluded that the same individual or individuals committed both bombings.

"Two weeks from now, we might have a much better idea if these bombs are made by the same person," Spadafore said. "More clues are left behind each time a device is discovered or detonated."

Federal agents continued combing the area for the tiniest bits of evidence. The investigation of the bombing last summer at Centennial Olympic Park will remain separate. Officials say that bombing appears to have more differences than similarities with the other two.

CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY

A letter purportedly from a group called the Army of God claimed responsibility for bombings at an Atlanta abortion clinic and the nightclub, and threatened "total war" against the federal government.

The letter was one of two claims of responsibility for the bombing at The Otherside Lounge.

Federal agents were examining a message left on the voice mail of the Phoenix-based Gay Community Yellow Pages that claimed that the "Sons of Confederate Klan, SOCK, a new neo-Nazi KKK organization from Los Angeles" had bombed the club. The message did not

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UPDATE

Lesbian Physicians To Convene In Hawaii

HONOLULU, HI - Several hundred Lesbian physicians from around the US and Canada will convene in Kona, Hawaii, March 19-23, to tackle pressing issues facing female patients and to examine to common thread among all women in a rapidly changing world.

The five-day Women in Medicine Conference is sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). The conference will involve cutting-edge presentations on women's health issues given by excellent speakers in a uniquely supportive professional environment.

The conference will take place March 19-23 at the Hilton Waikoloa in Kona, Hawaii. Presentations will address the latest in Lesbian medicine and a variety of women's health issues including aging and retirement, communication skills, relationships, the latest studies on hormonal therapies for women, and parenting.

For registration information call GLMA at (415) 255-4547.

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For more information contact Garry Fowlkes at PACT, 770-1710.

Spice Is Sizzlin'

TUCSON - SPICE FOR LIFE, hosted by Cafe Terra Cotta and Presidio Grill proved to once again be an enjoyable and exciting evening.

Along with the help of community celebrities, SPICE FOR LIFE was able to raise several thousand dollars to support three Tucson AIDS Service Organizations.

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, Shanti Foundation and the Tucson AIDS Project would like to thank all of the dining guests for their generous support. A special thank you to Don Luria, Donna Nordin, Michael Luria, Deb Gellman, Eric Edwards and the incredible staff of Cafe Terra Cotta and Presidio Grill.

The three ASO's also want to wish a big thank you to all of the celebrity servers: David Fitsimmons, AZ Daily Star; Lupita Murillo, KVOA; Sal Quijada, KGUN; Tina Naughton, KOLD; Chad Daily, KFMA; Crissy Ahmann, Olympian; Betsy Bruce, KRQ; Susie Dunn, KFMA; Mojo Morales, KRQ; Chuck George, KOLD; and Congressman Jim Kolbe, you were all remarkable. Their support of people living with HIV/AIDS is greatly appreciated.

Wingspan Artist For March: Corky Frausto

TUCSON - The month of March at the Wingspan Gallery will feature the works of Corky Frausto of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Frausto is basically self-trained but has attended the University of Texas-San Antonio and St. Edwards taking art courses. The medium Mr. Frausto uses is acrylic on canvas and wood. The exhibition consists of portraits of friends who have died of AIDS, one of the quilt and several small ratable moderns. Frausto considers himself an expressionist.

Corky Frausto has done several commissions and has exhibited in several invitational shows and Common Bond, the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual Community Center in Albuquerque.

There will be a reception for the artist on Saturday, March 1, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at the gallery, 422 N. Fourth Avenue. The public is invited, refreshments will be served. The show will run the month of March. For Gallery hours call 624-1779.

Sex and Scholarship At UofA March 13

TUCSON - The University of Arizona Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Studies will be hosting its second annual symposium on Sex and Scholarship, Thursday, March 13.

Leading scholars from around the country will talk about their LGB-related research, including: Jose Munoz, of New York University, on "Rough Boy Trade: Queer Desire/Straight Identity in the Work of Larry Clark;" Vernon A. Rosario, of the University of Pennsylvania on "Why's a Good She-Male So Hard To Find: The Blossoming of Transsensuality;" and Amy Robinson, of the Stanford University Humanities Center, on "Ethics and Performance: Identity Politics in the Academy."

Professor Janet Jakobsen, of the University of Arizona's Women's Studies and Religious Studies departments, will serve as respondent. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

The symposium takes place at 6:30 P.M., Center for English as a Second Language (CESL), room 103. CESL is on North Campus Drive, one block east of Park. For more information call Miranda Joseph, 621-5839.

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EDITOR:

Shanti would like to thank those divine divas, Lucinda Holliday and Felice Reynard, for their fantastic fund raising efforts at Hours and IBT's several weeks ago.

Together with several other lovely ladies they managed to raise nearly $700 to benefit Shanti's food pantry program. During these difficult financial times of continuing funding cutbacks, community fund raising such as this is vital.

We sincerely appreciate the continued support of Lucinda, Felice and the entire community.

With love and thanks,
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POLITICS 1997

By MARK R. KERR

"So, Ed Pastor Is The Next Marlboro Man? Right!"

At a recent meeting, not a "coffee," with Gay and Lesbian activists, Vice President Al Gore asked for a recommended reading list about us creative folks?

Oh the possibilities! A tell-all biography written by Kitty Kelly? Perhaps Martha Stewart's "Living?" What about J. Edgar Hoozitz's auto-novella? A Robert Mapplethorpe coffee-table book? Hmmm?

Remember this kids, the current Vice President, unlike the last Vice Bimbo, Dan "Potatoe" Quayle understands big words. Yes, more than four letters! . . .

The deadline to hear current bills in the Arizona Legislature has passed. The two measures of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community face a very uncertain future. Can we say bad and worse?

H.B. 2182 was the latest attempt to adopt a hate-crimes ordinance. H.B. 2182 would allow judges to find aggravating circumstances, and allowing the judge to impose a stricter sentence - if a crime was committed because of victim's sexual orientation, race, religion, color, national origin, gender, national origin and bad fashion sense.

As the story has gone so far, the bill, facing more challenges than a heroine in a Danielle Steele novel, was approved by the House Judiciary Committee a few weeks back. Okay, but! The bill was to go to the House Rules Committee to cross the "i's" and dot the "t's."

Instead of crossing, H.B. 2182 is gathering dust. But, there's hope! Oh really? The bill's primary sponsor, state Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix, said in an interview that the bill will be heard by the House Rules Committee this week. Well?

Of H.B. 2182's chances, Rep. Shaw said that people should call their legislators and leave messages of support for H.B. 2182. Believe in it, just like Mary Martin in "Peter Pan!"

Good, we'll still be able to discriminate against breeders in the interior design industry! The Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, H.B. 2431 is basically dead in the water.

H.B. 2431 was the statewide measure that would have barred discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation was withdrawn from the House Judiciary Committee. Whoops!

With this parliamentary procedure, H.B. 2431 would go to the House Rules Committee. But according to one of the bills primary sponsors, the measure's chances for passage are slim.

Rep. Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, in an interview, stated that the measure is "dead in the water." Cheuvront said he would be "surprised if the measure got a hearing before the House Rules Committee. Another one bites the dust!

Buns, nipples and family jewels! This past week the definition of "simulated, perverted sexual acts," came one step closer to reality. Can you feel the sexual tension? S.B. 1408 passed the Senate Family Services Committee last week by a vote of 4-3.

[Southern Arizona Senators voting: No - Sen. Victor Soltero, D-Tucson.]

This measure, which solves all the states problems, real and imagined, now goes to the Senate Rules Committee for consideration.. Yes, praise be and pass the vibrator! . . .

No more pencils huh? The latest chapter in Pima County's long running novella, "As The Computer Glitches" took place this past week in the home of "smooth running elections!"

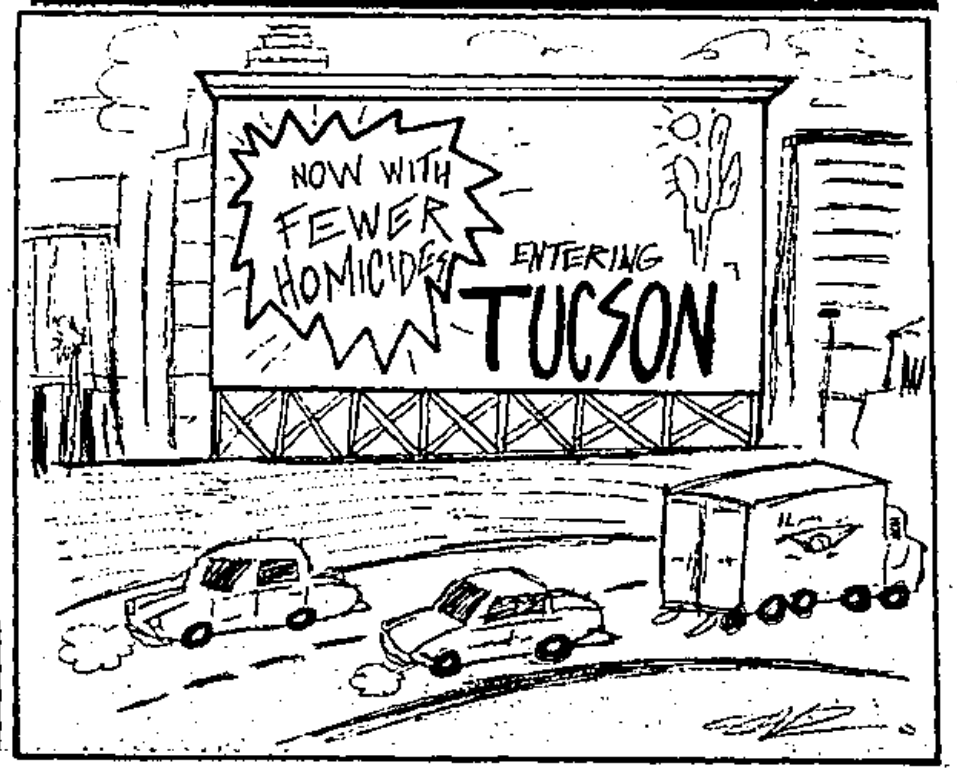
Pima County will use only antiquated punch-card ballots for early and absentee voting for the three people who will vote in the two elections this year, according to the still employed Pima County Elections Director.

Mitch Etter stated he decided to eliminate the use of bubble ballotsdue to problems combining vote totals from the two systems. Problems? That's an understatement!

Remember, it was three weeks before the general election votes were counted! Half-assed totals were put out to the press and the public. Accusations flew and lawsuits were filed at a drop of a hat! Problems? Yes and we're still paying for the problems!

So it goes for now kids!

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK



MSN Celebrates Second Anniversary

by Jerry Curl

TUCSON - At the March 1 potluck meeting of the Men's Social Network (MSN), members and guests will help celebrate the two year anniversary of MSN, which now has over 300 paid members.

The group's first meeting was a social potluck held on March 4, 1995, attended by 49 men. The original steering committee set a goal of building a Gay men's social family in Tucson. The initial expectation was that if there were 60 members at the end of the first year, the group would be considered a success. To the amazement of the organizers and steering committee, there were 200 members before the first anniversary.

Initially, the group offered at least one social event per week to its members and guests. The goal was to encourage diversity of age, ethnic origin, interests, etc. That goal has been met and continues to be emphasized. However, now the group offers an average of 3 to 5 social activities per week to attempt to meet the interest of all members. During 1996, there were 314 separate events attended by varying numbers of members and guests.

Most popular events include: the social potluck which meets the first Saturday night of each month at the Scottish Rite Hall downtown which is usually attended by about 100 men; monthly pizza parties which attract 35-45 people; and video movie nights which attract 15-30 people. Some of the most valued events are holiday dinners and/or swim parties. A Thanksgiving potluck dinner (main entrees offered by the hosts) was enjoyed by 41 people with another 20 dropping in later for board games and leftovers. Christmas potluck dinner was appreciated by 50 people. This has proven that we have built a Gay men's family in Tucson. No one needs to be alone for a holiday. Some of the most interesting stories are about men who have been in Tucson from 3 days to 3 months and find an instant social family through MSN.

A monthly 10 page newsletter goes out to all members and prospective members and includes a calendar of events. The Weekly Observer carries the calendar under the non-bar calendar heading. The Men's Social Network takes pride in making the statement that there is an alternative to the bar available in Tucson. No alcoholic beverages are served at any MSN events, and this allows people to meet each other on a genuine basis.

Staff at Wingspan and the Weekly Observer have been most generous in assisting Gay men in Tucson to find MSN. In addition, the on-line Observer has called attention to the group for persons around the country who are on-line and planning to visit Tucson. Also, a number of therapists and case workers have directed clients to the group for social opportunities.

The group has an annual membership fee of $20 per individual or $30 for couples living together at the same address. The fees include the monthly newsletter mailing, table service for all events including the potluck, ice, soft drinks, and snacks at events, rental of the hall for the potluck, etc. Proceeds from an annual auction supplement the dues.

For information about the Men's Social Network, call Jerry Curl, Public Relations Coordinator, at 690-9565. Guests are always welcome at all events.

Termination of TPD Officer Upheld

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - If you make anti-Semitic and anti-Gay remarks in the Old Pueblo, and you're a City employee, you won't keep your job!

The City of Tucson Civil Service Commission voted, 2-1, to deny former Tucson Police (TPD) officer Joseph Hite reinstatement on the force.

During the presentation of his evidence, Hite admitted to making a anti-Gay remark. Hite denied ever making an anti-Semitic remark. Hite was fired in July 1996 after several warnings about making anti-Gay remarks about the supervisors, as per testimony given last week.

During the three-day hearing, several TPD officers testified that Hite repeatedly made anti-Gay comments about a supervisor at a briefing.

Capt. Kevin Danaher of TPD testified that Hite had to be fired after he had made repeated anti-Gay comments. "It's far more than a chink in his armor," Danaher said. "This man was displaying a total intolerance for a protected group of people under a city ordinance."

During his testimony, Hite admitted that he called one of his supervisors an anti-Gay name and that another male supervisor should wear a dress after being informed of Hite's impending transfer to another division.

Hite repeatedly denied making anti-Semitic remarks, but admitted to making a comment that he had an uncle who was a guard at a Nazi concentration camp. Hite joked that his uncle died "when he got drunk and fell off a guard tower."

Civil Service Commissioner member Ed Kelly said Joseph Hite was "very self-centered" and said the former officer was "insensitive to minority groups," according to transcripts of the Civil Service Commission's ruling.

Kelly went on, "We aren't dealing with some kid. I believe he should have known better. I believe there was a flagrant violation."

Commission Chair, Judith Williams, said in an interview, that her decision to uphold the termination was based on Hite's insubordination to his supervisor and that his utterance of an anti-Gay remark was secondary.

The lone dissenter, Commissioner John Mahoney said that Hite should have been suspended for five days, arguing that ulterior motives were behind the officer's termination.

A spokesperson for TPD said the Civil Service Commission made the right decision. Declaring that Hite's actions "were offensive and reprehensible."

Joseph Hite, and his attorney, Jeff Rogers were unavailable for comment as of press time.

In a previous interview, Hite's attorney, Jeff Rogers had stated the department's actions were "a disproportionate reaction to a remark that shouldn't have been made. People are certainly offended by remarks like this, particularly about a command staff officer. But to react by firing him is an overreaction."

This was not the first time Hite had faced administrative action.

In 1993, Hite and fellow TPD officer Frank Carrisoza were placed on administrative leave by former chief,

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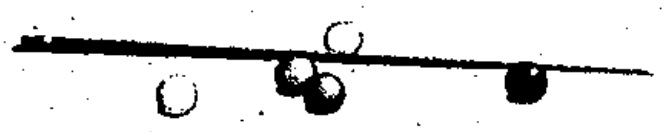

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by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludandoles con el mismo propósito de siempre; que estén disfrutando de esta onda fría que nos esta visitando y que según los encargados de las noticas en relación al clima, lo estaremos soportando por los siguientes días del mes y a principios del mes de marzo; como para que no nos llegue la primavera sin que el invierno "deje huella"...

Y, parece que en marzo seguirán los grandes eventos, no deje de leer los volantes que estará distribuyendo Salud es Poder ya que me comenta Ernie que hay buenos planes y sobre todo muchas "pachangas" dentro de sus planes; así como el segundo tributo a Selena para la tercera semana del mencionado mes... Así es que, este pendiente de los anuncios que estará repartiendo Salud es Poder y a divertirse en grande... Otro de los grandes programas que tiene Stonewall es la Semana de Aprecio a los Clientes desde el día 24 de febrero al 2 de marzo; sobre todo con precios especiales en sus bebidas y magníficos programas; sin olvidar las Tardeadas Latinas que realmente están "agarrando vuelo" y para que sepa que así es lo invitamos el próximo domingo desde las 3:00 p.m. para que disfrute de la mejor música en español a cargo de Edoardo...

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Existen toda una serie de mitos o falsedades sobre el cáncer de la próstata, los cuales sólo contribuyen al alto número de muertes causadas por el mal. Debido a la propia naturaleza del padecimiento, muchos hombres mayores de 40 años se escudan en estos conceptos erróneos para no examinarse la próstata todos los años. Entre estos mitos se encuentran los siguientes:

El cáncer de la próstata es una enfermedad de los "viejos". Aunque este tipo de cáncer es más común entre los hombres de edad avanzada (la edad promedio en que se diagnostican más casos de esa enfermedad se encuentra alrededor de los 70 años), un 20 por ciento de los enfermos son hombres de 55 años o más jóvenes aun, de 30 a 40 años.

Los examenes de la próstata son difíciles y peligrosos. Si bien es cierto que un examen rectal puede resultar embarazoso y poco placentero para muchos hombres, la realidad es que no resulta doloroso. Este examen es simple y rápido, y al médico le toma menos de un minuto realizarlo.

El cáncer de la próstata es siempre fatal. Detectado durante las etapas más tempranas de su desarrollo, existen muchas posibilidades de cura del padecimiento. Incluso en las edades avanzadas los tratamientos actuales resultan muy efectivos.

El cáncer de la próstata significa el fin de la vida sexual activa del hombre. Las nuevas técnicas quirúrgica permiten a la mayoría de los hombres con cáncer de la próstata detectado en las primeras etapas, mantenerse activos sexualmente y con pleno control de las evacuaciones de la vejiga y el intestino grueso. De igual manera, los nuevos tratamientos quimoterapéuticos han disminuido considerablemente los efectos secundarios negativos de los medicaementos.

En su próximo examen médico, pídale a su médico que le examine la próstata si usted es mayor de 40 años.

Por hoy es todo, gracias por sus llamadas en relación a esta **Columna Abierta** y esperamos poder cabida a sus comentarios y sugerencias en la secuencia que esas nos lleguen.

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I fell in love for the first time when I was a teenager, about 16 years old. I had been good friends with a guy named Matt for quite awhile. We talked a lot about things that were important to us, we played cards after school, we developed an intimate knowledge of each other's interests and attitudes. After a year of this, he invited me over to spend the night one Friday. In the student lounge during a free period that Friday, he said to me, "I've been thinking of what it would be like to have sex with you." My jaw dropped. I didn't have any idea that he had a sexual feeling towards me, although I was highly aware of my sexual feeling towards him! We expressed our love sexually that night and had a relationship for a few months, but then his parents found out and told my parents. He was forbidden to speak to me ever again, and after a final talk, in which he wept openly in the student lounge while I furtively stroked his arm, he cut me out of his life.

I carry the scar of that wound with me to this day, though I've worked hard at healing the worst soul-damage that came from it. That was the day I first experienced how much many straight people loathe us. That was the first time I realized to what lengths many straight people (his parents) would go in order to prevent same-sex love from unfolding. (I didn't understand, and still don't fully understand, what threatens them so much, although I do now realize that it comes out of their own weakness and self-doubt.) That was the first time I was told, up close and personal, that my Gayness, the love-impulse that operates in me, was horrible. Matt's mother said to me on the phone, "How could you do this to my son??" And yet he had made the first move towards me! And what exactly was it that I had done? She made it sound as if I had hurt him, ruined him, when all I had done was love and enjoy him, and accept his love for me.

That was quite a shock. I had experienced my love for Matt as a gift. It was a gift I had given him. It was also a gift from God, that I was capable of that kind of love. I received his love in return as a gift for me, one that I treasured very highly. I saw that we made each other happy, and that our love for each other was like the effects of sunlight on plants. We grew in the light of our love...until we were wrenched out of the soil we were growing in and separated from each other.

I'm certain that many of you have similar stories, stories of how your gift of Gay love was seen by others as an undesirable thing. These are our wounds. They cut to the deepest, most vulnerable places within us, because our sexual orientation is at the core of our personhood.

Yet, in another way, perhaps I would never have come to treasure my gift of Gay lovingness if it hadn't been so mercilessly trashed at such a tender age. I think I might have taken it for granted after awhile, if it had been easier. As it was, I had to go deep within and find that place in me where I knew that who I am must be natural, must even be a gift of God. I had to find my core. To be more accurate, I am constantly engaged in that deep search within. To this day, I sometimes doubt my Gayness. I sometimes wonder if I could have, or should have, been straight, or celibate if I couldn't manage being straight. I wonder if Matt's parents weren't right, that I was corrupting him instead of loving him. I wonder if our country's leaders aren't correct in denying us the right to marry. I sometimes wonder if I, as a Gay man, have enough value to justify my existence.

. . .

Even this past weekend, I was in San Diego, in the Hillcrest area, which is the Gay neighborhood there. I gave myself permission to hold hands with my boyfriend Martin as we strolled down the street. Sometimes I put my arm through his as we walked. Just the usual stuff that any straight couple would feel completely free doing on any street in America. I felt how comfortable that was, and my spirit felt free. Then, out of a passing car window, came the yell: "Queers!" It was in that recognizable tone some straight men reserve for such taunting. We didn't stop holding hands, but the feeling of unsafety re-emerged somewhat. The feeling that straight (?) man hurled at me, that my love is somehow unacceptable, echoed momentarily inside me. I realized that the self-doubt goes deep.

I strongly believe that one has to consciously struggle with the forces that would constrain one, or else those forces gain strength. I could pretend that there is no remaining doubt inside of me, but that pretense wouldn't lead to a solid self-acceptance. Therefore, I've struggled very intentionally, on and off, with my own internalized homophobia. Out of my struggle with those doubts, I emerge with a stronger sense of who I am. That sense always re-emerges as the same innocent feeling I had for Matt, way back when I was sixteen. Sure, it's a more mature version of that feeling, having been refined in the fire. Still, it's recognizable as the same feeling as that first flush of love, that un-self-doubting rush of feeling and passion for another man. What I felt for Matt came from deep within my soul. I knew it was my gift for this world, to be able to love a confrere with that much passion. In my passion, I want to let my partner know just how much I love him and appreciate him. I want to empower him, to set him free to love himself mightily. I want the one I love to let go of his self-doubts, and flower with all the glory of a bird of paradise. I also want to receive the love he has to offer me, and take it in and flourish.

My life has been deeply marked, eternally marked, by the struggle to let this happen. The wounds and the love go together somehow. The times I've failed and the times I've succeeded are sewn into a single tapestry. The times I've yielded to despair and the times I've triumphed give meaning to each other. Professionally, in my counseling work, I've also helped other Gay men to engage this struggle. No one's life is an untroubled bliss, and no one's life is devoid of all traces of love, either. You are loveable as the Gay man you so naturally are. Whatever love is there in our lives, it's our task to believe in it and let it set us free.

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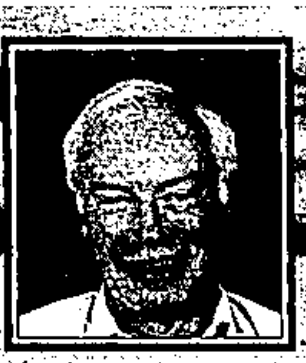

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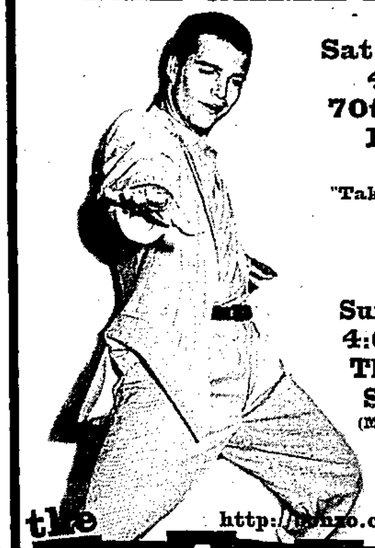

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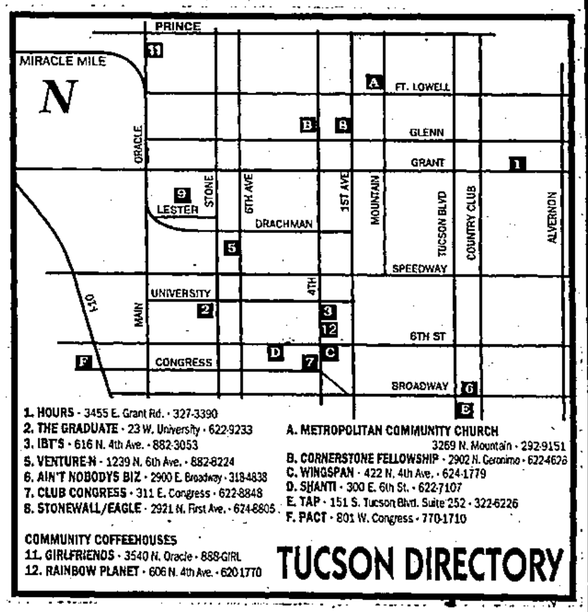

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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY

Holy Moses: The ever spiraling and obsessive frenzy of moral indignation and willful retribution being carried out by the religious far right has now turned against one of it's own, former 50's and 60's chart-topping pop singer and longtime Mr. Nice Guy, Pat Boone. Boone's mortal sin is his newly released album of remakes, referred to in the recording industry as "covers", of heavy metal tunes, and his recent tongue-in-cheek appearance in leather drag and fake tattoos at the American Music Awards.

The Orange County, California, based Trinity Broadcasting network has canceled Boone's weekly gospel show and the directors of another area Christian group, the Bethel Bible Village, will decide this week if they will remove him as sponsor of the 20 year old charity golf tournament called the Pat Boone Celebrity Spectacular. I suppose that if they do that the name will be changed to That Judas Pat Boone Celebrity Spectacular.

Asked for his response to this brouhaha over his new album Boone said, "It's a 4-letter word. J-O-K-E."

There's some ironic history behind all of this that is rooted in the bigotry and racism that permeated American society in the 50's and 60's when Boone was at the height of his musical popularity as a teenage singing idol. Fearing that rock and roll recordings by black singers and groups would corrupt and irreparably harm (white) youth, the predecessors of today's Christian Rights Movement actively advocated and promoted boycotts of those recordings.

The white dominated music industry responded by flooding the market with "covers" of popular original black recordings remade by white artists. Same lyrics, same tunes, but entirely acceptable if sung by the Maguire Sisters..

Boone himself made the charts with a number of "covers" including Little Richard's signature song "Tutti Fruity." As ridiculous and humorous as that sounds to us today (if you've ever seen video of Boone performing that song it will have you in stitches), he and many other white artists, along with the white recording industry, sold millions of records and made bushels of money with that rip-off. In far too many cases their watered down and inferior renditions eclipsed the success and recognition of the original black authors and performers of the music.

The irony in all of this is that a practice that was entirely acceptable and avidly promoted by the far right in those days is now being vigorously condemned by its current incarnation who has also turned on its own poster boy. More unbelievably, no one can seriously think that the now 62 year old Boone's recording of heavy metal oldies is going to corrupt society and its youth in any way, shape or form. If Ozzy Osborne did not bring down western civilization in the 80's, who in their right mind would think that Pat Boone is going to do it singing those same songs now?

Anyone with more brains than a box of rocks recognizes that Boone's leather-clad on-stage appearance at the American Music Awards was entirely and purposely designed for its humorous entertainment appeal. That the Christian Rights Movement has worked itself into such an almighty, self-righteous, hissy fit over such fluff and demands swift and terrible punishment are more warning signs that it has deeply penetrated into the territory of dangerous extremism. That they have begun to feed on one of their own over this innocuous and unimportant event is a sign that clinical paranoia has spread through the ranks.

And then it was now.....

Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

I have discussed evening primrose oil before, which helps decrease the desire for alcohol. There is a doctor, Dr. Horrobin, who has treated alcoholism extensively, and he and his colleagues found that alcohol causes the release of prostaglandins of the E type into the system, and that the alcohol "high" corresponds with the mood elevating effect of the PGE concentration. Many people who take evening primrose oil (which I have discussed before) find that it greatly alleviates hangover and depression drinking. I give credit for this information to a Nutrition New pamphlet on evening primrose oil I picked up at Reay's Ranch Market.

This informative pamphlet explains more about the process of alcohol and what evening primrose oil does. Alcohol temporarily increases the prostaglandins, then cause them to crash, leading to the highs and lows of drinking. Also, the high sugar levels lead to a sugar high, then plummet to a sugar low. Anyone with hypoglycemia or diabetes surely understands this process, having lived through it.

There is a blend of herbs by Medicine Wheel Herbs available locally called "Sweet Tooth Blues" that helps reduce craving for sugar, for anyone that has an excessive need for sugary foods, and trying to break the cycle of sugar addiction.

Unfortunately, for many, sugar and salt have become two of the major food groups for daily living. Again, we need to eat the more organic fruits and vegetables (canned vegetables often have added salt), more whole grain breads, and try to balance our diets with healthier foods. If you dine out, for instance, did you know that Chili's Restaurant offers every burger on the menu with ground turkey (or the more standard beef) for no extra charge? The option to eat white meat is right there. White meat is better for you than high levels of red meat, which contains sulfur, which leads to gas in many people.

I often go to Sweet Tomatoes, a salad buffet restaurant, so that I can eat healthy with a wide variety of things to choose from. If you are not fond of cooking from scratch at home, there are other options. Besides, isn't it worth it to take care of your body? The rewards are always worth it. Till next time, go in good health.

[Andrew Brooks is a herbalist and holistic counselor. He can be reached at 326-0841.]

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NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Effective January 1, 1997, Tucson's three lead ASO's, the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT), the Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) established a consolidated development and fund raising program which will raise money for all three organizations.

The four-person development team will consist of staff from all three agencies working collaboratively on all projects. Staff will consist of Ken Leist of PACT, Jenny Porter of Shanti, Tim A. Janes of TAP, and Matt Palmer, AIDS Walk Coordinator. Janes, who was named Outstanding Fund Raising Executive of the Year in 1992 by the southern Arizona Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, will lead the team.

The team, operating under the collaboration's new name, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) must raise $375,000 by June 30, 1997, to meet the operating needs of the three organizations. Additionally, the team will begin focusing on a campaign to purchase a building to be used jointly by all three agencies.

All three agencies are sending a letter to their donors and friends this month announcing the collaboration. Public announcements will also be made in the media.

Initial response in the community to the collaboration of fund raising efforts has been positive, with some community leaders noting that Tucson's ASO's have taken a leadership position in addressing the tightening financial position faced by all non-profit organizations.

Joint fund raising is an exciting and unique idea. Agency Board and Executive Directors believe working together, rather than competing, will enhance efforts to secure the dollars we need to combat AIDS.

Anyone interested in sending donations may send them to: PACT, 801 West Congress, Tucson AZ, 85705; Shanti Foundation, 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705; TAP, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252, Tucson, AZ 85716.

I leave you with this in mind, "Paradise is open to all kind hearts." - Pierre Jean de Beranger

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

About a year ago one of my co-workers went on a vacation which included among its destinations some time in Las Vegas. One day at work we received a telephone call from her. She was calling from Vegas with the new that she had won over a million dollar from a slot machine!

Last week I returned from a short vacation in Vegas. We saw a couple of shows, played the slots, and came back (a little) poorer than we went!

If I chose, I could be very envious of my-co worker's good fortune. After all, what made her so special? I was just as deserving as she, maybe more, since I have lived longer! As I have pondered this inequity, a line from Scripture keeps running through my mind: " . . . be content with what you have . . ." (Hebrews 13:5) Well, just what do I have that I should be content with? I think about my health. While my brother suffers from a terminal disease, I am relatively healthy, on, but my job pays well, I have pleasant co-workers and a good retirement plan. And sometimes I even am able to make a difference in the lives of those I work for! I have a wonderful, supportive spouse. Just like all couples we have our differences, but most of the time it is just great being together. I have a comfortable home and a good car. I have many friends who care for me. If you were to consider your life, perhaps you could enumerate many of the same things which I have listed as among those with which you should be content.

But I have left out a very important part of my life, just as I have left out a very important part of the verse which I quoted. "The verse goes on to say, " . . . God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" This verse contains one of the most comforting promises in all Scripture! God has promised me that because I have trusted in his son Jesus to be my savior he will be with me always! If I were to lose all the people and all the things with which I am presently content, I still would have the most important reason of all to be content. I am guaranteed God's presence in my life! And this not a singular "you," it is the plural "you-all!" If you don't have good health, God is still with you! If you lose your job, your spouse, your friends, God will not forsake you!

However, even though this promise is not for me alone, it does have one important qualifier. You see, this was written not for the world at large, but only for those who are willing to accept Jesus as their savior. If Jesus is not your savior, then you are not promised God's presence in your life.

Perhaps you are wondering what difference it makes whether God's presence is in your life, just what does his presence bring? Here is just a short list: God's presence brings his peace, the peace that passes all understanding. God's presence brings his peace, the peace that passes all understanding. God's presence brings guidance through all the difficult struggles of life. He brings joy in the midst of the darkest days. He brings comfort when the world turns its back. He brings strength when it seems like you can't go another inch. Are any of these needs in your life? If so accept Jesus as your savior today and be guaranteed that no matter what other "things" you have in your life with which to be content, you will have the most important thing of all, God's abiding presence.

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News From MCC Tucson

MCC ROSES ALIVE & WELL!

At Water of Life MCC with the spiritual renewal and the building renewal, the Memorial Rose Garden is undergoing a great renewal.

With the guidance of Ben Corbin and Paul Marsh the roses are leafing out and the dead ones are being replaced. In a few weeks the glory of God and the fruits of labor will show.

Dedications are now being accepted in memory of your friends and loved ones. Each dedication will include the rose bush perpetual care, and a plague for $20.00.

Please call Merle Hudson at 888-7264 or leave a message at the church - or better yet, bring your message to the church on Sunday at 10:45 A.M. and worship with us.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

IBT'S - 'Murder Mystery Wednesday' only at IBT's. Solve the mystery and get a chance to win a VCR. Clues given every half hour. 9:00 to 11:30. Drawing at Midnight!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Show at 9:30 p.m. with Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Queer City, AZ 1997); Felice Renard (Miss Gay Tucson, '96-'97) with special guests.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Grammy Awards Party. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

GRADUATE - Come on by at 4:00 p.m. and help Jimmy "Take Your Pants Off" Dawson celebrate his 70th Birthday. Party!!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - One of Tucson's hottest Latin Bands, Avatar will be playing here from 9:00 to close. Cover.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., male film star David Burrell returns to host 'Torn, Tattered and Tattoo'd" nite as well as strip and perform music from his new CD.
Don't forget the benefit beer bust/bar-b-que from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit PACT.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A fundraiser for Women's Softball from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with raffles, food and fun plus a drag show featuring Miss J.O.O.Y.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

IBT'S - "Gilda's Cabaret" hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Gilda Fatalé and starring Ajia Simone; Truly Fabu, the comedic talents of Mr. Kenny Jacobs; the love vocals of Mr. David Z and Shai and a debut performance by IBT's Mark Edwards as Miss CoCo Puff. The fun begins at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

GRADUATE - The return of Sal Valdivia with his guitar and live vocals. He wowed 'em here last month. Don't miss this talented entertainer 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Head Games with Bulemia de Havilland.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar, one of Tucson's hottest Latin bands will be playing here from 9:00 to closing. Cover.

MARCH 21-22-23

VENTURE-N - Get ready for Hides of March '97 here. Watch for more info. Mark your calendars.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be $5 for rental of traditional skates, or $8 for in-line skates. Call Chris (C. W.) at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This month's favorite film is "The Sum of Us," a sweet movie about the loving relationship between a father and his gay son. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Tucson Arts District Partnership Downtown Saturday night. 7 to 10 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering is back at our usual location. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100 men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 33 Ochoa Street (downtown's Scottish Rite Hall). Call Jerry at 690-9565 for more details and directions.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore holds Lesbo Single Meeting also an Al Anon meeting at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m., the LTV show will be presented.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Mandarin Grill, 505 E. Grant road (west end of Frys Shopping Center). 1st Avenue and Grant Road. 6:30 p.m.

Girlfriends presentes Jess Hawk Oakenstar from 8 to 10 p.m. $2 cover.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) meeting is tonight at 5:30 p.m., hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Domestic Violence Project. The meeting will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship at 2902 N. Geronimo (one block north of Glenn and two blocks west of First Ave.) All Gay, Lesbian and AIDS groups are welcome to attend. For more information, or to RSVP, please call David Hoover at 323-7943.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Tales of the City, by Armistead Maupin. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9565.

Girlfriends presents Karen Capaldi in concert at 8:00 p.m. Tickekts are $7 or $9 at the door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Girth and Mirth of Arizona social at Country Club Bar & Grill in Phoenix 9:00 p.m.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 11:00 a.m. Join the MSN guys as we take a museum tour on the U of A campus. For reservations and details, please call Robert at 296-2736.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome).

6:00 p.m. & 8 p.m. Our video double feature for the night stars Bette Davis. At 6:00 p.m. is the showing of "Jezebel" with Bette as a southern belle. The 8:00 feature will be the classic "Dark Victory" with Bette as young heiress with a brain tumor. For reservations and directions, please call Jeffrey at 791-9674.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. A potluck dinner and a Topic of Discussion about "Dreams." Come for the dinner, come for the topic, or better yet, come for both. For reservations and directions, please call Martin or Bob at 623-1732.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

The Pride Law Center will operate tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Wingspan Community Center, 4322 N. 4th Ave.. The Law Center provides Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people a safe place to discuss their legal problems and receive free legal advice. The center provides legal advice, not representation. Should you require additional legal services, the Center will refer you to a Gay or Gay-friendly attorney. The Center is now on an appointment-only schedule and no longer serves walk-ins. Call the Pride Law Center's confidential voice mail at 932-8676 and leave a brief message, including your name, phone number and nature of your legal issue. Please state if you are calling solely for the Pride Center attorney referral service.. a law student will return your call within 24 hours.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out will be at Cody's Beef 'n' Beans at 2708 E. Ft. Lowell. Good food at reasonable prices. Please call Bill by 3/9 at 615-0979 for reservations and directions.

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Al Anon meeting at Girlfriends at 7:00 p.m. also the LTV show at 8 p.m

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Girlfriends Coffee House presents Jess Hawk Oakenstar from 8 to 10 p.m. $2 cover.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit 8-8-8 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Steak Fry! Beer Bust 2pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Burt Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Too! 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 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic.

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 noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7pm, Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music.

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. 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm 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. $1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music from 8:30 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Karoke 9p, Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.75

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Shuff Too! open 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.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Party with Peter in the Eagle. 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 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! 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. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. .. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 56m. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas $3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

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

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

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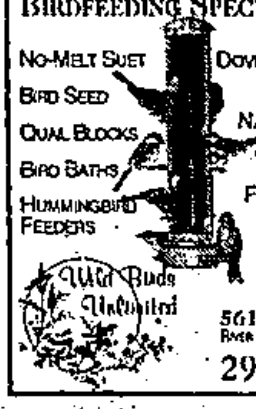

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TGSA Season Kick-Off

The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) will kick off it's Fourth Annual Season, Sunday, March 2 at Freedom Park (29th Street between Swan & Craycroft).

A community barbecue is set to begin the festivities at 2:00 P.M. The league will supply the burgers and hot dogs and players will bring the side dishes. Opening ceremonies (Benediction, introduction of teams and sponsors, National Anthem) will begin at 3:00 P.M.

The first game is set to begin at 4:00 P.M., the last game is set to start at 9:00 P.M. The schedule was not available as of presstime, so for this weekend only, please call 296-2738, the schedule will be on the message tape beginning this Friday afternoon at 5:00 P.M.

TGSA invites our community to bring lawnchairs and make a day of it. There are a few teams that still need players, both men and women, so please call Mary O., 770-9979, for details.

Players Wanted

The Open Division of TGSA is desperately looking for players (men and women) to field four teams as required per NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance) which governs Gay softball in the U.S. & Canada.

If you have experience playing the game, great! If you have never played or have not played in a while, that is great also! All you need is the desire to participate. For more information call Shane A., 793-3948.

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Spring Standings

	Won	Lost
R.E.D.	10	2
One	9	3
Straight Shooters	8	4
Three's Company	8	4
Tres Amigos	7	5
Erratica	7	5
Smokin Bears	6	6
Rubber Queens Return	6	6
Triple T & Me	4	8
Two	2	10
Garfield & Girls	2	10
Stoned Rollers	2	10

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	W-L-T
Faerie Tails	9-3-0
Desert Divas	8-3-1
Lesberado's	8-4-0
Pink Flamingos	6-6-0
The Rubber Queens	5-6-1
The Tastee Buns	5-7-0
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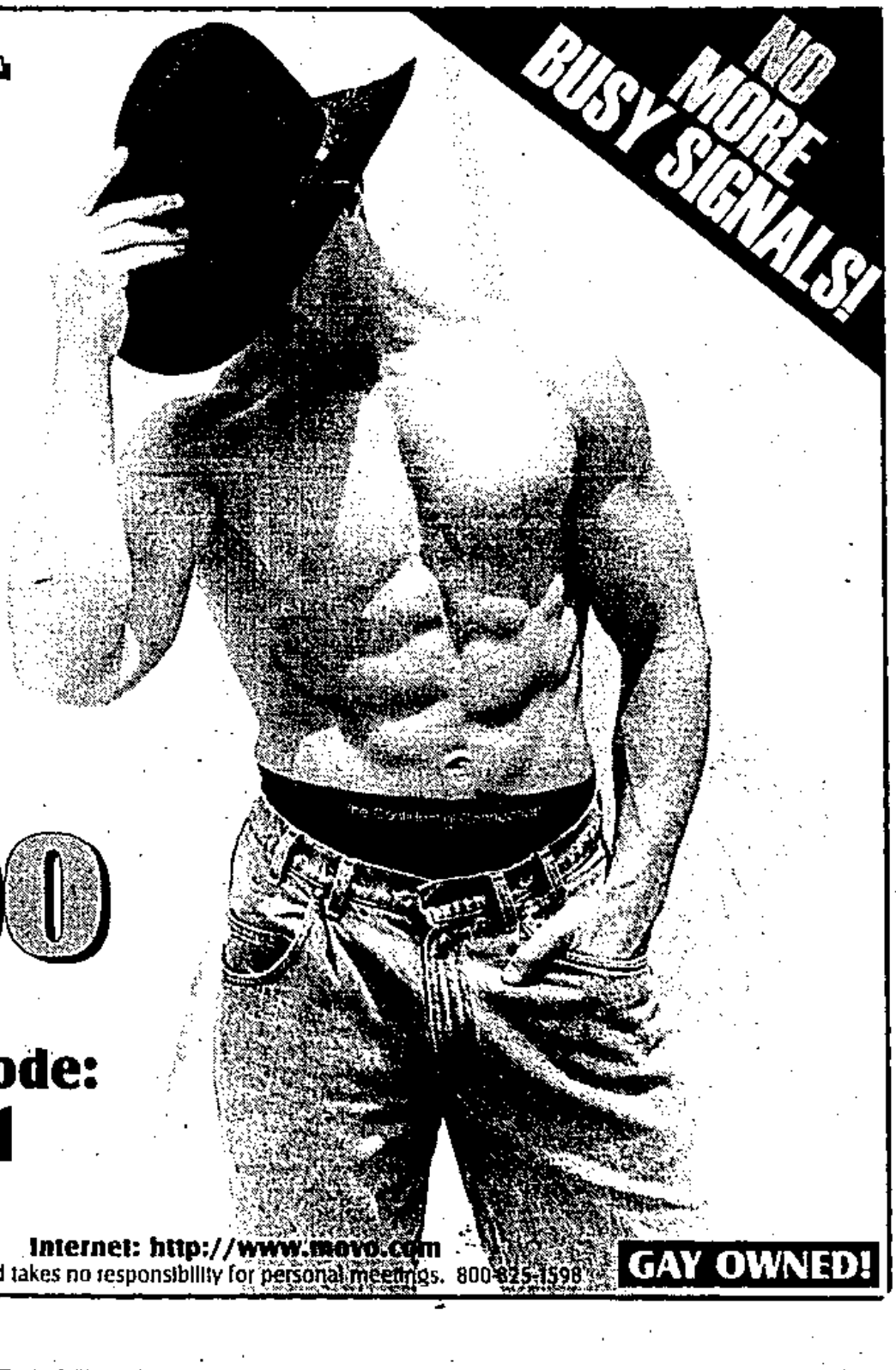

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Secrets. . .

by Frank Terrero

Josh," he said. They continued to stare at each other for a couple of minutes. Then Matthew said, "Sit down...if you want to." Josh sat.

They looked at each other uncomfortably for a few more seconds then they glanced around the room. Josh's mind was racing. Here he was sitting with this guy, who he thought was gorgeous, in a Gay coffee house. He wondered if this is what it meant to be grownup. He felt so old and important. He took a sip of his coffee. "What are you drinking?" he asked Matthew.

"A latte. You want to try it. It's great." he answered as he pushed the cup over towards Josh. "It might be a little sweet. They put some syrup in it," they both glanced over to the two guys behind the counter. Then they looked at each other and smiled. "Those guys are funny. They kind of made fun of me when I walked in." Matthew said, "Oh, they don't mean anything bad by it. They're just having fun. They are like everyone's best friend. I guess that's why I come back here all the time. It's like I know someone. So now you can come in anytime and you'll know someone. So are you gonna try the latte or just hold on to it all afternoon?" Matthew teased him. Josh took a sip. "Wow. That's really good. I should have got me one of those. It tastes like cherry or something."

"I told you," said Matthew, "they're the best." Matthew looked directly into Josh's eyes. They stared, smiling, for what seemed like days. Josh couldn't do it. No one had ever stared at him like that. He wasn't used to someone being so interested in him. He shifted in his chair, looked around the room, and then back at Matthew.

"Do I make you nervous?" asked Matthew. "Yes. I don't think anyone has ever stared at me like that. "Do you want me to not do that?" asked Matthew as he shot Josh a teasing glance.

"No," said Josh. "I mean, it is ok. It just makes me a little nervous. I don't know what to say. When we were on the computer it was like we could talk for hours. Now, I just don't know what to say."

"You don't need to say anything. We can just people watch. Like that guy outside. He is one hot man." Josh turned to stare outside at the man in the white dress shirt that he had seen when he had first approached the cafe. He and his friend were still having a very animated conversation. "He looks like a model." said Josh.

"I would do him," said Matthew as he licked his lips and smiled at Josh. Josh's face flushed. He couldn't believe that he just heard Matthew say what he did. Images exploded inside his head and he began to breathe a little faster. His mind created a scene where Matthew and the model guy kissed, and hugged and rolled in a big bed. Josh wanted Matthew to want him like that.

"Hello. Josh? Are you here? You're blushing! Did I embarrass you again?" giggled Matthew. "You embarrass easily." "Would you really do him?" asked Josh as he tried to avoid the issue of his red face.

"Of course I would. Wouldn't you?" asked Matthew. "You mean if that guy walked in right now and said, 'Let's go do it,' you would go?" "Of course I would. Would you? Would you go with him if he asked you to?" questioned Matthew, seriously.

[To be continued next week.]

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

Howdy ya'll! What a week it has been! Hope everyone is ready for this year's Saguaro Regional Rodeo, because the board of directors has had their hands full. The rodeo is shaping up and the fun at the Quality Hotel ballroom is going to be one to remember. I hear the after parties are already being planned. Hee Haw! I just love Tucson's rodeo.

There are two things that you must do as part of the Tucson community: 1) Come out and be a part of the excitement, attend the rodeo events during the day and the dances at night. 2) Participate in the rodeo as a volunteer. We are in need of volunteers for security, ticketing, beer bars and soda wagon, and many more places at the rodeo grounds. For the adventurous, we need a few good cowboys and cowgirls to work behind the scenes and "pull chutes" for the rodeo contestants. If you are interested in volunteering any time for AGRA please contact Scott, 792-5653 to volunteer for a spot. Remember, volunteering has its privileges!

The AGRA crew was out loud and proud this weekend, you might have heard them at the Stonewall. They are such a fun bunch! Especially when that Ms. IGRA is in town from Phoenix. She will probably be around for the next few weekends. If you see the crew out, join them! They know how to have fun!

I would like to thank all of our members who renewed their memberships for 1997 and would like to encourage those who did not to reconsider. We have a new Board on the horizon for 1997 and also have a lot of fun planned to get the membership together as often as possible and grow as an association. To those of you out there who have an interest in AGRA, I encourage you to join as well. Stop by the AGRA booth or ask any current board member for an application. We are a great group and are always looking for new members to share the fun. We will be holding elections for the 1997 Board at the next membership meeting the third Sunday in March and I strongly urge all members to attend and cast your vote.

That's about all I have for now. I hope you have a great weekend and remember: Keep your pride and play safe in the saddle.

[AGRA-Tucson Chapter, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805. Fax: (520) 323-1730.]

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

HORoSCOPES

BY. C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun moves from Aquarius into Pisces this week and in doing so, squares volcanic Pluto. If you're hankering for a revolution, begin to gather the sweaty masses and inflame their passions with your best rhetoric. But don't strike that match unless you want an explosion cousin! Molotov cocktails anyone?

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Ever dream that you found yourself naked in Tiffany's? The Sun square Pluto peels you like an onion as each hidden layer of your life is exposed to all who grab a peek. Queer Rams have nothing to fear if they are living their lives proudly out and in harmony with their inner needs. If not, be assured that a personal liberation is necessary and cathartic so hang on, hang tight and hang out.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Just when you though you had found the perfect combination of friends and lovers, Sun square Pluto switches the dance cards and changes the tempo. If you are the type of devil may care Gay Bull that has no trouble mixing the platonic with the pleasurable, feel free to feast at any table. However, if you have a modicum of conscience, try tempering your desires with a little common Bull sense.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gay Twins seem so easygoing but it's a facade to keep those popularity ratings high. Usually however you make scathing opinions with a diplomatic flair. Now, with the Sun square Pluto, your diplomatic flair has flown and your most evenhanded suggestions sound like they were made by your evil Twin. This is especially true in your career. Maybe it's time to schlep off to a needed vacation.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Sometimes it's almost impossible to tie up all those loose ends into a nice neat package. Pink Crabs should accept the fact that this is one of those times. The Sun square Pluto pits your daily commitments against your long range plans and expansive opportunities. It's hard to play the diva when bosses see you as a worker drone. Don't despair cousin, this too shall soon pass.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Let me know after the Sun and Pluto square. Queer Lions are feisty souls but even feisty souls can overextend. There is a wise old saying that you cannot dance at two parties with only one tush. Please don't dissipate that fabulous tush on wasteful pastimes. Be a little picky and choose only the very best venues to display your talents.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Proud Virgins may change their entire living arrangement. Secure foundations may shift in the sand when the Sun squares Pluto. How much are you prepared to give up for partners' whims and wishes? It may be a good idea to roll over and enjoy it; Pluto has been known to enforce necessary improvements in your life whether you are ready or not. Ready or not, here it comes!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras are the diplomatic negotiators of the zodiac. Now however, the sharp Sun Pluto square stokes the revolutionary fires to a roaring pitch especially at your day to day work. Problems won't go away unless you pay closer attention to even the most mundane parts of your life. Challenge the status quo but try to listen to both sides of the argument.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

That which you hold near and dear to you may not be all that desirable after Pluto squares the Sun. All that glitters may not be gold and the fun that you thought all this nifty stuff would bring doesn't necessarily pan out. Proud Scorps need to reassess their expensive pastimes. Do with less for a while until you revamp the way you regard money.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers may have the rug pulled out from under them when volcanic Pluto squares their Sun. But remember, Sags have the strong legs of a horse and you won't be toppled for long. Strive for self improvement and self renewal; they are the keys to success. Build firm foundations at home and not even a two-ton cannon will knock your best laid plans down.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Pluto square the Sun empties out the cosmic debris of your carefully constructed closet. There are many behaviors that we have been taught in childhood are bad. Of course, most of this is nonsense, but we can continue to beat ourselves silly under the yoke of these hidden oppressions. You have to look down deep and speak out before anyone will listen and take you seriously.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Don't let friends take you to where you don't want to go. The danger in Pluto square the Sun is that Aqueerians are so keen for new, intense friendships that they are now open to being molded and will gladly pay for the charm school expenses. Avoid the urge to buy acceptability. People, if they are worth the salt, will love you for who you are, warts and all.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

There are queer Fish who know where they are going in life, but there are some (too many) that can't quite make up their minds. Pluto square your own sign agitates your career. This can mean that professional success is at hand, but it can also mean a derailment and a change in direction. The important thing is to be proud of who you are and use your strengths to best advantage.

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Play Safe!

Review - A Drag Night In Tucson

by Elise Barbara Fox

It's high time we had some professional criticism of drag shows in our town -- not to knock them down but to point to the strengths and where they can improve.

Guys and gals, as a professional -- read that straight world -- journalist in Tucson since 1969 -- I think I'm highly qualified to comment.

I attended the drag show at the Stonewall, Sunday, Feb. 23, and was much impressed. But if I'd been the producer, I would have rearranged the order of the acts.

First of all, Sunday night is Sunday night. Many folks have to leave early because they've got to get up the next morning to do what they do to make a living. So if you start at 9:30 p.m., it's logical your best -- if not necessarily the cutest acts -- must come first.

What can I say except that the spoken word duet between two of Tucson's most gracious and most faescinating drag queens -- Mama Reyna and Mr. Kenneth Blake -- should have to been one of the first things "out of the box."

And, Tatiana, back to visit us from New Mexico, provided magnificent costumes but her reprise of Carol Channing's "Hello, Dolly!" with a spectacular broad-brimmed hot should have been a lead item -- instead of lost -- on the venue.

Mr. Kenneth Blake's red costume -- a magnificent cope and garment which he/she wore so well -- probably was lost in terms of audience impact because it came so late in the night.

I do drag semi-professionally and know what it costs to put together an outfit. The people I've mentioned have done 110 % for you. They're people we need to cherish because they not only want to make you happy, they've also taken time from their busy lives to raise money for our most worthy causes.

I appreciated all of you who visited Stonewall/Eagle Feb. 23 to see this show. Despite my critique, it was a great debut performance and I hope you'll return again since I understand this performance troupe will be doing this every two weeks.

"Diamonds are a girl's best friend", though I'm sure I'll never do Carol Channing as well as Tatiana)

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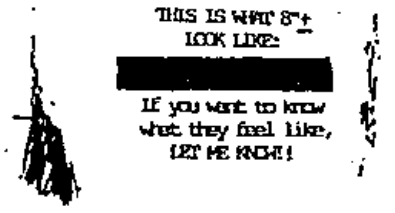

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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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 887-7493 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. 322-8228. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

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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 299-8063 for information.

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L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 885-1208 for more info.

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.

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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 Walker, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7284.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at Uofa School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9682.

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NOTICES

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 690-8585 for information and a newsletter.658

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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 299-9063.

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THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

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

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

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ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1900 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Xino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS
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NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hal Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-8602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

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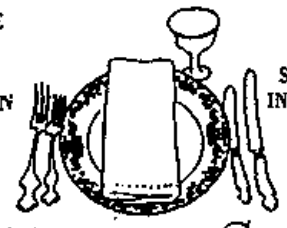

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mention the attacks last month on the abortion clinic.

The letter from the Army of God promised future attacks on Gays and also sought to set up a system to confirm claims of responsibility after future bombings.

"We're taking it seriously. We're looking into the validity of the letter and the claims that they're making," said Pamela Swanson, spokesperson for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. FBI spokesperson Jay Spadafore would not comment on the authenticity of the letter.

REACTION IN ATLANTA AND THE U.S.

Atlanta's Gay friendly Mayor Bill Campbell considered the bombing a hate crime and ordered police protection for the city's other Gay and Lesbian venues, after meeting with representatives of the local community.

"Anyone who plants an explosive device that targets a particular group is expressing hatred. Gays and Lesbians were targeted in the first bomb. Law enforcement officials were targeted with the second one," Campbell said.

Gay and Lesbian Atlantans said they felt a jumble of terror, outrage and determined reaffirmation of pride.

"It makes me feel terrified," said Jill Cohen, owner of Revolution, in an interview. "It was really comfortable owning a Gay establishment. There was no reason to think anybody would persecute us."

"As Gays and Lesbian, you never know when someone is going to attack you," said Philip Rafshoon, owner of Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse.

Laura Pellegrini, a lobbyist for the Georgia Equality Project, disagrees, saying the bombing clearly targeted Gays and Lesbians.

Regardless of the anxiety the bombing has aroused in local Gays and Lesbians, however, they say they can only be careful, not cowardly.

"They can plant bombs at every Gay establishment in the city, but we're not going away," said Philip Rafshoon.

The bombing drew national attention: The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign did not hesitate to denounce the attack as a hate crime, and to relate it to the anti-Gay rhetoric as the right wing moves against Gay and Lesbian rights and legal marriages.

Candace Gingrich, half-sister of Speaker of the U.S. House Newt Gingrich, shamed her brother for his silence on the matter. Later the same day, Newt Gingrich released a statement calling the bombings "inexcusable acts of terrorism that should outrage all Americans and cannot be tolerated."

In Washington, President Clinton told an audience at a fund raiser that everyone must fight hate crimes.

"The recent bombing of the Gay night club in Atlanta reminds us that the work is not over," Clinton said. "We have to stand against those things."

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copies mailed since its introduction one year ago, the Tzabaco Catalog brings a broad range of spirited merchandise including apparel, home and gift items to Lesbian and Gay people, their families and friends. The Company's goals are to deliver high customer satisfaction, portray Gay people positively and support causes that are of importance to the communities it serves.

L-R: Jamie Nabozny, Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSTN; Morlee Griswold, Tzabaco VP of Marketing; David Ring, Tzabaco Chairman and CEO.

Termination of TPD Officer Upheld

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Elaine Hedtke, after being accused of beating a Mexican teen during an arrest. The Pima County Attorney's Office later dropped charges against the officers, citing a lack of evidence.

The Civil Service Commission is a panel of three civilians appointed by the Tucson City Council who review disciplinary matters involving city employees. There are five members who rotate on the panel.

This case is not over, despite the decision. According to a spokesperson for the Civil Service Commission, Hite can appeal the decision through the U.S. Superior Court.

Court Upholds Military Policy On Gays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - The military's ban on homosexual conduct on or off duty was upheld by a federal appeals court.

The 2-1 decision was the third straight federal appeals court ruling upholding the government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military. But it was the first appellate ruling on the provisions that require discharge for homosexual conduct.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected arguments by a discharged sailor that the policy is unconstitutional because it treats homosexuals and heterosexuals differently.

The Navy has defended the policy as necessary to maintain unit cohesion, preserve privacy and reduce sexual tension.

Circuit Judge Pamela Rymer ruled that those reasons are not irrational or based merely on prejudice. She also cited the courts' traditional deference to military judgment.

In a dissent, Circuit Judge Betty Fletcher said the policy of discharging homosexuals, but not heterosexuals, for private off duty sexual conduct is discrimination based entirely on prejudice against homosexuals.

"Gay men and Lesbians are no less able and no more prone to misconduct than their heterosexual counterparts," Fletcher said. "Even in the military context, an entire class may not be singled out for disfavored treatment because of animosities towards that class."

The ruling upheld the 1995 discharge of Petty Officer Mark Philips of Seattle, who disclosed his homosexuality to a division officer while serving on the USS Nimitz in 1992, shortly after the election of President Clinton.

Philips, a four-year veteran with an excellent service record, said in response to later inquiries that he had sex with men outside the base and would continue to do so.

Clinton, who had promised to eliminate the ban on homosexuals, agreed in 1993 to a "don't ask, don't tell" policy that bans sexual orientation but provides for the discharge of those who declare their homosexuality or engage in homosexual acts on or off duty.

Philips was given an honorable discharge after the policy took effect in 1994.

Michael Adams of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which represented Philips, said he was disappointed by the ruling but "confident that we ultimately will prevail on that argument."

"I'm not a straight man, but I play one on television."

Dan Butler, Bulldog on NBC's hit series, Frasier.

Many gay and lesbian people like Dan Butler thought acting straight was better than being open and honest. They hoped that others did not know, or that they feared friends and family would not accept them. After coming out, the love and support many receive tells them one thing -- that being themselves is the best act to follow.

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